Times They Are A-Changin’

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Looking to the Future
A note from our Senior VP
Dr. Mark Warner

The theme of this issue is “The Times They Are A-Changin’”. Indeed they are! Soon we will be welcoming a new president, which will impact all of us. A change of this magnitude has rarely happened in the life of our great university. Although this type of change brings uncertainty, it also brings excitement.

As I reflect upon this upcoming leadership transition, I encourage each of us to consider three things: Honoring our Past, Celebrating our Present, and Inspiring our Future

Honoring our Past
James Madison University has a very rich past, led by five outstanding presidents. Dr. Rose and each of his predecessors put their unique imprint on this wonderful university. Yet, there is a common thread that has been woven throughout all of their administrations - profound attention to the individual student. Our past has prepared us for today.

Celebrating our Present
Today, James Madison University is a leading university. The university has garnered many awards, rankings and recognitions – many of which were a direct result of many of you in our division. The accolades and enriching environment have been made possible by the commitment and dedication of each of you. I celebrate YOU! We also need to celebrate Dr. Rose, who has given us unwavering support. We must not take for granted his integral role in creating our student culture.

Inspiring our Future
James Madison University is poised for true greatness. We will exceed our own expectations and move beyond the limited boundaries of our current perceptions. We will not be motivated by external recognitions, but rather by making a difference in the lives of others. Our success is and will be revealed when the lives of our students are transformed. The future of our division and university is in our hands. Together we will surpass our boldest hopes, dreams and aspirations.

I look forward to partnering with you on this grand adventure.

Mark
Staff Updates

New Staff

University Health Center

Richard B. Ayers, MD joined the University Health Center staff as a full-time Physician. He earned his BS in Biology from Virginia Tech and his MD from the Medical College of Virginia/VCU in Family Practice. He has practiced general family medicine in Virginia Beach from 1983-2011.

Rebecca L. Botticelli, MD joined the University Health Center Staff as a part-time Physician. She earned her BS in Biology from the College of William and Mary and her MD from the Medical College of Virginia/VCU. She practices general family medicine.

Kristen Kirwan, BSN, MSN, FNP returns to the University Health Center Nurse Practitioner staff from general family medicine in Broadway.

Barbie Painter and Melissa Alveraz-Good have joined the clinical team as medical assistants.

Ruth Seely joined the University Health Center Nursing team as a part time staff nurse.

Liz Howley joined Student Wellness & Outreach in September as the new Assistant Director. She comes from the Office of Judicial Affairs and has a Master’s from JMU in Health Sciences - Public Health Education.

Lesley Eicher joined the SWO team as a health educator in early November. Most recently, Ms. Eicher was the Director of Education for a national sexuality education organization. Here at JMU, she advises several peer education groups, co-teaches a health facilitation and synthesis class, and does health-programming campus-wide. She holds a B.S. in Social Work from Rochester Institute of Technology and an M.Ed. in Human Sexuality from Widener University.

Career and Academic Planning

Christine Harriger has accepted a position as the Assistant Director in the Academic Services Center within the College of Business. Her final day in Career & Academic Planning was 11/22/11. Christine began her new position in the College of Business on 12/5. Christine will miss you all and is encouraging everyone to continue to keep in touch via harrigce@jmu.edu or drop by to say “hello” when you’re in Zane Showker, Room 205.

Counseling and Student Development Center

Dr. Rachel Friendly began her position at the CSDC as Staff Counselor and Coordinator of Internal Student Services in August of 2011. The CSDC is thrilled that Rachel accepted the offer to stay on staff permanently after completing her pre-doctoral internship with them during the 2010-2011 school year.

The CSDC welcomed a new employee and service. Francis, the animal therapist, leads the animal assisted therapy program at Varner House. He can also be seen walking around campus during lunch providing education and outreach about the new program.
Judicial Affairs

Chris Ehrhart is a recent graduate of the Conflict Transformation M.A. program at Eastern Mennonite University’s Center for Justice & Peace Building and is currently serving as our first Coordinator for Restorative Practices. Chris brings with him a wealth of knowledge and practical experience in the area of restorative justice and conflict transformation.

Orientation

Kristi Pascarella joined the department in August 2011 as the Publications and Office Assistant. Kristi is a JMU alum and came to our office from the Registrar’s Office. Her primary duties include support of print publications, support of programming and operations functions for programs, and support of the daily needs of the department.

