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# Remembering Alison Parker and Adam Ward

Stories by ERIN FLYNN | The Breeze

Alison Parker, along with her 27-year-under Adam Ward, were shot during a live old co-worker Adam Ward, were shot during a live broadcast Wednesday morning. Parker, who grew up in Martinsville, Virginia, graduated from JMU in December 2012. She began her career as a reporter in Jacksonville, North Carolina before she moved to WDBJ-TV in Roanoke, Virginia. "That's just the kind Former Breeze coworkers remember the positive impact of person she was, that Parker made on every person wanting to help other she interacted with. Laura Weeks, a former life section editor who people, but [it] also graduated in 2013 with a degree shows the kind of in media arts and design, fondly recalls a trip she and another journalist she was." former news editor took with Parker to New Jersey in March Laura Weeks 2011 to interview President Jon Former life section editor Alger before he came to JMU. According to Weeks, when they pulled up to the hotel they were staying at, which was located in a bad neighborhood, the trio decided that they didn't want to stay there. Parker immediately called her dad, who had a friend who worked in the Marriott headquarters. By the end of her conversation with her dad's friend, the three Breeze editors had a free room at a local Marriott. "That's just the kind of person she was, wanting to help other people, but [it] also kind of shows the kind of journalist she was," Weeks said. "You know,

when there's a problem or something she needs to figure out, she pulled every resource to do it."

Former Breeze copy editor Dylan Garner, who graduated with a media arts and design degree in 2014, credits Parker with the launch of his career in



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journalism.

"We were both in Mike Grundmann's news editing class ... and a couple weeks into that class, there was an opening for a copy editor job and I knew she was

news editor there already, and I kind of asked her about it," Garner said. "She saw the work I was doing and she said, 'Yeah, you should give it a shot' and she tried to help me along the way. I ended up getting into The Breeze that way .. and she helped me every step along the way."

Garner also found Parker's motivation inspiring.

"I feel like I learned so much from her just being around her and seeing what she did and how dedicated she was to this thing," Garner said. "I just feel like I owe her for sparking the beginning of my journalism career and I owe a lot to her because of that."

Jen Eyring, who worked with Parker on the Breeze news desk and who graduated in 2014 with a degree in writing, rhetoric and technical communication, remembers her as a mentor.

I had written, I think, two stories for the newspaper when I became the assistant news editor," Eyring said.

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nown for his good nature, Adam Ward is remembered by many as a selfless man who had a passion for broadcast journalism.

Ward, 27, grew up in Salem, Virginia, and graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in communication in 2011. He began working for WDBJ-TV shortly after graduating and recently became engaged to his girlfriend, WDBJ-TV producer Melissa Ott. A huge sports fan, Ward was also a member of WDBJ-TV's staff softball team, the "Lucky 7's."

Robert Denton, a professor and the chair of the Department of Communication at Virginia Tech, and guest broadcaster at WDBJ-TV, taught and worked with Ward.

'Adam was a delightful person. He worked hard — you could tell he loved what he was doing," Denton said in a statement. "He wasn't afraid to pitch in and do whatever was necessary for the broadcast. He did whatever was needed with a smile and with grace. He was simply a very nice young man and very professional."

Heather Butterworth, a former Breeze online editor who graduated in 2014 with a degree

in media arts and design and who currently works as a web producer at WDBJ-TV, met Ward when she began working at WDBJ-TV as an intern in 2012. She remembers Ward as someone who always went out of his way to help others.

"[He and Melissa] were each other's everything ... he did so much and he put other guys to shame, honestly."

#### Heather **Butterworth** WDBJ-TV web producer

"He was always extremely welcoming [and would] bend over backwards to make sure you're comfortable and feel like a part of the team, member of the family," Butterworth said.

Ward was also known for his romantic gestures for Ott. He would request paid time off days for Ott without her knowing, and then he would organize trips to

various places, including Las Vegas and New Jersey, where they would meet up with her family.

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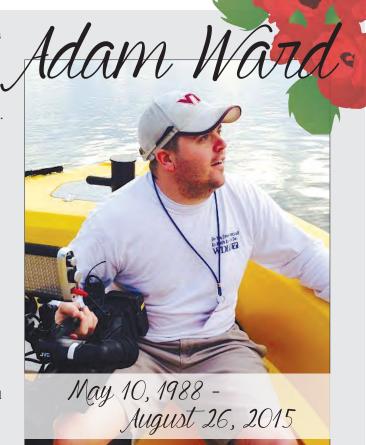
Ott remains heartbroken over the loss of her fiance.

Today, my entire world was flipped upside down. Starting new adventures with my fiance, new jobs, a new city. Getting married, having a family, buying a home," Ott said in a statement released Wednesday. "That's now taken. Im not OK. And I won't be for a long time."

However, Ott appreciates the love and support she has received and remembers the love she shared with Ward.

"Adam, I will never find a man so happy, selfless, protective, funny or charming like you. You were the one. You understood me. My soulmate. I will always love you," Ott said. "Please watch over me and keep me strong. Enjoy the endless Tech games in your heaven. I love you so much."

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Aug. 31 Senior Takeover @ Hillside Field, 2 to 5 p.m.

> Dark & Stormy Starry Monday Nights @ The Artful Dodger, 4 to 9 p.m.



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Spine Flexibility Yoga Classes @ Elkton Recreation Center, \$10, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Life Program Interest Meeting @ Madison Union 304, 4 to 5 p.m.

Team Trivia Night @ Clementine Cafe, 9 p.m.

Dodger After Dark, DJ-V's Turnt Up Tuesday Dance Party @ The Artful Dodger, 21+, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Business Expo @ Bridgewater College, KCC Lobby and Boitnott Room, 3 to 6 p.m.

Salsa Night @ Elkton Recreation Center, \$15, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

UPB presents "Aloha" @ Grafton-Stovall Theatre, 7 to 9 p.m., again on Thursday

Open Mic Night @ Ruby's, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

TIAA-CREF One-On-One Counseling Sessions @ Wine Price Building, Third Floor, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Salsa Night @ The Artful Dodger, 9 p.m.

Dodger After Dark: Salsa Night @ Artful Dodger, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Weekend Warmup with DJ Barkley @ Ruby's, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

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#### Deutsche Presse-Agentur

KANO, Nigeria — A girl suicide bomber killed at least 15 people at a bus terminal in northeastern Nigeria, hospital sources and witnesses said Tuesday. At least 30 others were injured when the girl, estimated only to be 11 or 12 years old, detonated explosives strapped to her body in the town of Damaturu, resident Haruna Ibrahim said.

The girl came into the car park and refused to be searched (by security officials). She later went near one car filled with passengers and detonated herself," a health worker from a nearby hospital told DPA on condition of anonymity.

Damaturu police spokesman Toyin Gbadegesin could only confirm six deaths and three people with critical injuries immediately after the blast.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, but Islamist terrorist group Boko Haram, which seeks to establish a state with its very strict interpretation of Islamic law, has killed thousands of people since 2009 in similar attacks. Boko Haram remains the biggest lead.

#### wnen markets reopen

#### McClatchy Washington Bureau

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Concerns about China contributed last week to Wall Street's biggest one-day sell-off since 2011, and the slide could continue when markets reopen on Monday.

Friday's rout was triggered by a report that China's manufacturing output had fallen to its lowest point since the 2009 global economic crisis. Investors increasingly fear that China's slowdown could be a tipping point for many emerging economies, many of whom became dependent on selling commodities to China during its go-go days.

The 531-point drop in the Dow Jones industrial averable on Friday wasn't all about China. Investors also are worried about inflated equity prices, dropping oil prices, and the possibility the U.S. Federal Reserve could soon raise interest rates. But China's economic troubles loom large.

"The market may have overreacted," said Charles Morrison, an Asia-Pacific expert who heads the East West Center in Honolulu. "But the Chinese manufacturing slowdown is a data point that creates concerns worldwide, because China's manufacturing sucks up so much of the world's resources."

#### McClatchy Foreign Staff

WASHINGTON - A key commander of the U.S.-supported Syrian rebel forces was assassinated in a car bomb attack in southern Turkey Wednesday, a sign that the war raging next door is spilling across the border again.

The target of the attack was Col. Jemil Radoon, a defected Syrian Army officer who lived in the ancient city of Antakya. Turkish officials said he had just turned on the ignition of his black Hyundai hatchback when a bomb exploded. He was pronounced dead at a local hospital.

The slaving of Radoon came less than two weeks after another rebel commander, Col. Abdullah Rifai, was assassinated in front of the house in Arsal, Lebanon, where his family lives.

Radoon was one of the dozen or so Syrian commanders to receive funds, guidance and weapons including TOW anti-tank missiles from U.S. and other "friends of Syria" donors of as part of a covert U.S. aid program. Radoon, who operated out of his apartment in Antakya, was the overall commander of Sukhur al-Ghab, which he said involved 2,400 fighters in different parts of Syria.

The regime recently started an offensive to reclaim the valley from the rebel forces.

#### McClatchy Foreign Staff

be an amateur

IRBIL, Iraq — The video opens with high-definition footage shot from a drone flying over an oil refinery in central Iraq, but this video isn't from a multimillion-dollar American drone. It's from a drone operated by the ISIS that likely cost a few thousand dollars. And the refinery — Iraq's largest — is held by government forces, who have been besieged by the militants for the better part of a year.

