

To Do...

What's going on at Mason this week?

Women's Basketball
Mason v. Bucknell

- *Friday, Nov. 14
- *7 p.m.
- *Patriot Center
- *Free with Mason ID

Artsbus
All-day trip to NYC

- *Saturday, Nov. 15
- *6 a.m. leaves from Finley
- *returns 12:30 a.m. Sunday
- *\$65

Cinema Series
The Sisterhood of the
Traveling Pants 2

- Friday, Nov. 14
- Saturday, Nov. 15
- 6 and 9 p.m.
- Sunday Nov. 16
- 3 and 6 p.m.
- free with Mason ID

Concert
University Vocal Jazz

- *Sunday, Nov. 16
- *3 p.m.
- *Harris Theatre

THEATREWORKS
PERFORMANCE:
THE PLANT THAT ATE
DIRTY SOCKS

- WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12
- 10:30 A.M.
- CONCERT HALL

Live at Damon's

- ♡ Saturday, Nov. 15
- ♡ 8 to 11 p.m.
- ♡ SUB 1, Damon's

EFF
Comedian Alexandria McHale
Friday, Nov. 14
9 p.m.
JC atrium

♡ Fashion Show

Rock the Runway:

Fashion Remix

Saturday, Nov. 15

8 to 11 p.m.

Dewberry Hall

Women's Basketball
Mason v. Richmond

- *Sunday, Nov. 16
- *2 p.m.
- *Patriot Center
- *Free with Mason ID

Flu Shots

- *Friday, Nov. 14
- *SUB I, Patriot's Lounge
- *1 to 3:30 p.m.
- *Wear short sleeves
- *\$15 for students
- *\$20 for faculty and staff

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POLICE FILES

November 3	<p>Stolen Property Offenses Johnson Center Complainant stated that an unknown person was trying to sell a stolen textbook back to the bookstore. This case is under investigation. (12/Ly)</p> <p>Theft From Building Aquatic Center Complainant stated that unknown person(s) stole his wallet. Loss estimated at \$200. This case is under investigation. (53/Pierce)</p> <p>Theft From Building (Unattended Property) Krug Hall Complainant left her Blackberry Phone unattended outside of Krug Hall while she went to class. When she returned, it had been taken by person(s) unknown. Loss estimated at \$250. (23/Brownell)</p> <p>Theft From Building Student Union 1 Victim reported a theft of a cell phone after leaving it unattended. Loss estimated at \$500. (24/Ewald)</p>
November 4	<p>Information Only West Building Officers responded to a fire alarm call. Investigation revealed no physical damage to the building. (12/Ly)</p> <p>Hit and Run Lot H Vehicle #2 was legally parked in lot H. Vehicle #1 struck vehicle #2 and fled the scene. Damage estimated at \$280. (23/Brownell)</p>
November 5	<p>Motor Vehicle Accident Lot K Property damage only. Damage estimated at \$6000. (36/Gannon)</p> <p>Stolen Auto Lot A Complaint reported the theft of her 2000 Light Blue Honda Civic bearing Virginia plates XY-9135. Loss of vehicle and contents estimated at \$9500. (22/Barton)</p> <p>Larceny Patriot Center Complaint, Marlania Compton, reported her Virginia driver's license stolen at the Patriot Center. She reported the item was taken during the basketball game. (50/Issa)</p>
November 6	<p>Destruction of Property Lot I A vehicle with a broken front passenger window was found in Lot I by GMU police officers. No items were missing from vehicle. Damage estimated at \$300. (56/Lighthiser)</p> <p>Theft From Motor Vehicle/Destruction of Property Lot I A vehicle with a broken window was found in Lot I by GMU police officers. Several items missing from vehicle. Loss estimated at \$300. (22/Barton)</p> <p>Theft From Motor Vehicle/Destruction of Property Lot I A vehicle with a broken front passenger window was found in Lot I by GMU police officers. Several items were missing from vehicle. Loss estimated at \$650. (22/Barton)</p> <p>Hit & Run Sandy Creek Deck Vehicle #2 was struck by an unknown vehicle which left the scene. Damage estimated at \$2,500. (36/Gannon)</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>

New Gold Rush T-Shirt

Rush to the First Basketball Game of the Season in a Gold T

KAITLYN MILLER
Broadside Correspondent

It is difficult to attend a George Mason University basketball game without noticing the sea of gold T-shirts overwhelming the student section. These shirts are known as "Gold Rush" shirts, and are an essential Mason tradition.

