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JMU ADMINISTRATION

After 36 Years, Provost to Retire in June

Doug Brown, a senior vice president and provost, will retire at the end of June after 36 years of employment at JMU.

In 1974, Brown joined the JMU faculty as a professor of psychology. From 1992 to 1994, Brown was the head of the psychology department before being appointed to associate vice president for academic affairs in 1994.

Brown was appointed vice president for academic affairs and provost in 1997 and has held the position since.

Under Brown's leadership, JMU

expanded numerous academic programs such as the health department, growth of eight doctoral programs and the implementation of the School of Engineering.

"These programs are carefully attuned to the needs of the Commonwealth and the nation and reflect the university's mission to educate enlightened citizens who truly make a difference throughout their careers," Brown said in a press release.

In addition, Brown expanded student and faculty service programs such as the Honors Program and oversaw the creation

of the Center for Faculty Innovation.

"He should be extremely proud of all that has been accomplished during the time he has provided leadership for the academic division of the university," JMU President Linwood Rose said in the press release.

Brown earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Monmouth College in Illinois, his master's degree in school psychology from Vanderbilt University and his doctoral degree in clinical psychology from Indiana University.

"I am very pleased with the progress

that James Madison University has made in its academic programs during my tenure as provost," Brown said.

Rose named Jerry Berson — JMU's current vice provost for science, technology, engineering, mathematics, health and human services, and professor of graduate psychology — as the interim replacement.

JMU is actively recruiting candidates for the position, according to the release.



Provost Doug Brown joined JMU in 1974 as a psychology professor and has since worked in several administrative positions.

— staff reports

FOOTBALL



ROBERT BOGGS / FILE PHOTO

Sophomore Corwin Acker was charged Monday for misdemeanor marijuana possession. Acker joined the football team in 2008 after transferring from Temple University.

Running Back Kicked Off Team

Acker to Leave JMU After Marijuana Possession Charge

By MATT SUTHERLAND
The Breeze

Corwin Acker, a sophomore running back, is no longer a member of the Dukes' football team. JMU announced Acker's dismissal Tuesday afternoon because of a violation of the team rules.

Acker was charged Monday for possession of marijuana, a misdemeanor.

Acker was stopped at 11:23 p.m. at the intersection of Stonewall Drive and Breckennidge Court for an equipment violation pertaining to his vehicle, according to Harrisonburg Police spokeswoman Mary-Hope Vass.

A K-9 unit alerted the officer of a possible presence of narcotics in Acker's car, Vass said. Although other people were in the car, Acker was the only person charged. Officer Charles Grubbs filed Acker's charges for HPD Tuesday.

In a statement released by JMU, football coach Mickey Matthews expressed the efforts taken to help Acker before dismissing him.

"Many people at JMU attempted to

help Corwin improve academically and athletically," Matthews said. "We exhaust all areas before we dismiss a guy. We want Corwin to do well. Hopefully, he's learned his lesson."

Matthews said Wednesday afternoon that Acker has withdrawn from JMU and does not intend to enroll again.

The backup running back from Hyattsville, Md., was charged Aug. 29 for the purchase and possession of alcohol. Acker was suspended from the football team Oct. 26 before the Dukes' game against Delaware for an "off-the-field" issue. During his suspension, Acker was again charged with the purchase and possession of alcohol. He was reinstated onto the team Nov. 2.

Acker transferred from Temple University in 2008 under questionable conditions. In March 2007, Acker pleaded guilty in the District of Columbia Superior Court to a misdemeanor assault outside a Washington nightclub. The *Daily News-Record* reported that Temple revoked Acker's scholarship because he failed to notify Temple of this transgression, which occurred while he was still in high school.

No Need for Home

Beyond the beard, piles of clothing and eclectic accessories, Mike Klein's back story has many emotional layers.

By RACHEL DOZIER | The Breeze

Living in a college town like Harrisonburg, it's easy for the homeless members of the community go unnoticed. One resident refuses to accept that possibility. Though many may talk to and interact with Mike Klein, no one can really know what he's been through and experienced. His tales are long and often unverifiable. Students notice the small stacks of legal pads he scribbles thoughts into, the multitude of silver rings on his withered fingers and the Starbucks coffee stopper poking out from his full, gray beard. As he limps through the library, grinning at anyone who will look his way, those students not too busy with work may take a second to think about who he is and where he came from. Mike, whose nicknames include homeless Mike, gramps, Black Ace, roly polly, grizzly and the Hulk, can often be found deep in conversation with JMU students and community members.

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DAVID CASTERLINE / FILE PHOTO

Mike Klein, often referred to as 'homeless Mike,' regularly dines and converses with students. His presence around campus decreased since the beginning of the semester. He has been known to spend much of his time in Carrier Library.

CAMPUS ENTERTAINMENT

UPB Has One Hand in the Snooki Jar

By JOHN SUTTER
The Breeze

MTV reality star Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi may be to coming to JMU.

On Wednesday, the University Program Board created a Facebook event and sent a press release stating the "Jersey Shore" cast member would make her first university appearance

at JMU on March 3.

However, MTV may require Snooki to be at an event that day, according to Carrie Martin UPB's advisor.

UPB is currently working with Snooki's agent to work a new deal for a later date this semester. Martin said she is still very confident that Snooki will make an appearance at JMU later this semester.

According to UPB, an unnamed

professional comedian was going to interview Snooki for 45 minutes followed by a 15-minute question-and-answer session with the audience.

UPB said their members hope to bring a balance of education and entertainment to the JMU community. After past informational events like

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MASTER PLAN

JMU in Talks to Purchase Rockingham Co-op Land

By AARON KOEPPER
The Breeze

Rockingham Cooperative on West Grace Street is hoping to sell the property to JMU by the end of the year, which would put the university another step closer to fulfilling its Master Plan.

JMU and the cooperative have been in negotiations over the 8-acre property in the past year, but they are still working out final terms and conditions. The land is assessed at more than \$600,000.

"The university can confirm we've been in ongoing negotiation with Rockingham Co-op," university spokesman Don Eggle said. "The acquisition allows the university to connect with the blue-stone campus to the Memorial Hall."

Eggle can't comment on any specific plans for the land use until after the

deal is closed.

Connecting the two campuses is included in JMU's Master Plan. The university will soon officially acquire Rockingham Memorial Hospital which will be known as North Campus.

The Master Plan serves as an outline for JMU's future development on campus. According to a map released last March, two buildings might be constructed on the site of the cooperative.

Norman Wenger, the cooperative's general manager, said JMU has been negotiating on and off for years. He said that whatever the result, the cooperative would not go out of business.

"A number of all alternatives are being considered," Wenger said. "All of the alternatives will increase customer service and benefit both the Harrisonburg community and JMU community."



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PHOTO BY SETH BINGSTED / THE BREEZE

Rockingham Cooperative, on Grace Street, is in negotiations with JMU to sell the property by the end of the year.



POLICE LOG

Larceny

- On Feb. 11, a JMU student reported theft of a jacket, valued at \$130, from an unsecured UREC locker.
- On Sunday, a JMU student reported theft of a \$20 fire extinguisher from Shorts Hall.

Property Damage

- On Friday, a JMU student reported scratched paint on a vehicle in C10 lot, resulting in \$200 damage.
- On Feb. 11, a JMU employee reported damage, valued at \$200, to vending machines in Rockingham Hall.
- On Saturday, a JMU student reported damage, valued at \$150, to a fire extinguisher cabinet in Shenandoah Hall.
- On Friday, malicious discharge of two fire extinguishers in Eagle Hall resulted in \$50 damage.

Arson

- On Monday, a JMU student reported a small fire near Potomac Hall, in which JMU police extinguished a telephone book.

Alcohol

- On Sunday, police arrested two JMU students, who also received judicial referrals, for alleged public intoxication and alleged underaged consumption in Eagle Hall.
- On Sunday, police arrested a JMU student and a nonstudent for alleged public intoxication in Dingleline Hall.
- On Saturday, police arrested a JMU student, who also received a judicial referral, for alleged public intoxication and alleged underaged consumption, at Godwin bus stop.

Nation&World

FROM BLOOMBERG NEWS AND *THE WASHINGTON POST*

Weather and Errors Slow Winter Games

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Twenty-eight thousand ticket holders for the standing area at Cypress Mountain won't be able to watch snowboard and freestyle skiing events this week because heavy rains and mud made the area "unsafe," according to Olympic organizers.

Cancellation of the snowboard tickets is the latest glitch for Vancouver Games organizers, who also face growing criticism over long food lines at Cypress, access to the Olympic flame and a leaky ice-cleaning machine that delayed speedskating races.

Tragedy struck even before the Olympic torch was lit. About seven hours before Friday's opening ceremony, Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili, 21, was killed in a crash during a training session.

Snow also has been unreliable, with not enough at Cypress near Vancouver and too much in Whistler, British Columbia, site of the Alpine and Nordic events.

At Cypress, organizers said they canceled the snowboard tickets after rain washed away much of the snow they had piled on bales of straw in the spectator areas. An absence of snow has created treacherous gaps between the bales, they said.

Ticket holders will be given refunds, costing Olympic organizers about \$1.4 million. Organizers had hoped to reap about \$250 million after selling all 1.6 million tickets, the first sellout for any Olympics.

Cypress also suffered a power outage, and spectators have complained about waiting two to three hours in line for food and hot drinks, according to a report in the Vancouver Sun.

A broken Olympia-brand ice-cleaning machine forced a one-hour delay in Monday's 500-meter speedskating event. The Olympic committee shipped a Zamboni-brand machine from Calgary, about 422 miles to the east, that was to be ready for use Wednesday. But it is not made by Olympia, an official Olympic sponsor.

A starter's miscue forced organizers to correct finishing times in both biathlon races Tuesday after some athletes were allowed to start in the wrong order.

The Olympic torch, lit during the opening ceremony by retired hockey player Wayne Gretzky, also has drawn criticism. The five-pillared torch on the waterfront overlooking Burrard Inlet is surrounded by a wire fence that keeps spectators about 55 yards from the site, making it hard to take photos.

International Olympic Committee spokesman Mark Adams said the IOC remains "impressed" with Vancouver's organization of the Games and defended the IOC's decision to stage the Winter Olympics in a temperate climate.

Travelers Face New Airline Procedures

WASHINGTON — The Transportation Security Administration will begin randomly swabbing U.S. air travelers' hands and baggage for explosives at airport checkpoints and boarding areas starting Thursday, the latest increase in aviation security measures following a failed bombing attempt of a jetliner on Christmas, the agency announced.

The expanded use of explosives-trace-detection machines was tried at five airports for 17 days after the failed

al-Qaida attack on Northwest Flight 253 from Amsterdam to Detroit, TSA spokeswoman Kristin Lee said. In that incident, Nigerian suspect Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab allegedly tried and failed to detonate explosives hidden in his underwear.