The video, called "Defiant Attack on the Apostates at the Refinery," began appearing on jihadist-linked websites and Twitter accounts last week. It heralded an ISIS assault on the oil refinery at Baiji, where Iraqi government soldiers have held out since last summer against surrounding ISIS troops. In the end, the government kept hold of the refinery, the country's largest, with the help of 47 airstrikes by the Obama regime.

But beyond the outcome of the refinery battle, military analysts who've viewed the video find it alarming because it shows that ISIS retains a surprisingly high level of military skill despite months of daily airstrikes by U.S. aircraft and their coalition allies.

**Compiled from Tribune News Service** 

### NATIONAL NEWS

#### **New Orleans reflects 10** years after Katrina

#### McClatchey Washington Bureau

NEW ORLEANS — Ten years ago, Hurricane Katrina swamped New Orleans and surrounding areas and forced away hundreds of thousands of residents.

Although precise numbers aren't available, at least 986 Louisiana residents died from drowning, injuries, heart conditions and other causes, nearly half of them 75 or older. More than 1 million people from the region were displaced.

For evidence you can ask the mayor, Mitch Landrieu, who talks of an "ascendant city" that has come back unevenly but has basically come back everywhere.

You see kind of a mishmash," he said in an interview at City Hall, down the street from two of the iconic images of Katrina destruction: the Superdome-turned-evacuation center and the Hyatt Regency hotel with its blown-out windows. "It's not really a tale of two cities. Most of the city in most of the neighborhoods — is moving back in the right direction."

### service to Japan

#### Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Netflix isn't the only streaming service that has its sights set on Japan. Rival Amazon will launch Prime Instant Video in the country next month.

The expansion, which will come at no extra charge for members to the free-shipping program, enables the streaming service to have a hand in the Japanese market just as its main competitor Netflix is set to launch in the country Sept. 2.

Amazon Prime members in Japan will have access to popular Japanese and U.S. dramas, anime series, music concerts and variety shows.

The only other markets outside the U.S. to offer Prime's video streaming arm are the U.K. and Germany as of last year. The e-commerce giant is not yet as aggressive in the global expansion efforts for its streaming platform as Netflix, which expects to complete a 200-country expansion by 2016.

#### Amazon expands video Windows 10 is running on 75 million devices

#### The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Four weeks after its debut, the new Windows 10 operating system now powers more than 75 million devices, Yusuf Mehdi, the Microsoft executive overseeing Windows marketing, said Wednesday.

Microsoft is offering Windows 10 free to the majority of home users of the prior two major Windows releases. Microsoft has said the offer will extend at least through next July.

"That's pretty impressive," said Steve Kleynhans, an analyst with researcher Gartner. "I don't think any other operating system achieved that in less than six months."

In Windows 10, Microsoft is trying to rebound from the lackluster market performance of Windows 8, the previous major version.

Windows 10 now powers 5.7 percent of personal computers and tablets worldwide, according to Web analytics company StatCounter.

Still, it remains to be seen whether Windows 10 will revive the beleaguered PC market.

#### New iPhone to premiere September 9

#### McClatchey Washington Bureau

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple has announced plans for a new product event Sept. 9 in San Francisco, where the giant tech company is expected to show off new iPhones and other gadgets eagerly anticipated by consumers.

Invitations for the event next month were sent to reporters and analysts Thursday morning. In usual fashion, Apple is only hinting at what to expect. But in previous years, Apple has used an event in September to launch new phones.

The invitations mention Apple's digital assistant, Siri. Apple has previously said it plans to expand Siri's features in the new version of its operating software for iPhones and iPads, and there have been reports that Apple will integrate the technology into the next version of its Apple TV set-top box.

Apple is expected to announce the next version of WatchOS, the operating system of Apple Watch.

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## JMU receives donation

University gets \$1 million for facultystudent interactions

#### **By ALYSSA MILLER** The Breeze

JMU was presented with a \$1 million faculty endowment at President Jon Alger's annual opening faculty meeting on Friday. The endowment came from Richard Roberts and his wife, JMU alumna Shirley Hanson Roberts ('56).

Roberts, who was described by University Provost Jerry Benson as a "champion of faculty and the faculty-student relationship," presented the donation in the form of a leadership commitment, which will create the Shirley Hanson and Richard Roberts Endowment for Faculty Excellence. The endowment will be used to "support and enhance this fundamental [faculty-student interaction] element of [JMU] culture," according to Benson.

Roberts gave a brief speech following his introduction, expressing his wife's desire to be at the meeting, which she could not attend due to medical reasons.

"I'll give her a hug as soon as I get home," Roberts said.

During his speech, Roberts described his impression of the JMU experience, stating that, "There is, unquestionably, a unique environment here at JMU ... There is no etched-in-stone, if you will, publishor-perish dictum as there is in many, many other universities, schools of higher learning. Teaching is priority."

Roberts emphasized the importance of students receiving credit for research when they help professors. He explained that this type of relationship between faculty and students is almost unheard of at many universities.

"How unique," Roberts said. "And how decent."

In closing, Roberts encouraged the JMU faculty to recognize the rare experiences offered to them by the university

"The difference is precious," Roberts said. "Please don't take it for granted."

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# The votes are in

Harrisonburg City Council approves JMU voting precinct in 3-2 vote



SAM TAYLOR / THE BREEZE

Senior political science major and SGA Legislative Action Committee Chair Josh Humphries encourages Mayor Chris Jones, Vice Mayor Richard Baugh and city council members to approve of the voting precinct at Tuesday's city council meeting. Humphries has led the project since last semester.

#### **By ERIN FLYNN** The Breeze

For some, it was a fight for their rights at the Harrisonburg City Council meeting last Tuesday night.

Nearly two hours of discussion led up to the council's decision to approve a proposal for JMU to have its own voting precinct on campus in a 3-2 vote, with council members Ted Byrd and Abe Shearer in opposition.

Ahead of the vote, JMU students and faculty, business owners and Harrisonburg residents debated voter interest, civic engagement and accessibility to existing precincts.

As previously reported by The Breeze, the JMU voting precinct proposal, which will be located in the Convocation Center, was created by senior political science major and SGA Legislative Action Committee Chair Josh Humphries.

"It doesn't matter who is on the ballot here in Harrisonburg, it should be the goal

of everyone in this room tonight to increase the voter turnout among all of our citizens," Humphries said at Tuesday's meeting. "There is no question that it is a national epidemic that millennials do not vote - and we are trying simply to gain a greater access and facility to do so."

Humphries also mentioned that voting precincts located at other colleges have led to an increase in voter turnout. According to Humphries, Florida State University saw a 29 percent increase in voter turnout, the University of Maryland saw a 48 percent increase, North Carolina State's precinct led to a 13 percent increase, the University of Dallas saw a 46 percent increase and the University of Massachusetts' precinct led to a 29 percent increase.

Despite these numbers, City Council Member Ted Byrd doesn't believe that the increase in voter turnout would be significant. According to Byrd, a 35 percent increase from the average number of JMU students who voted in the last three elections would be 145 voters.

"We spent a lot of time, a lot of discussion tonight, but that's what we're breaking it down to," Byrd said. "I can't see it going there. It's 145."

Some other Harrisonburg business owners and residents, including Elaine Blakely, also view the voting precinct as unnecessary.

"I see no point, truly, in them having their own precinct," Blakely said. "Suppose [VMRC] would ask for [their own precinct] ... Would they get it? I think we have to include everyone in the city of Harrisonburg, we're all residents, we all pay taxes. It's great that the students are here, it's great that they vote. I'm sure that the freshmen do not vote the first year, I would doubt it."

However, Mayor Chris Jones said that the argument that there aren't enough people engaged in elections is fair across the board, not just limited to college students.

"Education about voting yields more

Grace Street residents move in

#### IN BRIEF

JMU

#### JMU to hold vigil for Alison Parker

JMU, the School of Media Arts and Design and The Breeze will hold a vigil in memory of Alison Parker on the Quad at 6:45 a.m. Wednesday. It will mark one week since Parker, 24, and her 27-year-old colleague Adam Ward were killed while filming a live segment for WDBJ-TV in Roanoke, Virginia.

Parker graduated from JMU in December 2012 with a bachelor's degree in media arts and design. She was also a news editor and reporter for The Breeze.

HARRISONBURG

#### HPD investigates body found on train tracks

The Harrisonburg Police Department is continuing to investigate the discovery of a body that has been identified as 60-yearold Michael Alen Meyer. The body was found on the railroad tracks near the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Way and Reservoir Street on August 25.

Meyer, who is not from the Harrisonburg area, has been temporarily living in several states, according to Lt. Kurt Boshart of HPD.

The HPD confirmed that a call came in around 8:30 a.m. regarding the body of an unidentified male on the Norfolk Southern train tracks behind Emergicare. The Harrisonburg Rescue Squad pronounced the body deceased when it arrived on the scene.

The incident was initially being investigated as a homicide, which is standard procedure until proven otherwise. As there was no sign of foul play, the HPD is now "looking at all angles," including accidental death, suicide and homicide. However, according to Boshart, all evidence that has been submitted at this point suggests a suicide.

The HPD is still awaiting a toxicology report from the Roanoke medical examiner's office. According to Boshart, the report could take several months to complete.

The HPD is asking anyone with information regarding this incident to contact Crime Solvers by calling (540) 574-5050 or texting "HPD" to 274637 (CRIMES).

