

To Do...

What's going on at Mason this week?

Art Exhibit Constructs VI

- Open 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. week days
- Open by appointment week ends
- Feb. 2 - 8
- Fine Arts Building, Gallery

Krasnow Monday Seminar: An fMRI Investigation into Gender Differences During Social Interaction

- Frank Krueger
- Monday, Feb. 2
- Krasnow Building, Room 229
- 4-5 p.m.

Visiting Writers Series: Bernadine Evaristo

- Author of the novels Blonde Roots, Lara and The Emperor's Babe.
- Monday, Feb. 2
- Research I, Room 163
- 7:30 p.m.

Poetry Block:

- Sign up to read poetry from black authors
- Tuesday, Feb. 3
- JC, North Plaza
- 12 - 1 p.m.

Men's Basketball Mason v. Hofstra

- Students free w/ ID
- Tuesday, Feb. 3
- Patriot Center, 7 p.m.

Public Choice Seminar: Marco Castillo

- Center for the Study of Public Choice
- Wednesday, Feb. 4
- Carow Hall
- 4 - 5:15 p.m.

Cinema Series: Soul Men

- JC Cinema
- Thursday, Feb. 5
- 6 and 9 p.m.
- Free w/ Mason ID

Women's Basketball Mason v. Drexel

- Thursday, Feb. 5
- Patriot Center
- 7 p.m.
- Free w/ Mason ID

Johnson and Strachan Distinguished Speaker Series: Newt Gingrich

- Thursday, Feb. 5
- Concert Hall
- 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Black Heritage Month: Capoeira: The Slave's Dance-Fight Game

- Presented by Mason Capoeira Club
- Thursday, Feb. 5
- JC Atrium
- 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Vagina Monologues

- Friday, Feb. 6
- Saturday, Feb. 7
- Harris Theatre
- 8 p.m.
- \$10 faculty
- \$5 students

Women's Basketball Mason v. Georgia State

- Sunday, Feb. 8
- Patriot Center
- 2 p.m.
- Free w/ Mason ID



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POLICE FILES

January 26	<p>Trespass Notification Occoquan Parking Lot Two subjects (non-GMU students) were found placing leaflets on vehicles. Both subjects were served trespassing warnings. (34/Ganley)</p> <p>Fraud Liberty Square Complainant/Victim reported the unauthorized debit from her account. Loss estimated at \$180. (25/Green)</p> <p>False Police Report Field House Lot O A warrant for arrest on a student who is charged for the above offense. She falsely reported her student parking decal was stolen. (38/ Parker)</p> <p>Damaged Property/Vandalism President's Park Complainant advised that his dorm room window had been shattered by a beer bottle. Loss estimated at \$200. (29/Aman)</p>
January 27	<p>Single Vehicle Accident Patriot Circle and Banister Creek Court Vehicle #1 was traveling South on Patriot Circle and lost control on the icy road. The vehicle left the roadway and struck a sign. Damage estimated at \$500. (10/Ganley)</p> <p>Trespassing Fine Arts Building Henry Shaver, 30 (non-GMU student), of Riverside, CA was arrested for trespassing after refusing to leave the area. He was taken to the Fairfax County ADC and released on his own personal recognizance. Christianna Cherf, 21 (non-GMU student), of Merced, CA was issued a summons for trespassing and left the area. (10/Ganley, 54/Galle)</p> <p>Single Vehicle Accident George Mason Boulevard Vehicle #1 was traveling westbound on George Mason Boulevard and lost control on the icy road. The vehicle skidded into a pole. Damage estimated at \$350. (25/Green)</p> <p>Warrant Service HQ A warrant for Filing a False Police Report was served on Courtney Whitlow, 24 (GMU student) of Fairfax, VA. She was released on her own personal recognizance. (38/Parker)</p>
January 28	<p>Destruction of Property Intramural Fields Property damage was done to the area of the Intramural Fields. Damage estimated at \$1,000. (27/Feliciano)</p> <p>Possession of Marijuana/Possession of Cocaine Lot K Megan Summerford, 25 (non-GMU student) of Washington, D.C. was issued a summons for Possession of Marijuana. David Campuzano, 27 (non-GMU student) of Rockville, MD was arrested for Possession of Cocaine and Possession of Marijuana. He was transported to the Fairfax County ADC and ordered held on a \$2,000 secured bond. (10/Ganley)</p> <p>Possession of Marijuana Lot L Ryan Grymes, 25, of Bel Air, MD and Michael Murphy, 26, of Bel Air, MD (both non-GMU students) were each issued a summons for Possession of Marijuana. (29/Aman)</p> <p>Possession of Marijuana/Underage Possession of Alcohol Lot A Michal Shimonovich, 18, of Great Neck, NY was issued a summons for Possession of Marijuana. Dina Benzil, 18, of Croton, NY, Jessica Morgulis, 19, of Stamford, CT and Nicole Geotes, 18, of Stamford, CT were each issued a summons for Possession of Marijuana and Underage Possession of Alcohol. All above offenders are non-GMU students. (28/Corbin)</p>
January 29	<p>Information Only Lot C A visitor to GMU slipped on frozen ice in Lot C. First Aid was rendered and visitor was released. No injuries were reported. (27/Feliciano)</p> <p>Grand Larceny Johnson Center Anthony Hicks, 19 (GMU student), of Woodbridge, VA was arrested for Grand Larceny of textbooks. He was transported to Fairfax County ADC where he is held on \$2,500 secured bond. Books estimated at \$293.13. (16/Chandler)</p> <p>Recovered Property Eisenhower VDOT roadway signs recovered from students room. Incident to be referred to Judicial affairs. (44/Rindell)</p> <p><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></p>

