

# To Do...

## What's going on at Mason this week?

### Monday

**Peer Empowerment Program:**  
Chinese Lantern Festival

- "Lantern riddles, lantern making, yuan xiao/tang and friendly conversation"
- SUB I, Patriot's Lounge
- 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Tuesday

**Black Heritage Month Keynote Address:**  
**Dominique Dawes**

- Three-time Olympian to address student body
- Harris Theatre
- 6 p.m.

### Wednesday

**Mason Military Outreach Support Group Meeting**

- SUB II, Room VIP 2
- 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

### Thursday

**Black Heritage Month:**  
*Tea with Provost*

- Mason Hall, Room D3 A & B
- 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- Office of the Provost, (703) 993-8776

### Friday

**Mason 101 by University Information**

- History, organizational structure, and who does what at Mason
- Johnson Center, Room E
- 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Register online at the HR Training website

### Saturday

**Cinema Series: Sixteen Candles**

- JC Cinema
- 6 and 9 p.m.

**Remember to bring your Mason ID!**

### Healthy Relationship Week: Can I Kiss You?

- Learn secrets to body language
- Play the dating game
- Harris Theatre
- 7:30 - 9 p.m.

### Dance-a-thon March of Dimes Fundraiser

- Sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega
- 5 p.m., Fri. - 9 a.m., Sat.
- Johnson Center, Dewberry Hall South

### Students for Life Meeting

- Johnson Center, Room A
- 5 p.m.



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## POLICE FILES

February 2	<p><b>Petit Larceny</b> Sandy Creek Deck Complainant reported person(s) unknown stole the parking transponder from her vehicle sometime between 11/21/08 and 11/23/08. Loss estimated at \$25. (60/Will)</p> <p><b>Disorderly Conduct</b> Robinson Hall Professor reported a student in their office acting disorderly. Subject was advised to leave the area and not to return. Student referred to the Dean of Students. (60/Will)</p> <p><b>Petit Larceny</b> Johnson Center Complainant reported person unknown stole a book from the Johnson Center Bookstore. Suspect fled on foot in a direction unknown. Loss estimated at \$157. (27/Feliciano)</p> <p><b>Two Vehicle Accident</b> Roberts Road / Braddock Road Vehicle #1 was traveling south bound on Roberts Road when it loss control striking Vehicle #2. The driver of Vehicle #2 was transported to hospital with unknown injuries. (49/Kalenich)</p>
February 3	<p><b>Suspicious Note/Event</b> Aquatic Center Officers were dispatched to a report of a suspicious note left on a bulletin board. (44/Rindell)</p> <p><b>Hit &amp; Run</b> West Lot Complainant reported their vehicle had been struck sometime between 2/1/09 and 2/3/09. Damage estimated at \$100. (44/Rindell)</p> <p><b>Hit &amp; Run</b> Patriot Circle Complainant reported being struck by a vehicle while he was crossing the street. The striking vehicle then fled the scene. The victim did not require medical attention at this time. (20/Brudvig)</p> <p><b>Suspicious Items</b> Dominion Hall Officers responded to a report of drug paraphernalia. No items were found. (50/Issa)</p>
February 4	<p><b>Destruction of Property</b> University Drive Complainant stated that person(s) unknown smashed his vehicle window. The incident occurred between 02/03/09-02/04/09. Damage estimated at \$150. (23/Brownell)</p> <p><b>Hit &amp; Run</b> Lot A Vehicle #2 was parked in Lot A. Vehicle #1 struck Vehicle #2 in the rear bumper then fled the scene. Damage estimated at \$1,000. (37/Radfar)</p>
February 5	<p><b>Attempted Suicide</b> Chesapeake Residence Halls Officers responded to the report of a GMU student that took several pills. The student was transported to Fairfax Hospital. (31/Stein)</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>

## Housing Rates to Increase in 2010

SONYA HUDSON  
News Editor

The Board of Visitors, a committee of 16 appointed by the Governor of Virginia, passed initiatives in their Feb. 4 meeting that will increase housing rates and the cost of meal plans for the 2009 fiscal year.

Housing rates will increase an average of \$450 or 6.25 percent for students on-campus next year.

According to the BOV, the change in meal plan options is intended to provide variety and flexibility.

