

New President, New School Year

DR. ROGER CASEY
President

My name is Roger Casey. Along with my wife, Robyn Allers, and our entire faculty and staff, I'd like to say, "Welcome home, returning students, and welcome to McDaniel, first-years." When I walk the Hill, you'll see me proudly wearing a green button that says, "I am McDaniel." I hope you will wear one, too. Collectively, we are all McDaniel College, and I am delighted to begin this academic year as McDaniel's ninth President.

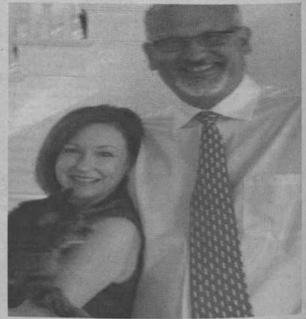
What's so great about McD? We're one of only forty Colleges That Change Lives, and we do so through our personalized interdisciplinary curriculum (The McDaniel Plan) and phenomenal faculty-student collaborations in teaching, research, advising, and even crab-eating. Our diverse community is engaged in hundreds of opportunities. In fact, we're ranked as one of the Top Ten colleges in community service. Anyone can get involved in the arts at McDaniel. We host a nationally renowned folk-arts festival, Common Ground on the Hill. Innovative January courses take students to Spain, China, Cameroon, Belize, Zimbabwe, Morocco, Japan, Turkey, Greece Want more internationalization? Then study all year at our European campus, the only American university in Budapest, Hungary. We believe in environmental sustainability. Even our mascot is green!

And speaking of The Green: where else can you tailgate in a drive-in stadium? Finally, location, location, location: we're an hour or less from Baltimore, DC, PA, WV, VA, the Chesapeake, Amtrak, and the global connections of BWI. And yet you won't be fighting rush-hour traffic to get to class. So if four years aren't enough here, stay and get a masters from one of twenty programs.

See what a privilege it is to say, "I am McDaniel." In just my first week here, I encountered alumni who have argued before the Supreme Court, had books written about them, taught as an endowed professor at Harvard, conducted cutting-edge biomedical research, started Fortune 500 corporations, and won a Pulitzer Prize. That was Week One. Couple such alumni with the amazing accomplishments of our student-centered faculty and staff and your own impressive achievements and it's easy to understand: 1) Why we have all chosen to be part of this phenomenal college, and 2) Why I am deeply honored to serve as your new president.

I've been asking many different people hard questions to gain a clearer understanding of our collective vision for McDaniel's future. So when you see me, stop me and tell me yours. Two goals are already clearly important to me: 1) Improving the image and reputation of McDaniel, and 2) Enhancing the quality of student life, especially our residential and student-life facilities.

When it comes to the first goal, you can help profoundly. Despite all the



DR. ROGER CASEY AND WIFE,
ROBYN ALLERS
PHOTO BY MEGAN ROBINSON

great opportunities here, I don't think McDaniel has nearly enough swagger. So get some swag and swagger. We live in an age of super connectivity. Like me, most of you publish on Facebook, Twitter, or YouTube. (I invite you to follow my Tweets @Dr-Rog; or friend me, and I'll friend you back.) How often do you use your social networks to spread the word about interesting things on the Hill? I challenge you to use your status bar or your Flip cam to make the rest of the world as aware of this great community as we are. Every time we post something positive about McDaniel, the value of our college brand and ultimately the value of your diploma rises. (And every time we say something negative, the reverse is true. Let's not shoot ourselves in the foot!) Wear Green; speak Green; act Green. You are McDaniel; shout about it. Have a great year, Green! I'm honored to serve as your President.

@DRROG ON TWITTER

JULY 24, 8 PM

"101 degrees. I knew McDaniel was the hottest college in America."

AUGUST 5, 9:27 PM

"Damn. Kagan has been elected to the Supreme Court. There goes my chance again."

ON THE COVER

Resident Assistants (RAs) gathered in Ensor Lounge Tuesday morning, Aug. 17, before leaving for Gunpowder Falls to enjoy some team building thrills. A handful of RAs (on behalf of the entire group) took time to welcome Class of 2014. Back row (left to right) Jess Hague '13, Jess Oros '12, Brooke Freedland '11. Front row (l-r): Forest Fleischer '13, Sophia Diven '13, Betsy Warner '12, Eric Liggins '13.

JULIA STRUMPELL '11

Confessions of a Former Freshman

HANNA BARKER
Co-Commentary Editor
Assistant Web Editor

I almost didn't join the staff of *The McDaniel Free Press* freshman year. I was intimidated by the collegiate level, even after my great experiences with newspaper in high school. On a whim, though, I attended the second staff meeting of the year, and the atmosphere was so energetic and welcoming, I was hooked.

I stayed after that first meeting to speak with faculty sponsor Lisa Breslin, who quickly ushered me over to Art Director Ashleigh Smith '10 upon hearing that I was proficient with Adobe InDesign. Ashleigh and I stayed outside the Writing Center and talked for over half an hour about both the paper and life at McDaniel. I knew that this was an environment where I belonged, and I dove right in.

Joining the Free Press was my best decision of freshman year. This one action resulted in so many benefits. I grew as a writer. I met amazing people. I found leadership and net-

working opportunities. I also learned many useful skills, such as video editing and interviewing techniques.

It was all so easy, too. I just expressed interest to either Lisa or whatever student was in charge of my area of interest, and they were more than willing to set me on the right path. During my first semester, I was not only a staff writer, but a member of both the layout and copy desk staff, and I loved it. When my level of coursework got heavy, it was easy to cut back on Free Press commitments by writing a simpler piece or just focusing on layout that week rather than doing everything. Let me tell you, that flexibility was vital to the preservation of my sanity. You really can do as much or as little as you have the time or the desire for.

I took the practicum class next semester because I enjoyed it all so much. This allowed me to get even more involved. We learned how to use iMovie, and then I created a 60 Seconds video about whether students felt they got what they paid for at McDaniel College. The class reported on Snowmaggedon

as it unfolded. We took candid photos of life on campus and learned how to write interesting and informative captions. I helped two seniors create the senior issue of the paper, which was challenging, but a lot of fun. The Newspaper Practicum does require more work than just being a member of the staff, but I enjoyed it so much I'm signed up for it this semester.

My favorite Free Press experience of freshman year was definitely the CMA conference in New York City. Senior Kim Williams, Junior Megan Robinson, and I listened to speakers like Terry Moran from ABC News, attended sessions about the future of newspapers, and got to take a look at the papers of other colleges from across the country. It was a fun, enlightening, and unforgettable experience.

Interested in joining the McDaniel Free Press? Come to one of our meetings, held in the Writing Center on Monday nights. If you can't make it, talk to Lisa Breslin, whose office is located right across from the Writing Center in Hill Hall. Hope to see you there!

60 Seconds

WHAT'S ONE PERSON OR RESOURCE YOU COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT AT MCDANIEL?

NATHAN WUERTEBERG
Commentary Editor



"My professors are my most important resource on campus. They've been so helpful with designing my major, helping me decide which classes to take, and giving me advice about grad school."
JENEICE SHAW '11

"I couldn't live without my car at McDaniel, because as much as I love being on campus, sometimes I like to get away, and having my car on campus makes that very convenient."
BETSY GRAVENOR, '11



"The most important resource that I have had has been Dr. McKay. She has been a valuable resource for me by telling me the truth, helping me in any way she can, and being somebody that I can just say 'Hi' to."
ANDREW RAUCH, '11



"I can't live without my baby on campus, and by baby, I mean computer. I do schoolwork on it, watch TV shows and movies, and keep in touch with my friends. I can't imagine living without it."
DANI ALLEN, '13





TOP: Seniors Kristin Behrle and Julia Williams sumo wrestling during Spring Fling. Photo taken by Kristin Behrle.

LEFT: Joachim Nyssen climbing the rock wall during Spring Fling 2010. Photo taken by Kristin Behrle.

BOTTOM: Chelsea Watkins, Dr. Herb Smith, Annie O'Grady, Jess Hague, Luke Terrell, and Paige Stewart returning from night fishing and holding the fish caught during a 2010 Janterm trip to Belize. Photo taken by Annie O'Grady.





LEFT: Alpha Sig tailgating at a Football Game. Photo by Jordan Doss.

BOTTOM LEFT: Senior Annie O'Grady holding a fish on the pier during the 2010 Janterm Belize trip. It took 15 minutes to catch him; he was really fighting. Photo taken by Annie O'Grady.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Senior Katie Jo Ferguson celebrating victory at Up Til Dawn. Photo taken by Jordan Doss.



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IN REVIEW**

A peek inside the president's house

MEGAN ROBINSON
News Editor
Online Editor

In early July, 2 College Hill welcomed two new residents: Dr. Robert Casey and his wife, Robyn Allens. Dr.

Casey, the ninth president of the college and the former Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at Rollins College in Florida, is the eighth president to live in the three-story home.

The house, completed in 1889, is located across from the theater on McDaniel's campus. It has housed every college president since the second president, Thomas Lewis.

Former President Dr. Joan Develin Coley lived in the house for six years before moving to an off-campus home with her husband, Lee Rice, in 2006.

For all current McDaniel students, this will be the first time that a college president has lived on campus.

"The president's house is an important component [to campus]," said Casey, who also noted that a president's house was built while he worked at Rollins, and he saw firsthand the positive effect it had on the campus.

Senior Lauren Fischetti also seems to share Casey's feelings: "It really shows that he wants to be a part of the community. We have a deep and rich history that should be celebrated and

he's jumping all in."

Casey said he first saw the house October 2009, when he visited the campus for his first interview. He was impressed by the central location of both the president's house and the office.

Casey's former home was in a more private location, he joked, so he and his wife have had to adjust to shutting their blinds at night. However, he also noted that he loved the commute. He went home for lunch for the first time ever on his first day as McDaniel's president.

Casey spoke with Dr. Coley about her experiences in the house. They shared one experience in common already; they both got locked out on their first day in the house.

As in previous years, the first floor is used mostly for entertaining guests, the second is living quarters for the president and his family, and the third is a small apartment with an office for Dr. Casey. Casey has plans to open up the house to students and already envisions turning the third floor into a movie room for students' use, with comfy chairs and a big screen.

Susan Leahy, a local interior designer who previously worked with Dr. Coley on the house, helped Casey and his wife decorate their new home. Dr. Casey said he wanted to maintain much of the original Victorian style.

The biggest challenge was integrat-

ing his belongings – especially a large collection of folk art – with the furnishings of the home.

Vice president of Administration and Finances, Ethan Seidel said that the operating budget for the 2009-10 school year had already been approved when Coley announced her retirement, which meant it was too late to set aside funds for president's house renovations. Recent updates were so minimal that the costs fit into the campus improvements portion of the normal operating budget, explained Seidel.

However, not all of the additions to the home were financed by the college.

Casey said that his wife and he paid for items they didn't feel were appropriate for the college to cover such as his refrigerator, explaining that Robin and he are particular about fridges.

The couple also hopes to make the house environmentally greener by following the campus environmental plan created by McDaniel's Greenterra environmental club. Changes linked to this greening effort include removing the garbage disposal and replacing light bulbs with energy efficient ones.

Casey's environmentally friendly plan extends to his presidential car – a Prius hybrid.

Casey and Allens look forward to students' return to campus so that it feels like a "real" campus. They also hope to open doors to their new home soon.



Left: A view of the living room in the president's house.

Right: The president's kitchen.

PHOTOS BY MEGAN ROBINSON



THE MUSIC UPDATE FOR MCDANIEL

LAUREN MILLER
 Blog Editor

Maryland may not be the musical mother load as say Nashville, New York or LA, but if you know where to look and what you're looking at there's plenty of quality music to be consumed in and around McDaniel.

CONCERTS AND EVENTS TO CHECK OUT IN AND AROUND MARYLAND:

1. September 4, 2010: Pat Benetar at Pier Six Pavilion in Baltimore, MD
2. September 5, 2010: Allstar Weekend at the Maryland State Fair.
3. September 10, 2010: Lady Antebellum at the York Fair in York, Pennsylvania. For more info visit: <http://ladyantebellum.com/tourdates/2010-09-10/york-pa>
4. September 11, 2010: Selena Gomez and the Scene at the York Fair in York, Pennsylvania. For more info visit: <http://selenagomez.com/event/show/york-fair>
5. September 18, 2010: HFStival 2010 at Meriwether Post Pavilion. This year's lineup includes Third Eye Blind, Billy Idol, and Everclear among other bands. Visit: <http://www.merriweathermusic.com/schedule/> to buy tickets and for more info.
6. The Maryland Renaissance Fair: It begins August 28th and runs every weekend through October 24th. For more info visit: <http://www.rennfest.com/>



LOCAL-ISH BANDS TO CHECK OUT:

1. Victory By Revenge -- www.myspace.com/victorybyrevenge
2. Hot Spur -- www.myspace.com/hotspur
3. All Time Low -- www.myspace.com/alltimelow
4. The Dangerous Summer -- <http://www.myspace.com/dangeroussummer>
5. Oh The Story -- www.myspace.com/ohthestory

Left: Country music group Lady Antebellum. Famous for songs such as "I Run to You" and "Need You Now."

IMAGE FROM CMT.COM

To stay up to date on concert happenings during the school year make sure to check out <http://mcdanielfreepress.com/lauren/>.

How to Save a Buck

EMMA SIMON
 Features Editor

The saying, "Broke College Students" was formulated for one reason: It's true! With inconsistent daily class schedules, it can be very difficult to get a decent paying job with enough hours. Then there's the tuition bill, a rather intimidating number which far exceeds the life savings of most students. After that whopping tuition bill, students face expenses linked to all the room essentials: Bedding, an alarm clock, a television, various toiletries, and of course, clothes.

With all of these money-dissolvers combined, many students end up feeling eternally broke. However, there are some steps that can be taken in order to save money rather than waste it.

- Use your meal plan. All students without kitchens are required to have one and it is already paid for, so you may as well get your money's worth.
- Find a campus job (especially if you receive a Work Study Award).
- Buy used books online. Amazon and Half.com have some great deals.
- Skip out on the drinking. It will save money, calories, and a possible alcohol citation.
- Take advantage of on-campus events. Most of them are free, and the ones that do cost money will be far less expensive than most off-campus entertainment.
- Open a savings account. When you get paychecks, deposit them and forget them. It will definitely pay off later.
- Don't carry cash or cards around. It's tempting to spend money if it's readily available, so keep it in the bank instead of the pockets.

"I have a hollowed out book in my bookshelf and about once a week I put in 5 or ten dollars. By the end of the semester, I am packing my books and I say 'Oh wow, money!'"

JOHN MADDREY '11

"I try not to buy a lot of coffee from the Budapest Cafe, I have a coffee maker in my room, but remember it has to have automatic shut-off!"

SAMANTHA LAMBERT '12

Words from the wiser and older

SAM SEGAL

Photographer and contributor

As I start my senior year, I look back at my last three years at McDaniel and wish someone had given me some pearls of wisdom before I tried to tackle the world. Now, our seniors tell us what they wish they new before they started their lives at McDaniel.

"I wish I knew how to properly balance a social life, a very full-time job, and school in order to ensure having a social life, getting good grades, and still finding a way to make rent."

CHRIS BOLESTA

"Start out the year as free from past ties as you can so you can make new friends with an open and honest mind."

DANNI LONG

"I wish I knew how terrible Glar was before I came here."

KATHERINE FRECHETTE

"Take advantage of everyone being so open to meeting new people"

MARY CROCAMO

"Keeping my room door open all the time was the best decision I ever made."

SYDNEY THRO

"Safeway is Open 24 Hours" and "People older than me are cool."

MIKE MANDEL

"The word 'club' is not a bad word, wish I would have joined one or more" and "If you have the opportunity to live on campus, do it."

JUSTIN MEINECKE

If you feel down...



Change is never easy. You fight to hold on. You fight to let go.
- The Wonder Years

It's a new school year with new classes, new faces, and even a new bedroom. Change can be scary, but it's also exciting and full of possibility. So breath and take it all in.

