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SNOW PLAY

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SNOWFIGHT!!!! By CAITLIN HAWES | The Breeze

Almost 1,000 people gathered on the snow-covered Quad under the cloudy, red-tinted Tuesday night sky. Some wore armor: helmets, goggles and round plastic sleds as shields. Three girls strutted in bikinis. Someone paraded around in a banana suit. At first the waiting warriors huddled with teams, tossing playful snowballs at friends. SNOWFIGHT continues on page 4



Forecast Exceeds 1 Foot

By MATT SUTHERLAND The Breeze

With winter weather on everyone's minds this upcoming weekend, James Madison University is readying itself for a large snowfall.

This weekend will mark another giant snowstorm predicted to encompass states on the Eastern Seaboard from North Carolina to New York. Several experts believe the magnitude of the storm will be similar to the amount that fell Dec. 4.

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George Hirschmann WHSV chief meteorologist

of the storm, I'm guessing we'll get between 9 to 12 inches."

A school cancellation doesn't come from students praying for snow or snow dance rituals or inside-out pajamas. President Linwood Rose makes the final decision.

According to JMU Policy 1309, it is the president's responsibility to close JMU due to weather concerns. The president also withholds the ability to assign a designee to make decisions on university closings on his behalf. The president coordinates with Charlie King, JMU's senior vice president of Administration and Finance, and the JMU Chief of Police Lee Shifflett to determine whether or not classes will be feasible in the morning.

George Hirschmann, chief meteorologist at WHSV, the local ABC affiliate, said a Winter Storm Watch is being issued from Friday afternoon to Saturday evening.

"We might be getting about as much as we expected," Hirschmann said. "WHSV is predicting from 12 to 20 inches of snow. All we can say is

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that people are going to get a lot of play time with their shovels."

JMU meteorology professor Stan Ulanski also believes the area will get a significant amount of snow, but he rejects the flying rumors of 30 inches.

"It becomes more of an educated guess as the days get closer," Ulanski said. "Depending on the pattern Once JMU has decided when to

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STUDENT SERVICES

Webmail Switch Set for March

Hosted on Corporate Favorite Microsoft Exchange, Accounts Boast 10 GB Quota

By JOHN SUTTER The Breeze

Changes for students are coming in March as JMU upgrades its e-mail system to Microsoft Exchange and its Live@edu interface.

The new Microsoft e-mail system will replace the current "Mirapoint," or Webmail, interface that all faculty, staff and students use.

"We made the decision last spring to move away form Mirapoint," said Dale Hulvey, assistant vice president for Information Technology. "In the corporate world, to a certain extent, Exchange is the standard that everyone uses."

According to Hulvey, 45 percent of students reported using an outside mail server, such as Google's Gmail. Three years ago, he said only 10 percent of students forwarded their mail to outside accounts.

"We had been watching our IT satisfaction survey results as well as hearing different things from students, and what we saw was an increasing trend in students forwarding their mail to outside services," Hulvey said.

Many students forward e-mail

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"e-ID@dukes.jmu.edu"

- E-mail handles will change, adding "dukes." to account names.
- Faculty and staff will continue using the same e-id@jmu.edu address (Faculty staff e-mails must be stored on site and with JMU for legal and security matters; student e-mails will use Exchange servers).
- Old student e-mail addresses will be forwarded to the new e-mail address until at least mid-June when a final decision will be made.

Instant messaging

Students can instant message, view who is online, and can create chat lists for easier access, similar to Gmail's chat service.

because of space concerns and the lack of support for mobile devices, including sophomore theatre major Chet Craft.

"I know a lot of people who have to use Gmail and other accounts because JMU's account isn't big enough," Craft said. "I would say a new account is a move in the right direction."

Craft currently uses the Webmail

Key Changes for Live@edu Password separate from e-ID

Passwords for e-mail do not need to be changed every 90 days as they do now.

e-ID password will still require changing (access for Blackboard, E-Campus, etc)

More storage space

- 10 GB mail storage
- 25 GB SkyDrive: a remote, online, server for document storage and sharing
- 5 GB online collaboration storage: for Web sites, blogs, group collaboration

No expiration

Students will be allowed to retain the @dukes.jmu.edu account for life.

interface and said he must consistently delete e-mails in order to have the space to receive new ones.

Hulvey outlined numerous differences from the former Webmail system, including an improved 10 GB of mail storage, 25 GB of file-sharing storage,

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SPORTS Letters of intent Two Texas

quarterbacks and a local player signed to JMU.

WELLNESS



PAUL JONES / THE BREEZ

Stacey Prussman adds humor to Monday's presentation on eating disorders.

A Deadly Obsession

By CAITLIN HAWES The Breeze

For Stacey Prussman, a comedian, actress and motivational speaker, her eating disorders were born on Broadway when she was 10 years old. With her parents at her side, she auditioned for the part of the orphan Annie. In front of judges, she climbed onstage and belted out a pitch-perfect "Tomorrow." Her vocals resonated throughout the room.

You know, kid, you have a realthere are no fat Annies.'

At first, the idea struck Prussman

deeper implications.

"I was too fat to make my dreams come true," she said.

Prussman, 39, spoke Monday evening in Grafton-Stovall Theatre. JMU's Student Wellness and Outreach, the University Program Board and Sigma Sigma Sigma sponsored her heart-wrenching yet humorous narrative about her eating disorders.

At first Prussman spoke emphatically, with the over-top confidence of her stand-up comedy persona, but serious tones poked through her jokes until at times her face grew puffy and red from holding back tears.

Ann Simmons, coordinator of marketing and programming for

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Legalization solves most of the problems associated with pot.

LIFE **Girl talk**

National Web site HerCampus.com launches JMU edition.

ly good voice," one judge said. "But

as obvious: Of course there were no fat Annies. After all, Annie was an orphan living in the Great Depression. Then Prussman realized the