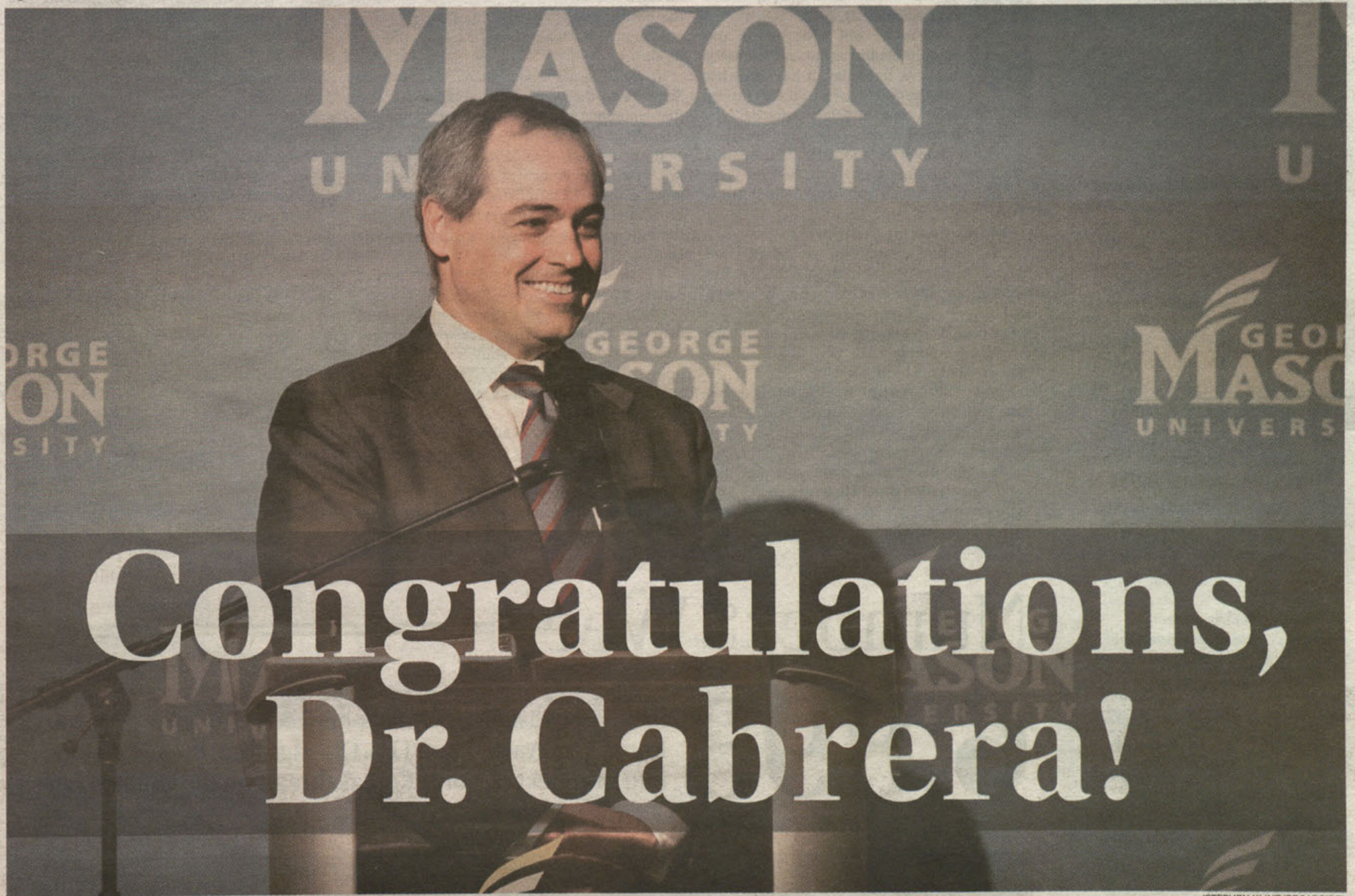


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Congratulations, Dr. Cabrera!

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"If I'm busy coding or thinking about research and have phone calls coming in, it's hard to get back into the same mental state. Maybe you had a great idea, but then it's gone."

- *Ruggero Scorcioni, neuroscientist and former software engineer who received his doctorate from Mason, said to Bloomberg Businessweek Technology about the problem that he has tried to solve by creating an application that uses brain waves to block calls.*

"We might think of price as the money that's actually given in exchange for the transfer of ownership. When you purchased the gallon of gas, you simply transferred your ownership of \$3. What the gas cost you is a different matter."

- *Walter Williams, economics professor, said in his syndicated column about the difference between price and cost.*

"With the White share of the electorate in continued decline, the Latino vote not yet solidified, and the Asian American vote still in growth-mode, African Americans are presented with an opportunity to apply political power, not just influence, in the years ahead by picking who wins elections."

- *Michael K. Fauntroy, an associate professor of public policy, said to The Madison Times about the African Americans' equivalence with whites.*

OPINION

Letter from the Editor-in-Chief

The world was supposed to end on December 21, 2012.

We're all still here, but in the months leading up to and following the long-fated day, it has often felt like the end of the world may just be a slower process than expected.

Since this time last year, 12 people were killed by a manic shooter in Aurora, Hurricane Sandy tore apart the East Coast and 26 lives were cut all too short by a gunman at Sandy Hook Elementary.

Then there was the past week.

There is not a lot I can say about what happened, from bombs to poison to an entire city shutting down, that has not already been said.

On page 11 managing editor Aaron Locke beautifully comments on how this week has tested us, but not broken us.

I hope that the trials the American people have suffered in Boston, Texas, D.C., Aurora, Newtown and the Jersey Shore during the past year are not quickly forgotten.

The emotions of grief, panic and rage that flood conversation should inspire some change in the nation.

The calls for change in politics are not

enough. Yes, it is important for the law to reflect the horrific current events that keep shocking our country, but we can start at a more organic level.

In 2009, President Barack Obama christened Sept. 11 as the National Day of Service and Remembrance, a time for Americans to remember their grief and give back to their community.

The generation of students at Mason, including myself, are almost too young to have truly grasped the 9/11 terrorist attacks for their full breadth at the time, but I certainly remember the solidarity that bonded strangers across the USA.

It is time to make that a permanent part of American culture.

Give meaning to your grief by going out of your way to help a stranger. Take pride in your country by displaying the American flag in your home. Become a more integral part of your community by giving back through volunteer work.

The biggest tragedy of all is when the names and faces of the victims fade from our minds, hearts and lives.

Becoming bogged down with the sadness and anger will do no good. The hatred and illness that inspired so many of the lives lost in

these tragedies is not something that we can all easily fight against.

But what we can do is become intrinsically better citizens, true Patriots, that spend time and effort giving back to the community.

Activism and participation means more than a tweet, a post or a share. Words are powerful but actions mean so much more.

This past weekend, I spent a few days down at Virginia Beach, where I saw runners carrying the American and Bostonian flags.

Their gesture was simple. Their meaning was powerful.

I hope this newfound sense of American pride and commitment does not slip away as quickly as the lives lost in the many tragedies we've suffered.



**Colleen
Wilson**
Editor-in-Chief

Number of the Week

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Estimated distance, in miles, between Pyongyang, North Korea and Washington D.C. On page four, Broadside looks into the effect of North Korea's threats on the United States.

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Photo of the Week: Finals are coming

MONDAY

April 22

Vision Series: Fast Food & Kids

Amy Best, associate professor of sociology and anthropology and the founding director of the Ph.D. program in Public Sociology, will give a lecture to discuss fast food's place in the lives of American youth.

Center of the Arts Concert Hall, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

April 23

Bike to Mason Day

In celebration of Earth Month, Parking and Transportation staff are encouraging students to bike to campus.

Bicyclists will be offered food and snacks and a local bike shop will provide mechanical support and minor bike adjustments.

Southside Plaza, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

THURSDAY

April 25

Victims' Rights 5K

In light of recent events in Boston, the 17th annual Victims' Rights 5k Run and Walk will be dedicated to the victims of the bombings. Proceeds will support the Mason Victims of Violence Fund and the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Program.

Center for the Arts, 12 p.m. Registration is free with a Mason ID; Other fees range from \$10 to \$25 on race day registration.

FRIDAY

April 26

President Cabrera's Inauguration

Angel Cabrera will be officially inaugurated as Mason's sixth president. The event will feature music, videos, stories and processions that revolve around Cabrera's vision for the university. Attendees will be given a free lunch and get early admittance to Mason Day in Lot L.

Patriot Center, 10 a.m.

News&Notes

Marion Deshmukh named Faculty Member of the Year

History professor Marion Deshmukh was honored at this year's Faculty Member of the Year at the annual Celebration of Distinction, held April 17. The event, hosted by the alumni association, recognizes a distinguished faculty member each year. Deshmukh began teaching at Mason in 1969 while completing her Ph.D. work at Columbia.

Students try to end hunger

In March, four graduate students—Gordon Brown, John Bordenkecher, Shelby McIntosh and Anthony Terrell—landed in the regional competition for the Hult Prize for their plan to help end hunger and poverty. Although they did not make it past regionals, they plan to further their plans to make the idea a reality.

Joy Hughes to join faculty

On April 16, President Cabrera announced that Joy Hughes would transition from her post as vice president of information technology and chief information officer (CIO) to join the faculty staff at the Volgenau School of Engineering. Hughes joined the Information Technology Unit (ITU) in 1997.

Tropical disease lecture

A lecture on "Neglected Tropical Diseases: Biology and Control Efforts" will be held in Johnson Center 327 meeting room C on April 23 from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Neglected tropical diseases affected one billion people across the world and occur mainly in low-income regions with unsanitary conditions. The diseases can be controlled by chemotherapy and by use of mass drug administration. The lecture is a part of the STEM Accelerator/Biology Undergraduate Program Seminar Series Spring 2013.

College Dream Tour 2013

On Saturday, May 4, 2013, Social Work students from Mason will host the fifth College Dream Tour. The event strives to promote dropout prevention and encourage youth to go to college. The event lasts from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., with registration beginning at 9 a.m.

