

OCTOBER

What's going on at Mason this week?

MONDAY 6	TUESDAY 7	WEDNESDAY 8	THURSDAY 9	FRIDAY 10	SATURDAY 11
<p>HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH Sept. 15 - Oct. 15. Diversity Programs & Services, (703) 993-2700.</p> <p>TURN OFF THE VIOLENCE WEEK Oct. 5 - 18. Sexual Assault Services, (703) 993-4364.</p> <p>STD&HIV AWARENESS MONTH Oct. 1 - 31. University Life, (703) 993-8760. Coming Out Week Oct. 6 - 11. Pride Alliance, pride@gmu.edu.</p> <p>TELECOMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP Electronic Telecom Request. Register online at the IT Training website. Free. Telecom Administration, (703) 993-3546. 12 - 1 p.m. Johnson Center, Room 311B</p> <p>CAREER SERVICES WORKSHOP Preparation for the Job & Internship Fair. Free. Career Services, (703) 993-2370. 4 - 5 p.m. SUB I, Room 348</p> <p>INFORMATION SESSION Advanced Studies in Teaching and Learning. Register online. Advanced Studies in Teaching and Learning, (703) 993-2650, astl@gmu.edu. 5 - 6 p.m. Johnson Center, Room F</p> <p>ECONOMIC LIBERTY LECTURE SERIES Dinner, Lecture, & Movie: V for Vendetta. Dinner will be followed by a talk by Peter Boettke at 6 p.m. and the film at 7:30 p.m. Free. George Mason University Economics Society, GMUeconociety@gmail.com. 5:30 p.m. Johnson Center, Cinema</p> <p>VISION SPEAKER SERIES Endgame: The Last Month in Presidential Elections This Year and Every Time, School of Public Policy. Free. Center for the Arts Box Office, (703) 993-8888. 7 p.m. Concert Hall</p>	<p>CAREER FAIR Volgenau School of Information Technology & Engineering Breakfast. Volgenau School of Information Technology & Engineering, (703) 993-1499. 9 - 10:30 a.m. Johnson Center, Gold Room</p> <p>ACADEMIC SKILLS WORKSHOP Overview of Study Strategies. Free. Learning Services, (703) 993-2999. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. SUB I, Room 354</p> <p>COLLEGE FAIR ALCANZA! College Fair. For area Latino/Hispanic high school students. lby Setzer, (703) 993-3159, isetzer@gmu.edu. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Patriot Center</p> <p>JOB & INTERNSHIP FAIR Oct. 7 - 8. Career Services, (703) 993-2370. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Johnson Center, Dewberry Hall</p> <p>TUESDAYS AT NOON WORKSHOP SERIES Depression. Free. Counseling & Psychological Services, (703) 993-2380. 12 p.m. SUB I, Room 355</p> <p>LIBRARY WORKSHOP Free. Johnson Center Library, (703) 993-9060. 2 - 3:30 pm Johnson Center, Room 228</p> <p>FORENSIC SCIENCE SEMINAR Current Forensic DNA Analysis Research(703) 927-9090, DNADiagnostics@netscape.net 4:30 - 6 p.m. Enterprise Hall, Room 175</p> <p>TIME CAPSULE PARTY Volgenau School of Information Technology & Engineering, (703) 993-1499. 5:30 - 8 p.m. Research I, Room 163</p> <p>MASON VOTES DEBATE WATCH Sponsored by Student Media, New Century College and Mason Votes. Free. Alissa Karton, (703) 993-1438, akarton@gmu.edu. 8 p.m. Johnson Center, Atrium</p>	<p>COMING OUT WEEK Oct. 6 - 11. Pride Alliance, pride@gmu.edu.</p> <p>BREASTIVAL Education & information on breast cancer awareness, games, food and prizes. Student Health Services, (703) 993-2831. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Johnson Center, North Plaza</p> <p>SUPPORT GROUP FOR WORKING MOTHERS AT MASON Tammy Reardon, Heather Aleknavage, (703) 993-2295, haleknav@gmu.edu. 12 p.m. Mason Hall, Room D5</p> <p>LIFE-PLANNING SEMINAR SERIES Caregiving at Either End of the Rainbow. For Mason faculty and staff. Register online at the HR Training website. Free. Life-Planning Services, (703) 993-1802. 12 - 1 p.m. Research I, Room 161</p> <p>HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH Cultural Fusion Field Day. Free. Office of International Programs & Services, (703) 993-2970. 12 - 2 p.m. SUB I, Quad.</p> <p>IRC WORKSHOP Blackboard Learning System Getting Started. For Mason faculty and staff. Register online at the IT Training website. Free. Instructional Resource Center, (703) 993-3141. 2 - 4 p.m. Innovation Hall, Room 334</p> <p>ELI WORKSHOP Grammar. Free. English Language Institute, (703) 993-3660. 3:30 - 4:20 p.m. SUB I, Room C</p> <p>HIGH HOLIDAYS SERVICES Yom Kippur. Tickets required. Free for Mason students. Hillel, (703) 993-3321, hillel@gmu.edu. 7:30 p.m. SUB II, Rooms 5-7 Room B</p>	<p>GMU PLAYERS STUDIO SERIES Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead. Oct. 9 and 10, 8 p.m.; Oct. 11, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.; Oct. 12, 2 p.m. \$6 adults; \$3 students/seniors. Center for the Arts Box Office, (703) 993-8888. Performing Arts Building, Black Box</p> <p>COMING OUT WEEK Oct. 6 - 11. Pride Alliance, pride@gmu.edu.</p> <p>HIGH HOLIDAYS SERVICES Yom Kippur. Tickets required. Free for Mason students. Hillel, (703) 993-3321, hillel@gmu.edu. 10 a.m. SUB II, Ballroom</p> <p>ACADEMIC SKILLS WORKSHOP Overcoming Procrastination. Free. Learning Services, (703) 993-2999. 1:30 - 3 p.m. SUB I, Room 354</p> <p>CULTURAL STUDIES COLLOQUIUM Excerpts from the Consumer Diaries, pres-ented by Elizabeth Chin, anthropology, Occidental College. Cultural Studies, (703) 993-2851. 4:30 p.m. Johnson Center, Room A</p> <p>HIGH HOLIDAYS SERVICES Yom Kippur. Tickets required. Free for Mason students. Hillel, (703) 993-3321, hillel@gmu.edu. 4:30 p.m. SUB II, Rooms 5-7</p> <p>CINEMA SERIES The Love Guru. Showings at 6 p.m. & 9 p.m. Mason students w/ID, free; Mason faculty/staff w/ID, \$1; general public, \$3. Student Activities Programming, (703) 993-1702. 6 p.m. Johnson Center, Cinema</p>	<p>MASON 101 Learn about the history, organizational structure, and who does what at Mason. Registration required. Free. University Information, (703) 993-1005. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Johnson Center, Room E</p> <p>SAFE ZONE TRAINING Building a coalition between lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and heterosexual people. Free. Ric Chollar, (703) 993-2702, rchollar@gmu.edu. 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Johnson Center, Gold Room</p> <p>HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH Tea with Provost. By invitation only. Office of Diversity Programs & Services, (703) 993-2700. 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. in Mason Hall</p> <p>CINEMA SERIES Mamma Mia! Showings at 6 p.m. & 9 p.m. Mason students w/ID, free; Mason faculty/staff w/ID, \$1; general public, \$3. Student Activities Programming, (703) 993-1702. 6 p.m. Johnson Center, Cinema</p> <p>WOMEN'S SOCCER Mason v. Georgia State. \$5; \$2; Mason students free w/ID. Athletic Ticket Office, (703) 993-3270. 7 p.m. George Mason Stadium</p> <p>PERFORMANCE Song and Dance Ensemble of West Africa. Tickets available at tickets.com, (888) 945-2468. \$46; \$38; \$23. Center for the Arts Box Office, (703) 993-8888. 8 p.m. Concert Hall</p> <p>COMING OUT WEEK Drag Ball/Show. Pride Alliance, pride@gmu.edu. 8 - 10 p.m. Johnson Center, Bistro</p> <p>EVERY FREAKIN' FRIDAY Alex Winston. Free. Program Board, (703) 993-2925. 9 p.m. in Johnson Center, Atrium</p>	<p>SECOND SATURDAYS Center for Leadership and Community Engagement, (703) 993-2900. Fairfax Campus</p> <p>FOOTBALL Mason v. Williamson Tech. \$5; students free w/ID. Football Office, (703) 993-3467. 1:30 p.m. Robinson Field</p> <p>COMING OUT WEEK Movie Triple Feature. Free. Pride Alliance, pride@gmu.edu. 3 - 10 p.m. Piedmont Hall, Multipurpose Room</p> <p>MIXED MARTIAL ARTS UWC Confrontation. \$128.50; \$88.50; \$58.50; \$42.50; \$28.50. Patriot Center, (703) 993-3000. 6 p.m. Patriot Center</p> <p>MEN'S SOCCER Mason v. James Madison. \$5; \$2; Mason students free w/ID. Athletic Ticket Office, (703) 993-3270. 7 p.m.</p> <p>GEORGE MASON STADIUM PERFORMANCE Song and Dance Ensemble of West Africa. Tickets available at tickets.com, (888) 945-2468. \$46; \$38; \$23. Center for the Arts Box Office, (703) 993-8888. 8 p.m. Concert Hall</p>
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POLICE FILES

