

What's going on at Mason this week?

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

MONDAY 27	TUESDAY 28	WEDNESDAY 29	THURSDAY 30	FRIDAY 31	SATURDAY 1
<p>STD & HIV AWARENESS MONTH Oct. 1 - 31. University Life, (703) 993-8760.</p> <p>TOPS WORKSHOP Excel 2007 Intermediate II - Part 1. For Mason faculty, staff, and students. Register online at the IT Training website. Free. TOPS, (703) 993-3426. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Johnson Center, Room 311B</p> <p>BLOOD DRIVE RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE. RED CROSS, (800) 448-3543. 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. Johnson Center, North Plaza</p> <p>TOPS WORKSHOP Access 2007 Fundamentals - Part 3. For Mason faculty, staff, and students. Register online at the IT Training website. Free. TOPS, (703) 993-3426. 1 - 3 p.m. Johnson Center, Room 311B</p> <p>KRASNOW MONDAY SEMINAR David Hume as a Cognitive Scientist, presented by Ted Kinnaman. Free. Krasnow Institute, (703) 993-4333. 4 - 5 p.m. Krasnow Building, Room 229</p> <p>HEALTH CARE ISSUES AND THE ELECTION Obama v. McCain. Presented by John F. Holahan, Director, Health Policy Research Center, The Urban Institute and Linda J. Blumberg, Principal Research Associate, The Urban Institute. Sponsored by Health Administration & Policy and the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics. (703) 993-1929. 6 p.m. Mason Hall, Meese Conference Room</p> <p>NVMS WORKSHOP Monday Night Forum. Free. Northern Virginia Mediation Service, (703) 993-3724. 7 - 9 p.m. 4041 University Drive, Suite 201</p>	<p>CENTER FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE WORKSHOP Constructing Your Teaching Portfolio. Center for Teaching Excellence, (703) 993-8652, cte@gmu.edu. 3 - 4:30 p.m. Johnson Center, Room 240A</p> <p>TOPS WORKSHOP Word 2007 Fundamentals - Part 3. For Mason faculty, staff, and students. Register online at the IT Training website. Free. TOPS, (703) 993-3426. 4 - 6 p.m. Johnson Center, Room 311B</p> <p>LECTURE ON SECOND LANGUAGE LEARNING Cognitive, Social and Psychological Dimensions of Corrective Feedback, presented by Rod Ellis, University of Auckland, New Zealand. Sponsored by Linguistics, Modern and Classical Languages, and the Center for Language and Culture. Free. Ari Sherris, ari@cal.org. 4:30 - 6 p.m. Johnson Center, Room C</p> <p>TUESDAY JAMS Casey Hudson. Free. Program Board, (703) 993-2925. 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Johnson Center, Jazzman's Café</p> <p>CAREER SERVICES WORKSHOP Career Panel: Intelligence & Security. Free. Career Services, (703) 993-2370. 5:30 - 7 p.m. Johnson Center, Room E</p> <p>OCPE SEMINAR Future Issues in Facility Management. Tuesdays, Oct. 28 - Dec. 16. \$495. Office of Continuing Professional Education, (703) 993-2109. 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Krug Hall, Room 211</p> <p>INFORMATION SESSION National Security Education Program. Deirdre Moloney, (703) 993-2917, dmoloney@gmu.edu. 7 - 8:30 p.m. Johnson Center, Room D</p>	<p>LECTURE? ccommodating Students with Disabilities: Rights and Responsibilities. Free. Office of Equity & Diversity Services, (703) 993-8787. 2 - 5 p.m. SUB II, Ballroom</p> <p>LIBRARY WORKSHOP GIS@Fenwick. Free. 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Aquatic & Fitness Center, (703) 993-3939, aquatics@gmu.edu. 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. SUB II, Ballroom</p> <p>HAUNTED HANOVER DUCC and Chesapeake housing staff will transform the Hanover area building into a Haunted House from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.</p>	<p>GMU PLAYERS MAINSTAGE SERIES Shakespeare in Hollywood. Oct. 30 - 31, 8 p.m.; Nov. 1, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.; Nov. 2, 2 p.m.. \$12, general admission; \$8 students, faculty, staff & seniors. Center for the Arts Box Office, (703) 993-8888. Performing Arts Building, Theaterspace</p> <p>PROVOST FORUM Forum on the State of Mason Academics. The forum provides an opportunity for exchange and questions between Provost Peter Stearns, relevant members of his staff and the university community. Free. Office of the Provost, (703) 993-8776. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Johnson Center, Cinema</p> <p>CINEMA SERIES The Mummy 3: Tomb of the Golden Emperor. Showings at 6 p.m. & 9 p.m. Mason students w/ID, free; Mason faculty/staff w/ID, \$1; general public, \$3. 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POLICE FILES

