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Safety not an issue for students on campus

Office of Public Safety provides full service to campus community, including own forensic unit

BY ASHLEY HOPKINS
news editor

The Virginia Tech shooting last week left many students wondering how safe their school actually is. Despite the seriousness of the incident, many still feel safe.

"It was a freak incident," senior Sarah Gyselings said. "JMU is a safe school."

In an effort to stay safe, the office of public safety at JMU provides full-service police protection to the campus community. Of the 30 sworn

and commissioned police officers, 23 are full-time and 7 part-time. Out of the 30, 24 are in uniform and patrol the campus and residence hall areas 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Six normally plain clothes officers include the chief of police, investigators, technical support, primary crime prevention or administrative personnel.

These officers enjoy the same responsibilities and training as required by any police officer in Virginia. Their jurisdiction includes all university owned, leased or controlled property, the adjacent streets and sidewalks and expanded off-campus

jurisdiction within designated neighboring areas of the city of Harrisonburg. They also have the authority to enforce all regulations and laws, both of the university and of Virginia.

JMU also has its own forensic unit, designed to support the actions of the criminal investigation and patrol divisions of the university's police department. This group consists of a high technology and evidence gathering response team that primarily engages in forensic identification, investigation and recovery of physical evidence and are equipped to respond to any incident or accident.

In addition to the forensic unit, JMU hosts a campus police cadet program of carefully screened students employed by the JMU Police. Cadets are on duty from 7 p.m. until 12 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. until 3 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. At these times they patrol their assigned areas and provide escort services to students walking across campus. They are also responsible for patrolling and securing academic and administrative buildings on campus

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Prof leaves legacy of learning

BY KELLY CONNIFF
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Emeritus Professor of Chemistry Frank Palocsay died of lung cancer last Tuesday, leaving behind a legacy of scholarship, motivation and dedication to service.

According to the *Daily News Record*, Dr. Palocsay is survived by his wife and two daughters.

After receiving his doctorate at the University of Arizona, Palocsay taught chemistry at JMU from 1968 to 2000.

"Frank was a phenomenal professor because he taught us the process of learning and chemistry," said Austin Pacher, a former student and close friend of Palocsay. "My education then took a turn from biology to chemistry because of his enthusiasm and love of learning."

Following his retirement from teaching, he remained in Harrisonburg, staying active in the JMU Emeritus Association.

Palocsay will not only be remembered for his numerous contributions to the classroom and the chemistry department at JMU, but also to Tau Kappa Epsilon, the fraternity that he helped nurture.

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organization when it went from being a local fraternity (Sigma Delta Rho founded at JMU in 1946) and became a chapter of the national fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon," Lee Friedman ('71) said.

Palocsay was involved with the local Mu Alpha chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon for 39 years, as he assisted them with becoming sustainable for the future.

He was also very active in the TKE Board of Advisors and passionate about the marriage of scholarship and fraternity, enough to create a scholarship for academic achievement with his own money.

"He is a premier example of someone who honored the 'life-long commitment' to our fraternity," said Matt Horn, Chairman of the Board of Advisors. "During his service as President of the Alumni Association, Frank established an academic scholarship utilizing funds from his own pocket to give the first award."

Horn also credits Palocsay with getting TKE scholastic respect within the JMU Greek community.

"Dr. Palocsay gave so much, expected so little, really enjoyed life and loved his students," Pacher said. "Who else could make someone love chemistry?"

KOMEN ON THE GO



MINDI WESTHOFF/senior photographer

Junior Carissa Vescovi was one of many students educating herself about breast cancer in the pink trailer.

Searching for a cure

BY KALEIGH MAHER
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A pink trailer was parked in the Godwin lot on Monday and Tuesday. It had laptops with headsets lined up across a pink bar, wooden patio furniture out on the porch, TV screens everywhere and soft rock played in the background.

It was on a mission to end breast cancer.

Komen On the Go, part of the non-profit organization Susan G. Komen for the Cure, is a mobile community education and outreach program dedicated to teaching people about breast cancer. During the 2007 tour two pink trailers will travel in tandem to around 150 campuses and communities.

JMU was the first stop on the tour for one of the trailers and came to campus complete with a full time staff of seven people from across the country. Team member Nick Blake from Minnesota thinks the experience will engage its audiences.

"[Komen On the Go encourages people] to come and really empower themselves about breast health," he said.

One way Komen On the Go empowers people is through providing interactive computer programs that answer the most frequently asked questions about breast health and cancer, opportunities to get involved in the global breast cancer movement and an instructional guide to breast self-examination.

Team member Rasheedan Mundine is from California and chose to work with Komen On the Go because it allows her to give back and to educate.

"[Breast cancer] affects everyone," she said. "It's a world wide problem."

Mundine said that JMU students took the time to check out the programs and videos instead of rushing through them.

"They're soaking up the information," Mundine said. "Which is what we really want them to do."

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Tech T-shirts honor victims

BY KATHLEEN HERRING
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Throughout the week, students have been traversing the Quad wearing Virginia Tech apparel and sporting orange and maroon ribbons.

Some students have chosen to show their support in an even bigger way. The owners of the Web site JMaddy.com designed a \$10 commemorative T-shirt, the proceeds of which will be used to buy a memorial bench on Virginia Tech grounds.

Jonathan Rezadoost, co-owner of the JMaddy site, said he came up with the idea for the T-shirts after he found out that he knew one of the VT victims.

"When I found out she died I started trying to come up with

ways to raise money," he said.

His accomplice, freshman Evan Witt, designed the original logo, and the two had the idea of selling it as a T-shirt to raise money for the Va. Tech Memorial Fund.

The original plan was to sell around 200 T-shirts which would generate enough profit to purchase a bench for Virginia Tech with the names of all the victims engraved on a plaque, Rezadoost said. Any extra money would be given to the memorial fund.

However, this was not the case. "We made a Facebook event and all of a sudden over a thousand orders came in," he said. "We were overwhelmed."



The site has received orders not just from JMU, but also from places as far away as Texas, California and Florida.

Many of the orders have been accompanied by notes thanking them for their hard work and support of the students and families of Va. Tech, Rezadoost said.

"It's good to see all the positive responses," he said.

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Online pub creates forum

BY CARLY LEDUC
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Most are familiar with the image of the pub as a cultural meeting place, a venue in which to socialize, relax, and enjoy a few pints. A new Web site called CherryTAP.com is challenging that beloved archetype by launching the first-ever online pub.

"If you had asked me a couple years ago if I'd ever see an online pub, I would've just laughed," senior Brian Kennedy said.

CherryTAP was created by three friends, Bill Lee, Mike Hedlund and Ryan Riccitelli, who used to enjoy going to local pubs together before they moved to different cities. The site was their way of recreating the

experiences they used to have, and it quickly caught on with the 20-to-30-year-old age group. Users on CherryTAP interact through a network of profile pages and message boards, similar to those on the popular networking site Myspace.com.

On February 5, the site came out of testing by launching their "Happy Hour." CherryTAP now has more than 790,000 users, and the number is growing every day, according to a press release from the owners of CherryTAP.

The site also caught on with soldiers abroad, visiting the virtual pub provides reminders of home while they are away.

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