The Impact of MLK

Students Present Speeches Celebrating the Life of King

ADAM SYLVAIN
Staff Writer

The first annual MLK Oratorical Contest celebrated the life and accomplishments of King and his impact on the nation. The contest took place Tuesday, Jan. 27, in the Johnson Center Cinema and was hosted by the MLK Day Celebration Committee and the Office of Diversity Programs and Services. A cash reward was offered to the top three finalists. Several distinguished faculty members were on hand to assist in judging the competition.

“Advertisement began in the fall. We distributed posters in the Johnson Center and displayed messages on the plasma screens and through various e-mail listservs,” said Charles Kellom, assistant director with ODPS, who helped organize the event.

Interested students were required to submit a draft of their speech before Nov. 1 and were encouraged to present speeches between four and a

half and seven minutes long.

Nine entrants were invited to participate in the preliminary round in early November. The group was then narrowed to five finalists who competed on stage in front of an audience of fellow students, faculty and judges.

Judging

the presenters were Wendi Manuel-Scott, David Atkins and Joya Crear. A professor in the Department of History and Art History, Manuel-Scott is also the director of African-American Studies.

Atkins is the current executive director of Student Centers and former president of the Black Alumni Association. Crear, director of ODPS, completed the panel of judges. Speeches were graded on their



Sophomore Juan Cruz speaks at the MLK Oratorical Contest.

content, language and delivery, receiving a combined score in all three areas.

Kevin Phillips, a graduate student in communication, finished first in the competition after delivering a speech on the subject of racial equality and the need to actively reform social injustices. He cited the need to consistently improve our country, acknowledging the contributions of our forefathers as a great model, but refuted the presence of an absolute doctrine.

Phillips was the only graduate student in the group of finalists. While working on his graduate degree in crisis communication, he also helps coach the university's nationally renowned forensics team.

In addition to receiving a \$1,000 scholarship, Phillips was invited to introduce the keynote speaker, of Maryland, Baltimore County President Freeman Hrabowski, at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration: Evening of Reflection event.

Freshman special education major Lauren Rose received first runner-up honors for her reflection on the historical impact of figures such as King and President Barack Obama. She received a cash prize of \$500 for her second place finish.

Juan Cruz, a sophomore with an undecided major, accepted a cash prize of \$250 as the second runner-up. In his speech, Cruz argued that our country will not realize the dream of pure equality until we break free from the discriminatory words that continue to “infect” our free culture.

Jonathan Tallman, an undergraduate history major, and freshman global affairs major Jonathan Carlone, were also recognized for their strong presence in the competition.

Black Heritage Month Calendar of Events

Monday, Feb. 2

What Does “Change” Really Mean: A Discussion on the Effects of a Black President - Mentoring Program Kick-Off
Office of Diversity Programs & Services
SUB II rms. 1&2 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Speak-Out: A Discussion with Bruce George
Independent Arts Collective
Dewberry Hall (Johnson Center Ground Floor) Starting at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 3

The Poetry Block
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
JC North Plaza 12 – 1 p.m.
(Rain site: Patriot's Lounge in SUB I)

Meet The Greeks
National Pan-Hellenic Council
SUB II Ballroom 7 – 10 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 4

Keynote Speaker: Hon. Joshua W. Martin
Black Law Student Association & Business Law Society
Arlington Campus Law School, Room 120 5 – 6 p.m.