The Traditional plans and Block plans now have \$100 in points to provide flexibility. The Block meal plans have been expanded by one plan and the number of meals available per plan adjusted as part of the review of consumption.

Meal Exchanges have been adjusted to provide a Meal Combo, which includes an entrée, side and beverage, that is equal to one meal swipe. There will be a minimum of two combos per retail location that provides the Meal Exchange, according to the BOV.

Freedom Funds will be accepted at all dining venues, including Damon's, without restriction on time.

"The BOV's action is effective July 1, 2009. The money goes toward our general operating fund," said Dan Walsch, the university press secretary.

"In general terms, the so-called benefits from this action revolve around helping the university continue to operate and provide students with the best possible education and facilities it can," said Walsch.

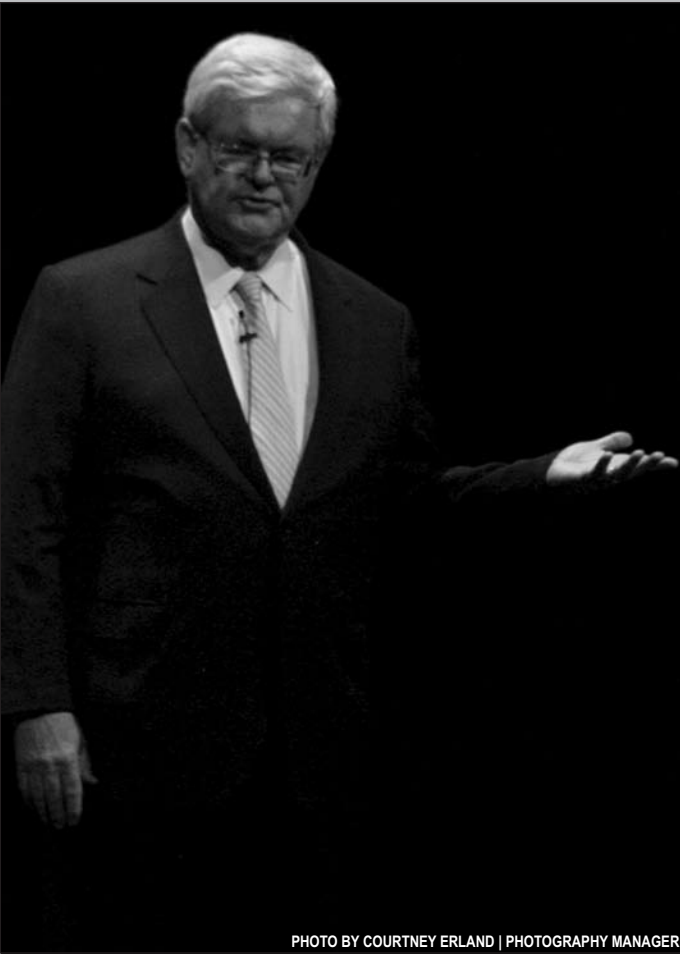
Average increase in the proposed room rates for next year:	
Traditional Halls	\$235
Suites	\$365
Apartments	\$372

A comparative look at room and board rates for fiscal year 2009 of Virginia schools:

1	Christopher Newport	\$8,900
5	George Mason	\$7,360
15	Virginia Tech	\$5,476

The average rate is \$7,259

## Snap Shot



Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich spoke in the Center for the Arts on Thursday, Feb. 5. Gingrich spoke on topics such as today's economy and the president.

## Students Make Efforts to Avoid Credit Card Debt

AMANDA CHEEK  
Broadside Correspondent

Credit cards give students the opportunity to buy things they might not actually have the money to afford, but tough economic times are making students realize the severity of the debt these pieces of plastic can create.

Students each carry an average of 2.8 credit cards, according to United College Marketing Services in their study done last year.

"I have two credit cards and a debit card and a separate ATM card," said Kara Bowman, an undeclared freshman. Bowman said she thinks many students probably own credit cards, but admitted to mostly using her debit card.

She said that she pays for one of her credit cards and her parents pay for the other. She said that her parents felt she should get a credit card as a security net, in case of an emergency or when making a big purchase.

"You have to be smart about it; you have to know [how much] money you have," said

Bowman. "I don't spend a lot."