"Gold Rush" was established during the 2005-2006 basketball season when the Patriots made it to the NCAA Final Four. The Patriots' improbable run in the NCAA tournament boosted school spirit and fostered an increased following in Mason athletics.

The phrase "Gold Rush" is a play on words based on the California Gold Rush, an era during which miners found gold at Sutter's Mill, California.

The Mason Student Government Web site states that Gold Rush was created "in an attempt to build Mason pride and unity across campus and the community."

Student Body President Zack Golden said there were two goals in handing out the Gold Rush shirts.

"First, to promote school spirit by giving students free Mason gear," Golden said,

"and second, to get the entire student sections to wear gold, the same way that other basketball schools have their students wearing their school colors."

Previous shirts have displayed the phrase "Once a Patriot, always a Patriot"



across the front of the shirt. The 2007-2008 season shirts included sponsors, who helped

fund the printing of the designs, on the back. It is not confirmed whether or not the new shirts also have the names of sponsors on them.

Crisy Meschieri, an art and visual technology major, created this year's Gold Rush shirts. The design of the shirt will be different than the previous years. The Gold Rush logo will be larger and the athletics star will be featured.

Looking out into the crowd of a basketball game at the Patriot Center, the prevalence of Gold Rush shirts speaks volumes about how much Mason has grown and evolved as a campus.

The Gold Rush shirts make bold statements about Mason; that Mason is not just a commuter school, that students have school pride and that Mason is just as important as the other Virginia colleges.

Gold is not just one of the school's colors. It is the pride students have to be a part of the "Number One University to Watch" according to U.S. News & World Report.

The coming years will most likely see a great increase in prospective students "rushing" to enroll in this "golden" university.

Students With A HART

Homeless Animals Rescue Team Started by Students

KYLE RIDLEY
Staff Writer

What started as a class project has quickly turned into a mission of hope for three George Mason University students. Seniors Monica Michaan and Peter Berlin have joined forces with junior Judith Lee in an effort to raise money and help spread the word about the Homeless Animals Rescue Team.

The determined trio will hold a kiosk outside the Johnson Center on Thursday from 2 to 3 p.m. to take donations and promote HART's Saturday PETCO adoption fair at the Greenbriar Town Center and Sunday's charity dog wash at Bark 'N Bubbles in Herndon.

The fundraiser began as a group assignment for Professor Dan Walsh's Principles of Public Relations course. Each team was given the task to design a PR campaign for a non-profit organization and judge its success based on previous events.

The decision to work with HART was immediate for Michaan, Berlin and Lee.

"With all the craziness going on in the world these days, it seems that people are more preoccupied with the stock market and elections than dog adoption," said Michaan. "I thought it would be refreshing to help support an organization without a hidden agenda."

Lee, a former volunteer for HART and self proclaimed "strong animal activist," considers HART to be Virginia's most admirable rescue league.

"They believe that all animals deserve to have loving families and so they give the animals as many chances as needed," said Lee, who has adopted three dogs from HART. "It makes me very happy to know that people like HART are out there."

Established in 1990, HART is a no-kill animal rescue/support group that cares for unwanted dogs and cats until they find a permanent home.

HART is widely known for taking in sick, abused, injured and elderly animals that are not as easily adoptable, but also has plenty of problem-free pets readily available. The organization conducts careful home screenings before approving an adoption and conducts follow-up meetings once a permanent home is found.

