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## POLICE FILES

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| January 19 | <b>Information Only</b><br>Shenandoah<br>Officers responded to a burglar alarm. (49/Kalenich)   |
| January 20 | <b>Accident</b><br>Braddock Road / Roanoke River Road<br>Two vehicles were involved in an accident at the intersection of Braddock Road and Roanoke River Road. One person was transported to Fairfax Hospital for evaluation. The driver of the at fault vehicle was charged with Failure to Yield the Right of Way. Both vehicles were totaled. (60/Will)   |
| January 21 | <b>Warrant Service/Credit Card Fraud/Petit Larceny/Credit Card Theft.</b><br>Prince William<br>Warrants were obtained against Yaacob Hamed, 18 (non-GMU student), of Manassas, VA, for the above offenses. He was transported to the Prince William County ADC and held on \$10,000 secured bond. (52/Bickerton)<br><br><b>Suicide Attempt</b><br>Presidents Park<br>A GMU student overdosed on Ibuprofen. Subject was transported to the hospital for further evaluation. (38/Parker)<br><br><b>Two Vehicle Accident</b><br>Roanoke River Lane<br>Vehicle #1 was traveling southbound on the left lane of Roanoke River Lane and Vehicle #2 was traveling southbound on the right turn lane of Roanoke River Lane. Vehicle #1 attempted to make a lane change and struck Vehicle #2. Damage estimated at \$2,550. (53/Pierce)  |
| January 22 | <b>Peddling Without a License</b><br>Patriot Circle & Lot C<br>Imelda Mora Macedo, 32 (non-GMU student) of Manassas, VA was issued a summons for Peddling Without a License. (10/Ganley)<br><br><b>Trespassing</b><br>Johnson Center<br>Officers received a complaint of a subject soliciting money from students in the Johnson Center. Officers located the suspect and issued a trespass warning. (25/Green)<br><br><b>Grand Larceny</b><br>Hazel Hall Library (Arlington)<br>Complainant/Victim reported the theft of a laptop from Hazel Hall Library. Loss estimated at \$1,300. (35/Matthews)<br><br><b>Accident</b><br>Roanoke River Lane & Lot K<br>Officers responded to a two vehicle accident at the intersection of Roanoke River Lane and Lot K. (37/Radar)<br><br><b>Theft From Vehicle</b><br>Hq<br>Complainant stated that his license plate was stolen between 10/01/08-10/31/08. Loss estimated at \$20. This case is under investigation. (38/Parker)<br><br><b>Theft From Building</b><br>Johnson Center<br>Complainant stated that an unknown person(s) stole his laptop. Loss estimated at \$1,300. (23/Brownell)<br><br><b>Underage Possession of Alcohol</b><br>Patriot Circle & Rivanna River Lane<br>Blake Williams, 18, of Chesapeake, VA and Michael Lockett, 18, of Chesapeake, VA and a juvenile were arrested for the above charge and released on summonses. The juvenile was released to his parents. All three are GMU students. (53/Pierce)<br><br><i>Police Files are taken verbatim from www.gmu.edu/police. Broadside does not make any changes to public records such as these files.</i> |



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## Gunston's Go-Bus A "Go" Shuttle Service To Be Provided Throughout Fairfax

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Students now have a new option for getting around in town—at least for the time being. Starting Thursday, Feb. 5., at 3 p.m., “Gunston’s Go-Bus” will begin its route, shuttling its passengers to and from local shopping and entertainment centers, including Fair Oaks Mall and the Fair Lakes Shopping Center. Overall ridership will determine if the service stays for next semester.

“The Go-Bus is currently a pilot project. We could only add a certain amount of hours of service to the existing contract with Reston Limousine,” said Student Government Vice-

President Claire Forman, “It is very important that students use the shuttle so that we can justify adding the Go-Bus to next year’s contract with Reston Limousine and have more shuttle buses run for longer periods of time and possibly to more locations as a permanent fixture.”

Because of the existing contract, the shuttle bus will run Thursday through Sunday with limited hours. Likewise, the Go-Bus is one actual shuttle bus, meaning it will depart from Sandy Creek every hour rather than every half hour. While



exact schedules are currently being finalized, services are expected to function on two separate schedules, a “day ride” and a “night ride.”

Even with temporary constraints on the service, student reaction remains positive.

“Whenever it ends up running, I think it sounds fun,” said freshman marketing Brandi Hillard, “it’s such a hassle to get your car out of West Lot.”

To further explain how the service will work, Student

Government will be shooting a video that will be uploaded to the Student Government Web site.

In addition to “word-of-mouth advertising,” they will be promoting the new service by giving out magnets that students can keep on their refrigerators to serve as reminders. Fliers and table- tents with more information will also be scattered throughout campus.

