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A deeper look inside Carrier Library's expansion plans

By **ASHLYN CAMPBELL**
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There are over 400,000 collection items in Carrier Library.

From books on the arts, social sciences and humanities, to special collections on the Shenandoah Valley to study spaces for students, Carrier Library is a hub of community and information. And now, it's getting a major makeover.

JMU will begin Carrier renovations in the summer of 2023, with an anticipated reopen date in fall 2026. While JMU has added a variety of libraries and other facility renovations over the years, this is the first major renovation of Carrier in 28 years.

When Carrier Library first opened Sept. 22, 1939 — called Madison Memorial Library at the time — it had a seating capacity of 350 and cost \$140,000 to construct and furnish. Now, renovating Carrier will cost \$95.7 million, all funded by a capital project fund approved by the Virginia government.

Carrier's first expansion was completed in 1982, adding an additional 67,000 square feet, which more than doubled the original building. Madison Memorial Library was officially renamed Carrier Library two years later after JMU's fourth president, Ronald Carrier.

In 1982, the historic entrance in Carrier was opened for the first time, and in 1993, a \$4.1 million renovation for the addition of a third floor began, which was completed in 1994. Carrier was also updated with new study rooms and furniture in 2012 and 2016.

The renovation, prompted by concerns about accessibility and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, crowding, safety and general navigability, has been in the works since 2017. Bethany Nowvskie, the dean of libraries, said when considering the renovation, JMU Libraries

wants to consider "universal design" that goes beyond the legal requirements set by the ADA.

"In a nutshell, it means that every service and space as much as we can make it is equitably accessible to everybody so we think about accessibility for people up front," Nowvskie said.

Universal design includes thinking about decisions typically considered in ADA decisions like ramps and elevators, but also the furniture put into the building, types of finishes, floors and trying to build accessibility into every decision. Nowvskie said the library has a universal design committee that includes Office of Disability Services (ODS) representatives and other faculty and staff members that focus on accessibility. The committee helped expose building decisions that impact accessibility that not everyone had thought of before, like how someone with low vision navigates a staircase.

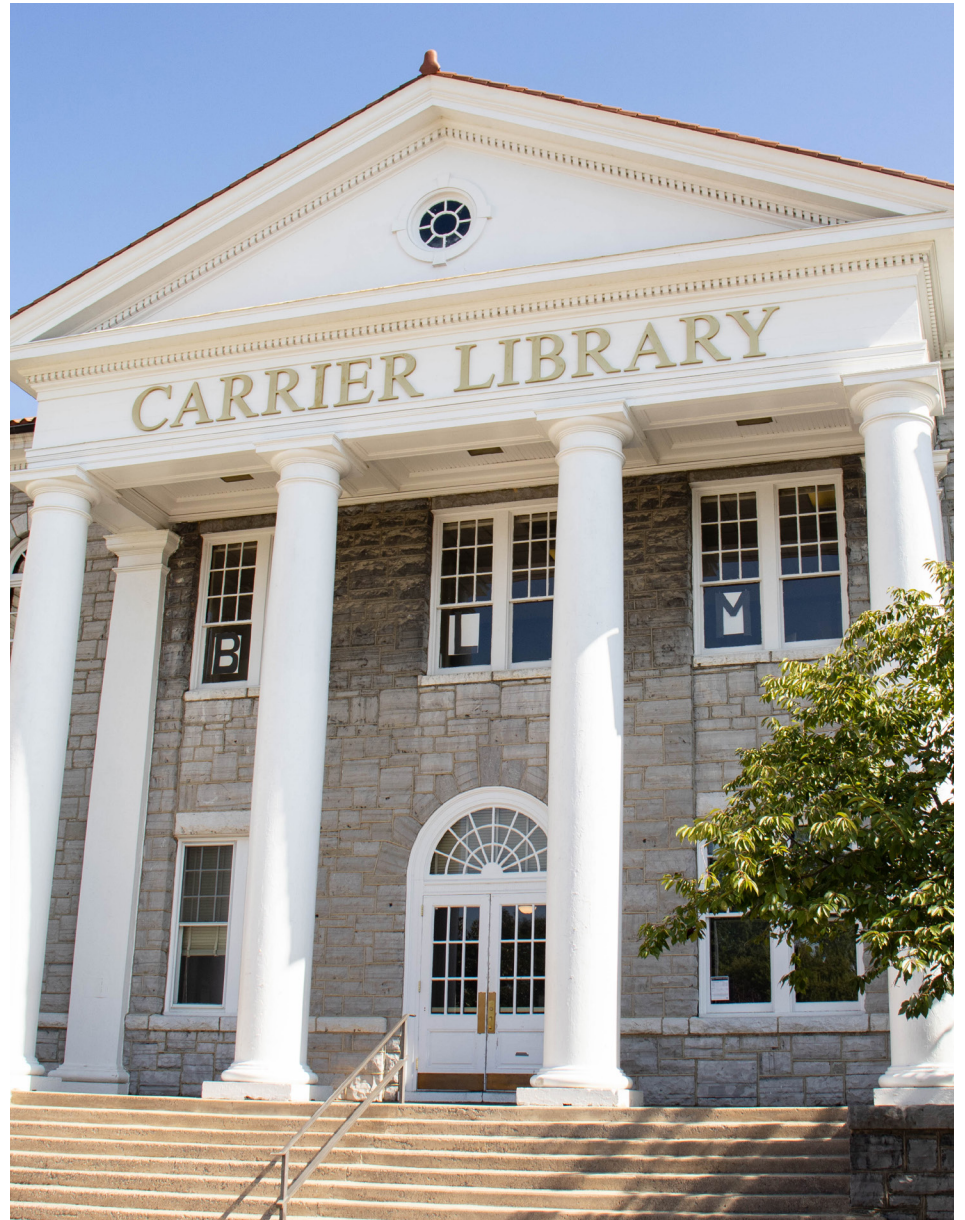
Kelly Miller-Martin, who leads the facility operations team in the "management and coordination of building operations and libraries facility planning," said there are lessons learned from living in Carrier for as long as JMU has, like findability of resources in the building.

"Carrier can be tricky to navigate, both physically and spatially, and we are truly excited to create a more easily navigable and intuitive building in the future Carrier," Miller-Martin said in an email.

The new Carrier

So, what will this new Carrier look like? The biggest addition is an extension of the library to Grace Street, where it'll be visible from the roadway. Nowvskie said it'll be full of windows, creating a light and airy space that will welcome everyone. Students will be able to walk straight through the building, Nowvskie said, rather than Carrier serving as a barrier that has to be walked around.

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The changes are the first major renovations of Carrier in 28 years. Ryan Sauer / The Breeze



Project Serenity is one of the many bands that performs at Crayola House. Courtesy of Project Serenity

Crayola House: a secret no longer

By **SABINE SOLTYS**
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Descending into the heavily graffitied and stickered Crayola House basement, a wave of heat and cigarettes overwhelms the senses. An electric crowd cheers in anticipation, squishing together, ready for a night of live music, dancing and hanging out with new and old friends.

Part of a string of D.I.Y. houses — where individuals in the house serve as the point of contact for live entertainment — along the East Coast, the Crayola House has served as a downtown Harrisonburg hangout for those who've shared a love of music since the early '90s, described by Declan Leach, a junior media arts and design (SMAD) major.

To many, Crayola is all about "having fun, finding new music, making new friends and having a safe space," said Jo Sargent, a Harrisonburg teen who lives in the Crayola House and has been attending shows there for five years.

Sargent said it's the best part of the week, "experiencing awesome music with the people you love." They first heard about the house through their mom, Sargent said, who used to

attend when she was their age.

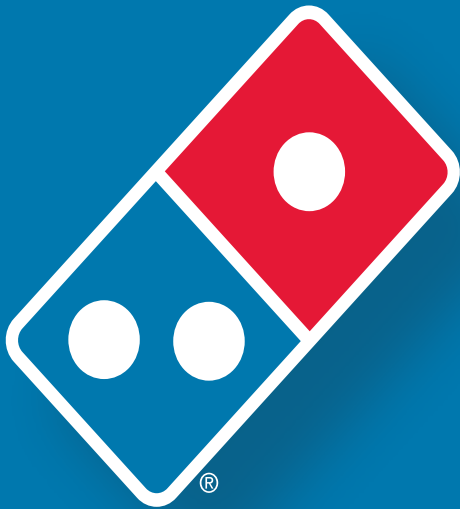
Leach had a similar introduction to the house. He said many of his friends' parents went to the Crayola shows back when it first started up.

Leach has been in Crayola House's audience since he was in high school, but now he's taking the stage. Leach is the drummer for Intrns — a student band that frequents Crayola House — which typically plays harder punk, with some indie rock influences.

"Crayola is something else when it cuts loose," Leach said. "When it's you behind the drums and you are kind of driving the boat, as it were, as far as people jumping around and moshing and causing trouble around in front of you, it's a pretty weirdly powerful feeling that I am glad I have that outlet for. Not everything is like something else. I don't know what to compare it to, but it is really cool. You definitely feel powerful and you feel like you're ... helping people have fun in a very active way."