The Death Penalty & Race: Equal Justice For All?
Amnesty International
SUB II rms. 5 - 7 from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 5

Real Love with Real Talk
ODPS-LGBTQ
Paul Robeson Room (JC 240A)

5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Movie Showing: *Soul Men*
Program Board Film
Committee
JC Cinema Starting at 6 p.m.

Capoeira: The Slave's Dance-Fight-Game
GMU Capoeira Club
JC Atrium 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 6

Movie Showing: *Miracle at St. Anna*
Program Board Film
Committee
JC Cinema 6 – 9 p.m.

African Akrobats
Every Freakin' Friday & African Student Association
JC Atrium Starting at 9 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 8

The Family That Preys
Program Board Film
Committee
JC Cinema 6 – 9 p.m.

From Bricks to Brownstones
Black Student Alliance & Akoma Circle
Hanover TV Lounge 6 – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 10

Dominique Dawes, the first female African American gymnast to win an individual medal in the Olympics, will be speaking in Harris Theatre at 6 p.m.
Dawes is a three-time Olympic medalist and has won several medals at the World Championships.

Visit <http://ulife.gmu.edu/pages/BHM.html> for a full calendar.

Ain't Gonna Let Nobody

Dr. Freeman Hrabowski Discusses His Background

SONYA HUDSON
News Editor

In honor of Black Heritage Month, the Office of Diversity Programs and Services hosted an evening of reflection of the words and memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. on Wednesday, Jan. 28.

“We stand on the shoulders of giants,” said Freeman Hrabowski, a child Civil Rights Leader and the president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, during his keynote address at the event entitled “Evening of Reflection,” a part of the *Determined: Continuing the Dream* series.

Born in Birmingham, Ala. in 1950, Hrabowski spent his childhood in a segregated nation. His mother, an English teacher, encouraged Hrabowski to do well in school. His mother, at the age of 12, worked as a maid for a white family. Her employers taught her and encouraged her to read.

Inspired by her own daughter and King's words,

Hrabowski's grandmother, at the age of 70 in the 1960s, decided she was going to vote.

To be allowed to vote, blacks had to pass a literacy test. At that time, most blacks had at most a sixth grade education and Hrabowski helped his grandmother study for days. When she passed the test, she announced that she was finally a “first class citizen” because she could vote.

In May of 1963, Hrabowski was a 12-year-old ninth grade student. Inspired by King. Hrabowski, a self proclaimed “fat little math nerd,” wanted to have the opportunity to seek a better education, a goal King spoke about for all children. That month, Hrabowski was called upon to lead a group of younger children to the courthouse in an effort to kneel and pray for their freedom.

During the “Evening of Reflection,” Hrabowski recounted his defining moment in the Civil Rights Movement. He spoke of how policemen tried

to provoke fights with the children by chanting elicit remarks about the children's mothers.

The children were taught to ignore the men and just sing. Hrabowski led the group in the verse, “I ain't gonna let nobody turn me around, turn me around. I ain't gonna let nobody turn me around, gonna keep on walking, keep on talking, walking up to freedom land.”

Once he and the other children arrived at the courthouse, a policeman asked what they were doing. Hrabowski said they just wanted to kneel and pray for freedom. In response, the policeman spit in Hrabowski's face, arrested him and threw him into the back of a police van.

Hrabowski concluded his address with the advice, “watch your thoughts, they become your words. Watch your words, they become your actions. Watch your actions, they become your

habits. Watch your habits, they become your character. Watch your character, it becomes your destiny.”

Spirit of King Awards given to one faculty member and one student who have made significant contributions to the development of a multicultural community by the Office of Diversity Programs and Services.

Dr. Jeffrey Gorrell, former Dean of the College of Education and Human Development

Rifk Ebeid, a third year Law student

The **Commitment to Diversity Book Award** was given by the GMU Black Alumni Chapter to D'Juan Thomas.

1965 Alabama

Literacy Test

Could you vote in 1965?
Take the quiz and find out.