-Kim Williams
Editor-In-Chief



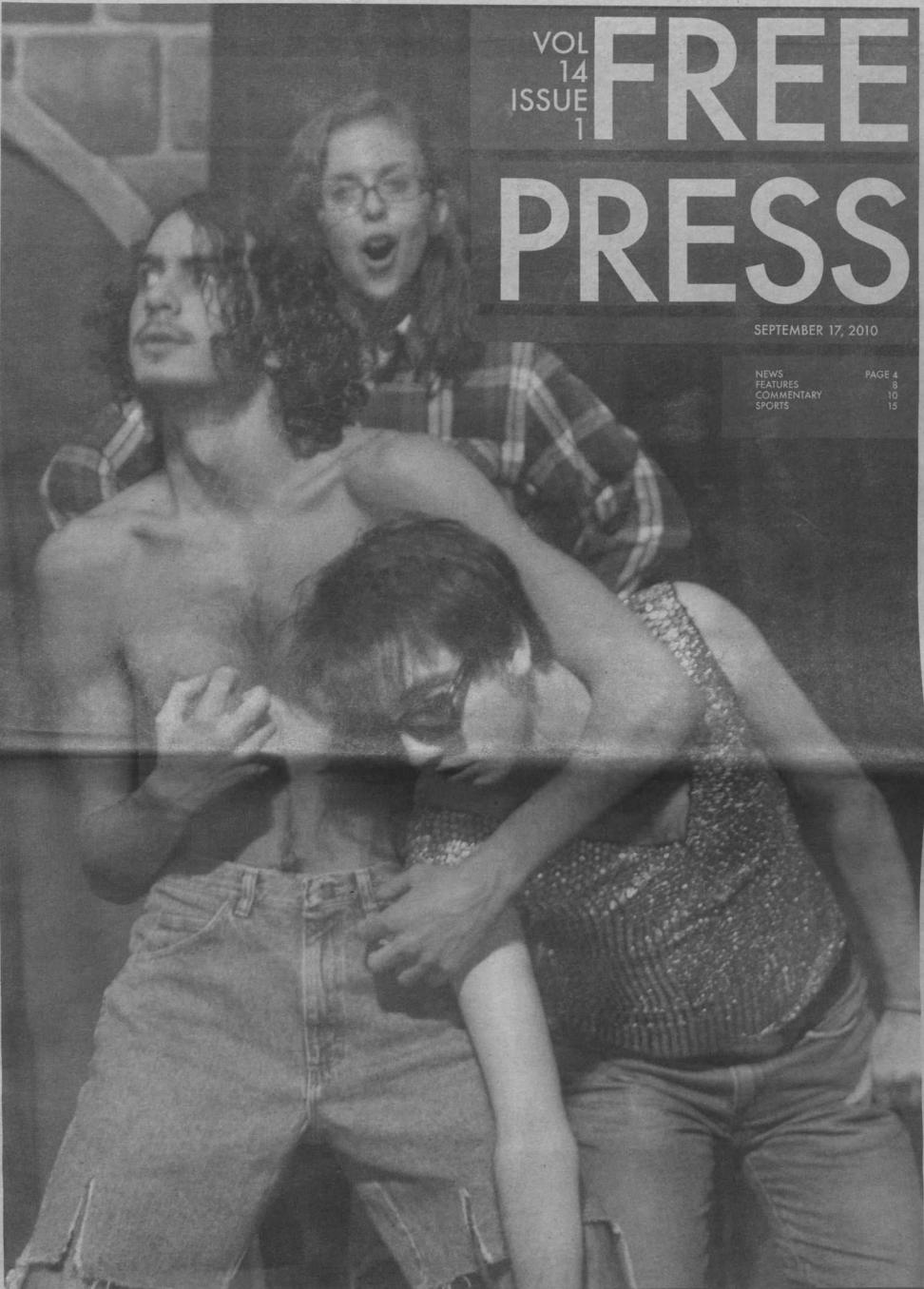
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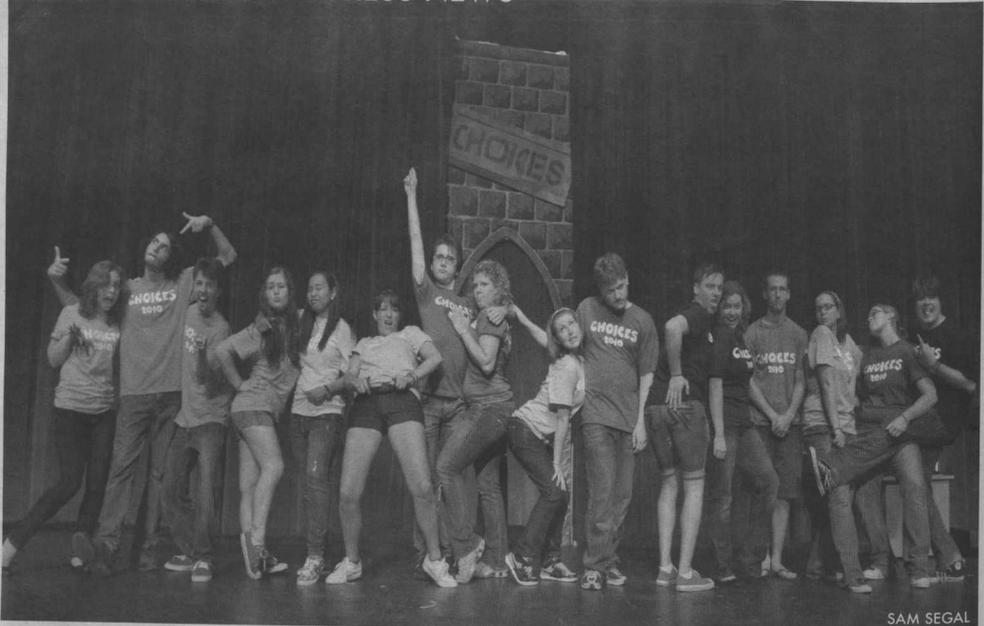
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TOP: The cast of "Choices" poses on stage. The script was rewritten this year by senior Jake Friedman.

BOTTOM LEFT: The move-in crew unloads a yellow van outside of Whiteford.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Freshman Olivia Gardner unpacks her stuff in her room in Whiteford.

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TOP LEFT: Senior Bryan Yarrington and Junior Nathan Wuertenberg pose as they take a break from carrying the belongings of freshmen.

BOTTOM LEFT: Sophomores Collin Bender and Cat Black wait for another car to unload outside of Rouzer Hall.

BOTTOM RIGHT: A group of freshmen volunteer at Shepherd's Staff during the Community Service Plunge organized by the Center for Community Service and Outreach.



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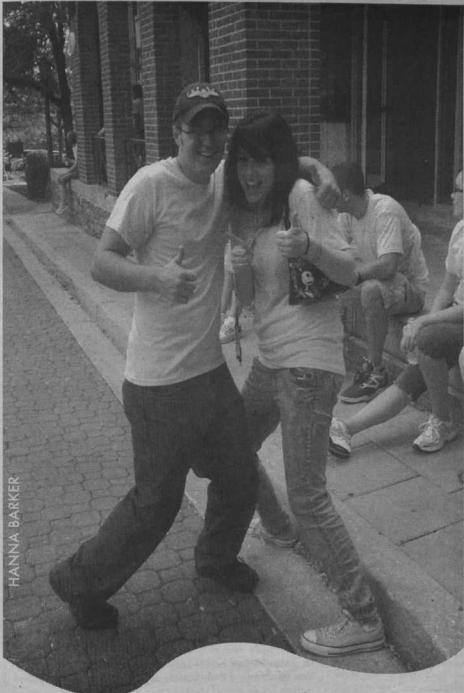
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Johanna Caruthers '12, Ben Azat '13, and Mike Pfeiffer '11 spoof Twilight during "Choices," which is put on for freshmen during orientation each year.

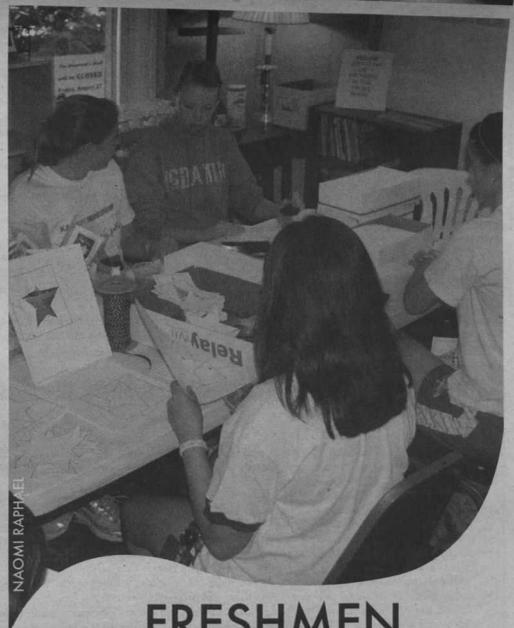
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FRESHMEN ORIENTATION

Goodbye, College Activities Office- Hello, Office of Student Engagement!

MEGAN ROBSON
News Editor/ Web Manager

At the beginning of this year, an announcement was sent out to students about the reorganization of the College Activities Office, newly renamed the Student Engagement Office.

The responsibilities and activities of the former College Activities were divided up among different offices. The set-up process and planning when students reserve a room is now handled by Conference Services, and student programming is being handled by the Student Engagement Office.

The locations of the offices are being revamped as well. The rooms that housed the CAO are now being used for both the Student Engagement Office and the Office of Multicultural Affairs, formerly located in a back hallway under Rouzer (next to the Free Press room).

The old Multicultural Affairs office is now home to the newly created student resource library. This will have resources such as lists of local businesses that might be useful to clubs, mailboxes, scheduling forms, a banner printing machine, a conference room for club leaders to meet in, and the new SGA office. The old SGA room will be the office for student community service.

Ethan Seidel, Vice President of Administration and Finance, expressed his excitement about the relocating of these offices. He said it made sense to put the offices that were important resources to students in a central location that was visible.

The final component of the reorganization of these offices is the relocation of its workers. The two former directors of the CAO, Mitch Alexander and Erica Immler, are still

with McDaniel College. Alexander is now Director of Event Service in the Conference Services Office and Immler is the Outreach Manager in the Alumni Office Call Center.

Seidel said it made sense to move Alexander to Conference Services because he had experience with the set-up process from his time as Director of CAO, and that he felt the move best utilized his strengths for the college.

Alexander's position switch came as a surprise to him. Alexander said he did not know the reorganization was coming until he was approached about moving his position in June.

Immler was told in June that her job would be eliminated in two weeks. Her current position in the Alumni Office wasn't offered to her until she reapplied and was interviewed again for it.

Immler said she is glad to still work for the college and especially happy she continues to work with students, which she said was her favorite part of her job.

With Alexander and Immler moved to new offices, Christine Workman, who has experience in Student Activities, Greek Life, and Substance Abuse Prevention and Education, was hired to be the Director of the Student Engagement Office. The search for the assistant director to work with her is still in the process.

Beth Gerl, Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students, said she was very pleased with Workman's experience, especially in Greek Life, and looks forward to seeing her contribute to the campus.

Some students feel inconvenienced and frustrated by the changes. "It was easy to go in and talk to Mitch," said senior Paul Donoghue, the Community Service Committee Head of Alpha Sigma Phi. "Now I really don't know what to do."

Seidel said that the Student Engagement Office is operating as of now, but moving at a slow pace as everyone adjusts to the changes and Workman becomes more familiar with her job.

"None of the students that were hired will lose a job," said Seidel. In fact, several jobs will be added, such as supervisors of the student resource library.

However, some student workers' supervisors and duties have been altered. For example, building managers, who were previously employed by CAO, now work for Conference Services. Additionally, the information desk has changed to the welcome desk.

Gerl and Seidel said they have wanted to make changes to these offices for years but were unable to with budget constraints. However, Seidel said last spring he sat down with Gerl and they came up with a plan that would utilize the resources they had in order to reorganize without costing the college extra money.

Seidel and Gerl's plan was proposed and approved last spring. The actual changes began this June, when Alexander moved offices and Immler was let go.

Seidel said that now to schedule an event, one only needs to get the event approved by Student Engagement and then go to Conference Services to plan their event. He explained that it made sense to centralize all of the set-up and planning in one office.

Gerl said taking the set-up responsibilities off of the Student Engagement Office will allow Workman more time to focus on advising Greek life, one of her responsibilities. Gerl said one of the goals of the restructuring was to concentrate more on student programming in order to "provide [c] students with a better out of classroom experience."

Working with Workman: The Director of the Office of Student Engagement

PAIGE PRICE
Staff Reporter



NEWS NEWS

The 2010 Fall semester brings new students to the Hill along with new administrators. Christine Workman, the Director of the Office of Student Engagement, began her McDaniel career on Aug. 31. She is involved in activities ranging from Greek Life to the development of various student organizations in order to mix academic affairs with student character.

Workman attended Clemson University, where she received her B.A. in Speech and Communication Studies. She continued her higher education at Iowa State University, where she received her M.Ed. in Higher Education and Student Affairs.

She has worked in Student Affairs at numerous universities, including the University of South Caro-

lina and Kutztown University. With the majority of her experiences having occurred on large campuses, Workman wanted to find a smaller school in hopes of more one-on-one interaction with students.

"Building relationships with students is what is important in any college setting," said Workman, who was very enthusiastic about the smaller and more personal setting at McDaniel.

Workman has had many experiences that have led her to her current position. Being a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity as well as an orientation leader in college have given her the type of knowledge that can only be gained through experience. She has also had experience working with Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Education.

Workman was pleased to have an excellent transition into McDaniel's friendly environment. She is excited to continue to see one of her favorite perks of the job: "Seeing students grow from when they are Freshmen to when they are Seniors waiting to graduate."

The only negative aspect of her job is working late nights, but she does admit that "the nights pay off when you get to work with students and see their development."

With Workman already immersing herself into McDaniel, students are looking forward to working with her to develop a great standard of Student Engagement.

Although she admits to being a die-hard Clemson Tigers fan, hopefully the Hill will win her over and turn her into a Green Terrorizer!



Ina Domsor teaches his stagecraft class.

SIMONE DAVIS



REGISTRY NOLAN

Freshmen Emily Sanders, Mary Show, and Natalie Sharp take advantage of the nice weather and study outside on the Quad on Labor Day.

Landlines removed from student rooms

SIMONE DAVIS
Staff Reporter

McDaniel has stopped providing campus phones to all dorm rooms. The phones, removed every year in late spring before campus opens up to summer programs, simply weren't returned to their respective rooms for the 2010-2011 school year.

This change has been occurring at other universities across the country as well, including the University of Kentucky, University of Florida, and William & Mary College.

"Students weren't using them," said Dr. Esther Iglich, McDaniel College's Chief Information Officer. A survey conducted among McDaniel students in December 2009 revealed that 89 percent of students never or rarely used the campus landlines.

"The phones never worked, anyway," said freshman Alexis Davis. "Students would trash them, or throw them from the windows," Iglich said. "Removing them only made sense since everyone uses their cell phones."

Though the unused phones have been removed from the dorms, phones are still open to student use if requested. "The option is left open out of concern mainly for foreign exchange students [whose] cell phones don't work here," Dr. Iglich informs. "The phones are a just in case."

Out of 600 phones, 4 people this semester have requested a phone be returned to their room.

McDaniel becomes home to many first-generation college students

AMBER SLATER
Staff Reporter

Amid the chaos of saying goodbye to family, trying to fit all their belongings into a cramped space, and meeting the stranger they were to live with for the next year, two in every five freshmen faced an additional challenge on move-in day. They were about to embark on a four year journey to which their parents could not relate.

According to statistics released by college admissions, first generation college students who are the first in their family to attend college, comprise 41 percent of the class of 2014. This statistic translates to the reasonable estimation that a first generation student lives behind almost every door of freshmen residence halls.

For those whose parents cannot

offer firsthand advice, Sarah Stokely, Associate Dean of Student Academic Life, advises, "Seek out mentors, whether they are peers, faculty, or staff. Build your own support network."

Like many of their peers who come

Dean of Academic Affairs, believes that McDaniel is the perfect place to gain support as freshmen because we are a "relationship oriented community."

"When [first generation] students visit, they talk with other students and real-

ization student, fell in love with the McDaniel campus when her dad brought her to the Ravens training camp. After living here for a few weeks, McDaniel "already feels like home."

The spike in first generation students may be interesting to some due to the recession.

"Education is recession-proof," Johnson-Ross explained. "Parents are interested in their children pursuing a career, not just having a job. No recession can take away education."

First generation students set the standard and example for friends and family, Johnson-Ross added. While they find mentors in others, they must keep in mind that they are mentors to others.

First generation college students make up 41% of the class of 2014.

from families who have gone to college for many generations, first generation college students are probably struggling with many emotions linked to academic and social differences between high school and college life, Stokely explained.

Deborah Johnson-Ross, Associate

ize that they will get the support they need," she explained.

Freshman and first generation college student Anna Pleskunas agreed with Johnson-Ross's sentiment, claiming, "It was very easy to get acclimated here."

Freshman Kristen Hall, another first

McDaniel senior teaches in Ghana, learns a thing or two as well

BEM GRANT
Staff Reporter

Last year, senior Amy Kachel read a campus announcement email about an opportunity to travel to Ghana. Kachel responded, and was selected to travel to a Essiam, small village in Ghana, to teach English to seventh, eighth, and ninth graders for a month during the summer.

The students Kachel would teach were chosen from among the village children to receive a much coveted extra month of education.

There were two reading periods each day. The students were so interested in learning that Kachel found they had not only read the available books, but memorized them as well.

Since the students already knew the books, Kachel instead encouraged them to ask her anything. One child, Yao, wanted to know everything there was to know about everything, particularly about the Titanic.

The children also loved to receive letters from pen pals. Said Kachel, "Once a week, the headmas-

ter went to get the mail from the post office. Then he announced who had received a letter and handed it to that child. It was a huge, huge deal when a child received a letter. One letter was like the highlight of that child's month. Here, with email, cell phones and such we have so many different ways to communicate, and yet something as simple as a letter made these children so happy."

The schools that Kachel taught in were very basic. They were set up in abandoned warehouses. Blackboards were made out of pieces of wood painted black; there was no running water inside the buildings, and certainly no computers.

In fact, there was one internet café in the entire village, and the connection was so slow that it took Kachel an hour and a half to get her email loaded.

But Kachel treasures her time spent in Ghana, which fit well into her philosophy of life. Shared Kachel, "My goal in life is to see the world and give back as much as possible- in Hebrew it's called 'takan olam,' to heal the fractured world; and I cannot wait to go back there one day."



HANNA BARKER

Sophomore Rachel Hoffman tries to fit into one of the lockers by the Post Office as fellow sophomore Logan Oremba stands by, laughing. McDaniel students often find creative ways of entertaining themselves late at night.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THE CAMPUS SAFETY BLOTTER

Early weekends of semester are already eventful

SAMANTHA LAMBERT
Staff Reporter

The beginning of a new academic year is always an exciting and joyful event. Friends embrace each other after a long summer, students move into their dorms and then when night falls, the party begins. Students at McDaniel have been noted for being creative, original and if nothing else entertaining when it comes to events/happenings of the night.

The weekend before school started, Aug. 28 and 29, was exceptionally entertaining. As always North Village was open for business. Walking around the quad, it wasn't unusual to see dozens of people in groups laughing loudly, smoking cigarettes, and hugging and joking with each other, celebrating the fact that everyone was finally reunited.

However, some people like to take the party scene a little too far. It was reported a young man was escorted out of a North Village apartment by Campus Safety when a pretty loud party was shut down. Let's just say this young man didn't want to cooperate nor leave the premises even though three officers were there telling him otherwise. Note to students: drunk and disorderly conduct is not all that funny, it's kinda sad really.

Then it seems when students figured out North Village was being "closed down for the night," students migrated towards Garden Apartments. Where more citations of alcohol consumption of minors was reported.

Also, Blanche and ANW were written up over the first two weeks. And somebody still hasn't gotten the memo that it's not only stupid to smoke marijuana at school but incredibly obvious when smoking it at, lets say, the Golf Course.

So, it's been fun McDaniel and a very entertaining first couple of weekends back. Be safe and stay classy as always.

(Editor's Note: This column is dedicated to some of the most insane calls to which Campus Safety officers respond - or should respond. Incidents actually occurred, but the names of the culprits are not included to protect the not-so-innocent).

QUICK VIEW Blotter by the numbers

NORTH VILLAGE
Alcohol-2 Possession-1
Failure to obey/drunk and disorderly-1

BLANCHE WARD
Health-1 Alcohol-1

ANW
Alcohol-1

GARDEN APTS
Alcohol-1

PA AVE
Alcohol-1

Possession/paraphernalia-2

GOLF COURSE
Possession/paraphernalia-1

Hoover Library launches new website

MEGAN ROBINSON
News Editor/ Web Manager

On Aug. 22, Hoover Library launched its newly redesigned website. This redesign added several new features and improved others to make it more user friendly and better assist students in their research.