North Korean threats have no effect on international study

Life for families, plans for South Korean Songdo campus continue without interruption

Despite the stream of aggressive threats from North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un, life at Mason goes on as normal and plans concerning Mason's South Korea satellite campus continue.

The Office of Global and International Strategies announced in statement on April 18 that although they are aware of the threats from North Korea, no advisory has been announced warning against travel to South Korea.

"Furthermore, none of Mason's partner institutions in South Korea have advised their international students to leave South Korea," the announcement stated.

According to Anne Schiller, director of the Office of Global and International Strategies, planning continues as usual.

"Student exchange programs in South Korea have not been affected by the threats, either, which are regularly issued by North Korea in moments of presidential transition in South Korea like this one," Schiller wrote in an email.

Some members

of Korean Student Association are not worried about the threats either, explaining that these threats happen often and are not taken seriously.

"Their threats have been non-stop throughout their history, since the end of the Korean war," said Basil Ok, an undeclared sophomore and member of the Korean Student Association.

Since the United Nation's condemnation of North Korea's nuclear test and the sanctions set forth by the U.N. Security Council, Kim Jong-un has been issuing threats of nuclear destruction towards the United States. In early March, the country announced that it would no longer follow the 1953 armistice which ended the Korean War.

Recently, the country has announced that foreigners in South Korea are not safe because of a possible nuclear war, and demanded on April 18 that military drills between the United States and South Korea must stop before negotiation talks will resume.

Despite North Korea's announcement on April 16 that South Korea would not be warned

before a nuclear attack, the Office of Global and International Strategies stressed in their announcement the Department of State's assertion that there are no threats to U.S. citizens in the Republic of Korea.

"In that regard we would like to note that the U.S.... Department of State has not issued any travel advisory against travel to South Korea," the Office of Global and International Strategies stated.

This announcement comes amidst Mason's continuing development of a campus in Songdo, South Korea.

"If the situation changes and the U.S. Department of State issues a travel advisory or travel warning for South Korea, the Office of Global and International Strategies will update the Mason community immediately," the announcement stated.

Director of the Center for Global Policy, Jack Goldstone, who is also the Hazel Professor of Public Policy, said that close attention should be given to the State Department's announcements.

"It is probably not

appropriate to issue a warning because there is no immediate threat, but it is prudent to remain alert and be willing to shift to a warning once they see that North Korea is moving missiles closer into position," Goldstone said.

According to Goldstone, the situation in North Korea will be tense especially for a couple more weeks, as the holiday period surrounding the celebration of the birthday of Kim Il Sung continues.

"The leader of North Korea, Kim Jong Un, has been threatening to do something dramatic around the time of this holiday. So it may be a bluff, and I hope it is, but we can't be sure of that until a little more time passes," Goldstone said.

Junior Anna Chun, a KSA member who has family in South Korea, is not worried about the threats.

"From the last time I talked to them, they weren't concerned about the threats from North Korea," Chun stated in an email.

Ok, who also has family in South Korea, is not worried about the North Korean threats.

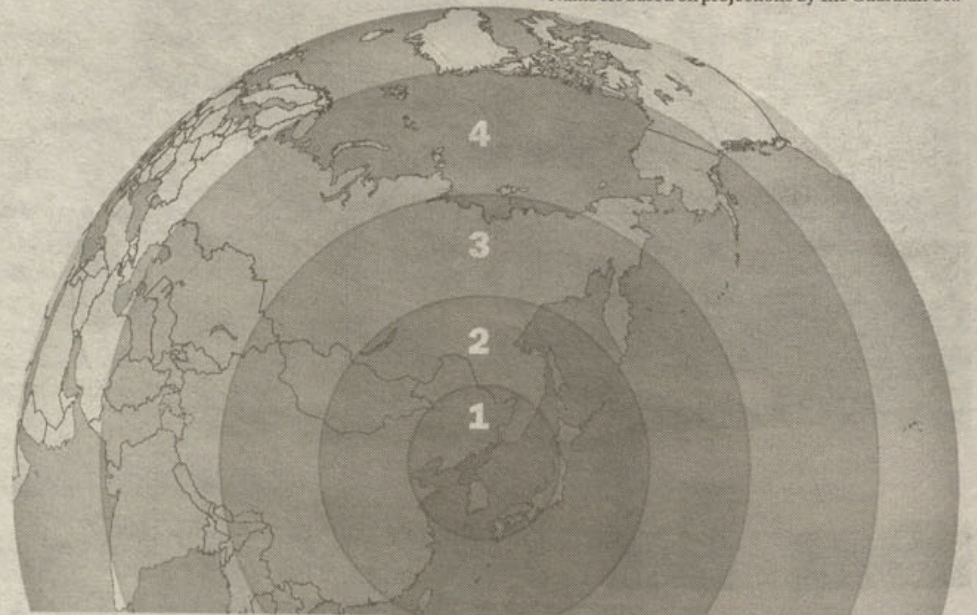
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Jack Goldstone, Director of the Center for Global Policy

North Korea's projected missile range

- 1 Nodong: 1000 km
- 2 Taepodong-1: 2200 km
- 3 Musadan: 4000 km
- 4 Taepodong-2: 6000 km

*Numbers based on projections by The Guardian UK.



(STEPHEN KLINE/BROADSIDE)

"I'm not at all nervous about my family. If they do attack, we have the U.S. on our side. Who would want to aggravate the U.S.? Who would want to get into war with them?" Ok said.

Goldstone is supportive of Mason's campus in South Korea.

"Korea is one of the world's most dynamic economies and it's very good for Mason to have a presence there," Goldstone said. "I think that it is the right thing to do and I hope the threat passes quickly."

Ok thinks that Mason should examine all possibilities of the issue.

"Never say never. If you want to be totally safe, maybe we shouldn't. You never know how people's minds work, maybe they would follow through," Ok said.

Still, both students stress that South Koreans are used to these threats.

"Why the South Koreans are not scared is because during the Korean War, we were unprepared," Ok said. "We didn't have enough weapons. They suddenly came and pushed us down all the way to the bottom of the Peninsula. Now, ever since the end of that Korean War, we are ready. We have a strong military and every year we have a lot of recruits and everybody is well trained. We are

prepared. We see one little thing coming out of North Korea, they are done."

According to Goldstone, the current threats are just starting to look more like the previous episodes of threats which were not acted upon.

"I think people were more frightened because the new leader is less secure and less skilled than his father and grandfather, and there was fear that he might overreach, make a mistake, but it seems the last few days that he has not been making things worse, and that is a good sign," Goldstone said.

Ok said that even if North Korea would follow through with the threats, he and his family are not worried.

"I wouldn't stay too worried about it, I don't think they would totally wipe out South Korea. I don't think they have the power to do it," Ok said.

Although tension is high, the United States or South Korea has yet to be attacked.

"This is a situation that has been one of high tension for a long time and now great tension for several weeks, but nothing has happened, so I find that encouraging," Ok said.

JANELLE GERMANOS
STAFF WRITER



(JENNY KRASHIN/BROADSIDE)

Volunteers put on Hazmat suits and got on their hands and knees with the toy marine animals as a demonstration at North Plaza on April 17.

Students in bright yellow Hazmat suits and caution tape were an unusual scene at North Plaza on April 17.

"This is a metaphor of what has happened in the past and what may happen in the future regarding oil spills that have been going on," said CJ Duncan, a member of Northern Virginia Community College's Green Club.

The scene, a demonstration put on by a partnership between Global Interdisciplinary Programs, the Environmental Action Group (EAG) and the international non-profit, Oceana, took place in commemoration of the third anniversary of the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill, which occurred on April 20, 2010.

"Offshore drilling is still as dirty and dangerous as it was three years ago," said Colin Nackerman, a representative from EAG, in a press release about the event. "We need to invest in renewable energy sources like offshore wind, rather than expanding offshore drilling into new areas like the East Coast."

Lisa Breglia, director of Global

Students petition oil drilling plans

Students rally support against seismic airgun testing for oil in the Atlantic

Interdisciplinary Programs, said that 114 signatures were collected during the event.

"Students were initially curious and then enthusiastic about our event," Breglia said. "They were familiar with the dangers of offshore drilling and many were sympathetic to our cause. Students were less familiar with the issue of seismic airgun testing, so it was a great opportunity to spread some information about this."

Seismic airguns shoot pressurized air into the ocean floor in search of oil and gas reserves.

According to Oceana, the noise of the seismic airguns

is detrimental to the health of marine mammals, fish, seaturtles and other wildlife.

The organizations propose the use of offshore wind energy as an alternative to offshore drilling.

"Cleaning up oil is a dirty job and we prefer to keep it clean in the first place," Duncan said.

Senior Zach Willis, who is involved with EAG, noted that there is still a demand for oil despite offshore drilling.

"I wouldn't say that I am against drilling, because people do use oil, but we should be raising awareness of the problems," Willis said. "Banning [oil] won't stop people

from using it."

Sophomore Victoria Gold, who signed the petition, agrees with investing in clean energy and solar and wind power.

Oceana is garnering support from East Coast residents because of the Obama administration's plan for seismic airgun testing in the Atlantic ocean. Volunteers from EAG and Oceana as well as representatives from Global Interdisciplinary Programs asked students to sign a petition to ask President Barack Obama to deny the oil industry the ability to use seismic airguns.

The event was one of many that will take place during the Earth Day weekend.

"There are 20 events like ours at college campuses across the country," Breglia said. "We are so excited that Mason was able to join this national effort, linking our campus and student group, EAG, to the larger cause."

NIKI PAPADOGIANNAKIS
NEWS EDITOR

State laws cause deficit in budget

At a budget town hall on April 15, Senior Vice President J.J. Davis and Provost Peter Stearns discussed increasing student tuition and the 2014 fiscal year budget.

Tuition rates are expected to rise, however the exact amount of the increase is yet to be determined. Stearns hopes that it will be less than 4.2 percent, which is the expected increase for other Virginia public universities.

"As the state has reduced its taxpayer dollars to Mason and other institutions, we see, nationally, institutions move to a more tuition-based funding solutions," Davis said. "So the state reduces its money, institutions of higher [education] have to find resources to fund faculty, staff. So increased tuition is a way to offset some of the budget cuts."