1. Which of the following is a right guaranteed by the Bill of Rights?
- a) Public Education
 - b) Employment
 - c) Trial by Jury
 - d) Voting

2. The federal census of population is taken every five years. True or false
3. If a person is indicted for a crime, name two rights which he or she has.

4. A U.S. senator elected at the general election in November takes office the following year on what date?

5. A President elected at the general election in November takes office the following year on what date?
6. Which definition applies to the word “amendment?”
- a) Proposed change, as in a Constitution
 - b) Make of peace between nationals at war
 - c) A part of the government

7. A person appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court is appointed for a term of _____.’

Quiz continues on page 5.

Gunston Shuttle Service to Begin on Thursday

Go-Bus Will Travel Around Fairfax

KEVIN LOKER
Asst. News Editor

George Mason University students can ride for free on Student Government's, Gunston's Go-Bus, the new shuttle service to local shopping centers and malls.

"I'm really excited that it will make getting to Fair Oaks Mall really easy," said freshman Spanish major Megan Wine. "Shopping there is better than areas you can get to with the CUE Bus, and it makes getting there easier and less expensive than Metro Bus, let alone a car."

Students are not the only ones to see potential in cutting expenditures, especially when it comes to driving. According to Student Government Vice-President Claire Forman, various university administrators have viewed the Go-Bus as a way to help students deal with any economic difficulties because "it limits students' need to fill up their car with gas," or "to even have a car at all."



"Everyone involved was highly supportive of the initiative. It will save students money on gas, help with weekend life and give students an alternative method of transportation so that fewer residential students may find it necessary to have a car," said Forman. "The service may give some students more employment opportunities for off-campus jobs if for whatever reason they do not have a car."

"This [Go-Bus] will make it easier to get certain items for cheaper prices than some of the options within walking distance," said sophomore global affairs and Spanish major

Gleason Rowe. "Options are currently limited for students. Wal-Mart, Target and Best Buy will all be easily accessible now."

The Fair Lakes Shopping Center alone will give students access to a Target, Wal-Mart and BJ's—three locations that traditionally offer consumers low priced items.

Two Chipotle locations can also be reached along the route, one in Fairfax Corner and one at the Fair Lakes Shopping Center.

"Students are always talking about getting better access to that particular dining option," said Forman.

"Chipotle?" said Wine, "For sure I would go. With the bus, it may be a bit easier, a bit cheaper and a bit more worth it."

Service will begin Thursday, Feb. 5 at 3 p.m. Routes include stops at University Mall, Old Towne Fairfax, Fairfax Corner, Fair Oaks Mall and the Fair Lakes Shopping Center.

Inspire Integrity

Mason Professor is a Finalist for Award

BRITTANY ROUSE
Broadside Correspondent

Every year, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars presents an Inspire Integrity Award to one of the professors nominated for their integrity by honor society students. George Mason University's own Benedict Carton, associate professor of the Department of History and Art History, has been honored as one of 15 nationwide finalists.

The NSCS honor society is made up of high-achieving freshmen and sophomores ranking in the top 20 percent of their class.

The society provides undergraduates more scholarship money nationwide than any other honor society. Students who are part of the NSCS honor society are given the opportunity to nominate a professor who has shown great integrity and a strong enthusiasm for inspiring students to enjoy learning and become successful leaders.

The award "focuses on the central role that professors play in promoting the pursuit of knowledge and critical thinking in an exciting learning environment that encourages personal integrity," said Carton. "To me, [integrity] represents respect for self and others and a realization that social responsibility is one of the crucial values of our world."

After graduating from Yale University with a doctorate in history in 1996, Carton went on to teach at Wesleyan University and the University of

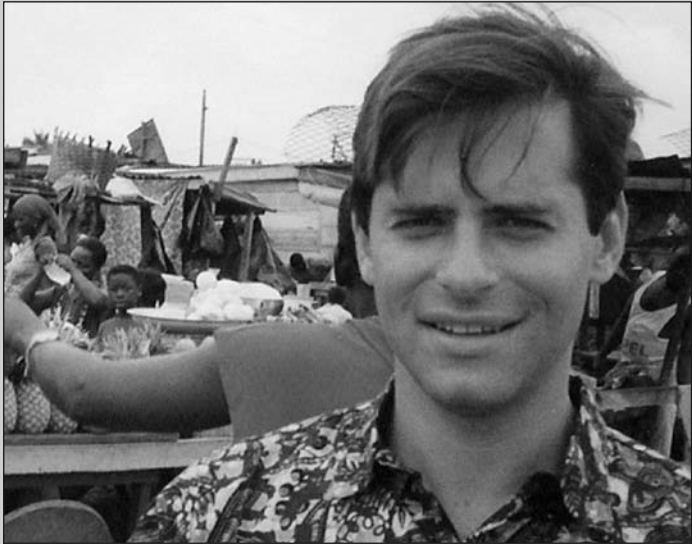


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Washington before joining the Mason staff.