Passengers should notice expanded random checks at 450 airports nationwide that will be phased in over a period of weeks starting Thursday, Lee said.

"TSA is increasing the use of this technology on a random basis on passengers' hands and also at areas throughout the airport," Lee said, "Passengers can encounter this additional security measure not only at security checkpoints, but in the checkpoint line as well as in boarding or gate areas."

Airport screeners have generally reserved explosives checks for "secondary screening," or passengers selected aside for added scrutiny. But the Abdulmutallab case exposed gaps in the government's ability to identify individuals who pose a threat.

The Nigerian man was not flagged for additional checks, so he walked through a routine metal detector at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport — one of the most secure in the world — without raising an alarm.

"We know that al-Qaida (and other) terrorists continue to think of aviation as a way to attack the United States," Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano told CNN on Tuesday, adding that the new measure should not significantly increase wait times. "One way we keep it safe is by new technology (and) random use of different types of technology."

TSA has about 7,000 desktop-size explosives trace detectors and is using \$15 million in economic stimulus funding to buy 400 more fixed units. President Obama has requested \$39 million in the fiscal year starting in October to purchase 800 briefcase-size explosives detectors, some of which will replace existing models, the Homeland Security Department announced Wednesday.

Analysts said performing checks randomly should avoid complaints of racial profiling, and that the swabbing technology poses fewer privacy concerns than do whole body-imaging scanners that use X-rays or radio waves to produce outlines of the human body to detect hidden objects.

Real Estate Market Begins to Stabilize

WASHINGTON — Housing starts rose in January to a higher level than anticipated, a sign that government support is helping to stabilize the real estate market.

Work began on 591,000 houses at an annual rate last month, up 2.8 percent from December, figures from the Commerce Department showed Wednesday. Starts were projected to increase to a 580,000 pace, according to the median estimate of 77 economists surveyed by Bloomberg News. Permits, a sign of future construction, fell less than anticipated after rising in December to the highest level since October 2008.

The extension and expansion of a homebuyer tax credit may boost demand in the coming months. At the same time, builders will have to contend with mounting foreclosures and an unemployment rate that's projected to end the year at 9.5 percent.

"We're in a slow and steady progress phase of the housing recovery," said Aaron Smith, a senior economist at Moody's Economy.com in West Chester, Pa., who forecast new-home

construction would increase to a 590,000 pace. "The trend will be upward, but it's going to be a bumpy path higher."

Obstacles remain to a sustainable housing recovery. Rising foreclosures are adding to inventory and may discourage some builders from beginning construction.

On Nov. 6, President Obama extended an \$8,000 first-time buyer credit that was due to expire at the end of that month and expanded it to include current homeowners. The extension covers closings through June as long as contracts are signed by the end of April.

Any sustained housing recovery will require gains in employment, economists said.

The United States has lost 8.4 million jobs since the recession began in December 2007, and economists surveyed by Bloomberg earlier this month forecast joblessness will end the year at 9.5 percent, down from January's 9.7 percent unemployment rate reported by the Labor Department.

Government to Improve Crib Safety

WASHINGTON — Inez Tenenbaum, chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), warned crib makers today that her agency is cracking down on defective equipment and will push through tougher federal requirements for cribs.

"Now is the time to create a state-of-the-art crib standard and not let special interests hijack the process," Tenenbaum told industry executives, regulators and consumer advocates gathered in Washington for the annual meeting of the International Consumer Product Health and Safety Organization.

"While we are on the subject of cribs, I have a message for manufacturers, a message that actually applies to makers of any consumer product," Tenenbaum said. "I say no more to the tired tactic of blaming parents in the press when CPSC announces a recall that involves a death. Take responsibility and show respect to the grieving family, yes, even if they are pursuing litigation. Those who tread into this arena when CPSC has found your product to be defective will be called out."

The CPSC has recalled more than 6 million cribs since September 2007, many due to failures related to drop sides, hardware and wooden slats. Consumer advocates and health professionals have long complained that federal safety requirements governing cribs do not address the durability of drop-sides on cribs and related hardware, as well as wood strength and quality and other issues.

Tenenbaum said her agency will issue a new safety standard for cribs this year. "That's a promise I've made to parents across the country," she said, adding that the CPSC is launching a new "SafeSleep" initiative for babies and toddlers to speed recalls and more quickly alert the public about defective products.

Tenenbaum, who was appointed by President Barack Obama, offered tough talk to makers of defective products. "If you resist our efforts to recall children's products, be forewarned: this new commission stands ready to be creative in the use of our enforcement authorities," she said. "As the Toyota experience has shown in recent weeks, this government will not allow for delay in recalling dangerous products. Consumers expect CPSC to be proactive, put their interests first, use their tax dollars wisely, and be nonpartisan in our pursuit of protecting children."

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Gov. McDonnell Wants Health Cuts

RICHMOND, Va. — Virginia Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) has privately recommended cutting \$730 million from K-12 education and \$300 million from health programs, as well as changing the state retirement system and requiring 10 days of furloughs for state employees, all to help offset a \$2.2 billion budget shortfall over two years, according to sources familiar with the plan.

The K-12 reductions would loosen the state's basic educational standards while reducing funds for support staff, supplemental salaries for coaches and teachers who serve as club sponsors, and health insurance for teachers.

The health cuts would reduce mental-health treatment beds by 232 and take 5 percent in funds from community service boards that offer substance abuse and mental health treatment programs.

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SNOW REMOVAL

No Citations Issued Yet for Snow-Covered Sidewalks

By **STEVEN BUTLER**
contributing writer

The Harrisonburg Police Department has not issued any citations in violation of the revamped code requiring residents to shovel sidewalks. Instead, officers are issuing warnings to those deemed in violation. "This is not a scare tactic," said Mary-Hope Vass, HPD spokeswoman. Since enforcement of the city

ordinance began Monday, officers have been making sure residents are aware of their responsibilities to clear the sidewalks. They are then given a reasonable amount of time to comply, at the officer's discretion. Police said they will follow up with a citation if the walkway is still in violation. Extenuating circumstances for the elderly and others with problems are being addressed. "Those who physically aren't able,

we're taking that into consideration," Vass said. Volunteers are being assigned to assist in these situations. Those interested in volunteering can call HPD at 540-437-2600. The Harrisonburg Fire Department also supports the code's enforcement. "People have no business walking on the road," Fire Chief Larry Shifflett said. Although there have been no

specific incidents relating to snow on the sidewalks, "you don't want to wait till something happens," Shifflett said. Meanwhile, in Charlottesville police have already issued citations. As of Tuesday, five citations had been given to various residents and businesses, according to NBC29.com. In Washington, D.C., police have yet to issue citations, according to WJLA.com.

Lessons From Landmines

New Director Has Dedicated His Life to Landmine Removal After Losing Legs

By **MATT SUTHERLAND** | *The Breeze*

Ken Rutherford, a political science professor at JMU, doesn't wake up feeling tired or overwhelmed. Instead, Rutherford's early morning routine is upbeat.

"I do not dread any morning; there are a lot of people in this world that dread getting up," Rutherford said. "I just can't do that. There's just not enough hours in the day."

On Feb. 1, Rutherford began his work as the new director for the Center for International Stabilization and Recovery, a subsidiary department of the Mine Action Information Center. The MAIC is a JMU public policy center dealing with landmine-related issues. Since it was started by the United States Department of Defense in 1996, the MAIC has provided training in mine clearance and victim assistance. The center also publishes the tri-annual *Journal of ERW and Mine Action*, one of the leading journals on landmine removal. "His advocacy and outreach efforts have been monumental in raising awareness about international stability and recovery," said

Geary Cox, assistant editor for the CISR. "In the short time he's been at JMU, his energy and enthusiasm is readily apparent." Rutherford is considered by many who know him to be the most optimistic person one has ever met. It is nearly impossible to fathom that a landmine explosion took his legs from him in 1993. After the Somali Revolution ended in 1992, Rutherford traveled with the International Rescue Committee to establish a series of credit unions to stabilize the nation's economy. "The philosophy there was [that] you keep your right hand open to shake someone's hand, and your

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NATE CARDEN / THE BREEZE

Ken Rutherford, who previously worked at the University of Missouri, began working at the Mine Action Information Center on Feb. 1.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Travel Writer Shares Appalachian Adventures

By **AARON KOEPPER**
The Breeze

Leonard M. Adkins has hiked the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail at least five times in the past 20 years; a single trip for the average hiker takes eight months. On Tuesday evening, he told the story of those five trips to students in Shenandoah Hall.

"Amidst the blues and the greens of the forest is where I belong," Adkins told the audience as he walked them through a slideshow of his trips. "The outdoors, being in nature, is my church, and that's the way I can best express my thanks to the maker of all this beauty."

The Appalachian Trail (AT) starts with Springer Mountain in northern

"Amidst the blues and the greens of the forest is where I belong."

Leonard Adkins
travel writer

Georgia and runs through the mountains to North Carolina, through Shenandoah National Park, east of JMU, and through Pennsylvania and New York to its end in Mount Katahdin in Maine.

Adkins had hiked only two miles

on a "tourist trail" before he had asked for a six-month leave from his job and hiked the first 900 miles from Georgia. On his second six-month leave, he hiked the remaining 1,200 miles. After quitting his job, he met his wife, Laurie Adkins, on his third trip.

From there on, his life was on the trail. He named his dog MacAfee of Knob after McAfee's Knob, a mountain in southern Virginia near Roanoke. He was profiled by *Backpacker* magazine and referred to as the "Habitual Hiker."

His 40-minute presentation was a compilation of his five trips into one clean narrative. He showed pictures of snowy and rainy days, of beautiful sunsets, and 360-degree panoramas from mountaintops.

"Even though he has all those pictures, I think it's hard to get a perspective of how great it is until you get out there," said sophomore ISAT major Alex Haney.

Haney participated in last year's Honors Maymester class on the AT led by professor Kate Kessler.

"It was great to hike up the mountains and then at the peak see only land below you," Haney said.

But Adkins also showed the funny pictures he took: trail signs that showed the way forward to be in opposite directions; an electrical outlet glued into a tree; a sign that said "beware of shotgun" and another sign that looked

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IN BRIEF

EDUCATION BUDGET CUTS

Va. Faces \$731 Million

Gov. Bob McDonnell announced in a press conference Wednesday that Virginia would face a \$731 million budget cut in education. The cuts could likely be taken by reducing support staff, coaches' salaries and teachers' health care. McDonnell said the cuts to the K-12 program will help offset the current \$2.2 billion deficit affecting Virginia.

A HIGH TECH HARRISONBURG

City Wants Google

Harrisonburg city officials plan to submit an application to take part in an experimental program by Google to be able to provide Internet service at faster speeds. Google is looking to construct networks to serve between 50,000 to 500,000 people. The population of Harrisonburg is a little below 50,000; however when combined with Rockingham County, the population is more than 120,000.

According to officials, access to super-speed Internet would increase the city's appeal to businesses.