Due to funding and enrollment changes, tuition will be increased in order to offset new costs set by the state. As part of the Virginia state budget passed by the General Assembly earlier this year, public higher education institutions are required to increase faculty salaries.

For fiscal year 2014, faculty wages will be \$12 million of the total university budget.

"When the state gives a salary increase, it pays for slightly less than half of it, but we have to pay for half of it," Stearns said. "They also have this year this 18-percent increase in health premiums. They gave us 2.3 million new dollars, they require us to spend six million new dollars, that's why we are still in a difficult situation."

The university is looking to other sources of revenue and hopes to grow its private donation base in the future. The budget will also be cut from around six to seven million dollars, with one percent being cut from each academic department.

Even with these changes, Davis assured students that Mason is still a cost effective university.

"We sit at the intersection of being a great value and a great return on investment," Davis said.

The Board of Visitors will vote on the budget at their May 8 meeting in Mason Hall.

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Undergraduate students utilize research program opportunity



(EVAN CANTWELL/CREATIVE SERVICES)

Krystal Thomas, pictured above in the Johnson Center, participated in the Undergraduate Research Scholars Program.

Making sacrifices is not always easy. Just ask senior sociology major Niah Grimes.

Grimes is a full-time student, peer advocate for sexual assault service, employee at Assisting Young Mothers and Office of Student Scholarship Creative Activities and Research (OSCAR) fellow.

OSCAR's goals include increasing the visibility of undergraduates doing work and increasing opportunities for students in scholarship. The office organizes the URSP, one-on-one student research working alongside a mentor. OSCAR works with departments to organize research projects for students.

Last year, Grimes participated in the Undergraduate Research Scholars Program (URSP). Aside from schoolwork and her job, Grimes researches for a minimum of 10 hours per week.

Krystal Thomas, a psychology and conflict analysis and resolution major, is also an OSCAR fellow who shares a similar experience. For both Grimes and Thomas, participating in the URSP opened the door for many opportunities, making their sacrifices worthwhile.

"The OSCAR program totally shaped my time here at Mason," Grimes said. "It propelled me forward and gave me the job I have now - it also makes you a stronger applicant for grad school."

At one point, Thomas was a full-time student with 16 credits, a resident advisor, an ambassador at the Office of

the Ombudsman and did research for 10 hours each week.

Thomas applied to the URSP during her junior year and has been working on her project since spring 2012.

For her research, Thomas inquires about black women making and breaking the mold and the influence of stereotypes on identity.

"It [research] is a chance to do something you are really passionate about," Thomas said.

During her sophomore year, Grimes enrolled in the honors program within the Sociology Department. Grimes was working on her own research project when her mentor recommended that she apply to URSP.

Grimes applied the following year to URSP and proposed her research idea of "sexual interactions of high school men."

Her idea surfaced in her methods class. Grimes wanted to understand why unintended pregnancies in high school occurred. Grimes herself had family members who went through similar experiences and wanted to figure out the causes. Grimes reviewed literature and journal articles on her topic. She also took a qualitative methods class, wrote a proposal to the Human Subjects Review Board, and conducted preliminary research.

Grimes interviewed 12 college males about practicing safe sex in high school. One of her findings was that males didn't

think they needed to use safe-sex practices while in committed relationships.

Grimes combined her research and interviews into a research paper and presented it through OSCAR and her sociology program.

"It [URSP] put me in a place where I was able to meet a lot of people and their research. It definitely enhanced my network," Grimes said.

Bethany Usher, director of the Students as Scholars Initiative, helped launch URSP in the fall of 2011 to provide Mason undergraduate students with an opportunity to engage in research and scholarship.

"Every student gets a chance to do something with it [research]," Usher said.

A common misconception is that research is only for science-oriented fields.

"I definitely think it is for all disciplines. To break that stigma would be great," Grimes said.

"The idea is when everyone graduates they will have some working knowledge and scholarship in their field, and to some degree participate in it," Humbertson said.

One of OSCAR's opportunities includes the fully-paid summer URSP which allows students to work on their project during the summer term.

OMAMA ALTALEB
STAFF WRITER

President Cabrera answers questions on Reddit AMA

President Angel Cabrera sat down and answered questions from George Mason's Subreddit as part of an Ask Me Anything chat on Friday, April 19. Here are several of Cabrera's responses.

Q: I actually went to GWU, not GMU, but I'm interested in knowing how you view your term in office? Is it similar to how President Knapp of GW works (donor focused, leaving the student affairs to the Provost), or more like a Trachtenburg (Student focused, furthering the "campus/student life" mission)?

Cabrera: 5 year contract. Functions are both internal and external, with great people helping me on both sides, including our provost Peter Stearns who oversees all academic and student affairs.

Q: I am coming from a Graduate Student perspective here, but what is your opinion on the support given to graduate students and their research? My research is heavily into retention and I'm ironically finding that there is not enough helping me stay on this campus due to competition for funding of tuition and networking.

Cabrera: We have to do much, much better in graduate student support. It is a priority that we need to solve as soon as we can identify some funding.

Q: How can you continue to balance the value of art in a STEAM society? I know Mason has a College of Visual and Performing Arts that is growing, but all the emphasis from the government seems to be focused entirely on Science Technology Engineering and Math. Can Mason continue to support the Arts as it has, or will it fall as state-supported funding feeds other programs instead?

Cabrera: We need to focus on STEAM, not just STEM. Technology and science need creativity to deliver solutions and outcomes that matter to society. I hope we will find ways for our CVPA to help students across the university to develop their creative side!

Q: Will you move all the econ faculty/classes to Arlington? Fairfax is basically in West Virginia.

Cabrera: If Fairfax is West Va, what do you think about Front Royal? Hawaii?

Q: Why don't you support the sports? All you have to do is show up.

Cabrera: I go to all games! Where were you? Don't you support athletics?

#MasonNation #PraysforBoston

Students, staff and faculty took to Twitter to express their feelings about the series of bombings at the Boston Marathon



The thoughts of the Mason Nation are with the people of Boston today. Stay safe.



Saddened by the events in Boston yet inspired by how Bostonians are reacting. My heart goes out to the victims and families



I send my thoughts and prayers to the victims and families of the horrible events in Boston this afternoon



Absolutely horrible scene in Boston. Be thankful for the people you have in your life. A-B, brothers.



Stop whatever you're doing and send a quick thought and prayer to the victims of the Boston explosion. #prayforBoston



Sending prayers to the families impacted by the explosions at the Boston Marathon. #Mason



Thinking of my loved ones in Boston today, my heart goes out to all who are affected.



That was too close for comfort. My heart goes out to those hurt in boston.



Thoughts and prayers go out to all in Boston. This is just awful to watch.



Some are reporting the brothers may be devout Muslims. Doesn't mean religious extremism had anything to do with this. Lets be cautious!



I might be the only person on this campus wearing anything VT related or Boston related. COME ON PEOPLE. #GMU YOU GUYS SUCK



Nope, not allowing a couple of BOYS to hijack my faith once more. Not allowing it. #Boston

Tweets of the Week



I didn't pay all that money to share my parking deck with visitors and other students who don't know their way around. Smh GMU parking.



It should be a school rule that all classes are canceled on Mason day #seriously #gmu



TBA is really teaching a lot of classes next semester!



Golf is killing me. Too stressful. I need to try something easier... Like university president



Today I have taken classes in art, govt. policy, and sustainability. Feeling thankful for my interdisciplinary education with @NCC Mason!

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Pot Party hosted by WAVES provides 4/20 alternative

Event mocks marijuana celebration with light-hearted drug references

On April 20, the Wellness, Alcohol and Violence Education and Services office held a mellow get-together to raise awareness about the dangers of drugs.

4/20, a day notorious for its association with marijuana consumption, provided the WAVES office with a platform upon which to educate the campus community about the risks associated with using or possessing cannabis.

Aptly dubbed a Pot Party, the event's coordinators utilized one of the substance's more colloquial monikers as a double entendre, emphasizing the gathering's intentions while explicitly stating its main activity: painting flower pots.

"WAVES has both large scale and small scale programming," said Lindsey Hammond, the education coordinator for the WAVES office who used the Pot Party as a way to approach students and provide them with literature about the risks of marijuana use and to offer education and support to students who are affected by drug use. "As well as one-on-one consultations with Licensed Clinical Social Workers who can work with students either in or out of the office."

With the atmosphere of an Amsterdam coffee shop, the relaxed attitude of both the staff and the guests helped to open up an honest dialogue about marijuana.

After check-in, students were treated to a buffet of staple stoner munchies – brownies, Doritos and Capris Sun

– providing a tongue-in-cheek nod to 4/20's traditional breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Afterward, to the gentle rhythm of reggae music, attendees were given the option of painting small, ceramic pots while they lounged.

Unlike a real pot party, this event gave more than it took.

Guests left with food, knowledge and a crafty, personalized pot, as opposed to lung and heart complications and an increased risk of anxiety and depression.

Amongst WAVES' many educational programs, there are also events such as the Great American Smokeout, which is held on November 15.

The "Smokeout" is a day hosted by the American Cancer Society that is focused on "encouraging smokers to use the date to make a plan to quit, or to plan in advance and quit smoking that day." This applies those who smoke tobacco or marijuana.

The Pot Party, just like the Smokeout, promoted the idea of abstaining or quitting smoking.

However, WAVES aimed the educational resources and support to those who regularly smoke marijuana.

According to the literature provided by the WAVES office, "[marijuana] can promote cancer because it has 50-70% more carcinogens than tobacco smoke."

"Marijuana raises heart rate by 20-100 percent shortly after smoking; this effect can last up to 3 hours," stated

the National Institute on Drug Abuse's website. "In one study, it was estimated that marijuana users have a 4.8-fold increase in the risk of heart attack in the first hour after smoking the drug."

But regardless of the negative health effects cannabis can have on a person's mental and physical health, it is hard to ignore the pro-legalization marijuana campaigns cropping up in the United States and around college campuses.

With 18 states, and Washington, D.C., currently allowing the medical use of marijuana, there is an obvious debate between pro-legalization of marijuana or keeping the drug illegal.

WAVES does not shy away from tackling heavy issues such as marijuana and drug use.