Intrns has been playing at Crayola for a year and a half, he said, and was first connected there because Leach already knew of Crayola and some of the people living in the house.

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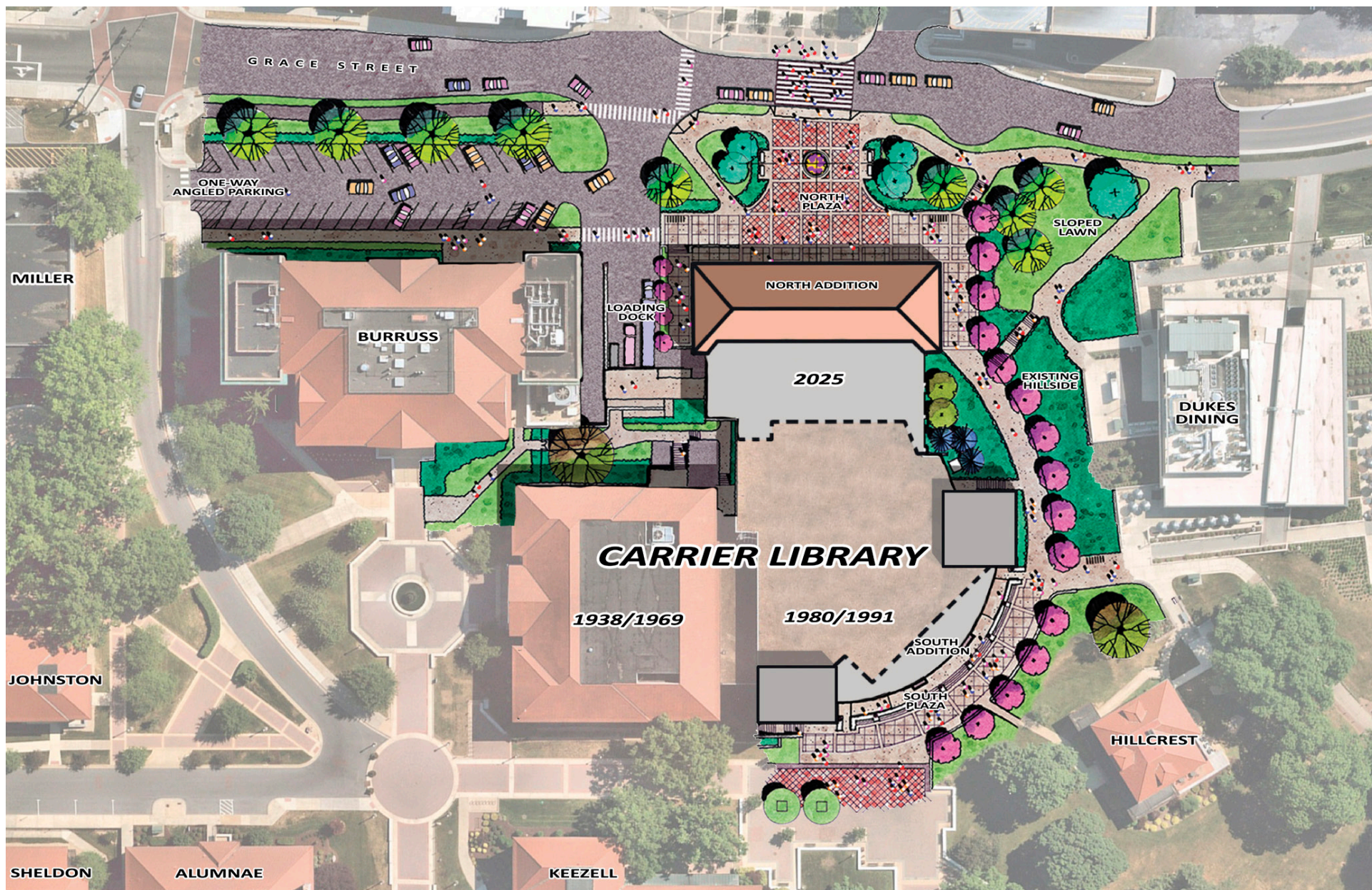

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An “overhead artist’s conception of the Carrier Library site plan” created by JMU’s architects, RAMSA and Moseley shows both the extent of the new construction planned and how the current building will be incorporated. Courtesy of Bethany Nowviskie

‘An intellectual crossroads’

JMU Libraries prepare for Carrier renovations

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“A library is an intellectual crossroads for any institution that it’s part of,” Nowviskie said, “and this library will now be a literal crossroads for JMU.”

On the south side of Carrier, facing D-Hall and the Hillcrest House, an additional curve will be added to tie the whole building together, rather than looking like a “Frankenstein” of a building from the outside, Nowviskie said. In addition to the expansion of the Carrier building, terraces and outdoor spaces will be added, all with the intent of accessibility tied in.

On the interior of the newest north side addition of Carrier, students will have access to a swipe-in 24-hour space and cafe. Nowviskie said while JMU Libraries doesn’t control the dining contracts, the plan is for the cafe to stay a Starbucks.

The second floor will hold a variety of resources, including technology-infused classrooms, special collections, a makerspace, video and podcasting studios and more. The second floor will also be the newest home of the Furious Flower Poetry Center. The third floor will hold a “grand reading room.” Two main service desks — both a generalized desk and a specialized desk for topics like educational technology — will be included. Universal bathrooms will be on every floor, and there will be teaching spaces and bookable meeting rooms spread throughout the building.

Much of what is planned for the renovated Carrier comes from student input, Nowviskie said. JMU Libraries held student focus groups, which had students share what they were looking for from the new additions. One example is the addition of microwaves for students who don’t have meal plans or need to heat up food.

Renovation prep

With the sheer amount of books, furniture and equipment held in Carrier, prepping for renovation is a feat. Miller-Martin said the preparation has already begun, with the small facilities team doing inventories to keep track of everything in Carrier, like furniture. Miller-Martin said the team is thinking through where resources will live during the renovation.

“Our libraries work together, right? So, if there’s something that’s in this building that will no longer be necessary, it might be able to support some of the spaces in Rose [Library],” Miller-Martin said.

For the over 400,000 collection items, or over 30,000 linear feet of materials, Miller-Martin said, the library is already working with contractors that specialize in moving library collections. Miller-Martin said the group will physically load all of the items, move and

unpack items in a specific order, with clear descriptive labels. Library staff are anticipating the majority of the move will occur in the weeks immediately after commencement, but are working to identify preparatory moves that can happen without disrupting materials for users. Materials will live in D-Hub for the time being.

Not everything will be moved out of Carrier and put back exactly the way it was, though.

“We’re really being thoughtful and working through all the liaison librarians and their departments to understand which parts of the collection really want to live in which building and be most useful and accessible to the people that are looking for them,” Miller-Martin said.

In addition to the thousands of collection items and furniture, JMU Libraries has 87 staff members, meaning new spaces will need to be found for all 87. Miller-Martin said JMU Space Management has been an “invaluable partner” as they work to find additional space for staff to live temporarily.



Artist's conception of the future southwest entrance to Carrier Library



Carrier Library renovations will cost \$95.7 million, all funded by a capital project fund approved by the Virginia government.
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In the meantime

While Carrier may be closed for renovations, the library's resources will still be available for students and faculty on campus, Nowvskie said.

Nowvskie said a lot will happen out of Rose and other library locations, and that other spaces on campus will open up. The libraries keep data on how spaces are used, both through traffic counters in entrances and manual data collection by staff, which will help make decisions for study spaces both in the interim and for future study spaces. For example, Miller-Martin wrote in an email that "the quiet seats on Carrier 3rd floor are often filled at a higher percentage of total capacity compared to the study seats on the 2nd floor, even though the second floor of Carrier can feel busier."

Nowvskie said the libraries are working with Student Affairs to create more study spaces, with the knowledge from data, to provide all types of study spaces needed for students, from quiet spaces to spaces with little noise.

"We are not going to leave students high and dry without spaces to study," Nowvskie said, "to just sort of socialize, to have to do group work, you know, all the sorts of things that you do in the libraries are getting accounted for."

Students and faculty can still access materials through the JMU library mail services. Students will be able to select a delivery location and pick it up. Both Miller-Martin and Nowvskie said they'll lean into virtual services developed during the pandemic.

Various students said they were both nervous and excited for the Carrier renovation. Some said they

would miss the old-school feel, but that renovations for accessibility were good.

Aubrey Clark, a sophomore media arts and design (SMAD) major, was sitting on the second floor of Carrier with her two friends, where she said that while she was sad that she wouldn't have Carrier to study for the rest of her college career, she was excited to see what Carrier would look like after the renovation.

"We looked up a picture the other day on the website and it looks beautiful," Clark said.

Abby Watson, a senior health sciences major, said she thought Carrier needed to be renovated.