The new website also moved some previous features in easier to find locations. The front page has an integrated search box that searches the libraries entire catalogue and most of the databases at once. This search box makes finding resources, the most used function of the library's website, easier than ever.

The website also has information about the library building itself, such as the library hours for the year. This enables students to see not only Hoover's usual schedule, but also its altered hours on holidays and breaks.

Another new feature is the enhanced subject guides. These guides are pages organized by subject that contains many links to databases and reputable online resources pertaining to that specific subject. These subject guides were compiled by the librarians at Hoover with a special interest in or knowledge of each field, and the right side of each subject guide lists the librarian that created it along with information in case a student wanted to contact them for further help in their research.

The new website is easy to surf; categorized tabs at the top of the main screen can be scrolled over to reveal specific pages. This navigation bar remains displayed at the top of every screen on the website, so all the pages can be accessed from any place on the site.

Rhonda Strickler, reference and instructional technology librarian at Hoover Library, has been working on the new site for over a year. She said the process began not with a computer but rather with surveys. Faculty, staff, and students were surveyed about problems they had with the previous site and additions they wanted to see to the new one.

She then had them compare sample websites and mention what aspects of the samples they did and didn't like. She also had student focus groups do a card sorting activity, arranging cards in a way that made sense in order to show her ways to organize the website that logically made sense to users.

Strickler said that she created nine different websites and had the librarians at Hoover decide on which one was best. After adding more aspects that the librarians liked from the other sites, Strickler was finished with the redesign and it was launched in late August.

Despite the amount of work done, Strickler says she still isn't done. Strickler says she plans to send out email surveys asking the McDaniel community their opinions on the redesign, so it can be further adapted to users' needs.

Many students still haven't noticed the changed website; however, those that have had optimistic reactions to it. "I think it's a positive change and it's easier to navigate," said junior and library circulation desk worker Liz Mirizio. Still more students need to give input, especially on the forthcoming email survey to make the website best catered to user needs.

The new website can be accessed at its previous location at <http://hoover.mcdaniel.edu/>. For more information on the new website or to comment on it contact Rhonda Strickler at rstricklet@mcdaniel.edu

Silent floor added to library

MEGAN ROBINSON
News Editor/ Web Manager

Hoover Library has made many changes this past year: the new study spaces, the website redesign, and the latest addition, the silent floor. The newly designated silent floor began this semester for the first time.

Jessame Ferguson, Hoover library director, said she received several requests for a designated area for concentrated study. These requests gave her the idea to create a space that was to be completely silent for students who want to study free of noise distraction. This floor is aimed towards individual workers, not groups whose collaboration can be disruptive to surrounding students.

However, Ferguson said that the student rooms on the floor are still meant for collaborative group work and those working in them do not need to be silent. Ferguson does ask that students be aware that the study rooms are not sound proof, and to please be mindful of the noise level while in them.

The silent floor is designated by signs on every entrance to the level announcing its noise restrictions. Ferguson stressed that while the floor's policy will be mostly self-enforced, it is to be taken seriously. Any students that do not comply with the policy after a warning by a library staff member will be removed by campus safety.

Ferguson said level L was the most advantageous choice for the silent floor because it has the least possible distractions. It is the only floor isolated from exits, which could create more distractions as students flow in and out. Also, the floor is more isolated from the other floors; it does not open to another floor like the third or second levels. Additionally, Ferguson wanted to choose a floor that was less trafficked, both to free concentrated workers from the distraction of roaming students and to avoid inconveniencing students who want to work more loudly on a particular floor.

Ferguson looks forward to the implementation of this new floor policy, and observing how it will address students' needs. However, she says she still wants to adapt the floor further to make it even more beneficial to silent concentrated study.

In the future she hopes to add glass sound proof doors between the study rooms and the rest of the floor, to better keep out the noise of the group rooms. Additionally, she hopes to add more large desks for students who want to spread out their work while studying.

60 Seconds: Freshmen Edition

WHAT WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU BROUGHT
AND WHAT WAS THE HARDEST TO LEAVE BEHIND?

HANNA BARKER
Co-Commentary Editor/ Art Director



"Pictures from home are the most important thing I brought, and the air conditioner was the hardest to leave behind."
NORA TONEY



"My baseball glove is definitely the most important thing I brought with me. It was hard to leave my family behind."
JAMES MACGUIRE



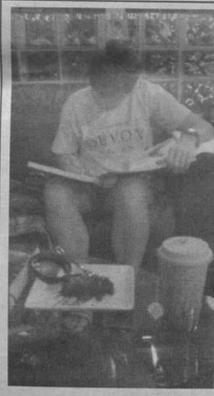
"It was really hard to leave behind my friends, so the most important thing I brought is definitely my phone."
MARIA BREW



"It was hardest to leave behind my dog and car. They're tied. The most important thing was my fan."
KYLE HUNTER



"The most important thing would be my computer, and the hardest would be my xbox."
MATTHEW SCOTT



Phoebe McHale '14 studies her Biology notes at Westminster Station. Studying off-campus gives students an opportunity to explore Westminster.
AMBER SLATER



Professor Robert Kachur discusses the finer points of Romantic literature with sophomore Hanna Martin after class. Kachur teaches a class dedicated specifically to the Romantics.
STUART FISCHER

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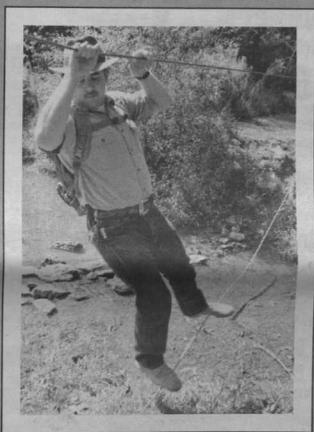
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1. Ken Coffey '12 cooks up burgers and dogs at "Quazy in the Quad." As fast as he can cook 'em, students are grabbing 'em!
2. Colin Miller, Sean McCarthy, Jason O'Neil, and John Lower take a dive down a slip-and slide set up outside North Village "Mansion."
3. Steve Carney '11 takes part in the ropes course at Hashawha.
4. Rebecca Tijou '11, Steve Carney '11, Oliver Avaritt '14, Matt Gill '11, and Sarah Caporaletti spend a Saturday hiking at Hashawha.
5. Micah Brown '11 points out the *Persicaria perfoliata*, or the "mile a minute" weed, an invasive species he studied during an internship.
6. Steve Carney and Mary Crocamo pose with a 1951 Buick they found along a trail.

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New French professor joins Department of Foreign Languages

EMMA SIMON
Features Editor



Along with a new class of students, some other new faces have arrived on campus, including Dr. Sonia Kpota-Richardson, the newest addition to the Department of Foreign Languages.

Born and raised in Abidjan, the largest city of the Ivory Coast, and living for years in Burkina Faso, a country in West Africa, Richardson has spoken and embraced the French language throughout her entire life. She grew up in a busy home with her parents, two sisters, and a brother.

After grade school in Burkina Faso, she continued her education and received her B.A. in Communications at the University of Ouagadougou. She earned her Masters in Journalism as well, after which she moved to the U.S. to earn another Masters in French Literature at the University of Delaware. Finally, she completed her education with a Ph. D. in Francophone Studies from the University of Iowa. Her admirable background makes her a great addition to McDaniel.

"Not only is our new French professor friendly, but she teaches French to us, the students, in a way that challenges us to think critically about the influence of the French language in African countries," said senior Jami Lepew.

Richardson first taught French at the University of Delaware, where she has many memories.

"I had a class of students who surprised me with a play in class one day incorporating many of the things that they learned from class," said Richardson. "I don't know when they organized it all, but it was very touching."

She also loves when a struggling student has an "A-ha!" moment, as she truly cares about her students and loves to see all of them succeed.

Besides her career, Richardson has many hobbies, including tennis, cooking, and traveling. She has traveled to multiple countries in Africa as well as France and Canada, and "loves discovering new places and learning about different cultures."

Besides the French and English languages, Richardson is also fluent in Fon, an African language, and has taken some classes in Spanish, German, and Latin.

A versatile and enthusiastic addition to McDaniel, Richardson finally feels like she has found her place.

"I saw the website while looking for a prospective job, visited, and fell in love with this college. It is the perfect environment, exactly what I wanted, and the college's values mine."

Both staff and students are looking forward to the unique insight that Richardson has to share with McDaniel.

If you feel Down...

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.'"

-Mary Anne Radmacher

Sometimes the first few weeks of school can be overwhelming. But as a senior I am here to tell you that you can get through it. So if you're feeling stressed, talk to a friend, a mentor, a sibling, or your parents. And try again tomorrow.

-Kim Williams

...pick this up



KRYSTINA SHULTZ
Ana Salverda '13, Kelsey Gondek '14, Jesi West '14, and Matthew Beach '12 give out free hugs in Red Square.



HANNA BARKER
Sophomore Dani Allen works on homework while eating an apple she took from Glar. She's been really into apples lately.

McCribs

THE BEST AND WORST OF DORM LIFE

WARREN KRAFT
Staff Reporter



Panini Mike and Taquito Jim's Delicious ANW Double: Jimmy Gibbons and Mike Marks in Room 220F in ANW.

Although sophomores Mike Marks and Jimmy Gibbons' room is the size of a newborns nursery, the two have figured out a way to make the room as spacious and comfortable as possible. The walls are covered with posters and flags of sports teams and movies, and it smells of delicious snack foods.

Marks and Gibbons share a room 220F in ANW. The two have been roommates since the 2010 spring semester, and their friendship has only grown stronger. They share many common interests, and it is apparent in the decor of their room.

What separates Marks and Gibbons room from any other on campus is the passion these two young men have in treating each other and their neighbors to great snacks such as homemade paninis and microwavable taquitos.

These two fine young gentleman understand that the food services oncampus are not

always the most reliable, that is why they have no problem making food for their friends and neighbors in their dorm.

Their door is always open for the most part, and their room is very welcoming. It has nothing to do with the room itself because Marks and Gibbons are what make this room so incredible.

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How was your summer?

by Stuart Fischer

□ Freshman Kelly Lehr says: My summer rocked because I learned a lot about myself. There were a lot of hard times: I lived without power for 3 months, I developed horrible allergies, I was stressed about my first year in a new school, and I could hardly step outside without having an asthma attack, but I feel this summer was good because it helped me realize that even during the worst times of your life, there's always a light. Even through all the hard times this summer, my boyfriend was there to support me and help make my summer awesome.

□ Dr. Mary says: I had an awesome summer because I combined the best of both worlds: scholarship and family. I spend 5 weeks in Minnesota: on weekdays I went to the sub-basement of Wilson Library at the U of MN to look at 150+ year old newspapers (in the flesh—no microfiche!) and then spent the nights and weekends visiting my family.

□ Senior Abigail Vickers says: My summer was full of new experiences. I was able to complete my first research position and am one more summer closer to graduating. I also had unforgettable adventures with my friends and family from black light mini golf in Connecticut, to a canopy tour in Texas. From Maryland, to Texas, to Connecticut and back again, my summer was a full one.

□ Professor Regis says: Although my summer lasted, it seemed, only about 20 seconds, I had a good break. I traveled to Belgium where I gave a conference address; ate mussels, french fries, and waffles; and walked the cobblestone streets past churches and guild houses that have been there for centuries. I also worked on my history of the romance novel in America project.

How to go to 178 concerts in 4 Days



STUART FISCHER
Staff Reporter

Question: What do you get when you cross unbearable heat, fake drug searches, 80,000 people, and lots of music?

Answer: Bonnaroo, a four-day music festival on a farm in the small, rural town of Manchester, Tennessee. This past year 178 musical and comedic acts performed (in addition to the many activities available to festival-goers), including Jay-Z, Blues Traveler, Tenacious D, John Fogerty, Bassnectar, Conan O'Brien, and Stevie Wonder... and I, along with my friends Brandon Meekins and Paul Dwyer, was there.

When you get to the town of Manchester, you find yourself trickling toward a river of vehicles flowing into the general Bonnaroo area. For a few hours, which feel like days if you just drove 12 hours to get there in the first place, you slowly inch along lonely back roads, ever under the watchful eye of the locals, some of whom set up lawn chairs and watch the procession. Others sell water and pop-sicles at inflated prices.

When you finally get inside the festival grounds you are directed to search stations, where they check your vehicle for prohibited items such as weapons and drugs. What they really do is open your car, and if you have a cooler they will look in it to make sure you don't have glass bottles, and then they give you a wristband and wave you

on through. On a side note, if you happen to be toting three pounds of cooked bacon in plastic bags, it adds about a minute of them looking at you firmly to the procedure.

After that, you are directed to your campsite (unless you have an rv or vip tickets, in which case you go somewhere closer to the action of the festival). At the campsite there is chaos. They just tell you to park next to someone else, and you and everyone else set up your living quarters in a big jumbled mess. This is cool because you get to meet a lot of new people, but it's also quite literally the opposite of cool because the sea of cars, tents, and people that forms blocks any wind there might be. That, plus humidity, plus no shade, plus no rain, plus all the cars heating up in the sun, equals pretty extreme heat. "It's so hot I'm afraid to sweat. I don't want it to boil on me," Brandon remarked at one point. But, the heat is completely worth it.

In order to get to the performance stages, you must walk through a veritable shopping mall of food, clothes, music, souvenirs, and even puzzle boxes. The vendors, and their wares, are innumerable in both sheer numbers and variety. Once you reach the main area, you are greeted with more vendors, plus things like fountains and game areas. There are multiple stages and they are all almost always occupied. There is never a time when the festival is dead. There is always something interesting to do. At night the weather is perfect, and the headlines come out to massive audiences. The performances are universally amazing, and it is not uncommon to hear a performer tell you that they have never played to so many people. Being a part of a scene like that is pretty intense, as well as satisfying, and it's all the more so for the laid-back, connected vibe the overall festival has. It's basically like going to the biggest, best carnival you've ever been to, and everyone knows and likes each other. And everyone is in party mode for four straight days. At the end of the festival, Paul described it thus, "I feel like I just got back from the best, longest concert I've ever been to, but my body feels like I just got back from the best, longest concert anyone has ever been to."

It's dirty, it's hot, it's exhausting, it's some of the worst camping you've ever done, and it's almost certainly the best four consecutive days you've ever experienced.

My summer was awesome because it began with Bonnaroo. How was yours? And more importantly, how will it be next year? This coming summer will mark the tenth anniversary of the festival, and it's sure to be a doozie. You should go.

Economy affects summer employment



KRYSTINA SHULTZ
Staff Reporter

Once again I find myself saying, "Goodbye sleep," and "Hello textbooks!" College is just starting and I already find myself

drawn to spend money on posters, clothes, and decorations that just might make my college life more colorful. Then, because of the wounded economy, I have to stop and tell myself, "Hang on girl, you don't actually need that" (I'm not always very convincing).

Luckily, I was able to locate a job over the summer and joined the summer workforce of college kids. While some students on campus also maintained jobs, it seemed that there were more students who spent their summers relaxing. Many students probably spent their summers like Jaclyn Liebowitz, a sophomore transfer student, who spent her summer relaxing at home and at the beach. Others found themselves clinging to any jobs they could

find.

Sophomore Annie McShea, who spent her summer working, told me, "I just wanted extra money for school this year." Luis Ortiz, a freshman, spent his summer working at a camp, but said that the state of the economy had no effect on his decision to get a job.

The economy is, as my dad likes to say, "a big thunderfuck" that is sitting several miles down the road; but for now we can avoid the storm.

Or can we?

"If the economy had been better I probably would have gotten a waitressing job if there wasn't such high competition," said junior Linzie Bonds.

"Yeah, I couldn't get a job," said

Michael Byrne, a sophomore. "All the places at the supermarket were filled near where I live."

"The overall picture [of the economy] is one where the labor market is still kind of treading water. It's better than sinking, but it's certainly not surging ahead," according to reporter Motoko Rich's article titled, "Growth in Jobs Beats Estimates, Easing Concerns" (The New York Times).

Maybe my room doesn't need to be covered in color, especially if I'm going to learn to be careful with my money with the poor economy sitting in the middle of the road.

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...BUT CHECK THESE OUT NEXT SEMESTER!

Aren't we better than this?



HANNA BARKER
Co-Commentary Editor/
Art Director

word was said. When the first photos of gay pride appeared on the slideshow, the atmosphere of the theater rapidly shifted from complacent energy to nearly tangible tension.

Many people laughed. Some made inappropriate and derogatory remarks.

As the monologue of the southern gay preacher began, and the character said that homosexuals should be condemned, one student clapped.

Aren't we better than this?

It was apparent that some other students agreed with this statement, but even they looked at this lone clapper with disdain and/or embarrassment as they recognized the impropriety.

We were sitting in a presentation about diversity, about recognizing and accepting our differences, about being tolerant of other people. It struck me as inappropriate to be making such blatantly disrespectful comments and actions during such an event.

We have to be better than this.

It only got worse from there; especially after the Appalachian college student took the stage. She explained that Appalachians are the one group at which it is still widely acceptable to poke fun. She listed several "You know you're a redneck if..." jokes as examples, and many audience members laughed.

Here, I had to take a look at myself. I live in a county that was once largely economically based in tobacco farming, but I didn't grow up there. Ever since I'd moved to Calvert County, I'd never wanted to firmly associate myself with the redneck population. Until fairly recently, I'd looked down upon the tractor-loving, gun-toting, deer-hunting population of my new home. I'm not perfect, but I realized that *I was better than that.*

There was a Q&A session at the end of the performance.

Mahlia Joyce, director of ODMA, was surprised that the audience didn't have more questions. There were, however, many thoughts and opinions. It was difficult to hear people who were called upon to speak, because nearly every statement sparked a reaction from the audience.

I got annoyed as the level of disrespect rose again. I wondered, *why aren't we better than this?*

McDaniel students offered many ideas that had never been suggested to the crew before. Some of these include a student mother, a person with mental illness, and students

with learning differences.

The suggestion of a "super nerd" character, though, incited the most reaction. Now, this is a character to which I can relate, so I was personally a bit disappointed when the audience erupted into boos and contradictions.

Prepare for a bit of irony now.

The loudest section of the audience at this point was a large congregation of student athletes. One of them, in reply, suggested a "jock" character to be the counterpart of the nerd character, with the reasoning that jocks face many negative stereotypes. In my mind I'm going: "Hm...isn't it weird that you are reinforcing your negative stereotypes as you attack the nerds? Isn't it also weird that your section was by far the loudest and most inappropriate during the whole presentation?"