AROUND THE STATE

Spring Burning Ban Goes into Effect

The spring burning restrictions are in effect until April 30. The law does not allow burning before 4 p.m. if a fire is in or within 300 feet of forests, brush land or fields with dry grass or other flammable materials. Violation of the ban is a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum \$500 fine.

State Indian Tribe Receives Recognition

The Senate passed a resolution Tuesday that grants official recognition to the Patowomeck Indians, also known as the Potomac tribe. The recognition gives the tribe a seat on the Virginia Council on Indians but does not grant sovereignty.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEWS

Multiple Gun Bills Pass

About 20 bills making it easier to buy and carry guns passed Tuesday. If approved, the bills would overturn the state's ban on buying more than one a gun a month, would allow guns in bars, emergency shelters, locked in cars and would make it easier to obtain a concealed handgun permit.

Autism Treatment Bill Passed

The Senate passed legislation Tuesday that would control coverage for effective treatment of young children with autism. Treatment costs about \$30,000 yearly without insurance coverage.

SAFETY IN MARYLAND

Bill Would Make Gang Information Shared

A bill was introduced Tuesday that would make principals, police and prosecutors share private information about Maryland public school

students who are suspected of gang activity was introduced Tuesday. However, civil liberties groups and people who work with juveniles are worried the bill might give out too much personal information about students and could be used incorrectly, leading to disastrous consequences.

FLORIDA'S FIRST AMENDMENT

Student Can Sue For Facebook-Inspired Suspension

A student from Florida can proceed with suing her former principal. Katherine Evans was suspended for three days after creating a Facebook page where she criticized her former teacher. Evans is trying to have her suspension erased from her school records. Evans is also seeking a nominal fee to pay for legal fees for this debate, which she calls a violation of her First Amendment rights.

SGA

Lobby Trips To Focus on Education

By **RYAN F. PLATT**
The Breeze

In addition to today's visit to the General Assembly, JMU's Student Government Association will continue its mission of fighting for student's rights and well-being by sending several representatives to Richmond next Friday as well. They plan on lobbying for several bills that would affect students not only at JMU but all across the state.

SGA chose three particular bills to support, all of which were unanimously approved for support by SGA's general assembly. During Tuesday's meeting senior senator Harrison Coval presented general information regarding the trip and explained the three bills, along with other members.

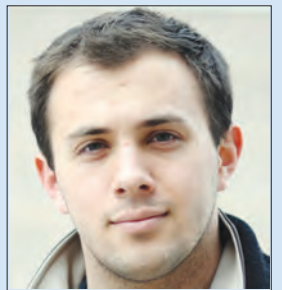
Today, vice president of administrative affairs Dan Smolkin went to Richmond to join college representatives from across Virginia to partake in a lobbying organization known as Virginia21.

"The focus is on financing for institutes of higher education, but we'll also be participating in workshops," Smolkin said.

Senate Bill 15 (SB15) was proposed

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MEET THE SENATOR



Dan Smolkin

- junior public policy & administration major; political science minor
- vice president of administrative affairs

Why did you choose JMU?

It's such an incredible culture at this school, and it's really unlike any other school that I visited. It is a very open campus and has an abundance of ways to get involved. I feel like you can really make a meaningful impact here.

What's your favorite thing about JMU?

Really, the community. You can't go anywhere without running into somebody you know. And everyone holds the door for everyone else. It's great.

Favorite place to eat on campus?

New favorite place is East Campus Dining Hall – great variety of new foods to choose from.

Why are you a part of SGA?

I've been involved with student government since freshman year, when I was vice president of the freshman class. I think it's a great way to get involved and learn how JMU works. From there, I've become vice president of administrative affairs, where I'm able to help other people in the organization and throughout the university. SGA is really an organization that lets you help other people.

What action have you been a part of in SGA that you're most proud of?

There are a couple of things that I'm really proud of. One thing is a proposal of a student-run class program. Students would be able to propose a one credit class if chosen the student would develop the class with a faculty member advisor, receive help from campus resources. I'm actually flying to California to see some of those classes [student developed ones] in action. But I also think we've done a great job of redirecting the organization to really helping the rest of the student body.

Favorite U.S. president?

Either Woodrow Wilson (him to thank for my major) or FDR.

SNOOKI | Cast in High Demand

from front

'Sex Rules' and 'To Write Love on Her Arms,' UPB wanted to bring a more light-hearted act to campus.

"This is a purely entertaining event which reminds us all not to take our time here in college too seriously and have some fun," the press release stated.

The cost for bringing Snooki to JMU would be a small percentage of UPB's budget, according to

senior Stephen Eure, UPB's public relations director. UPB receives all funding from JMU student fees.

Snooki rose to fame as one of the members of MTV's popular 'Jersey Shore' reality television show, following the lives of eight people as they experienced a summer at the New Jersey Shore.

Since her role on the show Snooki and others from the show have been in high demand for appearances at clubs and bars and on talk shows.

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left hand free, so you could use your gun," Rutherford said. "On the loudspeakers, there were prayers going on constantly. There, if you lived by the sword, you died by the sword."

While traveling to a work site Dec. 16, 1993, Rutherford and his team drove over a landmine that exploded and destroyed their vehicle. When he regained his senses, Rutherford noticed his foot was torn off from his right leg.

"When I tied tourniquets around my legs, I thought I was going to die," Rutherford said. "When they told me I was out there for only 40 minutes, I thought they were all crazy. When you have an experience like that, there is never a bad day."

Three years after his right leg was amputated in Kenya, health concerns led doctors to amputate his left leg.

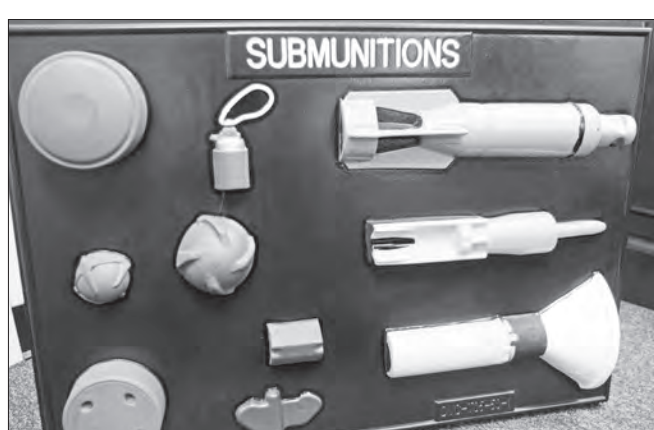
Rutherford isn't bitter about his injury. On the contrary, he has devoted his entire life to the removal of landmines.

"I've probably written more about landmines than anyone in the world," Rutherford said.

Rutherford's extensive résumé backs up his claim. After earning his doctorate at Georgetown University and becoming a professor at Missouri State University, Rutherford co-founded Survivor Corps, formally known as the Landmine Survivors Network. Survivor Corps is an organization using the peer support method to help other victims with difficulties such as coping with loss and finding jobs.

Survivor Corps was the first of its kind: a group for landmine survivors created by survivors. Through the program, Rutherford worked alongside politicians like Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and Princess Diana to raise public awareness of mine safety.

Rutherford wants the public to understand several things they might not otherwise know about landmines. For example,



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Landmine replicas are displayed in Ken Rutherford's office at the Mine Action Information Center.

the United States gives more money than any country annually in demining and aiding landmine victims, with more than \$1.4 billion spent.

In contrast, the United States also has the third largest stockpiles of Improvised Explosive Devices in the world, behind China and Russia. In total, the United States has almost 18 million unused IEDs and landmines.

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Ken Rutherford
director of the Mine Action Information Center

The United States is one of the only countries in the Western world that did not sign the 1997 Ottawa Treaty, a pledge by several nations to ban the use of landmines in warfare. Only two other United Nations Security Council members, China and Russia, have not signed the treaty.

"Almost every country that we're fighting shoulder-to-

shoulder with in Afghanistan and Iraq has signed," Rutherford said. "It would definitely be a positive signal for the United States to sign."

In the near future, Rutherford hopes to continue a program at JMU that he began at Missouri State. In coalition with the Campaign to Ban Landmines, Rutherford took several students to Kenya in 2009 in order to understand Africa's political, social and economic status.

"I tell the students, 'Take one of my classes,'" Rutherford said. "If you don't see the world as a college student, you might not see it at all."

Rutherford acknowledges that student plans for research will take at least a year to be concrete. Until then, Rutherford plans on broadening his research.

"The reality is there's always going to be bad people; people break the laws," Rutherford said. "But that should not prevent us from having preventative strategies."

Eric Wuestewald, a senior English major, has only had a week to work with Rutherford at the MAIC, but already has a good impression of him.

"He seems genuinely enthusiastic about [landmines]," Wuestewald said. "He's a very friendly guy, very sincere and a hard worker."

SGA | To Support 3 Bills Next Week

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in order to help universities in the state of Virginia cope better with budget cuts as a result of the current recession. The bill creates "Virginia Higher Education Bonds" which universities can apply for.

According to Coval, while the bonds are only available for larger projects, such as JMU's renovation of Bridgeforth Stadium, universities across Virginia can apply to receive bonds from the Virginia State Treasury.

SGA hopes this bill will lessen the difficulties amounted from the budget cuts suffered over the past couple of years.

House Bill 1229 (HB1229) does not apply to all of Virginia's college student population, but rather to students or potential

students who are active in the military. The bill calls for a reduction in bureaucracy, as described by the SGA resolution presented on a PowerPoint slide, in military students' education process.

According to the Virginia General Assembly's Web site, the bill allows students who are called to military service during their college education to return to their university without having to reapply. In addition, students in the military who are accepted into graduate programs may defer their decision until after they complete their service.

House Bill 1238 (HB1238) is an attempt to make campuses across the state safer by requiring several steps in emergency planning. It first requires that

the president or vice president of any university to submit an emergency assessment plan to the Department of Emergency Management so they may evaluate the universities planning process.

It also requires that universities actively practice an emergency drill procedure to prepare for any emergencies that may occur, similar to that of the regularly scheduled fire drills for JMU's on campus dorms.

The summaries for the bills are available on the Virginia State Assembly's Web site, legis.virginia.gov, under the abbreviated forms mentioned above.

All contingency bills were passed unanimously by the general assembly, with no votes against.

WRITER | Has Hiked More than 19,000 Miles, Written 18 Books

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to have ignored the previous one's advice.

Kessler, a professor in the school of writing, rhetoric and technical communication, said she helped bring Adkins to JMU because of his vast experience with both the outdoors and writing.

Adkins wrote 18 books from what he's learned on his 20 years of adventures, including "Wildflowers of the Blue

Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains" and "50 hikes in Northern Virginia."

Students and Harrisonburg residents who attended ranged from experienced hikers to those curious about such an adventure.

"I've hiked a lot in my home state of Pennsylvania," said sophomore health sciences major Abby Crowner. "I came to see what hiking the AT would be like. I'm going to start in Roanoke this summer and try to

hike 140 miles in two weeks."