In the week of April 29 there are two events dedicated to promoting healthy sexual relationships and putting a stop to harmful rape culture.

April 24 is Denim Day, a day dedicated to protesting against misconceptions that surround sexual assault. April 25 is the 17th Annual Victims' Run and Walk.

A university tradition, the proceeds for the 5k race go to "support the George Mason University Victims of Violence Fund and the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Program."

NATHAN AMMONS
STAFF WRITER



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Hosted by WAVES, the Pot Party educated students about the risks that accompany marijuana consumption and possession while providing materials to paint flower pots.

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THE VISION SERIES

Fast Food Kids
Amy Best, speaker
April 22 at 7 p.m. Free CA

MASON JAZZ ENSEMBLE

April 24 at 8 p.m.
\$10 adu., \$5 stu./sen. CA
1 Free Ticket per ID avail. Apr. 16

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April 26 at 8 p.m. April 27 at 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
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1 Free Ticket per ID avail Apr. 16

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1 Free Ticket per ID avail Apr. 16

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1 Free Ticket per ID avail Apr. 16

THE ACTING COMPANY

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How to get to Mason from the other side of the world: Part Three

Over the series of three articles, Stepan Gordeev shares his experiences as an international student

OPINION

The previous part had ended right before the beginning of the semester. I was pretty nervous and curious at the same time. I was waiting for my first days of a very different college in a very different country to start, and I didn't know what to expect. It turned out that there are a few things in US education that I wasn't prepared for.

When the classes started on Aug. 27, 2012, the first thing that surprised me was the incredible freedom — or lack of discipline, whatever you want to call it — in the classroom. Students can come and leave whenever they so desire, eat and drink in the classroom and do all kinds of stuff that would severely affect the student's grade if he or she did it in a Russian university.

It would be a lie to say that an average Russian college is the stronghold of discipline and obedience. It is not, Russian students love being free and independent just as their American colleagues. But the need for some sort of discipline in education is not being questioned or doubted. The eternal struggle between supervising teachers and disobeying students is what we are used to and take for granted.

In Russia, teachers definitely have a higher position and more rights than students, where in the U.S. they are almost equal. I am not going to discuss what is better — each way has its advantages and disadvantages. Anyway, I, being used to the "Russian way", still can't let myself eat during class or leave in the middle of the lecture.

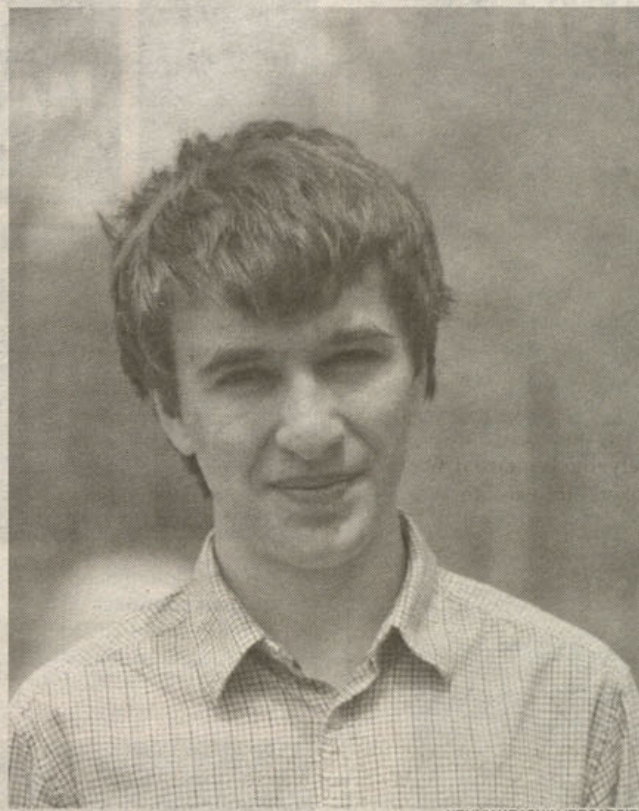
The second thing I encountered — which I still can't get used to — was when I went to the gym near Presidents Park for the first time. I always warm up on a treadmill by running at 10 km/h. Although I hadn't been going to the gym for a couple of months, I decided not to make that day an exception. I started by slowly increasing speed, and I already felt a bit uncomfortable on the speed of 6-7. I decided that it's probably the result of a long break in my training and continued increasing speed.

However, on nine I felt like Hermes, slowly taking off from the ground. I had to reduce speed to 6.5 and ran on that speed for the rest of my warm up. Only when I was going home from the gym I suddenly understood my mistake: numbers on the treadmill display weren't kilometers per hour.

Of course, I knew that America still uses the least obvious and least convenient way to measure things that has ever existed on the surface of this planet. I even knew some of the ratios between metric and imperial units, but still I forgot about it that day. Since then, I made some progress on this matter, but I'm not fully accustomed to it yet. I still have no idea how large an ounce is, and only today, I found out that an American ton is not a metric ton.

The last and biggest difference I would like to address is in the way programs of study are formed. While in the U.S., students are free to choose any classes they want and create their own schedule, but in Russia it is completely different. The set and order of classes is the same for all students pursuing a particular degree — there are no electives or anything like that.

Upon admission, students of the same specialization are formed in groups. One group usually consists of 20-30 students with the same schedule. They go to all classes together, and they hang out together. Although I like the ability to choose classes here, I really miss having such company. Our grade



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schools work by the same principle: 20-30 students go to all classes together from the first until the last grade.

When you spend half of your time with the same people, there is no way you can avoid becoming best friends with some of them. And believe me, having a small circle of close friends, where everybody knows everybody, is one of the best things you can have in life. You can say that there are fraternities and sororities in US colleges. Yes, but partying with the same people over and over again is not equal to working with them every day, facing the same challenges, same problems and overcoming them together. And partying after that, yes. Bonds formed in Russian universities last for a person's whole life. When I see adult best friends on my motherland, I know those are their college group mates.

I'm not saying that you can't make friends in the United States—you can, and you can find people very close to you in their perception of the world and become best friends with them. But you probably won't have many mutual friends with these guys or company to hang out with together.

After spending seven months in this country, I saw many amazing things here. Yes, not everything is as good as it is shown in the movies, but Mason is a great place to study with many great people. I am happy that my life brought me here, and despite some small things I don't really like—feet, pounds, and ounces, for example—I don't regret coming to this college.

STEPAN GORDEEV
BROADSIDE CONTRIBUTOR

Mason Makes Careers

Every week, Broadside features a student or alumnus with a great internship or job to highlight the opportunities and potential earning a degree at Mason offers.



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NAME: Hasan Spall
GRADUATION: May 2014
DEGREE: Finance
INTERNSHIP:
Shanghai, China 9-week internship with the Center for Global Education

Describe your day-to-day responsibilities?

At the very beginning of the internship, my boss gave me a specific assignment — marketing project for his company "kakatong" — and every day I came in to work I researched other companies that were similar to the one I worked for and how they functioned daily and how they brought in customers and kept customers and so on. I also found ways that could make our company better. I also was tasked with converting their Chinese app for mobile phones for their company into an English version.

How did your courses or involvement in student organizations at Mason help you with your job?

One class that helped me a lot before going abroad was my Management 301 class. It taught me how foreign countries were going to be different to work for/with and how to approach things in a foreign country. The customs and the way other countries handled jobs.

What's the most exciting part of your internship? Can you give an example of something cool that's happened?

The whole experience is something that I am going to remember for the rest of my life, and I am glad that I went through with it. The most exciting part is the fact that I lived in America mostly all of my life, and then I went to another country on the other side of the world, not knowing what to expect and not speaking the native language. Not having anyone I knew come along with me — just being on my own in what seemed to be a whole new world for nine weeks. It was really a life changing experience.

A few cool things happened while I was there. During the five-week mark of the internship, I had my wallet stolen right out of my back pocket, and so without IDs or credit cards or money, I had to find ways to support myself for the remaining month I was there, which is an experience I'm glad I got through. But I never want to go through again!! Even today I don't carry a wallet, anymore. The second cool thing that I can remember is leaving Shanghai for a weekend and taking the bullet train over to Beijing and scaling the Great Wall of China. It was an amazing thing to see in person, and I never thought in all of my life that I would be walking on the great wall.

What advice would you give students applying for similar jobs?

Some advice I would give students applying for internships would be to look for scholarships! These internships can get pretty costly. There are many scholarships available if you just take the time to look, as well as make the most out of your trip, you never know if you'll get the opportunity to visit again.

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Active Minds speaker shares personal struggles

Maggie Bertram was in college not too long ago. She was valedictorian of the small Illinois high school she attended, and she went to college at a small Illinois university.

People knew Bertram as an athlete, intelligent and someone on her way to fulfill the dreams and goals that were laid out for her.

"I came off as 'put together.' I was the person people came to when people needed help. I never thought about what I would like to do," Bertram said.

Bertram and her college friend decided that they had everything in their lives in fairly good order, but they needed one thing to make them truly happy - a man. The pair began exercising and dieting in order to lose weight and attract a guy.

"It felt great to exercise again. It was nice to have that routine, and it was great to have people be like, 'Hey, you look really great! Have you lost weight?' and for me to say, 'Yeah, I have!'" Bertram said. "But because exercise made me feel so much better about myself - gave me confidence - I was starting to exercise more and more and eating less and less. It started to take over my life, where I was constantly thinking about exercising and eating."

Eventually during Bertram's college career, she was diagnosed with anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorder, depression and anorexia.

"I would start my assignments for the semester during the first week, and I would work on papers and study until the very last minute," Bertram said. "But I wasn't doing

well. I would study and study and study, but I couldn't remember anything. I was too anxious."

According to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America's website, "anxiety disorders are one of the most common mental health problems on college campuses. Forty million U.S. adults suffer from an anxiety disorder, and 75 percent of them experience their first episode of anxiety by age 22."

Bertram joined Active Minds in 2009 and is now the program manager for student-led initiatives at Active Minds, Inc. The organization's goal is to create discussion that talks differently about mental health. With 420 college campus chapters of Active Minds, the non-profit is making strides to raise awareness about mental health and to remove the term's negative connotations.