I was pleased that several other students raised their hands to reinforce the idea of a "super nerd" character. Nerds stick together, apparently.

What was even more impressive, though, was when a student athlete volunteered the suggestion of a closeted gay football player. As expected, a couple of people around this guy made some comments along the lines of, "Do you have experience in this area?"

I was so proud of this one young man who said something difficult, fully knowing that it would not be well received by peers. *Maybe we can be better.*

One positive that can be gained from some of the unfortunate incidents of that evening (according to Joyce) is that the reaction to the presentation "underscored the need to make our campus welcoming and inclusive for everybody." It highlighted the need to work for greater awareness of the differences present among individuals.

Next year, ODMA plans to work with Will and Company to start the performance earlier to allow students time to process the production and interact in small discussion groups after the show ends.

We can all try to be better. Take the time to learn about a person's differences before jumping to judgment or stereotype. Be careful when saying things like, "That's so gay," or "You know you're a redneck if..." because you never know who is around you that could find that offensive.

Help make McDaniel College a welcoming environment for people from all walks of life.

I was embarrassed to be sitting in Alumni Hall the night Will and Company performed "The New Faces of America."

"We look to present work that shatters stereotypes of color, of creed, of ability, of gender. We want to provoke discussion, evoke emotion, incite action, encourage change." These statements come from the mission statement of Will and Company, a not-for-profit theater ensemble that performed during freshmen orientation under the sponsorship of the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs (ODMA).

Characters portrayed included a female biracial college student, a Native American teenager, a young female veteran from the Iraq War, a migrant worker, a southern gay minister, and an Appalachian college student. The performance was amazing, but I do not think Will and Company succeeded in getting their message across.

Despite the fact that the performance sparked many emotions and discussion, when I listened to some of the responses, I was quite disappointed and I wondered, *aren't we better than this?*

Absence of reaction to certain things and presence of reaction to others showed how some terms are more acceptable than others.

People did not react to derogatory terms against the Irish, but there was a collective intake of breath when the

From Amish Town to the Hill



CULLEN MURRAY-KEMP
Staff Reporter

Disappointment, confusion, nervousness, slight anxiety, and serious back spasms were a few sweet emotions that I was greeted with when I moved into McDaniel this fall. Yet,

for some reason I knew for a fact that this was where I needed to be, and as the days began to pass my gut became more and more in the right.

See, I came from one of the easiest and most successful social times of my life this summer, living with an assortment of high school friends in Ocean City, MD. The stories that would not be suitable for this piece of writing are endless. Waves, girls, beer, waiting tables, free styling, continuous parties, and all ever familiar situations had me never wanting to leave the beach (two of my roommates decided to not return to school and do just that).

Before the beach, it was Millersville University. Now if you're not familiar to the Lancaster area, it's really not as bad as you may think. Aside from the traffic jams caused by the horse and buggies, Lancaster was a perfect home for me. Coach

loved me, and friends were a dime a dozen because I was an athlete (not to sound shallow or conceited). Everything seemed perfect, but not everything always works out as intended—something I have learned to the fullest of extents over the last couple of years.

This led to that and I happened to find myself with little academic direction, and in need of a new scholastic escape. I picked up writing, and the idea of journalism came, and at about the same time a friend guided me to the idea of studying journalism and playing basketball at McDaniel. In all honesty I looked at McDaniel with skepticism initially, thinking such a small school might not fit my bias. Yet, reluctantly I came to visit and I was truly awestruck with the people I met. The teachers and coaches genuinely cared. I know this is such a cliché idea that every college would

like to give, but the people at McDaniel were different. Our conversations consisted of personal happenings and experiences; swapping authentic stories of life's recent ups and downs was pleasant and unexpected from a Journalism Professor I had never met before in my life. I liked that.

I choose McDaniel. If not for any reason other than the impression I was left with after a day's conversations, for the fact that I learned so much about the school through its people. According to statistics provided by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, I am one of 95 transfer students that entered the doors with the class of 2014. In the end it's not the campus, for the buildings, the football fields, or basketball courts that make a college—it's the people that inhabit all these places. Learn from those around you, and allow your interactions to make you.

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PROPOSITION 8: A Hearts VS. Minds Approach

MEG BOLLWERK
Staff Reporter

As the whole controversy over Prop 8 continues, I have given some thought to the idea of gay love. I have come to the conclusion that being gay is nothing to be ashamed of. It's who you are and how God made you. You have just as much right to find love as a straight person does. It shouldn't matter who you are attracted to; if you are happy, then that is all that should matter. After all, who are we to judge who someone should love? If being gay is not your thing, fine, but that doesn't mean that you can force others not to be gay either. Does loving someone of the same sex make that person any less human than someone who is in love with a member of the opposite sex? The answer to that is no. You are still the same person you were before you came out. It's not as if you have grown an extra eye, arm, leg, or any other body part.

Gay people are no different from straight people and everyone needs to understand this. So what if a boy loves a boy or a girl loves a girl? That does not mean that they deserve to be treated differently from anyone else. Besides, gay people make the world more diverse and more interesting. If everyone was straight, the world would be more boring. Also, especially for the ladies, having a friend who is gay is a good thing. Think about it. The best part about having a gay best friend is that when he or she compliments you, you know that they are not saying that just to hit on you since they are not interested in you. Also, they would be good people to go to for relationship advice or a shoulder to cry on.

Some people think that being gay is immoral and that it can be cured. To this I say, since when has it been immoral to love someone even if they are of the same sex? As long as that love is pure and true, it should be viewed as good, not a sin. As to the ridiculous idea that gay people can be "cured" of their homosexuality, being gay is not like being a drugie or an alcoholic, people. You can't choose to be gay like you can choose to take a snort of coke or a drink of vodka. Being gay is a genetic thing, something that can't be changed. These people do not need rehab clinics or AA meetings. Instead, they need to be shown as much love and support as they deserve. Gay people have just as much right to be gay as a straight person has to be straight.

In conclusion, I find that gay people are normal people who just have a different view on love, which is fine by the way. Also, as a message to those who think or know that they are gay, but are ashamed to admit it for fear of being attacked or teased, come out anyway. You're just lying to yourself.



MASHA MAKHYAGINA
Staff Reporter

Gay marriage (noun), commonly referred to as same-sex marriage. Also referred to as sin, a sign of the world ending, an augury of our demise as a nation, and a plot of the mentally unstable group called the Homosexuals.

One of the first subjects people want to discuss with me, as one of Allies' co-presidents, is same-sex marriage. They want me to explain what the hype is about and where the argument is going. All this comes on the heels of the recent overturn of Proposition 8 in California by Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker. Undeniably, the panic of defining marriage has resumed since the initial voting of Prop 8. I can understand the anguish certain traditionalist groups are experiencing. After all, it was scary enough that we let people of different races marry, but now we have these out of control gays running around asking for legal rights.

Groups like The National Organization for Marriage (NOM) are screaming that this is a slippery slide and that Judge Walker's ruling was undemocratic. To say that the process of Judge Walker overturning Prop 8 was undemocratic is laughable. A same-sex couple filed a lawsuit concerning discriminatory action that made its way through the CA legal system, only to reach the judicial branch of the federal government, plain and simple.

And the slippery slope argument is such a logical fallacy that I feel that the very opponents of gay marriage could do better. To say that legalizing gay marriage would leave the rainbow-colored door wide open for relationships of the (gasp!) pedophilic or (bigger gasp!) incestual nature is a naive argument that uses a narrow moral code to blanket all relations as wrong or right and ignores the fact that the majority of the "participants" in such gasp-worthy relations are not CONSENTING ADULTS and are, indeed, of a heterosexual orientation.

And as for the direction of the controversy swirling around like the twister that dropped the house on the Wicked Witch, let us review: According to NPR, five states grant couples same-sex marriages (New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Iowa) and eleven countries do the same (The Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, Canada, South Africa, Norway, Sweden, Portugal, Iceland, and Argentina). What was most surprising about Argentina, which legalized gay-marriage nationally this year, was that the legalization came from a Latin American country with a heavy Catholic and conservative population. So we had a country that is far more religious, far more traditional in many ways, providing the opportunity for them darn gays to get married.

NOM member Brian Brown was quoted in saying, "This ruling, if allowed to stand, threatens not only Prop 8 in California, but the laws in 45 other states that define marriage as one man and one woman" as reported by CBS news. Marriage is a contract in this country, in this developed world, a contract that provides individuals with specific benefits and obligations.

We are NOT a theocracy and, in fact, have had (and are having) wars on the basis (supposedly) of the evils of the undemocratic nature and evils a theocratic state is supposed to produce. If we want to say that we deny same-sex couples the right to marry but still have a separation of Church and State, then we must separate the legal benefits of marriage from the religious version of being married. And once we do that, one would simply have to look at the provisions of state-level benefits for marriage in the relatively tiny state of Maryland to find over 1,000 benefits that are denied to non-heterosexual couples.

Yes, we are parting ways with tradition and old ways, but boy, if we hold hands and talk it out, we just might make it out of this in one piece. Honestly, we must ask ourselves how different our pursuit of "not standing idly by" and "spreading the wise word of our beliefs [on this issue]" is different from the religious and moral fanaticism we deem as "fundamentalist" and "terroristic" in populations we fear. The solution is simple—if you don't like same-sex marriage, don't get married to a partner who has an identical set of equipment.



SEX ON THE HILL



MASHA MAKHYLAGHA
Staff Reporter

Let's consider the setting: there's drinking, there's short skirts, there's low-cut shirts, there's people who wander around their residence halls without noticing that their borders are around their ankles. In shorter terms, we're in college.

Can we expect students to remain mo-

nogamous and loyal in their relationships in this environment?

Studies on monogamous commitment, defined by neither partner participating in "you can't be mad at me, I was drunk, her boobs were in my face..." have found that within even marriage, the chances of partners staying loyal are sad, to say the least. A 1999 study published in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* found that roughly half of married individuals participated in some kind of cheating. Of course, the stats on marital infidelity vary, but to think that even married people can't keep it in their pants puts our college attempts at fidelity in an interesting light.

Add on top of this trend the new abilities facebook and texting provide and we have to ask ourselves how we even begin to define cheating anymore. (Genitals+ definitely cheating, genitalia "accidentally" peaking out of clothes= questionable).

What makes perfect sense is that men and women can't seem to agree on why their partners cheat on them. In fact, it seems that men think that infidelity occurs because a person gets that burning feeling

from down below, whereas women think that infidelity is primarily caused by relationship dissatisfaction, according to a University of Wisconsin study.

What is surprising though are the numbers of people who have said that they have experienced the I-word while in college ("love," not "lesbianism"). According to a study reported by the CBS Interactive Business Network, "Ninety-four percent reported that they had been in love before, with over a third (36%) reporting 3 or more love relationships." So, somehow, with rather shocking numbers of people experiencing infidelity, girls and boys are still finding that mystical love thing.

Before I go on, let me say that if you can make it work with just one person for an extended period of time, that is wonderful if it satisfies you and completes you.

But there are those of us who don't find it to be enough. Here's where people like me begin to sound like gigantic commitment-phobes and preach an alternative approach to monogamy—we say just don't do it. As junior Jason Harder put it, "I commend people who take the time out to be

monogamous, because it's hard when you're in school, you have academics and athletics...these take time."

Monogamous relationships are undeniable work that is an undeniable subpopulation of students is not interested in doing. This doesn't mean that we're advocating casual sex, cheating, or other potentially hurtful arrangements, but suggesting a choice that most don't consider—honest, open communication of what we are and aren't looking for. Some of us are not made for, are not ready for, or simply don't want to be in monogamous relationships when we're presented with so many tempting...opportunities to college. And, according to recent research, even people like us can stumble upon love.

Editor's Note: This column, written by Masha Makhylagha is dedicated to exploring some of the 'taboo' topics about gender and sexuality. To contact her regarding Sex on the Hill, email freepress@mcDaniel.edu.

Is everybody drinking?



Brittany Robinson
Staff Reporter

involuntary actions like breathing and the gag reflex. If the gag reflex isn't working correctly it will cause someone to choke on their own vomit (which could cause death). Signs of alcohol poisoning are extreme confusion, vomiting, seizures, low body temperature, bluish or pale skin, irregular breathing, and hard to wake up.

Smoking marijuana does not have a positive affect on one's health either. Smoking marijuana impairs certain skills that you need to succeed in college. According to the National Institute of Drug Abuse, smoking marijuana impairs thinking, reading and comprehension, verbal skills and computation abilities. Their research also proved that students do not remember what they learned while they are "high". The main goal of going to college should be to learn something in an effort to gain a diploma.

The conditions caused by drinking and smoking does not sound in the least bit favorable. So, if this is what the media makes college look like, what do you do if smoking and drinking really is unattractive to you? I think the answer to that question is to make your own fun. My friends and I meet to do homework together sometimes during the week. On the weekend, we find an empty classroom somewhere on campus to play games, watch movies, listen to music and eat food. We don't have to drink or smoke to feel like we had a great time. Senior Rufael Seyum says, "For fun I usually like to go off campus. I like to go out to eat and go the movies." Getting involved on campus is another great way to keep away from drugs and drinking. It may seem like everyone is doing it but really everyone isn't.

Find your own fun in or around campus. If there's something you love to do chances are there's someone else who likes the same thing too. If you find something you love to do and want to share it with everyone e-mail me at bl001@mcDaniel.edu and maybe your story could be chosen to be in the next issue of the Free Press.



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Senior Chris Basso enjoys a free-know cone while reading at the Career Carnival. The Career Carnival was held Sept. 7 from 3-6 p.m. outside the Career Services house.

Hurricane Earl Kicks Up Waves of the Year in Ocean City

CULLEN MURRAY-KEMP
Staff Reporter

When a hurricane or tropical storm rides up the eastern coast, the mundane Ocean cityites prepare themselves for the worst: stock up on water and supplies, board up the house etc. Jason Chancler, Thomas Vierz, and the rest of the surf maniacs have a completely different mindset. They strap up their board shorts and wet suits; they grab their surfboards, lock the leash to their ankles, and race for the ocean. When they hit the beach, sand between their toes, nothing else matters.

"It's just you and the ocean, it's calming," Anthony Warfield, an O.C. local told me. Yet, personally I just can't see the calming factor in being dragged under water by thousands of pounds of salty ocean. Maybe it's just not my cup of tea.

Hurricane Earl was recorded as a category 3/4 Hurricane sustaining winds up to 140 mph as it ravished waters up the eastern seaboard. Ocean City itself was not too pleased with Earl's timing, since he (Hurricane Earl) conflicted with Labor Day weekend, causing many of the city's expected 250,000 guests to vacation elsewhere. Luckily for us non-surfers, Earl kept his distance as it paralleled 200 miles off the Ocean City coast 10 a.m. Friday. Still, the waves were monstrous- over ten feet. All beaches were closed to the public, yet having lived in the area all summer, I picked up on a few hints about surf spots that were unguarded and only cer-

tain locals knew about.

Upon reaching one of the "secret spots" I witnessed an exhibition of the area's best surfers controlling the waters. They were dropping into 12 foot waves with ease, or so it seemed until a colossal wall of water swallowed one surfer for what seemed like eternity. Finally, he washed up onto the beach with his surf board snapped cleanly in two pieces.

Every ounce of my heart told me I should be surfing this swell, yet everything between my ears was telling me to not even consider it. The summer, and my surf buddies had grown on me though, and their influence would not let me sit on the beach, take pictures, and be a journalist while Earl was kicking up the strongest waves of the year. I headed for the ocean, swirling white foam and powerful rip currents making me doubt my every step into the cool dark waters. I charged, and ducked the first wave. Within ten seconds of entering the ocean I was on the verge of drowning, had lost both of my flippers, and was struggling with every ounce of energy I had left to escape the sea's grasp. Finally, I made it out. I sat on the beach in astonishment, slightly concussed and with a chest full of ocean.

McDaniel students, if you do nothing else this fall, next time a hurricane kicks up some massive waves, be safe, but get to the beach. Watch these surfers rip swells. Watch Anthony, Jason, Thomas, and the rest of the surf crew do what they do as they take down the power of the hurricane. It's truly awesome.



PHOTOS BY PHIL ZUEBER
ABOVE: Jason Chancler (Ocean City Local Surfer) jets along the white water...nice.
Below: A DC surfer emerges from the waves, battered with a broken board from a massive swell.



The rise of the states' rights conservatives



JACOB SIEGEL
Staff Reporter

that the Tea-Party are the most radical people from the conservative spectrum and that they represent a change from past Republican party politics. I contend that this is not the case, and that the people in the Tea-Party are the same people that tend to vote Republican.

The Tea-Party movement started out as an independent movement that was against bailing out Wall-Street, but now it has evolved into an anti-Democrat, Right-Wing movement comprised of people who call themselves anti-government. We can see through the issues and people they support that they are really for a States' rights approach to government.

Conservatives believe that a States' rights approach to immigration works best. It's why criticism has come from conservatives when the Obama administration decided to sue Arizona because of the illegal im-

migration bill passed earlier this year. Conservatives think that it's a better approach if the states are allowed to take matters in their own hands.

Elsewhere in the USA, according to a post on rhymeswithwhite.com, 22 states are shying over Obamacare. These conservatives are rallying against federal government programs like Obamacare and have been taking a states' rights stance.

Ironically, while conservatives claim to be against federal government programs, these "limited government conservatives" accept government aid from the same programs they claim to reject. 19 of the same 22 states are accepting 1 million dollar federal grants from the government according to Thinkprogress. Similarly, Republicans have accepted stimulus money after they voted against it.

These States' rights conservatives have given people the impres-

sion that they really are for limited government. They have told people that they are against government intervention in the economy, and that they are against socialism. The truth of the matter is that the Republican party supports government intervention but at more of a state level rather than a national level. In reality they just have a different approach from the Democrats as to how to implement government programs. For instance, Democrats and Republicans worked together on a health care bill, and the bill that they came up with was largely based on a state health care policy (according to www.newsweek.com). Paul Ryan, a staunch anti-government conservative, came up with a policy that would have everyone insured through health care insurance plan. The GOP do like government contrary to what the mainstream media makes them out to be.

The most interesting thing about all of this is how the conservatives and Republicans have been able to tell everyone that they're for small government for so long when in reality they are for a States' rights approach (that states should be sovereign). I am a Democrat and I am for limited government, so I am always interested in how people can say they are for limited government and that they are against government in our lives when all that they really want is a different approach. These people would rather have the states do it than to let the federal government do it. The people who are supporting this movement are 10thers (they are very radical believers in the 10th amendment) and States' rights has always been a common view held by the Republican party.