Students' Concerns Voiced At SG Senate Meetings

September 29	<p>Theft from Motor Vehicle Lot I Complainant reported returning to parked vehicle to discover a broken window and missing property (45/Graham)</p>
September 30	<p>Grand Larceny Science & Tech II Complainant reported person(s) unknown stole a cell phone that had been left in a bathroom. (49/Kalenich)</p> <p>Counterfeiting/Forgery North Chesapeake Complainant reported finding forged/counterfeit GMU transcripts and diplomas. (27/Feliciano)</p> <p>Accident Braddock Rd. & Sideburn Rd. Two vehicles were involved in an accident. One driver was charged with disregarding a traffic signal. Damage estimated at \$5200. (44/Bennett)</p>
October 1	<p>Hit and Run Lot A Complainant reported that while parked in Lot A, a vehicle struck his vehicle then fled the scene. Damage estimated at \$500. (24/Ewald)</p>
October 2	<p>Medical Assistance Bull Run Hall A GMU employee received minor injuries from falling while descending a flight of steps. Subject was checked by rescue personnel however refused transport. (34/Ganley)</p> <p>Hit and Run Lot A Vehicle #2 was parked in Lot A. Vehicle # 1 struck Vehicle #2 and then fled the scene. Damage estimated at \$100. (22/Barton)</p> <p>DUI Fieldhouse Joshua Tyler Luttrell Davis, 23, of Manassas, VA (GMU student) was arrested for DUI and transported to ADC and held until sober. (22/Barton)</p> <p>Petit Larceny & Underage Possession of Alcohol Patriot Circle/Sandy Creek Kyle Christopher Finn, 18, of Chesapeake City, MD (GMU student) was arrested for the above offenses and was released on a summons for both charges. Stolen property was recovered. (12/Ly)</p> <p>Possession of Marijuana Presidents Park Stephen Javier Schodowski, 18, of Fairfax, VA, Tyler Kenneth Pierce, 18, of Oakton, VA, Dennis Poole Lund, 18, of Falls Church, VA, and Brian Neal Hodges, 18, of Richmond, VA (all GMU students) were arrested for possession of marijuana. Each was released on a summons. (53/ Pierce)</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>

DAVID PIERCE
Broadside Reporter

The Student Senate discussed important issues pertaining to the George Mason University community in their weekly meeting, last Thursday afternoon on the third floor of the Johnson Center.

Senator Ravi Udeshi introduced a bill that would allocate funds to the Witch Watch and Haunted Happenings programs. Senate Clerk Mhevish Khan described Witch Watch as a program that benefits City of Fairfax neighborhoods by having Student Government members safeguard trick-or-treaters on Halloween night.

"[The members] go out to make sure the kids are safe," Khan said.

Haunted Happenings are Halloween-themed events that occur throughout downtown Fairfax on Oct. 30, according to the City of Fairfax Web site. The bill would give \$1,509.38 to the Senate Advocacy and Outreach Committee for the events. An amount of \$1,437.50 would be set aside for 250 event t-shirts at \$5.75 each, while the rest of the funds would account for the state sales tax. The Senate did not pass the bill, but instead referred it to the Senate Finance Committee for further review.

Udeshi also proposed a bill that would help fund Night Walk, a Mason neighborhood watch program that allows campus administrators and students to patrol dark areas of Mason to ensure safety for everyone. The measure would set aside \$467.20 for the event, with \$407.20 apportioned for food, while allowing \$60 for flashlights and supplies. This bill was also not passed and will be sent to the Senate Finance Committee.

The senate passed a resolution, which created Monday Night Mixers, a program that will help the student government reach out to other student organizations, such as academic, graduate, Greek and religious groups.

"We're trying to give [the organizations]



The Student Senate met to discuss upcoming events, such as Witch Watch.

an opportunity to meet with us and find out what the student government can do for them," Udeshi said. He said the meetings would be informal and alternate weekly between different groups.

Senate Speaker Jeremy Miller and Senator Janay Phillips gave a presentation recommending senators to become mentors to new members. Miller said the purpose of the mentoring program was to welcome new senate members and introduce them to the student government culture.

"We all [strive] to do things [that] will make a difference in the Mason community," Miller said of the program.

"The program was very successful last year," Student Body President Zack Golden added.

Senator Richard Louie introduced a cabinet nomination from senior Nhien Pho,

a potential candidate for the Undersecretary of University Life for Student Organizations. Pho outlined via a submitted letter, her experience, such as being treasurer of the Mason chapter of the Order of Omega. In addition, she said she would bring Student Government and other organizations together by holding intimate meetings. Without opposition, the senate confirmed Pho.

The Student Government is also getting ready for the upcoming fall freshman and transfer student elections, according to Golden. He said that there are 10 open senate seats, and that students who are interested can pick up an information packet in the Student Activities Office in Student Union Building I, Room 101. The deadline for applying is the end of this week. Elections will be held Oct. 21 and 22.

Safe Sex and Scholarships Explored at Town Hall Meeting

Students Learn Proper Condom Use And Money Management

SONYA HUDSON
Asst. News Editor

Condom use and scholarships were the topics of the October Town Hall meeting, sponsored by the Student Government.

Danielle Lapierre, assistant director of the Office of Alcohol, Drug and Health Education, gave an interactive presentation on safe sex to the small group of about eight students, Wednesday night in the Johnson Center. The Director of Fellowships and Undergraduate Apprenticeships, Deirdre Moloney, discussed the parameters for applying for scholarships, mostly graduate student specific.

Seniors Aaron Fisher, theater major, and Scott Hester, biology major, found both presentations informative. Fisher and Hester found the interactive safe sex

presentation more engaging and competitive. "I love winning and putting on condoms," said Fisher.

In her presentation, Lapierre discussed safe sex, a strategy to protect students and their partners from unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. Lapierre promoted safe sex and provided students with free condoms, which can also be found in the Office of Alcohol, Drug and Health Education. Lapierre discussed the different contraception techniques provided free in the office. Lapierre passed around a dental dam and a female condom for students to become more familiar with options besides the male condom.

The group of students had the opportunity to get to know each other as Lapierre explained the rules of a couple of informational games. Both games informed students of the proper way to

use a condom. The six or seven steps were discussed in one game and carried out in another game.

In the second game, called the condom race, the few students present had the opportunity to carry out the procedure of putting a condom on a dildo. This game was not only competitive, but educational. Each student had to carry out each step as quickly as possible without skipping any steps.