"I see other colleges, like I live near Liberty University, and their college libraries are way nicer," Watson said. "My friends from other schools come here and they think it's horrible."

Nowvskie said for students that want to impact the future of Carrier, the libraries have student advisory groups to give their input, and that student advocacy has been important for aspects of the new renovation. Either way, Nowvskie said the library isn't going anywhere.

"We are really going to be here for students and faculty in the way that we always are," Nowvskie said. "Just the fact that this building is going to be shut for a few years while it's getting its tremendous sort of makeover doesn't mean that your library has disappeared."

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Biggest changes coming to Carrier Library:

Extension to Grace Street

Curve added to entrance facing D-Hall

Terraces and outside spaces

24-hour space

Furious Flower Poetry Center

Grand reading room

Universal bathrooms

Technology infused classrooms

Microwaves

Nationwide issue hits home

JMU and Harrisonburg make efforts to assist local homeless population

By **KINGSTON THOMAS**
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There are 5,957 unhoused people in Virginia. In the U.S. as a whole, there's an estimated 580,466, according to the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

Homelessness is a national crisis in the U.S., and it doesn't only affect large, urban areas but smaller cities like Harrisonburg as well. Harrisonburg and JMU are working together to make a difference in the community regarding the local homeless population and shelters.

Nate Riddle, newly appointed Director of Operations for Open Doors as of September 2022, says Open Doors — a homeless shelter in Harrisonburg founded in 2007 — is the only local low-barrier shelter, meaning it doesn't do drug, sobriety, background or warrant checks. The shelter operates on a check-in, check-out process, so guests can come and go as they please. Riddle said Open Doors primarily relies on receiving rotating locations from outside organizations, such as churches, and was previously housed in the old Red Front Supermarket since November 2020 until the building was recently sold.

This past summer, JMU's D-Hub — a dining hall on campus until 2020 — was home to Open Doors from May 23 until students arrived back on campus for the new semester Aug. 15.

Riddle said Open Doors has always had a good working relationship with JMU Community Service-Learning, an organization on campus that works to promote positive social change through service partnerships, critical reflection and the development of engaged citizens, according to its website. The organization heard about Open Doors' need for a shelter after Red Front closed.

"We're very thankful for [JMU's] facilities and for us being able to utilize them in the time we did," Riddle said.

Mike Davis, executive advisor to JMU President Jonathan Alger, said JMU has the facilities and space that allow it to help Open Doors when possible.

"It aligns with our standing as an anchor institution [to help Open Doors]," Davis said. "Since we're the biggest employer in the area, we've probably got the most resources in the area."

Davis said most of JMU's federal aid is specifically for student support, and as such, the school would have a hard time supporting

the local homeless population without organizations like Open Doors.

Misty Newman, associate director of Community Service-Learning, said JMU wants to honor long standing relationships with organizations such as Open Doors, and still provide the services that they depend on to make their organizations work, while also asking, "How can we be creative?"

From July 2021 to June 2022, Open Doors served 315 guests, Riddle said, but after the Red Front Supermarket was sold and JMU students arrived back on campus this August for the fall 2022 semester, the organization is now currently without a shelter. Harrisonburg has purchased a permanent building for the shelter, but it's undergoing renovations and won't be ready for use until next year.

Riddle said he's "hitting the ground running"

Currently, he said they're in contact with the churches about a potential rotation again, going from week to week or possibly every two weeks, depending on the group's availability, and then go to different churches until the new facility is prepared next year.

"Our faith community has been very helpful in stepping back up and helping us," Riddle said.

Michael Parks, Harrisonburg director of communications, said that when the pandemic began in 2020, the city worked with Open Doors to help provide funding and other support for the organization to operate year-round so its residents had a place to quarantine and isolate. For roughly two years during the pandemic, Parks said, Open Doors was

open year-round with the city's help.

He also said there are other things the city has done, such as using the federal CARES Act Funds to help put people into hotels who needed to isolate after testing positive for COVID-19 or coming into contact with someone with it.

Parks said most cities don't provide homelessness services, but rather rely on different organizations and nonprofits. Parks said Harrisonburg isn't large enough to receive federal funding to support individuals experiencing homelessness. It doesn't meet the requirements as a smaller city, which is why it participates in the Continuum of Care, a nonprofit coalition that does receive federal funding. The city does, however, receive annual community contributions, where nonprofits can apply to receive funding directly from the city, Parks said.

"At the end of the day," Parks said, "the city does not receive funding for the service, so we try to find ways that we can help with the Harrisonburg taxpayer funds that we have. There are other organizations in our community that have greater access to federal funds and we partner with them however we can."

Parks said that this year, Harrisonburg plans on using the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds — federal funds the city received after the pandemic — to build a permanent low-barrier shelter. Parks said the shelter is planned to be completed by November 2023.

"The building will be [the city's]," Parks said, "but we will bring in an organization — likely Open Doors — that will then run the shelter from that building, so there will be a year-round place for the shelter to go."

Parks said the city bought the property for \$700,000, and will spend close to \$5 million in renovations and new construction to make the property suitable by next year.

Up until the pandemic, Open Doors only operated as a thermal shelter, open only from early winter to early spring. It's back to that for now, but once the permanent shelter is ready, Open Doors can operate year-round once again.

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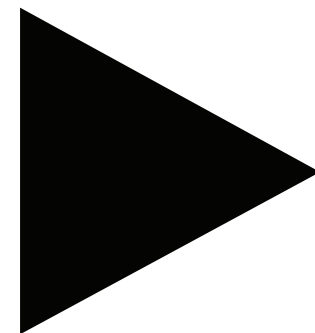
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Key takeaways from this week's SGA Senate

By **ELEANOR SHAW**
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The Student Government Association (SGA) Senate voted Tuesday to update its elections policies for the spring 2023 election and approved contingency funds to Quizbowl, a competitive academic club available to all members of the JMU community.

SGA approves updates to spring 2023 elections policy

The Senate voted unanimously to update its election policy for the spring 2023 elections. The elections — both the campaign period and election day — will be moved up on the calendar. Next year, elections will take place before March 15, as opposed to last year's on March 29.

"Reworking the spring elections calendar is a step to allow for ample time for campaigning, preparation and transitioning into pivotal roles for student leadership on campus," Student Body President Shawdee Bakhtiari said in a written statement to *The Breeze* after the meeting.

In spring elections, students vote for a student body president, student body vice president, executive treasurer and student representative to the Board of Visitors.

Additional changes to the policy outline that the pre-campaign period will last for 1 1/2 weeks after the first candidates meeting, which there's currently no set date for.

The changes to the policy further detail that, in order to be considered as a candidate, individuals must be an active member of SGA throughout the school year. Those who don't attend meetings regularly or are participating in study abroad programs won't be considered active members.

The updates made to SGA's election policy won't begin until the spring 2023 election, so SGA's upcoming fall election on Sept. 27 for academic senators and class council won't be affected by the changes.

After the updates for the spring 2023 elections policy were approved, several senators voiced concern that with an earlier election date, candidates would have to wait longer to receive voting results. Because of that, junior Abby

Cannella, SGA membership chair, motioned for an amendment that would make it so candidates receive news on election results two days after the election, rather than the original deadline of March 31. The amendment was passed unanimously.

SGA approves Quizbowl contingency funds

SGA Senate unanimously voted to approve \$720 in contingency funds for the club's upcoming tournaments. Contingency funds come from a pool of up to \$3,000 for student organizations to be used for conferences and events.

Sophomore Shannon Dinniman, vice president of Quizbowl, said the club has 25 active members. Dinniman said the club engages with local trivia events, staffs regional and national tournaments and participates in academic tournaments alongside other universities. During these tournaments, Dinniman said students answer questions on various topics, including but not limited to, history, pop culture, science, fine arts and current events.

Sophomore Colby Lowry, Quizbowl's treasurer, said funding for the club primarily comes from club dues, which are \$5 per semester, and fundraising events.