Every year, Mason's Active Minds chapter holds events and hosts speakers, like Bertram, to talk about college students and dealing with mental health. Though she is not a mental health expert, Bertram has learned over the past few years how to keep her mental health balanced and shares her stories with students struggling with similar problems.

"No one really knows how to respond about what mental health is," Bertram said. "No one wants to be offensive when they talk about mental health, so people just don't say anything at all."

Bertram wants the goals for Active Minds chapters to make some sort of positive change on campus.



(MICHAEL CASH/ELLSWORTH)

Guest speaker Maggie Bertram spoke to Active Minds about her experience with mental health disorders.

"Whether it's reaching out as a friend to someone who's stressed, letting someone know about CAPS [Counseling and Psychological Services] or trying to remove the stigma that's around the phrase 'mental health,' I think students can help their peers by making them feel comfortable - not ashamed

- with their mental health," Bertram said. "It'll never be so easy to get mental health services and support except for when you're at college."

RYAN WEISSER
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

The worst week America has had in a really long time

OPINION

Albert Camus, the author of *The Stranger* and *The Plague*, once wrote, "Blessed are the hearts that can bend; they shall never be broken."

I am confident when I say that the hearts around the world have done too much bending this past week.

If you're bothering to read your college's newspaper, I am doubtful that you need a recap of the week's events, but here's one anyways:

The Boston Marathon was bombed. A vote that would put into place a stronger background check on guns was shot down. A fertilizer plant in Texas exploded. Letters laced with poison were sent to both the president and congressmen. Earthquakes hit in Iran, and again in China killing over 120. 27 people died at a suicide bombing in Baghdad. A near 24-hour manhunt to find the suspects of the Boston Marathon bombers kept Americans glued to their televisions. An avalanche in Colorado killed five.

These are our afflictions, our weaknesses. These are the things that seek to destroy us, to bend our hearts in directions we thought impossible.

No one knows as much as they should. No one knows why these things happen when they do, or why they happen to whom they do. They just do.

Now we must overcome it. That "we" stretches from the

emergency response teams to the families of the afflicted to the nation as a whole. A nation that must come to grips with the fact that our homeland is ground zero for acts of terror, natural disaster and violence.

On Monday night, only six hours after the news of the bombing in Boston hit twitter feeds and television screens, I found myself surrounded by three hundred other people inside the 9:30 club waiting to see a concert that I had purchased tickets for four months ago.

I received a text from my father that read, "Just thinking of you with the crap in Boston. Have fun. Love you."

The text, combined with the atmosphere of the concert, ushered in the feeling of insignificance.

I am nineteen-year-old kid from a small town in Vermont. I am supposed to be figuring out how to pay for my cell phone bill, how to cook for myself, and balance school with work. But the harsh reality is that nineteen also means dealing with the immensities of loss, conflict and hardship, all of which are way over my head.

On the other hand, my dad's text also reminded me of the importance of such individual significance. Without individuals, we wouldn't have this never-ending web of relationships that make tragedy meaningful.

It is the relationship between a parent and a son that made the loss of eight-year-old Martin Richard so heartbreaking. It

is knowing, personally, what it feels like to have a father that works as a part of emergency response organization that makes the death of Sean Collier so frightening.

Blessed are the hearts that can bend, right? It begs the question how much bending can one person, can one people take.

Last Monday, in the wake of the Boston tragedy I stood on beer soaked floors surrounded by kids holding cell phones paid for by their parents. I watched a man sing some songs. I watched a man sing some songs with three hundred other people and we all tried to make sense of the world, of ourselves.

Life is the most fragile thing we will ever have the pleasure and pain of having. Life will force us to take sides and make decisions we don't want to make. Life will be taken away in moments of hatred. Life will be fulfilled when we listen to our favorite songs.

Life will bend our hearts in inexplicable directions, but let us never be broken.



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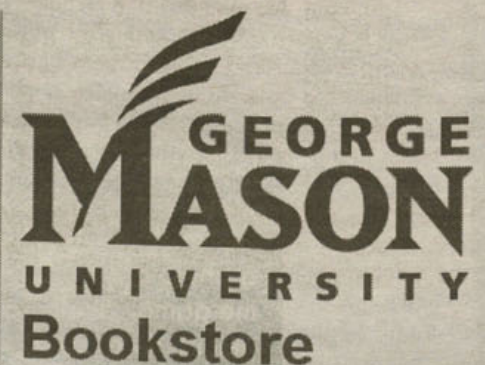
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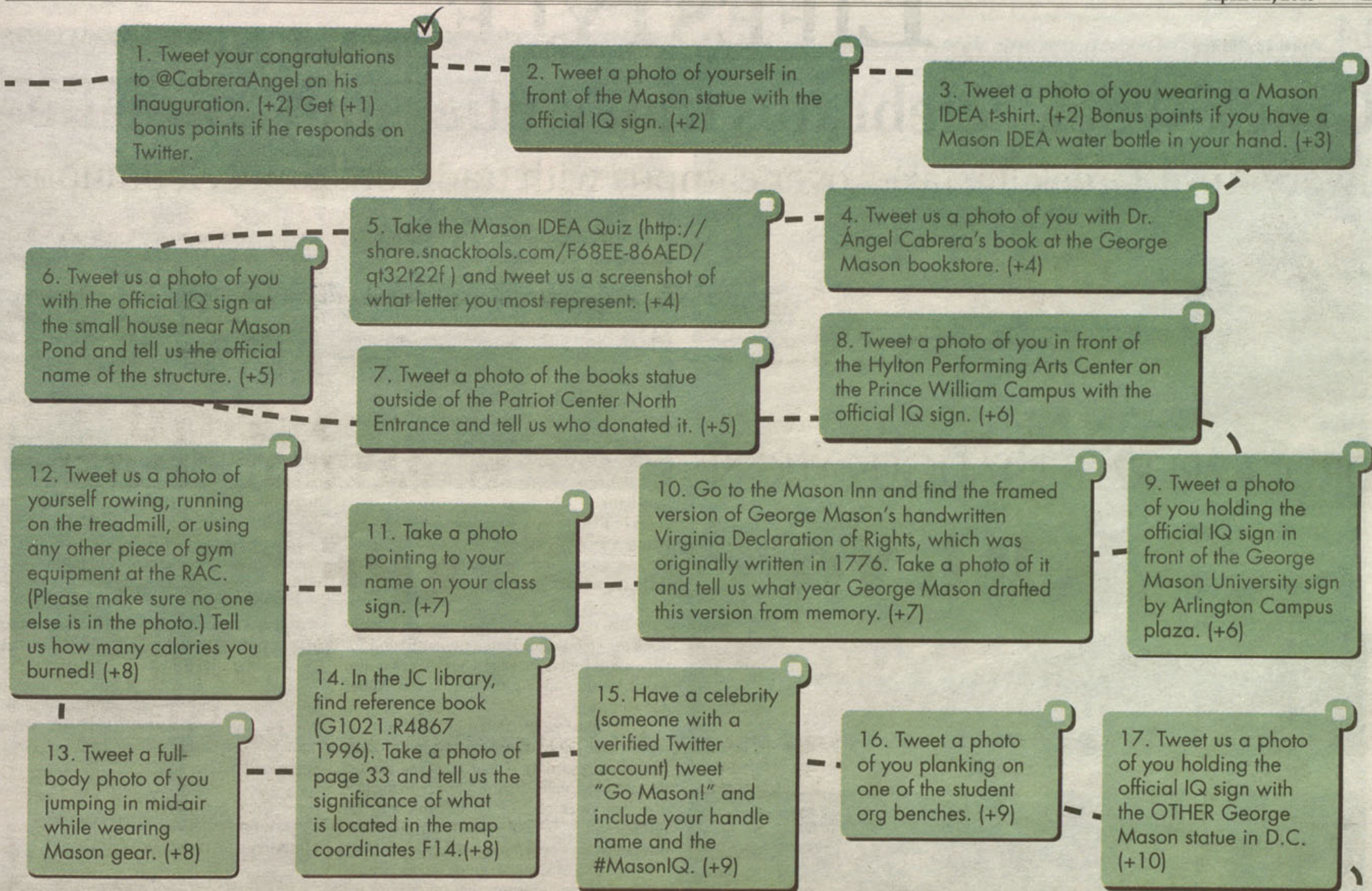
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24. It's Inauguration Day! (10 a.m., Patriot Center). Rack up some Quest points here with the following tasks: Tweet us a photo of you at Inauguration with the official IQ sign. (+5) Tweet us a photo of the procession. (+3) Tweet us a photo of Dr. Cabrera speaking. (+2) Tweet a pic of an elected official congratulating Dr. Cabrera during Inauguration. (+4)

25. It's Mason Day! Tweet us a photo of you with the official IQ sign in front of one of the many food trucks in Lot L or on one of the rides. (+5)

Greek Week celebrates fraternities and sororities

Every April, Greek life takes over campus with traditions and celebrations



(MICHAEL CASH/LL/BROADSIDE)

Greek Week is an anticipated tradition for Mason's Greek organizations.

The event originally only included the 15 recognized National Inter-Fraternity Conference fraternities and the six National Panhellenic Conference sororities, but now encompasses all social Greek councils, which include the National Pan-Hellenic Council and the Multicultural Greek Council.

The overall goal of Greek Week is not only to promote Greek life, but to raise awareness and funds for Habitat for Humanity and canned food donations for Food for Others, a Fairfax food bank.

According to a celebratory post on Phi Kappa Sigma's Facebook page, nearly 20,000 canned goods were collected for Food for Others. just two days into this year's Greek Week.

To give raising funds, awareness and donations for Habitat for Humanity and Food for Others a competitive edge, Greek Week is also a competition among the Mason fraternities and sororities.

In the past, each fraternity and sorority represented only their organization. Each Panhellenic sorority would compete against the other Panhellenic sororities to win the title of Greek Week sorority champions, and the IFC fraternities would compete for the fraternity Greek Week champions title.

Now, with 36 social greek organizations involved, there are teams that represent each council, and each team is comprised of six organizations.

Throughout the week, events are held to

earn points for teams, such as Shack-A-Thon, kiosk check-ins, Field Day, Aquatics Night and Greek Sing.