By the end of the game, everyone had perfected the application process of a condom and each person walked away with a free t-shirt.

The meeting was not all fun and games. The Director of Fellowships and Undergraduate Apprenticeships discussed the application process of certain

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President's Convocation: Merten Discusses Future

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President Alan Merten spoke to faculty members at the President's Convocation on Wednesday, Oct. 1 in Dewberry Hall. He was joined by Provost Peter Stearns and Senior Vice President Maurice Scherrens to discuss the current state of the college, the budget and the 2014 strategic plan.

President Merten began by talking about recent recognitions the university has received, such as the *U.S. News & World Report's* ranking of George Mason University as the number one up-and-coming national university and the current campus construction.

"I tell our students," said Merten, "you are going to college on a construction site." He said the campus is about to see, 14 major construction projects worth up to \$700 million, which includes new research laboratories, a parking deck and a hotel.

Scherrens announced that there are budget cuts for the 2009 fiscal year, but he was optimistic.

"We will get through [this], we will survive," said Scherrens, noting that there have been other budget reductions in the last 25 years. He outlined the 2009 Educational and General budget, which is provided to Mason by the state from taxpayer dollars. The 2009 revenue total in the E&G budget was over \$357 million. Scherrens also said that the state will cut the school's general fund from 39.7 percent of the E&G budget, \$144 million, to 34.3 percent, \$124 million. He said that the state's support in the past 17 years, in terms of funds, has varied from as high as 61 percent in 2001, to

the current 39.7 percent.

"It's been a roller coaster ride," said Scherrens, "[we will] have to reduce services [and activities]."

When asked about how reducing available activities would affect Mason students, Scherrens said it wouldn't be obvious.

"[Students] should not see an impact on student activities and organizations," said Scherrens, "but we had hoped to have more [expansion] in terms of what we provide [to] student services." Star Muir, associate professor in the communication department, believed that the budget cuts would not hurt Mason in the long term.

"[Mason] will come out of it all right," said Muir, "[but] the next two years will be tough."

Merten agreed with Muir. "The key thing is that Mason has thrived in good times and bad times," said Merten, adding "we are the national success story."

Scherrens also said that there is a plan for an eight to 10 percent tuition increase projected for next year, but it is not a guarantee, and the state will officially inform the college of the actual budget cut amount on Oct. 15.

He introduced planned strategies that, at the college level, would reduce institutional reserve and include a possible additional student fee in time for the spring 2009 semester. At the departmental level, Scherrens believed that reducing the amount of services provided, limiting or eliminating discretionary spending and delaying the replacement of equipment and maintenance of facilities, as well as system upgrades, would be required.

Stearns outlined Mason's 2014 strategic plan, which he believes has principle components that will help the university meet its future challenges. He said that Mason needed to continue a commitment to growth in the area of research and creativity.

Improvements in teaching methods, such as seeking new, innovative ways to teach effectively, were also important. Stearns said that Mason would like to commit to lifelong learning with diverse age groups, such as the education of senior citizens and retraining of the workforce.

He said that Mason plans to consolidate efforts in the area of global education and global commitments, adding that we would add relevant sustainability education to it.

Stearns also mentioned that we need to maintain and improve the college's infrastructure to meet the 2014 strategic plan goals, as well as find creative ways to do so.

"This is a plan that I think will prove to be compatible with our current budget dilemma," said Stearns. He believed that some of the initiatives of the plan didn't rely on new money.

"One of the impressive things about [Mason] is how we manage with inadequate funding," said



President Alan Merten spoke at the President's Convocation on Oct. 1.

Stearns, "and now we have even more inadequate funding."

Merten urged students to help by putting pressure on the state government to give Mason more funding, as he believes that for every dollar the government doesn't give to Mason, the students have to pay.

"The students are paying more than their share," said Merten, "we have to reverse that, it's a bad situation."

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY - OCTOBER 11TH

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Jeannie Adkins –
2007 · **Suzanne Agha**
 · **Ryan Allen** · Peter
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 Asin · Jennifer Atkinson ·
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 Brennan · E. Teejay Brown · Robert Brown ·
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 · Colin Dalrymple · **Kara Danner** · Becky
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 DiFranco · **Adrienne Douglass** · **Brendan**
Drew – 2003 · Anne Marie Dumain · Kim
 Eby · Krystal Love Everhart · Feminist Ninjas
 · Mark Andrew Flanigan · **Justin Fogata** ·
 Katie Goodwin – 2005 · GMU Student
 Government · Michael Galvin · **Anartia**
Gamboa · **Alex Gant** – 2008 · **Mario**
Garcia-Vela · Tina Gassan · **Claire Gault** –
2007 · **LuLu Geza** · Jonathan Grove – 2004
 · **Donovan Hall** · Heather Hare · Mary F.
 Hargrove · **Sara Harsher** · Kath Henshaw ·
 Finian David Hensley-McGaffey · **Dennis**
Hicks · Marie Hicks · **Andy Hight** – 2001 ·
 Greg Joseph Hill · **Corrine House** · **Allison**
Howard · Sandy Hubler · **Luke Hylton** ·
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Jones – 1995 · Peter Karaffa · Alissa Karton

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We are just a few of the strong and creative
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 loving people - and allies – who are
 part of the diverse George
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 invite you to join us in
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Rattoballi · **L. Earle Reybold** · November
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Sarah Sweetman · Jill Swiatowy · **Myca**
Taylor · **Sebastian Tezna** · **Jon Vela** ·
Sherine Villegas · Heather L. Ward · Steven
 L. Ward · **Dan Waxman** · Dennis Webster ·
Jaap Weel · **Keith Wick** · Karen Wolf · **Nick**
Wood · Marlana Wu · Diane Wyse ·
 Shaoxian Yu ·

People with names in bold type have chosen to publicly out themselves on this list as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning. People with non-bold names may be of any sexual orientation or gender identity. We are ALL allies to Mason's LGBTQ community.

Please join us for the following Coming Out Week events!

“Does Your Mother Know...?” PFLAG Discussion - TUESDAY
 Queer Mason Nation: Bringing Together LGBTQ Faculty, Staff, & Students - THURSDAY
 Open Mic Night - THURSDAY
 Drag Ball/Amateur Drag Show - FRIDAY
 Movie Triple Feature - SATURDAY
 Coming Out Stories Project - ALL WEEK

Check out pride.gmu.edu and lgbtq.gmu.edu for times, locations and descriptions of these events!

Mason's OUTList 2008 project is co-sponsored by GMU's LGBTQ Resources, GMU Lambda Alumni, Feminist Ninjas, and Pride Alliance.

Gay and Lesbian Hispanics Voice Concerns

JARED TRICE
Broadside Staff Writer

George Mason University students and allies assembled in the Johnson Center Monday night, Sept. 29, to celebrate Hispanic Heritage within the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community.

Along with Brian Picone and Ben Masters, Erika Varillas and Angie Bonilla hosted a discussion panel of several gay and lesbian Latino and Latina activists from the area. The four students presented the panel with questions pertaining to the difficulties that gay Hispanics face.

The discussion opened with the panel introductions. An individual who asked not to be identified and who spoke through a translator recalled the difficulties of being a lesbian in Latin America. "I've known I was a lesbian since I was six years old," she said. "I came out to my mother when I was 14. She was very upset and, being a devout Catholic, she insisted she would take me to receive help from the church."

She also continued recounting her move to the United States. "I moved to the United States to find acceptance. I spoke almost no English and became very lonely. I was not aware of the support groups that were offered."

Because much of Latin America is still steeped with tradition,

several members on the panel sought solace in the United States.

Julio Diaz, who was born in Peru, was a member of the panel and is also a Mason student. Diaz explained that Peruvians think that happiness can be achieved only through marriage. Diaz, who came out to his mother on last year's National Coming Out Day, told the audience that, upon coming out, his mother did not understand what he was initially trying to tell her. Although his mother is beginning to better understand her son, he explained the questions she initially had.