Carrying a lighter load, Matt Ebuer owns one piece of plastic—a combination ATM and credit card. Ebuer, a junior business major, has owned his card for about four years. He estimates that probably half of students own a credit card.

Only 27 percent of students are without credit cards, according to the 2008 study from UCMS. Lucy Wang, a junior double majoring in psychology and art history, does not own a credit card. She thinks students are probably dealing with debt because of credit cards.

"I just have heard from people that they've gone into debt because of their spending habits," said Wang.

The average balance owed on credit cards is \$885, according to UCMS. Wang carries one piece of plastic, but it functions as an ATM and debit card and cannot accumulate credit.

Senior biology major Siddhi Joshi said owning a credit card just helps in general. "I don't use it a lot, [only on] groceries, textbooks [and] gifts," said

Joshi.

One student with more plastic in his wallet is Ron Howard, a sophomore management major. Pocketing four total cards, Howard owns one credit card, one store credit card, a two-in-one debit and ATM card and a student Visa card which is only used for textbook purchases.

"I'm sure everyone handles them the best they can. I feel pretty good about the ones I pay in full, but not the ones that Mommy and Daddy pay for," said Howard.

Howard said he thinks students that own credit cards and are not responsible with their money will probably go into debt.

"A lot of people will make purchases that they won't be able to pay back in full," said Howard. "I know a lot of people that take two or three statements to pay back the initial amount."

Freshman marketing major Emily Ellisen carries one card that functions as both a debit and credit card. Ellisen said she does not carry cash often and

uses her card for most every day purchases.

Ellisen first got her card when she got a more regular job and wanted a place to put her money.

"I think that credit cards will worsen the economy because people aren't really responsible and won't have money to pay off their debt," said Ellisen. "That won't help the economy."

Owning a credit and ATM combination card and one store credit card, Daniel Streicher, a sophomore film and video studies major, thinks that many students most likely own credit cards. He said he originally got his card for expenses like gas, and now uses it for everything.

"People treat credit cards differently; some will pay off their balances at the end of every month, and some will take all year and let the interest build. I think that habits really determine if someone will benefit from getting a credit card," said Streicher.

For more statistics on college students and credit cards, visit www.ucms.com

## Juicy Campus Shuts Down

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JuicyCampus.com, the website that allows people to anonymously read and post gossip about their respective campuses, has officially shut down.

According to Matt Ivester, CEO and founder of the site, "difficult economic times" and a decrease in online ad revenue influenced the decision to shut down the website.

"JuicyCampus' exponential growth outpaced our ability to muster the resources needed to survive this economic downturn, and as a result, we are closing down the site as of Feb. 5, 2009," Ivester wrote on the site's blog.

According to Iverston, the site stimulated "meaningful discussion about online privacy and internet censorship" and provided "a place for the fun, lighthearted gossip of college life." Others, however, have a much different view of the site.

"I read a lot of stuff written

about specific people and Greek life that made me angry," said freshman Kiara Holloman, an athletic training major, as well as a member of the Alpha Phi International Fraternity.

"I know everyone has a right to freedom of speech, but there's a point where you cross the line," said Holloman.

According to Olivia Fivek, a freshman global affairs major, "It promotes cyber bullying. And the fact that it's anonymous gives cowards a place to say things that they're not man or woman enough to say yourself."

"The first amendment has become this barrier for slander, and it's just appalling," said Fivek.

Ivester only briefly mentioned this aspect of the site stating, "There are parts of Juicy Campus none of us will miss."

Ivester also stated that, as of right now, Juicy Campus has no plans to come back, "but who knows what the future might hold."

## Snap Shot



Keyondra Frederick, psychology senior, speaks as Clarissa Johnson, information technology freshman, Sheena-Davé Heslop, neuroscience and psychology sophomore, and Salah Piroty, communication senior, listen during "What Does Change Really Mean: A Discussion on the Effects of a Black President" at Student Union Building II on Feb. 2.



# Snap Shot



Albert Monroe from Virginia for Alternatives to the Death Penalty held a discussion titled “The Death Penalty & Race: Equal Justice For All” on Feb. 4 in Student Union Building II.