Carton is a social historian, specializing in modern Africa. His main focus on the discipline of history stems from hearing captivating oral traditions in southern Africa.

The traditions help to "narrate and explain the meanings of tumultuous events that changed the lives of people from Togo and Tanzania to Senegal and South Africa," said Carton.

Carton went on to use his experiences in his teaching after spending most of his adulthood participating in human rights projects in Namibia, South Africa and Haiti, as well as public health projects in southern Africa.

He has written for news services in South Africa, as well as

and has lectured for the Smithsonian. Carton is the author of *Blood from Your Children: the Colonial Origins of Generational Conflict in South Africa*, coauthored *Zulu Identities* and published articles in the *International Journal of African Historical Studies* and *Journal of Social History*.

"Winning this award would be another vindication that public education works and should work for all," said Carton.

The recipient of the award will be announced by the NSCS on Feb. 2. The winner will receive a \$3,000 personal stipend and a \$2,000 contribution to their university's general scholarship fund.

More information about NSCS can be found at their website, www.nscs.org.

www.NationalGeographic.com

Share Your Notes

New Web Site Knetwit.com Offers to Pay Students for Class Lecture Notes

JOE BEETON
Broadside Correspondent

Knetwit.com is the only site that makes sharing intellectual property simple, safe and profitable according to its fall 2008 press release. The idea was conceived in 2007 by Tyler Jenks and Ben Wald, two students at Babson College. They dropped out of school to start the site and create what they envision as eventually being the "world's largest virtual study hall."

Knetwit is a knowledge-sharing site geared toward college students that pays anyone who contributes class notes, assignments, or exams, and allows anyone to download content for free. Students—and potentially professors, or anyone else—can download the site's thousands of files for free and are paid every time they upload notes and every time their content is downloaded.

Jenks and Wald, who have since been highlighted as two of *Business Week's* 25 Best Young Entrepreneurs of 2008, felt that there was a need for a comprehensive online study resource that provides incentive for quality contributions.

"College students see social networking and online research as part of their everyday academic life," said Wald, co-founder and president of sales and marketing for Knetwit. "As recent college students ourselves, we are familiar with the frustrations that often come with researching information online. And with Knetwit, we strive to make it easier for people to find relevant information around any topic."

Notes are found by searching for a specific school, course, keyword or subject area. Structured like many other

Web 2.0 social-networking sites, Knetwit is free to join, it allows users to create profiles and build a "Knetwork." It generates revenue from selling featured advertisements.

What sets Knetwit apart is that anyone who joins can potentially make money. Knetwit pays users with the site's internal currency, Koins, which are redeemable for cash via PayPal or products featured on the site's store. The exchange rate of Koins to cash is approximately four cents per Koin.

"The idea is that students and professors will have a new way to make a little extra money for the work they already do," said Jenks, co-founder and president of operations. "We allow members to profit from their posted content, and at the same time others benefit from the shared knowledge."

Unlike sites that are designed to share personal pictures and post comments, networking sites that are designed for the distribution of knowledge tread on potentially thin legal ice. Similar note-sharing sites such as A-Plus Notes and Einstein's Notes have been hit with intellectual property theft and copyright-infringement lawsuits.

Some Mason students are cautious about using Knetwit.

"Where is the line drawn between notes gathered in class and a professor's intellectual property? What about concepts covered in class that are copyrighted by a professor or even the university itself?" said sophomore accounting major Pratik Shah. "[Knetwit] doesn't seem to have any method of screening the notes that are uploaded, and if they are actually paying you for

uploading what could be other people's intellectual property, they are bound to face legal issues."

Senior art and visual technology major Michael Farnham had similar concerns. "Does [Knetwit] take responsibility for what is posted, or would I have to worry about being liable for uploading notes from class? I just don't understand how people could legally be paid for sharing their professors' ideas."