The audience was also encouraged to participate in the discussion. A heterosexual male spoke and explained to the audience that he had once donated money to a gay rights support group. He went on to explain how a lesbian co-worker was bewildered by his decision to support such a group. The man said he felt as if he had been criticized for doing such a thing.

Alejandro Asin asked the panel if they had ever witnessed discrimination as a Hispanic, a member of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender community, or both. Deirdre Ortega, an audience member and former Mason student raised her hand to respond.

"Although I define myself as a community ally, I am treated differently than my Caucasian boyfriend. I am not a lesbian, but I am Hispanic and I cannot imagine the difficulty one would face being Hispanic and homosexual," Ortega said.

"People are afraid of what they do not understand. Stereotypes arise from an individual's opinion of a particular group; that opinion may regard a race or a lifestyle," Diaz said. "Allegations, in turn, are built upon these stereotypes. Essentially, these allegations develop from an initial fear."

For more information regarding the LGBT community at Mason, visit lgbtq.gmu.edu or pride.gmu.edu.



Coming Out Week 2008

Oct. 6-11

Coming Out Stories Project

All week
Come by the Pride Office and submit any facet of a coming out story, and it will be on display by George the Statue during Coming Out Week!
"Does Your Mother Know...?"
Tuesday, Oct. 7, 7:30 to 10 p.m.
Johnson Center Meeting Room C
During Pride Alliance's regularly scheduled Tuesday night meeting, representatives from Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays will be in attendance.

LGBTQ Resources presents: Queer Mason Nation: Bringing Together

LGBTQ Faculty, Staff, & Students
Thursday, Oct. 9, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Hanover Lounge: In Hanover Hall (Part of the University Commons Housing Area)
Get to know the Queer Mason Nation. This is an opportunity for students to network with Out faculty and staff, and a chance for Out faculty and staff to connect with students and other Out faculty and staff. This meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 9 in Hanover Lounge (located in Hanover Hall, part of the University Commons Housing Area). After the event, please join us for the Coming Out Week Open Mic Night, sponsored by the Pride Alliance at 8 p.m. For additional information, please contact Matthew Bruno at mbruno@gmu.edu.

Open Mic Night

Thursday, Oct. 9, 8 to 11 p.m.
Piedmont Multipurpose Room (Chesapeake Housing)
Come express yourself and hear others' stories and expressions of coming out experiences in the LBGTQA community. Stories may be shared through different mediums, but it is not a requirement to perform.

Drag Ball/Amateur Drag Show

Friday, Oct. 10, 8 to 10 p.m.
Johnson Center Bistro
As part of Coming Out Week we will be putting on a Drag Ball/Amateur Drag Show hosted by George Mason University's own Reann Ballslee. If you are any of your friends are interested in performing or you have any specific questions (all skill levels are welcome!) please e-mail Ryan Allen at rallen8@gmu.edu or 804-687-2705 by Oct. 8. You can come to this event expressing gender however you like, just be ready to watch or be a part of some fun performances, eat good food and dance.

Movie Triple Feature

Saturday, Oct. 11, 3 to 10 p.m.
Piedmont Multipurpose Room (Chesapeake Housing)
There will be a showing of three movies. Pajamas are welcome.

First movie: 3 p.m.
Second movie: 5 p.m.
Third movie: 7 p.m.

LGBTQ Resources presents: Mason's OUTlist 2008

Monday, Oct. 13
"We are your students, professors, coworkers, roommates, teammates, alumni, friends, and family. We are just a few of the strong and creative lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, queer, and same-gender-loving people—and allies—who are part of the diverse George Mason [University] community. We invite you to join us in celebrating Mason's 2008 National Coming Out Week."

- Calendar of events compiled from pride.gmu.edu

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Guide to the Job and Internship Fair



Students at last year's career fair learn about the job opportunities available at the State Department.

Proper Business Attire

HANNAH HAGER
Career Guide 2007 Staff Writer

What does your style of dress say about you? The image you present speaks to supervisors and coworkers, and dressing for the job you want is a great way to move ahead in an office environment. Arrive for the interview dressed for the job you want to have in 10 years. In the office, dress daily for the job you want to have tomorrow. Employers will not take you seriously if you don't take yourself seriously. Remember, you are selling yourself.

Dressing well is a way of showing respect for the environment. Be yourself, but dress appropriately. Knowing the situation and meeting it with confidence is key. Being suitably dressed will help employers see your superior qualifications and your pleasant conversation in the best light. Dressing well is a matter of keeping in mind a few simple things.

MEN:

Go neutral for suit color and choose charcoal, navy or gray. Choose wool or gabardine fabric. Avoid cotton blends, which wrinkle. The suit jacket must match the slacks in color and fabric.

The length of the slacks should touch the front of the

shoe and graze the back of the heel. Wearing a cuff or no cuff is based on preference.

The shirt must be collared and long-sleeved, with the length extending past the jacket sleeves by a 1/4 inch. Limit shirt colors to white, ecru or light blue. Always wear an undershirt. Do not wear any clothing with emblems.

Wear a solid colored or subtly patterned tie of only 100 percent silk. It must be darker in color than the shirt and reach to the mid-belt point.

Shoes must be laced or wing-tipped, of very good condition, polished black, brown or burgundy. They must match the belt in color. Wear socks that match the suit color and rise to the calf. Never wear white socks.

Of the following accessories, only three should be chosen and worn: dress watch, ring, handkerchief, lapel pins, cufflinks and tie tack. Do not wear bracelets, necklaces or visible piercing or tattoos.

Hair must be conservative and neat, and never touching the collar. Limit facial hair to moustache and sideburns. Trim facial hair.

Have well-manicured fingernails and avoid cologne. Only soap and antiperspirant are necessary.

WOMEN:

Avoid trends. Choose a skirt suit over pantsuits, which are less formal. Choose gray, navy or beige in wool, gabardine or rayon fabric. The jacket and skirt or pant must be of similar color and fabric.

The skirt must be knee-length, and not too baggy or tight. It should neither move nor twist while walking or sitting. Sleeves should extend a 1/4 inch past the wrist.

The blouse should be well tailored and of a neutral color such as white or light blue. Never wear a see-through or low cut blouse or camisole.

Wear leather shoes of a darker color than the suit. Pumps or sling-backs with a one- to two-inch heel are best. Do not wear shoes with open toes, open heels or ankle straps. Comfort is essential to avoid fidgeting.

Nude or black sheer pantyhose are essential. Never wear colored or patterned hose.

Hair and makeup should be styled neatly. Avoid bright colors. Carry either a purse or briefcase, but not both.

Wear only five accessories, with earrings counting as two. Necklaces and scarves are both appropriate. Only one ring per hand is appropriate.

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Joining the Rat Race

Career Fair Helps Students Find Jobs

NOAH MARTIN
News Editor

A tumultuous stock market has left many Americans unsure about their future. To help in the job search for George Mason University students and alleviate fears, University Career Services will be hosting a job internship fair on Tuesday, Oct. 7 and Wednesday, Oct. 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Dewberry Hall.

One hundred and sixty employers will attend the fair, 80 on each day, representing employers from all sectors of the economy.

The fair is going to be different this year, according to Career Services. "For the past three years, we have been trying to shape the fair so that it has more diversity and range of possibilities for students," said Janice Sutera, director of career services.

Event planners have been carefully selecting and recruiting employers since June. They initially invite a target list of employers and then begin to fill the gaps as plans and markets change.

When asked what she was most looking forward to about this year's job fair, Sutera said, "Two things—I think that our students have taken the responsibility of preparing themselves very seriously and that is exciting to me. Second, I am excited to see the types of recruiters that are clamoring to be here."

The Career Services Web site suggests that students prepare for the job fair in a number of ways. Researching employers of interest, discovering positions available within the company, and identifying employer specific questions are an important part showing the employer you are interested.