Residence Life

Elizabeth Campbell from ORL’s Community Development area has accepted a new position in the Health Care industry in Winchester, VA. We wish Elizabeth the best as she embarks on her new career!

Jenny Mantz has moved from ORL’s Community Development area and taken on new responsibilities as the Fiscal Technician within ORL’s Business Operations area. Jenny will provide support in the management of the operating budgets and will manage some building access for the residence halls.

UREC

University Recreation welcomes Guy deBrun back to JMU as the Assistant Director for Adventure Programs. Guy graduated from JMU with his masters in 2001. Guy’s last position was at Hampshire College in Massachusetts, where he served on faculty of their academic Outdoor Program. He will be joined here in Harrisonburg by his wife Karen (JMU CSPA grad), son Colden and a new baby this winter!

Department Updates

Judicial Affairs

The Office of Judicial Affairs is a Gold Sponsor of the 2012 International Conflict Resolution Education Summit. Chris Ehrhart and Greg Meyer will be presenting two day-long pre-conference workshops entitled:
  • Introduction to Restorative Justice (March 14, 2012)
  • Applying Restorative Justice in a Higher Education Setting (March 15, 2012)
This conference is open to students, faculty and staff. If you or someone you know are interested in attending the conference, please contact Josh Bacon, baconjj@jmu.edu and visit the conference web site for more information. A link to the web site is posted on the Judicial Affairs main page: www.jmu.edu/judicial

Institutional Research

Chuck DeHart, Assistant Director, retired September 23rd after 16 years of service in OIR. Chuck received his Master of Public Administration here in 1989 and held a variety of part-time faculty positions before he began working for OIR. He has managed data collection, reporting and decision support on university-wide issues. He has been our expert for institutional peer analyses and reporting to the Commonwealth and the federal government. Many of you know his exceptional work. We wish Chuck all the best as he seeks consulting work with higher education and in his next career designing and building guitars.
Residence Life

Karen Connors (Full Time Hall Director in ORL) attended the 2011 SEAHO RELI: Southeast Association of Housing Officers - Regional Entry Level Institute. A selected cohort of just 32 new professionals and 8 senior staff “faculty” headed to Duke University for an intensive four day program. Session topics included supervision, crisis response, budgeting, and facilities management. One of the key components is the intentional development of a mentor/mentee relationship between the faculty and new professionals. This institute was an amazing opportunity for Karen and we are proud she was selected to participate. Way to go Karen! For more information check out: http://www.seaho.org/reli.

Sober in October/Remember November – Based on a proposal by Kari Talik (Area Director in ORL), the Office of Residence Life was fortunate to receive an SAUP Innovation Grant to support a new program called Sober in October/Remember November.

Program goals:

1). To promote an alcohol free lifestyle to those college student who sometimes choose to go out and consume alcohol. To do this, we have created fun, alcohol free events on campus that serve as an alternative to going off campus and drinking.

2) Support and recognize those students who already live an alcohol free lifestyle.

3) To support other offices that host night and weekend programs on-campus. We do this by promoting their events directly to the residents already participating in Sober in October/Remember November.

In the month of October we had over 450 residents sign the pledge to be sober during the months of October and November!

UREC

UREC staff members have been busy presenting at National and State conferences this semester. Holly Wade and Julie Wallace Carr (with Cara McFadden) presented at the Virginia Recreation Sports Association in September. Erin Erford presented at the NIRSA National Aquatics Institute in October. Steve Bobbitt and Guy deBrun presented at the Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education conference in November. Bob Golson chaired the planning of the NIRSA National Recreation Facilities Institute.

UREC hosted its second annual Nightmare at UREC event on Halloween weekend with UPB. The event was an alternative program for students that wanted to celebrate Halloween in a safe manner. During the event there was a costume contest, bobbing for donuts, haunted house, dancing with DJ Ty Walker and inflatables. Event attendance doubled from last year and the students who attended stayed for longer periods of time. Overall it was a ghastly success!

University Health Center

The University Health Center (Medical Clinic, Student Wellness and Outreach, and Substance Abuse Prevention) has moved to the 4th and 5th floors of Montpelier Hall. All services will be operational at the start of Spring 2012. This will be the first time all 3 entities of the Health Center will be together!