JMU students express views as new residential area opens



ERIN WILLIAMS / THE BREEZE

The Apartments on Grace Street holds 506 residents and consists of several amenities, including a sand volleyball court and an NBA regulation size basketball court.

#### **By ERIN FLYNN** The Breeze

JMU's new residential facility, the Apartments on Grace Street, is generating excitement among faculty, staff and students as the two and a half year project has been completed. The \$55 million complex, which is designed to be a transitional space from dorm life to off-campus living, provides a variety of perks not found in the more traditional dorms on campus.

The new facility, which holds 506 residents, including 15 residential advisers and a hall director, is the largest residential hall in regard to capacity, according to Director of Residence Life Kevin Meaney.

The building has four stories and has 96 two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartments, 46 one-bedroom, one-bathroom apartments and 15 two-bedroom, one-bathroom apartments. Two residents are assigned to each room, and a living room and kitchen also come with each apartment.

Living in the Apartments on Grace Street is one of the things that sophomore psychology major Nicholle Johnson is looking forward to the most this year.

"Out of everything, I guess [I'm looking forward to] living in these brand new apartments," Johnson said. "They're really nice. I've been in my room once, it's really big."

A community kitchen is located on the first

floor and is available for large groups. Meaney believes that this area can also be used by residential advisers and the hall director for programs, many of which will help students in their transition from living on campus to off-campus living.

"We're hoping to do some programs about how do you do food shopping," Meaney said. "Now's the chance for us to have some programming about how do you find the best deals, how do you know how much to buy for an apartment of three people, five people, whatever they're going to have next year."

Sophomore media arts and design major Abriel Maldonado, who heard about the Apartments on Grace Street when she was signing her two-year housing contract with the Office of Residence Life, said that she would be interested in attending these programs.

"This would be, for me personally, my first time having to buy groceries for myself," Maldonado said.

Maldonado also believes that it would be best if she and her roommates coordinated how much food they should have in the kitchen, so there isn't too much or too little of one item. She also said that she would definitely go to any food and grocery-related programs and would "drag" her roommates with her.

In some ways, Maldonado agrees that the Apartments on Grace Street can serve as a transitional space for students from living on

campus to off campus. But in other ways, she disagrees and believes that the apartments are more for those who are comfortable living on campus.

"I do think that it would be a good transitional place to live, just because it's close to the campus and, from what I've seen, the layout is that of an apartment," Maldonado said. But then, at the same time, I don't think so because we are required to have a meal plan ... we have to leave the dorms when the regular people on campus have to leave ... and plus, we can't have pets. So, it's just, the rules are the same as that of a dorm and plus we have RA's'

The building offers a community kitchen, lounge areas, and recreational spaces and laundry rooms on each floor. Additionally, residents will have access to a mailroom and a Subway in the complex.

Located behind the building are an NBA regulation size basketball court and a large sand volleyball court.

"There's tons and tons of sand," Meaney said. "It took, like, four days to get all the sand here."

A barbecue grill will also be added and picnic tables are going to be placed in various areas behind the apartments.

Those living in the Apartments on Grace Street are required to have a meal plan, but a

### **PARKER** | Former coworkers recall memories and discuss her impact



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Former Breeze life editor Laura Weeks (left), who graduated with a media arts and design degree in 2013, and former Breeze news editor and WDBJ-TV reporter Alison Parker, who graduated in Dec. 2012 with a degree in media arts and design, visited New Jersey in March 2011 to interview President Jon Alger before he came to JMU.

#### from front

"I didn't know what I was doing and she was an incredible teacher and patient, kind, caring, never judgemental and I know that all of the writers we worked with too as news editors felt the same way about her.

"She was always willing to sit down with anyone and help them work through a story, help them get everything just right and help them really express what they were trying to say."

Eyring also recalls Parker's willingness to sacrifice her time to do what she loved, even if it meant working until at least 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights for her internship with WHSV-TV. She added that Parker was just as passionate about working at The Breeze.

"She gave up having her weekend and she gave up having pretty much all of her free time to be at The Breeze, to be at the local station and that's what she wanted and that's what she cared about and that's just the type of person she was," Eyring said. "She would go after anything that she wanted with passion and tenacity."

Former Breeze news editor and managing editor I.J. Chan, who graduated with degrees in media arts and design and dance last May, also mentioned how Parker was able to handle all of her responsibilities.

On top of her job at The Breeze and her internship, Parker also took multiple 400-level classes, including SMAD 409, a broadcast journalism class taught by professor Ryan Parkhurst. The class

meets for several hours on Wednesdays, which is also when the Thursday edition of The Breeze is produced.

But Chan recalls that, despite Parker's busy schedule, she put everything she had into everything that she did.

"She had a lot of things under her belt and she executed all of those things with such passion and, just, she put her effort and 100 percent of her time and effort somehow into all of those things, " Chan said. "It was never a moment where I thought that she was not doing as much at The Breeze because she had 409 or she had WHSV and I'm sure that those producers at WHSV that worked with her or Parkhurst would say the same thing; they never felt that they got the short end of the stick."

The passion that Parker had for news is remembered by not just Eyring and Chan, but by all who knew her.

"She really cared about what you were doing, she made you believe it was more than just the story, she made you believe in ... an idealism, really, that the news was something more than just what it was," Chase Kiddy, a former Breeze sports editor who graduated in 2014 with a degree in writing, rhetoric and technical communication, said. "It was an ideal to strive toward."

Brad Jenkins, the general manager of The Breeze who graduated from JMU in 1999, remembers Parker's ability to translate her reporting skills from print journalism to broadcast journalism and vice versa.

"She wanted to develop her writing skills and then, with that, she had the personality for TV and she brought those two things together," Jenkins said. "So it helped both The Breeze because she brought sort of a conversational tone to some of her stories, but it also helped her broadcast because it brought some good, strong reporting skills. And she had both of those things.'

Chan and others agree.

"She was just this powerhouse and she could do it all — she could write, she could report, she could make people talk to her and people wanted to talk to her ... and she was also brilliant at broadcast journalism," Chan said.

Parker's future success as a journalist was, to those who knew her, guaranteed.

"So many people work at a college paper and they just go do whatever after college," Kiddy said. "That's what happened to me and I love what I did with The Breeze, but I don't do anything now other than, you know, write for some online sites. Alison knew she wasn't just going to keep at it, she was going to be somebody, she was going to do something."

And while heartbroken over the loss of a great friend, mentor and journalist, Chan is thankful for the time she and Parker shared.

"Unfortunately, her life and her future was stolen away from her, but she was doing what she was meant to do up until the very end," Chan said. "Although ... it makes me sad to think about that and to think where she could have gone, it makes me proud to have known her and it makes me proud to know that she was such a force to be reckoned with."

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### **PRECINCT** | Voter proposal approved

**GRACE** | JMU staff addresses concerns

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Harrisonburg City Council uses a map of the JMU campus in relation to the Spotswood voting precinct and other proposed precinct locations as a visual in Tuesday's city council meeting. The map was submitted by the Harrisonburg Electoral Board.

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turnout," Jones said. "So, to anyone who's making the argument that JMU students are not in need of a precinct is ridiculous because it would give them an opportunity to educate more students and the public about voting."

Carter Black, a senior political science major and the president of the JMU chapter of College Democrats, disagrees with Blakely's statement. She registered to vote when she was a freshman and helped others register as well.

My fellow freshmen were extremely excited," Black said. "You know, certainly, some people did not register, but those who did, it was something they were proud of, that they wanted to do. So, I think to say that maybe freshman aren't interested or that they don't want to vote, I don't think that's true at all."

Another argument made by many, including Harrisonburg resident James Gilchrist, was that the precinct located at Spotswood Elementary School is easily accessible to JMU students.

'Spotswood, being less than one mile from JMU's campus, is easily accessible," Gilchrist said. "The arguments that students being new to JMU and Harrisonburg are not sure of the geography, are unsure of themselves ... and are finding it difficult to register are, in fact, impetuous arguments. Surely the caliber of the students being admitted to JMU should be able to find a precinct that is less than a mile away from their campus."

But, as Harrisonburg resident Marilyn Turner and senior international

affairs major and Executive Director of Virginia21 Jessica Reed pointed out, most freshmen aren't able to have their cars on campus. This, as well as other obstacles, such as hectic schedules and distance, can get in the way

"I know that one of the arguments raised is that there are ways to get to Spotswood," Matthew Mueller, SGA Parliamentarian and junior international affairs major, said. "Yes. But it is the perception of the distance between the campus and that elementary school that discourages a lot of freshmen from actually voting."

While some in favor of the precinct argued the benefits and need for one on campus, others, including junior political science and history double major Renzo Olivari, pointed out that the precinct's opposition referred to voting as a privilege.

He believes that voting is a fundamental right.

"There were questions about if, you know, the voters .... on campus had the desire to vote," Olivari said. "I just think that's not what the fundamental belief of what a democracy is."

Jones, who has been in favor of the precinct since March, agrees.

"Voting is a right," Jones said. "Unfortunately, a lot of Americans, at one time, thought it was a privilege ... Driving is a privilege, but not voting in America."

Student body president and senior political science and political administration double major Ryan Windels and associate professor of history and Associate Vice Provost of University Programs Meg Mulrooney also attended Tuesday's meeting.