Adkins, who has hiked more than 19,000 miles during his life in North America, Europe and the Caribbean, said he's always looking forward to his next hike.

"You're always dreaming," Adkins said after the presentation. "I still need to hike the Pacific Crest trail, and I've always wanted to go to New Zealand. But it's always a question of how much time and money you have."

Less Known Schools Making The Grade on College Rankings

The Washington Post

In the game of collegiate rankings, Loyola University Maryland is a perennial backbencher, tucked away on an inside page of U.S. News & World Report's annual list of "America's Best Colleges."

But on the National Survey of Student Engagement, Loyola is a strong performer. It rates highly on such measures as academic challenge and student-faculty interaction.

"The students are definitely the number one priority," said Dan Nieves, 21, a Loyola senior from Merrick, N.Y. He learned of the university not from a news-magazine, but from some friends who had matriculated there and "had nothing but good things to say about it."

The U.S. News ranking and its imitators generally reward the same group of wealthy and selective institutions. There isn't much room at the top, and thousands of colleges don't make the list. That has frustrated and angered many university administrators, who resent it when their school is reduced to one (poor) numerical

figure.

The student engagement survey, abbreviated NSSE or "Nessie," is higher education's response.

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Alexander McCormick
survey director

Introduced 10 years ago by Indiana University researchers to counter to U.S. News's compilation, the survey has won buy-ins from 1,400 colleges, with about half that number participating each year. Rather than rank colleges in overall quality, it attempts to quantify through a battery of questions whether students at a particular school are actually learning: How often do you raise your hand in class? How many 20-page papers have you written? How often do you e-mail a professor? Each college is measured against similar institutions, and over time. But there is no overall ranking.

Marc Camille, vice president for enrollment management and communications at Loyola, says he thinks the student engagement survey is "the best attempt at a paradigm shift" since the dawn of college rankings three decades ago. "I don't think there's anything else out there that's a better measure of the student experience."

Twenty-seven years since the first U.S. News rankings were published, academe is awash in alternatives. There are rankings by Forbes, Kiplinger, College Prowler and Princeton Review; international rankings from Britain and China; and a host of purportedly new-and-better measures that sort colleges on such things as student course evaluations and the number of hits on a college's Web site.

There is also a new generation of accountability systems, mostly from within the higher-education industry, quantifying colleges without ranking them. There is Colleges That Change Lives, a book and nonprofit organization created to promote a few dozen colleges buried within the U.S. News rankings. Another recent entry, from the Association of College Trustees and Alumni, grades colleges according to what courses they require students to take. (Harvard gets a D.)

The student engagement survey may be the most respected industry response to the rankings. Yet, it remains virtually unknown outside academia, and it is of limited use to the public. That's because — unlike U.S. News — the NSSE database is proprietary.

"It became clear fairly early on in the project that schools were not going to go along with it if their information was going to be put out in the public," said Alexander McCormick, the survey's director. "We operate in a climate right now of huge sensitivity toward comparisons of colleges and universities."

So, survey results at many participating schools remain private, although some colleges promote their results. The newspaper *USA Today* has set up a searchable database of schools willing to share their data.

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EDITORIAL

Own Up

CENTRAL TO OUR ROLE of being a voice for students, *The Breeze*, like many other media outlets, allows the posting of reader comments on stories at our Website. This encourages the free expression of ideas and engenders debate, serving to strengthen our society. Unfortunately, a minority exploits this venue for free expression as an opportunity to spread hate.

At Virginia Tech, *The Collegiate Times* nearly lost its school funding when the editors allowed racist and bigoted comments to remain anonymously posted to their Web site. Though the editors of *The Collegiate Times* moderate comments and readers can flag those deemed inappropriate, suggesting they be hidden, the ones in question remained up and need only be clicked to be revealed. *The Breeze* editors monitor the comments made at breezejmu.org and do not publish those which promote an agenda of ignorance or hate. It is sadly ironic, that we, as student journalists and theoretically the best proponents of free speech, are forced to censor the comments made on our own Web site.

Worse, technological limits allow messages of hate to be posted anonymously — the authors of such are not only bigots, but cowards.

While whether or not racist comments should be censored is an ethical debate, in censoring do we run the risk of censoring the issue? By leaving racist comments hidden, we could be ignoring the fact that racism and bigotry are not in the least eradicated. Until the logistics of a verifiable contact system can be implemented, we would hope that the student body, as well as the entire online community, would own up to their beliefs. If one's convictions are so strong, then why not stand by them and put a name on it?

We urge the student body to remember this: The bigger you are behind a computer, the smaller you are in real life.

JOHN SCOTT | don't tread on me

Shovel Your Own Snow, Harrisonburg

Under Harrisonburg city code Section 6-1-15, "sidewalks are to be clear within three hours of the end of snowfall or by ten in the morning if the snow has fallen overnight." Talk about an inconsistently enforced policy: The code was enforced Monday — 10 days after it should have gone into effect. According to the Harrisonburg Public Information Office, "[d]ue to the significant snowfall accumulation and the frequency of storms, the city has allowed more leeway than usual in this matter"

How gracious of the city to provide us with additional time to conduct labor on its behalf. Instead of the city using its own revenue to clean its own property, it is coercing those Harrisonburg residents who live closest to the sidewalks to clean it by way of fining them up to \$250 for not doing so. If the city wants its own property clean at a specific time, it should do it itself.

Isn't snow removal from sidewalks the exact type of service for which we pay taxes? Harrisonburg must know the areas surrounding the university experience high levels of foot traffic. Wouldn't it make logical sense for the city to address high-priority areas, like those around the university, early in the snow removal process? Actually, the policy is a great deal for the city because it only has to plow the streets and pile the snow on the sidewalks. After it clears the roads, it just forces the residents to finish the rest of the work.

This type of mentality is the exact reason why private businesses are far more efficient than the government. You would never hire a business and willingly pay them to do the job the city has done with cleaning the sidewalks.

Only the government has the power to force you to pay for a half done job.

On another note, a standard characteristic of inconsistently enforced policies is a severe lack of public notification of the policy — the snow removal city code is no different.

"Most of our residents are familiar with the ordinance," Harrisonburg spokeswoman Miriam Dickler said in the Feb. 15 *Breeze* article entitled, "Shoveled Your Sidewalk Yet?"

Permanent residents know the policy, but the city's notion that students are also familiar is, as senior ISAT major Patrick Reiser puts it, "absurd." Reiser, who has attended JMU since 2006 and lives on South Main Street, was not aware of the ordinance until Sunday — one day prior to the city's announcement that it finally planned to enforce the city code.

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A couple of things need to happen in response to this event. We as students must demand the city inform us of regulations that directly affect our livelihood, so we have an appropriate amount of time to cooperate. Also, the city must immediately repeal this slave-labor policy. After the city plowed the snow on to the curb in the first place, it is outrageous to require residents to shovel it off the sidewalks.

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PAUL ARSENOVIC | contributing writer

U.S. Must Not Repeat Middle East Mistakes

False Facts Concerning Iran's Nuclear Capability Fuels War Hysteria

The year 2002 was marked by a massive U.S. military buildup and a nonobjective news media, which led to the invasion of Iraq. Public support for the Iraq invasion was initially strong. More than 70 percent of the U.S. population supported the invasion and only 25 percent thought the war was a mistake, according to a Gallup Poll. Most of the war's public support was due to the general belief among Americans that Iraq obtained weapons of mass destruction. Americans thought Iraq had WMDs partly because the Bush administration irresponsibly asserted Saddam Hussein possessed weapons stockpiles. But equally important, the U.S. news media failed the public by ignoring skeptics and experts who correctly argued Iraq had abandoned its nuclear and chemical weapons program almost a decade before the invasion.

I fear the same type of deceptions that took place during the buildup of the Iraq war are again occurring with respect to Iran. In a news article published by the Associated Press a week ago, author George Jahn claimed Iran was close to achieving a nuclear weapons capability. Ironically, the war hysteria fueled by this article overshadowed the Iranian president's public acceptance of the third-party enrichment deal proposed by Western nations. Soon after the publication of Jahn's article "Iran Moves Closer to Nuke Warhead Capacity," an expose written by independent reporter Jason Ditz revealed the article's gross inaccuracies and its failure to focus on Iran's general acceptance of the third-

party enrichment proposal. Eventually, the AP retracted Jahn's article, replacing it with a less deceitful article titled, "Iran to Stop Enrichment If Given Nuclear Fuel."

I believe it was a step in the right direction when the AP retracted this article after an independent journalist revealed the nonobjective nature of Jahn's piece. However, the failure of Western nations to respond to Iran's positive behavior is disheartening. The United States' lack of recognition of Iran's enrichment deal endorsement is characteristic of Washington's irrational diplomacy. And this is not the first time Washington has failed to utilize incentives to guide the behavior of adversarial nations.

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For example, during the Afghanistan invasion, the U.S. military faced a difficult logistical problem of getting supplies into Afghanistan. Iran cooperated with the United States, allowing the shipment of supplies through its territory. Rather than encourage this type of behavior, President Bush responded

in the 2002 State of the Union Address by labeling Iran as a part of the "axis of evil." Furthermore, after the toppling of Hussein's Baghdad in 2003, Iran and other countries on the U.N. list of terror-sponsoring nations scrambled to make concessions with Washington in exchange for security guarantees from the United States. In a secret proposal endorsed by Iran's Supreme Leader, the Iranians offered three serious concessions involving their nuclear program: terrorism, regional security (particularly in Iraq) and economic cooperation. Neoconservatives in the Bush administration refused to consider their proposal, according to a career CIA analyst Flynt Leverett who worked with Colin Powell during Bush's first term.

I believe history has shown the United States' failure to utilize diplomacy to maximize our interests abroad, especially with respect toward Iran. The Bush administration was so fixated on regime change that it failed to recognize the utility of Iranian concessions that were offered out of fear of intervention by the U.S. military. Since Iran's nuclear program has been a hot-button issue with the press lately, I think it is important that we critically evaluate the Obama administration's claims about Iran's nuclear capability. Furthermore, we should not full-heartedly trust the mainstream news media reporting on Iran due to its complete failure of reporting the facts before Iraq's invasion.

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A "you're-almost-as-scary-as-the-furnace-in-Home-Along" sounding ice maker. From a Kevin-like girl who is afraid to enter her kitchen.

A "what-is-this?-a-center-for-ants?" dart to the biology professor who makes us print off PowerPoint slides with teeny words and charts. From a student who can't read good and wants to learn to do other stuff good, too.

A "stop-punching-my-face" dart to my roommate. From someone who doesn't like the new game you made up.

An "I-love-showering-in-your-phlegm" dart to the girl in our hall who hocks up loogies while taking a shower. From the girl who thinks you should be in an anti-smoking commercial.