Ann Wimer, RN and Betsy Gentry, RN are now members of the American Travel Health Nurses Association and receive a monthly newsletter and travel updates. The University Health Center has been approved by the Virginia Department of Health to provide the Yellow Fever Vaccine to students allowing the Health Center to provide comprehensive travel vaccines and medications.

Veronica Jones and Beau Dooley have received the CHES (Certified Health Education Specialist) certification. The NCHEC-National Commission for Health Education Credentialing certifies health education specialists, promotes professional development, and strengthens professional preparation and practice.
Substance Abuse Prevention now offers a new program, High Expectations, for students who experience or are at risk for experiencing negative consequences as a result of marijuana use. The program utilizes the same model as BASICS, which has shown effectiveness with alcohol use. High Expectations was piloted in the spring semester and further developed based upon student feedback.

Substance Abuse Prevention has obtained a Certificate of Confidentiality from the National Institute of Health to further protect the confidentiality of students participating in BASICS and High Expectations.

**Career and Academic Programming**

Renee Herrell, Laura Williams, and Chris Orem presented Assessing Freshman Advising: Using Data to Reach Excellence at NACADA’s National Conference in October.

Mary Morsch and Heather Patterson presented Transitioning into the Major: Career Planning Courses and Career Decision Self-Efficacy at NACADA’s National Conference in October. Their presentation was sponsored by the Commission on Undecided & Exploratory Students (CUES).

**University Unions**

We are currently working with architects to prepare for changes in Warren/Taylor Halls when offices of various departments leave Warren and depart for the “old” hospital complex.

We have had a record number of 2,700 Greek (Fraternity-Sorority Life) students going through recruitment this year. This is up 30% in the last four years and currently growing at about 15% per year. The Greek population represents about 15% of the student body.

University Unions and all of its areas within it have new and updated websites that are exciting and innovative and definitely worth checking out! [http://www.jmu.edu/universityunions](http://www.jmu.edu/universityunions)

We celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the opening of Warren Hall in October with memorabilia, old Blue-stones, cupcakes in the shape of Warren Hall, and happy faces, on the second floor next to the post office. Check out the video of it! [http://vimeo.com/31411326](http://vimeo.com/31411326)

The new Beinvolved organizational social innovative and interactive network has been implemented this Fall, to help student organizations to get connected with each other and with students who wish to join the organizations. Check it out! [http://beinvolved.jmu.edu/](http://beinvolved.jmu.edu/)

Dave Barnes, Director of University Unions has been elected as national president of ACUI and will assume that role in March 2012 in Boston.

**Orientation**

Orientation’s assessment work has seen recent success in that we were accepted to present at the Virginia Assessment Group annual conference, November 16-18. The following two presentations were given at this regional conference:


A Change is Coming

You may or may not have heard it through the grapevine, but JMU's Information Technology and Communication and Marketing departments are working together to bring about a change to the way that websites are developed and maintained on our campus. The tool that they are implementing to enable this change is called Cascade, which was developed by a software company called Hannon Hill. It will come online early next semester, and websites throughout campus are expected to be migrated over by Spring 2013. Each department will be responsible for scheduling a timeline and method for migrating their content, but have no fear--assistance will be available from IT and Student Affairs Technical Services.

But What is Cascade?

In short, Cascade is content management software similar to Web Manager and Web Manager 2, but in many ways it's more powerful and flexible than either of those tools. Cascade contains an intuitive user interface that will simplify the process of publishing and maintaining web content for non-technical users, while still offering robust options and flexibility to the more tech-savvy users. It will also help all web content publishers promote and share their information and services across all of JMU's websites more effectively so that it reaches the intended audience--whether they're students, faculty, parents, administrators, or alumni.

How to Prepare for the Change

The best thing you can do to get ready to migrate your site to Cascade is to go through ALL of your online content (text, pictures, videos, etc.) to make sure that it's relevant, up-to-date, clearly written, and organized in a way that your target audience(s) will understand and be able to navigate. This can be a time-consuming process, but if you put one person (or group) in charge of reviewing content, they can then divide and conquer the larger task of updating and editing content by distributing it to the people who best know the information.

If you need help getting started, or maybe just a little guidance along the way, you can look to Student Affairs Technical Services (x83583, sats@jmu.edu) for assistance with laying out your content strategy.