Knetwit's policy is that users will police themselves. The site refers students to the note-sharing policies of their individual school's handbook and encourages everyone to report files that contain somebody else's work. According to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, Knetwit is protected from copyright violation claims as long as it removes material notified as possibly violating copyright.

Jenks pointed out that the difference between the sites that have faced legal hassles and Knetwit is that those sites take professors' notes, package them and sell them to students for a profit, whereas Knetwit just facilitates the sharing of notes between students.

"We have gotten a few e-mails from annoyed professors who originally thought that we were 'selling their notes,' where in reality we are simply allowing students to exchange their own class notes for free and [we are] paying royalties generated by revenue back to the contributors. In almost every example the professors misunderstood what we actually do," said Jenks. "We in no way condone or support copyright violation and will do what we can to prevent it."

Hard Economic Times Force Students to Change Spending Habits

Students Look for Alternative Ways to Save Money

KAITLYN MILLER
Broadside Correspondent

Students at George Mason University are changing their altering their lifestyles in an effort to save money in these hard economic times. Many are opting to change their spending habits by cutting back on unnecessary purchases.

Kathleen Moburg, a senior English major, decided that "there is no more shopping."

Ryan David, a junior anthropology major, also cut back on spending. He budgets his money for necessities, like food.

If meal plans and money are running low, there are many campus-sponsored events, like Every Freakin' Friday, which offers free food for students.

Cutting back on driving is

another way students are saving money. A few cost-effective means for traveling around Fairfax and Washington are the CUE Bus, Metro and carpooling. Mason students ride the CUE Bus for free with a Mason ID.

For morning commutes and longer trips, Web sites like www.erideshare.com are great ways to find someone to carpool with locally.

Michelle Correa, a junior psychology major, said she has two methods of saving money. She "tries not to eat on campus" when she can cook for herself at home. Correa also mentioned that in order to save money on textbooks, she ordered some of them from Web sites that sell used books.

There is always the option of working part-time. Lisa Buzzelli, a junior

communication major, has a part-time job on-campus. She works at Corner Pocket, the pool hall in Shenandoah.

The Patriot Center and the campus bookstore are other options for on-campus employment. Restaurant jobs can also offer fairly flexible hours for students.

An additional way to make extra cash is to participate in economic or psychology experiments on-campus. Economic experiments offer a \$7 compensation if you register for an experiment and arrive on time and additional cash for participation.

Most experiments last somewhere between 30 minutes to two hours. Go to <http://experiments.gmu.edu> to sign up.

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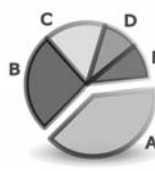
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Mason to Host Energy Panel Discussions

AARON HARTMAN
Broadside Correspondent

Once a week during the four weeks of February, George Mason University will host roundtable panel discussions on the future of energy. Each roundtable will feature a moderator and three expert panelists, who will discuss the given topic and talk about the pros and cons of each type of energy. Following brief introductory presentations by each panelist, the moderator will ask the audience if they have any questions for the panelists.

The first roundtable on Tuesday, Feb. 3 will be Clean Coal: Myths, Realities, and Possibilities. This panel will feature a discussion by Jay Braitsch of the Office of Fossil Energy at the U.S. Department of Energy, Lauren Glickman of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network and Lisa Moerner of Dominion Virginia Power. Professor Frank Dukes of Mason's Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution will moderate the event. Seating will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the Johnson Center, 3rd floor, Meeting

Room C. On Wednesday, Feb. 11, the second roundtable will focus on liquid fuels (oil, biofuels, hydrogen, etc.). Seating will begin at 7 p.m. in Research I, Room 163.

On Tuesday, Feb. 17, the third roundtable will focus on nuclear energy. Seating will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the JC, 3rd floor, Meeting Room C.

On Wednesday, Feb. 25, the final roundtable will focus on renewable energy (solar, wind, geothermal, etc.). Seating will begin at 7 p.m. in Student Union Building II, Room 5.

For more details, to RSVP or to get on a mailing list to be notified about topic themes and get reminders for the events, please contact Colin Bennett in Mason's Office of Sustainability at cbennet6@gmu.edu. We hope to see you there!

Living the Green Life

Here are five easy ways to help reduce your energy use:

- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs instead of the normal light bulbs
- Turn off the lights when you leave your room
- Utilize sunlight instead

of turning on electricity

- Buy Energy Star certified products to help reduce energy consumption
- Use public transportation or carpool to campus

Green Calendar

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

Next week's article will feature more information about the Mason Energy Roundtable Series.