October 20	<p>Counterfeiting/Forgery Lot A A parking services employee discovered a fraudulent decal displayed in a vehicle. Case forwarded to Dean of Students/Judicial Affairs. (40/Ross)</p> <p>Petit Larceny Bull Run Hall (Prince William Campus) A GMU faculty member reported that computer equipment had been removed from a workstation sometime between 10/04/08 and 10/20/08. Loss estimated at \$56. (34/Ganley)</p> <p>Hit & Run Lot A Vehicle #2 was legally parked in Lot A on 10/19/08. Vehicle #1 struck vehicle #2 and fled the scene. Damage estimated at \$500. (40/Ross)</p>
October 21	<p>Driving Under the Influence/Drunk In Public/Car Accident/Refusal Braddock Road/West Lot Officers were dispatched to a multiple vehicle accident. Emily Rieves, 21, of Fairfax, VA was arrested for DUI and refusal. Ms. Rieves was transported to hospital from injuries sustained in a car accident. Matthew Drews, 27, of Clifton, VA was arrested for drunk in public. Mr. Drews was transported to Fairfax ADC and held until sober. Both are non-GMU students. (12/Ly) (52/Bickerton)</p> <p>Grand Larceny Original Building Arlington (Library) Person(s) unknown stole an unattended laptop. No witnesses or suspects. Loss estimated at \$1,626. (35/Matthews)</p> <p>Burglary Jefferson Hall Complainant stated that an unknown person(s) broke into their room and stole multiple electronic items. Loss estimated at \$6,300. This case is under investigation. (29/Aman)</p> <p>Information Only Northern Neck Two non-GMU students were issued trespass warnings from all GMU property. (40/Ross)</p>
October 22	<p>Information Only David King Hall Complainant reported a lost set of University keys sometime between 10/20/08 and 10/22/08. (20/Brudvig)</p> <p>Grand Larceny West Physical Education Module Complainant reported the theft of a computer from a computer lab. Loss estimated at \$1,062. (56/Lighthiser)</p> <p>Information Only HQ Officers conducted a welfare check on a student at the request of the student's parents. (56/Lighthiser)</p>
October 23	<p>Accident (State Vehicle) Route 123 / Braddock Road A state vehicle was rear ended at an intersection. Damage estimated at \$800. (20/Brudvig)</p> <p>Petit Larceny / Vandalism Central Module Person(s) unknown entered the building and vandalized several areas and stole several small items. Loss estimated at \$90. (44/Bennett)</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>

State Budget Ramifications

Speaker Bill Howell Addresses State Budget Cuts



The Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates, **Bill Howell** spoke in Research I about the budget cuts being made due to the economy.

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Staff Writer

Bill Howell, the Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates, spoke about the state budget crisis and its effects on the state, the university and college students. The lecture began with a brief explanation of the bi-annual budget passed last spring and put into effect last summer until 2010.

The financial plan was based upon increases in revenue for the next two years. However, due to the recent drops in the economy, Governor Tim Kaine announced a probable \$2.5 million shortfall and a need to cut spending, which Howell discussed on Tuesday in Research 1. The shortfall was projected by a group of economists serving as advisors to the governor.

"The governor out-front is trying to cut expenses," said Howell. A reduction in spending is already evident in recent job layoffs. Kaine has already let go of 7,000 employees and decreased the executive mansion household expenditures to accommodate for the deficit.

The big concern among the Virginian politicians is that the \$2.5 million shortfall is not adequate because of bigger economic plunges. Yet Howell remains hopeful.

"Technically, we're not in a recession in this country or in Virginia yet," he said. "But I really think one's coming, and I think we need to prepare for it."

Howell proposed a more aggressive approach to the budget deficit and suggested a higher figure of \$3.5 million. Howell kept a positive light on the situation.

"It presents a good opportunity to re-examine how we put our budgets together, what our core responsibilities are, and maybe re-adjust our priorities," Howell said.

Three categories in the state budget, K-12 education, Medicaid and social services, take up more than half of the state's funding. Howell formed the Virginia Reform Initiative, a non-profit organization, to find ways for the government to deliver more services in a more efficient manner.