The change that comes with a web re-organization, re-design, or migration can be tricky to navigate, but with a good plan in place, and everyone doing what they can to help out, the transition can be a smooth one.
Community Outreach

Sep 4 -10th, 2011 was National Suicide Prevention Week, with JMU’s slogan being “i ASK. i CARE.” Awareness activities occurred throughout the week at all home athletic events; thank you to men’s and women’s soccer, field hockey, football, cheerleading, & the Marching Royal Dukes for helping us raise awareness! There was tabling in the Commons, chalking all over campus, and a powerful Story Wall in the steps of Warren. “Just Ask” shirts were seen throughout the week, including at the home opener football game. NSPW was a great opportunity for collaboration within SAUP for the CSDC and UHC-SWO along with Active Minds, Tae Kwon Do Club, and SAAC to raise awareness of such a critical topic on college campuses & to increase people’s ability to show they care!

Residence Life

On Friday, November 11, Pam Steele (Area Director in ORL) and 14 female residents participated in an Alternative Weekend Break trip co-sponsored by the Office of Residence Life and the Community Service Learning Office. The group of women was composed primarily of residents from the Lake Hillside residential area of campus and McGraw Long RA Victoria Millefolie, was co-leader. Their weekend was spent at Camp Holiday Trails, a camp for children with special health needs and their families. While at the camp, the women cleared trails, prepared a garden for winter, cleaned and inventoried the dining hall and medical center. They also completed two murals on TP Hill. TP Hill is used very frequently in the summer programs as a place for campers to camp out in tents for the night – it’s the site of many campers’ first experience sleeping outdoors. While physically weary from their efforts, the group retuned to JMU inspired by their experiences and looking forward to a return trip in the near future.

UREC

Each year UREC sponsors a program called Warm A Winter Wish. The concept is similar to an “Angel Tree.” UREC receives wish lists of individuals and families from First Step, Mercy House and Crossroads to Brain Injury Recovery. Their wishes are hung on a tree in UREC for faculty, staff, and students to fulfill. There are involvement opportunities for individuals, organizations and departments. Please contact Erin Erford (erfordem@jmu.edu, 540-568-8714) for more information.

For many years, UREC has sponsored a Spring break service trip to New Providence Island in the Bahamas and UREC is currently planning for its trip in the Spring! Students and staff facilitate teambuilding activities, youth programs and fitness education. We will work with Uriah McPhee Primary School to provide activities and programs using portable equipment including ropes, hula hoops, throwables and anything else needed to provide the atmosphere of fun. The focus is to provide life skills such as communication and respect through activities while having as much fun as possible.
Alton Mosley Jr. (Orientation) and Angel Michele Brockebrough were married May 14, 2011.

Paul Whatley (Fraternity and Sorority Life) married Nichole Klamfoth on Saturday, November 19th, 2011 in her hometown of Gahanna, Ohio.

Wedding Announcements
Beau Dooley (Assoc. Dir. Of SWO) & Lisa Jeffers Dooley (Budget Manager of SAP) were married on June 18, 2011.

Dr. Colleen Slipka (CSDC) & Steven Tennyson were married on July 31st. New email is tennyscg@jmu.edu.

Megan Ellington (Event Management) married Brent Driver on June 11, 2011. New email is driverma@jmu.edu.

Laura (Haas)(CAP) and Peter Williams were married on May 14th.

Carrie Martin (Student Activities and Involvement) married Charles R Grogan on July 16, 2011. She is now Carrie Grogan and her new email address is: grogancl@jmu.edu.

Lindsey (Mitchell) married Rob Riccio on May 20th.
Jenny Mantz (Fiscal Technician in ORL) and her husband David welcomed their second child, Laura Elizabeth “Beth” Mantz (a beautiful baby girl!), on August 6, 2011. She weighed 9lbs 1oz.

Jenny Mantz

Holmes Browne (Assistant Director in ORL) and his wife Jessica welcomed their first child, Georgia Hayden Browne (yet another beautiful baby girl!), on October 22, 2011.

Holmes Browne

Liz Howley (UHC Student Wellness and Outreach) and her husband Tim (Health Science) welcomed Mary Claire to their family April 13, 2011.