Schedules and related information can be viewed at shuttle.gmu.edu or by clicking “Go-Bus” at the Student Government’s Web site,



sg.gmu.edu.

## Alternative Rummage Sale Weeklong Event Funds Student Trips For Spring Break

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The Alternative Break program will hold a rummage sale this week, Jan. 26-30, to fundraise various community service trips planned and lead by student volunteers. Students attending the trips will be selling clothes, handbags, household items and even a television, as well as other donations from Mason faculty, staff and students. The sale will take place every day this week from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. outside of Dewberry Hall.

“For those [who] are big thrift shoppers, this is a great opportunity to get your thrift on without having to leave campus,” said senior communication major Justin

Fogota.

Sarai Garnett, a senior communication major who is co-leading an upcoming trip to Philadelphia with Fogota, also encourages all members of the community to check out the sale. Garnett believes the sale will be a great opportunity to find some hidden treasures, have fun and support a great cause.

The rummage sale has become a tradition for the AB program. Students who have held the sale in past years have found it to be a great way to defray transportation and housing costs while also creating a fun way to get to know their AB team members and participants of other teams.

All proceeds of the sale will go toward funding the five

different trips scheduled for spring break in March. The trips include locations and programs from previous years as well as a few new ones.

Students will volunteer for the prevention of HIV/AIDS in New York City, build houses with Habitat for Humanity in Waynesburg, Pa., mentor urban youth in Atlanta, Ga., and do conservation work such as building bridges in Stuart, Fl.

On the trip to Philadelphia, Garnett and Fogota and other students will work alongside City Year, a volunteer organization that fosters social awareness and tackles community needs all over the nation. Students will be painting murals in an effort to rejuvenate metro stops and

helping to plan an event for City Year’s Young Heroes program.

“All of the trips’ participants will benefit greatly by learning new things about themselves and other communities. Also, the communities that participants do service in will gain a stronger sense about our generation, [Mason,] and hopefully themselves,” said Garnett.

“As cliché as it may sound, AB trips really are a life-changing experience,” Fogota said.

Deadlines for the spring trips have passed but students can still propose and apply to upcoming summer programs on the Center for Leadership and Community Engagement’s Web site, http://clce.gmu.edu/.

## Discussing MLK’s Words King’s Read-In Kicks Off Black History Month Events

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In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday, George Mason University will be holding a read-in on Wednesday, Jan. 28. Like every year, this will be an opportunity for people to take part in an open discussion about selected works and speeches by King. The theme for this year’s event is determined to be “Continuing the Dream.”

According to Dr. Richard Rubenstein, who will be facilitating this year’s discussion, only 15 to 20 people have attended the read-in in the past. However, he is expecting a much larger crowd this year because he feels the election of President Barack Obama has created hope and also because people are concerned about the country’s current economic situation.

“Dr. King had a way of speaking that addressed both high hopes and frightening fears. He also counseled us to put our faith in ourselves, not in

any leader. What would he say to Americans at the current historical juncture?” said Rubenstein.

In addition to discussing this question, a program about King which aired on *Democracy Now*, a few YouTube documentaries and a handful of King’s speeches will be discussed at the read-in.

Having been involved with the read-in for the past four years, Rubenstein has had the opportunity to witness several memorable discussions. One such time was a discussion about King’s decision to oppose the war in Vietnam. They talked about how King had gone against President Johnson as well as other civil rights leaders. Rubenstein said a participant at the read-in shared that he himself had faced a tough decision, having disproved of the Vietnam War, yet serving in it as a soldier.

“This prompted a fascinating and moving discussion about the meaning of heroism in modern times. The best discussions have been those



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in which participants shared their personal experiences,” said Rubenstein.

He encourages students to attend the event because King is a man that can serve as an inspiration to everyone.

“Our reading does not treat Dr. King as a holy figure to be revered or worshipped, but as a man who inspired us to think for ourselves about difficult and

important issues of justice and equality. I think he would be pleased at the tone of our discussions on this day of commemoration,” Rubenstein said.

The read-in is open to anyone and will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Johnson Center in room 240A, the Paul Robeson Room.

## What’s Up On Campus Next Week

### Poetry Block

In honor of Black History Month, the Omicron Rho chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is presenting a “Poetry Block,” during which students read poetry from African American authors.

All students are welcomed to participate and encouraged to attend. Join the sisters of Delta Sigma Theta from 12 to 1 p.m. on the North Plaza on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

For more information, contact Tiffany Reaves at treaves@gmu.edu.

### Vagina Monologues

Mason students will perform The Vagina Monologues, a book by Eve Ensler turned play based on interviews with over 200 women about their experiences of sexuality, on Friday, Feb. 6 and Saturday, Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. in Harris Theatre.