"At Career Services, we are very student-

centric. We are here for you, but you have to have your own rudder. We are just trying to blow the wind into your sails," Sutera said.

Employers interviewed at previous job fairs have expressed how unappealing it is to have students approach a booth and generically ask what the company does or what they have available.

Students should bring multiple copies of a professional résumé with them to the job fair. Career Services also suggests that students prepare a one-minute commercial, or introduction, selling your best qualities and practice it with a friend.

Students planning to attend the job fair should dress professionally, avoid distracting mannerisms, and ask how to follow up with employers.

More information can be found on the Career Services Web site at <http://careers.gmu.edu/jobfair/index.html>

Resume Tip: Add a Cover Letter

Cover letters are an essential element of your resume, presenting you and your purpose to the resume reader. Since you are requesting something of your reader—namely, an interview—it is simply a matter of courtesy to introduce yourself. As it is often your earliest contact with a potential employer, the cover letter creates a critical first impression.

Prepare for the Job and Internship Fair

Present yourself to employers with confidence

Monday, Oct. 6
4-5 p.m.
SUB I, Room 348

Making a Good First Impression

ELIZABETH STERN
Career Guide 2007 Staff Writer

You have eaten an entire tin of Altoids. You have rehearsed what you want to say at least a hundred times and you are still stumbling over the words. You begin to sweat in places you did not know could sweat. You then realize you have job interview anxiety. It is no wonder most people would rather study for an organic chemistry exam than interview for a job, or that the prospect of an interview prompts some of us to develop a sudden interest in deep-cleaning the microwave. A job interview is difficult, stress-inducing and anxiety-ridden. Fortunately, all supervisors agree on certain aspects of the interview and simply remembering a few small but important things could have a significant impact on whether or not you land the job.

A good interview is all about being responsive to the person in front of you and first on your list of responsive behavior is a firm handshake. Make sure to clasp the other person's hand fully. Shaking too softly will immediately red-flag you as someone who is shy, unambitious, and unsure of your own abilities. But be careful—shaking too hard signifies that you are overly aggressive and self-involved. Keep good

posture: sit up straight with your shoulders back, or lean slightly forward to show that you are listening and attentive.

Maintain eye contact. Bosses note that they feel they cannot trust an interviewee who looks at the floor or appears shifty-eyed and distracted. Interestingly, interviewers feel negatively about this body language especially when the interviewee is male. But both men and women must be careful not to overstep any boundaries or seem flirtatious. Even something as small as the scent one is wearing can set an overall tone, as you run the risk of wearing something that is too strong or even worse, something that could trigger your interviewer's allergies.

Showing you are responsive to the person in front of you communicates that you are a good social investment. Your kindness, respectfulness and charisma should be tapped and even emphasized. One of the most interesting opinions commonly expressed among interviewers is the importance of social skills. Jacqueline, an employee at a social work office based in El Paso, Texas, remarked, "I hardly even look at peoples' résumés. We can give them training if they do not seem like they are ready for the job, if there is no ambition or if

they do not captivate me, I am not going to be interested." This feeling was echoed among supervisors in professional fields from education to politics.

You should not put your books down just yet. Your prior experience speaks volumes about your ability to do a job well and that experience is an asset you can rely on if you do slip up a bit during the interview. Highlighting your achievements is especially important if they are relevant to the position, but can be useful even if your achievements simply demonstrate that you are proficient in an important skill like leadership. Internships and other jobs that you might consider mediocre can show that you possess initiative, have high priorities and are mature. Finally, remember to come up with a few questions of your own and not about your salary. Supervisors are especially impressed with a job candidate who is curious about what characteristics and skills a job requires, has new ideas and seeks upward mobility in the company. Your interest in the company itself will be yet another attribute that shows your future boss why you are uniquely perfect for the job.

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First Impression Tips

- Arrive 10 minutes early if you can—punctuality is extremely important.
- Do not chew gum—chew a mint beforehand, or use a spray.
- Wear clothing that is slightly dressier than what someone in your position in this office would probably wear to work.
- Never underestimate good hygiene, but do not wear any strong perfume or cologne.
- Talk slowly and enunciate your words.
- Turn off your cell phone.
- Greet your interviewer. For example, "Hello Mr./Ms. _____. How are you doing?"
- Do research on the company and job beforehand so that you can be prepared to answer potential questions such as, "What interests you about our company?" and "What can you offer to our workplace?"
- Be careful about using jokes, making flirtatious gestures, stammering and seeming distracted.
- Be kind and courteous to everyone in the office, including the assistant and even the guy at the career fair—being polite may benefit you down the road and failing to be polite might hurt your job prospects.
- Know how to pronounce your interviewer's name.
- Get a good night's sleep and eat a breakfast/lunch that will nourish your body and mind.
- Try foods such as oatmeal, fish, fruit, granola, but avoid garlic, high-sugar products and sleep inducing foods like milk or heavy, breaded dishes.
- Take five deep breaths, make sure to smile and relax!

Weighing in on America's Health Care

Forum Addresses Health Care Reform

NOAH MARTIN
News Editor

Congressional hopefuls gathered in Harris Theatre on Wednesday night to deliver their proposals to the public about the growing problems of America's health care system and faltering health insurance structure and to respond to specific policy questions from panel members. Even if they could not agree on a solution all of the candidates were in agreement about a growing crisis.

The candidates were each given 15 minutes at the health policy forum to share what they would do to improve or reform healthcare in Virginia and in the nation. Speeches were followed by five minutes of questions, formulated by health care experts.

The night began with a brief address by George Mason University President Alan Merten about Mason's community involvement and the

importance of the work conducted by Health and Human Services.

Tim Henderson, active deputy director for the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics, was the leader of the panel asking the delegates questions about health policy. He shared the results of a survey by Kaiser Family Foundation to set the mood for the forum. According to the survey, paying for health care remains a problem for one in four Americans.

The first candidate to speak was Gerry Connolly, Democratic congressional hopeful for the Va. 11th district. He began with an anecdote.

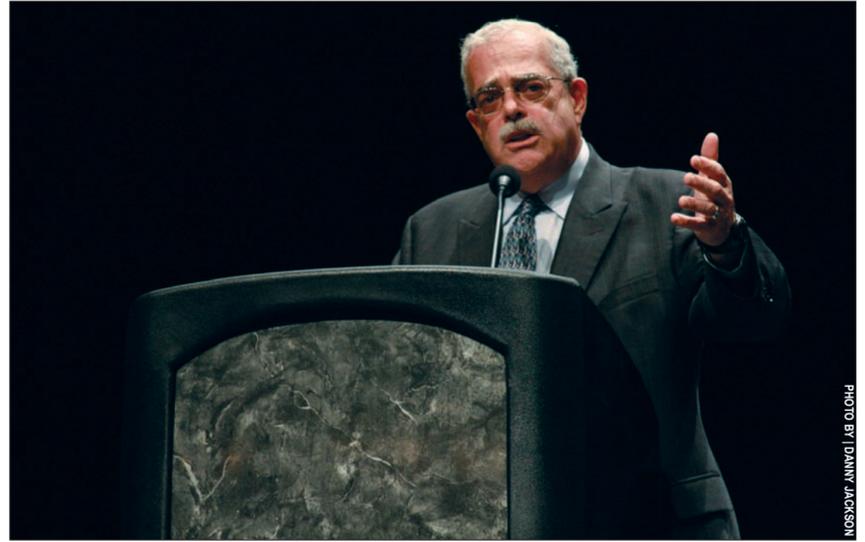
Connolly received a call from one of his constituents upon taking the seat of Chairman for the Fairfax Board of Supervisors. Connolly told a story about a woman who called him and said, "I have a dead deer in my front lawn, what are you going to do about it," she said. "Well, have you thought about calling animal control," I

said. "No, I didn't want to bother them this early on a Sunday morning." This, he said, illustrated the accessibility of local politics that is lost on the federal level.