Windels talked about how

community isn't based on the lines of voting districts, but the awareness and camaraderie of the people residing in those communities. He also mentioned that the voting precinct would come as no extra cost to taxpayers. This argument persuaded council member Kai Degner to vote in favor of the precinct.

'I'm persuaded that JMU students asking us to have a precinct on campus is a reasonable request. The administration appropriating their funds ... makes it really easy to vote for," Degner said. "I think it is good policy to make voting convenient and definitely encourage efforts to make it easier for people to vote."

Meanwhile, Mulrooney discussed how those younger than 40 years old lack the basic knowledge of polity, whether it's at the local, state or national level.

"They also — and I think this is equally important — they lack the disposition for good citizenship," Mulrooney said. "They don't see the point, right? They say you can't fight city hall ... They have given up on principles that have always made Americans, Americans."

Now that the precinct proposal has been approved, Harrisonburg's Electoral Board needs to decide when the precinct will go into effect, which will most likely be after the November election, according to Humphries. However, Humphries knows that the city of Harrisonburg and JMU will be in contact and he plans to continue serving as a resource for the Electoral Board and the registrar.

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new meal plan option for residents in Grace Street is now available. This meal plan is similar to the commuter Block 50 plan and, according to Meaney, provides students with 50 meals a semester and costs \$718. It's much smaller than the traditional residential meal plans, like the Weekly 11-Plus Plan, which costs \$2,290; 14-Plus Plan, which costs \$2,185 and 19-Plus Plan, which costs \$2,374.

Maldonado doesn't think ORL should require a meal plan for those living in the apartments.

"I feel like it's a bit too much, honestly," Maldonado said. "I mean, I'm glad that they have meal plans that are less expensive, but I don't think it should be a requirement."

Another concern that Maldonado has is the bus schedule.

"I heard somebody say that the stops weren't going everywhere on campus and, I don't know, I'm not sure what the whole deal with that is," Maldonado said. "But really the whole bus schedule situation is my only concern."

According to Director of Parking Services Bill Yates, there are 173 residential parking spots in three lots near the Apartments on Grace Street; these lots include R12, R13 and R14. Additionally, there are two existing residential lots on the west side of Main Street - lots R3 and R9 - that provide 241 residential parking spaces.

To my knowledge the university has no plans to provide additional resident parking near the Apartments on Grace Street for the 2015-2016 academic year," Yates said in an email. "The remaining student parking on West Grace Street has been allocated for commuter student use in order to provide alternate parking for commuters displaced from the north campus by the Mason Street Parking Deck project."

While the amount of residents living in the Apartments on Grace Street who are parking a car on campus is unknown, Yates said that, so far, 196 apartment residents have purchased a residential parking pass for the 2015-2016 academic year.

In addition to parking, there will also be bus stops on either side of the street, according to Meaney.

According to Transit Superintendent at the City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation Avery Daugherty, a shelter has been added across from the apartments and the stop located at Walnut Lane heading toward Memorial Hall has been shifted down farther inside the newly installed bus stop in front of the dorm. A stop has also been added across Memorial Hall at the International Study Center on 42.

While not all of the buses stop at all of the stops on campus, students are able to catch various buses throughout campus.

"For instance, Route 11 does not service East Campus," Daugherty said in an email. "We do however make it possible to connect to a bus at various points on campus to catch a different route that services other particular stops."

Some students, including Johnson, don't have any concerns about living in the apartments.

'I'm not really concerned about much," Johnson said. "I think that getting used to the train's going to be the hardest part."

The Apartments on Grace Street also offer environmentally friendly additions, including windows that are positioned to bring in natural light, and is Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) silver certified. There are also two bioretention ponds located near the right side entrance of the building that are meant to handle the roof's water runoff, according to Meaney.

"It keeps the plants alive and then it drains into tanks underground so we don't overwhelm the local city's stormwater system and it also filters out a lot of the sediment," Meaney said.

Of all the amenities that the Apartments on Grace Street offer, JMU pulled out many stops in the Apartments on Grace Street. As the apartments are booked fully this year, the university hopes a full load of tenants in the coming years.

"I'm just really excited because it is a new building and I know that they - JMU really tricked it out," Maldonado said.

## New and improved

#### By ALYSSA MILLER

The Breeze

A lot has changed since students were last on campus. Here's a guide to what's new and what's in store for 2016.



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- \* A new building located next to the Student Success Center will house the College of Health and Behavioral Studies, which currently resides in ISAT. The new facility is scheduled to be completed by June 2016.
- \* The new Grace Street apartments, which will house 93 percent sophomores and 7 percent juniors and seniors, opens this semester as a more independent style of undergraduate campus housing. The apartments will house the most students of any building on campus and will include a Subway restaurant.
- \* The completed Newman Lake restoration boasts a new reinforced dam and new environmentally friendly features such as an aquatic bench to improve water quality and a gravel path to help "stabilize [the] bank during water surges."



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- \* The expanded portion of UREC, scheduled for completion in December 2015, will double the size of the current UREC and will feature new fitness studios, gyms, court spaces, tracks and pools.
- \* D-Hall will undergo a massive replacement project in summer 2016, replacing the 52-yearold building with a new facility that will include a food court with national brands and banquet facilities, in addition to the regular dining hall.
- \* The former RMH Cancer Center will become Madison Hall. It will house the Office of Admissions, the Graduate School and the Office of International Programs, according to JMU Director of Communications and University Spokesperson Bill Wyatt.



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- \* The Mason Street Parking Deck, due to be completed in June 2016, will house 1,000 parking spaces. However, in the meantime, the N6 parking lot on Mason Street will be closed during the construction, leading to a temporary reduction in available parking spaces.
- \* The Lakeview Hall renovation provides space for 4-VA, a "collaborative partnership" between JMU, George Mason University, Virginia Tech and the University of Virginia, according to the JMU website. It also provides a facility for the JMU X-Labs, a program that allows "students, faculty, and the greater community to work together to solve real problems," according to the JMU X-Labs website, and space for the Center for Assessment and Research Studies.
- \* The former Warren Hall and Taylor Down Under buildings have been renamed as a cohesive unit. The campus post office has been moved to Transitions in Warren Hall to provide for more space, and an Auntie Anne's location has been added to TDU.



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\* In May, construction began on JMU's steam line project in front of TDU, which consists of connecting the university's main power plant to the north campus power plant by installing steam lines. This project also aims to meet new Department of Environmental Quality regulations.



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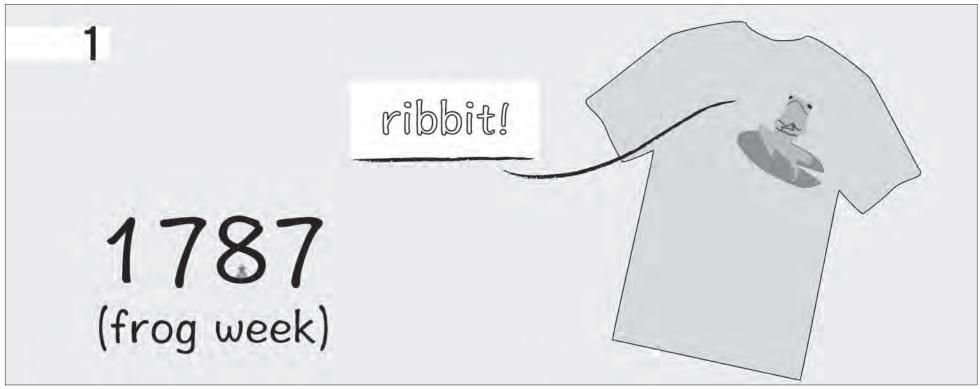
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articles as a news editor and writer for The Breeze, to her broadcast segments as a student in the School of Media Arts and Design and as an intern at WHSV-TV, she left a distinct mark on the JMU and Harrisonburg communities.

She continued to captivate audiences as a professional broadcast journalist in Jacksonville, North Carolina, and later in Roanoke at WDBJ-TV. Both Parker and Ward They will truly be missed and their legacy will live on in the work that newsrooms everywhere continue to do.

As journalists, it's our duty to deliver the news - good or bad - and it's our hope that in doing what we love, you as the reader will learn and grow along with us.

Alison and Adam wouldn't have had it any other way.

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#### A "get-your-priorities-straight"

dart to administration for thinking we need a new Convocation Center instead of a real ice skating arena.

From someone who knows that Liberty is upgrading its arena while we have none around here.

#### A "thanks-a-lot" dart to The Breeze for not including my name in the list of 3,041 undergraduates. From a very hurt recent alum.

A "thanks-for-the-donation" pat to the Carrier employee who used his FLEX to print my resume. From a senior who still doesn't have her own printer and didn't even have five cents on her JACARD.

A "what's-the-deal?" dart to the powers-to-be who decided that giving classified staff a bonus needs to be justified and (not) approved, but that giving faculty a development stipend can be approved without asking for any justification or oversight to see if the work was actually done.

From an administrative assistant who works hard and would like to think that someone besides the department head appreciates it.

#### An "I-just-want-to-watch-

Netflix" dart to AM3 for taking way too long to fix their community internet.

From a student who's having withdrawal from her frequent binge watching.

#### A "may-the-odds-be-ever-

in-your-favor" pat to all of the freshmen experiencing their first day of college.

From a sophomore who wants to welcome you all to the best university in the world.