For Shack-A-Thon, each team builds shacks out of recyclable products, such as cardboard and water bottles, to raise awareness for Habitat for Humanity and to collect canned food donations for Food for Others.

Kiosk check-ins occur each day as a way for each team to earn points.

Field Day is similar to the field day events held in elementary and middle school. Teams compete against each other in sack races, dizzy bat, relays, tug-of-war and other field day racing games.

Aquatics Night and Greek Sing tend to be the two more popular events of the week, as they show off each teams' talent in the water and on the stage.

Aquatics Night includes events like synchronized swimming and relays, and in the past there were diving contests.

Greek Sing can take months to prepare for, as it is a choreographed and musical skit that focuses on equality, friendship, sisterhood and brotherhood among Mason's Greek organizations.

RYAN WEISSER
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

** Editor's Note — In full disclosure, the author of this story is an affiliated member of the National Panhellenic Conference Greek organization Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity.*

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(Top left) Greeks participate in field day by competing in events such as sack races and tug-of-war. (Bottom left) Student fraternities and sororities raise money and awareness for Habitat for Humanity building Shack-A-Thon shelters on campus. (Right) Greek life members paddle across the pool using a cardboard and duct tape boat during Aquatics Night on April 20, part of Greek Week. Team two won the boat race in a tiger themed boat.





Each April, Mason's Greek community seems to take over campus, causing confusion among Mason's students who are unfamiliar with Greek life and the tradition of Greek Week.

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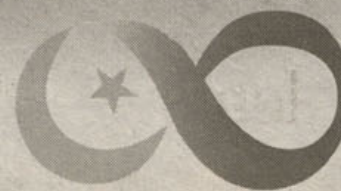
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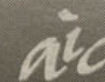
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Students Against Israeli Apartheid's misguided outlook

OPINION

Amongst our diverse campus community, there is a student group that made politicized gestures during this year's International Week parade of flags ceremony.

This organization is known as the Students Against Israeli Apartheid (SAIA), a group that believes a complex multi-generational ethnic conflict can be solved if people stop eating certain types of hummus.

Regarding student organization rules, it is strange that they are allowed

to exist.

According to Mason's guidelines for student clubs, a new club "cannot in any way directly duplicate an organization that already exists."

SAIA was founded in 2012; the Students for Justice in Palestine of GMU (SJP) was founded years earlier and professes identical views and goals.

Then there is their Facebook group, where they state their support a one state solution.

It's probably a typo, but if not, it makes one wonder who that one state would belong to.

Like SJP, Student's Against Israeli Apartheid's main objection is Israel's foreign policy regarding the Palestinian territories.

Their answer to this longstanding conflict is to place all the blame on Israel and have a boycott-divestment-sanctions approach against Israel for its "apartheid" system.

As with countless ideological organizations before them, SAIA uses extremist rhetoric such as deeming Israel an "apartheid state."

And, like most extremist terminology, it's simplistic. South Africa's Apartheid system involved the complete separation of races, namely the black and white populations.

Israel's Jewish population, by contrast, is very much a multiracial mélange of Western Europeans, Slavs, Middle Easterners, Ethiopians, Afghans, and more.

Furthermore, there are over one million Israeli Arabs, who frequently are involved in the same

institutions both socially and politically as their Jewish brethren.

Granted, SAIA has the occasional prominent person who agrees with them. Most convincing would be South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Tutu once wrote a column calling Israel's treatment of Palestinians as "apartheid." Yet there are two important caveats to Tutu's work. First, in that very same column Tutu praised Israel's system. "In a region where repressive governments and unjust policies are the norm, Israel is certainly more democratic than its neighbors," wrote Tutu.

Second, Tutu has used the term "apartheid" to describe many things he takes moral issue with.

For example, in 2004 Tutu declared that "homophobia equals apartheid." Now it's hard to find disagreement with the idea that homophobia is vile, but is it truly identical, point by point, mechanism by mechanism, with the intense racial segregation of South Africa?

Building off of Tutu's point about Israel's moral superiority, if SAIA really seeks to eliminate apartheid, they should look at their side.

Virtually every Western pro-Palestinian organization believes that peace can only come when Israel ends its occupation and blockade of the Palestinian territories.

Yet, nearly every Western pro-Palestinian organization does not believe removing Israel military presence is sufficient.

What the SAIA, the SJP and the whole host of Palestine solidarity groups seek is the removal of every Jewish man, woman, and child from the West Bank and Gaza Strip, regardless of whether or not they belong to the Israeli Defense Forces.

They seek to create a singular ethnic nationalist state, purged of any Jewish communities. This is a vision only paralleled by the most fanatical Zionist ideologues.

For some reason, few if any of these Palestinian solidarity groups have voiced a concern as to whether or not this goal of racial segregation is the very thing they claim Israel to be.

SAIA wants "Equal rights, under the law" to come

to Palestine, and yet they do not appear to believe that these "equal rights" will be hindered by the reactionary ideology of the Islamic Resistance Movement, known more commonly as Hamas. Since Hamas took power in the Gaza Strip women, homosexuals, political dissidents and Christians have had their rights curbed.

These severe attacks on human rights have neither been declared "apartheid" by the SAIA nor even as something antithetical to their call for equality.

Attempting to explain these and other points to the Students Against Israeli Apartheid would be more challenging than getting the United States to end its financial backing of Israel.

According to their Facebook group, SAIA members "do not engage in 'dialogues.'"

A quintessential purpose of a college campus is to dialogue, to hear different ideas, to get critical feedback.

If one wants to blindly reecho partisan babble, then go across the Potomac where that type of divisive pointless activity is normal.

At least in its history, the SJP has been willing to talk and coordinate events with Mason's Jewish student groups.

If SAIA really thinks they can solve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict by inflammatory language and closed-mindedness, then they should not be surprised when their efforts fail.



Michael
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Columnist

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Drug education event makes mockery of university policy

OPINION

This past weekend, George Mason University's WAVES office held an on campus event called "Pot Party." It was held on April 20, at 4:20 PM. And no, I am not making this up. Here is the actual event description from George Mason's website: "Come eat brownies, decorate pots and celebrate 4/20 by getting educated. Bring yourself and questions about marijuana and other drugs. *Per usual we will keep it real and event participants will follow all state, federal and local laws in addition to George Mason University Policies."

Wait, what? Was this a pro-pot event? We all know what is implied when someone "celebrates" 4/20, and we all seem to think that "celebrating" may involve brownies or Doritos for some reason. In fact, these are common punch-lines to poorly written weed jokes. We've all heard them before. Some kid gets stoned on pot brownies and then decides to eat a lot of junk food. Yeah, yeah, yeah... So, what exactly is Mason trying to do?

According to pamphlets that can be found in the WAVES office, "all people are subject to being affected by [marijuana's] negative health consequences." It can cause "paranoia, distorted perceptions, and difficulty in thinking and problem solving... It can also promote cancer." Wow. If these things are true, then why is the WAVES office promoting events that fantasize about the humorous and light-hearted nature of pot culture? Clearly, Mason recognizes the tempting characteristics

of marijuana use; the WAVES office gives away free brownies and Doritos in order to incentivize attendance at their event.

Mason holds these events because the administration feels compelled to address pot use as a public health issue. The more pertinent issue, though, relates to the University's tyranny and mockery of the students. If a student gets caught with marijuana on campus, the Office of Student Conduct enforces this sanction: "In addition to a one year eviction and trespass from campus residence halls, the standard sanction for a student's first violation involving possession or use of marijuana or possession of drug paraphernalia is likely to be suspension from the University for a minimum of one academic semester."

If you have ever known someone who has had this unfortunate fate bestowed upon them, then you may know the type of devastation that accompanies a one year eviction from housing and a one semester suspension from classes. It is nothing for the WAVES office to joke about. Sure, marijuana use has negative effects that people should be aware of, especially college students, but to turn an educational event about marijuana and its dangers into a comical mocking event is to laugh in the face of every student who has ever been kicked out of Mason or lives in fear of this happening to them. It is time for George Mason to stop patronizing students. Change the drug policy, and let people live freely.

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Boycott hate, not hummus

George Mason University is an honored academic institution, a home of diversity and tolerance, that in light of events of this past week, deserves better.

One student organization, Students Against Israeli Apartheid, has sought to advocate through posters in the Johnson Center that the State of Israel should be eliminated, while harboring classical anti-Semitism messages that Jews control America and are to blame for its problems.

It's time we stood up to these voices of hate and division, and make it clear that they have no place at Mason.

SAIA politicized the International Week parade which is meant to be a celebratory event. Instead of participating in an event to celebrate and unify the diversity at Mason they chose to deepen the division amongst students.

They ought to be ashamed, not only for spreading hatred, but for using the Palestinians as a

pawn in their hateful message of intolerance.

What is it that SAIA stands for on campus? They are not interested in peace, for if they were they would advocate for causes that support peace.

Instead, as the name of their organization insinuates, they believe that the world's only Jewish State, the only democracy in the region, and the only place in the Middle East where women, homosexuals and Arabs have the right to live freely, should not exist.

They are not interested in protecting human rights, for if they were, why are they silent on human rights violations conducted against Palestinians by the terrorist group Hamas.

These human rights violations include prohibiting women from participating in the Gaza Marathon, torturing prisoners and throwing political opponents off buildings.

Surely, SAIA must believe in a better future for Palestinians?

Why, then, would they align themselves with the BDS movement, whose leader explicitly stated that his end goal is the elimination of the Jewish State.

Instead of working to create a hopeful future for Palestinian children, they simply focus on demonizing Israel through symbolic boycotts, like Sabra Hummus, a company that manufactures half of its products in Virginia.

This, and similar boycott efforts, would not only be ineffective in impacting Israel, but would actually have the biggest negative impact on the livelihood of everyday Palestinians. Weakening the Palestinian Authority's \$20 Billion trading partner harms the average Palestinian significantly, while having a negligible impact on Israel's economy.

Both Israelis and Palestinians have suffered as a result of the ongoing Arab-Israeli conflict, and a new wave of hatred and incitement, both in the Middle East and here on campus, is not the solution.