# Search Engine Allows for Charitable Donations

**LAUREL FERRETTI**  
*Staff Writer*

GoodSearch.com is a search engine that allows the web user to contribute money to a charity of his or her choice just by searching the web. The capital donated is received from web advertising fees that are, in turn, advanced to the selected charity.

"Fifty percent of the revenue generated from advertisers is shared with the charity," says GoodSearch.com. The site supports U.S. groups that are "registered non-profits," including schools, professional and religious-affiliated programs.

Many students are unaware of the search engine, powered by Yahoo. The legitimacy of GoodSearch.com was questioned by many who first learned of it. "As long as it's legal, it's fine," said sophomore film and video studies major Daniel Lagdameo.

Intrigue for the site also rests in its ability to aid real organizations that deliver services to those in various forms of need. Freshman early childhood education major Karyn Sykes is supportive of the idea for the reason that the commercial advertisement money is being directed to groups that are able to aid those who can significantly benefit from the profits.

GoodSearch.com supports U.S. groups which are—"registered non-profits"—including schools, professional and religious-affiliated programs. The site has aided

and raised thousands of dollars for organizations such as The American Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Save Darfur.

When presented with the opportunity to help others while using a normal search engine, George Mason University students stated that they would use GoodSearch.com for those charitable reasons. Freshman Cara Shaffer, a business major, said "giving back" was worth using the search engine several times a day.

Some students find enjoyment in contributing to these charities. The charity might even make the difference in a selective decision and motivate the web user to employ the use of the website for that specific personal and relatable cause.

Freshman undeclared major Sohoab Jaffarani noted that he would only use GoodSearch.com if he felt compelled to support a charity of strong decision.

Many Mason students are willing to recognize those in need and use GoodSearch.com as a way of helping them.

Conversely, other students decline the use of GoodSearch.com based on personality and preference. Some recognize the site's benefits, but are not interested in being aggressively proactive involving an Internet cycle. Sykes stated that she dislikes the methodology of these programs, as it disagrees with

her practice concerning the Web.

Lagdameo stated that he prefers Google to Yahoo. Therefore, with a search-engine powered by Yahoo, he believes GoodSearch.com will not work as effectively as Google, and so he will not use it.

Sophomore global affairs major Brad Trotter quickly decided that he would use GoodSearch.com, '50 percent' of the time, and Shaffer also came to the same conclusion. The charities and causes that students mentioned that they would donate to ranged from programs that provide food to the hungry, cancer research, Invisible Children and George Mason University.

According to the site, approximately one penny is donated every time a web search is conducted using GoodSearch.com.

Disadvantages of the site are that URL or popular sites are not compatible with the search portion and thus do not count towards donations. The websites that are not awarded credit include Facebook, MySpace, AOL, etc.

There is also a warning against fraudulent, incessant clicking, which can ultimately omit the choice of one's charity. However, GoodSearch.com is a search engine that provides aid to charities, schools and businesses. Many Mason students are willing to help out those in greater need than themselves, and GoodSearch.com offers this ability at no cost.

# Graduating Seniors Plan For Real World

**SAMANTHA  
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*Staff Writer*

Economists have speculated that many soon-to-be-college-graduates will head into graduate schools because of hiring freezes, lay offs and pay cuts.

Christine Stansell, a communication major and IT minor, echoes the sentiment of confusion that fellow seniors are experiencing.

"I really have no idea what I am doing after graduation. I have applied to one grad school, but am not sure that I really want to go because I'm not sure that I want to be in school for another two to four years for something that might not be my passion," said Stansell. "If I do go, I will be taking out some serious loans. I will probably just try to get a job. The economy is making me a little nervous as not many communication jobs seem to be open at the moment, and I am looking at moving home to save up some cash . . . an idea I was firmly against a few months ago."

Others feel that their post-George Mason University plans are practical and are prepared to attain them even in a difficult economy.

Nicole Kukuruda, a government and international politics major and history and administration of justice minor, thinks that taking baby steps to reach her dream job is necessary.

"I know what I'm going to do, and I have a dream job in my

mind, but making that a reality post graduation is still a little daunting," said Kukuruda. "My backup plan is going into law enforcement, and regardless of the economy, we still need traffic cops, so I'm not too concerned about how the economy is affecting me."