What is the difference between the Tea-Party and the Republican party? One might think based on the media

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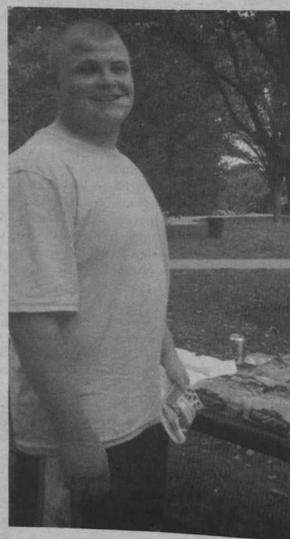
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Sean Searfass '13 poses for a picture at a barbecue, outside of Albert Norman Ward Hall. McDaniel College's chapter of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship put on this event for all to enjoy.

SOPHIE DIVEN

TERROR SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: MEET the GREEN

SARA ERLICHMAN
Staff Reporter

The McDaniel Women's Soccer team is looking young with eight freshmen, seven sophomores, four juniors, and two seniors, but don't fret. Coach Shumaker picked up two exceptional freshmen, Maria Brew a defense/midfielder, and Teresa Paz a forward. Both girls, being immense Cristiano Ronaldo fans, were well over 50% sure they wanted to come to McDaniel and play soccer after their recruit visits the year before.

Brew comments, "I can't believe I'm playing in college, crazy." Attending Morristown High School in Morristown, NJ, Brew was a three season athlete playing soccer, indoor, and outdoor track (running 100's and 200's).

Sophomore year Brew earned her spot on the team when a starter was injured within the first two minutes. The coach called her over and Brew was nervous at first until her passionate intensity took her running through the rain and mist on the field. She kept her position the rest of the year. So far at McDaniel, Brew is loving soccer.

It took a bit to get used to the different style of play but Brew came forth from the challenge meshing and learning how the other girls play.

Coming from a competitive high school soccer program at Leonardtown High School, Teresa Paz brought her majestic soccer skills as a forward by earning an assist from the only goal in last Friday's game against St. Mary's.

Earning two varsity letters in soccer and winning the State Championships junior year, Paz also participated in indoor and outdoor

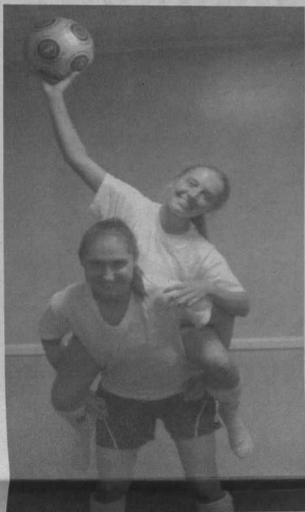
track, running sprints and mid distance (she is considering participating in Track at McDaniel). Her most vivid soccer memory was a game where she was carried off the field with damaged ligaments, went back in and earned the only goal and her first yellow card for slide tackling from behind the girl that injured her earlier in the game. She had to rest from sports for nine weeks after the game.

Now at McDaniel, Paz loves the coaches and the team, "The girls have great chemistry and know how to decorate each other's lockers," Paz remarks.

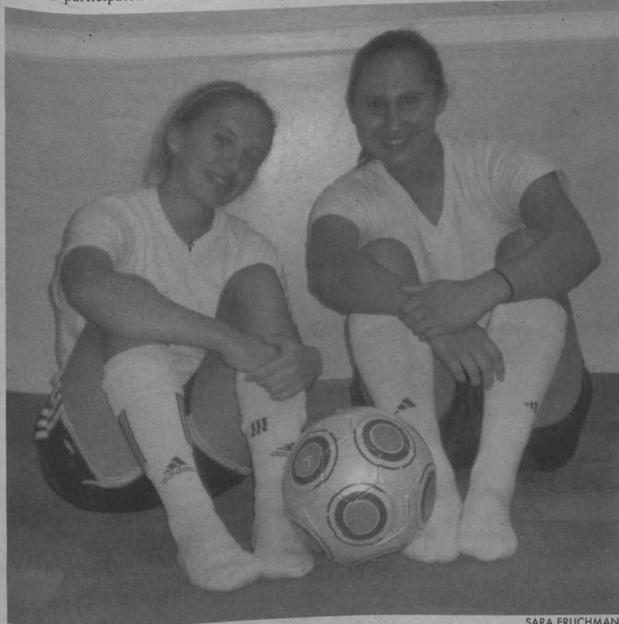
Friday, September 3 was a big day for Brew and Paz. They both started in their first official college soccer game, only being out for a minimum of five minutes of the 90 minute game. Neither girls expecting to play much were both nervous but ready to play. Brew did an ostentatious job in defense, while Paz had the assist in the tie game, 1-1, against St. Mary's.

McDaniel's Women Soccer team's season is looking bright with its two star freshmen. Brew and Paz are looking forward the rest of the season with the team.

Every time Paz leaves the locker rooms and walks onto the field with her teammates she remembers what her dad tells her, "Just keep running, that is the only thing you can do on a soccer field, just keep running." As for Brew, after dressing, warm-ups, and a stimulating pep talk from coach her only thought is, "Git R done."



SARA ERLICHMAN
Brew and Paz goof off for the camera.



SARA ERLICHMAN

Freshmen Teresa Paz (left) and Maria Brew (right) are new additions to the McDaniel Women's soccer team.

Teresa Paz

Hollywood, MD

□ Family- Paz has a younger sister named Sabrina and a 2 year old brother, Alejandro. Dad played soccer and Mom played tennis.

□ Birthday: December 14, 1992

□ Shout out to "Jo Ranbo, St. Mary's College- played high school soccer together as forwards; she's playing in college, too."

□ Favorite Quote-
"Just keep running" - Dad

Maria Brew

Morristown, NJ

□ Family: Three older brothers "made me tough." Parents didn't play soccer, but her dad played hockey, football, and baseball.

□ Birthday: August 6, 1992

□ "Shout out to family and friends- thanks for believing in me."

□ "When I'm in the game, I'm in the game."

TERROR SPORTS

Football season is looking bright

GREGORY NOLEN
Staff Reporter

It's fall on the Hill again and that means it's time for another season of Green Terror football.

This year's team suffered some losses in the last week when the Carroll County Times reported that five offensive players had quit the team just days before their season opener at Juniata.

"Four players chose to leave the team. Three of the four players were coming off of major surgeries and could no longer perform up to their standards. The fourth player decided that he no longer wanted to be a part of the team anymore. We respect that decision. The fifth player in question was dismissed from the team due to multiple rules violations," McDaniel Coach Aaron Bartollian said.

Bartollian said that they will use other players to fill in for them.

Aside from that, the 2010 squad is one of the most touted Terror teams in recent years. The team is coming off of a 5-5 season and looking for its first winning season since 2004, when it won its last Conference championship.

One reason for all the hype is the return of quarterback Tom Massucci. Last season, Massucci threw for 2,000 yards and 15 touchdowns, posting one of the top five passing seasons in school history. Senior Captain and wide receiver Matt Cahill says that the team has a definite advantage with Massucci returning this year.

"It (his return) greatly helps us on offense because his knowledge of the game prevents us from being put in bad situations. He's older and has seen a lot of defenses thrown at him, and he can check to a different play that we have a greater chance of being successful at executing."

Another reason for optimism is the cog of defensive starters returning from last year. Nine of the eleven starters on defense last year are slated to

return.

Coach Bartollian said that experience is one of the differences between this year's team and last year's.

"Experience and depth are the two major differences. We have a lot of guys who have been playing together for a couple years. That cohesion really helps on game day. The number of players that we have also keeps our guys fresh throughout the season."

If there's one thing that can trip up the team it is the back half of their schedule. McDaniel plays 4 of its last 7 games against teams who had a winning record last year, including highly touted conference newcomer Susquehanna.

"They are very good teams so we will have to play at our best," Bartollian said.

Cahill says the mood of the team is "very positive in the beginning of the season because we still have all our goals in our sights. We just need to stay focused and keep that positive attitude throughout the entire season."

Student uses baseball to connect with people while studying abroad in Budapest

JEFF DAVIS
Staff Reporter

Going to Budapest I certainly had positive expectations, yet I never could have predicted the way it all unfolded.

On my third day of classes in Budapest in the fall of '09, I joined a friend of mine in his EPE. It was there that I struck up a conversation with the teacher, Reka. Throughout the course of the conversation, the topic changed to my love of baseball. Ironically, Reka had the number of a friend who was involved with a baseball team in Hungary. Before I knew it I met with the head coach of one of the top baseball teams in Hungary. I was given a tryout and a week later I was on the field playing baseball.

The typical away game took place on Saturdays and involved a 3-hour car ride west across Hungary to a small town named Sopron. The trips to Sopron, which lies two miles from the Austrian border, allowed me to experience a number of other towns and cities in Hungary. Sopron was culturally shocking because I vividly remember stepping off the team van for the first time to see a group of old Hungarian men drinking beer together and laughing, all before 10 a.m. The way Hungarian (and European) culture is vastly different from what we experience in the United States. Despite these differences, the rules on a baseball field are the same. During a Sopron game, one of the more colorful characters on our team, Zsolot, proved that if you curse at an umpire in Hungarian you receive the same punishment as you would in America, an ejection from the game.

Our home games, which were played on Sundays, were held in a town outside of Budapest called Erd. Terry, the head coach of our team, built the field to allow more Hungarians the opportunity to play baseball. The field in Erd resembled the baseball field in the movie *Field of Dreams* in that tall wheat fields surround you on all sides. Terry also gave me the chance to help coach underprivileged Hungarian baseball players during this past summer.

Our season ended in mid-October and our team won the Hungarian Cup in a memorable, come-from-behind victory 11 - 10.

My experience with baseball, coupled with all of the great people I was meeting in Hungary, led me to make the unusual decision of staying abroad for an entire year. Returning for the extra semester gave me opportunity to explore more of what Europe has to offer. For example, I went to Dublin, Ireland for St. Patrick's Day for spring break. When I did not have baseball games, I used the opportunity to travel to Barcelona, Paris, Brussels, Istanbul, and Prague. In the end, my trip to Hungary turned into something better than I could have ever dreamed. My love of baseball opened many doors for me in Hungary and I urge anyone who studies abroad to use sports as a way to connect and relate with a wide variety of people.



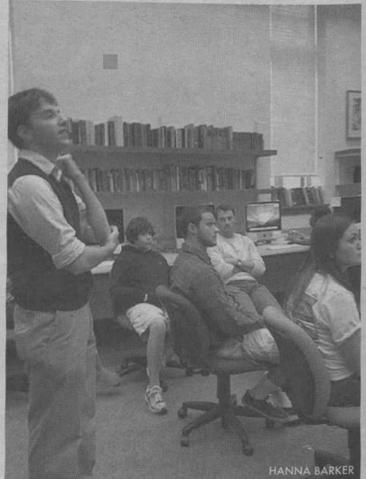
Team picture with the Erd Aeros after an amazing come-from-behind victory. Jeff Davis is in the top row, second from the left.

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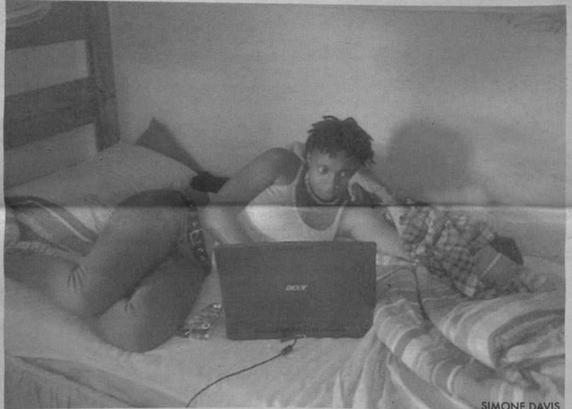
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TOP LEFT: Sophomores Charles Mullin, Torin Grosso, Logan Orembo, and Steven Lariviere play Halo Reach while listening to 80's music
 TOP RIGHT: Senior Danny Hughes leads a group of kids from the Boys and Girls Club in a writing exercise.
 ABOVE: Victoria Bacon '13 updates her Facebook status.
 LEFT: Senior Beau Reeves poses for a picture while life guarding at Harlow Pool. Harlow Pool is located below Engler Dining Hall, and is an employment option for both Federal Work Study and Campus Employment.
 BELOW: Nicole Penansky does homework in Whitford. Taking a study break she talks to her Mom about her day.

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Shelley Hierstetter, as Nora, is comforted by Brady Eisenberg, as Torvald, in Ibsen's, "A Doll's House." For a review of the show, see page 6.

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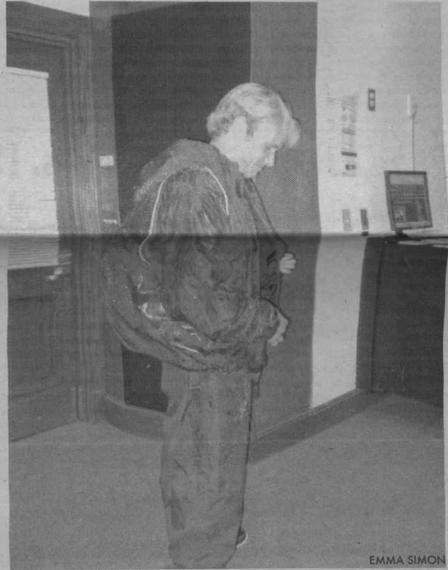


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TOP LEFT: Junior DJ Rickels and Sophomore Claire Woolley play some KanJam.
 TOP RIGHT: Senior Bryan Yarrington and Anna Lynch show off their squishy brains they got at Midnight Milk and Cookies. The brains say "Think Before You Drink."
 LEFT: Junior Joanna Boccia and Sophomore Mike Marks goof around at the PanCan clubroom.
 RIGHT: Warren Kraft arrived to class in full rain gear protected from the torrential downpour on Thursday, September 30th. Schools in the area got let out early this day due to massive flooding.
 BOTTOM LEFT: Students line up to try the cookies baked by faculty and staff in a contest sponsored by the Alcohol Abuse Prevention Committee during Midnight Milk and Cookies.
 BOTTOM RIGHT: Freshmen Arsalan Apeel and Tyler Richards take a break from studying and play ping pong in the Game Room on Monday night.



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GREGORY NOLEN

TWO WEEKS IN PHOTOGRAPHS

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Changes to SGA allocations process cause challenges for many campus organizations

KIM WILLIAMS
Editor in Chief

As student leaders went through the SGA's allocations process, many noticed changes. Clubs were required to submit a budget laying out their planned events for the year and exactly how money would be used for each.

"What happened is in previous years, it was basically first come, first serve, and we wanted to prevent that from happening. We wanted to promote fairness and equality for everybody and giving everybody a chance" explained sophomore Haying Kim, treasurer of SGA.

One alteration in the process is that certain purchases will no longer be covered by allocation. Some students felt that these items are purchases that will have to be made and should be covered. "SGA is no longer covering many food, publicity, and decorative costs, which will inhibit a lot of smaller clubs or affinity groups" commented junior Masha Makhaygina, President of Allies and the Vice President of the Consumer Students Association.

"If we had enough money we'd be happy to serve you. We need to see how many people can benefit from it" and continued that, "We need to think how can we save money and still be fair. Your substitute for paper is technology. It's those kinds of questions we come across. We have to think of alternatives," said Kim.

The early due date of budgets, Sept. 17, was an issue for many. Senior Kendra Shilleen, co-president of Women's Issues Group, President of the Environmental Action Club, and Vice President and Treasurer of the Belly Dancing Club, said, "I had trouble with this year's allocation pro-

cess. The paperwork was due so early that our clubs barely even had time to have our first meeting, much less plan out our event schedule for the entire year."

"I just feel like there wasn't enough time to properly plan a year's worth of events and submit a concise but detailed budget on time," said senior Bryan Yarrington, Co-President of Women's Issues Group.

Senior Nick Bender, President of SGA, said, "Because we had to do it in the fall it's led to problems of people having to plan their whole year in a few weeks but we wanted to get the ball rolling."

"A lot of people questioned why forms were due early this year. We didn't expect that question and we're trying to come up with how to better address that," added Kim.

Not only is the early timing an issue for some students, but the length of time that had to be covered in the budget. "While it may be reasonable for the college to create a budget for the entire year (as an institution), a college student conceives of time in terms of semesters," remarked senior Jake Friedman, President of Philosophy Club.

Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs, Beth Gerl, said, "What I hope that students can gain from this is the ability to do better planning, maybe strategic planning, for the year. It helps students to think 'What are we gonna do for the year' rather than short term. It also gives an opportunity for students to think more ahead about collaboration, to better share their resources and talents."

Some students were confused by the process. Makhaygina said, "I was never notified of allocation form deadlines and, as of Oct. 7, an still waiting to hear back from SGA about my allo-

cations, which is preposterous considering most clubs got their allocation confirmations several days ago. The experience I had with allocations was horrendous, all in all. There was such chaos and miscommunication."

Everyone involved admits that change can be difficult. "Any time there's a change in a process, it's challenging," said Dean Gerl.

Gerl said "Frustration doesn't surprise me, but I think this process will ultimately be a more transparent thing for students and SGA. I was impressed that many organizations put a lot of work into planning and what they want to do for the year. I think the key in the new allocations process is preparing treasurers and key members on how to have a good understanding and how to plan ahead and have an effective budget."

Members of SGA also experienced the process from the other end. Bender said "I'm a club leader too in Phi Delta Theta. I understand because I'm a club leader myself, it's hard."

Kim, said, "Last year we were granted \$37,800. This year we were granted \$37,800, the exact same amount," and added that, "22,000 is for club allocations and \$7000 is for co-sponsorship."

For those curious about where the money that doesn't go to student allocations goes, Kim outlined, "We give a lot of stuff to freshmen orientation, like lanyards and cups. That takes up a large chunk. It's also for homecoming prizes and leadership retreats for senators and executive members (student government leaders). We also have money set aside for LCDs [televisions]. Nothing is promised but we set aside money for LCDs as we have better communication for students. We're thinking of spending between \$3000 to \$4000 but every plan is tentative."