A "that's-right,-I-did-it" pat to myself for having the guts to fart out loud when there was a girl three feet away in Carrier on Tuesday night. From somebody with fewer stomach pains.

A "peeing-your-pants-is-cool" pat to the embarrassed boy who drank a little too much last weekend. From your best friend Billy Madison.

A "don't-be-so-ignorant-about-my-next-door-neighbors" dart to the girl who asked if Russia was a continent in Carrier on Tuesday. From Sarah Palin.

A "how-do-you-do-it?" pat to the Olympic snowboarders for being so unbelievably cool. From the fan who doesn't understand how anyone could reach that level of coolness (no pun intended).

A "when-two-become-one" dart to my roommate and her boyfriend for being joined at the hip. From the Spice Girls who know that everyone needs a break sometimes.

A "soup,-salad-and-breadsticks" pat to Olive Garden for always being there for me when I go home. From a senior who wishes your succulent breadsticks and unlimited salad was served in Harrisonburg.

An "it's OK,-it's-not-your-fault" pat to Punxutawney Phil even though he predicted six more weeks of winter. From a girl who knows that a groundhog has to make a living somehow.

A "seat's-taken" dart to everyone in the library who saves the seat next to them for no one with their bookbags. From Forrest Gump.

A "thanks-for-brightening-my-day" Pat to the JMU maintenance man for replacing all of my lightbulbs, even though only one had gone out. From a girl who has seen the light!

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Prejudice Against Intellectually Disabled Must End

Professor and author Christopher M. Fairman (in a *Washington Post* Outlook section article) made good arguments about the limits of language to effect change in behavior and attitude, as well as about the nuanced ways in which words such as "retard," "queer" and "gay" can carry multiple meanings, some of which intend no insult or humiliation.

But I believe he missed the point of the campaign by people who have intellectual disabilities, their friends, advocates and tens of thousands of individuals and dozens of organizations: We are fighting a word because it represents one of the most stubborn and persistent stigmas in history. Millions of people have a

prejudice they often are not even aware of. It is much bigger than a word, but words matter. And the word "retard," whatever its history, reflects a massive problem.

Mental Disability Rights International has found evidence around the world of horrific conditions — starvation, abuse, isolation — in institutions serving people with intellectual disabilities. It happens in this country. In Texas, caregivers were recently found to be forcing residents of an institution to awake in the middle of the night and fight one another while staffers cheered and taunted. Here in Washington, repeated investigations have revealed people with intellectual disabilities as the victims of abuse, indifference and

negligent death.

Seventy to 90 percent of people with intellectual disabilities in the United States are estimated to be unemployed. Special Olympics studies reveal that more than 60 percent of Americans don't believe that children with intellectual disabilities should be educated in their child's school. Special Olympics' work with health-care providers reveals, among almost all medical professions, a shocking lack of training in the care of people with intellectual disabilities.

Sadly, it seems that many assume that poor health care, poor living conditions and under-employment are inevitable. As one health insurance agent told a parent of a child with Down

syndrome seeking health care, "Ma'am. We're not paying for services. Your child is retarded!"

Our coalition seeks no law to ban words and no official censorship against those who freely use "retard." Fairman is surely correct that as language evolves, new words that carry disgusting ridicule will emerge. He can study them and educate us about their evolution.

But for our part, we are trying to awaken the world to the need for a new civil rights movement — of the heart. We seek to educate people that a crushing prejudice against people with intellectual disabilities is rampant — a prejudice that assumes that people with significant learning challenges are stupid or hapless or

somehow just not worth much. They're, um, "retarded." And that attitude is not funny or nuanced or satirical. It's horrific.

Last week, I tried to assuage the depression of a Special Olympics athlete, an adult, who can't stop hearing the taunt of "retard" that plagued her through school. She has few friends and struggles with a terrifying sense of isolation. Counseling and medication aren't enough. There is nowhere she feels she fits in.

Her pain is enough for me to change my language. That's only a small step and we need many more. But we're not going to get these changes until and unless we awaken our fellow citizens to the truth: Most of us look down on people with intellectual

disabilities, and we don't even realize it.

And that's why this word is important: "Retard" is a symbol of a pain few realize exists. Even when it's not directed at people with intellectual disabilities, it perpetuates that pain and stigma. We hope that the discussion about ending it will awaken millions to the hope of ending the discrimination it represents.

If we're successful, the world will discover the joy, hope and sparkling individuality of millions of people. With that, real change will come.

It can't come soon enough.

Timothy Shriver,
The Washington Post

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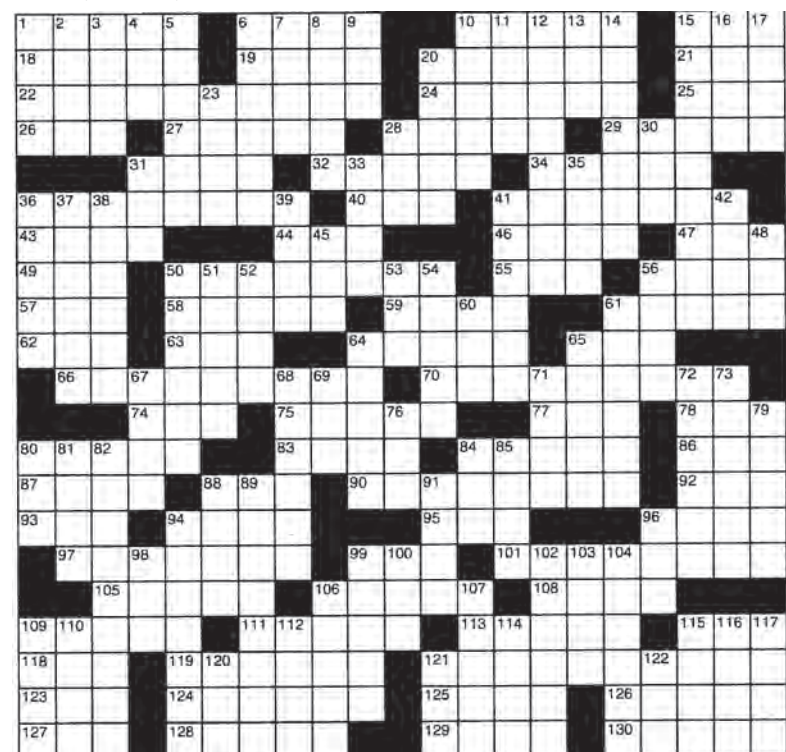


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HUMOR

JAMIE LOSE | contributing writer

Caught in The Webmail Of Love

SGA's New Crush-Connecting Email Service, Brings Students Closer to True Love

Good news everyone. SGA has done it. Not only have they provided a potentially life-altering service, but they've done it in a completely middle school way. GoodCrush is the new program designed to help college crushes find and meet each other, fall hopelessly in love, have two children and a golden retriever, paint their mailboxes a pastel color, and live happily ever after.

Candace Avalos, student body president let us in behind the scenes. "We've had a few people who are interested and have been playing with it. Mostly we started it as a harmless and a fun way to celebrate Valentine's Day."

For the record, I'm single. I'm a Taurus and a big fan of all that is reality TV. Sound like I'm the one for you? I am. Shoot me an e-mail, because I am so ready to send kissy-face emoticons your way.

You can sign on and send five crushes an anonymous e-mail alerting them that they have a secret admirer. Your crush, in return, has the opportunity to log on and send in his or her five crushes. Hopefully, God willing, you will send in each other's names and a match will be made in technological heaven.

If an "I-like-you-even-though-we've never-met" e-mail isn't the way to their heart, than hell, I don't know what is. For the record, I'm single. I'm a Taurus and a big fan of all that is reality TV. Sound like I'm the one for you? I am. Shoot me an e-mail, because I am so ready to send kissy-face emoticons your way.

The more I think about it, why even

date in real life? I can just sign on and feel your love from the warmth and safety of my own room, without the hassle of shaving my legs or brushing my teeth. That's the kind of love I want.

It's like eHarmony, IMU style. Fortunately, GoodCrush provides a thorough and aesthetically pleasing step-by-step process as to how to make the magic happen.

Here is an example of how GoodCrush may work.

Step 1

Prioritize. Who is really worth a GoodCrush e-mail? This stuff is precious people. You can't just send anonymous love notes to anyone. You only have five out of 18,000 chances to get it right. The pressure is on.

Step 2

Your crush sees your love note, somehow knows it is you sending the anonymous potential computer virus and then sends back your name as one of their crushes.

Step 3

Hearts explode from your laptop, fairies sing and iTunes chimes in with Brian McKnight; and there you both sit at separate monitors facing the reality that you have potentially discovered your soul mate. What's next? Dinner dates at Top Dog? Romantic laps around the Kissing Rock? Possibilities are endless.

So get out there you crazy kids, and give yourself a chance. Create a love story for a Nicholas Sparks novel and certainly a Katherine Heigl blockbuster. I can see the reviews now - GoodCrush, five stars from the Single-and-Lonely Academy. Thank you SGA for giving us all hope, opportunity and, of course, true love.

Jamie Lose is a junior media arts & design major.

THEATRE REVIEW

'Vagina Monologues' Breaks Taboo, Empowers



The 'Vagina Monologues' was written by Eve Ensler in 1996 and speaks to feminine empowerment by bringing up topics like oppression and violence against women.

By JAMIE LOSE contributing writer

Vagina. To quote screenplay writer Eve Ensler, "It never sounds like a word you want to say." Well, hearing the word straight for 90 minutes and a whole lot of laughter and tears later, it suddenly became everyone's favorite word to say.

The Vagina Monologues was performed Sunday and Monday night in Memorial Hall. The show was sponsored by Sister Speak, National Organization of Women, and Student Wellness and Outreach as a means to celebrate and acknowledge woman who have dealt with oppression, violence, and love, as well as empower and enlighten females in today's society.

Director Rebecca Wishon, a graduate student and teacher, used this play as an opportunity, "empowering to reclaim lives in a way that can reach a lot of people at once."

What the play lacked in production value and spectacle, it more than made up for in talent and content. Wishon, who later provided perhaps the most memorable monologue as "The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy," comments on what a fantastic job all performers provided. "I couldn't have asked for a better cast."

The performance itself took place as a series of monologues delivered either by solo actors or groups undergoing in similar Q-and-A scenarios.

Common questions included "If your vagina could speak, what would it say?" or "If your vagina were to wear anything, what would it be?"

The responses were both hilarious yet logical. Compared to the dialogue, the set and lighting was minimal, including (if anything) one solitary black chair. Spectacle was clearly not the goal here.

Originally designed as a montage of

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THEATRE REVIEW



NATE CARDEN / THE BREEZE

Matt and Christina, played by freshman George Dippold and junior Kaitlyn Benetz respectively, form part of the love triangle that 'Red Light Winter' revolves around.