"It would be good if people were informed about all of the animals that need homes," Lee said. "Maybe people would stop buying puppies from pet stores and help save all of the homeless ones."

However, adoptions are not the only objective for the trio. The group understands that many are not in a position to house an animal and encourage those to support in any form possible.

Aside from money, people can contribute to the HART fundraiser by volunteering, becoming a foster parent, sponsoring an animal or donating needed items on HART's "wish list," found at www.hart90.org. Even using Goodsearch.com as a search engine raises money for the non-profit rescue league.

Saturday's adoption fair and Sunday's charity dog wash are open to the public and will include gift certificate raffles as well as plenty of pooches to pet.

"People will have the opportunity to come and play with the dogs, show them affection that they often lack," Michaan said.

Berlin said the affection an animal provides can help turn cautious minds into animal enthusiasts. Though he hasn't worked with rescue groups before and has no pets of his own, he is finding this

campaign to be an eye-opening experience.

"Just 10 to 15 minutes at the event may change your mind," Berlin said. "Give it a chance."

Want to Go?

What's up: HART Adoption Fair
When: Saturday, Nov. 15, 12 - 3 p.m.
Where: PETCO Chantilly 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway Fairfax, VA 22033

What's up: HART Charity Dog Wash
When: Sunday, Nov. 16, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Where: Bark 'N Bubbles Dog Wash 795 Center Street, Suite 1A & B Herndon, VA 20170

 www.hart90.org

Students Strongly Favor Barack Obama

ELECTION from Front

"The electorate has lost [its] common sense," Bukowski said of the election results. Ruark was not surprised, and said a lot of first time voters helped Obama win. Fateh compared Obama and McCain's performance in the election.

"Obama [won] the states of Ohio, Virginia and Florida; McCain was in a state of confusion," Fateh said.

This election also marked the first time Virginia voted for a Democrat since the 1964 presidential election between Lyndon Johnson and Barry Goldwater.

Bukowski was surprised by Virginia, especially nearby Loudoun and Prince William Counties, had a majority vote for Obama. He said that most of the state, except for the Hampton Roads area, voted Republican. Moslehian was happy that Virginia was blue.

"I am proud to say I am

from Virginia—finally," said Moslehian.

Other states that switched from voting Republican in 2004 to Democratic in 2008 include Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Indiana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina and Ohio.

States that voted Democratic in 2004 remained Democratic in 2008. Ruark attributed the collective change of blue states this year from previous Republican states in 2004 on the Electoral College map to a progressive movement.

"Considering the history of the nation, it is good to see Virginia, North Carolina and Florida moving towards a more progressive route," said Ruark.

The Democrats retained their control of Congress in this election, but increased their majority with five seats added to the Senate and 21 added to the House of Representatives. Ruark had

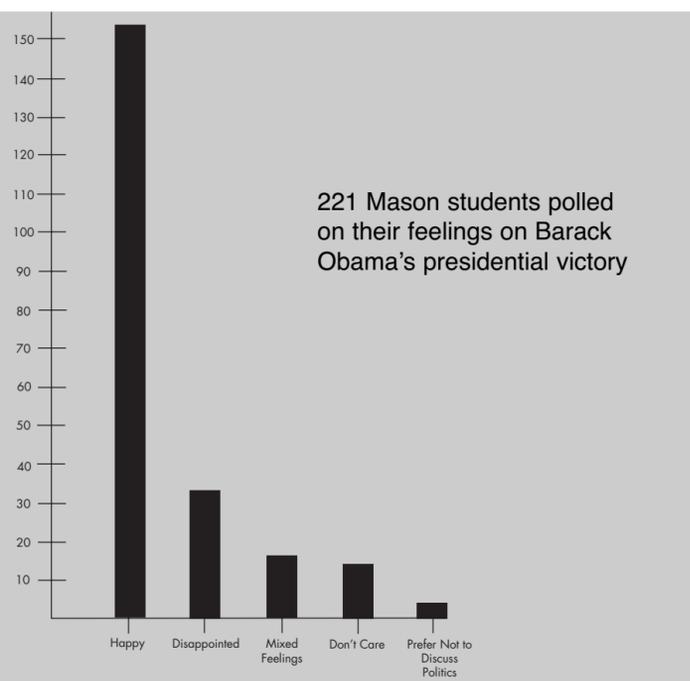
hopes for Republicans in future elections.