Connolly said we have to do something to make healthcare accessible and affordable for all Americans, Connolly claimed, but we cannot do that until legislators can hear concerns. He could take that message to the federal level.

He thought that health insurance shouldn't be able to cherry pick and exclude people based upon pre-existing health conditions. "Insurance companies need a risk pool, and need to spread the risk across the board," Connolly said. "I believe that there is a lot that can be done, I believe there is a lot that has to be done."

To make the health care system more efficient Connolly claimed, "We need to move to an electronic medical record system... the only caveat is that we need to be careful when considering rural healthcare



Gerry Connolly, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors spoke about healthcare reform.

systems and mandating an electronic medical record system because they have limited resources."

Connolly then spoke about the strides that Fairfax County has made in improving public health policy.

Because of the late start of the event, Keith Fimian, Republican congressional hopeful for Va. 11th District, was only able to speak briefly before heading off to another event. He stated that patients should be put back in charge of their health care. We should give families refundable tax credits to purchase health insurance, he claimed.

He stressed that there was an urgent need to reform malpractice liability. His cousin, a doctor, paid as much in health insurance premiums as he made in income each year, Fimian said.

Fimian shared the belief with Connolly that the health care system should convert to an electronic medical record system but that a tax credit should be

granted to health care providers to help relieve IT expenses when converting.

Fimian did not mince words when it came to the fiscal reality currently facing America. He suggested that the tumult on Wall Street was foreign creditors calling on their debt and that days of free credit were over. Fimian said we must recognize the economic reality of our situation. There are fiscal realities no matter how much we want to provide care to everyone so, he stated, that he would make sure that every dime he spent, if elected, would be spent as efficiently as possible.

Virginia House of Delegates member Mark Sickles spoke on behalf of Virginia Congressman Jim Moran. Sickles said Moran is passionate about expanding health care for the uninsured and underinsured, Sickles claimed. He supports the statewide health care plan that Massachusetts instituted.

Sickles then warned people about the reality of Senator John McCain's plan for a health

care tax credit. "It is not getting the attention that it should be getting," said Sickles. McCain would take away the deduction for providing health insurance given to employers and a give private tax credit of up to \$5,000 for a family of four, but if they are not making enough money to pay \$5,000 in taxes then there is nothing for the money to be deducted from, said Sickles.

Sickles stressed, that for himself and for Moran, preventative health care would be the most efficient solution to growing costs and inefficiency, but until people had guaranteed coverage and did not have to rely on the Emergency Room as a last resort there would not be much improvement.

The health forum was hosted by the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics and the Department of Health Administration and Policy.

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Francisco Soterón, the Founding Director of Human Rights Association spoke in the JC Cinema.

The Human Cost of Obtaining Civil Liberties

RACHEL PALTING
Broadside Correspondent

A panel discussion concerning the human rights movement in Peru took place Tuesday, Sept. 30, in the Johnson Center Cinema. Moderated by Professor Jo-Marie Burt of the Department of Public and International Affairs, the presentation featured three guest speakers: Francisco Soberón, founding director of the Human Rights Association, Gisela Ortiz, a spokesperson of family members of the victims of the Cantuta massacre, and Ronald Gamarra, the Executive Secretary, member of the National Human Rights Committee and lawyer representing victims at the trial of former Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori.

Soberón began the discussion by giving background information about the human rights movement in Peru. The group has been using all means possible to gain justice for more than two decades. However, Peruvian authorities have kept prosecutors from getting information and as time goes on, witnesses continue to die. Altogether, making a case becomes more and more difficult. Soberón emphasized a need for more Human Rights activism and social support.

Ortiz had been a student at

La Cantuta, a Peruvian university, and a protester of the Fujimori regime. Ortiz gave a personal testimony, translated by Burt, of her brother's death.

In November of 1993, his body was found in a mass grave. His corpse was the only one found whole, with four bullets embedded in his skull. Since then, Ortiz and family members of other victims of the massacre have pushed for truth and justice. Military courts tried Fujimori's accomplices, and the criminals were temporarily jailed until their leader granted them impunity. Ortiz said she had a hard time accepting that her country protected these criminals instead of respecting human rights.

"Justice is a right that we have... We're hopeful that in this trial of Fujimori there is a conviction of his responsibility in these crimes... [We must] recognize that this judicial process involves all of us, Peru and everyone around the world. These were crimes against humanity," Ortiz said.

Gamarra was the last to speak. He explained the Fujimori case from a lawyer's perspective. Fujimori, who has pleaded innocent, has access to all his rights and any documents he may need, but putting Fujimori on trial has been difficult. However, Gamarra said, "We are all equal before

the law in rights and responsibilities. No one is above the law, much less the President of the Republic."

Samantha Urriolagoitia, a senior majoring in Global Affairs, said, "[Ortiz's] personal experience with the Cantuta Massacre was very touching."

Justin Edwards, a senior majoring in government, "[It's] so unprecedented in Latin America for a president to be accountable for his actions. There's a history of impunity. Hopefully, [Fujimori] is the first of many leaders held accountable. It's very encouraging to me."

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Mason Leads held a panel discussion on whether ethics in politics mattered.

Ethical Matters in Politics

Panel Discusses *Scrupulo-politico*

JARED TRICE
Broadside Staff Writer

An ethics panel discussion was held in the Johnson Center Cinema last Tuesday night as part of the Mason Leads program. The panel included Richard Norton Smith, a scholar in residence at George Mason University, Juan Williams, senior correspondent at NPR, Elizabeth Martin, president of the League of Women Voters, Toni-Michelle Travis, an assistant professor at Mason, and Student Body President Zack Golden.

Dr. Renay Scales, director of Multicultural Research, introduced the panel. Scales also introduced Rebecca Cooper, a reporter from WJLA, who acted as the discussion's moderator.

Cooper opened the discussion by presenting the audience with the question: "Does ethics matter in politics?" and quickly manipulated the question into the plural by saying, "Do ethics matter in politics?" Cooper then asked the panel the same question.

"Yes, but it can be quite costly," said Travis, who was accounting for the collective good versus the individual's, said. Travis attributed her statement to Edmund Ross, a journalist and senator from Kansas best remembered as the individual who cast the

deciding-vote against the impeachment of President Andrew Johnson in 1868.

The discussion continuously evolved into more focused arguments inside the realm of ethics. Cooper brought up the idea of derogatory advertising. On Sept. 29, a political advertisement, which was not endorsed by the Obama Campaign, was released with the intent to incite fear in its viewers—particularly the swing voters. The advertisement focused on the likelihood that Senator John McCain could once again develop cancer, in which the allegedly inexperienced Governor Sarah Palin would take office.

As stated, this tactic was not endorsed by the Obama Campaign. Instead, as one student in the audience explained, it was used by the 527 groups or American organizations that do not make direct expenditures to any candidate and therefore avoid regulation by the Federal Election Committee.

In response to this student's remark, Smith insisted that "the beauty of our system is also what makes it a noisy, loud and incoherent free-for-all."

Williams claimed that politicians must do whatever it takes to win an election. After that election has been won, the politician may then focus on

ethics. Golden added, "As long as these tactics continue to work, we will continue to see them."

When asked if character counts. Smith, who has directed five presidential libraries, juxtaposed ethics with character in politics. Smith argued that when former President Richard Nixon decided in 1972 to bring China out of its self-imposed isolation, Nixon acted in the interest of both the People's Republic of China and the West. At the same time, Smith argued, Nixon betrayed his own principles.

As the discussion progressed, Cooper directed a question to Travis, who specializes in Women and Gender studies: "Do you think women are more ethical than men?"

"I don't think women are more ethical," said Travis, "I don't think they have been given the chance. We also know women enter the office later in life. No, I don't think women are more ethical."

Cooper wrapped up the discussion with the question, "Do you think politics is nastier today?" to which Smith responded, "This is an echo channel in which we inhabit. This is not a presidential election; this is a melodrama to end all melodramas."