For more green events please visit: green.gmu.edu/calendar.

Aaron Hartman is the Sustainability Council Member and Energy and Climate Working Group Co-chair.

Dan Waxman is the Sustainability Projects Manager for University Services and can be contacted at dwaxman@gmu.edu.

Know of a green event that is coming soon or want more information about sustainability? E-mail the Sustainability Office at gogreen@gmu.edu.

New Driving System to Correct Motorist Vigilance Decrement

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News Editor

The New Jersey Department of Transportation is implementing a new system in which drivers can call an automated service to get real-time traffic updates as a response to problems with "vigilance decrement"—a loss of focus commonly known as "zoning out."

"Vigilance" is the term referring to the ability of people to focus on a monotonous monitoring task," said George Mason University professor of

psychology, Raja Parasuraman. "Vigilance decrement" refers to the decline in this ability as time progresses."

Parasuraman has doubts about the service. "It could be potentially useful in that people could get the information they wanted rather than unwanted information. However, the specific way that people call in would be important."

Parasuraman raised the issue of cell phone use, even hands-free devices, as a cause of an added distraction for drivers.

The New Jersey Department of Transportation

encouraged drivers to use hands-free devices as the state has a ban on using hand-held cell phones while driving.

Because Mason is situated in the suburbs of Washington it is surrounded by a great deal of traffic during the week. Parasuraman thinks Mason could potentially benefit from such a traffic service.

"I think traffic congestion due to construction and accidents is a problem in the Mason area," said Parasuraman. "I think the New Jersey service could be useful if designed properly."

1965 Alabama Literacy Test

Quiz, continued from page 3.

8. To serve as President of the United States, a person must have attained:
- 25 years of age
 - 35 years of age
 - 40 years of age
 - 45 years of age
9. What words are required by law to be on all coins and paper currency of the U.S.?
10. The Supreme Court is the chief lawmaking body of the state. True or false
11. If a law passed by a state is contrary to provisions of the U.S. Constitution, which law prevails?

12. If a vacancy occurs in the U.S. Senate, the state must hold an election, but meanwhile, the place may be filled by a temporary appointment made by _____.
13. A U.S. senator is elected for a term of _____ years.
14. Appropriation of money for the armed services can be only for a period limited to _____ years.
15. The chief executive and the administrative offices make up the _____ branch of government.
16. Who passes laws dealing with piracy?
17. The number of representatives which a state is entitled to have in the House of Representatives is based on _____.
18. The Constitution protects an individual against punishments which are _____ and _____.
19. Name two levels of government which can levy taxes: _____

Campus News in Brief

New Charity Create Programs for Current, Future Military Members

Task Force G.I., a non-profit military charity developed for the benefit of current and future members of the Armed Forces, is offering newsletters for those interested in the progress of its donor and volunteer programs. Ongoing projects include education, overseas environment, tools of the trade, emergency assistance and patriot revival.

Donations can be made by individuals or businesses, and the non-profit welcomes "all involvement, allowing the largest voice possible, so they can effectively contribute toward the betterment of [a] military service member's education and environment."

For additional information and to sign up for the emailing list, "Task Force Today," visit

<http://www.taskforcegi.org>.

Box-O-Box Offers New Care Package for Valentine's Day: Box-O-Love

Box-O-Box, an independently owned and operated company founded by former students, has added a new Valentine's Day option to its list of 20 unique theme-based care packages. Like the other care packages, Box-O-Love is intended for purchase by parents who want to show their children they are thinking about them no matter their distance from home.

The care package, "love and delicious goodies," includes a Box-O-Box Make-Your-Own-Valentine Kit, Bloomsberry & Company Smooch Chocolate Bar, Happy Herbert's Sweet 'n' Crunchy Popcorn and Necco Sweethearts. A "how-to" guide is also included that "will help even the shyest student charm the cute dorm-mate down the hall."

For more information on how to purchase a Box-O-Love or to learn more about partnering with Box-O-Box for fundraising within a student organization, visit

<http://www.boxobox.com>.

State Encourages Filing Income Tax Returns Electronically

The Virginia state government is encouraging those filing income tax returns to do so online this year. The push comes after the Virginia Department of Taxation made moves to cut costs by hiring fewer seasonal workers to open, sort and process tax returns filed on paper.

Priority will be given to returns filed electronically and refunds are expected to be issued twice as fast as those filed on paper.