The Vagina Monologues portrays the fears and fantasies of everyday women regarding their bodies and sexuality. Join the female performers Feb. 6 and 7 to watch the book turned play that has inspired a movement, V-Day, to stop violence against women.

This year, 2009, is V-Day’s 11-year anniversary and Mason’s ninth consecutive year in performing the Vagina Monologues.

Campus News in Brief

Evening of Reflection

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., an Evening of Reflection will be observed on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 5 p.m. in Dewberry Hall. The evening will include a reception with refreshments, a keynote address by Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, a child leader of the Civil Rights Movement and the present president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and the awarding of the Spirit of King Awards for one faculty member and one student who have made contributions to the development of a multicultural campus through their teaching, research or leadership.

Alana Melanie Williams Scholarship

A scholarship fund has been dedicated to the life of Alana Melanie Williams, a late George Mason University student killed in an automobile accident on Nov. 23, 2008. On Jan. 26, 2009 the Andrews Osborne Academy in Willoughby, Ohio, the high school at which Williams excelled in basketball, will be holding a tribute and scholarship fundraiser, the Melanie Williams Memorial Basketball game.

Fall Buy Back Numbers Reported Strong

Last fall, a total of 634 textbooks were collected for Books for Africa through Better

World Books. Tables were located at Patriot Corner, Southside and Eisenhower Hall, and the project was jointly overseen by the Center for Leadership and Community Engagement and the George Mason University Bookstore.

Better World Books is an organization that helps reuse books through a variety of methods. Books collected through their drives may be resold when possible or donated to schools in Africa.

Any proceeds from the Center for Leadership and Community Engagement's textbook drive will go to school in Africa, as well as help fund students' service trips for Alternative Breaks, which focus on issues such as Conservation, Habitat for Humanity and according to Sustainability Projects Manager Dan Waxman, "much more."

Better World Books began with three college friends who formed a social venture to promote literacy.

They began with one textbook drive at a single university. Mason is one of 1,800 colleges and universities who has since partnered with Better World Books to improve the quality of life through literacy worldwide.

For more information about Better World Books: <http://www.betterworldbooks.com/>

For more information about CLCE: <http://clce.gmu.edu/>

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Housing's Role in Sustainability at Mason

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The Office of Housing and Residence Life has certainly made sustainability a priority. The Greening Group, co-chaired by Rachel Siditsky and Brad Menard and encompassed by staff members from a variety of areas, have engaged and inspired George Mason University's residence hall students to live sustainably through a variety of initiatives.

One of OHRL's many efforts is their involvement in Mason's climate commitment. Students, staff and faculty can go to <http://housing.gmu.edu/goinggreen/> and commit to help reduce climate change. Further emphasizing the importance of reducing climate change, Siditsky said, "Even small steps can help reduce climate change and make a difference. We are encouraging everyone to log on and make a commitment to just ten activities in their life that will make a difference." This initiative is part of the President's Climate Commitment, which President Alan Merten signed, which shows a commitment to the pursuit of climate neutrality.

Another effort of OHRL is the Green Floor. The Green Floor is a living and learning community located in Dickinson within the DUCC area. This community provides a space for those interested in greening issues and initiatives to live together and interact regularly.

OHRL also has a number of programs to help with waste reduction and recycling. OHRL is partnering with the Art Department to get two new recycling centers. OHRL also collects cell phones, eyeglasses, clothes during clothing drives, ink cartridges and rechargeable batteries. One effort to further reduce waste in use at the OHRL office is their use of smaller margins on printing to save paper. The

OHRL office frequently has environmental competitions between the offices. They also utilize green products for office happenings.

OHRL's Green Week is coming up next week. This week will help raise awareness regarding sustainability through fun and informative programming. The week will feature light-bulb trade in stations, a used sneaker drive, greening bingo and How to be a Green DUCC . . . or Just be Green!

As OHRL looks to the future, they expressed plans for a variety of programs including "It's so easy being green," a program about environmental awareness and Earth Hour on March 28. Earth Hour raises awareness about climate change by turning lights off across the world for one hour, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Living the Green Life

Here are five easy ways to bring sustainability into your residence hall living experience:

- Attend a sustainability program in your hall
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- Conserve water by taking shorter showers
- Turn off the lights when you leave your room
- Buy green—Purchase environmentally sustainable products for your room made from recycled materials.

Green Calendar

Tuesday, Jan. 27 to Friday, Jan. 30—Light bulb exchange Exchange your light bulbs for energy-efficient light bulbs at your area desks!