"There runs a risk of the [political] pendulum swinging the other way," said Ruark. Moslehian believed the new Democratic congress, with a Democratic president, would be better for the country.

"Well, now I feel like things will get done," Moslehian said, adding that a divided government has difficulty with passing bills. Even though he was disappointed with the election's outcome, Ruark still would support Obama as president.

"The President is just one office among many in the government," said Ruark. Bukowski said he would not support Obama. Moslehian thought the election was a breath of fresh air to minorities and welcomed the change.

"I just feel like [the election] gave other people a chance to run, like African Americans and females," said Moslehian.



The Past is the Present and Future

New Network Provides Historical Perspective

KEVIN LOKER
Broadside Correspondent

Students who have an interest in government and international politics, or current events in general, have another useful tool at their fingertips.

History News Network, which resides on George Mason University's server, is a Web site that hosts articles about current events through the eyes of historians. Writers who contribute to the Web site use their knowledge of past events and apply them to similar or current ones to add to the discussion of how they may evolve or how they may be remembered. As the History News Network's tagline states, they do this "Because the Past is the Present, and the Future too."

The Web site, which has been online since June 2001, found its way onto Mason's server by means of former faculty member, Rick Shenkman, who had been running the Web site out of his own pocket for about nine months without drawing a salary.

"I was down to \$4,000 in my personal bank account," Shenkman said. "It was do or

die time."

"I was very enthusiastic," said Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences Jack Censer, "[The Web site] is an important addition the History and New Media Center and a very useful periodical."

Censer, an early supporter of the Web site, along with the late Roy Rosenweig, incorporated the Web site right away. Now, more than 11,000 readers subscribe to History News Network's weekly newsletter. The site attracts 340,000 unique visitors a month and receives nearly 8,000,000 hits.

Though on Mason's server, students do not largely fit into those numbers.

"It's a neat site," said Jill Brown, sophomore English and pre-med major, "I don't really know anything about it though."

"I hadn't heard of it before either," said freshman government and international politics major, Andrew DeCelle, "But after looking through it, it does seem to have some interesting articles."

Leading up to Election Day, the top articles' headlines included "1920+1932 = 2008" "2008 Is a Long Ways Away

from 1908, But Still . . ." and "Will Obama be FDR to McCain's Hoover?"

Beyond a historical perspective on current events, the Web site offers other tools and opportunities that Mason students see as useful.

"I went straight to the page about this day in history," said freshman conflict analysis and resolution major Stephanie Ballard.

"The 'student shortcuts' part of the Web site is something I could see being extremely helpful as well," DeCelle said. On the Student Shortcuts page, one link lets a student chat with a professional librarian from the Library of Congress. Another goes to a comprehensive list of online dictionaries, encyclopedias and other reference works.

Other opportunities may go beyond looking at the Web site online.

"I strongly encourage Mason students to consider joining our intern program. It's a fantastic opportunity for students who share an interest in both history and journalism," said Shenkman. "It's not a make-work job. You'll do real work. Nothing Mickey Mouse."

Snap Shot



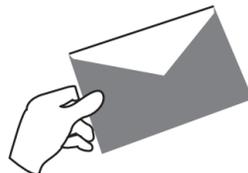
Areas by Student Union Building I are blocked off due to construction.

PHOTO BY TERRY NETER, LASSI PHOTOGRAPHY/MANAGER

A Hand In Congress

Young Entrepreneur Creates Own Site

ADAM SYLVAIN
Staff Writer



Fresh off what was an invigorating Presidential election, anyone inspired to reach his or her Congressional leaders may benefit from the "I Hand Deliver" service.