Accessible Knowledge Opens Doors to the Future

Librarians Create Open Access

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Asst. News Editor

Free, easily accessible information is a powerful tool for students and faculty in a digital world. The Open Access Movement is a movement to enhance and improve the accessibility of knowledge throughout the world in a digital medium.

The Open Access Movement will officially be advertised on the internationally recognized Open Access Day on Oct. 14. The main objective of the day is to garner support for open access. Claudia Holland, the head of Copyright Resources Office, Shane Beers, Digital Repository Services Librarian, and Sarah Patton, University Dissertation and Thesis Coordinator, discussed the premise of open access.

"The purpose of open access is to archive information and have it freely available and accessible throughout time," said Holland.

Open access should be brought to the attention of university communities because free information provides more research resources for students and faculty. Information is usually very expensive through databases and print journal.

Open access is important in making information available to everyone everywhere to increase one's capacity to access information. said Holland, "information is power." Having information online makes it more interactive since it can be shared, linked to and downloaded.

The purpose is to share scholarly research and information with as many people as possible.

"We, as librarians, have a liberal view of information and how it should be made freely available for the benefit of the public," Holland said.

Beers explained that most information online, such as databases, are purchased and are not freely available to the larger community. Beers explained his role as a digital repository services librarian in conjunction with the Mason Archival Repository Service.

Beers manages repository and educates faculty and students on copyright agreements relating to the

digital, open access community of MARS. "The fundamental goal is to keep information around and make it available for the larger community," said Beers.

MARS is built on the structure that the information provided by Mason faculty, staff and students has research value to the larger community. When information is put online and easily accessible to anyone, it is much more powerful and useful to a larger population.

"The goal of institutional repository is to archive information and make it available through an open access environment," said Beers. Beers explained a misconception about databases. Some people think that because databases are available electronically, the information is free. However, databases are very expensive.

Holland explained that the open access movement is in partial response to current costs of information. The cost associated with journal publication is high. It costs a lot to publish and purchase information, like that packaged in databases, to make available to students and faculty.

"[The open access movement] is very important to everyone, particularly in an educational institution where we promote free exchange of ideas and information," Holland said.

Beers explained the significant cost of databases to the institution, which trickles down to the tuition cost of students.

"In an ideal world, the more information that is freely available, the less the library has to spend on electronic materials that are packaged in databases," said Holland. "So one could assume that would impact tuition in a positive way."

Though lowering tuition costs is just wishful thinking, open access will provide students the opportunity to have their research available to a larger audience. Patton discussed the opportunities open access provides to graduate students working on their thesis or dissertation. One requirement of the final product of the dissertation process is to make the work publicly available.

"[Open access] provides wider dissemination," said Patton, "in that it reaches a wider audience than those just on the shelf." Students also have the opportunity to include more multimedia components to their research more easily and effectively when in a digital format.

Students receive instant gratification when finished with their research, as digital formatting is quicker than traditional publishing. Patton also acknowledged that students would most likely be cited more regularly when online.

Beers noted that the more research material available to students, the better their own research would be. Beers explained that MARS allows students to have their own work accessible online, when it probably would not be published on paper. Students are producing interesting, groundbreaking work that would benefit their own futures, furthering their opportunities through networking.

"One positive aspect of open access is to empower people to think more about their rights and the ownership of what they're intellectually creating," said Holland. Holland assures students and faculty that they are not required to give away all their rights through the copyright law.

Faculty can benefit from open access as well. The dissemination of information is also favorable in accordance with faculty. Faculty members' work and research is available worldwide through open access. More people have easy access to the information, which inevitably leads to more citation of the information, which only looks favorably on the faculty member.

Information tables will be set up to give students and faculty more information about the program, the movement. Librarians will be available to answer questions and provide research assistance to anyone who needs it. "We're here to help them in any way we can," Holland said.

For more information, visit freeculture.org, sparkawards.org or www.createchange.org.

This Week in Finance

The Credit Crunch and Student Loans

Frozen credit markets may restrict the availability of student loans, say financial experts. After a tumultuous week on Wall Street more lenders are pulling out of the student loan business, which may make it more difficult for students to qualify for loans in the future. Students may have to offer up more collateral, provide more detailed information, and accept higher interests rates in order to obtain loans.

Congress has passed legislation that protects student loans through 2010 and increases government funds available for government subsidized loans.

Emergency Economic Stabilization Act

The final version of the \$700 billion bailout passed Friday, Oct. 3, with a 263 to 171 vote, looks drastically different than the original three-page proposal put forth by the Bush Administration over a week ago. The final version passed by the House of Representatives, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, is 451 pages and contains numerous additions and qualifications to the initial bill.

The final version will still give unprecedented powers to the Treasury secretary, Henry Paulson, to buy \$700 billion in troubled assets from large firms and provide credit to stimulate markets frozen by a halt in intra-bank lending but it added two oversight committees to monitor the allocation of funds: a Financial Stability Board, comprised of the Federal Reserve chairman, the Federal Home Finance Agency director, the Securities and Exchange Commission chairman, the Housing and Urban Development secretary and the Treasury secretary, and a bipartisan congressional oversight committee with five members appointed from both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Paulson has 45 days to design a plan for purchasing the troubled mortgage backed assets that will then be reviewed by the oversight committees.

In the new version, limits were placed on executive pay for firms selling assets to the government, it raised the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. limit from \$100,000 to \$250,000, it allows the government to take ownership stakes in firms taking advantage of the bailout, and inserted provisions for homeowners to avoid foreclosure.

\$150 billion dollars of expenditures were added to the bill in the second and final version: tax breaks for teachers that spend their own money on school supplies; tax relief for disaster victims; tax credits for hybrid car owners, tax credits for the skyrocketing costs of research and development.

The House also approved a separate measure to extend unemployment benefits to send a message of relief to citizens concerned about their economic future.

The party breakdown of Friday's vote was 172 to 63 from Democrats and 91 to 108 from Republicans.

Greater financial regulations on Wall Street will not be considered until after Congress reconvenes following the fall campaign.

Citigroup's negotiations with Wachovia

Only a week after the buyout of Washington Mutual, Citigroup announced that it would purchase Wachovia's banking operations for \$2.16 billion in stock in a deal coordinated by the two financial institutions and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. The news furthered public fears about the current state of the United States economy.

On Friday, however, Wells Fargo issued a statement claiming that it would purchase the entirety of Wachovia's assets for \$15.6 billion in stock.

Now, a New York judge has halted the merger between Wells Fargo and Wachovia and is requesting that representatives from Citigroup and Wachovia appear in front of his bench this coming Friday over claims that Citigroup had entered into an exclusivity agreement with Wachovia.

If purchased by Citigroup, losses on Wachovia's banking assets beyond \$42 billion would be covered by the FDIC. Wells Fargo would ask for no assistance from the FDIC and cover its own losses, relieving the liability burden placed on the tax payer.

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- Noah Martin, News Editor

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News in Brief

Mason Alumni Killed in the Line of Duty

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, The Department of Defense announced the death of First Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a 26-year-old George Mason University Alumni of Burke, Va., who died Sept. 23 in Salman Park, Iraq after his patrol came under small arms fire during dismounted operations. Brown was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 6th Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division based in Baumholder, Germany. In 2004, Brown graduated from Mason where he was a government and international politics major and a fraternity member.

Vision Series Lecture

Jeremy Mayer, associate professor in the School of Public Policy, will give the Vision Series Lecture for the month of October. Mayer will present "Endgame: the Last Month in Presidential Elections, This Year and Every Time." The Vision Series Lecture will be held Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Center for the Arts. Admission is free and all students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend.

Student Services Meeting

Student Government is a large body that acts as the student body's voice to George Mason University administrators. The Student Senate governs the many committees that help Mason students have their opinions heard. One such committee is the Student Services Committee, which meets every Wednesday evening in the Student Government office in the Johnson Center.