Tuesday, Jan. 27—Cheer for Climate Action!! 7 p.m. at the Patriot Center

Help raise some green spirit on campus and at the Men's Basketball Game at the Patriot Center. Wear the Cheer for Climate Action shirt or a green shirt of your choice. Shirts can be purchased for

\$6.50 at JC Kiosk A Jan. 26 (2 to 4 p.m.) or Jan. 27 (10 a.m. to 12 p.m.). They may also be purchased at the Environmental Science and Policy Office 3043 David King Hall. Ask for Roslyn or Lisa.

Tuesday, Jan. 27—Used Shoe Drive 7 p.m. at the Patriot Center

Bring your used shoes to the basketball game to donate to Perpetual Prosperity Pumps Foundation in Africa. Funds from used athletic shoe sales help bring technology, education, and training to villages in Ghana.

Wednesday, Jan. 28—How to be a Green DUCC . . . or Just be Green 8 p.m. at the Hanover Residence Hall

Come out to learn how to be green while living on campus. Interactive activities will include LED lights, laundry, and nutrition—with some prizes and giveaways.

Thursday, Jan. 29—Greening Bingo, 8 p.m. at Shenandoah

Learn new concepts about sustainability and win some great prizes.

Tuesday, Feb. 3—Clean Coal: Myths, Realities, and Possibilities 4:30 p.m., JC 3rd Floor Meeting Room C

Mason will be holding the first of four roundtable panel discussions in the Mason Energy Roundtable Series entitled, "Clean Coal: Myths, Realities, and Possibilities." Seating will begin at 4:30 p.m. For more details and to reserve a seat, please contact Colin Bennett in Mason's Office of Sustainability at [cbennet6@gmu.edu](mailto:cbennet6@gmu.edu). Next week's article will feature more information about the Mason Energy Roundtable Series.

For more green events, please visit: [green.gmu.edu/calendar](http://green.gmu.edu/calendar) or e-mail the Sustainability Office at [gogreen@gmu.edu](mailto:gogreen@gmu.edu).

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To Do...

What's going on at Mason this week?

Vision Speaker Series

- Monday, Jan. 26
- Concert Hall, 7 p.m.
- Pompeii, Naples, Mt. Vesuvius, & Grand Tour
- Free! Center for the Arts Box Office, (703) 993-8888.

MLK Oratorical Contest Finals

- Tuesday, Jan. 27
- Dewberry Hall (JC), 3 - 4:30 p.m.
- "Find out who can talk their way to \$1,000!!"
- Diversity Programs & Services & African American Studies Program

Theatreworks Performance- James and the Giant Peach

- Wednesday, Jan. 28
- Concert Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Presented by Two Beans Productions.
- Center for the Arts Box Office, (703) 993-8888.

Super Bowl Viewing Party

- Sunday, Feb. 1
- JC Atrium, 3 - 11 p.m.
- Pittsburgh Steelers v. Arizona Cardinals.
- Watch it on the big screen!
- Student Activities, (703) 993-2909

Concert- The Killers

- Wednesday, Jan. 28
- Patriot Center, 8 p.m.
- Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
- Tickets \$45. Patriot Center, (703) 993-3000.

Martin Luther King Jr. Observance- "Evening of Reflection"

- Wednesday, Jan. 28
- Dewberry Hall (JC), 5-7 p.m.
- Networking reception and keynote address by Dr. Hrabowski, President of the Univsity of Maryland, Baltimore County
- Awarding of the Spirit of King Awards

Mason Cable Network

- Meetings Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.
- Student Video Center (David King 1011)
- MCN is now producing live shows
- Check them out on Channel 89 or [www.masoncablenetwork.com](http://www.masoncablenetwork.com)

Pre-Dance-A-Thon Concert- Sounds of Hope

- Saturday, Jan. 31
- JC Bistro, 7 p.m.
- For more info, contact Alicia Long, [along4@gmu.edu](mailto:along4@gmu.edu).

Workshop in Philosophy, Politics & Economics

- Thursday, Jan. 29
- Enterprise Hall, Room 318, 12 - 1:30 p.m.
- Self-Regulation in the Adult Film Industry: Why are HIV Outbreaks the Exception and Not the Norm?
- Free! Peter Boettke, (703) 993-1149, [boettke@gmu.edu](mailto:boettke@gmu.edu).

Every Freakin' Friday- Skinny

- Friday, Jan. 30
- JC Atrium, 9 p.m.
- Free! Program Board, (703) 993-2925.

Alternative Spring Break Rummage Sale

- Dewberry Hall (JC), 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 1/26 - 30 (Mon-Fri)
- By Center for Leadership and Community Engagement

Cinema Series- Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist

- Thursday, Jan. 29
- JC Cinema, 6 p.m.
- Showings at 6 p.m. & 9 p.m.
- Mason students w/ID, free; Mason faculty/staff w/ID, \$1; general public, \$3.