Items that will not be allocated:

- T-Shirts
- Prizes
- Decorations
- Advertisement
- Food at an event where the "giving away of the food" is not the MAIN event
- DJ's without an invoice or a quote

Bender said of the money that has already been allocated that "It's definitely not going to be the full \$22,000. We've only spent 75% of that plus the \$7000 for co-sponsorship," and continued that "if you didn't receive money for an event, you can revise your budget and reapply and we've offered suggestions. We want to make sure clubs are coming back because we have that money."

Senior Rachel Fortner, President of Justice League, added, "I think it is good that the money is allocated for specific things and that the SGA is being stricter about returning receipts. Clubs should always be held accountable for how they are spending their money. Also, it is good to plan ahead and I think the process is much more streamlined but definitely think it needs some tweaking for next year."

Pizza Rivalry: Mustangs vs. Domino's

WARREN KRAFT
Staff Reporter

What do Dominoes do? They fall. That seems to be the case with the Mustangs' Domino's rivalry.

Domino's has been serving McDaniel students for about twenty years now, and business has recently slowed down since the opening of Mustangs Pizza on Aug. 10 2010. Dominoes Manager Sean Gontarek confirmed that Mustangs posed a threat to Domino's business. "Definitely the fact that they are closer and open later has really affected our sales," said Gontarek.

Every year Domino's sends out flyers advertising their latest deals to McDaniel students. These deals are very good, but they do not compare to Mustangs 20% discount for McDaniel students.

Bunky, the manager of Mustangs Pizza, said the reason why Mustangs is doing so well is because he worked very hard to market his business, and that hard work is now paying off.

In addition to the great deal, some students prefer the atmosphere of Mustangs Pizza. Bunky and the staff engage in conversations with McDaniel students and more often than not you'll leave the store with a great story to tell.

"I think Mustangs is a much better pizza experience than Domino's, not only is the pizza better, but the atmosphere is priceless. Especially if you go pick up your food late at night because that is when the magic happens," said Joe Browning, a senior at McDaniel.



For more information on Mustangs pizza, and Bunky's quest to utilize students' "all cards" as an alternative to paying cash, pick up the next edition of the McDaniel Free Press.

If you feel down...

"There is no end to the adventures that we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open."
-Jawaharlal Nehru

Everyone is busy, and you may have your eyes trained on your to-do list. But look up for a bit, take a break, and make some time for those moments that make life memorable.
-Kim Williams

...pick this up

"Tales from the Clit" developed to facilitate discussions of female sexuality

BRITANNY ROBINSON
Staff Reporter

Put out your planner and flip to the month of December. Now take your pen and save the date Dec. 2 at 7:30pm because you will want to be in Alumni Hall. Why? There will be a premiere of McDaniel's show "Tales of the Clit."

The show's title makes it sound like it will be similar to the "Vagina Monologues." However, sociology professor and the master mind behind this show, Dr. Sara Raley, said, "Tales from the Clit" will be completely different from the Vagina Monologues."

Raley said there were three main differences between the two productions. The first difference is "The Vagina Monologues" is a corporate production developed by Eve Ensler that is focused on raising awareness of violence against women, whereas the purpose of "Tales from the Clit" is to celebrate women's sexuality and foster a more open dialogue about issues related to women and sexuality both on our campus and in the culture at large," said Raley.

The second major difference is "Tales from the Clit" will feature original material. "[The Vagina Monologues] are written by Eve Ensler. 'Tales from the Clit' will feature originally written material performed by both the women and men of McDaniel College. This means that the men and women involved in this production will be performing and expressing their commentaries on women's sexuality, not performing something written by someone else as is the case with the Vagina Monologues," said Raley.

The final major difference is men will

perform in "Tales from the Clit," unlike

"The Vagina Monologues." "Every time I finish with the 'Vagina Monologues' and 'Cockleles' productions, I bemoan the fact that there is no female equivalent to 'Cockleles' (where men and women on campus talk about issues related to men and sexuality). 'Tales from the Clit' is basically an attempt to address this gap," said Raley.

Raley also went on to explain the reasoning behind the performance's title. "It has 'clit' and NOT 'vagina' in the title because I find it frustrating those discussions of women's sexuality is so vagina-centric, meaning we focus on women's vaginas even though the clitoris is widely regarded as the primary powerhouse of women's sexual pleasure. This topic will be the focus of my performance in 'Tales from the Clit' this year," said Raley.

However, this show is not meant to criticize the "Vagina Monologues." "The Vagina Monologues is a fantastic production that I strongly support. I've been involved with it since my first year at McDaniel," said Raley.

The show is already getting a good response. According to Raley, when she mentioned the performance to her sexuality in sociology class during this past spring semester, her students seemed to like the idea of this being a show.

If you are interested in being a part of this show the meetings are every other Wednesday at 4:30pm in the sociology suite (room 228) in Lewis Hall.

The show will take place in Alumni Hall on Dec. 2 at 7:30pm. Be on the lookout for flyers and e-mails with reminders and ticket prices.

Englar Dining Hall renovation plans to commence this winter after finals, students look forward to changes

EMMA SIMON
Features Editor

While students get to take a breather between their semesters this Winter Break, others will be hard at work as the much anticipated dining hall changes will commence just after finals.

From the floor to the ceiling, Englar Dining Hall will be receiving a complete facelift over this period of time. Students have been anxiously awaiting these renovations and are excited to see the outcome after viewing the diagram, which was displayed in Glar on Sept. 30 during the "Pick Your Seat" voting.

Junior Emily Davis is eager to see the transformation. "I am really excited about the changes. I think this will definitely be a positive change for the campus. It's a much needed mature change for the school and the entire student body," said Davis, who also added that she is excited for Glar to lose its "high school" feel.

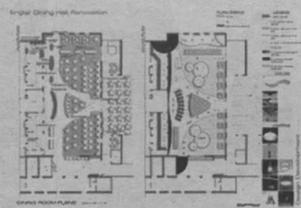
Dr. Ethan Seidel, Vice President for Administration and Finance, has played a role in the changes and has confirmed that the diagram seen in Glar during the chair voting is a good indication of how the dining hall will look in the Spring.

"There are still a few weeks left in the design process. Once we get a contractor, we can get a cost estimate and decide what designs will fit within the budget," said Seidel.

What have been finalized are the structural changes that will occur. The entrance of the dining hall will be moved towards the kitchen, which will allow the walkway to be separated from the seating area.

Both large walls, currently utilized mostly for beverages, will be removed, which Seidel said would create "more floor space all the way around." Beverages will instead be in a curved center station in front of three dishes are returned.

Upon entering Glar and looking straight forward to the back, there is currently a staged area, which will be removed during the process. By removing the wall below the stage that blocks it off from the rest of the dining hall, it will open up the area. Tearing out the storage closers in the back staged area will fashion more space



as well. Doors will be opened in this area to expose an area with a couple of tables and glass windows.

"The glass windows will allow more natural light in," said Seidel.

The staging on the right, however, will stay. An important change occurring behind this (the staging closer to the porch) is that glass windows will be inserted between the staging itself and the porch. Along with this, there will be doors to enter the porch area that will be able to lock during non-dining hours.

"The dining porch had then been used as a student meeting place," commented Seidel. The porch itself will see less significant changes. The opening up of office and storage areas will allow for a small expansion and possibly a bit more seating.

Other planned modifications are aesthetic, including a new floor, new seating, and many more interior design aspects. The ceiling and lighting will change as well, adding color to warm up the dining environment.

Although rumors have flown about changes with the food and with Sodexo, it has been confirmed by Seidel that there is no real truth to the gossip. Students have had mixed reviews upon hear-

ing this news.

"I think it's kind of bogus just to focus on aesthetic changes when the nutritional value and quality of the food served should be the main priority. I would be happier about the changes being made if the food was also being changed," said junior Joanna Bocca.

Senior Anthony Gordon anticipates the modifications, despite the fact that the food is staying as is.

"I think the renovation project pretty exciting," said Gordon. "The fact that the college is making a conscious effort to appease the students is refreshing. If nothing can be done about the food, improving the furniture is the next best thing. I'm glad I'll get to enjoy it for my last semester."

Jan Term students will be among the first to see some of the renovations for themselves as they pass Glar on their way to their temporary cafeteria, the Forum. Students returning for Spring semester could also be temporarily moved to a different eating facility as well.

The Forum has been reserved for this purpose for the first few weeks of the semester as well, because it is likely that renovations will not be complete until mid February.

"I'm pretty sure the project won't be finished by the end of Jan Term," said Seidel, who also noted that portions of the dining hall may be ready for use by this time while other sections are still being worked on.

Junior Kelly Clancy is looking forward to returning to a nearly unrecognizable eating facility in the Spring, even if it is not until a few weeks into the semester.

"I think remodeling the cafeteria is a great idea. I think it will create a warmer atmosphere which is important since this campus is our home for 9 months out of the year," said Clancy.

McDaniel staff members are anxiously awaiting their new lunch spot as well.

"The dining hall is part of student life and students spend a lot of time there, and we have seen a lot more faculty and staff eating there as well," said Seidel, who hopes that staff members will also enjoy the new environment. "We're really looking forward to updating and upgrading the dining services."

Business Department hosts Interviewing Day

DR. SUSAN MILSTEIN
Professor of Business/Economics

Interviewing Day, sponsored by the Business/Economics Department took place on Sept. 30 from 3-8 p.m. Twenty companies participated, along with over 40 students from the Business/Economics Department.

The meetings were in a speed interviewing format lasting from 3-6:15 p.m., after which there was a feedback session in the Forum from 6:30-7:00 p.m. and dinner from 7-8 p.m. Over 152 interviews were going on simultaneously for 3 hours and 15 minutes—an amazing display of talent.

The purpose of the Day was for students to obtain internships and jobs. Only juniors and seniors, along with Intermediate Accounting students who are sophomore hopefuls, were invited to attend the event.

Beforehand, the students also were invited to attend a session highlighting interviewing skills presented by Career Services. Resume writing is one of these essential skills, and Career Services helps immensely in this area.

This is the 4th year for Interviewing Day. Each year the event grows, with more companies and students joining in the energy of the day. This year, Constellation Energy, T. Rowe Price, Corporate Brokers, The Merigis Group, Gross Mendelsohn, CPAs, Bond Bebe, CPAs, WABC, CPAs, and a host of others all attended Interviewing Day.



Sophomore Tyler Justice poses in professional attire.

Gerontology Club hosts Memory Walk

MEGAN ROBINSON
News Editor/Web Manager

On October 10th close to 100 people walked Bair Stadium's track for one and a half hours to remember those who suffer from Alzheimer disease Dementia.

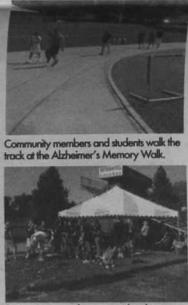
The Alzheimer's Memory Walk was hosted by the McDaniel's Gerontology club and Copper Ridge Retirement Home in order to raise awareness about Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia to college students, who rarely think of such degenerative mental diseases. "Every 70 seconds someone is diagnosed with Alzheimer disease or some form of Dementia," said junior and Gerontology club president Lindsey Waqar.

Another purpose of the walk was to raise money for the National Alzheimer Association. Donation forms were available at the walk, and beforehand by contacting Waqar. All of the event's walkers were encouraged, but not required, to donate to the cause. This year's event raised \$1,862, beating last year's fundraising total of a little over \$1,000.

The event featured a DJ, a table with information on the Copper Ridge Retirement Home, free food, and raffles. Some of the raffle prizes were gift baskets, a mini redskins helmet signed by Shawn Taylor, and a Ravens football signed by David Reed.

Additionally, Jen Star won a prize basket featuring McDaniel and Gerontology Club t-shirts, candy, gift cards, and more, for raising the most money; she raised \$480. The Phi Delta Theta Fraternity raise the second highest amount at \$246.

Students who attended thought the event was success. Aidaux Caro-Aty, junior and member of the club, said she was "really happy and excited" by the success of the event. Senior Lauren Fischetti said the club "did a



Participants gather around to hear raffle winners and total money raised.

great job" hosting the event.

An Alzheimer's Memory walk previously was held in Carroll County, but until last year one hadn't been hosted in the area for several years. Waqar and Ashlie Killian, the Gerontology Club's Vice President, said they got the idea to host one again in Carroll County their freshman year, when they spoke to a Alzheimer's Association representative at the Study of Aging Organization fair that was hosted on McDaniel's campus.

This is the second time the club has hosted the event, but it's not the club's second year. The club began four years ago, in 2006. The club focuses on the study of aging, and topics that relate to it. Additionally, they host events, like the memory walk, on campus that relate to Gerontology. However, members do not need to be science or psychology majors to be a part of the club. Students of all majors can be involved in the club. "(Gerontology) can be applied to anything," said Killian.

News from Graduate and Professional Studies

HENRY B. REIFF
Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies

Welcome to a new feature of the Free Press, *News from Graduate and Professional Studies*. As the dean of our graduate programs, I look forward to sharing a little bit of what goes on here at McDaniel and at satellite classes all over the state. In upcoming issues of the Free Press, we will spotlight individual programs so that you can get a good idea of what GPS is all about.

Most undergraduates do not know much about GPS, and I think they'd be surprised by a lot of what we do and who we are. We started awarding graduate degrees as far back as 1935 and have grown from a handful of students to a point where we annually see about 3,000 different

graduate students taking classes. We will soon have more than 20 programs and currently offer the Master of Science (M.S.) as well as professional programs in gerontology, human services management, human resource development, and exercise science. We also offer a master of liberal arts (M.L.A.) degree.

We have a number of five year programs where a student at McDaniel can earn a B.A. after four years and the M.S. in the fifth year. This is a wonderful opportunity that will give you a leg up over your peers when you enter the workforce with an advanced degree - just a year after finishing your undergraduate degree.

We have made remarkable progress in expanding online coursework. As of Fall 2010,

30 new online courses will have been offered, a number far exceeding our original goal. With the completion of a system for developing online courses now in place, the goal for the coming year is to have full M.S. programs and certificate programs completely online.

Phenomenal opportunities and continual progress define GPS. As much as these forces indicate that GPS is in a constant state of change, reinvention and growth, we stick to doing day-to-day business in the manner to which we are most accustomed - teaching, learning, and supporting professional development with a commitment to excellence.

Check out our web site. Just click "Graduate Studies" on the McDaniel home page. You may see your future waiting for you.

Beep Beep Broccoli: Students create new improv group

BEN GRANT
Staff reporter

Beep Beep Broccoli: An odd name for a theatre improvisation group. Where could it have originated?

"I had a fairly boring math class that wasn't for credit," said sophomore Chase Busto. "So I would come up with odd word groupings and Rosie Edelson would draw them. I originally planned to write a children's song called 'Beep Beep Broccoli' to confuse young children. Instead, it became our theatre group."

The group came to life when Busto and junior Cat Black were sitting around talking about Danger Sauce, another group on campus. While the two friends enjoyed Danger Sauce's work, they had their own ideas on how to use humor.

"Danger Sauce has a lot of pop culture and inside jokes as part of their humor, and we wanted to expand the humor in our group to be more all encompassing," Black said. "Also, I do not like being on stage when I improv, even though I do act on stage. I thought we could do improv on video and post it on YouTube."

Black and Busto were joined by Ryan Powell and Edelson to help form the group, which has ended up with eleven members: two freshmen (Paul Griffin and Kelsey Gondick), six sophomores (Busto, Edelson, Ryan Powell, Zach Wright, Noah Patten, Drew Strahosky), and three juniors (Black, Graham Cox, and Mac Alexander).

"They want to be funny, but obviously did not want to be Danger Sauce two point zero. The group had their first meeting on October 5th. The way they worked the group was by starting out with a single plot or idea, and then everyone sort of just built from there."

"It was very exciting to see everyone else so excited about shooting our first video," said Busto, who was thoroughly pleased with the outcome.

Perhaps improvisational broccoli will be more pleasant to take in than the vegetable kind.



SAM SEGAL



Julia Williams (left) and Shelley Hierstetter (right) capture the attention of the audience in an emotionally-tense scene in Henrik Ibsen's *A Doll's House*.

SAMANTHA LAMBERT
Staff Reporter

There was deceit. There was passion. There was soul-seeking. There was a beautiful set. And there were puppets. Yes, puppets.

The McDaniel College Theatre did a beautiful performance of Ibsen's *A Doll's House*. Walking into the Studio Theatre, the stage was adorned with beautiful Victorian furniture and a stunning hand-painted backdrop. Junior Victoria Potucek was astonished at such a set: "This set must have taken so much time, but it was worth it. It's beautiful."

Already enraptured by all of the viewers' reactions towards the set and all the anticipation of the nearly sold out show, the audience was left breathless by the performance given. With every movement of Shelley Hierstetter (Nora), the crowd followed her, following her still into her frantic attempts to cover-up her good-intentioned deceit. Shelley took the audience by surprise. For such a young actress at McDaniel, she certainly left us wanting to see more.

Julia Williams would have won a Best

Supporting Actress award if this was the Golden Globes. She was so beautifully convincing in her passionate performance before her character Kristine Linde, and Nora and Nils Krogstad (Andy Fleming). Her character's emotions were so distinguishable and easily read on her face, it was amazing to watch. Furthermore, the final scene between Nora (Shelley) and her husband Torvald (Zachery Brown) was so precise and wonderfully tragic, it actually left the crowd momentarily paralyzed, they almost forgot to applaud.

Nevertheless, the crowd did applaud and remain so for many minutes. While leaving the studio theatre, the cast members lined up to say thanks to their supporters and audience members. While passing a teary-eyed Ms. Hierstetter, she proclaimed, "Many stars tonight. It was just wonderful." Indeed it was.

Special shoutouts to Gracen Carroll who left us in stitches for his portrayal of Dr. Rank and to Car Atchison, Hilary Dewese and Whitney Snow Walker, who were the excellent and talented puppeteers for the evening.

Bevo.



SAM SEGAL

On the Lot

THE COOLEST AND NOT-SO-COOLEST CARS ON CAMPUS



ZACK WRIGHT

SOPHIE DIVEN
Staff Reporter

Zack Wright

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If you knew what you know now about your car, would you buy it again?

Yeah, without a doubt.

If you were given \$25,000 in cash today, what car would you buy with it? I would buy a 1968 Roadrunner.

Tune Into L: Don't Run Away!

LAUREN MILLER
Staff Reporter, Blog Editor

On Friday, Sept. 24, 2010 Runner Runner rocked the Pullco Arena in York, PA, along with other up and coming top 40 artists including Hot Chelle Rae, The Ready Set, Shonelle, and David Archuleta.

Never heard of Runner Runner before? Well don't run away.