Last year a record 57 percent of individual taxpayers, or more than two

million, filed their Virginia tax returns electronically.

The Tax Department has information on its website about all the electronic filing options available to taxpayers and can be accessed at

<http://tax.virginia.gov>.

Governor Highlights #1 Ranking for Historic Districts

Earlier this month, Gov. Timothy Kaine highlighted Virginia's ranking as first among states and territories for the number of historic districts added to the National Register of Historic Places during federal fiscal year 2008.

Twenty-nine districts and 61 individual properties were added, and it is the fourth consecutive year in which Virginia has achieved the top ranking for districts listed.

A National Register listing allows property owners to pursue federal rehabilitation tax credits to restore older buildings for income-producing uses.

When paired with state rehabilitation tax credits, property owners may be eligible to receive a 45 percent return on eligible expenses for the one-time cost of rehabilitating a historic property.

Districts have been included from the counties of Arlington, Clarke, Fauquier, Henry, Loudoun and Northampton and the cities of Alexandria, Charlottesville, Emporia, Hampton, Harrisonburg, Lynchburg, Petersburg, Richmond and Suffolk.

Sodexo Foundation Accepting Applications for 2009 STOP Hunger Scholarships

The Sodexo Foundation, the charitable branch of Sodexo, Inc., is now accepting applications for its annual STOP Hunger Scholarships. The awards recognize and reward young Americans who are committed to "improving their communities in the area of hunger, and also to encourage this next generation to become activists in the fight against hunger."

Up to five students will each receive a \$5,000 scholarship and a \$5,000 grant in their name for the hunger-related charity of their choice. The scholarships will be presented on June 4 at the Sodexo Foundation Dinner in Washington.

The deadline for applications is Feb. 27. Applications and details on eligibility can be found at the Sodexo Foundation's Web site,

www.SodexoFoundation.org.

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Free Tickets for Mason Students!

DUBLIN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
Friday, Feb. 6 at 8 p.m.
\$50, \$42, \$25 Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center at NOVA Comm. College, Alexandria Campus
Limited Free Student Tickets Available Jan. 27

CIRQUE ÉLOIZE: NEBBIA
Saturday, Feb. 7 & Sunday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m.,
Or Sunday, Feb. 8 at 2 p.m.
\$46, \$38, \$23 CH
Limited Free Student Tickets Available Jan. 27

STUDIO SERIES #3: HAY FEVER
Feb. 12, 13 & 14 at 8 p.m.
Feb. 14 & 15 at 2 p.m.
\$6 Adults; \$3 Students/Seniors BB
Limited Free Student Tickets Available Feb. 3

VIRGINIA OPERA: TOSCA
Fri., Feb. 13 at 8 p.m., \$86, \$72, \$44
or Sun., Feb. 15 at 2 p.m., \$98, \$80, \$48 CH
Limited Free Student Tickets Available Feb. 3

VISION SERIES: KENNETH HINTZ
The Language of Landmines: Motivation to Remediation
Monday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m.
Free, Tickets Required CH

GMU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Featuring GMU Alumni Soloists
Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 8 p.m. CH
\$15 Adults; \$10 Students/Seniors
Limited Free Student Tickets Available Feb. 10

L.A. THEATRE WORKS
The Great Tennessee Monkey Trial
Friday, Feb. 20 at 8 p.m.
\$38, \$30, \$19 CH
Limited Free Student Tickets Available Feb. 10

METROPOLITAN JAZZ ORCHESTRA
Saturday, Feb. 21 at 8 p.m.
\$38, \$30, \$19 CH
Limited Free Student Tickets Available Feb. 10

DRUMLINE LIVE
Sunday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.
\$44, \$36, \$22 CH
Limited Free Student Tickets Available Feb. 10

GMU WIND SYMPHONY & SYMPHONIC BAND
Winter Band Concert
Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 8 p.m.
\$15 Adults; \$10 Students/Seniors CH
Limited Free Student Tickets Available Feb. 17

GMU PLAYERS: LAST DAYS OF JUDAS ISCARIOT
Feb. 26 & 27 at 8 p.m., Feb. 28 at 2 & 8 p.m.
\$12 Adults; \$8 Students/Seniors HT
Limited Free Student Tickets Available Feb. 17

PARSON DANCE
Saturday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m.
\$44, \$36, \$22 CH
Limited Free Student Tickets Available Feb. 17
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