Theatre II Visits the Red Light District

By ELYSE KRACHMAN contributing writer

The basic premise of Theatre II's production of "Red Light Winter" by Adam Rapp is that Davis buys his best friend Matt a prostitute for his birthday. It's not as simple as that. Nothing in Amsterdam (the setting of the first act) ever is. The prostitute, Christina, has three different names, isn't who she says she is, and by the time Davis escorts her to meet Matt, she has already fallen in love with Davis. Matt is suicidal and on pills. To cap it off, Davis (to put it politely) is a complete and utter ass. Months after the two return to New York, Matt has become consumed with desire for Christina. When she finally shows up at his door, disaster ensues.

"It's such an incredible and emotional story that really taps into the idea of erotic fixation. It's how we take these small moments in our lives and give them these larger, overbearing and mythical meanings," said student director Connor Davis, a junior theatre major. This is the first play he has directed. It is a challenging play to stage, especially for a first-time director, due to the show's mature content. While the sex scenes play an important role in the story's development, Davis said he "didn't want to make people center around [them]. The journey of the three characters is so much more intense" than just the physical aspects of the show.

In order to make the depth of the characters believable, the three actors had to do a lot of prep work to fully understand their character's relationships, history, and motivations. Instead of spelling it out for his actors, Davis encouraged the actors to explore the characters for themselves.

"He knew the play like the back of his hand...he didn't tell us the info but made us find it," said Kaitlyn Benetz, who plays Christina.

The three actors rose to the script's challenges and maintained the high level of energy through the duration of the emotional rollercoaster. Jon Hudson, senior and studio art major, plays Davis, the most animated character in the show. Hudson kept the pace well: constantly punching the air, yelling, at one time imitating a beaver in a canoe, and serving as the propelling force.

Benetz, a junior and media arts and design and theatre double major, said of the play, "It's like diving into a deep end and not knowing how to paddle."

Her portrayal of a gorgeous but emotionally disturbed prostitute was deeply affecting. Benetz's character briefly faltered when Matt confessed his love for her, but she compensated during her last appearance on stage where she gave a gut-wrenching performance.

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It's like diving into a deep end and not knowing how to paddle.

Kaitlyn Benetz junior media arts & design

BLOOD DRIVE

A Firsthand Account of Donating Blood

By CAITLIN HAWES The Breeze

"Next volunteer," called the lady in the white gown and navy blue scrubs. A stethoscope hung around her neck.

I rose and gathered my jacket. She led me behind a red and blue tarp stretched on a metal frame. A desk hid there, along with a computer, a basket of fingerpricks, bandages and flat clear tubes. She sat facing the computer and directed me to a chair at her side.

She asked me a few more questions then gave me a small paper-like thermometer, which I put under my tongue while she clasped my wrist to take my pulse. It tasted like the end of a straw wrapper.

I wasn't there for a checkup. Tuesday, Alpha Kappa Delta Phi, an Asian-American sorority, sponsored the American Red Cross blood drive.

"We're happy that people came out despite the snow," said senior

Kristen Hoang. Hoang said that less people donated blood in recent years because of the growing popularity of

Every year, Americans donate 14 million pints of blood.



1 pint can help three adults.



selling blood plasma. Operating in Transitions in Warren Hall, the Red Cross aimed for at least 50 volunteers, although donors seemed to only trickle into the room.

"The need for blood is urgent," said Melanie Wilkins, the phlebotomist about to take my blood.

Wilkins said that in Virginia, there was only a two-day supply of blood with a shelf life of 42 days. Should disaster strike, she said, the hospitals would not have enough blood to go around.

Next, Wilkins slapped an inflatable rubber cuff above my elbow and squeezed a little bulb that pumped air into the cuff tightening around my arm. Checking my blood pressure, she listened carefully to a stethoscope as the cuff gently relaxed its grip, and my blood spurted back into my arm.

"Hold out your hands," she

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BLOOD DRIVE | Students Must Answer Detailed Questionnaire To Give Blood

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instructed. She chose my left hand and started collecting her supplies for the iron test. I rubbed my hands under the table to warm them and draw blood to my fingers. Finally she took my left hand and rubbed my pointer finger with antiseptic. I looked away and felt a sudden pinch on my fingertip. She squeezed my finger and collected the blood in a little clear tube that she connected to a machine.

"Your blood iron is 12.6," she announced. I sighed with relief. I'd taken two iron pills that morning in fear of coming and having my iron level be too low. She put a little circular bandage on my finger and left me alone by the computer to answer some questions.

That computer! It nonchalantly inquired whether I had had "sexual contact" with a prostitute, an African or a drug-addict. Did I have HIV? Did I have Babesiosis? (What was Babesiosis?) Had I gotten a tattoo or piercing in the last 12 months? Had I been in juvenile detention, lock-up, jail or prison for more than 72 consecutive hours? Had I traveled outside of America or Canada in the

last three years? (I had.) Had I had a dura mater graft? (I hadn't.) The computer emotionlessly pried into my life, all in the hopes of discovering one thing: whether I had blood-transmitted diseases.

"So you've been outside of America and Canada?" Wilkins asked when she came back.

"France," I explained. She nodded, gave me a form to sign and led me out from behind the tarp.

She led me to a sort of a beach-chair-meets-dentist-chair hybrid, made of blue mesh on a metal frame. I settled into the chair, and she gave me a red ball to hold. A nearby table held sterile sponges, rolls of red bandage, hand sanitizer, a scale, a box of blue gloves and my signed consent form.

To make my vein more visible, Wilkins tightened a blue cord above my elbow. She began to wipe sticky brown iodine on the inside of my elbow. I looked away and clenched my other fist while she pushed a needle into my vein. I felt no pain, just discomfort.

She told me to squeeze the red ball every five to 10 seconds to avoid my blood from clotting in the needle. The

blood bag hung from a scale that would drop downward when it had reached the desired weight, which was at least 587 milliliters.

Finally the bag fell. I was done, free to collect my prize of juice, cookies, pretzels, or raisins - the real reason I had come.

After donation, the American Red Cross ships the blood to a lab, which tests it for more than 20 blood-transmitted diseases such as HIV, gonorrhea or syphilis. Then the blood is divided into three components: plasma, for burn patients; platelets, for cancer patients; and whole blood, for everyone else.

The blood from the drive would be shipped off to places such as Mary Washington Hospital, Culpeper Hospital, Fauquier Hospital and even Haiti.

Wilkins said each person's donation was enough to help three adults or six babies.

As I left, Megan Willis, a freshman elementary education major, sat waiting to donate. She had already donated twice before.

"It's so easy," she said. "I don't get scared about it."

MONOLOGUES | Discuss Topics of Rape, Homosexuality, Age and Disease

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thoughts, concerns and experiences from females all over America, Enslers creation is now a tradition here at JMU.

Every other year beginning in 2005, JMU organizations have taken advantage of the educational and powerful response this particular show as received in the past.

Ann Simmons, leader of Student Outreach and Wellness as well as a member of the Health Services team, noted the genuine good programs like this can do.

"The community reaction is the

best part; the ranges of emotions are something everyone can share," Simmons said. "It celebrates sexuality and strength."

Other notable performances included Michelle Smith as the hilarious aging New Yorker, who delivered "The Flood," reliving her first sexual experiences. Alike Middleton delivered "My Angry Vagina," aggressively expressing all the things women go through in today's society considered aggravating and, quite frankly, gross.

While both of these particular stories were humorous, topics ranged in emotion, content and delivery. Each actress,

though similarly dressed in black and red, delivered unique and varied stories reaching out to different realms of the female heart and experience.

Topics like rape, homosexuality, age and disease were dealt with respectfully and effectively, working to educate and inform rather than shock or disturb.

With just the right amount of humor stretching across an otherwise controversial and taboo topic, the night's overall effect was a bright one and to quote just about anyone who spoke before, during or after the show, it was most importantly empowering.



PHOTOS BY NATE CARDEN / THE BREEZE

ABOVE Matt (freshman George Dippold) sits uncomfortably with Christina (junior Kaitlyn Benetz), a prostitute his friend hired for him. **BELOW** Christina talks with the "utter ass" Davis (senior Jonathan Hudson) who hired her for Matt.

PLAY | Student Feels Drained After Intense Show

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George Dippold, a freshman theatre and media arts and design major, who is fresh off the recent Theatre II production of "An Oak Tree," spoke on this show's hurdles. "It's the craziest thing I've ever done; we're completely drained of every ounce of physical and emotional strength." However drained he might have been, Dippold's rendering of an obsessed man who is falling apart was potent and believable.

Apart from the high caliber of acting, the set was well-executed and functions not only on a realistic level, but on a metaphorical one too. Senior

theatre major Joe Carson, the set designer, created a moveable paneling system that portrays both Amsterdam and New York. According to Davis, the paneling system reflects "how we have these false identities, and we build these images of ourselves. We reveal different layers. Amsterdam is dream-like and New York is gritty." The paneling system was an ingenious addition and contributed to the harsh realism of the play.

Theatre II's production of "Winter" is a well-directed and artfully acted show, and in the end, as Dippold said, leaves the audience "just as exposed as we are."



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 ■ Rutgers – 15-13 loss
 ■ Championship game vs. Rutgers – 15-13 win
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 ■ Combined Results: first of three, 1,076 points
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 Top performer: Shauna Plesmid
 ■ Men's Results: Third of three, 393 points
 Top performer: Ethan Sherman

Cycling
NC STATE WOLFPACK CLASSIC
 ■ Aaron Goldstein: Third in men's D division
 ■ Brian Shuchart: Seventh in men's D division

*The Breeze does not vet the results provided by the clubs. We encourage all JMU sports clubs to report results to Ethan Sherman at jmusccvicepresident@gmail.com every Monday; results are printed Thursdays.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Dawn vs. Delle Donne



DAVID CASTERLINE / THE BREEZE

JMU junior guard Dawn Evans previously led the nation in scoring, but has fallen to fifth with 24.8. Evans still leads in average 3-pointers with 4.

Dukes Face Freshman Threat from Delaware

By COLLEEN HAYES
 The Breeze

"6-foot-5-inch." That is what JMU women's basketball coach Kenny Brooks drilled into his players' minds at practice Tuesday afternoon, referring to University of Delaware standout Elena Delle Donne.

The freshman guard has garnered the national spotlight since her surprising decision to leave powerhouse University of Connecticut and head home to be closer to her family.

The Wilmington native is making the trip to Harrisonburg for her first meeting with the Dukes (8-5 in conference, 18-6 overall) tonight at 7 p.m.

"We've been watching her on film, and she is tall and very skilled, so we just have to make sure we make it as tough as possible for her and not give her any easy looks," Brooks said.

Delle Donne was the nation's leading scorer with 25.8 points-per-game as of Wednesday, a spot previously held by JMU's junior guard Dawn Evans, who currently sits in fifth with 24.8.

Evans is nursing an ankle injury but is showing signs of improvement, according to Brooks.

"Dawn isn't playing at 100 percent, but Dawn at 80 percent is good for us," Brooks said.