"We're still governing Virginia in a 20th century mode," he said. "We're in the 21st century. We have to adjust."

"I'm very concerned about what they're possibly doing to community colleges. They're suffering enough as it is. I'm also concerned about what they're saying about K-12," said Victoria Meixell, a sophomore majoring in psychology.

Howell also complained about the lack of accountability for government funding. The government does not always know exactly where the money is going. He cited examples from grants given out by the Virginia Department of Mental Health, in which money amounts ranging in the thousands were being given to mentally disabled people to start their own businesses or take classes.

"That may be good. But is that something you want your taxpayer dollars on? I don't know," Howell said. "I think this is an opportunity to one: restructure the ways we fund our system. We can't continue to have three items to make up 54.5 percent of our budget and be growing

faster than our revenue. Secondly, I think this is an opportunity to dig in on our different agencies and departments and have them have some accountability."

After his lecture, Howell opened the floor for questions. Many inquired how George Mason University would be affected specifically. He responded that the budget cuts would influence each college differently, but tuition would inevitably rise. The state would continue to offer scholarships and assistance funds in support of education. However, Howell concluded that all schools are requesting more money due to recent economic times.

Students voiced other apprehensions regarding the budget crisis.

"I'm also really concerned that we're not investing in more things in solar and wind power, and that [Howell] was more interested in funding nuclear power," Meixell said.

"Ultimately, I was worried about financial aid, student loans," said Emily Ericson, a senior majoring in communication. "Most of that, I understand, comes from the federal government. But it was good to hear how the state budget was going to affect me in general."

"Overall, I'd like to see what they do to implement [their plan]. People can talk about a lot of things and until I see something in action, I can't decide whether or not it was the right decision. It seems like they realize a lot of the problems that we have, and they're trying to do something about it," said Ericson.

Critical Information

ASSAULT, from Front

assault happened, a few citing the lack of police presence on campus as a reason. Higgs, while admitting she has not had the need to look for a police officer, she has not seen the police walking around campus either. Candiff said she saw the police mostly in their patrol cars.

"I've only seen one [officer] in the Johnson Center," said Candiff. Lavoie had advice for both the police and students.

"I'm sure the police work hard and are doing their job, but we need to work with them to create a safer campus," said Lavoie. Walker believed the assault was not a result of a lack of police presence.

"They are not going to have officers in all buildings," said Walker, adding that he sees police on campus all the time. Ginovsky said that students do see police in their patrol cars the most, but he did not believe there was a correlation between a possible lack of police presence and the sexual assault.

"There is not a cause and effect between the [police] presence and the assault," said Ginovsky.

Sexual Assault Services, located in the Student Union Building I room 214M, helps students who are victims. Connie Kirkland, the Director of the Sexual Assault Services, described her office's mission.

"The Sexual Assault Services is a place where any student who has been affected by a sexual assault could come for support and information," said Kirkland.

She also said the office provides free and confidential crisis intervention and legal medical assistance.

There have been four on-campus sexual assaults and seven off-campus assaults since the beginning of the fall 2008 semester. Ginovsky said that students should call both the Sexual Assault Services and the University Police if they are assaulted but made it clear to call the police first.

"The police are the only people that investigate these things," said Ginovsky.

When asked how students could protect themselves on campus, Ginovsky referred to the e-mail alert he sent.

"When walking on campus at night, all are encouraged to not walk alone, stay in well-lighted areas, and to use the Escort Service," said Ginovsky. He said that weapons such as guns and knives were not allowed on campus for student protection, citing university regulation 8VAC3560, but that students could carry mace.

"[The regulation] does not prohibit chemical sprays, but it does not encourage it," said Ginovsky.

The University Police would not comment regarding why the victim was walking around the SUB II loading dock, however he encouraged students to use the Escort Service, a program offered by the police department where they will safely walk students to a location if called. The Escort Service can be reached at (703) 993-2800.

Protect Yourself while on Campus

1. Be aware of your surroundings.
2. Notice when people you are familiar with change, as according to Connie Kirkland, most sexual assaults happen between people who know each other.
3. Do not walk alone at night. Instead, walk in a group to maximize safety.
4. Stay in well lighted areas.
5. Use the Escort Service provided by the University Police (703) 993-2800.

Call University Police at (703) 993-2810 if you need to report an assault or have information regarding one. Sexual Assault Services can be reached at (703) 993-9589.

VP vs. President

VOTE, from Front

the left and the right, both Liberal and Conservative."

