

Learning to love Interstate 81

23 Sunday

James Madison never left the United States during his lifetime.

24 Monday

Lynchburg Send-off Picnic, www.jmu.edu/parents



25 Tuesday

Roanoke Send-off Picnic, www.jmu.edu/parents



26 Wednesday

Greater Peninsula Send-off Picnic www.jmu.edu/parents



27 Thursday

**Tidewater Send-off Picnic, www.jmu.edu/parents
On this day in 1844, the U.S. House of Representatives voted Dolley Madison a seat on its floor. It was said to be the greatest honor ever accorded an American woman.**



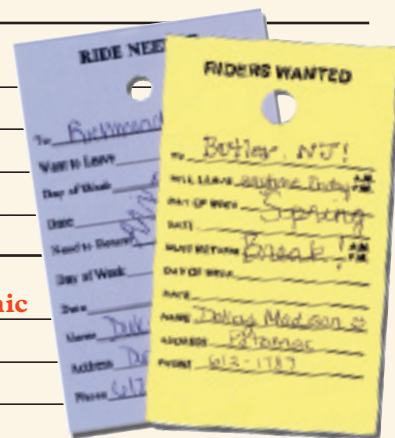
28 Friday

Plan your ride home.

29 Saturday

New York Send-off Picnic www.jmu.edu/parents





You'll get around

So you're wondering how you're going to get around after we make you leave your car at home. Like so much that you think might be a problem for you, we've got you covered.

We have some choices for you that do not — repeat, do not — mean your parents have to come get you every time you want to go home for a visit. Or that you have to drop a bundle of money for plane tickets.

There's our popular Ride Board as well as several companies that specialize in charter buses. Among those options is CollegeTransit, founded by JMU alumni from Long Island when they were students here. What started as a way home for some enterprising Dukes has blossomed into a nice business venture. See? What have we been telling you? CollegeTransit, yet another example of what the JMU culture brings out in students like you.

Check the options here. We bet we have you covered.

Transportation to and from JMU

Home Ride Home Ride of Virginia provides weekend and holiday bus service to Charlottesville, Hampton, Northern Virginia and Richmond. The bus usually leaves JMU on Friday afternoon and returns Sunday night. Home Ride makes special runs to fit the university calendar: fall break, Thanksgiving, winter break and spring break.

One-way or round-trip fares are available. You can purchase tickets at the JMU Bookstore or by calling the Home Ride office at (800) 553-6644. You can also check it out at www.homeride.com.



Ride Board Our Ride Board has the entire East Coast separated into different zones. Each zone has two separate areas: one for students who are looking for a ride and one for students who are offering rides. You fill out a Ride Board card and hang it in the appropriate zone. Other students pick up these cards, contact you and make the necessary arrangements. Located on the second floor of Warren Hall next to the post office, the Ride Board is an easy and convenient way to find a safe ride home with fellow Dukes.

CollegeTransit Founded by a JMU alumnus more than 10 years ago, CollegeTransit features state-of-the-art luxury motor coaches equipped with a bathroom, TV and VCR to make the trip more relaxing. The service spans Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, and includes service home for Thanksgiving, winter break and spring break. Visit www.CollegeTransit.com for more information or to purchase tickets or e-mail info@collegetransit.com or call (703) 229-4311.

Helpful links

Amtrak: catch the train in Staunton, Va. www.amtrak.com

CollegeTransit: www.collegetransit.com

Home Ride: www.homeride.com

Travel Mates of Virginia, Inc: motorcoach service from Washington area airports to Harrisonburg, Va. www.tmates.com

Washington Flyer: bus service between Dulles Airport and West Falls Church Washington Metro Station. www.washfly.com

Washington Metro: www.wmata.com

Airports

Baltimore/Washington International Airport: www.bwiairport.com

Charlottesville/Albemarle Airport: www.gocho.com

Dulles International Airport: www.metwashairports.com/Dulles

Reagan National Airport: www.mwaa.com/national

Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport: www.flyshd.com

Just be yourself

One of the biggest challenges in growing up is trying to figure out how to fit in. Can you truly be yourself and still be accepted? Birdie struggles with that question throughout *Caucasia*. Birdie attempts to fit in at her Afrocentric school but faces a different set of challenges as a biracial girl who pretends to be white at Aurora and then in New Hampshire.



How does Birdie keep going despite the predicament of being separated from her sister, uprooted from her home and pretending to be someone else? What happens to Birdie as a result of these struggles?

Birdie often seeks her reflection in other women's faces. What parts of herself does she see mirrored in Cole? Sandy? Others? What are the potential advantages and disadvantages to being a chameleon?

Check out *The One Book* Web page for links, discussion boards and more information on *Caucasia*.

JMU Fast Fact

In 1928, freshmen were permitted to go downtown one night a week if accompanied by an upperclassman. In the '20s and '30s, women traveled to campus by train and sat in the front cars, separated from men, who sat in the back cars.