With Evans recovering and senior center Lauren Jimenez out with a fractured nose, the Dukes have struggled recently to play a successful 40 minutes.

"Any time you have players out due to



COURTESY OF JOSH SHANNON / THE REVIEW

Delaware freshman Elena Delle Donne currently leads the nation in scoring, with 25.8. Delle Donne transferred from UConn, the No. 1 team in the nation.

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Senior Sean Hart, in black, attempts a guillotine, at the Grapplers Quest 2009 Northeast Championships in Lancaster, Pa.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



DAVID CASTERLINE / THE BREEZE

JMU men's basketball coach Matt Brady was visibly upset during his team's performance in their 64-44 loss to Old Dominion on their home court last week.

JMU Sits Eighth With Four Games Remaining

By MICHAEL DEMSKY
 The Breeze

As the college basketball season begins to wind down, March Madness has begun to engrain itself in the minds of players, coaches and fans.

But before any team steps foot in the Big Dance, it must make it through its conference tournament, where the winner receives an automatic bid to perform on college basketball's grandest stage.

This means that JMU, despite its 4-12 record and eighth-place standing in the Colonial Athletic Association, has the same opportunity as every other team to earn a bid. The team will have its chance at the CAA tournament March 6-9 at the Richmond Coliseum.

"We've proven we can play with and beat anybody in our league," JMU coach Matt Brady said. "We just need to be consistent and keep our defense at a really high level. I think that anybody thinks they can beat anybody in that tournament."

Stranger things have happened. 15 teams in the NCAA's history have made the tournament with losing records.

Just two years ago, the Georgia Bulldogs boasted the same 4-12 record in the mighty Southeastern Conference entering the tournament. After beating four higher-seeded teams, the team with the worst record in regular-season conference play was headed to the NCAA tournament.

"For any team going into the tournament, it's a one-and-done type deal, and there's always chance," said Delaware head coach Monté Ross. "If you're coming together as a player, as a team, as a program, then you do have a shot. That's why we have a tournament at the end of the year."

While the overall favorites are the conference's top two teams, Old Dominion and Northeastern. Virginia Commonwealth is also a threat as defending champions, as well as William & Mary, who on Tuesday snapped George Mason's 18-game home conference winning streak. Both Ross and Brady agree there may be one player who can shake up the conference.

"Charles Jenkins at Hofstra is that kind of player," Ross said. "Hofstra is hot at the right time; they've won six out of their past seven games, and Jenkins has been playing lights-out for the last two or three weeks."

Jenkins is the only player on the Hofstra roster averaging scoring in double-figures, at 19.8 points-per-game. He has scored at least 20 points in each of Hofstra's last six wins, registering 30 twice.

But Brady remains skeptical as to whether Jenkins could lead his team to a championship from a lower seed.

"Jenkins can get them a win or two, but I think it is really important to get a bye," Brady said. "It's very difficult to win four games in four nights."

The top four ranked teams in the conference will receive first-round byes, spots currently reserved for ODU, Northeastern, George Mason and William & Mary.

But when it comes to a champion, few are willing to make such a bold prediction for a league up for grabs. With seven teams boasting winning records, it seems as if everyone is headed to the Coliseum with the Big Dance on their minds.

"The one thing about this league is that there is so much depth, it's a hard thing to pick," William & Mary head coach Tony Shaver said. "I think it could be any team, one to 12, to be honest."

Growing in Numbers:

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Chris Jones
 Coordinator of Youth Clubs and Sports Programs



COURTESY OF MEN'S ULTIMATE FRISBEE CLUB

Junior Jonathan Caldera, in blue, lays out as he dives for yardage. The JMU men's ultimate frisbee team won a championship at UOA Wilmington 8's tournament, defeating Rutgers University 15-13.

MIKE | Works With the Community's Homeless Using Past Experience

from front

The young children at the many churches he attends pull on his beard as a form of amusement. JMU students help house and feed him. Various ministries around the Harrisonburg community seek his advice on dealing with the homeless.

Being Homeless

The mysterious Cleveland Indians fan came to Harrisonburg in 2001 "chasing a girl." He claims to be in his seventh year at Pine University, which he says is an online university. However, no such school exists.

Though many know he's homeless, Mike is not just a stereotype. He has chosen the lifestyle to make himself more relatable to the homeless community in Harrisonburg.

He calls himself a "cry rag" or someone whose shoulder one can cry on.

"I'm one of the fortunate ones," Mike said. "I can talk their language; walk their walk. I've walked many different paths in my life, and because of that, I got a range of experiences. I think I'm street smart, common sense smart, book smart; I got all that wrapped into one."

Early Life

Fifty-two-year-old Mike grew up in Strongsville, Ohio. He claims he and his 15 brothers and sisters were abandoned in a dump by his mother. He was then adopted by the Klein family. His father, Walter Klein, was a famous politician and even a mayor at one time.

However, upon contacting the mayor's office in Strongsville, they have no records of a Walter Klein ever serving in the position of mayor or any other high-standing position. Mike says he doesn't know why there wouldn't be a record of Walter Klein and continues to state that his adopted father was a mayor in Strongsville. He dismisses any notion that he is fabricating.

Mike says he attended Strongsville High School until he graduated at the age of 16. Strongsville High School does have a record of a Michael Klein attending school there but say he withdrew in the 9th grade, at least a year or two before he claims to have graduated.

After graduating he said he went to Ohio Wesleyan College and studied economic engineering and mechanical drawing. Not only does Ohio Wesleyan have no records of him as a student, but the Office of the Registrar says they have never provided those major. Mike believes the records must be incorrect and still asserts that he graduated both high school and college.

Relationships & HARTS



DAVID CASTERLINE / THE BREEZE

Mike Klein participates in various Christian organizations around town. ABOVE He's pictured eating dinner at the Wesley Foundation, the Methodist student organization.

Beneath those physical layers of jackets and a perfume of mildew, Mike definitely has a big heart.

Sophomore Will McLaughlin lives in a house off Mason Street called the Tool Box. Mike has slept on their porch a few times and spoken with the guys in the house many times.

"I think it's important for us to love him as he is," McLaughlin said. "When he'll say something like he's in classes or something none of us ever holds that against him. And when he comes around we're all very welcoming and glad to see him. When we see him on campus we're like 'Why don't you stop by?' So we all love to talk to him, and he's interesting and funny. He's got a great sense of humor."

Pastor Larry Thompson of Asbury

United Methodist Church has worked closely with Mike and considers him a friend.

"I simply accept Mike as he is," Thompson said. "I don't challenge the veracity. I try to connect with Mike on a person-to-person basis. I care about him as a human being; I listen to his stories, but they aren't the basis of our relationship."

On top of his friendship with Mike, Thompson has also worked with him in relation to the HARTS (Harrisonburg and Rockingham Thermal Shelter) program, which Mike helped found.

"HARTS grew out of a community effort to address what at that time we thought were just a small number of people that were falling through the cracks," Thompson said.

HARTS shelters and feeds

members of the homeless community during the coldest months of the year.

"People look at us and say 'Aw, you're good for nothing.' They don't know the pain we've been through. They don't know the pain we go through every day. They don't walk in our shoes."

This exclamation by a homeless man in Harrisonburg truly explains an unseen, everyday plight.

"[Mike is] a person who seeks out others who are homeless and tries to refer them to HARTS during the winter," Thompson said. "And other times he's just trying to point them in the right direction."

Mike believes the homeless community is "scared, frightened and unsure of how to fit in the dynamic of society. And while they're scared to go back into

society, they also don't want to be another number or statistic. They're afraid to take that first step again, to pull themselves up. Sometimes they don't have the education or that person to support them, to give them encouragement. I'm trying to be that person."

HARTS began in December 2007. Since then, more than 125 homeless individuals have been sheltered with the operational time period growing each year. What started out as a 15-week program in 2007 will run for 22 weeks this winter.

Overcoming Addiction

Due to the lasting effects of his abuse, Mike says he turned to drugs and alcohol and began his lifestyle as a "womanizer." He was a drug addict for 20 years (he began between the ages of 13 and 14) and had his first drink at the age of nine.

Although he has quite a bit of experience, Mike doesn't try to discourage students from partying or drinking "because I can't. They're like me, like I was at that age." He also believes "their day will come to empower themselves and become strong, powerful people."

He claims to have a total of 12 children (six from three different marriages and another six out of marriage). He says he was married to Mary Nix in Ohio, Samantha Barnes or Burnette (he was unsure of the name) in Pennsylvania and Margaret Pitcher in Florida. He no longer keeps in contact with any of these women or his 12 children.

"I'm too ashamed," Mike said. "I was a drug addict, alcoholic, womanizer; I didn't really pay attention to them. The more alcohol, no one could stop me; the more drugs I did, no one could stop me; the more women I had around me, that's what I wanted."

Despite this, he considers himself "successful." In December he celebrated his 19th year being drug-and-alcohol free. He is also in his 18th month of being smoke-free. He chews on a Starbucks coffee stopper to help kick the habit.

Mike is planning to get married to a woman named Nancy Smith in the spring. He's a strong advocate for women's rights and a big Hillary Clinton fan. He believes that "no woman should be talked down to from a man's point of view."

He Is Who He Is

He doesn't really seem to mind what others think of him.

"Whatever they think, that's their problem. I don't need to know what they think, because I know who I am and what I am, why I'm doing what I'm doing. That's all I need to know."

Though Mike is around town, his presence on campus has significantly decreased this semester.

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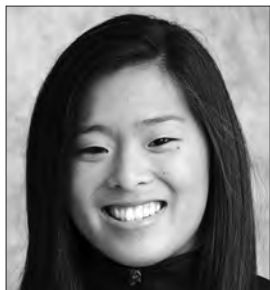
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What is your favorite swimming stroke? Backstroke.

Who is your dream celebrity? Patrick Dempsey.

What has been your best moment at JMU? I have to say our home meet against Marshall, seeing all my teammates swim really well and all their hard work paying off.

What's your favorite inspirational quote? "Pain is temporary, glory lasts forever." I think it's by Lance Armstrong.

What's your pre-meet ritual? I listen to Michael Jackson behind the block, "Man in the Mirror."

Who's your swimming idol? Dara Torres.

What is your most triumphant moment in your swimming career? When my 200-meter medley relay got first in the YMCA nationals this past summer.

What is your favorite food at JMU? Chicken wraps at Dukes.

COMMENTARY

Olympic Luger's Death Predictable

By **SCOTT SOSHINICK**
The Washington Post

NEW YORK — There are plenty of words we can attach to the death of Nodar Kumaritashvili, the 21-year-old Georgian luger who lost his life while trying to win an Olympic medal.

Tragic applies. So, too, do heartbreaking, horrific and just plain old sad. One word that does not belong, however, is unexpected.

The way things are going in sports, where extreme isn't extreme enough anymore, someone was going to die. It was inevitable.