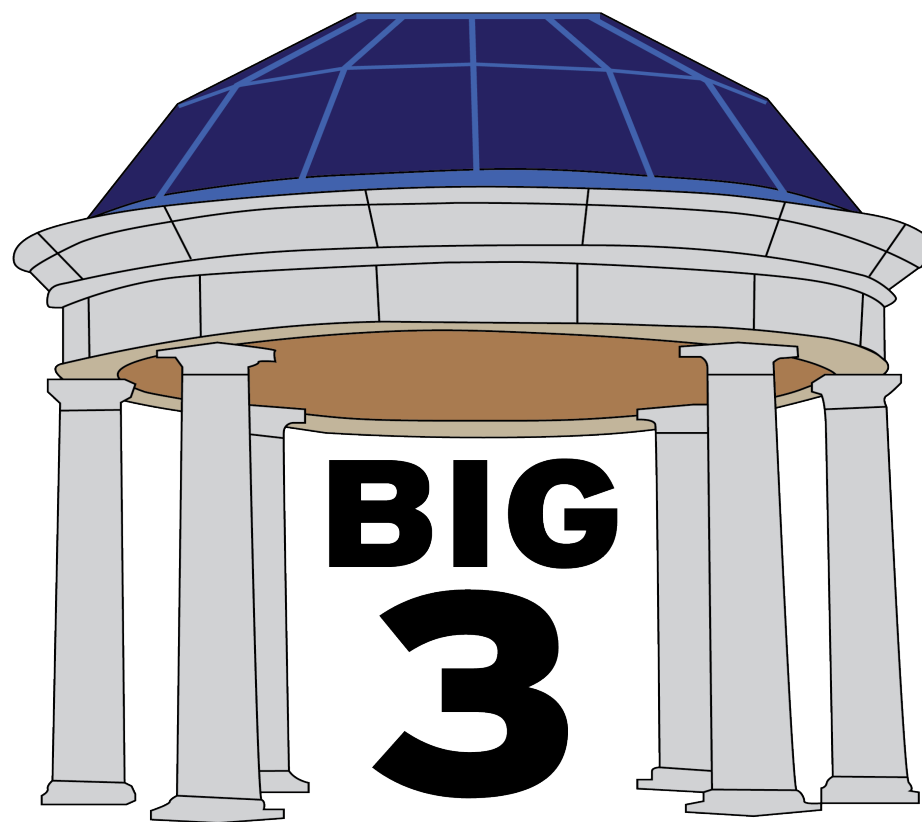
Lowry said the club plans to participate in three intercollegiate tournaments this semester: the Winter Closed at the University of Maryland, the ACF Fall at the University of Maryland and the 2022 Penn Bowl.

Dinniman and Lowry specified that the requested \$720 in contingency funds — "a very reasonable amount," said junior Mahek Shroff, SGA's finance liaison — will be used to pay the fees for the three tournaments Quizbowl plans to attend. Each tournament requires \$240 at \$120 per team, which Quizbowl has two of.

Dinniman and Lowry said Quizbowl will use the money collected in dues and fundraisers to cover transportation and housing costs for the tournaments.

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This week's



from City Council

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At Harrisonburg's City Council meeting on Tuesday, Mayor Deanna Reed signed a proclamation recognizing the fourth Saturday in September as International Community Day from this year forward.

"The City of Harrisonburg is home to residents speaking more than 50 first languages," Vice Mayor Sal Romero said, "and has established itself as a Welcoming City that celebrates the growing diversity of its residents."

Additionally, the council approved reallocation of budgeted funds for the General Projects Fund, voted to draft a municipal solar ordinance and voted to proceed with a special zoning ordinance for houses owned by Oxford House at the meeting.

Council approves reallocation of budgeted funds

The council unanimously voted to approve reallocation of budgeted funds for the General Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$500,022.30. Larry Propst, director of finance, said the reallocation request is to help provide funding for a camera replacement project at the Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail operated by the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office.

Propst said while the department of finance provided funding in its budget for this project, the costs were higher than anticipated. The \$500,022.30 from the city will provide half of the funding for the project, and Rockingham County contribute the other half, Propst said.

Council votes to draft municipal solar ordinance

The council unanimously voted to draft a municipal solar ordinance, proposed by council member Laura Dent, which would extend the state-wide green building

standards. The green building standards, constructed by the Virginia Energy Conservation and Environmental Standards (VEES), include energy performance, water conservation, indoor environmental quality and operation and maintenance, according to the JMU Facilities website. Dent said she's recently been working on a solar ordinance with council member Richard Baugh.

Dent proposed new or reconstructed solar panel installation on the roof of the Public Works building, which was already planning to put solar panels on its roof. When looking at the cost comparisons between solar energy and fossil fuel energy, Dent said, solar panels may cost more initially, but "sunshine is free."

Council proceeds with special zoning ordinance

The council unanimously voted to proceed with a draft for a special use permit for houses owned by Oxford House, which shelters people with addiction and helps them work toward sobriety.

According to its website, Oxford House represents an effective and low-cost method of preventing relapse and has been serving residents in need for 47 years since 1975. Additionally, Oxford House are self-run, so its residents in recovery learn responsibility.

Oxford House purchases single-family homes and houses 8-10 unrelated adults in each home. This isn't allowed under current zoning ordinances, but the federal Fair Housing Act protects people with addictions, city attorney Chris Brown said.

The maximum number of unrelated people who can live together at the state level is eight, while city regulations cap that number at four.

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Out with the old

Student redesigns appearance of JMU PD cars

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JMU Police Department (JMU PD) vehicles will have a new look this fall. Andrew Genese, senior media arts and design (SMAD) major, recently worked with JMU PD to rethink and redesign the appearance of the department's cars. All JMU PD cars will show the new design by mid-November.

Within SMAD, Genese has an interactive design concentration, meaning he focuses on delivering multimedia content such as text, images, audio, video and websites.

In May, Genese said Anthony Matos, JMU PD chief of police, approached him and asked for a favor: to help redesign and make physical adjustments to the picture, emblem, patch and appearance of JMU PD cars to get rid of its old "80s vibe" design. The old design had big streaks of purple and gold and thick block letters.

Genese, however, said he wasn't paid to work on the redesign — he volunteered.

"I did this out of kindness," Genese said. "My dad was a federal agent, so I said to myself, 'You know what? I love the school and I love what the PD does. They're the reason we can feel safe on campus, so I'm going to do this for free.'"

Additionally, Genese said his ties to law enforcement were another driving factor to work with JMU PD on the redesign project.

"I come from a law enforcement family," Genese said, "and I'm very fortunate that I've had good experiences with police in my life. I recognize that there's a lot of people who have not, so I kind of saw this opportunity to maybe

help change that ... I hope this design helps continue promoting a positive image and reputation for JMU PD."

Matos worked with Genese to achieve the redesign.

"I was thrilled that the redesign was a collaboration between us and our student body," Matos said. "It was fantastic to have our students' voice and participation and have JMU be incorporated into the new design."

Genese said he intended to take a minimalistic approach on the redesign and began by asking Matos what direction JMU PD wanted to take the project. Genese said Matos emphasized that he wanted

students to think of the JMU PD cars as their primary source of safety, or a "guardian" on campus, and for the design to reflect that.

Afterward, Genese said he began working on completely changing the design and giving it a brand-new appearance using the design software Adobe Illustrator.

Genese said he started with a blank Ford Explorer and "played around" with different shapes and ideas. Eventually, Genese said, he decided to accent the lines of the car to give it an angular, modern look.

Genese designed the new cars' new image to have a contemporary look and kept the design under the midline of the cars to have what's known as "negative" or "white" space — the area of the design that's left empty. The new design, Genese said, has a gold, purple, black and silver theme, with a gold stripe on the bottom of the car and a rectangle of purple and black hugging the fenders.

Genese said the typeface he and Matos chose for the word "police" on the design was the most "thought through" aspect of the whole project — they didn't want the font to be the typical, thick lettering.

He put a lot of space in between each letter, with a "loud stroke" of silver outlining them. Matos said the new design draws a lot of compliments, since it brings out "the national prominence of JMU."

"We're thrilled with how the new designs turned out," Matos said. "It really ties in JMU and ties us in with our sister police organization — the Harrisonburg Police Department."



Andrew Genese went for a more modern and contemporary look on the redesign for JMU PD.
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CAMPUS CARRY CONCERNS

Revoking JMU policy banning weapons on campus could reduce assault risk but distract from education

CARSON BRYANT | contributing columnist

The idea of an on-campus concealed carry permit seems strange, and initially sounds inappropriate due to the frequency of mass shootings that occur on school campuses around the U.S. But in a college environment where there are many adults who not only spend a lot of time on campus, but in some cases also still live on campus, the question of whether legal campus carry should be allowed on college property throughout Virginia — and more specifically JMU — is less clear.

JMU's Policy 1105 bans the carrying of personal protective weapons on campus and in on-campus storage and housing, no matter someone's age or if they're certified to carry. Weapons include various knives, any kind of firearm, throwable implements and nunchucks, according to Virginia code. Students are able to use non-lethal alternatives, such as pepper sprays or mace.

There are two instances where guns are legally permitted on campus, one of which includes JMU police officers, who are armed with standard issue firearms at all times. The other is when a student registers a weapon used for hunting and stores them at the university police station a week prior to a particular hunting season. At the conclusion of the hunting season, weapons must be checked and removed by the students.

It's often easy to believe bad things happen but hard to realize bad things could happen to you personally — or that today could be the day something bad happens. For students, however, crimes such as sexual assault are more common on college campuses when compared to other crimes according to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network. Legal campus carry can discourage sexual assault as well as mass shooting risks.

Some argue, most notably the national organization Students for Concealed Carry, that people at risk of sexual assault are sometimes intoxicated when weapons would be helpful could ultimately render the weapon useless as approximately



JMU Policy 1105 bans students from carrying weapons including guns and knives on campus.
Courtesy of Tribune News Service

half of sexual assaults are reported to have occurred in settings where alcohol was consumed, according to Augusta University research. In that case, pepper spray could also be rendered useless

making alcohol a more significant contributor to an increased level

of danger. At JMU, the consumption and storage of alcohol is permitted within on-campus housing when you're of legal age.