This past Wednesday, the Student Services Committee discussed the best way to create a long-term relationship with student organizations. After a lively discussion, the ten-member committee set up a weekly meeting in which representatives from different student organizations could drop by and meet Student Government members.

This "Monday Night Mixer," as the name was decided upon, creates a set time and location where organizations can call to the attention of members of student government, issues pertaining to their specific organization. The resolution was passed in committee and sent to the Senate for a final vote.

After customary proceedings, the committee met with a student who presented the idea of a 24-hour library on campus, in which students could have a safe, quiet place to study at all hours. The committee promised to discuss the idea and get back to the student.

Josh Cantor, the director of parking and transportation, also attended the meeting. Cantor reiterated that parking is a problem, but a main problem is that people are more concerned with the day-to-day inconvenience rather than the long-term benefits.

Cultural Fusion Field Day

The Office of Diversity Programs and Services will host Cultural Fusion Field Day on Wednesday, Oct. 8 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. on the Quad in front of Student Union Building I. Join the fun and find out more on Oct. 8 on the Quad.

Oct. 6 Last Day to Register:

Today, Oct. 6, is the last day to register to vote to be eligible for the General Election on Nov. 4. Applications for registration should be postmarked or already in the voter registration office by Oct. 6. If mailed, expect to receive voter registration card in about 30 days, as that is the processing time.

If already registered, absentee voters have more time before the absentee ballot deadline. Mailed applications for an absentee ballot must be in the voter registration office by Tuesday, Oct. 28. Saturday, Nov. 1, is the last day for in-person absentee voting. For help on how and where to register visit masonvotes.gmu.edu. Information about the different candidates and links to their campaign sites are also available.

Biden vs. Palin

Senator Joe Biden of Delaware and Alaska Governor Sarah Palin battled it out in the first and only vice presidential debate last Thursday at 9 p.m. Public Broadcasting Service's Gwen Ifill moderated the debate at the Washington University in St. Louis.

According to washingtonpost.com, the most watched vice presidential debate before this one was the 1984 VP debate with George H.W. Bush and Geraldine Ferraro, which coincidentally was the only other VP debate featuring a female candidate.

Information compiled from washingtonpost.com.

O.J. Simpson Convicted

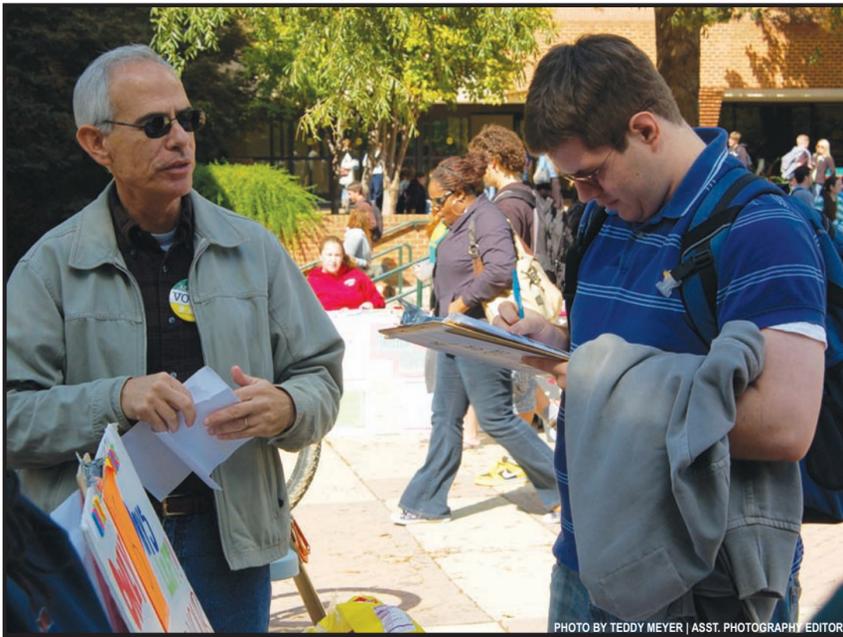
O.J. Simpson was found guilty of 12 felonies, including kidnapping and armed robbery, Friday evening in Las Vegas. After a 13-day trial, the jury deliberated for 13 hours to find Simpson guilty of an armed robbery that happened on Sept. 13. The final deliberation occurred on the 13th anniversary of Simpson's Los Angeles murder acquittal. When sentenced next month, Simpson faces two years to life in prison.

Information compiled from washingtonpost.com.

Cell Phone Use Banned by Rail Crews

Federal regulators have banned the use of cell phones and other personal electronic devices by rail workers. This ban is in response to a deadly crash last month in which an engineer on a commuter train was sending text messages moments before the crash occurred. The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating why Metrolink engineer Robert M. Sanchez ran through a red light and into a freight train, killing 25 people, including himself. Under the Federal Railroad Administration rule, violators of the new ban could be fined or fired.

Information compiled from washingtonpost.com.



Senior Gregory Thompson registers to vote at the Involvement Fair put on by Student Activities on Thursday, Oct. 2.

Finding Free Money Before Taking Loans

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scholarships and fellowships. Moloney encouraged Mason students to apply for scholarships such as the Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell and Gates Cambridge because each gives a unique opportunity for students to study abroad, do research in a specific field and receive credits toward a master's program.

Available scholarships for juniors include Truman, Goldwater and Udall. Students who have recently graduated and are interested in studying abroad, teaching English, perfecting a second language and gaining experience in their given field should apply for the

Fulbright scholarship.

Students are encouraged to apply for these masters program scholarships in their senior year or before they plan to go to graduate school. The competition varies each year, but it would only help to know a language fairly well if a student plans to emerge themselves in a country for nine months.

Moloney discussed the application process and gave pointers for getting good letters of recommendations from faculty. Though the application process is demanding and difficult, Moloney is emphatic that Mason students have good opportunities for receiving these scholarships. Moloney

listed Mason's proximity to Washington, D.C. as a benefit for the globally minded citizens who make up the student population.

Moloney encouraged students to spread the word about scholarship opportunities to friends and classmates, explaining that the "best way to inform others is through word of mouth."

To find more information on specific scholarships, visit www.gmu.edu/student/fellowships or contact Deirdre Moloney at dmoloney@gmu.edu. For more information on safe sex, visit adhe.gmu.edu or the Office of Alcohol, Drug and Health Education in Student Union Building I.

Walking for AIDS in the Nation's Capital

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Students showed their support for the 2008 AIDS Walk Washington. About 200 Mason students participated in the AIDS Walk on Saturday. This is the 22nd annual AIDS Walk in Washington, D.C.

The walk is a 5K walk/run fundraiser that benefits the Whitman-Walker Clinic. This clinic is a non-profit, community-based health organization that provides health care and assistance to people infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

The Whitman-Walker Clinic, established in 1973, provides primary medical and

dental care, mental health and addictions counseling and treatment, HIV education, prevention and testing, legal services, case management and a food bank for those people living with HIV/AIDS.

According to the AIDS Walk Washington 2008 Web site, one in 20 adults in D.C. is infected with HIV. D.C. has a higher rate of HIV infection than most sub-Saharan African nations, according to the same Web site. In D.C., African-Americans account for eight out of every 10 cases of AIDS.

The walk that is produced by and benefits the Waltman-Whitman Clinic aims to help reduce these rates in the D.C. area.

The walk began at Freedom Plaza, located at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street, NW, at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4 and the timed run began fifteen minutes earlier at 9 a.m.

Every team or individual participating in the walk raised money through contributing sponsors.

Mason contributed almost \$9,000 to the approximately \$700,000 raised by the AIDS Walk Washington for the Whitman-Walker Clinic.

For more information on the Whitman-Walker Clinic, visit www.wwc.org.

-Information taken from www.aidswalkwashington.org



The Mason Ambassadors were one of the organizations that participated in the AIDS Walk in DC over the weekend. Mason had over 200 participants.

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