Others have to wait for their dream jobs a while longer, such as Amanda Breed, a French major and art history minor. She wanted to be a high school teacher and was told that there were job opportunities available throughout her undergraduate career. Now, there is not a high demand for language teachers. She has decided to open more opportunities. "So I'm going to work for a year, save money, and go to grad school to get certified. My plans have changed because of the economy," said Breed. "I am applying in all fields instead of just one centralized field for a job."

Some students in the beginning of their undergraduate career had finances paid for by the army or other means of finances. Now, after graduation, students like April Reynado, a nursing major and army ROTC student will serve her country overseas with no problems of finances. "I'll be commissioning as a second lieutenant after graduating and becoming an Army nurse. I'll be heading to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas for two months for Officer Basic Leader Course and then Landstuhl, Germany for my first duty station. The Army is taking care of me, so no worries about

finances and such," said Reynado.

Students also are looking for ways to pay for their goals of graduate school or looking for top programs that could cater to their interests. Colleen McCarthy, a Russian studies major who already graduated with a degree in history, is currently looking for graduate programs in the country that still cater to her interest of getting a Masters in Russian history.

"Initially, I wanted to earn a Masters degree in Russian history, most specifically, 19th Century Russian cultural and intellectual history—and hopefully, from there, a Ph.D. program. The schools I initially planned to apply for were mainly on the mid-west and the west coast," said McCarthy. "I had my heart set on attending a school in Europe that would cater to my specific interests, but that is almost entirely out of the question due to the state of the economy. I still plan on applying to the universities in the United States and Europe, but realistically, Europe is no longer an option."

Career Services has also noticed a change in student trends.

"In my interactions with students, I've noticed more recent grads applying for internships. They're worried about their chances to get full-time positions but want some type of experience after graduation," said career counselor Jenn Antonini. "Now, more than ever, it's important for students to get experience while in school to make

themselves competitive in a tight market. Employers look for internships, campus involvement and related jobs when making hiring decisions.”

Ann Mills, another career counselor offered helpful advice with the Washington area having all time high unemployment rates. "While the Washington, D.C. area is at an all time high unemployment rate of 4.7 percent, it is lower than the national unemployment rate of 7.2 percent. That said, economists are predicting the unemployment numbers will get worse before they get better," said Mills.

"With that in mind, it is important to emphasize with students a concept career counselors refer to as the 'hidden job market.' These positions are filled by—or created for—candidates who come to an employer's attention through employee recommendations, referrals from trusted associates, recruiters or direct contact with the candidate," said Mills.

Mills suggests using contacts to get jobs. "What's the best way for a student to compete for positions in the hidden job market? Network."

Ken Guerrant, a career counselor, offers a helpful tip to keep in mind during interviews. "Students should be tenacious in their job search and not let themselves become demoralized by not getting interviews or job offers quickly," said Guerrant.

The advertisement features three icons at the top: a stack of papers with handwritten notes and a pencil, a pie chart divided into six segments labeled A through F, and a five-pointed star with two pencils passing through it. The background is black with white text.

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## Campus News in Brief

### Student Government Town Hall Meeting

Student Government will be holding a town hall meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be conducted in the Student Government office, Johnson Center Room 133. The tentative agenda consists of a discussion of Student Government's plans for this semester and the reasons behind the plans. Students are encouraged to attend to voice their dissatisfaction with Student Government and George Mason University as a whole. The town hall is open to anyone interested in attending.

### Free Gold Rush T-Shirts

Gold Rush shirts will be available for Homecoming week. Students can pick up their free shirts starting at 11 a.m. before the Gold Rush pep rally on Tuesday, Feb. 10, which starts at noon. Students can also get shirts at the Homecoming tailgate on Feb. 14 and at the Homecoming game later that day. Student Government hopes to have the entire student section in Gold for the game against conference rival Northeastern.

### RecycleMania

George Mason University is competing in RecycleMania, which is "a friendly competition and benchmarking tool for college and university recycling programs to promote waste reduction activities to their campus communities," as stated on the RecycleMania website. Mason is competing in the targeted material, food service organics-competition division.