Liz Howley

Paige Hawkins (Assoc. Dir. of SAP) gave birth to Miller Thomas Hawkins on June 1, 2011.

Paige Hawkins

Allie Morris (UREC) and her husband Norman welcomed Hailey Noelle Morris into the world on May 23, 2011. Hailey weighed 4lbs 14.9oz and was 17 inches long.

Allie Morris

John Strine (Area Director in ORL) and his wife Kristi welcomed their first child, Evey Noelle Strine (another beautiful baby girl!) on August 21, 2011.
Lee Ward received his Master of Science in Integrated Science and Technology from JMU in May. His thesis was titled, Colony Collapse Disorder among Commercially Managed Honey Bees in the United States.

Heather Patterson was accepted into the PhD Strategic Leadership program for Spring Semester 2012.

Matt Trybus recently completed his second Half-Marathon in Richmond with his lovely wife Mary Clay! They run the half-marathon to raise money for the Organization for Youth Empowerment (OYE), which is an organization that seeks to empower Honduran youth through education, leadership, and capacity building to create positive social change and break the poverty cycle. Go Matt!

Judy Marshall receiving her award for 35 years of service. Congratulations Judy!!!

Also, our very own Rory Lazowski, recently had the coveted ORANGE HEADBAND bestowed upon his head after he completed the TOUGH MUDDER race in New Jersey! We all knew he was tough but now it’s official – he is a TOUGH MUDDER! Go Rory!

Chris Jones, UREC Coordinator of Sport Clubs and Youth programs, is the new Harrisonburg Disc Golf Champ!

Rick Orebaugh, UREC Maintenance Manager, has been filming as a journalist in Kathleen Kennedy and Steven Spielberg’s upcoming movie “Lincoln”.

Beau(SWO) and Lisa Dooley(SAP) adopted 2 cats this summer from Cat’s Cradle. Their names are Chance (the tabby) and Mr. Beardsley (the black and white tuxedo).
ORL and a South African Exchange

Nine first-year students from the University of the Free State in Bloemfontein, South Africa participated in their school’s Leadership for Change program. Part of the program was a two-week exchange whereby the UFS students came to JMU to better understand the academic, social, cultural and residential lives of students at other universities.

Resident Advisors in ORL were gracious enough to host the students during their stay. The UFS students spent their time at JMU shadowing their host students, attending International Week seminars and programs and participating in classes specifically designed for them such as “American Culture.”

The South Africa program was a success all around and ORL is looking forward to the possibility of hosting a contingent of Japanese students in the near future.
SAUP Innovation Grants

The division has awarded these grants for the past seven years. The grants serve many purposes. They allow departments to individually and collaboratively develop innovative programs and services that will measurably enhance student learning and development, contribute to the implementation of our diversity plan, promote our divisional strategic plan, contribute to the changing culture regarding alcohol use, assist in advancing our values and defining characteristics, or provide new strategies for serving an increased enrollment.

SAUP Innovation Grant Winners for 2011-2012

• UHC - Open House for In-Coming Freshman
• UHC - Mentoring Women in Higher Ed. Phase I
• SWO - What if you build it and they don’t come?
• UU - Greek Leaders Retreat
• UU - Seed Money for Student Change in the Kijiji Program
• UU - Pay It Forward
• UU - Third Annual PLA
• JA - Restorative Practices - Awareness and Education
• UHC - Alternative Weekend - Carry on Campaign
• UU - SON and LNB
• UU - National Hazing Prevention Week
• UU - Creative Madison
• CAP - Enhancing the First Year of College at JMU
• CMSS - Greek Leadership
• ODS - Interdisciplinary Training and Dev. for Student Staff/Peers
• ODS - Disability Awareness Week
• ODS - AXIS Dance Company Residency at JMU
• CSDC - International Students/Scholars and Mental Health Issues on Campus
• CS-L - Alternative Weekend Break Partnerships
• JMU LC - Science/Math Learning Center East Campus Satellite
• JMU LC - UWC Presents: Write Nights!
• Orientation - Harrisonburg Downtown Block Party welcomes new students!
• ORL - Sober in October/Remember November
The Crredibl Chronicle is your bi-annual newsletter. We welcome any comments and suggestions you might have.

To submit an article, share photographs or announcements, please contact any of the Crredibl Chronicle committee members.

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