By preventing additional options of personal protection for those who legally have the choice in Virginia, JMU is diminishing a student's ability to be proactive in addressing assault risk. JMU has the right to determine what goes on on its campus as decided by the 2011 Virginia Supreme Court case *Digiacinto v. The Rector and Visitors of George Mason University*. Currently in Virginia, Liberty University alone allows campus carry. Even so, individuals should also have the right to decide what they need to feel safe.

Pepper spray, which is allowed, requires no education, training or license to own and carry, with one or two safeties that must be bypassed to use. To conceal carry

a firearm in Virginia, a background check, educational course, live-fire training and, depending on the selected education, a license approved by a judge, are all required.

It's also the individual's responsibility to train themselves and use best judgment on when and how to use a firearm. The market standard, a Glock, has three safeties that all get bypassed with one pull of the trigger arguably easier to use than pepper spray.

In a learning environment, however, it's important to think about other people on campus, and to consider how others might feel about the idea of someone else having a firearm around them. If someone's gun is

"printing," meaning it's showing through their clothes, it can disrupt a class or other school activity and put people on edge.

"While it's important to be able to defend yourself from potential violent dangers, I'd be concerned about the wrongful use of deadly concealed weapons ... that's what would scare me," Sophomore Payton Karminski said. "I also feel like having concealed weapons among the student body would cause an increase of police presence and could cause a lack of trust between the student body and police force."

All in all, the matter of licensed concealed weapons on campus has a very big, and very obvious, downside: The general population

would likely feel uncomfortable even if they happened to catch a view, or "print" of someone's firearm. It would take away from their focus on what's important at a university: education. Some individuals may feel comfortable possessing a firearm, others may feel uncomfortable with the knowledge that some people around them were armed. Because of this, it's unlikely the idea will be adopted by JMU anytime soon.

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Remote Resources

Professors should maintain online options, so sick students don't have to choose between attending class or missing material



ETHAN JARDINES | contributing columnist

It's no secret that college campuses around the world become tremendous petri dishes of viruses and sickness with each incoming freshman class, but that has new implications in the shadow of a pandemic.

According to *The New York Times*, the average number of COVID-19 cases in Harrisonburg increased continually from Aug. 21 until Sept. 4. This trend is supported by the apparent spike in COVID-19 related hospitalizations beginning on Sept. 1, as reported by the CDC. Though this incline has mostly leveled off, the influx of new COVID seems likely related to the start of the fall semester.

The sniffles and coughs heard during lectures are growing harder and harder to ignore. Some professors talk about students emailing them about being out sick; even still, it's probable there are students who are sick and not out. Students who've fallen ill may be ignoring their symptoms in an effort to keep up with classes, putting those around them at risk.

The reason students do this may not be intentional, but it is negligent. It's easy to dismiss symptoms of the dreaded virus as hay fever, or a one-off symptom — especially when the alternative condemns you to a period of masking and quarantine. This is a very daunting idea, especially for first-year students who are just a few weeks into their college experience. Some students might be hesitant to test for COVID-19 if they're slightly symptomatic, and they may try to deny a dim situation.

"If I can't attend a class in person, I feel like it would definitely affect [performance]," said freshman Jared Marcus, when asked how he felt his academics would fare if he tested positive for COVID-19. "I've gone to classes and you can't go a minute without hearing somebody cough or sneeze."



Many students return to masking as COVID-19 cases begin to rise in order to avoid missing out on in-class instruction. Ryan Sauer / The Breeze

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Although JMU has amended its attendance policy for students who miss class due to COVID-19, many students feel as though they cannot miss a significant amount of days and still perform well in class. This policy, updated in the fall, states “students may be under quarantine through no fault of their own and should be accommodated as much.”

Many professors are trying to adhere to such guidelines, but it’s still difficult to accommodate those who are unable to be physically present in class.

More resources must be made available to reduce the fallout of a student testing positive. Especially in the first weeks of the semester, it’s not easy to obtain a classmate’s notes if you don’t know anybody. Even then, a summary of what was discussed in class can only carry you so far. Instead, something as simple as an audio recording of a lecture and the PowerPoint would go a long way.

Additionally, there’s no point in having these resources if students don’t know about them. Just letting students know

“I’ve gone to classes and you can’t go a minute without hearing somebody cough or sneeze.”

Jared Marcus

JMU Freshman

there’s a way for them to keep up with class while they’re absent relieves much of the pressure on academic performance.

Some professors have anticipated this need for substitutionary material and have proactively taken measures to accommodate students who are absent from class in many different ways, with many of these options stemming from

the COVID-19 policy era. Old recordings of lectures given during online class are a great resource for students to pull from and, perhaps best of all, is the hybrid option some teachers have stuck with, giving students the ability to join class from a remote location.

Though these arrangements are often greatly appreciated by students who find

themselves in quarantine, this option has raised questions about attendance and quality of learning; Maria Gutierrez explains that “a recent trend emerged where students who are not quarantined choose to attend class via Zoom when the rest of the class meets in-person” in her article, “Hybrid classes impact in-person attendance.”

Although the prevalence of COVID-19 has been recently diminishing, being unable to attend class due to an illness has, and always will be, an issue. Professors need to provide adequate substitutionary material for students who are unable to attend in person so students can isolate while they’re still contagious. Furthermore, students should test for COVID-19 and not come to class when they feel unwell to protect their classmates — ignorance is not always bliss for the person sitting next to you.

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COVID-19 cases often spike when students return to college campus each semester. Breeze file photo

According to The New York Times, COVID-19 cases rose in Harrisonburg by 105% during the initial weeks of the fall semester between Aug. 24 and Sept. 6.

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Splash and jog — Sophomore Janelle Droz seems to be having an easy jog on the Madison Stadium track Tuesday. (Photo by Greg Fletcher)

Asbestos

After three years, it's still on campus

From staff reports

Asbestos remains in three of the 14 campus buildings it was found in three years ago.

Lack of funds has halted the repairs to the remaining three: Eagle Hall's lounge, the ground-floor lounge in Gibbons Dining Hall and some steel beams above the ceiling in Warren Campus Center.

JMU plant engineer James Auckland said "It would be nice if completed by next year. There is a chance the work will be completed by next summer," he said.

More repairs will be in progress "hopefully over Christmas break and summer," he said.

Completion will depend on funding, he said. "The majority of work, to the campus center and dormitories, will have to come from the university. It will not be as much as spent so far, but it will be \$300,000 to \$400,000," Auckland said. A total of more than \$600,000 already has been spent on asbestos removal, Auckland said.

Funding comes from two sources and depends on the type of building, he said. A general fund for academic buildings is paid for by the state. A non-general, or auxiliary fund, is paid for by the university and is used for the dining hall, the campus center and dormitories, Auckland said.

The substance, which has been linked to lung cancer, was removed from these buildings during the summer:

► The TV lounges, trash rooms and equipment rooms in Garber, Weaver, Frederikson, Huffman, Chappellear and Hanson halls.

► Two equipment rooms in Godwin Hall.

► The second-floor lounge in Jackson Hall.

Repairs had been made in Duke Fine Arts Center and Harrison and Shorts halls.

JMU began removing asbestos from the buildings in summer 1981 and the following winter, but lack of funds slowed further repair work. JMU found asbestos in its buildings in 1979, after William and Mary discovered it there.

The insulation was 25 percent asbestos. The rest was made of binding agents, plaster and paint.

Waco Insulation Inc. of Richmond removed asbestos from nine buildings during the summer. The company's \$120,000 bid was the lowest made for the project. Other bids went as high as \$440,000 because workers would have had to work evenings and weekends to complete the job by the beginning of this semester, Auckland said. Waco was between projects and had staff and equipment available. The asbestos-containing insulation was replaced with one made of certaintait — a fiberglass material, Auckland said.

Maintenance personnel faced greater risks than students from the asbestos because most of the substance was located in the ceilings of trash rooms, storage rooms and electrical rooms — areas usually not frequented by students, he said.

Workers wore plastic suits while removing asbestos. Plastic barriers were installed to seal all openings. The insulation was sprayed with water that kept the asbestos fibers together. The insulation then was scraped off the walls.

To our readers:

Beginning with the next issue, Monday, Sept. 19, *The Breeze* will be a morning newspaper. Target distribution time is 8 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays. The earlier time is

possible because *The Breeze* has hired a new printer, one closer to its office on campus. Questions about the new distribution should be directed to Ian Katz, editor.

Police arrest 44 at Harrisonburg swimming hole

By Sandy Stone
police reporter

Forty-four people were arrested and charged with trespassing at the abandoned Betts quarry during the weekend, city police reported.

The majority of those arrested were JMU students. The charges

resulted from a previous letter of complaint written to city police by the property's co-owners — the Fraziers and the Mundys of Harrisonburg.