A "hey-let-everyone-enjoy-thearboretum" dart to the girl who was clipping flowers and taking them with her.

From a senior who knows you should take nothing but pictures and leave nothing but footprints.

A "safety-first" pat to the police officer who came to my apartment to explain my rights in a friendly way. From an appreciative senior.

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#### **KEVAN HULLIGAN** | the war room

# Bite your tongue

#### Hate speech perpetuates hate crime

The language

of war is the

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violence, and

introducing it

into this issue is

neither helpful

nor conducive

discussion.

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It's hard to deny that some of the worst aspects of American culture are embodied by Donald Trump, the current front-runner in the Republican primary. His abrasiveness, continuous grandstanding, willingness

to insult and denigrate instead of argue and his use of racist rhetoric do enough to show why such a man shouldn't have a front desk job at the Library of Congress, let alone the Oval Office.

Now the racism that took center stage with his immigration comments earlier this year has resulted in someone being assaulted.

On Aug. 19, two brothers from Boston viciously attacked a 58-year-old homeless Latino man while walking home from a baseball game. They beat him repeatedly with a metal pole and punched him after urinating on him. Their said inspiration for this attack? Donald Trump's racist comments on immigration.

This entire episode proves what many have been saying for years now: hate speech inevitably leads to people

taking that speech and turning it into violent hate crimes. It's happened over and over again throughout history, and it will continue moving forward when people try to utilize hate speech to their advantage.

The examples throughout American history are nauseatingly numerous. Need I remind anyone that the Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh found inspiration to carry out that hideous crime in a white supremacist novel? Or what about the numerous murders and terrorist attacks perpetuated by hate speech coming from the Klan or from Neo-Nazi groups?

In fact, we only need to look back to the recent Charleston attack to see the effects of hate speech. The disgusting little toad that murdered innocent people in a church was inspired by white supremacist literature from a group known as the Council of Conservative Citizens.

These kinds of groups spew mountains of vile hate speech, sometimes subtly encouraging violence, and whenever someone goes out and commits a crime or act of terrorism, the groups get to wring their hands and act as if they had nothing to do with it. They claim "plausible deniability," when in fact their words and positions not only create an environment in which violence can exist, but sometimes fantasize about and encourage violence or terrorism. Let's take one common sentiment that

people like Trump and his ilk use when they talk about immigration. Something I see quite often in one form or another is the statement that "Illegal immigrants are invading the U.S." When you look at that sentence it does two things: it implements the language of war and makes those coming here seem like a pseudo-army that needs to be combatted.

Words have consequences; Nable Nabl

The word "invading" intimates a violent military action when, in reality, these are people looking desperately for a better life who may not have the resources to seek legal immigration. Of course, we shouldn't be encouraging people to immigrate illegally, but attempting to find a solution while using such violent language can only hinder it.

This is what those backing Donald Trump's statements need to understand when they talk about this issue. Toning down the rhetoric and approaching the issue rationally is what will create a solution.

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# No internship? No problem.

#### Traveling abroad can be just as helpful for your career



Summer's finally over and a new school year awaits us all. From freshmen to seniors, students spent their summers working, traveling or simply relaxing. I was lucky enough to do all three. But one thing I didn't get

around to was grabbing a summer internship, something vital to get much-needed experience in my field of journalism.

As a rising senior, the job hunt is on the horizon. According to Forbes. com, close to 60 percent of college graduates working at an internship get offered a job at the same company. This statistic alone made me nervous about skipping out on an internship this summer. Did I forgo a future job offer? Will I face unemployment after graduation?

After being rejected or ignored from the internships I applied for, I entered a sort of quarter-life crisis. Earlier this spring, my boyfriend said if I didn't snag an internship, that I should join him abroad. This is when my opportunity to travel to Spain presented itself and, before I knew it, I was booking my flight to Barcelona.

Instead of using an official study abroad program, I learned about the opportunity of work exchange, which is volunteering for anyone who needs help in a different country. Volunteers get to experience a foreign country while working for food and a place to stay. Through a work exchange website, I was able to arrange two places to stay for the entire month I visited Spain.

I stayed with two hosts — a father and his son in a small town of 10,000 people and later on an off-grid property of 12 acres in dry, southern Spain. I helped the father and son with their English and learned a few differences between the Spanish I learned in school and the actual Spanish spoken in Spain.

In southern Spain I worked at a yoga retreat, where I made sure clients coming each week had enough food, kept things clean and comfortable and took care of the land we lived on. I learned new



from all over the world and I just felt more aware of humankind and nature. Of course I would've learned a lot having

recipes, met people

learned a lot having an internship, but traveling isn't all just fun and games.

Sure, I stayed in a couple of hostels and had my fair share of mojitos, but I feel like I learned more than I played. I learned not to freak out when I saw a man get mugged

right next to me. I was able to embrace the nude beaches, the Catalan language and eating extremely late.

It gave me the energy to put myself out there for when I graduate in the spring to get a great job and make enough money to continue traveling because now I've been bitten by the travel bug. So from now until graduation, I'm planning potential trips out of the country for this winter or spring. Let me know if you have any suggestions.

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# Skinny shaming is harmful, too

A powerful movement that's been flooding the Internet for quite some time has been against body shaming. If you've happened to miss this, there's been a stand against the degradation of "curvy" women (such as calling them ugly, gross, etc.).

Unfortunately, this has been done at the expense of others. A simple Google image search of "skinny shaming" will reveal hundreds of hurtful pictures, shaming those who are thinner.

Saying things like, "Curvy girls are beautiful ... bones are for dogs; meat is for men," "Curves: Because nobody likes to snuggle a stick," "You wouldn't want a steak that was nothing but bone, why would you want a woman that was," "Women without curves are like jeans without pockets; you don't know where to put your hands," and, finally, the one that inspired this article, "No, I don't wear a size zero, but that's only because I have the body of a woman, not the body of a 12-year-old."

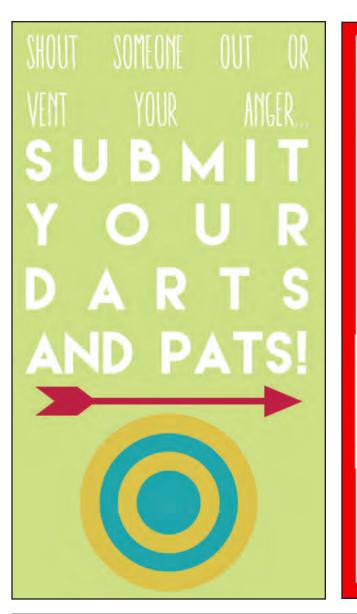
These images, though masquerading as positive to those they apply to, are hurtful and demeaning to others. Coming in at a whopping 97 pounds, towering at 5 feet tall, I'm a rather small person. Due to my small bones, lack of serious muscle and short stature, this weight is perfectly healthy for me.

However, I've been overwhelmed with accusations of anorexia, bulimia or serious illnesses of other natures, as well as hurtful and rude comments. Typically, I'll just smile and ignore them; however, this is no solution. Unfortunately, people think that if it has to do with the thinness of a person, no matter what they say, it's a compliment.

I'm here to tell you that this is very much not the case. It's every bit as rude to tell a thin person to eat a cheeseburger as it is to tell an obese person to put down the french fries. It's every bit as hurtful to call someone "a bag of bones" as it is to call an obese person "a tub of lard."

Things such as this are detrimental to society as a whole. The solution to the shaming of one group of people is not the shaming of another, because everyone should be able to feel beautiful and confident in their own skin.

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# JMU's new food phase

Auntie Anne's, Subway and Carvel come to JMU, Mrs. Green's expands



Dining Services workers talking and preparing food as customers stand in line at the soft opening of Subway's new Apartments on Grace Street location on Aug. 27.

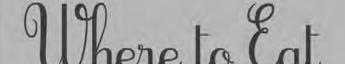
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#### **By MIKE DOLZER** The Breeze

Sugar, spice and everything nice is what students have Dining undergoes a slew of to look forward to as IMU

feature Carvel ice cream treats to complement the soft pretzel menu."

Auntie Anne's was announced over the summer on the JMU Dining Services Facebook page, but the inclusion of Carvel products came as a sweet surprise to some



changes to revamp its offerings to students.

"Our successful and ever-expanding dining program is a reflection of our campus," Angela Ritchie, marketing manager of JMU Dining Services, said.

One of the more talked about changes is the addition of a Subway on campus, which will be on the ground floor of the new Apartments on Grace Street. The Subway will offer breakfast options in addition to a full line of sandwiches and will accept dining dollars and FLEX.

"I am so excited," senior English major Sarah Meirose said. "Subway is probably my favorite fast food place."

Grace Street Market in the Student Success Center is also introducing "Get Your Green On," a new health initiative which offers made-to-order seasonal sandwiches, salads and specialty quinoa bowls.

"Get Your Green On" is one of the many healthy initiatives that is being taken by Dining Services this year, supported by Dining Services' new Health and Wellness Manager, and registered dietitian nutritionist Hannah Jehring.

"I've always been fascinated by the ways the body reacts to food. During high school, I worked at an organic store and enjoyed learning about customers' experiences with the products we sold," Jehring wrote in a Facebook post to JMU Dining Services' page on Aug. 20. "During the upcoming year, I look forward to serving as a resource to students and increasing awareness of healthy options that are available on campus."