The only question now is whether any lesson is learned or, in the more likely outcome, memories fade and it's back to the drawing board for even higher degrees of difficulty. And, of course, more danger and, ultimately, death.

The most telling comments came from Australian luger Hannah Campbell-Pegg who the day before Kumaritashvili died — the day before — made clear that she was displeased with the speedy track, which has the steepest slope of any luge venue in the world and includes 16 turns and a 498-foot drop.

Top speed so far: 96 miles per hour. "They are pushing it a little too much," Campbell-Pegg said of track designers. "To what extent are we just little lemmings that they just throw down a track and we're crash-test dummies? I mean, this is our lives."

Is her life. Was his life, past tense. Kumaritashvili's father, David, who competed in luge when Georgia was part of the Soviet Union, told reporters that his son called a few days before the Olympics to say that

he was terrified of the track.

"I know that he should never have been going that fast," the grieving father said. "That kind of speed is too much in this sport."

The International Luge Federation placed blame for the crash on Kumaritashvili, who, the organization said, didn't compensate properly while coming out of the track's second-to-last turn.

The federation didn't mention in its statement that the track's signature turn, No. 13, has been dubbed "50-50," which, according to competitors, are the odds of escaping without a crash.

The federation's finger-pointing drew a swift response from Republic of Georgia President Mikheil Saakashvili, whose take is right on target.

"No sports mistake," he told reporters in Vancouver, "is supposed to lead to death."

No, but that's where we're headed. Fast.

American snowboarder Shaun White wouldn't be the "Flying Tomato" if he didn't contort his body — this way, that way, and upside down — while floating above the halfpipe. White's mop of red hair wouldn't adorn the billboard in New York's Times Square if he didn't take chances. He wouldn't have a \$9 million endorsement portfolio if he didn't court danger.

Here's the problem, though: It's never enough. Once you've mastered three upside-down, twisting revolutions, the fans want four. Then five. Then another twist. And then something else. Athletes cannot, it seem, satiate the public's desire for

danger.

Which is why White has concocted something called the double McTwist 1260 for these Olympics. Please don't ask for an explanation. White explains it by saying he added another 180-degree spin to something he previously called the double-cork 1080.

While he hasn't been seriously injured practicing the maneuver, White told *the Denver Post* that he hit his head hard enough on three occasions to warrant changing his helmet.

"I was scared. I've never admitted that, but I was scared to do this trick," White said. "It's really intimidating. It's such a commitment right off the bat, and to not know what the outcome is going to be before you go into it just takes all your energy and focus."

Let's just hope it doesn't take his life.

Nevertheless, the tricks get trickier, the ramps get higher and the speeds get faster.

Heck, even some of the Olympic luge participants in Vancouver objected to the shortening of the course for the men's singles competition, saying the decision is unfair to top sledders and gives less-skilled athletes a better chance.

That's after a man died. Athletes never think catastrophe will happen to them, which is why limits get pushed, records get broken, endorsements get signed and tragedy strikes.

Serious injury and, yes, even death, are going to happen more regularly.

Senseless is the word that best applies.

WOMEN'S Need Win Tonight

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injury it changes things," JMU assistant coach Jackie Smith Carson said. "But when we are operating on all cylinders, we are a very difficult team to beat."

Earlier in the season, the Dukes were receiving national attention, ranked as high as 24 in the ESPN/Coaches poll.

"The Dukes, despite holding third or fourth place in the CAA, had wins over Georgetown and Virginia to their credit," reported Charlie Crème from ESPN.com. "They had an opportunity to make up ground in the standings, but in back-to-back games last weekend, JMU lost at William & Mary and UNC Wilmington — two teams ranked outside the top 150 in the RPI. Now the at-large chances have all but disappeared."

JMU currently sits fourth in conference standings, barely ahead of fifth-seeded Delaware (8-5, 16-8), increasing the importance of tonight's game.

"William & Mary beat us; Wilmington beat us; those were huge games for them," Brooks said. "Every time a team comes here it is their Super Bowl. We just have to get back to fundamentals and playing better basketball."

Last season, the Dukes beat the Blue Hens 70-53, but that was when Delle Donne was still in high school. Delle Donne graduated from Ursuline Academy in Wilmington as the 2008 National High School Player of the Year.

"It's always exciting to play another good post player," sophomore forward Kanita Shepherd said. "I've been hearing a lot about her. But when it comes down to it, we are just going to go out there and take care of business."

FIELD HOCKEY

Dukes Sign Four Recruits For 2010 Season

Seventh-year coach Antoinette Lucas announced Wednesday the signing of four student-athletes to join the field hockey team in the 2010 season.

Ashley Adams, a forward/midfielder out of Methuen, Mass., was a member of the Cape Ann Coalition club team, along with Team Boston in the U.S. Field Hockey Futures program. Adams played competitively at Methuen High, where she was a four-year starter, recording 46 goals and 41

assists.

Amy Goldstein, a back out of Lititz, Pa., was a two-time All-State honoree who ranks eighth in her program's history for assists with 12. Goldstein helped Warwick High School advance to at least the state quarterfinals twice and competed in the District III playoffs all four years during her career.

Stephanie Tarafas, a goalkeeper out of Suffolk, Va., was Second Team All-State along with First Team All-Region

and All-District honors as a senior. Tarafas started all four years at Nansemond River High School.

Lisa van Dam, a midfielder hailing from The Netherlands, played at a level of national competition with the Haagsche Delftsche Mixed Hockey Club in the Hague, Netherlands. She also helped her team get to a national title game in the 2007 to 2008 season.

—staff reports

GOLF

JMU Finishes Sixth in Miami

The JMU women's golf team traveled to Miami, to play in the Hurricane Invitational on Sunday through Tuesday. They finished sixth out of 17 teams with a standout performance from junior Mary Chamberlain.

Chamberlain finished third of 90 individually with 221, just one point short of her season-best for a 54-hole event. It was the fifth top-10 and second top-five finish of Chamberlain's career. Sophomore Nicole Sakamoto

finished in a tie for 41st after shooting a combined score of 232, while junior Laura Mesa finished tied for 49th, with a score of 235.

The Dukes finished 21 points behind the tournament champion, The University of Central Florida. JMU returns to the course March 7-9 in Jacksonville, Fla., for the JMU/Eagle Landing Invitational.

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USA Men's Ice Hockey Breaks the Ice With Olympic Victory

The Washington Post

VANCOUVER, B.C. — By Tuesday morning, all the evidence suggested that the Winter Olympics had long since started.

And then, before noon on a regular old weekday meant for work, an arena in the downtown area here began to fill. Just as the afternoon began, an official

dropped a puck, and the energy level of the entire Vancouver Olympics changed.

"I think everyone was just excited to see some hockey today," said Bobby Ryan, the American forward who scored the first goal of the Olympic men's hockey tournament.

That was apparent from the first shift of the first game Tuesday, in

which Team USA immediately turned in a solid, 3-1 victory over Switzerland. Thus, the U.S. immediately distanced itself from a sorry eighth-place finish four years ago in Turin.

But that wasn't the only difference. In Italy, Catholicism is the dominant religion. In Canada, hockey is. The atmosphere Tuesday showed so.

"Pretty good, considering Canada wasn't playing," American forward Dustin Brown said, smiling. "It was a full building, which isn't always the case when you play internationally — unless the home country's playing."

The Canadian team, which has been nothing short of a national obsession opened its tournament against Norway later in the afternoon. If there was a way to chart national productivity in the three hours after the 4:30 p.m. PST start, picture a graph that falls off like the face of a downhill ski course.

And by night's end, the Canadians' arch-nemesis, Russia, was scheduled to open as well. It is now 30 years after the "Miracle on Ice" in Lake Placid, and just five members of the American team were even alive back then — the oldest being veteran Brian Rafalski, who was six.

But massive shifts in global geo-politics have a way of trickling into athletics, and so it is that the Washington area's biggest star at these Games is now a Russian: Capitals captain Alex Ovechkin. Russia has beaten Canada in the

past two World Championships, a fact lost on exactly no one who walked through the turnstiles at Canada Hockey Place.

Which of them, then, is the favorite?

"I try to stay away from clichés," Canada's general manager, former Detroit Red Wing great Steve Yzerman, said in the days leading up to the tournament's start. "But this tournament is wide open."

That is a scary thought for Canadian fans, but history would suggest Yzerman is correct. This is the fourth Olympics in which the NHL has taken a mid-season break and allowed its players to participate in the Games.

For the U.S. team to get to the gold medal, goaltender Ryan Miller will likely have to play the role of Jim Craig, shutting down more skilled opponents. Tuesday, then, was a nice start. Miller, a stalwart with the Buffalo Sabres who is second in the NHL in both save percentage and goals against average, saved 14 of the 15 shots he faced.

There were, though, some unexpected developments.

American flags flew throughout the arena prior to the opening face-off and after each U.S. goal — the first from Ryan in the opening period, the second an impressive end-to-end rush from David Backes after a point-blank save by Miller, the last on the power play from Ryan Malone. Chants of "USA! USA!" rang clear several times throughout the game.

"I thought for sure we were getting booed today," Ryan said. "I came out expecting that. I think that fans were just excited to get things under way. When we play Canada, I'm sure it will be a different story."

That game, though, doesn't come until Sunday.

"Just the love for the game that they have here in Canada and Vancouver, and the stage that it's on, it's pretty cool," Backes said.

The Americans, Canadians and Russians all play again Thursday — against Norway, Switzerland and Slovakia, respectively. The playoffs are a week away, and the gold medal game is on Feb. 28, the final day of the Games.

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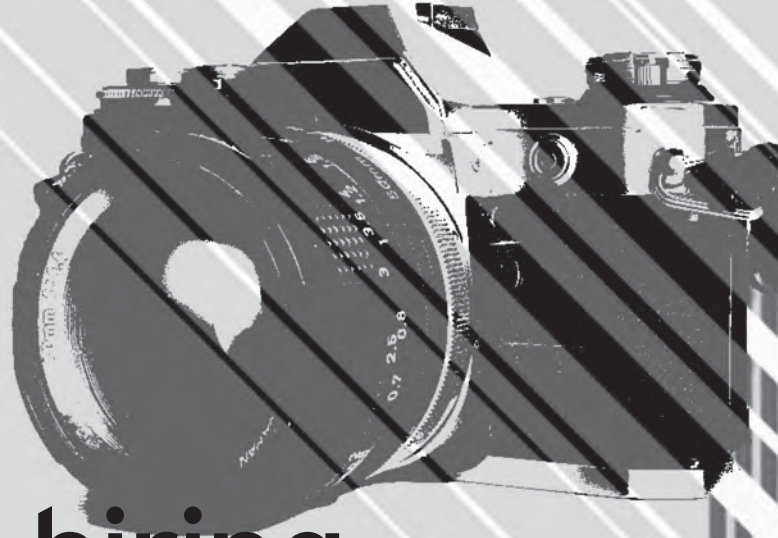
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