Runner Runner consists of five friends: Ryan on vocals, Nick on guitar, Peter on guitar and vocals, Jon on Bass and James on drums. In early 2010 the band became the first band signed to David Letterman's record label Clear Entertainment/C.E. Music.

Their pop/punk sound is absolutely infectious when they perform. They're almost two different bands combined into one. On one hand, their music and lyrics especially have a very pop vibe that would lend itself very well on MTV or any local top 40 radio station. Then, their personalities are reminiscent of a local band or some smaller indie band.

The meaning behind their name is hopefully some foreshadowing for how this band's career is going to go. The term "runner runner" comes from poker and means something in the effect of coming out of nowhere and pulling off a winning hand at the last possible moment.

For a video interview with Nick, Jon, and James from the York, PA show check out: <http://tuneintol.blogspot.com/>

CORRECTION:

On page 10 of issue 2, in the article, "Dance Company gains new members, doubles in size," sophomore Sydney Kirchhoff was named as Kirchhoff.

The Free Press is dedicated to reporting the most accurate news possible. However, we regret that misinformation occasionally makes print. In these events, we will print a correction in the next possible issue. Thank you.

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Ghostbusting at McDaniel: The Haunting of Elderdice Hall

AMBER SLATER
Staff Reporter

There's nothing left to live for. Your girlfriend took her own life, and she took your unborn child along with her. As you were preparing to propose, she committed suicide out of shame and embarrassment. She was going to be your wife, your whole life, and now she's gone.

There's nothing left to live for. The fact sits heavy and sharp and your stomach. As you slide the rope around your neck, you feel glad that it will all end in a few short seconds.

There's nothing left to live for. As you kick the chair out from beneath you, you know that you are erasing yourself from this world forever.

But are you?

The Legend and the Plan

With its Gothic style and forbidding appearance, it makes sense that calamity would occur in Elderdice. In a tragedy akin to Romeo and Juliet, rumor has it that a former resident of the Tower Room hung himself from a pipe after finding out that his girlfriend, Benny, had previously done the same in the closet of her room in McDaniel Hall.

At the beginning of the semester, a friend relayed this tale to me and said that people living in the residence hall on the floor below had often heard the tortured soul reneacting his death night after night.

Skeptical, I assembled a group of fellow freshmen to spend the night in the supposedly haunted building. We planned to ask the ghost questions and save time for an answer while recording with a computer. The hope was that when we replayed the audio, we would hear sounds and whispers that would provide conclusive evidence as to the existence of the spirit. In ghost hunting terms, these noises are called EVPs, or Electronic Voice Phenomenon.

Little did we know that we were setting ourselves up for the most hair-raising, cold-sweat producing, and "Holy shit!" inducing night of our lives.

"I'm not going up there!"

Seven of us sit cross-legged in the Tower Room, ready to communicate. Fittingly, the lights aren't working, so it is pitch black save for the light coming through the windows and the glow of Paul Griffin's computer screen.

It feels me as funny that though camp came to us to unlock the door to the Tower Room, neither of the two officers who escorted us to the staircase wanted to ascend it. There is no one to protect us if a ghost comes out, picks us up by the hair, and throws us out the window.

The officers are instead one flight of stairs below us entertaining those in our group who wanted to see the room, but preferred not to hang out in our supposedly deserted inhabitant.

Officer Sherey explains that he does not like being in Elderdice at all because of a paranormal experience three years ago. We were on the third floor residence hall, he saw "a weird, clear image, a ghostly image."

Hoping to see a similar image by the end of the night, Paul begins by introducing our group and explaining our purpose. He explains what a computer is and why we were using it to record sound. He asks it to answer us by knocking or attempting to speak.

During the questioning, Casey Roberts feels a shiver run up her arm, and Griffin feels fingers graze his jaw. Collectively, we hear a knock from inside the room, but attribute it to the age of the building.

While none of our feedback was jaw-dropping, it was enough to get us pumped for a night of ghost bustin'.

The Moments That Make Us Sweat, Cry and Want Our Mommies

At 11PM, the officers look in the six of us who are willing to stay for the night with a promise to return at 4:30AM. We decide to set up camp on the third floor residence hall where Officer Sherey saw a spirit. No one lives on this floor this year, so we sleep in the hallway.

Upon inspecting the area, we agree that we wouldn't be surprised if the little girls from The Shining popped out and asked us to play. The hallway is forbidding; it feels as though we have stumbled upon a recently abandoned area.

We agree to break into two groups of two. Maria Mercurio and Casey Roberts man the hallway in case Jack Nicholson decides to make a guest appearance, and Mandi Webster and Eli Fisher station themselves in the bathrooms on the third floor, which are decidedly the creepiest any of us have ever seen. Paul Griffin and I trek upstairs and make base outside of the door which leads to the Tower Room.

Again, Griffin sets up his computer and explains our procedures to the ghost. He then edges closer to the door, explaining that he is about to knock and that if the ghost is present, it should knock back.

Dun-dun-dun-dun-dun

There is a pause.

Dun-dun

Mouths open, eyes wide, minds racing, Paul and I sit in stunned silence.

"Was that you?" we silently mouth to each other. "Did you move?"

This noise, this communication, this undeniable proof that there is something on the other side of the door exceeds our expectations and sends us into a frenzy of questions.

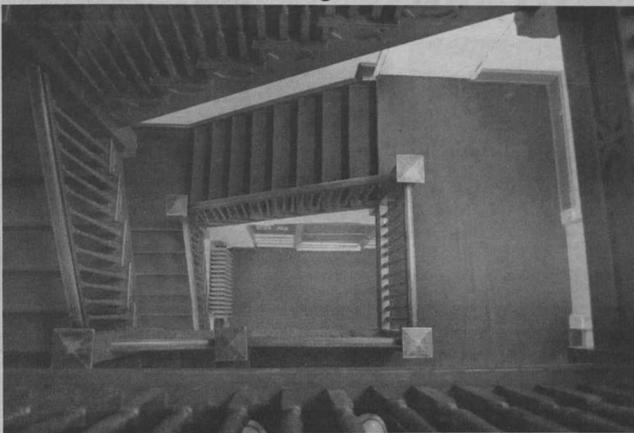
As we speak, we hear slight sounds not only above us, but in the storage room to our right. These noises are encouraging, and we hope that once we play our recordings back we will hear lighter sounds not audible to us in the moment.

We relate the rumors we've heard to it, and we ask it if we know it's dead; at one point, we even start talking about our majors and our weekend plans.

In the midst of this seeming one-ended conversation, we hear four deliberate footsteps above us. We freeze, waiting for more, and then hear the rest of our group running around on the flight of stairs below us, disrupting the sounds we are picking up.

A little discouraged, we continue the questioning, moving the topic toward modern technology. We noticed during our adventure in the Tower Room that there is a WiFi connection hooked up as well as a radio for Campus Safety.

Griffin asks, "Are you okay with it being there?"



This top-down view of the stairs in Elderdice Tower shows just how creepy the building really is.

CASEY ROBERTS

Apparently not, because directly afterward, a monstrously loud crashing sound, like someone throwing themselves against a door, comes from the storage room next to us.

Our fight-or-flight responses scream, "You can't win this one!" and we stumble down the stairs to our fellow ghost hunters, pale-faced and out of breath.

Once our heart rates calm, we realize that Griffin's audio recording equipment shut itself off during the crash.

Catching Our Breath and Making Sense of the Sounds

Our group explains that they heard the noise, too, and Mercurio and Roberts both felt vibrations from the impact of the crash.

Unnerved and unable to decide if we should call it quits, we decide to play back the audio Griffin had gathered on his laptop.

While the knocking from the beginning is evident and spooky, we also pick up on several whispers throughout the audio. We cast some aside as cracks from the building and squeaks from mice, but certain segments sound decidedly human or rather, ghostly. Some whispers sound masculine and some feminine, so we develop the hypothesis that our dear lovers are up there together. At one point, we hear the word "whisper" as if one is trying to quiet the other.

We come to the footsteps, and Paul explains on the audio that four came from above us and the rest from our group below.

"Wait," Webster stops us. "We've left this hallway since we were locked in. We were never on the steps."

Griffin plays the audio again, and sure enough, we hear the four steps above us, and what sounds like four or five people sprinting up and down the stairs below us.

Our group, however, never heard any footsteps. They never saw anyone in the building. We check the doors below us, and sure enough, they are locked.

No one is in the building with us no one could have produced the noises that we hear so clearly on the recording. No one human, at least.

Griffin explains, "I actually apologized to the spirit for our group being disruptive and disrespectful. But no, they were here." Throughout our listening session, we hear steps and cracks above us, and at one point consider leaving the building because of all the movement.

After listening to the audio to the point where it cuts off at the crash, we decide to attempt communication once again with the entire group present. Fisher considers bringing his NERF gun for protection, but we vote against it.

Though we do hear some slight sounds, we seemed to have reached the climax of the night. Afterwards, we agree that a sense of calm seemed to have settled over the area, almost as if the spiritual presence is no longer there.

We therefore hypothesize that we heard the ghost reneacting his own death, and that the crash may have been the actual suicide taking place. Around 4AM, we decide to trek downstairs and wait for the campus safety officer to unlock the doors. When he does, we ask him to unlock the storage room where we heard the crash.

We are looking for knocked over boxes, mice, anything to prove that there is tangible evidence of a disturbance in the room. We only find an empty cardboard box out of place.

Upon leaving for the night, someone comments, "It's nice to finally breathe fresh air again."

The Aftermath

The next day, when our hunt seems like a dream, an unrealistic fantasy, some members of our group hear the fire alarm going off in Elderdice even though no one enters the building on Sundays. Officer Sherey reports, "The fire alarm did keep going off about 17:20 times from 6:45AM until we figured out how to stop it around 11:30PM."

Additionally, around three hours later, Forest Fleicher '13 sees a light on in the Tower Room. As we learned the night before, the lights don't work in the Tower Room.

With footsteps, crashes, and the power to turn off computers and harness other forms of technology, it appears that we may have enough ghostly occurrences in one building to shoot Paranormal Activity 2 right here on the McDaniel campus.

If you're interested in learning more about hauntings on campus, check out our segment on Green Terror TV. The first episode will examine the Elderdice ghost and is projected to come out around Halloween.



This is the hallway in which they stayed the night.

CASEY ROBERTS

HAUNTINGS AT MCDANIEL

Other Locations

Carroll House: An injured Union general died in this building, and compton now refuses to lock it at night because his spirit placed a pick ax at the base of the stairs. At night, students claim to see a silhouette of the general sitting inside.

Whiteford: The son of a construction worker, who today is called Blue Boy, tumbled off of an unfinished platform while playing with marbles. To this day, residents can hear rolling marbles and scurrying footsteps even when no one is in the hallway. Also, a girl slit her wrists in a fourth floor room of Whiteford during Jan term and died. Her parents assumed that she wasn't calling, and her professor assumed that she dropped the class, so she was not found until the beginning of the second semester. Her spirit pervades the room to this day, filling those who enter it with a sense of sadness.

Mainstage: There is no conclusive story as to how Harvey, the theater ghost, died. He is a friendly ghost though, and has apparently saved theater students from falling off the balcony. Also, several students claim that they see him in the balcony and sitting in on shows.

Walking Whit

PAIGE PRICE
Staff Reporter

Seven people, hours of work, one dog, one goal. Canine Companions for Independence, or CCI, is a club at McDaniel that is focused on training a dog to become a service dog.

They are currently training Whit, who is a black lab and golden retriever mix. Whit is 11 months old and very willing to learn. In order to become a service dog, Whit has to accomplish several commands. These commands include responding to their name, hurry, sit, let's go, kennel, wait, and shake.

There is one command, however, that Whit has yet to master: Barking. According to Abigail Vickers, the president of CCI, the first time Whit barked, he scared himself.

There are four different types of companion dogs: the service dog, facility dog, skilled companion dog, and the hearing dog. Because of Whit's lovable personality, Vickers thinks that he would be a great companion dog.

"He loves to cuddle and has a laid back character," said Vickers. He would also be an outstanding service dog because of his size. Along with his docile personality, he has a quirky obsession with squeaky toys.

When raising an animal, especially a service dog, routine schedules are key. Whit is in his crate for no longer than an hour and a half per day, which means he



is constantly interacting with the people in the house and around campus. Living in the CCI house, located at 127 Pennsylvania Avenue, takes responsibility. Good communication skills are also a crucial qualification.

For those interested in becoming part of CCI or seeing what it is all about, meetings are held Mondays at 7 p.m. The club holds fun events like Halloween parties and partakes in fundraisers throughout the year.

Anyone would like to take Whit for a walk must first meet the members of CCI for safety purposes and be approved. But gentlemen beware, "Whit is not a tool for picking up the ladies!"

McDaniel is lucky to have a group of individuals who take time out of their busy schedules to help train a dog to be a companion for a person in need.

Whit will be one year old next month and he deserves to know what a great job he is doing. Next time Whit is seen around campus, be sure to stop and give him a pat on the back.

McCribs

THE BEST AND WORST OF DORM LIFE



What do you get when you combine three Alpha Sigma Phi brothers, an English major, an Art Major, and a triple Biology-Chemistry-Physics major? The best. Apartment: Eben, Aleso Baker, Chris Sherran, Lucas Sperber, Tim Hoy & Sam Segal let us in for a peak of their common room which not only includes a large dvd, two televisions and sports memorabilia lining the walls, but a periodic table, typewriter from the 1940's and a 4-inch floppy disk, showing each of the residents' character.

KEEPING UP WITH KAYA

Kaya, the white Labrador mix that lived in the CCI house last year, has graduated from being a "puppy-in-training" to a hearing dog. Where she is living is not known, but what we do know is that she is making wonders happen everyday.

Service in the 60's

RHAELYNN GIVENS
CAITLYN ROETHLI
Staff Reporters

Knock Knock. Who's there? Sixty. Sixty who? Sixty-Nine Dude! Just kidding. The '60s weren't just about Woodstock, the Manson family, and Vietnam protests. In fact, the 1960s was a remarkable era wrought with change that passionate people united to affect.

The Civil Rights and Feminist Movements, formation of the New Left, and popularization of art like Andy Warhol's famous Campbell's Soup image, were all integral to the definition of this intensely idealistic era.

McDaniel College, then Western Maryland, was no different as it housed passionate students who felt they could make a change through community service.

These students were searching for authentic experiences that they had not yet encountered in their lives so far. Among these youth was a former McDaniel College student, Pamela Zappardino, who in an interview with Naomi Raphael, the Director for Community and Outreach Service, revealed how enthusiastic and dedicated the McDaniel students of the '60s were about meaningful community service projects.

Zappardino and other students approached professors Ira Zepp and Earl Griswold to be advisors for a soon-to-be community service organization that actually got something accomplished.

"It was a time in the country when things were changing...students felt they could have impacts globally and locally," said Zappardino.

The students and advisors were able to create two community service organizations that McDaniel had during the 1960s: S.O.S and Hinge. Student Opportunity Service (S.O.S) resembled a hometown Peace Corps where students picked a location outside the local community and worked with members of that community. This involved organizing a project to

then spend the school year gathering funds and supplies for.

Then over the summer, some of the participating members assisted with the project on location. Appalachia, Oklahoma, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, and Mississippi were just some locations that the motivated S.O.S students went to create positive changes.

"S.O.S. was something...that changed people's outlooks...they got a different perspective...when [they] actually work[ed] with people," reflected Zappardino.

Hinge was designed for those who wanted to create ties to the local community through one-on-one mentoring and tutoring local children, mainly minority kids from Union and Charles Streets. This active involvement and witnessing of change demonstrated the effect one person can directly have on another.

Along with reaching out and bonding with communities, the students who participated in S.O.S. or Hinge were also the leaders in change on McDaniel's campus. They helped to abolish unfair curfews and in making ROTC not mandatory. This activism came from the feeling that the students not only had the opportunity to change their own community, but the responsibility to do so, given the advantage of being a part of this campus.

Today on campus we see hundreds of clubs with dwindling members, doing little more than meeting weekly to discuss possible projects. While some of these plans are put into action, the lasting impact tends to be minimal and rarely stimulates interest past the completion of the project.

Student's attention spans just don't last past the free milk and cookies. We, as a campus, should look to the example of McDaniel in the '60s to gain inspiration for a passion of our own in the apathetic 21st century, just as Zappardino advises:

"Students today need to find their own brand of activism. Student can have a voice."

Dorm Room Delicacies

SAM SEGAL
Chief Photographer

I never had Hamburger Helper as a kid. My mom said it tasted like cardboard and powdered cheese—nothing her three children would ever eat... and then I lived with my friend Tim Hoy.

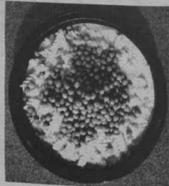
Tim's in love with this stuff and he has, unhealthily, fueled my love for it as well. It's quick. It's easy. It's delicious.

It's horrible for you.

This week I decided to take on this delicious meal in a little healthier light.

Microwave Hamburger Helper

- 1/2 box of short pasta (ziti, rotini or macaroni are good choices)
- 1/2 pound of ground beef
- 1/2 cup cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup of water
- 1 cup of milk
- 1/2 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon Chili powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 can sweet peas



First, put the ground beef into a large microwave safe dish and break it up into pieces so it will cook faster. Cook for 10 minutes, stirring halfway through. If it is not cooked entirely after 10 minutes, add a minute at a time until cooked.

Add the cheese, milk, cornstarch, chili powder and salt to the cooked meat. Partially cover and return to microwave for at least 20 minutes, adding time after in 2 minute intervals. Stir in peas and let cool.

Get a plate and dig in! The sweetness of the peas compliments the salt added, and I tend to add a little bit of hot sauce to satisfy the palette.

Also, if you're not a fan of red meat, tuna can easily be substituted and takes less time!

In response to recent suicides of gay teens

MASHA MAKHLAGINA
Staff Reporter

These words are forced. They are hard to write. They are hard to read. But do it.

Last night I was at the Allies meeting and finally, finally all the pain of the recent suicide tragedies swept over me.

Why should we care about the web of suicides? Because it all ties back to the world that we live in, the world where we are fascinated by who people love, who people kiss, who people hold hands with, and who people are attracted to. While my friends have tried to make Allies a safe, positive space for non-heterosexual individuals and their straight allies, I can't spin this into an entertaining piece because the hearts of those mourning all across the nation are not amused. We are wretched with loss and we acknowledge that this is the saddest marker for a need for our efforts' continuation.