This push toward healthy lifestyles can be seen with an expansion of Mrs. Green's, which will now operate as a nut-free facility and offer a gluten-free deli in an effort for JMU Dining Services to be recognized as an allergy-friendly environment. Aside from its old spot in Chandler Hall, the expanded Mrs. Green's has taken over the space formerly used by its neighbor, Lakeside Express.

Lakeside Express isn't the only location that was closed over the summer. The Java City in Taylor Down Under is now gone as well to make room for the new Auntie Anne's.

"Auntie Anne's offers a variety of warm, oven baked soft pretzels, pretzel dogs, stuffed pretzels and fun flavors of lemonade," Ritchie said. "This location will also students.

"Oh my gosh, I am so excited for Carvel on campus, I love [its] ice cream," Georgette Sarno, a senior justice studies and political science double major, said.

D-hall, which will come down in the summer of 2016 according to JMU President Alger, is also making some tweaks. It will now be open until 9 p.m. every night, a decision that is receiving mixed reactions from students.

"I can see how it's good for the students, but I feel bad for the workers," Sarno said. "I used to work there and we would have to stay so late back then, and now they'll have to be there even later."

For those that do have to make staying up late part of their routine, the Carrier Starbucks has gotten a new look. The facelift includes new tables, chairs, wallpaper, light fixtures and art, including a giant map of The Coffee Belt-the area around the equator that has the best temperatures for growing coffee-behind the rows of tables in the main seating area.

This year's reusable thermos will also see some design changes. It will be distributed the week of September 14, and will include a barcode that can be used to track usage and enter the user into drawings and prize giveaways.

But the mug isn't the only thing in dining services focused on providing students with more bang for their buck.

"To add value to our meal plans, meal punches will now be worth \$7—up from \$5 last year — in the retail food courts," Ritchie said. "This will provide additional punch options at each of our six retail locations that accept punches."

Auntie Anne's and Subway both held soft openings last Thursday, and all dining locations are now back to their normal hours for the school year. Dining Services is always open to suggestions from students.

"Student participation — feedback, suggestions, creative tastes and great ideas - has encouraged us to design a program based on quality, variety and convenience," Ritchie said. "We look forward to serving our students and continuing to grow."

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Auntie Anne's cheddar stuffed pretzel nuggets in a display case.



The Subway sign in the new Apartments on Grace Street location.



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A customer ordering at the Auntie Anne's in Taylor Down Under.

## **DUKES COME MARCHING IN**

The Marching Royal Dukes are taking a break from traveling to bring amped-up programs to campus



Director Scott Rikkers works with drill instructors of the Marching Royal Dukes during a preseason practice at Bridgeforth Stadium

#### **By EMMA KORYNTA** The Breeze

The second you step on campus, you hear the surging drums. As you come closer to Bridgeforth Stadium, you begin to hear Director Scott Rikkers' wholehearted encouragement. Then the brass comes to life and Michael Jackson's "Earth Song" fills the air.

It's the hottest part of the day, but the Marching Royal Dukes are dedicated to this year's show. They break up into sectionals to work on everything from perfecting notes to practicing drill while holding air instruments.

"Every season we do is unique," Rikkers, associate director of bands and director of the MRDs, said. "It has its own personality, the band has its own personality."

Rikkers believes that there are many factors that separate each season from the rest.

"Our season is defined by the membership but also by what's

going on campus, the games we're playing here and the trips we're taking," Rikkers said. "This year will be unique because this will be the first year [in three years] we don't have a major trip planned."

The MRDs usually put a lot of their focus into a trip. Last year, they traveled to Rome to play at the Vatican, and the year before they marched in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

"Since we're not traveling [this year], we're trying to focus on us," said senior music education major and MRD drum major Paige Durr. "It's a good year to build back up our confidence. We didn't ever lose anything, but it's nice to have a season where we're not traveling. We can focus on making the shows and the home games the best they can be."

They hope to use this gap year as an opportunity to improve themselves and target their attention to the JMU community.

"We're trying to be like the university," Rikkers said. "We're constantly evolving to become the best organization we can be. It's always a matter of, 'OK, what can we do better this year?' Not

because we weren't good before, but because we want to make sure there's a constant evolution with our program."

As the university continues to expand and make changes to the campus, the MRDs hope to have constant progression.

"I think we do a really good job of entertaining crowds, but also providing an opportunity for the students to become better musicians and better performers," Rikkers said. "We try to get music that's gonna challenge the membership but also be accommodating to what the audience wants to see."

In that fashion, the MRDs have prepared an exciting and familiar show. The first show of the year, aptly named Rhythm Nation, is all about the rhythm. The eclectic show has a combination of tunes from Michael Jackson and Jackson 5, the Latin song "El Toro Caliente," George Gershwin and more.

"Every year we try to program a variety of music for the members to get to work on different styles, but also for the audience," Rikkers said. "If they're going to be watching a show more than once, or watching a show throughout the year, we want to give them a variety of programs."

The MRDs are also working on a second show compiled of classic rock as well as a potential third show including hits from the summer's biggest movies, such as "Jurassic World" and "Superman."

Even in the most stressful of times, the band is energetic and motivated. The band is largely influenced on and off the field by Rikkers, who says that he teaches people, not music.

"You can tell that he really cares about all of us as people and he wants to improve all of us as people," said senior music education major and drum major Megan Hendrix.

Rikkers and the drum majors emphasize the importance of serving the 450-plus members of the band.

"We're not just focused on making good performers," Rikkers said. "We're focused on making good people."

The annual MRD's summer band camp marks the beginning of a new school year and the revival of a temporarily quiet campus. The brass instruments' echoing melodies serve as an alarm of sorts for everyone to return to school.

"I think everyone on campus is looking forward to students coming back and the campus coming back alive," Rikkers said. "This is kind of the start of that, with the marching band and the sports teams coming back early. It's really exciting to get the energy back on campus."

Through full days under the beating sun kept at a metronomic pace, the MRDs have come to appreciate the group they are a part of and the music they produce.

"We are a collection of very unique individuals who are connected by our love of music and our desire to be a part of something good, something big at JMU," Rikkers said. "The connectivity happens through what we do, but the uniqueness happens through how we do it."

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## Freshmen get a jump start

Students bond with their First yeaR Orientation Guides during 1787 August Orientation

#### **By CHRIS KENT AND JULIA NELSON** The Breeze

The hardest part of most adventures is the first step into the unknown. For freshmen starting their adventures at JMU, the hardest part is carrying that mini-fridge up a few flights of stairs. That's because JMU's 1787 August Orientation week First yeaR Orientation Guides (FROGs) help freshmen make sure that first step is as smooth as possible.



The incoming freshmen meet the yellow-shirted FROGs as soon as they get out of the car as they are swarmed by helping hands. The FROGs grab luggage in hopes that the parents will have to do the least work possible. From 7 a.m. until late in the evening, FROGs lug speakers, milk crates of books and duffel bags of clothes into the dormitories that have been warmed by the summer sun. This sweaty workout is a freshman's first introduction to college. FROGs provide lasting impressions, as many students can remember their own orientation weeks.

"Through our programs, we hope that students feel connected, affirmed and valued as members of the community," Sarah Sunde, director of orientation, said. "I am proud of the commitment the student staff makes to welcoming the newest Dukes home."

To kick off orientation, FROGs group freshmen into what they will refer to as their FROG group for the rest of the week (and sometimes the rest of their time at JMU). After a quick move, the freshmen are introduced to their hallmates whom they will be living with for the rest of the year. For Luke Brower, a junior marketing major and FROG, the best part is "setting them free" from their parents and corralling the freshmen into their FROG groups.

"We were the Wampler Wolfpack [when I was a freshman]. We played lots of icebreakers, sometimes I didn't like them, sometimes they were really fun," Brower said of his FROG group freshman year. "I know I didn't always like [them], but by the end of the week I realized it was for the [best] and we became great friends."

Last week Brower was excited to take his Potomac Pythons to the 1787 August Orientation week events. The hope is to create a friendly atmosphere between students and encourage kids into stepping out of their comfort zone.

For freshman biology major Morgan Hennessy, her FROGs not only showed her the ropes at JMU, but kept her energized during all the early morning programs.

"Our FROGs do this one energizer song with us," Hennessy said. "It's to the tune of "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" but you sing 'Alive, Awake, Alert, Enthusiastic.' We all roll our eyes at it, but it makes us laugh no matter how tired we are."

Hennessy also reflected back to her favorite activity during orientation called the Play Fair, where all the freshmen went out in a big field and played games and icebreakers together.

"We've spent a lot of time with our dorm," Hennessy said. "It was a good chance to get to know other people."

Orientation week had plenty of events from opening speeches by JMU President Jon Alger to the Block Party in the 'Burg. But that is a mere scratch upon the surface of what JMU has for students to go out and do.

For Micah Hughes, a fifth-year senior music major and FROG, getting out and exploring is his first piece of advice.

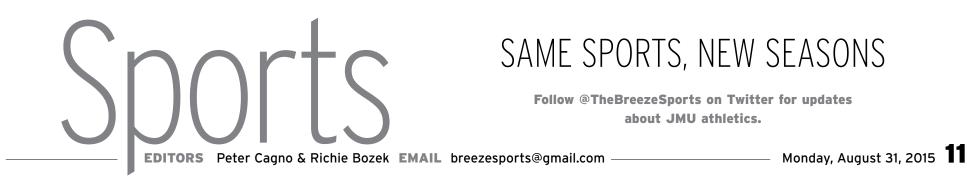
"Go to as many events as you can," Hughes said. "Ask for help when you need it. Be confident in who you are, be OK with your identity and who you are as a person. Don't try to conform to a culture."