Outlined on the Web site, www.ihanddeliver.com, the service allows customers to submit a personal letter, have it expertly formatted and hand delivered to the desk of a desired congressperson. This process allows anyone to reach his or her decided recipient in a quick and deliberate manner with a cost total of \$7.95 per letter.

The 16 year-old creator and deliveryman, Joshua Leibly, explained why he chose to begin this endeavor.

"Beginning in July, 2008, I chose to start this service because I believe citizens need a quick and easy method to have their voices heard by their senators and representatives. Many people have used the service so far and found it to be efficient and effective," said Leibly.

Leibly promises to properly format each letter once it is submitted, then send it back to the sender for approval before delivering it to the

congressional office. Once delivered, a signed proof of delivery will be e-mailed back to the sender. He even offers "bulk rates." In the event that one has letters to send at a later time, credits can be purchased for a discounted rate, which offer a percent discount based on the amount of letters wished to be sent.

Several students discussed the "I Hand Deliver" service. Sophomore government major, Matthew Casper, offered his opinion, "I've never written a letter to Congress before, but I think I am more inclined to now knowing that I could use this hand delivery method. I might use the opportunity to ask, 'What are some of the major issues that Congress is debating, and how are they working to resolve them?'"

Shadden Khan, a freshman communication major, believes the university's close proximity to Washington, D.C. allows her to take the initiative on her own.

"I have not come across an issue that I felt affected me so much that I wanted to voice a concern, but if I did, being close to D.C., I would probably just do it myself," said Khan.

For some, the decision of whether or not to use Leibly's service comes down to urgency.

Freshman history major, Brian Higgins said, "I feel like, most likely, my views are not unique, so it's probably that hundreds of people have voiced their concerns in a similar way. However, if they were someone who felt a specific urgency in their opinion of an issue, the

service would definitely be beneficial."

Fellow freshman and psychology major, Karen Entin, echoed the need for urgency. "For me, it depends on the urgency of the issue. If I had something urgent to tell or ask of Congress I might use it because there's a possibility it puts your concern ahead of other people," Entin said. "It's likely that a letter that is hand delivered, will be read and responded to more quickly. I would try and find out how quick the delivery process actually is, and if there is a money back policy if you are unsatisfied with the service."

Brenda Shepard, a sophomore communications major, was impressed by the ingenuity of the idea.

"I think that the service is an interesting concept. I believe it is probably most useful for people living outside of the D.C. area, providing them an opportunity to personally voice concern," said Shepard.

"A hand delivered letter says a lot more than a generic e-mail that is sent in mass quantities. It is much more personal. If I were to voice concerns, I'd probably look for Pro-Choice Congressmen and women and write to them on issues of abortion. I think the service is a great idea," said Shepard.

Anyone can submit letters to be delivered at www.ihanddeliver.com, where more information about the service and testimonials from previous customers can also be found.



Educational information can be found on the Internet. Remember to use the information wisely.

News in Brief

Election Dilemma

George Mason University had some interesting Election Day misinformation.

On the eve of November 4, Election Day, an e-mail was sent from the Provost e-mail account saying that Election Day had been moved to November 5.

The following morning, November 4, the Provost sent a real e-mail announcing that the Provost e-mail account had been hacked into and that Election Day was in fact on November 4.

The e-mail also encouraged students to vote, that day, as Election Day was never moved.

Election Results

A proposition which defines marriage between a man and woman, passed in California, Florida and Arizona on Election Day. These propositions have banned same-sex marriages in these states.

In Arkansas a proposition passed banning unmarried couples from adopting or fostering a child.

Massachusetts approved a marijuana reform measure that will ease penalties for possession of an ounce or less of the drug.

Michigan now allows marijuana use by people with illnesses like cancer and multiple sclerosis.

Information compiled from www.nytimes.com.

Gold Rush

The first men's basketball game of the season will be on Monday, Nov. 17, against

Brown University.