The RecycleMania goals, as stated on the website, are as follows:

1. Have a fair and friendly recycling competition.
2. Increase recycling participation by students and staff.
3. Heighten awareness of schools' waste management and recycling programs.
4. Expand economic opportunities while addressing environmental issues in a positive way.
5. Lower waste generated on-campus by reducing, reusing and recycling.
6. Organize this event successfully so it can be repeated and possibly expanded to other campuses in the future.

RecycleMania lasts 10 weeks, ending March 28, and has over 500 colleges and universities competing. Mason is currently ranked #1 in Virginia and #1 in the Colonial Athletic Association in food service organics-competition division.

For more information visit <http://www.recyclemaniacs.org/index.htm>.

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### Inova to Announce New Fund for Collaborative Research with Mason

Inova Health System has provided \$1 million to George Mason University for the creation of the Inova Life Sciences Research Collaboration Fund, intended to accelerate joint collaborative research projects between Mason and Inova researchers. Research results will serve as preliminary data for future grant submissions to outside granting agencies or industry sponsors.

Representatives will publicly announce the fund in the atrium of Mason Hall on Monday, Feb. 9, at 6 p.m.

Priority areas of research for the fund include:

- Issues related to chronic disease management
- Treatment and prevention strategies for lifestyle-related conditions such as obesity, heart disease and stroke
- Issues associated with end-of-life provisions and ethical issues in health services delivery relating to health disparities
- The patient experience in healthcare institutions, including the therapeutic environment, nursing/clinical staff interaction with patients and the effectiveness of mind-body interventions and therapies
- Matters related to application of genomics and proteomic-related research, both diagnostic and therapeutic and more.

Dr. Zobair Younossi, co-director of GMU-Inova health system translational research institute; and Roger Stough, PhD, vice president of research and economic development, George Mason University, will administer the fund. A peer review process overseen by Mason and Inova experts will award the grant requests.

*Information compiled from Inova Health System and Mason sources*

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## Mason Commits to Becoming Climate Neutral Through ACUPCC

### AARON HARTMAN

*Broadside Correspondent*

In July 2007, George Mason University's president, Alan Merten, signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, committing Mason to becoming climate neutral. As stated on the ACUPCC website, "The commitment recognizes the unique responsibility that institutions of higher education have as role models for their communities and in training the people who will develop the social, economic and technological solutions to reverse global warming."

In addition to helping realize Mason's path to climate neutrality, an energy-efficiency contract initiated in 2004 with Siemens Building Technologies now saves Mason over \$1 million every year just in utility costs. Additionally, in 2007, Mason committed to constructing all new buildings to the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver standard, which will make them 20 to 30 percent more efficient than a standard building.

In September 2008, the Office of Sustainability published Mason's first greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory. It estimated that Mason emitted 103,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents in the 2006-2007 academic year. That is over 8,500 pounds per full-time "person" at Mason.

This spring, Mason is undertaking the challenging task of developing a Climate

Action Plan (CAP) to map its path toward climate neutrality. The CAP Core Planning Committee (CPC) is leading an effort that will consist of five teams, each tackling a different aspect of Mason's CO2-equivalent emissions, such as residential, travel, etc.

The goal is for each of these teams to complete the initial assessment and make recommendations by summer 2009. For more information, visit <http://green.gmu.edu/climate/cap.html>.

### Living the Green Life

Here are five easy ways to help reduce your carbon footprint:

- Reuse paper by using both sides
- Turn your water off when you brush your teeth, wash your hands or shave
- Reduce plastic ware use by using your own dishes
- Use rechargeable batteries instead of disposable ones
- Turn the thermostat down in the winter and up in the summer by a couple degrees

### Green Calendar

Tuesday, Feb. 10: Visit the Environmental Awareness Group at Kiosk C in the Johnson Center to learn about the Patriot Green Fund 9 - 12 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 11: Second roundtable discussion in the Mason Energy Roundtable Series; The focus will be on liquid fuels (such as oil, biofuels and hydrogen), entitled "New Transport Fuels:

The Road to Greener Pastures." Seating will begin at 7 p.m. in Research I, Room 163. 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).

Thursday, Feb. 12: Visit the Environmental Awareness Group at Kiosk C in the JC to learn about the Patriot Green Fund at 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 14: Wear a green shirt and join in the Green Spirit at the basketball game when Mason plays Northeastern 12 p.m. at the Patriot Center.