"So his policy, in essence, doesn't even reflect the true beliefs of his party or maybe even his viewpoint on how things ought to be done," said Forman.

"That creates a problem for me personally because I don't want to vote for somebody who isn't positive enough in their own beliefs to be able to separate the good from bad and the right from wrong," said Forman.

The Median Voter Theorem, though an argument for not voting in a two-party election, can also produce more competitive elections as moderate appearing candidates are introduced.

As a proponent for voting in any and every election, Golden would like to see more competitive congressional districts. The student body president explained that the more competitive the districts are then the more moderate legislators would be elected, which would lead to

more legislation actually implemented.

For the presidential election, or any election really, Forman articulates the Median Voter Theorem as just one economic reason for not voting. Another economic reason is shown by a complicated mathematical equation that shows exactly how

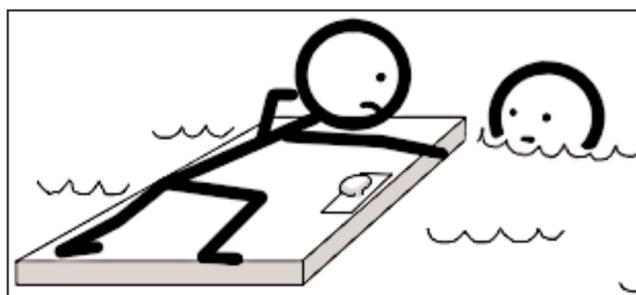
“It's something like one in ten million chances that your vote will be that 51 percent.”

-Claire Forman

cent," said Forman.

"I don't think that you can look at voting that way," said Golden. "I think you kind of look at [voting] as your say, who you want to hire to represent you."

"I won my election by nine votes," said Golden. "You really never know when it will come down to your vote counting. I think you should be on the safe side and always vote."



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Protectors or Disciplinarians

Students Voice Opinion About the Role Of Campus Police

DAVID PIERCE
Staff Writer

The University Police Department and George Mason University students on the Fairfax campus were given a chance on Monday, Oct. 20, to express their opinions on the success or failure of each others' roles in the Mason community.

The University Police were asked if they felt like babysitters to Mason students in regard to supervising, or if they felt like they were doing their job. Major George Ginovsky of the police department made it clear that the department was not acting as babysitters.

"We're a nationally accredited [police] agency," Ginovsky said. Master Police Officer Kim Taylor also believed that the department was doing its job. He also said that policing Mason campuses is like policing in any other jurisdiction, such as Fairfax City.

Students, on the other hand, were asked if they felt more arrests would make Mason a safer or scarier place.

Sophomore Derrick Wood, a communication major, believed more arrests, for the right reasons, would make the campus safer for law-abiding students, but scarier for those who want to commit crimes. Doctorate student Claudia Lemus, a multicultural education major, agreed.

"If the arrest is legitimate, then it brings credibility to the police department and makes students safer," Lemus said. Senior Sandeep Silwal, an accounting major, disagreed.

"More arrests would [cause the police to] abuse their power," Silwal said. Taylor believes the department is obligated to arrest students if the crime committed warrants an arrest, citing that the police must do their duty.

A major issue conveyed by Mason students involved the police presence on campus. Wood said he has only seen the police in the parking lots.

"I think the police should be walking around; there is a lot of activity in the Johnson Center [of interest to them]," Wood said. Silwal claimed he only saw a police presence when Mason was hosting an event. Freshman Hung Do, a computer science major, believed the police had a good presence on campus.

"You see [the police] where you least expect it," Do said. Ginovsky pointed out the police are the most visible while they are in their police vehicles, but also noted they have foot patrols on campus. Taylor added that the department has bike patrols, plain clothes officers and cameras in buildings throughout the campus to keep the Mason community safe.

Both Taylor and Ginovsky believe

Mason is a safe community. All of the students interviewed felt safe on campus, too.

"I've never seen anything happen here," Lemus said. Some students, however, were concerned after an Oct. 17 assault on a female

student near the loading dock of Student Union Building II. Wood felt safe on campus, but believed another assault could happen, especially on the popular wooded pathway between the Center for the Arts Building and Parking Lot K.

Taylor advised students to be aware of their surroundings to increase their safety.

"Be vigilant; crime is here," Taylor said. He suggested that it wasn't only the job of the police to make Mason a safe community, but that students also need to take reasonable steps for their own safety, such as not leaving valuables unattended and locking dorm and car doors. He said most of the crimes on campus are crimes of opportunity that otherwise wouldn't happen if students followed his advice.