The quarry, located in the annexed part of northeast Harrisonburg, has been out of operation for about 12 years. Students flock to the swim-

ming hole on warm weekends, primarily during September and May.

Sophomore Jennifer Jones, 19, was at the quarry about 2 p.m. Sunday when she and six of her friends were arrested by city police.

"We were sitting on a rock in the water, and all of a sudden these three

cop cars come charging down the hill," she said.

The officers then asked for identification from the seven students and informed them they were under arrest for trespassing on private property.

See QUARRY, page 2 ►



Graphic by Anna Leone / The Breeze

Downtown apparel shop becomes 'The Spot' to be

By **EVAN MOODY**
contributing writer

A personable, North Main Street entryway characterized by social media handles and customer's signage is inscribed into the once bare, white walls residing above Bluetique, now home to The Spot.

The entrance is the work of Connor Rabin, the Harrisonburg streetwear and barbershop owner whose open arms and desire to connect with the community is expressed the moment one wanders off the sidewalk and into his style domain.

"[Rabin] makes The Spot, the spot," senior business major Oscar Moreno-Tenorio, one of The Spot's barbers, said. "Seeing that customer experience, he takes care of them."

Rabin said the store's concept, which features a barbershop along with merchandise, is the only one of its kind in the area.

"The Spot is providing such a unique experience," Moreno-Tenorio said. "Especially for high schoolers, young teens, young adults and the mid-twenties type."

When speaking on the meaning behind The Spot's name, Rabin said he wanted to avoid being generic and have customers question what "The Spot" may include inside. The store shares walls with The Golden Pony and is located at the end of downtown Harrisonburg.

The shoe market is where Rabin said he began his endeavors. Before he owned a store, Rabin said he used Instagram to buy, sell and trade sneakers.

"I've been running my Instagram for two or

three years," Rabin said. A lot of people were requesting and looking for a store."

The shop's merchandise parallels what one might see in a Thrasher magazine, a New York modeling company's Instagram or a local Goodwill Donation Center — a wide variety of options ranging from high-end clothes to classic skate outfits.

While finer clothing will always have a place in The Spot, Rabin said he's carefully watching customer trends.

"A lot of people like thrifted stuff, so I'm trying to appeal to a bunch of different people," Rabin said.

Among the thrifted selection, JMU students can purchase vintage university items.

Supreme — the skate merchandise brand — is also represented well to shoppers, as they're met with a branded arcade machine after entering the store. Once passing the game console and greeting the owner's puppy, Glizzy — unrelated to hotdogs, Rabin said — viewers can survey the multitude of culturally-established kicks that are arrayed from corner to corner.

Nike SB Dunks, Air Force 1s and Jordan 1s are the pinnacle of The Spot's products. "Yeezy Slides" are one of the most popular items among buyers, Rabin said.

The owner's brother, Cameron Rabin, said he always knew Connor wanted to "run his own thing," and he's glad his brother has put in the effort to make a brick-and-mortar store a reality.

Connor's social media followers were excited to experience the once social media-exclusive business as it became tangible. Aug. 27 marked the opening of The Spot with a customer turnout

of about a couple hundred people, Connor said.

Moreno-Tenorio said opening day had been dreamt of long before the first day of in-person profit.

"It started with numbers," Moreno-Tenorio said. "It started about visions, then it wasn't until Aug. 27 when it came to reality."

Cameron, a junior sports and recreation major, said a lot of those who were at the grand opening of The Spot were members of his fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi, and have been helping him promote the shop through social media posts. Connor added that connections within the JMU greek life super-culture are beneficial.

Moreno-Tenorio is involved with the Acacia fraternity at JMU and said he understands the impact that greek life can have on a store of this kind.

"[Greek Life students are] going to be a big target audience for sure," Moreno-Tenorio said, "especially those who are sneakerheads."

Wonder Skate Shop, also in downtown Harrisonburg, displays a dynamic inventory that includes skate shoes and music records. Moreno-Tenorio said The Spot has earned its own respect among the merchant community.

"There's no competitors," Moreno-Tenorio said. "The Spot will be known around the area for sure. There isn't any other store that might have what [The Spot] has to offer."

Both Connor and Moreno-Tenorio said customers are always welcome to take a break from life outside of the Main Street door, and that The Spot's atmosphere is unique.

"We have music going, people laughing

around, kicking around, telling their stories, cracking jokes," Moreno-Tenorio said. "All in all, it's just a great vibe."

With this environment in mind, Moreno-Tenorio said it doesn't even feel like work when he's there.

Connor said the barber part of the shop is the most vital to him.

"[I] definitely want to fill up the barber shop and get ... students trying it out," Connor said. "Get some more inventory in here then hopefully be able to expand to a bigger building."

Despite wanting space to expand, Connor is satisfied with The Spot's current location, which sits by Kline's Dairy Bar.

"A big thing for me was trying to find a good location," Connor said. "Somewhere the students are going to be around, not having to drive if they don't want to."

The location is walkable for on-campus residents looking to explore past JMU's limits and spend an evening downtown. Both Connor and Moreno-Tenorio said students are always welcome at The Spot.

Connor said he hopes community members will come grab a haircut, a pair of shoes or just stop by for the company.

For Moreno-Tenorio, he wants his college town to "look good" and "do good."

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Bands play for free at Crayola House and operate off a donation system from fans, according to Jo Sargent and Declan Leach. Photos courtesy of Intrns.inc on Instagram

Behind the scenes of Harrisonburg's word-of-mouth music house

from **CRAYOLA**, page 1

While the house is owned by Matchbox Realty, a local property management company, the hiring of the bands is mainly run by those living in the house — like Sargent, who booked their first band this past week. In line with the familiar, loving character of the whole house, bands don't play for money but instead receive donations from the crowd throughout the night via a box in the basement, described as an honor system by Sargent and Leach.

This word of mouth isn't only used for booking bands, but also for drawing people to the house. In fact, its exclusive use of word of mouth — a staple of D.I.Y. houses — is what sets Crayola apart from other late-night hangouts sought by college students. While all are welcome, Crayola House doesn't post any information about its shows on social media, Sargent said. Instead, house members and previous attendees are the main points of contact. Through this method of communication, Crayola House can form a tight knit community in which almost everyone knows someone there.

Kay Berg, a senior Integrated Sciences and Technology (ISAT) major, has been attending Crayola since last fall and said she's fallen in love with the music and acceptance the house brings. A fan of the heavy rock and metal bands at the house, Berg said she's felt supported at Crayola. Able to wear

whatever she wants, Berg said, "all slays are welcome."

During her first mosh pit, Berg said, she fell but was immediately picked up by people Sargent calls the "punk scene" of Crayola.



As a drummer for Intrns, Leach is a frequent performer at Crayola.

take some of it in while you are out there ... Don't take it for granted while you are here."

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A WEALTH OF HEALTH

How to beat college burnout

By **HANNAH LIFRIERI**
The Breeze

College burnout is more than just dreading your next assignment. Burnout is common in any career, whether it be work, academics or even sports. Burnout isn't singled out to only happen once either; it can be a recurring and lengthy experience, especially in the college realm.

Causes of burnout

Burnout can begin when you start prioritizing other aspects of your life — a job, work, sports, etc. — over your mental and physical health, according to Mayo Clinic. Having a heavy workload and other commitments can become overwhelming, especially if you aren't taking the time to create a routine for your sleeping or eating schedule and self-care necessities. Becoming mindful of how much time we spend on our jobs or school can combat burnout as we become more inclined to add in breaks or days off from a busy schedule.

JMU psychology professor Kimberly DuVall said one way to combat burnout in academics is through your study habits, and starting with one task and incorporating short breaks is a productive way of avoiding burnout.

Tips and tricks

When being given a difficult assignment, it may seem overwhelming at first, but there are ways to break it down. DuVall recommends using the Pomodoro Method. DuVall said she's been successful following the Pomodoro Method; she also suggests it to her students as a strategy for tackling hard assignments.

This method is broken down into six steps:

1. Write down the task or assignment you want to do first.
2. Set a 25-minute timer.
3. Do your work until the timer goes off.
4. Take a five-minute break.
5. Once your five-minute timer has gone off, complete another 25 minutes of work.
6. Repeat until your work is finished.

The Pomodoro Method is useful because it encourages the act of simply starting your task. Taking on a big challenge can cause a lot of stress, and not approaching it the right way can lead to burnout.

Having a support team, whether it's your friends, family or professors, is a way to gain positive reassurance, especially when feeling symptoms of burnout. When these symptoms start to happen, it's important to reach out to those around you.

Read the full article at breezejmu.org.



Melissa Bittner said the surprise celebration was "perfect" because it gave them the opportunity to share the experience with their friends. Photos courtesy of Taylor Bittner

Tailgate wedding

Alumni celebrate marriage at surprise reception

By **MADISON HRICIK**
The Breeze

Taylor and Melissa Bittner were devastated to cancel their wedding reception for the third time.

The two JMU alumni married in March 2020 in their backyard, with a much smaller ceremony than they had hoped for, because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Melissa didn't get to have a father-daughter dance.