President Obama has declared

"a lasting peace will involve two states for two peoples: Israel as a Jewish state and the homeland for the Jewish people and the state of Palestine as the homeland for the Palestinian people, each state enjoying self-determination, mutual recognition, and peace"

If you're a student who believes in division, inciting hatred and in isolating a portion of the Mason community because of their race or religion, then support SAIA.

If your goal is mutual respect, cooperation, and dialogue on campus, and a lasting peace, and a more hopeful future for Palestinian and Israeli children, then instead of seeking to destroy one side or another, George Mason University can take a moral and ethical stand.

Instead of boycotting hummus, invest in opportunities that strengthen Israeli-Palestinian cooperation, and create mutual respect at Mason and abroad.

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Drug war failure

I support the legalization of marijuana. Chances are you do, too, as according to a recent Pew Poll, a majority of Americans now think marijuana should be legal. More and more states are now allowing the use of medical marijuana, and Colorado and Washington are bucking federal policy by legalizing recreational marijuana use.

The War on Drugs, though, is still going strong. Students for Sensible Drug Policy provides some disturbing statistics: the United States spends more than \$51,000,000,000 on drug prohibition each year, or \$97,031 each minute—enough to pay for a Mason undergraduate degree twice over. Those numbers are your taxes, paying for the enforcement of drug prohibition and the incarceration of non-violent drug offenders.

Almost half of our prison populations are made up of non-violent offenders, according to the ACLU. In addition, prison populations have risen 700% since 1970, dwarfing the general population growth of 44%. The cause behind the huge spike in prison population after 1970? The start of the War on Drugs.

While these incarceration numbers are outrageous, so is the way these laws are enforced. Despite the fact that the majority of drug users are white, middle class Americans, those imprisoned for drug use are overwhelmingly black or Hispanic. The drug war, then, helps perpetuate racial stereotypes and discrimination while harming minority individuals and communities.

The uneven enforcement is even evident in the White House. Current and past Presidents of our United States have openly admitted to using drugs in the past—had they been arrested and incarcerated for these victimless crimes, would they have ever achieved the highest office in the land? It's certainly doubtful, considering the many barriers to employment ex-convicts face. In Virginia alone, there are 202 barriers to employment resulting from controlled substance offenses.

In case these negative results of United States drug policy have not dissuaded you, consider the fact that drug use in the United States has remained fairly constant since the 1970s, while expenditures on enforcement of drug laws have skyrocketed. These unintended consequences of the drug war have been getting worse each year, but there has been little to no positive effect.

I do not write to convince people that drugs are good, or healthy. I do not wish to persuade people to use drugs. But I hope I have demonstrated that drug criminalization and the efforts of our government to enforce drug policies harms our country more than drugs ever could, and that the continuation of current drug policies is unjustifiable.

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Israel: So Much Good for Such a Small State

When I think of Israel, I think of how amazing it is that a country slightly smaller than the size of New Jersey thrives with so much culture and activity.

From the mountains of the Golan Heights in the north to the vast desert of the Negev in the south and everything in between, Israel is more than a piece of small land in the Middle East. It is the only true democracy in the region. With so much history, is home to the holiest sites of the three major world religions.

Developed into a global tech center, it is the country that invented your USB flash drive you use to save projects, and the instant messages you send to friends which derive from Israel's creation of the first instant messaging program, ICQ. It is the country that gives back to the world: it provided emergency response training in the US which improved the disaster team that was at the sight of the Boston bombings last week.

When Haiti faced its devastating earthquake, Israelis immediately rushed to send doctors and rescue teams out to help. It's Israel: a beautiful, interesting country worth reading about.

A fine example of Israel's diversity and culture is its capital, Jerusalem. On my most recent visit back last summer, I was about to walk into the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the famous church in Christianity where

people stand in line for an hour to pray to the tomb of Jesus.

Before entering I noticed Orthodox Jewish men and women walking outside in their orthodox attire, the men's payot, or side curls, seeming so beautifully distinct to their own culture. I heard the enchanting sounds that project from the minarets, the Muslim prayers recited from intricate spires throughout the city. I felt moved by all the culture I saw and heard around me.

Lately there has been talk on campus of Israel being an apartheid state. With such a diverse population which respects one another's cultures, one could think, "How could this be true?"

As complex as the Arab-Israeli conflict is, one fact is certain: there is no such thing as Israelis segregating anyone. The democratic state was founded with a legal system based on equal political and civil rights for all no matter religion, race, or sex.

We can see this still today with Israeli Arabs having seats in Israel's government. They were the first Arabs in the Middle East to gain the right to vote upon Israel's independence and are treated exactly the same as any Israeli.

Israel's security barrier was built to protect citizens from terrorist attacks emanating from the Palestinian territories.

Since the construction of the barrier,

suicide bombings in Israel have significantly decreased. Claiming that Israel is an apartheid state is insulting to the real apartheid of South Africa, a country whose legal system was based on discrimination and segregation.

South Africans would never have been allowed a seat in government or have voting rights. Incorrect accusations create a false understanding for students who may not know much on the subject, thus preventing them from seeing the good of the country.

Israel is not perfect but it strives to build a stronger democracy in an area with bordering enemies sworn to wipe it off the map.

As president of the Israel Student Association at George Mason, I invite you to join me in educating others about how wonderful Israel is in a peaceful and engaging manner.

We provide students the chance to learn about Israel through cultural events such as showings of Israeli films on campus and eating Israeli food with an Israeli fellow who travels here to offer knowledge of his or her homeland, and I want to offer that to you.

Because for what Israel lacks in size, it makes up in its diverse people and culture, its inventions and humanitarian aid it gives to the rest of the world, its history, and everything else that contributes to its splendor.

Miranda Lapidés

Co-president, Israel Student Association



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On April 17, Mason announced that Nyla Milleson would take the head coaching position for the women's basketball team.



Nyla Milleson named new women's basketball coach

On April 17, Nyla Milleson was announced as the new women's basketball coach to fill the vacancy left after the resignation of four year coach Jerri Porter.

Milleson comes to Fairfax after serving as the coach of Missouri State University's women's team for six years.

A key factor in the decision to hire Milleson was her strong win record.

She has a career record of 290-123 (.702) in 13 years as a collegiate head coach. Prior to MSU she was the inaugural coach of Drury University's women's team.

While at Drury University, Milleson posted a very strong 185-36 (.837) record, including six Heartland Conference titles and five post-season appearances in the NCAA division II tournament. In her final four years there, Drury had the highest winning percentage of all Division II programs in the nation.

Milleson's track record of wins made her stand out early as a strong suitor for the position. Director of Athletics, Tom O'Connor spoke with Milleson in an interview before her selection and said at the press conference that he was impressed with her focus on the offcourt welfare of her players.

"I am here first for the student athletes themselves. I care about them as people, then I step in and be their coach," Milleson said.

Coming with Milleson is her former assistant coach from MSU, Christopher Lewis. Prior to his last season at MSU, Lewis served as the recruiting coordinator for Morgan State University for four years.

"Staff is crucial and recruiting is a lifeline," Millson said.

Milleson feels that she really is in the right place at the right time.

"There is just so much potential here for growth, the academics, the young campus and, of course, now being in the A10," Milleson said.

The players were introduced to Milleson very shortly before the formal announcement at the Mason Inn.

"It is interesting, I don't really know what to expect," said junior guard Christine Weithman. "I think it was just nerves for a lot of us, but it's exciting. She [Milleson] is very energetic and has a good personality that carries onto the court."

O'Connor, Weithman and men's basketball coach Paul Hewitt all feel that Milleson's

I am here first for the student athletes themselves. I care about them as people, then I step in and be their coach.

Nyla Milleson, women's basketball Coach

personality is going to be a big part of the new team dynamic that will be growing in Fairfax over these next few months.

Hewitt went through a lot of the same things Milleson is experiencing now just two years ago with his introduction to Mason. He foresees himself and the rest of the athletic staff being very involved in helping Milleson adjust and start to grow at Mason.

"I definitely think things are looking good. Nyla has a lot of enthusiasm and strength, you hear it in her voice," Hewitt said.

"It is very exciting. Everything is new: new coaches, a new conference, new ideas and new ways of doing things," said President Ángel Cabrera on Milleson's selection.

Milleson is coming to Mason after being released two years early from her contract at MSU. She and the entire coaching staff and the director of basketball were let go in March after a disappointing 14-17 record and a 58 percent drop in the number of season ticket holders.

However, her previous three seasons with the Lady Bears featured more than 20 wins and WNIT appearances.

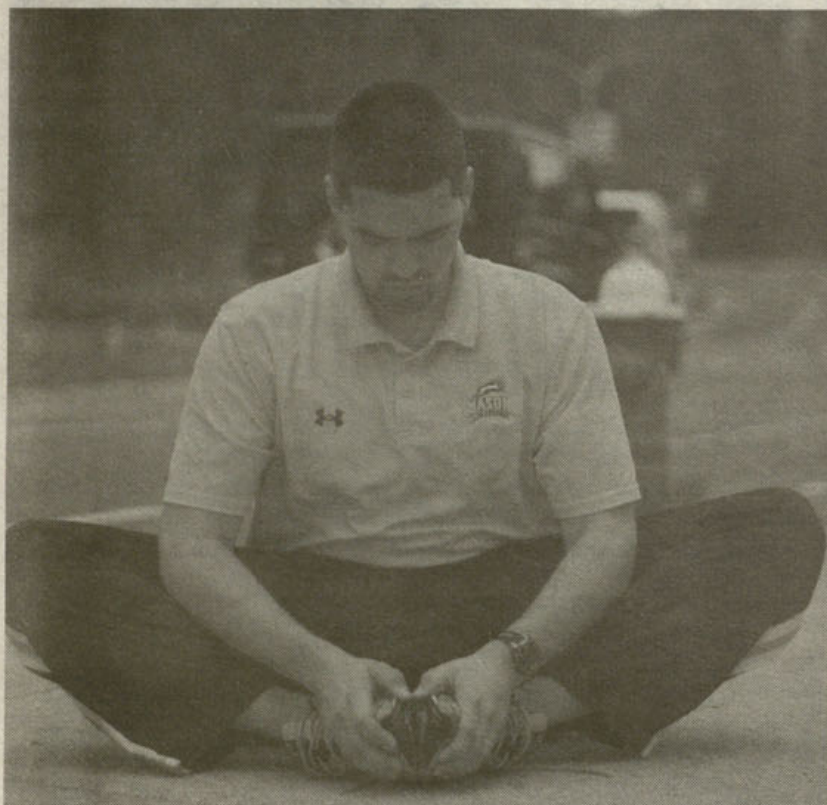
"This team is hungry for success and ready to go, I feel like this is the right place to be at the right time," Milleson said. "It is a new system with new teaching. It has its ups and downs but I have been successful everywhere I've been."