The police and students were shown crime statistics from the police department's 2008 Annual Security Report. The report showed statistics such as 280 liquor law arrests in 2007 at the Fairfax campus, down from 534 in 2006. There were no reported liquor law arrests at the Arlington, Prince William or Loudoun campuses in either year.

"Students shouldn't be surprised [at the findings]," Ginovsky said, adding "[Fairfax] is a residential campus." Taylor, while agreeing with Ginovsky, also said a higher attendance at the main campus accounts for the differences.

"[The Fairfax campus] is like a city," said Taylor of the population. Wood attributed the high crime numbers with his view of a lack of police presence on the Fairfax campus.

"[They should] put officers where the people are," Wood said. Junior Candice Nazoroff, an accounting major, believed comparing the statistics to the other Mason campuses was unfair towards the police due to the Fairfax campus being the only one with dorms.

"[Comparing them] is like apples and



oranges," Nazoroff said, adding that comparing the figures to other area colleges with dorms would provide a more accurate view of the situation. When asked about how the police protected students from crime, Ginovsky commended his department.

"[The University Police] are doing a good job of protecting our lives, property and enforcing the law," Ginovsky said, adding that these actions are done with the objective of making Mason a safe campus. He believed, like with any organization, there is room for improvement, and that the department is open to suggestions.

"We are constantly looking for a way to improve [our] service," said Ginovsky.

Report Crimes

Call and Notify:

University Life
(703) 993-8760

Counseling and Psychological Services
(703) 993-2380

Housing and Residence Life
(703) 993-2720

Sexual Assault Services
(703) 993-4364

Bike Trips and The Environment

Student Senate Tackles Proposals

RACHEL PALTING
Staff Writer

The 29th Student Senate, in the recent weekly meeting, heard two campus organizations propose their ideas and passed a resolution in support of Witch Watch and Haunted Happenings.

Bike & Build is a non-profit organization that raises awareness for affordable housing. Each year, young adults bike across the country for nine weeks to help build housing areas. The members presenting are planning to bike from Virginia Beach, Va. to Oregon. However, each student must raise \$4,000, so the group came to the Senate for help and support. Senator Vaibhav Bist was especially supportive and offered assistance with fundraising.

"Any time the community needs help, I want other organizations to come to me and be like, 'Hey, how can you help?'" said Bist of the Committee of Advocacy and Outreach.

Most student senators were familiar with the organization and were supportive.

Others saw merit in the group's involvement in causes outside of the university.

"I think it's really nice that students at Mason are getting involved in community service aspects outside of Mason," said Krista Muise, a junior, of the Government and Academic Affairs Committee. "They serve as examples for the rest of the Mason community to get out there and do something that's really cool."

After Bike & Build, the George Mason University Environmental Awareness Group presented their ideas. The organization seeks to leave a legacy to make the campus more sustainable through a two-part Mason Green Fund and instituting a small fee for Mason undergraduates.

The plan consists of a Green Endowment fund in which the majority of the money goes toward sustainable investments. The second part is

made of capital investments. This money goes immediately toward campus projects, such as a bike-sharing project, a campus garden or farm, a better recycling program and grants for students doing research. The group also suggested renewable energy sources such as solar panels to help the school save money and reduce dependence on foreign oil.

Another source of monetary support for the project would also include charging undergraduates a nominal fee. Full-time undergraduates would pay five dollars and undergraduates taking one class would pay two dollars.

"Our end goal is to make Mason the most environmentally friendly school of its size in the country," said Bob McMurty, vice president of the GMUEA.

Most of the student senators were positive about the GMUEA's ideas.

"It's definitely something Mason is putting a priority on," said Muise. "With Southside being a sustainable building, I think it's really cool. I think in the long run it's going to save us a lot of money. It's something I'm definitely really excited to work with."

However, student senators had mixed feelings concerning the small fee.

"I'm a little hesitant on charging students even a minimal fee because of state budget cuts and they're freaking out about tuition going up anyway. But I think [the GMUEA] have a positive spin on it," said Amy Durbin, a senior, and Chair of the Finance Committee.

Before concluding the meeting, the senators passed Resolution 11 in support of Witch Watch and Haunted Happenings. Senator Bist insisted his fellow senators to help set up and participate in the event.

For more information on Bike & Build, visit bikeandbuild.org. For more information on GMUEA, visit www.gmu.edu/org/environment/.