The first Gold Rush in which students, the drum line and the color guard will "rush" to the Patriot Center before the game will begin at 5 p.m. at Liberty.

The rush will make several stops through campus, where free "Gold Rush" t-shirts will be handed out, as students rush in mass to the Patriot Center.

Health and Safety Inspections

Resident Advisors will be conducting the second set of Health and Safety inspections for the fall semester.

Inspections will be conducted November 10 to 16. Make sure your room and apartment are in compliance with fire safety code and the Guide to Pride.

For more information visit <http://www.housing.gmu.edu/File/Policies/Fire%20Safety%2007-08B.pdf>.

Greening Mason

Join Housing in its attempt raise awareness about Global Warming and take action to save the Earth.

The environmental version of Coney Island, "ECO-NEY Island," will be held on Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. outside Dewberry Hall.

"ECO-NEY Island" will include carnival games focused on sustainability with free music and food.

Learn what Housing is doing to help Green Mason on the new Web site, which will be online Nov. 14 on housing.gmu.edu.

On this Web site, housing encourages all to sign the Climate Commitment.

T-shirts can be purchased in the JC on November 13 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information visit green.gmu.edu.

Highlighter Party

Resident Student Association presents Mason's first ever Highlighter Party on Thursday, Nov. 14 from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. in SUB II Ballroom.

It is recommended to wear white. Bring your favorite highlighters to highlight on people's shirts. Entry is free.

To enter the raffle, which will go on all night, bring canned food for donation.

The grand prize for the raffle is a brand-new iPod nano.

Mason Fall Festival

Mason Fall Festival will be this week, from November 11 to 15. This festival raises awareness about the environment. The slogan "reduce, reuse, recycle, replenish, rediscover," defines Mason Fall Festival.

Two of events that will be showcased are the Carnival on November 13 and Rock the Runway Fashion Show on November 15.

For more information visit weekends.gmu.edu.

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First Highlighter Party at Mason. Wear a white T-shirt. Bring highlighters. Prepare for fun.

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VISION SERIES: ROBERT M. HAZEN

Themes and Variations in Evolution
Monday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.
Free, Tickets Required CH

GMU SYMPHONIC BAND

Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 8 p.m.
\$15 Adults; \$10 Students/Seniors CH
Limited Free Student Tickets Available Now

FACULTY ARTIST SERIES

Stanley Curtis, trumpet
Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 8 p.m.
Free HT

FACULTY ARTIST SERIES

Free Play featuring Glenn Smith
and Stephen Nachmanovitch
Friday, Nov. 14 at 8 p.m.
Free HT

KIROV ORCHESTRA

Valery Gergiev, conductor
Friday, Nov. 14 at 8 p.m.
\$60, \$52, \$30 CH
Free Student Tickets Available Now

DOC SEVERINSON

& El Ritmo de la Vida
Saturday, Nov. 15 at 8 p.m.
\$54, \$46, \$27 CH CH
Limited Free Student Tickets Available Now

UNIVERSITY VOCAL JAZZ CONCERT

Sunday, Nov. 16 at 3 p.m.
Free HT

AVT VISUAL VOICES SERIES

Lynell Burmark: Visual Literacy
Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m.
Free HT

STUDIO SERIES #2: THE PILLOWMAN

Thursday, Fri., Sat., Nov. 20, 21 & 22 at 8 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 22 & 23 at 2 p.m.
\$6 Adults; \$3 Students/Seniors BB
Limited Free Student Tickets Available Nov. 11

FAIRFAX SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Rachel Lee, violin
Saturday, Nov. 22 at 8 p.m.
\$55, \$45, \$35, \$25 CH
Limited Free Student Tickets Available Nov. 11

VARIOUS UNIVERSITY CHAMBER ENSEMBLES

Sunday, Nov. 23 at 3 p.m.
Free HT

EMANUEL AX AND YEFIM BRONFMAN

Sunday, Nov. 23 at 4 p.m.
\$60, \$52, \$30 CH CH
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