"When we realized that it wasn't going to work and we had to postpone, we still needed to get married," Taylor said. "So, we just ended up picking a date sooner, and ended up doing something small in our backyard with our immediate family."

After the Bittners shared the news their reception had been canceled again, their friends took matters into their own hands. The Bittners share a tailgating spot near the University Recreation Center (UREC) and the Convocation Center with a few of their friends from college. As a surprise, their friends put together a wedding reception for Taylor ('13) and Melissa ('18) before the season opening football game against Middle Tennessee.

"It was perfect for us," Melissa said, "because what we were missing out on was that coming together with our friends and laughing and joking around and having a good time; and really, that's the kind of energy that we have at tailgates anyways."

Taylor and Melissa met during Melissa's freshman year. The two played in the saxophone section with the Marching Royal Dukes (MRDs) and started dating later that year. Eventually, Melissa started going to Taylor's tailgates once she graduated, and the two have been football season ticket holders ever since.

The idea of a wedding celebration first popped up back in May, with the Bittners' friends using a Messenger group chat. It originally started off as a simple idea: just a small celebration, maybe a cake, some drinks and a fun time — just like a regular tailgate.

Then the ideas started flowing.

"It had kind of started from floating an idea," Nathan Dornblaser ('17), a member of the tailgate group, said. "Like, what if we did something for their wedding, basically the wedding-esque celebration ... It just kind of took off from there."

Everyone involved in the planning brought different ideas: all

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Mike Morris, a friend of the Bittner's is an ordained minister and performed a ceremony for them.

the men attending purchased matching JMU tuxedo shirts, a custom-embroidered shirt was given to Melissa to wear as a substitute wedding gown and cupcakes were presented with the same lemon-lavender flavor as their wedding cake.

To make sure both Taylor and Melissa were at the game, everyone pitched in to book a night at Hotel Madison for them.

"The hardest thing was making sure that they both were at the first game," Dornblaser said, "because sometimes Melissa doesn't always go. And so we were worried, like, what if we put all this together and Taylor shows up by himself?"

The morning of the surprise, the group began setting it up hours before tailgating opened. They claimed their usual spot and put together all the final details. All the while, Taylor and Melissa said they still didn't realize what was transpiring.

"We really did not understand what was going on until people

made a little arch for us to walk through up to the front," Taylor said.

One of the members in attendance, Mike "Poof" Morris, is an ordained minister and performed a brief ceremony. Since Taylor and Melissa were already married, they compared the mini ceremony to "renewing their vows" even after being married for less than three years.

"[Morris] put a lot of effort into this whole speech he gave," Dornblaser said. "One of the guys we tailgate with has a big speaker and so he used a microphone. He was all official and printed out on a piece of paper and everything"

A "completely surprised" Taylor and Melissa said they got the moment they'd been waiting for after two years of trying to celebrate their love with their friends. It felt picturesque, Melissa said, with the start of JMU's era in the Sun Belt Conference



Melissa was finally able to have her father-daughter dance.

And she got her father-daughter dance.

"The kind of energy that was on campus anyways, because everybody was excited for the move up to the Sun Belt," Melissa said, "and then to show up and have this extra party, it was like, 'Wow, I feel like the season has really kicked off.'"

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When forward/midfielder Miranda Rigg (2015-19) spoke as a Duke, teammates listened, JMU head coach Christy Morgan said. Courtesy of JMU Athletics

Rigg, 25, became the youngest head coach in Longwood history this year. Courtesy of Longwood Athletics Communications

'Walk the Walk'

Former JMU player turned coach brings youth, confidence to Longwood field hockey

By ZACH MENDENHALL
The Breeze

Graduate defender Kara McClure described former teammate, JMU field hockey forward/midfielder Miranda Rigg (2015-19), as “resilient, hardworking and passionate.” This year, Rigg is taking all of the above into a new role, this time off the field.

Rigg is switching out the mouthguard for the whistle as the new head coach at Longwood. She’s replacing former Lancer head coach Iain Byers, who was the school’s winningest field hockey head coach.

“At the end of the day I’m here to help them reach success on or off the field as people,” Rigg said in a Sept. 8 email to The Breeze.

Rigg is the youngest head coach in Longwood history at 25 years old and served as a student assistant coach while at JMU.

Previously an ice hockey player, Rigg brings a unique perspective to Longwood. JMU field hockey head coach Christy Morgan said Rigg’s experience on the rink led her to better understand of the speed of play and execution needed in both.

“She could anticipate very well,” Morgan said. “She really feels the game and knows the right move to eliminate a defender.”

Rigg comes to Longwood having served as an assistant at La Salle while simultaneously coaching at the Mainline Mayhem Field Hockey Club. She joined Longwood in the spring as an assistant before being promoted.

Rigg was a member of the USA Field Hockey Women’s National Team for the 2020-21 season. The former forward/midfielder was named to the CAA All-Rookie Team at JMU, scored the most points for the team during her sophomore year (32) and was named to the All-CAA First-Team twice. She sits eighth all time in goals scored (45), and seventh all time in career points (101).

“I loved playing for JMU,” Rigg said in a Sept. 8 email to The Breeze. “It brought daily challenges as not only a college student but as an athlete. We were shown how to deal with adversity at all times which I carry into life now ... Just being a student athlete at JMU has prepared me to know all the ins and outs of what my players go through on a day to day basis.”

McClure said Rigg brought a clear level of discipline to her play, and she expects she’ll bring the same discipline as a head coach. She added that Rigg always strived to be the most hard-working player on the field.

“[Rigg] was such an inspiration when it came to watching her play,” McClure said. “She motivated all of us to be just like her, and

she was just a huge role model on the team.”

Rigg and McClure are former “accountability partners,” meaning the two were often in charge of supporting one another. At the end of the 2019 season, McClure said, they wrote letters to each other about what makes someone special. McClure, a sophomore when Rigg was a senior at JMU, said she still keeps her letters close and even rereads them whenever she feels down.

When Rigg was at JMU, McClure said it was her compassion that stood out.

“She cared about this team more than anything in this whole entire world,” McClure said.

With Rigg’s new position comes new challenges and new players to put before herself. But she said she’s ready to take them on — she’ll try to not only craft good field hockey players, she said, but she’s also looking forward to building off-the-field character.

While playing for JMU, Rigg brought a “calm way about her,” Morgan said — someone who was a quiet, confident presence in the heat of competition. Morgan described Rigg as “just a get-it-done person.”

“You add skill and you add confidence and you add the ability to teach the game,” Morgan said, “and it makes for a really, really effective coach.”

Rigg has a “stern voice,” Morgan said, and teammates respected her — she was one of those players who set the example.

“People listened when [Rigg] spoke,” Morgan said. “She could walk the walk and talk the talk.”

McClure said she feels the lasting impact Rigg’s left on her — before being her teammate, McClure said, she might’ve been more scared or less confident to complete tasks. Now, McClure said she feels like she can “complete any task” and accomplish anything.

“[Rigg’s] confident in her ability to be strong enough and resourceful enough to reach out for whatever she doesn’t know,” Morgan said. “We’ve all told her as her ex-coaches to reach out to us and we’ll be a resource for her.”

Rigg goes on to coach a team with a winning record in its last three seasons and looks to bring the same this year.

“I think the greatest lesson she could teach all of us is to go for it,” Morgan said. “If you want something badly enough, you do the work. You tap into the resources that you have, and you make it happen.”

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JMU head coach Curt Cignetti's father, Frank Cignetti Sr., was inducted to the College Football Hall of Fame in 2013.

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Honored by all

Curt Cignetti remembers father following Week 2 win

By **MADISON HRICIK**
The Breeze

A small sprinkle of rain was just starting to fall in Harrisonburg when JMU football head coach Curt Cignetti shared an announcement on Twitter.

"I was blessed to have a great Dad! He inspired me and so many others," the head coach wrote the morning of Sept. 10, "Love you Dad! Rest in peace."

The announcement of Frank Cignetti Sr.'s death came as a surprise to the JMU fanbase, but Cignetti coached the Dukes later that day during their second home game against Norfolk State. Following the 63-7 blowout victory, he pointed out one connection between his own coaching career and his father's.

JMU and Norfolk State agreed to a shortened fourth quarter. Cignetti said it reminded him of when Frank Cignetti Sr. coached with a running clock during the 1967 Pitt versus Notre Dame football game.

"So ironic," Curt said thinking of the memory following the Norfolk State postgame press conference, "but it's also

ironic that he would choose to pass when my brother and I both have open weeks. So he planned that one pretty good."

While fans enjoyed the victory to open the Dukes' season at 2-0, the players had a little more than the action on the field on their minds — they wanted to win for their head coach and for Frank Sr., to honor the mark both have left on the college football world.

"Everyone just wanted to rally and play for [Curt and] play for his dad," graduate running back and JMU captain Percy Agyei-Obese said, "and just get this win for both of them."