FACES Cosmetics Seeks Model

FACES Cosmetics store at Fair Oaks Mall, a global beauty and cosmetic company, is looking for the "face that you want the world to see" in their new makeover campaign, which hopes to find the new face for FACES Cosmetics. The contest offers all applicants the chance to compete to win the modeling spot and only asks that participants be beautiful not just on the outside, but in the inside as well.

The "Face of FACES Model Search" is open to all females over the age of 14 for a \$35 entry fee, which will cover additional expenses. All entrants will receive a free FACES black tote bag. The fee will cover the makeover, as well as the before and after pictures that will be taken to document the transformations the applicants undergo. Applicants should be prepared

not to be judged only on their appearance, however. A personal statement is required on the entry application so that judges can receive some insight into the personality of the cosmetic company's future spokesperson.

Three winners will be announced and will receive a photo spread that will make an appearance at the FACES Cosmetics store in Fair Oaks Mall. They will also be highlighted in a 2009 campaign by FACES and will be given six months of free pampering for FACES Cosmetics in the Fair Oaks Mall location only.

All interested participants that want to sign up will have to visit the cosmetic store in Fair Oaks Mall. The competition began October 1 and will continue through November 1. Winners will be announced November 8.

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District Street Art Gets Political

Shepard Fairey Displays Political Art in DC

JARED TRICE
Staff Writer

The Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. hosted Shepard Fairey, an internationally celebrated contemporary artist and graphic designer, for a dialogue discussion on the artist's politically-charged work on Friday, Oct. 17.

Fairey, whose portrait of Senator Barack Obama, D-II, became one of the most iconic images of the 2008 presidential campaign, did not begin his career as a political activist. Entering the art world as a street artist, Fairey initially created a sticker, which would later become one of his most recognizable signatures, embedded with the now deceased wrestling champion, Andre the Giant.

The sticker initially read, "Andre the Giant has a Posse," which later became "obey." Fairey posted these stickers throughout his town and attributed his early, small-scale popularity with the confusion the stickers would incite in the viewers.

"Several years ago I heard a radio station willing to give out free tickets to a show to anyone who knew anything about the 'Andre the Giant has a Posse' stickers," said Fairey. "I don't know if anyone claimed to know anything, but I enjoyed the whole anonymity of the situation."

On the night of the discussion, Fairey told the audience that he had already left behind his mark throughout Washington,



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Fairey's work has now gained the attention of an international audience and yet, contrary to popular belief, Fairey does not claim to be a political activist. Fairey confines his identity to that of an artist and hopes his work will incite activism in its viewers. Although Fairey's work favors leftist-political ideals, many fans believe his work conveys an egalitarian message.

Shawn Moriarty, a junior at the Corcoran College of Art and Design, said, "People often say that Fairey's work is unsettling because it resembles Communist-era propaganda. People who don't share Fairey's political views may also turn away from his work because they feel that their

support may be seen as a declaration of support for ideals with which they are not affiliated. As he said, he's just an artist producing work. I don't believe he intends to impose his views on his audience as much as he is asking the audience to have an opinion and to question his."

Elaborating on his Andre the Giant sticker, Fairey explains that the word "obey" tends to evoke the viewer—and it does. He explained that because we have been raised in a democratic, capitalistic society that emphasizes free will, we recoil in offense at such a command and naturally begin to question it. That is exactly what Fairey intended.

Having been arrested over 14 times, Fairey is not exactly known for his obedience. His latest arrest came when he was pasting posters in an ally near the Denver convention center. Usually amounting to no more than a misdemeanor, Fairey typically apologizes and pays a fine.

"My time is too valuable to go back to court and fight," he said.

And that means Fairey will continue to put his work where anyone can see it. "I don't need to do street art anymore," he said in San Francisco. "But I enjoy it. It's not insidious. It's an opportunity to ire or inspire. And it's free."

Shepard Fairey's work will be featured along with Al Farrow's and Paul D. Miller's in the politically charged exhibition, Regime Change Starts at Home, on view at Irvine Contemporary until December. 6.

Easing The Veteran Transition

ADAM SYLVAIN
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Mason Military Outreach, in conjunction with the Office of Disability Services and George Mason Human Resources, hosted a web-based seminar entitled: Returning Veterans: Implications for Higher Education. The 90-minute seminar was part of an ongoing effort by the university to reach out to returning veterans with resources and services available to help them succeed as they return to the classroom.