Cheer for Climate Action t-shirts are available for only \$6.50 at the

Environmental Science & Policy office, 3043 David King Hall or from

Carrie Meyer, Department of Economics, [cmeyer@gmu.edu](mailto:cmeyer@gmu.edu). Games are free to students with a Mason ID.

For more green events, please visit: [green.gmu.edu/calendar](http://green.gmu.edu/calendar).

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Aaron Hartman is a GMU Sustainability Councilmember and Co-chair of the Energy and Climate Working Group.

Dan Waxman is the Sustainability Projects Manager for University Services and can be contacted at [dwaxman@gmu.edu](mailto:dwaxman@gmu.edu).

Know a green event that is coming soon, or want more information about sustainability? E-mail the Sustainability Office at [gogreen@gmu.edu](mailto:gogreen@gmu.edu).

# No One Has SWAGGER Like Us

Monday, Feb. 9

Wednesday, Feb. 11

### HOMECOMING KICK-OFF

\$ JC Atrium, 12 - 1 p.m.

\$ Enjoy free food and entertainment, and meet the contestants for Swagger of a Cha.m.pion: Mr. and Ms. Mason Pageant

### CAN-STRUCTION

\$ North Plaza 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

\$ Come watch Mason organizations compete to build the most creative structure from canned foods and nonperishable items.

### SWAGGER OF A CHAMPION PAGEANT

\$ Dewberry Hall 8 - 10 p.m.

\$ Watch Mr. and Ms. Mason candidates show off Mason swagger as they present their talent, Mason knowledge, and personal style.

Tuesday, Feb. 10

### PEP RALLY

\$ JC Atrium, 12 - 1 p.m.

\$ Join the Mason basketball team and the Pep Band as they display their Mason spirit.  
\$ Enjoy free giveaways and Homecoming shirts.

### TALENT SHOW

\$ SUB II Ballroom 8 - 10 p.m.

\$ Don't miss the opportunity to watch your peers perform in the Showcase Your Swagger Talent Show for a grand prize of \$100.

### LASER TAG

\$ Dewberry Hall, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

\$ Compete for the top scores and enjoy free giveaways.

### TRIVIA CHALLENGE

\$ JC, Patriot Corner

\$ 12 - 2 p.m.

\$ Cheer on your fellow team organizations as they test their Mason trivia knowledge in Patriot Corner.

### HOMECOMING DANCE

\$ SUB II Ballroom 8 p.m. - midnight

\$ Come dance the night away with DJ Kwest.

Thursday, Feb. 12

### PHOTO T-SHIRT BEAR

\$ JC News Center, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

\$ Purchase a 10 dollar teddy bear with your picture or a premade design printed on its t-shirt.

### FACULTY/STAFF ALUMNI RECEPTION

\$ Office of Alumni Affairs, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

(Tentative)

\$ Alumni who work at Mason are invited to the Office of Alumni Affairs for a special reception to honor their dedication and commitment to Mason.

### COMEDY SHOW: KYLE GROOMS

\$ JC Bistro, 9:30 - 11 p.m.

\$ Having been on HBO Def Jam Comedy, Comedy Central, the Superbowl ad campaign for Careerbuilder.com, and The Chappelle Show, Kyle Grooms will be sure to give you a good laugh.

Friday, Feb. 13

### SCAVENGER HUNT

\$ JC Patriot Corner, 12 - 2 p.m.

\$ Participate in a scavenger hunt around Mason with your teammates.

### THIRD ANNUAL HOMECOMING BEER TASTING

\$ JC George's Restaurant, 7 - 9 p.m.

\$ Cost: \$20 per person, early registration; \$25 per person, Feb. 1 - 13

\$ Mason alumni are invited to the third annual beer tasting.

\$ Capital City Brewing Company's beers will be featured along with beer and food pairing suggestions.

\$ Visit [alumni.gmu.edu/homecoming](http://alumni.gmu.edu/homecoming) for more information.

### ANNUAL HOMECOMING CONCERT:

#### PAT MCGEE

\$ JC Bistro, 9 p.m. - midnight

\$ The concert is free to all Mason students with their Mason ID. \$5 for others at the door.

\$ Check out [pb.gmu.edu](http://pb.gmu.edu) for details.