Mason finished 9-21 overall and 4-14 in conference this past season only outperforming UNC Wilmington's 3-15 in conference record.

BRYAN DOMBROSKI
SPORTS EDITOR

Workout of the Week

Stretching: Static vs Dynamic



The butterfly stretch stretches your groin. Sit on the ground and, instead of crossing your legs, place the bottoms of your feet together and move them inwards towards your body. Remember to keep your knees down to get the most out of the stretch.



High knee walks stretch your hamstrings and quads. Bring your knee straight up and close to your body. Your foot should not kick back to your butt, but have your heel raised straight under it.

OPINION

Flexibility training is an important aspect of any exercise regime.

Achieving your optimum level of flexibility increases your body's resistance to muscular injury by allowing your joints to move through their full range of motion.

Flexibility training targets two different tissue adaptations: elasticity and plasticity.

Elasticity refers to the muscle's ability to return to original resting length after a stretch.

Plasticity refers to the muscle's tendency to assume a new and greater length after a stretch, even after the force is removed.

The primary goal of stretching is to produce a plastic deformation over time, which causes a permanent increase in our range of motion.

To achieve this goal, emphasize stretching to the point of minor discomfort, hold the stretch for at least 15 to 30 seconds and stretch after you have

sufficiently warmed up the muscles.

There are many factors that influence flexibility, including joint structure, age, core temperature and activity levels.

While not all of these factors are controllable, we can implement different practices to increase our flexibility.

Traditionally, static stretches are completed during warm-ups for the majority of stretching: holding positions such as a standing quadriceps stretch, a hurdler stretch or a basic sit and reach.

Another option is to use active mobility exercises to help warm up the muscles dynamically and take the joints through their full range of motion.

That is not to say that static stretches do not have their place in routines. It is good practice to use static stretches after the cool down of your workout.

Dynamic stretches use controlled movements to improve range of motion, loosen muscles, increase heart rate, increase body temperature and increase blood flow to help you exercise efficiently.

Dynamic stretching is most effective

when it is activity-specific.

The best time to perform dynamic stretches is during a warm-up routine.

Several examples of dynamic stretches include walking lunges, straight leg kicks, high knee walks and arm swings.

Once your workout is complete, it is a good idea to perform a cool down, and then perform those static stretches.

Remember to hold the stretch until you feel a light pull on the muscle. While holding the stretch, be sure to relax.

If you are unable to relax, that is a good sign that you may need to lighten the stretch just a little.

As you feel less tension, you can increase the stretch again until you feel the same light pull.

Hold this position, and then relax. You should be able to notice a difference after three to four weeks.

COLUMN BY
NATHAN MALINSKI

Play by play

Life lessons from sports

OPINION

So you messed up: bombed a quiz, embarrassed yourself in front of that girl, couldn't close that sale. Or maybe you pulled it off and swept her off her feet, aced that quiz and landed a huge deal at work. While the outcomes are different, what you need to do to improve or keep improving is forget about it.

There are too many things that happen in life to bother getting wrapped up in the outcome of one situation. You did it and it worked? Fantastic, now onto the next problem. Oh you screwed up? Well, let's give the next one your best shot. Reflecting on the past is good it encourages growth and maturity.

Dwelling on the past will create a mental crutch and stop you from moving forward.

A teammate I deeply respect once told me "A good athlete has a short memory of both the good and the bad." It is something I try to embrace whenever I step on the field. If you get hung up on a mistake it will tend to bring your whole performance down. You may start thinking of yourself as a loser or screw up, as someone who cannot be trusted. It will be a mental, possibly physical or emotional burden you will have to bear. It will weigh you down, and weigh you down hard, trying to crush your spirit and motivation.

On the opposite side, you cannot let one good thing be your claim to fame. That is what will separate the great from the legendary. Cruising on the wave of past accomplishments is fun, but it makes for poor dispositional rudder. Being unable to let go in this situation can lead to laziness, an inflated ego and even self intimidation. The feelings passing through your head might be telling you that you never have to work again because you made that one big play, or perhaps you should call it quits because you'll never be able to pull something like that off again.

Both situations have you in a bad spot. Why are you in this position? Because you couldn't get over something. What you want is to find that middle of the road balance where you forget about the results of what happened, but remember why things turned out that way.

The words of my teammate can easily be applied to sports, where the successes and failures are obvious. Once you forget about the what and start paying attention to the why, changing things becomes a lot easier. If you can't figure out how to change your results the best thing you can do is ask. Some words from a show about a magical form of public education transportation make the point clear "If you keep asking questions, you will keep getting answers."

This is exactly how you solve challenges in the remaining aspects of your life - at home, at work, in the classroom. It seems obvious, but even I am guilty of holding back my own inquiries for fear of looking stupid.

If you can put the past behind you, you can keep your mind clear and focused on the problems at hand. If you remember the why and not the what of your past, you will find answers to these problems. And if you remember to ask questions you will find that they all get a lot simpler.



Column by
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Ultimate frisbee makes regionals for first time in team history



(PHOTO COURTESY OF CHANG LEE)

The Ultimate Frisbee team overcame the stigma of last year's let down to have a 15-6 season featuring several first time wins against top teams and advance to regionals.

The men's club ultimate frisbee team has undergone major improvements in the past four years. Originally a nonchalant club with a dozen members, it has evolved from the worst team in their section into a reputable program featuring a men's A and B team and women's team.

This year the men's A team has qualified for the regional tournament for first time in program history. Senior captain Andy Bausback attributes the change to fellow senior captain David Burg.

"He really turned the program around," Bausback said. "Our freshman year, things were awful. Berg has been very involved in bringing us closer to our goal of making regionals."

The senior class as a whole has been a big factor in the development of the team improving over the summer, by playing for club teams and trying out for professional teams.

"All of these guys made academic, professional and personal sacrifices for this team," Bausback said.

It was not hard work on the field alone that changed the program. Major recruiting efforts have been underway to get more bodies out to practice. The team currently has 25 players on the A team, another 20 on the B team and 15 on the women's team. The seniors and juniors understood the value of young players to the legacy of the program and made an effort to find new blood.

But numbers alone do not win games, and the men's A team was worried about advancing this year. The team was knocked out of a spot to regionals last year with a loss to William and Mary.

"That was really heartbreaking. We thought last year would be our big chance to break through," said sophomore captain Nathan Slade.

After losing only two seniors, the bulk of the team returned for this season, bringing with them a good work ethic and plenty of experience. All year the veteran leaders preached that this was their year, building confidence within the younger members of the team.

"Berg gave us our motto that you want to have it as much as you want to breathe, wanting to win as bad as you want to breathe," said Anthony McLean, sophomore captain. The team was unable to beat William and Mary this year but still advanced to regionals after an emotional 13-3 win over VCU.

"It was just like last year. The last game was the game to go to regionals," McLean said. "This time, though, we had all the emotion of knowing this might be our seniors last game if we lose and we just ran away with it."

The regional tournament this year will be held in Axton, Va. Mason will be facing elite teams from James Madison University, the University of Virginia, the University of Maryland and other big name opponents from up and down the Atlantic coast. If Mason can place in the top two spots at regionals they will move on to play in the national championship tournament in Madison, Wis.

The team heads into the tournament determined to win it all.

"If we play these teams the way we played against VCU we can hang with anyone," Slade said. With a new batch of hot-blooded freshmen replacing the large senior class, the team shows promise to make regionals for years to come.

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Coming off a win at their regional tournament, Mason's Inline Hockey team broke seed at Nationals in Fort Meyers, Fla.

Inline hockey club makes top 10 in the nation

The inline hockey club travelled to Fort Meyers, Fla. for the 2013 National Collegiate Roller Hockey Association (NCHRA) Championship from April 10-13, where they finished in the top 10.

For most of the senior-heavy club, it would be their fourth consecutive year competing at the NCRHA Championships, but it would be no small task to topple fully-funded roller hockey powerhouses from across the nation.

Mason came into the tournament ranked 10th in the nation and was placed in a pool with Grand Valley State University, University of Illinois and West Chester University.

"It was great to beat Illinois 5-2 as they are such a good team. I think we were all disappointed that West Chester University tied us 5-5 with a goal in the last 30 seconds of the game, but that shows how competitive our pool was," said coach Eric Hardman.

The winner of the pool was Grand Valley, whose team scored 19 goals in three games of pool play, while only allowing two.

"The most surprising development was how good they looked in the pool play only to lose to University of Pittsburgh 6-2 in the first round of elimination round play," Hardman said. "Pittsburgh was one of the worst teams there."

Mason finished second in its pool and drew the College at Brockport: State University of New York in the first elimination round and defeated them 11-2.

In the second, round Mason faced

a familiar foe in Neumann University, ranked seventh in the nation.

Earlier this year, Neumann defeated Mason 5-3. Neumann proved once again to be the superior team, winning 8-2.

Hardman did not express any regrets about his team's performance at nationals because Mason still finished as one of the top 10 teams in the nation.

"We are mostly seniors and we know our strengths and weaknesses. When you have players that have a lot of desire and really want to play, that outweighs talent sometimes," Hardman said. "We are one of the top 10 teams in the entire nation. I think that is saying something considering we started the club from scratch five years ago and went 2-13-1."

While these past four years have proven successful for Mason's team, next season will likely see a sharp drop in competitiveness, as the team is graduating eight of its 11 players.

"The team will probably shift gears and look at becoming more of a Division II team that is more focused on players with a lot of desire and heart rather than skill," Hardman said. "With the closing of our rink, The Box, and no place on campus to practice, it is going to be a challenge, if not impossible, to have enough talent to keep us in Division I. I think most of our guys have had a great four years. It has been a great run," Hardman said.

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