Part of this effort has been influenced by a need to centralize scattered resources throughout the campus in a way that is more accessible to veteran students. Members of Mason Military Outreach, represented at this event by Co-Chair Stacey Remick-Simkins, have taken the initiative in creating this network of support.

In the words of Disability Services Director Christopher Moy, "The seminar is used to show the implications affecting the university community, and how we can all prepare ourselves to meet the needs of returning veterans."

There were about 30 students, faculty and veterans in the audience, many of whom were MMO members, while some were simply looking for a better understanding of the specific needs and learning habits of their students. The "webinar," given on Wednesday, Oct. 22 was delivered online with the use of a projection screen.

The presentation succeeded in drawing comparisons between the economic and political climates, as well as the injury and mortality rates in the last three major wars—WWII, Vietnam, War in Iraq and Afghanistan—and how they have impacted higher education. Statistics signified that improved medical technology has translated to lower death rates but much more disabilities in returning veterans from recent wars.

The health of the economy when soldiers return has also proven to have a major impact on their ability to financially afford their education. The current educational benefits offered to veterans are proven to be disproportionate in relation to rising tuition prices, especially in private institutions. Efforts have been made, especially on the state level, to make higher education more affordable for in-state veterans, and it is expected that changes will occur on a national level, following an eventual withdrawal from Iraq.

It appeared the greatest concern for veterans returning from combat was adjusting to the campus community in general. David Alpher, one of the event hosts, shared this opinion and offered his own experiences on the issue.

An adjunct professor in conflict resolution and analysis, graduate student, and veteran himself, Alpher said, "The biggest transition is the massive differences in the way you interact in a place like [the military], than the way you interact here. You are forced to retrain yourself into different levels of intensity, directness and interaction. On a day-to-day level, just sitting in class and having a student sitting next to you share a loud point of view, it is easy to react harshly because you have been there. This represents a real clash in points of view between students, and if students and professors can address that, everyone benefits."

With the efforts of experienced faculty members, veterans and university officials, MMO hopes to make the transition from soldier to student as smooth as possible, making sure they are aware of the benefits and services available to them. The last step of this process, being sure that employers are aware of the unique skills that veterans can bring to the workplace, enabling them to recognize Mason as a first source for new employment.

This Week in Finance

College Cuts

Institutions of higher education will be cutting their budgets in response to Gov. Kaine's \$2.5 billion slash in the state budget. Old Dominion University, Norfolk State and Tidewater Community college are all shutting down facilities, laying off employees and forming auditing committees to cut more than \$10.1 million from their budgets. The Governor's plan calls for a five to seven percent reduction in funding for public institutions of higher learning.

Oil

Light sweet crude oil has reached \$64 a barrel. The effects are showing up at the gas pump, but maybe not for long. Organization for Petroleum Exporting Countries held an emergency meeting on Oct. 24 to discuss production reductions in the face of falling oil prices. OPEC decided to reduce oil production by 1.5 million barrels a day. They will meet again in December and are scheduling to make further cuts if crude oil prices continue to fall. Analysts expect oil consumption to fall worldwide for the first time since 1983 due to a decrease in demand amidst the world financial crisis.

Greenspan in the Wrong

Former chairman of the Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan, admitted the necessity of regulation in derivative markets to a congressional committee on Thursday, Oct. 23. Congressional representatives questioned Greenspan on his fundamental beliefs in an unregulated market. Greenspan said that the current crisis has caused him to reassess his understanding of basic market principles.

Market

A large sell-off in overseas markets, an across the board decrease in stock measures, caused the Dow to plummet over 300 points by the close of Friday. Analysts were more disappointed that there was not a greater panic than recorded, claiming that a bottoming out would stimulate bargain hunters to move in and turn the market around.

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Living Learning Community

If you're interested in establishing a Living Learning Community with your own interests and needs in mind, join people like yourself in Research 1, room 162 on Oct. 27 from 3 to 5 p.m. The meeting, titled Building Z: The Future of Living Learning Communities will address various issues of Living Learning Communities. Your suggestions and opinions are welcomed.

Health Care Issues and the Election

Come to the Meese Conference Room in Mason Hall at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 27 to listen to a presentation on the comparative advantages of the health care plans proposed by Senators John McCain and Barack Obama. Health Administration & Policy and the Center sponsor the event for Health Policy Research and Ethics.

Testimony from Hiroshima

An exhibition of photographs from the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima will be displayed in the Student Union Building II ballroom from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 28. Featuring talks from Sigeko Sasamori, a survivor of the bomb; Steve Leeper, Chairperson of the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation; and Andrea Bartoli, Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution. The event is free for all attendees.