Frank Sr. formerly helmed the West Virginia University (17-27) and Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) (182-50-1) football programs, compiling a career record as a head coach of 199-77-1 in 24 seasons. He played as a wide receiver at IUP in the late 1950s before beginning his coaching career. Eventually, the College Football Hall of Fame inducted Frank Sr. in 2013. He remains one of the top 50 winningest college football head coaches.

Curt described his father as critical when it came to football, joking that had Frank Sr. watched Saturday's game, the late head coach would've taken notes to share with the Dukes in the locker room.

"He would have had seven or eight things on his notepad that we could have done better tonight," Curt said. "But I will, too, so it's good."

The Cignetti family's roots are deep within college football, with Curt at JMU and his younger brother, Frank Cignetti Jr., working as the offensive coordinator at Pitt. When Curt began his journey as a head coach, he said, he didn't even tell his father. He instead waited for IUP to announce his role later on.

Curt said he always wanted to eventually become a head football coach — that was his dream career. Frank Sr. did get to watch his elder son coach multiple times, mostly before Curt came to JMU.

Curt said he'd been "passed up" by a few schools when applying for a coordinator position, but his desire to be a head coach didn't falter — eventually, he successfully made that jump. Curt led IUP to 13 NCAA Division II playoff appearances as its head coach. He said Frank Sr., being a critical coach, wanted to share his ideas and thoughts with Curt, even if Curt wasn't interested in hearing it.

"You know, sometimes I wasn't the best at taking constructive criticism," Curt said with a small laugh.

Frank Sr. had battled a rare form of cancer since Curt was in high school, but attended his sons' games when he could, Curt said. Although the late Cignetti only attended one JMU game, Curt said he still raved about the program. The Dukes said they all felt the impact Frank Sr. had on Curt and the program.

"He was always so complimentary of our team here, so complimentary of how we played," Curt said. "But, you know, my dad influenced so many people. [He's] kind of a legend, really, back where he spent most of his life and was really a good person."

Curt and Frank Jr. both helped lead their respective teams to victory during their season openers: JMU's 44-7 win over Middle Tennessee and Pitt's 38-31 win over West Virginia in the 2022 "Backyard Brawl." It was the last weekend of college football Frank Sr. saw.

While the JMU players enjoyed the touchdowns and the streamers raining down across Bridgeforth, they said their hearts were focused on playing the best football they could.

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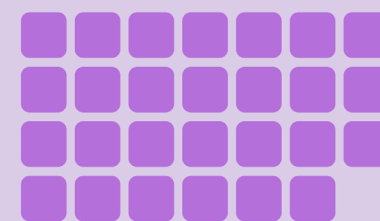
"I mean, hearing the news this morning kind of hurt a little bit, knowing what [Curt] was going through, really," redshirt junior offensive lineman Nick Kidwell said. "I know that he was coaching with a heavy heart today. So, we just knew we had to get the job done for them."

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Curt Cignetti watches JMU vs. Norfolk State. Savannah Reger / The Breeze

JMU Athletics Weekly Schedule



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

All Day
Men's tennis at UCG Invitational

All Day
Women's tennis at Elon Fall Invitational

6 p.m.
Field hockey vs. William & Mary.

6 p.m.
Cross country at Virginia Tech Alumni Invitational

7 p.m.
Women's soccer at Coastal Carolina

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

All Day
Men's tennis at UCG Invitational

All Day
Women's tennis at Elon Fall Invitational

7 p.m.
Men's soccer vs. Georgia State

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

All Day
Men's tennis at UCG Invitational

All Day
Women's tennis at Elon Fall Invitational

1 p.m.
Field hockey vs. Liberty

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7 p.m.
Men's soccer vs. Georgetown



JMU is 1-3 in its last four games, scoring just one goal in that span. Savannah Reger / The Breeze

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On the wrong foot

Analysis | Slow starts, few shots at forefront of men's soccer's rocky stretch

By **CRAIG MATHIAS**
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After its 3-1 win on opening night against Binghamton, JMU men's soccer looked primed to begin 2022 with momentum ahead of Sun Belt Conference play.

However, in their four games since, the Dukes have scored once and given up six goals in three losses.

With JMU beginning conference action Sept. 17 against Georgia State, it'll need to fix the early season woes to be competitive in a conference with three preseason top-15 programs. Finding the answer to what's gone wrong begins with seeing what worked in the opening-night win.

In the 3-1 victory, the Dukes capitalized on their opportunities in key moments. Down 1-0 just before halftime, redshirt sophomore defender Josiah Blanton went coast-to-coast for the tying-goal — giving JMU momentum going into the second half.

The Dukes also capitalized on prime chances versus Binghamton, exemplified by redshirt senior defender Tyler Clegg's free kick, which he smashed off the post and in to the goal to give JMU a 2-1 lead. Freshman forward Cam Arnold put the game away with his goal as the squad scored its third goal on five shots on goal.

Despite this performance, JMU's success wasn't sustained in the following match. The team had a goal disallowed and its opponent, NJIT, took advantage of its lone shot on goal in the contest and stole a 1-0 win in Harrisonburg.

JMU head coach Paul Zazenski said postgame that improvement in future games was necessary.

"It was one of the rare times that I would say it's just not good enough," Zazenski said. "I'm pretty disappointed in the group, and I would rarely say that about my team. But, it simply wasn't good enough today."

After totaling nine shots on goal in the first two games, JMU mustered one shot on goal in the 3-0 loss to U.Va., dropping to 1-2. On the other hand, the Cavaliers registered 13 shots on goal and dominated. While the Dukes did defeat U.Va. in 2021 in exciting fashion, the Cavaliers are an accredited program in the ACC, which makes the loss not as eye-opening as NJIT. But with how high expectations are within JMU's program based off recent success, JMU won four straight CAA titles before its 2021 fall campaign, any loss is frustrating.

In their fourth game against Duquesne, the Dukes only registered two shots on target in the 2-0 loss. After nine shots on goal through two games, this number dropped to just three in the process of falling to 1-3.

A similarity between the U.Va. loss and Duquesne is giving up early goals, which led to the Dukes not overcoming the deficit. JMU gave up its first goal to U.Va. at 16' while Duquesne jumped out to a 1-0 lead at 6' and added the second goal at 16' in its 2-0 win.

The Dukes turned it around in their second and final ACC matchup in the regular season. A second half with five shots on goal included a breakthrough from Arnold at 73' to propel JMU to a 1-0 victory over NC State. JMU's second win this season was also only the second game this year it had more shots on goal than the opponent; its first was the NJIT game.

Outside of the NJIT game, the losses have followed a similar formula: Falling behind early combined with a low number of shots on goal has been the recipe for the Dukes' slow start this year.

Other factors that could be contributing to this is Zazenski still figuring out his best starting 11. In five games, JMU has sent out five different starting lineups. Some of these lineups have included multiple freshmen, including freshman goalie Sebastian Conlon being in goal for three of the games.

Luckily for the Dukes, there's still 12 games on the schedule before the Sun Belt postseason tournament, and defeating the Wolfpack was the perfect start. With plenty of season left and a lot of experience within both the coaching staff and the squad, there's no reason to believe the Dukes can't turn it around.

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Edited by Patti Varol and Joyce Lewis

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 - 6 Pizza serving
 - 11 Dell products, for short
 - 14 Approximately
 - 15 Weighed down
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 - 17 *Many an aria
 - 19 Tiny
 - 20 "Will I ___ learn?"
 - 21 Dark cloud, maybe
 - 22 Noggin
 - 23 1950s sitcom name
 - 24 *Not quite apologetic
 - 27 Historic Nevada city with a railway museum
 - 29 ___ suey
 - 30 Salon offering
 - 33 Ore-Ida nuggets
 - 38 Here, in France
 - 39 Name better left unsaid, or a description of the answers to the starred clues
 - 41 Syrup source
 - 42 Unlikely winners
 - 44 "Best before" kin
 - 46 Tune for two
 - 47 Campus URL ender
 - 48 *Persuaded with flattery
 - 53 Frosted, as a cupcake
 - 57 Periods of history
 - 58 Horse rider's strap
 - 59 "Big Night" actor Shalhoub
 - 60 Buddy
 - 61 *In the near future
 - 64 ___-at-ease
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 - 8 "___ have a clue"
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 - 10 Music producer Brian
 - 11 Confident stance
 - 12 Blue-skies forecast word
 - 13 Far from swanky
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 - 22 YA novel by Carl Hiaasen about a threatened owl habitat
 - 25 Unreturnable serves
 - 26 Hide from view
 - 28 Red-ink amounts
 - 30 Zip
 - 31 ___-friendly
 - 32 Unexpected moments of good fortune
 - 33 "___ Te Ching": philosophical text
 - 34 Unwelcome picnic guest
 - 35 NFL six-pointers
 - 36 Bar bill
 - 37 James Bond, for one
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 - 45 "I'm good with it"
 - 47 Poet St. Vincent Millay
 - 48 Old photo tone
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 - 50 ___ Forces Day
 - 51 "Pet" annoyance
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