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TOP FROG Hunt Dalton helps a freshman Duke move in by carrying boxes from a car to a dorm room. BOTTOM A FROG helps move a new resident in to kick off a freshman's 1787 August Orientation experience. Bright yellow shirts make it easy to spot FROGs.





**MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SOCCER** 

# The world's game at JMU

Men's soccer roster includes 10 total newcomers and a new head coach for the 2015 season

#### **By BENNETT CONLIN** The Breeze

As summer fades away and the school year comes into focus, students flood to JMU. Thousands of wide-eyed freshmen arrive feeling excited and nervous as they hope to get their college careers off to a great start. The men's soccer team is home to eight of these freshmen, who hope to play a crucial role in starting JMU soccer off on the right foot this season.

Coming off a Colonial Athletic Association tournament championship and an NCAA tournament appearance to finish their 2014 season, the Dukes return some key players to go with a plethora of young talent.

There has been a bit of a learning curve for the freshmen transitioning to collegiate play as the game moves faster than high school soccer or the club leagues they have played in for years.

"It's a lot faster, a lot harder, more physical, it took a while, but we're fitting in pretty well," freshman midfielder Griffin Cyphers said.

Luckily for the underclassmen, the veteran players continue to demonstrate the tricks of the trade.

Returning players like redshirt junior goalkeeper Kyle Morton and senior defender Bjarki Aoalsteinsson were both named to the Preseason All-CAA team, and the freshmen are looking forward to gaining insight from the returning stars.

"I want to learn as much as I can, certainly, from the upperclassmen and the senior guys, which we'll lose next year. I think they have a lot to offer," freshman midfielder Thomas Shores said.

Not only are the upperclassmen mentors to the young players, but they also strive to develop meaningful friendships with them, which helps create tight team chemistry.

"They're showing us the ways," freshman defender Austin Pelto said. "There's some team functions that we do as a group in the locker room, out of soccer, in soccer."

While the upperclassmen help to welcome the new players, they also welcome a new coaching staff. Head coach Tom Foley takes over the reigns of the Dukes this season. Foley is joined by assistants John Trice and Paul Zazenski.

Foley replaces one of the most decorated head coaches in collegiate men's soccer history, Tom Martin. Martin won over 350 games in his career and was the winningest active D-1 coach during his final season at the helm of the Dukes.

Foley is no stranger to the JMU program as he has 12 years of

experience on the JMU staff, however this marks his first season as the full-time head coach. He acted as the interim head coach when Martin missed a few games in 2012 for medical reasons.

When putting together his first recruiting class as head coach, Foley focused on many different areas when picking out players to fit his preferred mold. Foley wants to make sure his players value the title of student-athlete.

"[What we look for] ... from an athletic sense is someone that can contribute and add to what we already have, the other thing we look for in our recruits is from an academic standpoint," Foley said. "One thing I really respect about James Madison University is the academic integrity we have as it deals with athletics."

Along with recruiting quality students, Foley looks for people that fit into the program.

"The other part that is very important to me is the intangibles," Foley said. "Who are they as a person? What do they bring to the team? Are they hardworking? Are they coachable? Do they have a desire to sacrifice or commit to the team philosophy? I think this freshman class has done a very good job of that from the minute they got here."

Finding student-athletes that perfectly fit this mold provides a stiff challenge for Foley, but he knows the effort is necessary to make the team better.

"We're looking basically for the best possible players to make us a better team year in year out," Foley said.

Sometimes these players happen to be found outside of the United States. The Dukes have 11 international players on the roster, including four freshmen.

"One thing I like about having international players on our roster is it mimics the real world now," Foley

said. "A lot of businesses are mixed with people from all over the world so our team is very similar to that and it adds a great cultural environment for our group."

The Dukes' next game is Friday, Sept. 4 at 5 p.m. against the University of North Carolina at Asheville at University Park.

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Women's soccer takeaways from first regular season action, 11 of 28 on roster are freshmen



#### By ROBERT WILLIAMS The Breeze

After a summer of conditioning and practice, the JMU women's soccer team began regular season play last Friday in the Marriott JMU Invitational.

In their season opener, the Dukes lost against the No. 25-ranked Georgetown University Hoyas, 4-3. However, it wasn't all bad.

> "We gave Georgetown, a Top-25 team, all they could handle," head coach David Lombardo said. "Unfortunately, it didn't bounce our way."

According to junior forward and midfielder Ashley Herndon, the experience was a bit bittersweet, in that it

showed that JMU was able to compete in spite of the outcome.

"As a team, we could have defended a little better," Herndon said. "I mean, giving up four goals is tough, while scoring three goals, at the same time, is amazing."

The Dukes remained positive and the experience gave them a chance to improve on some things. The following Sunday, JMU regained momentum by defeating Seton Hall University 5-0.

According to Lombardo, wins like that are always good. And it gave new members of the team a chance to showcase their talents.

"It was good for us to ... continue our offensive onslaught, and I think we're very comfortable with that right now," Lombardo said. "It was also a nice opportunity to get a lot of players on the field. I think we had six freshmen play that game, [giving] them some experience."

This blowout win brought excitement to many veterans on the team, especially considering their team's chemistry is coming together rapidly.

"It felt great. We haven't won a game like that since I've been here," redshirt sophomore midfielder Allison Bortell. "So it was awesome just to get some goals and get some confidence back."

Overall, Lombardo was impressed with the effort the Dukes gave in their first two games.

"[There's] some inexperience that we're going to get better with," Lombardo said. "We had a great offensive performance for the weekend. We scored eight goals [and] I'm very happy with that."

Eleven of the JMU women's soccer team are freshmen; nevertheless, they've started off playing well with their upperclassman peers.

"Considering where we came from, of two very different groups, we have a little bit more than half the team [that] are veterans, but we have 12 new players," Lombardo said. "Our ambition during preseason was to blend that very, very quickly."

And with such a young team at hand, it's always important that the older players give the younger players the best advice possible, one of those things being: seeing the light beyond the end of the tunnel.

"Just work hard every week. Don't become complacent." junior midfielder Allie Bunner said. "As school comes on, it's going to be harder to compete because you're worried about homework or tests, so just stay hungry for it."

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Upcoming men's soccer schedule:

Sept. 4	<b>UNC</b> Asheville	5 p.m.
Sept. 8	@ Penn State	5 p.m.
Sept. 11	@ West Virginia	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	@ U.Va	7 p.m.
Sept. 18	Liberty	7:30 p.m.

### Upcoming women's soccer schedule:

Sept. 4	East Carolina	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	Liberty	1 p.m.
Sept. 10	@ Maryland	7 p.m.
Sept. 13	La Salle	1 p.m.
Sept. 18	Richmond	5 p.m.

Maggie Madamba,

freshman defender

### **Volleyball serves up competition in JMU Classic**

JMU heads into its first contests of the season as the preseason No. 2

#### By WILL THOMPSON contributing writer

Last Friday, the JMU women's volleyball team started off the 2015 season with its home opener, the JMU Classic. Last year, the Dukes went 2-1 in the Classic and this year they went 3-0.

The Dukes played teams from all across the country in the tournament. They defeated St. Francis College 3-0, Northern Arizona University 3-2 and Lehigh University 3-0 to clinch the tournament win Saturday afternoon.

Then JMU closed out the weekend against the University of Florida Saturday night. The Gators beat the Dukes 3-0. Florida was ranked No. 4 in the preseason American Volleyball Coaches Association coaches poll.

This year the Dukes, who were ranked No. 2 in the Colonial Athletic Association preseason poll, want to continue building on last season's 17-14 record season and playoff success against Towson with the help of both new and familiar faces.

Head coach Lauren Steinbrecher recruited five freshmen and one transfer this offseason, while the juniors and seniors fill in the shoes left behind by the four seniors who graduated this past May.

Heading into the weekend, the Dukes felt the JMU Classic would be the first test for a team comprised of both young talent and veteran experience.

"You want to play your best," Steinbrecher said. "The team knows the standards that we have for ourselves and for what we want to accomplish at the end of the year."

She also cited good hitting efficiency and passing as areas the Dukes aim to focus on.

Junior Janey Goodman, the 2014 leading scorer for the Dukes, was named a preseason All-CAA player and is primed for a breakout season.

"It feels great, obviously," Goodman said. "I feel very confident

in myself and in my teammates this year. I feel confident in what we've been doing here, and our training. I feel confident in our coaches and our staff who have been guiding us to become a championship team."

Goodman held the firepower last year, leading the Dukes in kills and points, but she remains humble. Goodman's personal goals for this season are to be a more consistent player, a great role model for the freshmen and just be the player that the team needs her to be.

While Goodman provides young star talent, senior leaders Sarah Patterson and Meghan Niski provide the experience, composure and leadership needed to make a championship run.

"My role as the center has basically stayed the same, keeping the court calm, running the offense, stuff like that," Patterson said. "But I think my drive is really there my senior year. It's always been there, but it's my last year to win a championship so I just gotta do it."