Creative Halloween Recyclable Costume

The TAP Office in Student Apartments will host a creative Halloween costume made from recyclable material contest. The costumes should be made out of reused items and recycled materials such as old clothing, umbrellas, garbage bags, cardboard and milk cartons. The criteria for judging will be based on the most creative use of the reused or recycled items. A panel of judges will evaluate costumes with prizes awarded to the top three costumes. There will be s'mores, donuts, cider and hot chocolate on Wednesday, Oct. 29 from 8 to 9 p.m. The actual judging begins at 8:41 p.m.

Haunted Hanover

DUCC and Chesapeake housing staff will transform the Hanover area building into a Haunted House for the Wednesday before Halloween. Entry to the event cost at least one canned food or donation to Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. Haunted Hanover will start at 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 29 and will end around 12 a.m.

Halloween Lemonade Pong Party

The residents of Brunswick One are going to be playing lemonade pong in celebration of Halloween and staying healthy on Thursday, Oct. 30. The purpose is to educate students of the effects of alcohol on a person after two or more cups of beer. The party will have the Office of Alcohol, Drug and Health Education's beer goggles to understand the effects of alcohol better. Anyone is welcome to join the DUCC area in the Hanover study lounge to celebrate Halloween and learn the effects of alcohol while playing lemonade pong.

iPod DJ Night

Everyone has a chance to be a DJ at Ike's Eisenhower Hall in Presidents Park. All you need is your iPod and a list of your favorite tunes. It's a chance to grab some food, chill with friends and listen to some music. The fun begins at 11:55 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30 and lasts until 2 a.m. Sponsored by RSA, iPod DJ Night occurs the last Thursday of every month.

Witch Watch

Join other Mason students, faculty and staff around the community in a patrol of neighborhoods for the safety of trick-or-treaters on Friday, Oct. 31. Student Government sponsors this event each year to promote safety for area neighborhoods and those who choose to trick-or-treat on Halloween night. Students must register before the event. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, Oct. 29. Students, faculty and staff can register in the Student Government Office in room 133 in the Johnson Center. To participate in Witch Watch, meet Friday at 4:30 in the News Center Media Lounge in the JC in front of the Student Government Office.

Halloween Party in the Park

There will be trick or treating, face painting, bobbing for apples and dancing, to name a few fun things going on in the Park Halloween night, Friday, Oct. 31. The fun starts at 9 p.m. in Eisenhower. All are welcome and freshmen are encouraged to attend. Wear a costume and join the fun.

GMU Wind Symphony and Fairfax Wind Symphony Concert

On October 28 at 8 p.m., The George Mason University Wind Symphony and the Fairfax Wind Symphony will be joining together for a concert on campus at the Concert Hall.

The GMU Wind Symphony is a selective

ensemble with wind and percussion players from the Department of Music and within the student population. This symphony is ranked among the finest collegiate wind bands in the Commonwealth. They play student compositions, as well as traditional literature. While under Music Professor Anthony Maiello's direction, CDs were released, titled A Shared Vision of Excellence and The Divine Comedy. Professor Mark Camphouse, who is a graduate of Northwestern University and a full-time professor, composer and conductor, currently directs the symphony. He began his musical career at a very early age and continues to teach and inspire Mason students.

Along with the GMU Wind Symphony, the Fairfax Wind Symphony will be joining in this concert. The Fairfax Wind Symphony has been around since the fall of 1999 to benefit all of the surrounding area's music teachers and directors. They are a very contemporary wind ensemble that focuses on the exploration of all grade levels, techniques and skills. Professors on campus, including Camphouse and Maiello, have made many guest appearances and have taken large roles with the symphony. It is a community-run symphony that has been featured at local concerts and five consecutive VMEA In-Service Conferences.

The tickets are on sale now at the concert hall box office. Students and senior citizens can buy them for \$10; adults can buy them for \$15.

Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

In celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Team TAP walked five miles through the National Monuments during the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk Sunday, Oct. 19. With help from the Mason Community, Team TAP was able to fundraise over \$1,000 to help find a cure.

Every Freakin' Friday

Program Board has planned a special event for Halloween night. The event has yet to be announced but should be entertaining. Join the fun and get free food in the Johnson Center atrium Friday night, Oct. 31, at 9 p.m. For more information, contact Program Board at (703) 993-2925.

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