Both Patterson and Niski had impressive seasons last fall, combining for over 400, points and look to build on that same level of production while being team role models for the underclassmen.

"Patterson and I are here to step up as seniors," Niski said. "It's been great, the freshmen have come in and I know they look up to all the upperclassmen, not just us."

Niski was very excited about her new teammates and what they bring to the table.

"It's like a dream having them. There's five of them and they all play different positions so it's great they can come in and compete and make each position work even harder," Niski said.

Next up for JMU is a trip to Storrs, Connecticut this weekend for the Dog Pound Challenge. The Dukes play the University of Maryland, Baltimore County at 10 a.m. Friday and Bryant University at 5 p.m. Friday before facing the University of Connecticut at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

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Junior right side and Preseason All-CAA Team selection Janey Goodman eyes up a spike in last Wednesday's practice.

## Senior duo looks to lead Dukes to greatness

Loes Stijntjes and Taylor West were selected to the Preseason All-CAA team



#### By MATT TYSON The Breeze

With a successful first season completed last year, head coach Christy Morgan is confident that the team will keep moving forward in 2015. After a 12-8 record in 2014, the team was voted to finish second in the Colonial Athletic Association this year.

"The team is looking very good," Morgan said. "They are very fit and very connected, which is a foundation for greatness."

Instead of focusing on star power, the team is composed of players who all make an important contribution at each of their positions.

"We really see the value of each and every person on this team," Morgan said. "Everyone is going to be our biggest asset."

However, it won't be an easy road to the postseason. Morgan was given the opportunity to set the schedule and put the team up against competitive foes. The schedule features games against numerous nationally-ranked programs, including two in the top 10 of the National Field Hockey Coaches Association rankings — No. 9 University of Virginia and No. 5 Duke University. having a positive attitude and strong work ethic has helped them to get there.

"It just goes back to your preparation and commitment, both on and off the field," Stijntjes said. "You always need to have your core values in the back of your mind."

While a successful season is important, both Stijntjes and West want to make sure that they can work well in leadership roles and as role models for younger members of the team.

"I just think that it's important to introduce younger people to our core values and leave lasting marks that carry on with them into the future," West said.

Stijntjes and West are excited for the start of their final season, but both have reflected on the memories that they have had as well.

"I think what I'm going to miss most about the team is the experience of having a constant family with you all the time," Stijntjes said. "You often don't realize what you have until it's gone."

Although Stijntjes and West will be leaving the team after this season, they both believe that the team can continue the success of the



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Friday, 9/4

Volleyball

vs. UMBC

TOP Redshirt senior midfielder Taylor West handles the ball at practice last Thursday. Both Stijntjes and West were named to the Preseason All-CAA Team. BOTTOM Senior defender Loes Stijntjes dribbles past a defender in last Thursday's practice. Morgan believes that creating a difficult schedule can only help the team improve both on the field and as a unit.

"Our biggest rival will be the team that we play next," Morgan said. "Every opponent is viable, but this is only going to grow us. We're going to take it one game at a time and grow from each game."

Returning to the team for their final seasons are senior defender Loes Stijntjes and redshirt senior midfielder Taylor West. Both Stijntjes and West were named to the Preseason All-CAA team.

And it wasn't the first time Stijntjes and West received such honors. Both had been selected for previous CAA honors, including prior Preseason All-CAAs, All-CAA First Team and CAA Player of the Week.

It wasn't an easy road to this success but

last few seasons well into the future. Twelve of the 26 members of the team are

Twelve of the 26 members of the team are incoming freshmen this season. "The team can definitely be competitive,"

West said. We have lots of young talent that will be here for many more seasons."

The coaches and players are sure of the team's talent. Now Morgan's biggest concern is making sure all members reach their full potential.

"We're not a finished project at this point," Morgan said. "We probably never will be. We're in a massive growth stage, but we are growing"

With a positive attitude and good team dynamic the field hockey team is poised to take on a difficult schedule and make good on their preseason ranking. The team will have its first home game at noon on Sept. 6.

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# THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

#### Sunday, 8/30





Farmville, Va.

M Soccer vs. Dayton



Harrisonburg, Va.

W Soccer @ VCU



#### Wednesday, 9/2

Cross Country @ UVa Duals



5:00 p.m. Earlysville, Va.





10:00 a.m. Storrs, Conn.





5:00 p.m. Storrs, Conn.

M Soccer vs. UNC Asheville



5:00 p.m. Harrisonburg, Va.

W Soccer vs. East Carolina



7:30 p.m. Harrisonburg, Va.



Monday, 8/31 vs. Rays 7:05 p.m.

Tuesday, 9/1 vs. Rays 7:05 p.m.

Wednesday 9/2 vs. Rays 7:05 p.m.

Friday 9/4 @ Bluejays 7:07 p.m.



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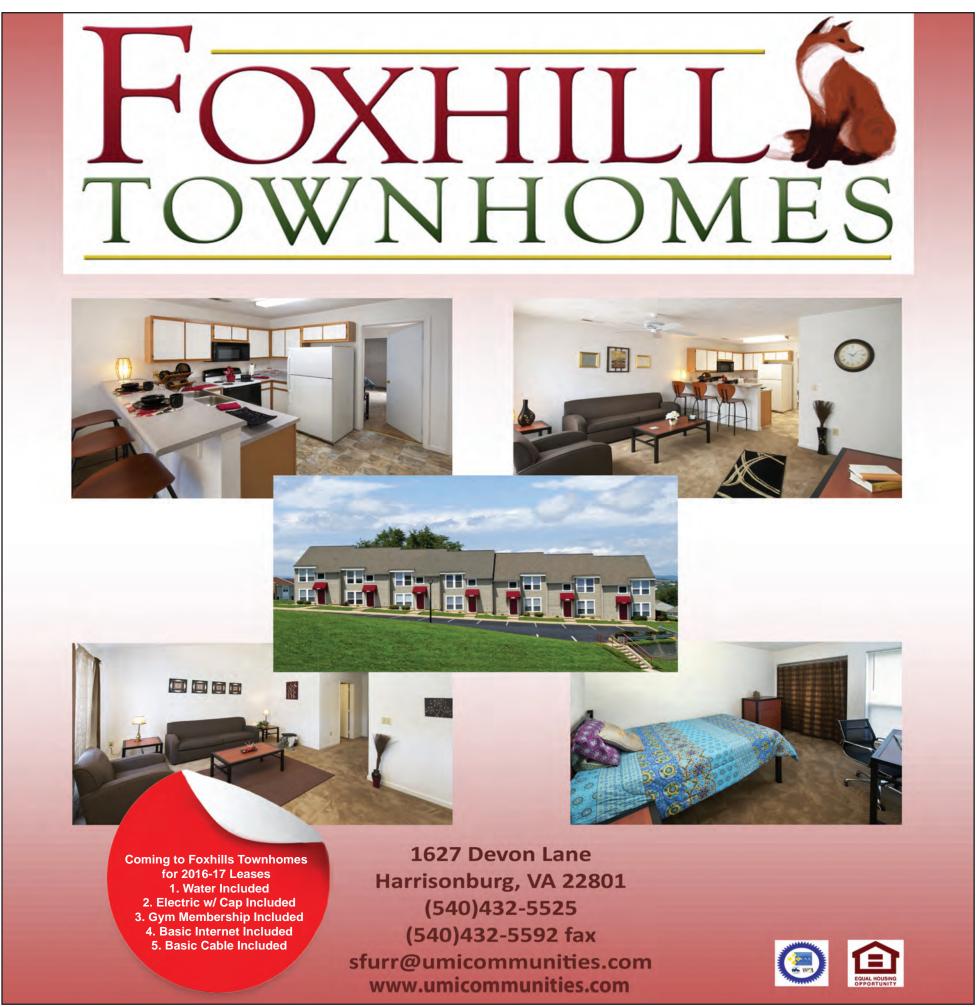
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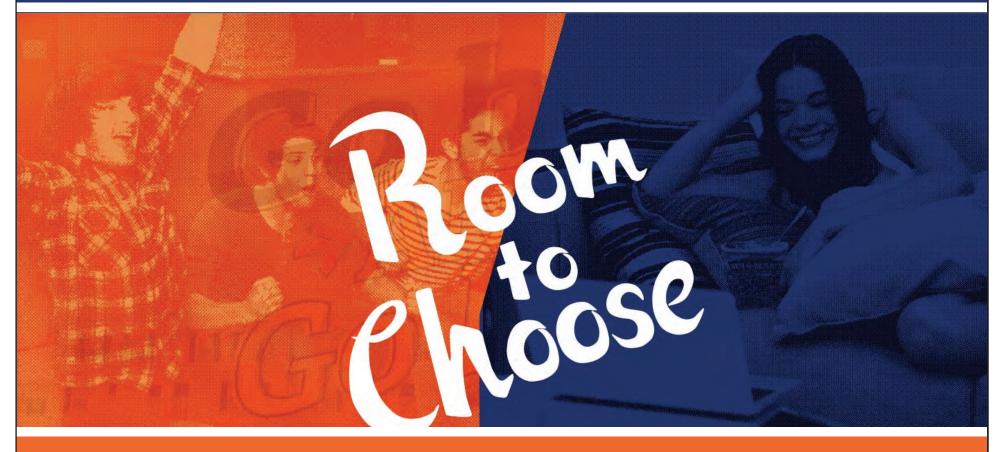
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