According to the Trevor Project, which aims to promote acceptance and prevent suicide of LGBT individuals, non-heterosexual youth have a suicide rate that is four times that of heterosexual youth. This number skyrocketed when these individuals come from rejecting families, especially with transgender youth. Want concrete numbers? Suicide was the third leading cause of death among young people 15 to 24 years of age in 2009. Over time, we have seen that suicide is the

second-leading cause of death on college campuses, a fact that rings painfully pertinent for loved ones of Tyler Clementi.

A streamed video of a homoerotic act between Tyler and another male student at Rutgers University outed Tyler as "gay". Shortly after the video scandal, Tyler jumped to his death off the George Washington Bridge.

Openly gay Raymond Chase of Johnson and Wales University hung himself. So did Seth Walsh and Justin Aaberg, who were only thirteen years old and Billy Lucas, who was fifteen. After Brown used his stepfather's 9mm Beretta to take his life after being harassed for "gayness." In most of these cases, harassment has followed the student like a dark, unbreakable cloud. Every teasing, disgusting word thrown at them was the equivalent of the rope or the gun that ended their lives.

Why are we so obsessed, maddened, and driven to harassment...violence...hate... by someone's declaration of what gender they love or are attracted to?

You might disagree with homosexuality. You might feel disgusted by it and distance yourself from all things having to do with "not-straightness" (and I pity you if you do, because you're missing out on having some terrific people in your life). But keep your putrid hatred to yourself. Every rejecting act you throw at us is sharpening the murder weapon of a crime you don't want on your conscience.

"If you or someone you care about displays any of these warning signs, do not hesitate to call The Trevor Lifeline at: 866-4-U-TREVOR (866-488-7386) to speak with a trained volunteer counselor." Or visit www.thetrevorproject.org. Please.

Reporter's Note: My friend Hanna Barker wrote an incredible blog for Admissions that can express my emotions and those of the members who were present far better than I can (It is titled "In response to the suicides of gay teens across the country" and can be found at <http://admissions.mcdaniel.edu/tabid/3520/Default.aspx>).

October 20, 2010

Wear purple in memory of all who have taken their lives in response to homophobic abuse.

8 PM - Red Square

MdDaniel Allies and Active Minds will be hosting a vigil to honor the recent victims, as well as everyone else who has battled depression due to bullying. Information and resources about depression and suicide will be available.

Do you want to take action?

by Hanna Barker

Campus Pride, the nation's leading non-profit organization that works with LGBT and ally college students, is calling for Rutgers University to expel Dhuran Ravi and Molly Wei, the students that invaded Tyler Clementi's privacy and ultimately drove him to jump from the George Washington Bridge.

The Rutgers University Code of Student Conduct prohibits "making or attempting to make an audio or video recording of any person(s) on University premises in lockers, showers, bedrooms, or other premises where there is an expectation of privacy with respect to nudity and/or sexual activity, without the knowledge and consent of all participants subject to such recordings," according to Campus Pride.

To take action, Campus Pride is urging people to contact Rutgers president Richard M.Cormick at 732-932-7454 or online at <http://president.rutgers.edu>.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In Response to October's "Sex on the Hill" article:

Way to blame the victim, McDaniel Free Press!

All sarcasm aside, I felt insulted by this piece not only as a woman but also as a human being. By the tone and information being relayed in this article you inadvertently tell victims of rape that reporting the assault will get them no where. Victims of sexual assault are already in a mental state of helplessness, by turning their suffering into a long-winded pun (since when was a sexual pun an appropriate approach to the topic of rape) you are undermining the seriousness of their fight to regain their sense of self and trust in others. The author of this article places blame on the victims rather than their attackers by implying that the rape was a result of *perturbing her/himself* in a sexual situation to begin with. If you talk to any counselor or expert on the subject of sexual assault this is the absolute worst thing you can say to a rape victim to help them recover and begin the healing process. While I believe that the author was attempting to raise student awareness of the frequency that sexual assault occurs, the way the information regarding prosecution was presented made reporting the crime seem futile and taxing for the victim. On another, more dangerous and upsetting note, the same presentation of the numbers made it seem that rape was a crime that could easily go unpunished. This is something that I do not believe this school should be endorsing. Not only does this article make a run on joke out of the serious subject of rape, but it also offers no resources to victims who may be looking for help. Instead of offering numbers and/or websites for on-campus or off-campus counselors, rape-crisis centers, I was appalled by the attitude of the campus safety officer who was quoted in the article. The officer's apparent apathy to the steps that had to be taken in order to punish the attacker was alarming. As a woman that need to be taken in order to punish the attacker was alarming. As a woman on this campus I feel more endangered than ever knowing that an attack on myself or any other female on this campus would simply be "too much work" for campus safety to handle efficiently and properly to prosecute. That is their job, and if they are unable to protect the students on this campus due to laziness, there are even more serious problems on campus that I previously thought. Sex is not something we as adults should be fearful of, and treating us as uneducated children when it comes to this subject of victimhood is not the proper way to address rape. Rape is never the fault of the victim, and while yes, becoming more aware of the rules of consent can be a preventative measure against future assaults, it is not the most important way of ensuring student safety. Telling the victims there is no hope in reporting the crime, attempting to lighten up the topic with "humor" and implying that an innately dangerous activity are all horrible pieces of advice to give to an innocent victim or not. I cannot believe this piece of "writing" made it to publication, without being screened out by an editor. Why not talk about the publicity surrounding the recent suicides of gay teens due to bullying across the country, and addressing the dangers of sexual harassment instead of filling space with this article which clearly has no direction or right being published in an institution of higher learning?

-Kathryn Anwyll

New clubs to join on campus

KRYSTINA SHULTZ
Staff Reporter

Sorting through all the clubs on campus is quite a task. The clubs across campus are numerous with academic clubs, volunteer clubs, special interest clubs and quirky clubs. All these clubs are vying for your personal attention. Several clubs have a small mark against them: they are the new clubs on campus. They have the challenge of promoting themselves to a campus that has never heard of them. Of course, I have to have compassion for this club and other new clubs, so perhaps I can give them a bit of spotlight. Yes, this is sorta, kind-of, a little bit of a promotion. But don't stop reading! The new clubs on campus look like they're all set to cause quite a bit of commotion. We're college kids, it's our job to cause a commotion.

I suppose I'll start the introductions. I am Co-President of Random Acts (Interrupting Starbucks) Club. Our First Random Act was a spectacular pillow fight in Red Square that lasted about five minutes and was easy to end quickly. Next time someone will have to bring a pillow filled with feathers. We're now in the process of plotting an intricate random act so keep your eyes open and alert. To find out about upcoming events (and about our random name) you can show up to a meeting on Friday at 6:30 in Hill 104, or email me, Krystina, at kis001@mcdaniel.edu.

Did you bring a bicycle to campus? Good for you! That's a smart way to get around. I walk. The new bike that's the great outlier for you to enjoy your bicycle more than one of those "I'm late!" rides to class. The bike often has that one of those "Mountain biking, ALERT!" Oct. 17 Baltimore has a "Ride to Save-A-Limb" bicycle event. It raises money for people who have a missing limb, joint or physical deformity. Mountain biking events will be coming up within the next month, so get ready to ride! Meetings are on Tuesdays at 9, and any questions can be wheeled out to the president, Christopher Bosco at cbal015@mcdaniel.edu.

Introducing the Humans vs Zombies Club is the President, Torin GROSS. "This club is about bringing people together who would not cross paths otherwise to have a good time killing zombies or hunting down human tribes who fight for survival with nefarious guns and grenades," Torin said. The club meets on Friday at 7:00pm in Ensur Lounge and missions will be announced at least every other Saturday. Questions? Just contact Torin at tg003@mcdaniel.edu.

Feel like moving your body and belly? The Belly Dancing Club meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 in the Dance Studio, which is hiding in the basement of Gill Gym. Cindy Sondo, the president, explains, "We just dance together and create dances for various performances on campus." Look out because the club is "thinking of hosting some dance-offs on campus and taking trips to belly dancing restaurants." You'll get to show off some fancy moves with your belly. If The Dance Studio is hiding from you, try emailing Cindy at cms017@mcdaniel.edu.

Hey! All you gamers, there is now a Video Game Club. It meets on Friday at 7:30 in Hill 104 (try keeping all these dates and times straight in your head). It seems that gaming tournaments will be held, but hey, you'll have to get yourself to the club and jump in on the games. Contact Jamal Barnes at jb000@mcdaniel.edu if you want to get gaming.

Not up for all these strenuous physical activities? President of The Olive Branch, Rula Zaru told me the club is about "promoting non-violence in the middle east and globally," [and] exposing McDaniel students to a different side of Arab culture, language, traditions, politics, etc." The club is looking to hold a Hookah Night in the Gazebo, but the club has yet to be decided upon. In the spring the club is planning to become more active, and if you have any questions, ideas, stories, feel free to email Rula at rsz002@mcdaniel.edu.

I hope these new clubs sound interesting because I can guarantee they'd love for you to join. Each new face adds another dimension to the face of the club.

The top 10 things I want to say to people that annoy me



NATHAN WUERTEBERG
Co-Commentary Editor

- 1) You're not an artist, stop playing your guitar in the Quad.
- 2) Making your status song lyrics doesn't make you deep, it makes you annoying.
- 3) The dead revolutionary you're wearing on your shirt didn't fight for you, stop stealing things from a culture that hates everything you stand for.
- 4) Stop liking movies because the Oscars told you to.
- 5) Shave off your soul patch and burn it with the berries you're wearing.
- 6) Flip flops are for sunny weather, not January. Buy socks.
- 7) I shop at Walmart because it's cheap, I eat meat because it's delicious. Stop trying to guilt me into joining you in an expensive, tasteless lifestyle because somebody's suffering has caught your attention this week.
- 8) You took one class on whatever topic you are now trying to "school" me on. You're an expert like Wikipedia is an expert.
- 9) Smoking cigarettes you rolled yourself doesn't make you more interesting, it makes you a douchebag with lung cancer.
- 10) Stop reciting quotes as your own thoughts, other people have seen that Dane Cook special.

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....REALLY? It's just beer

STUART FISCHER
Staff Reporter

I was home alone, doing laundry. My friend Amanda was pregnant, and though the baby was due in about a week, technically it could come at any time. So, when my other friend Paul, who is the father, called me, I figured it had something to do with the baby. I was wrong. Really, really wrong.

"Dude, do you remember Scott Laderer?" he asked. I responded, "Yeah," because I did. Paul and I had been in Boy Scouts together, and Scott had been in our troop.

"He killed somebody," said Paul. My first thought was, what? but after an awkward silence, what I said was, "Really?"

Paul referred me to the Carroll County Times website, where I read, "Russell Scott Laderer Jr., 22, is charged with first- and second-degree murder in the death of Jeremiah Paul DeMario, 26."

I didn't know what to say. I didn't know what to think. I wasn't even really sure what to do. I just kept doing my laundry, because how else do you respond to something like that? Someone that I know personally, that I've known reasonably well and have spent a fair amount of time with, killed someone.

It's pretty crazy to think about, but it's not a week-dee-stroyer. These things happen, and you have to move on.

I continued with my week as per usual, although this was in the back of my mind pretty frequently. I suppose it would have been in the front, but I had school-work to do, sources to contact for the newspaper, and my friend Tyler was turning 21 on Thursday (and therefore all weekend).

Unfortunately for Tyler, not only did he have to work on Thursday, but his immediate family had already claimed him for that night, so our celebration would have to wait. Instead, I decided to go to a minor league baseball game in York, PA with my friend Ryan. He works in a York dentist's office and his boss had given him free tickets to a playoff game for the local team, the York Revolution.

Just as we were getting ready to go, we got a text from our mutual friend Brandon, saying that Paul had instructed him to take off work that night. Amanda was in the hospital and starting to go into labor, and there was a decent possibility that the baby would come that night. Really? Ryan and I figured that this probably wouldn't happen until much later, and baseball games don't last that long, and even if the baby did come soon, we figured we'd have enough notice to get back in time.

So we went to the game. It was awesome. The Revolution lost, but it was fairly eventful. Towards the end of it, Ryan and I began to receive updates from Brandon on the baby situation, and slowly but surely those updates started coming closer together. By the time the game ended, we were planning on going straight to Carroll Hospital Center, with the exception of picking up my car from Ryan's house, which is on the way.

We start driving. We're still getting updates. After



New partners Amanda Greene and Paul Dwyer pose with son Jameson Dwyer in the kitchen.

about five minutes we find out that Amanda has been instructed to start pushing. Really? At this point, we are no longer planning on picking up my car first.

We basically race to the hospital. We drove from the heart of York, PA to the hospital here in Westminster in under an hour.

The lobby is closed, so we have to go straight to the emergency center. We are the only two people walking around. We don't even see employees. Finally we find the receptionist. We tell her who we need to see and what for. She tells us that she can't let anyone upstairs because visiting hours are over. REALLY? Luckily, Ryan somehow knew this lady, and we were able to convince her to let us up.

We had arrived at the hospital at 11:03 PM. We got to the waiting room at 11:08 PM. The baby was born at 11:11 PM. Man, that was close.

But my week didn't stop there. Tyler did indeed turn 21 all weekend. It was fun, but very tiring. It was a fittingly intense party session.

But my week didn't stop there, either. I had multiple sources that I needed to contact for my newspaper story that week. None of them responded to me, at all. Once again, really?

Luckily that was it. I didn't think anything else could have been crammed into that week. Certainly no more major occurrences could possibly squeeze into that schedule.

I learned a lot that week, I suppose. The most important thing I learned is the answer to that question that I asked myself so many times: really? And I'm going to share the answer with you. When you are forced to ask really?, and hopefully you, like me, can take some solace in knowing this: It was a crazy, intense, stressful week, with some of the highest peaks and lowest valleys I've encountered. And though I learned a lot, and enjoyed a fair portion of what went on, I sincerely hope that I never have another week like that. Really.

CULLEN MURRAY-KEMP
Staff Reporter



The issue—enforcement of drinking laws on college campuses—sweeps across the nation sparking unwanted tension amongst the students and faculty alike. The problem hits home here at McDaniel College. Students are participating in "unsafe drinking," when safe, responsible methods having a good time with alcohol are fairly trouble-free. It may seem a simple issue for students or for policy enforcers, yet the real complexity to the question "should drinking be allowed on campus" is endless.

There are legal and social issues that must be considered before any implementation of policy is put into place. Legally, the drinking age is 21, and there is no getting around that. Still, as college students have done over the last century, we will drink. Some will drink too much, others will not drink at all, but rather than implementing the idea to "not drink," McDaniel College and Campus Safety should think about "smart drinking." Smart drinking is teaching McDaniel students how to drink in a more responsible manner.

Statistics show that alcoholism on college campuses is a major problem. Still, alcohol in moderation is a vital piece of the social fabric that forms our culture. Meaning, alcohol is a social tool that we can use to our advantage in future life situations, a fact only true when we learn how to conduct ourselves conscientiously while drinking. The college experience could teach us, as students, this lesson if it were gone out in the right way.

Can the freshman handle it? Predominantly due to social and environmental pressures of classmates and peers, a vast majority of freshmen choose to consume alcohol. Problems with inexperienced freshman and other first-time drinkers often arise. They are uncertain of exactly how much and of what to drink to "catch the appropriate buzz" and spark the desired social zeal.

This is when the school must offer assistance in alcohol education. When colleges throw numbers of alcohol poisonings and such at the new students, brains begin to shut off and phones begin to open up as fingers slide across the keys shooting text messages every which way. Studies show that close to 75% of college students try drinking alcohol, so maybe we should teach how to drink rather than why not to.

I believe that McDaniel College prides itself on being a close-knit family. A student body of 1,700 of society's most well-rounded, complete individuals comprises this outstanding institution here on the hill. Everyone knows that many college kids are going to drink, but, as a family, shouldn't we want everyone to be safe if and when the students choose to do so?

When drinking is strongly discouraged on campus, students will take the more dangerous venture away from college grounds. This will force them to deal with obstacles such as possibly violent "townies," and even driving drunk, both of which can be very hazardous to the safety of our family. A very simple solution to this could be the reasonable, responsible permitting of drinking on campus for students who opt to do so.

The sensitive issue of drinking on college campuses is obviously a tough one to tackle, but the fact that college kids have and always will drink remains true. In McDaniel's case, it is evident that the consumption of alcohol is far safer on campus than off. It is learned safe and responsible drinking, a foundation is established that will help us with future social interactions.

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Give me tofu or ONE ANIMALS PART 2



CARA GOODMAN
Staff Reporter

Almost every incoming freshman wonders how to avoid the infamous "freshman fifteen." With the help of Glar, I have found a solution: vegetarianism. The stunning lack of options in the dining hall replaces the dinner choices to mass-produced steamed vegetables, strange-looking "fresh" fruits, or the same hummus and pitas they put out at orientation. The onset of colonization is inevitable.

When selecting a college, I considered size to be of utmost importance — too big and the odds of encountering change while working with campus staff is unlikely, too small and the odds of finding a certain demographic may be ludicrous. I may be the only vegan at a terribly small school, while a larger undergraduate institution may have a large vegetarian population. I chose to go with small and take my chances; I was sorely disap-

pointed. In her article regarding healthy eating in colleges, freelance author Manya Chylinski states that "[m] schools have a variety of food options in the dining halls, including vegetarian, vegan, foods for students with allergies and special dietary diets." Most schools... where does McDaniel fall in that category? One could argue that they provide options — you are allowed to choose between the wilted lettuce possibly treated with MSG and the hummus you saw stirred up to fix the natural separation of oils that has taken place each night for the three-plus weeks that it has been served. The outlook on successfully nourishing yourself as a vegan forced to eat in Glar is bleak.

However grim the prospects of change may appear, it is possible. One graduate student at UC-Berkeley found the options quite limited... and did something about it. The remarkable part was that he was successful. "This was perhaps due to the fact that, according to *Vegetarian Times*, "[a] poll of dorm residents [at UC-Berkeley] found 15% are vegetarians and 5% are vegans" (Parr, "Vegan Victory on Campus"). Regardless of the size-percentage, changes should be made when there is an issue. Students with Celiac disease are not forced to eat gluten, and not to eat sub-par meals — why should vegans be forced to suffer the true brunt of the "Glarbage?"

McDaniel College does not have to go "vegan." Instead, a wider variety of quality vegan items ought to be offered in the institution's cafeteria — freshmen are EXPECTED to eat at Glar; it should be second nature for the kitchen to prepare nutritious items that all students can consume, regardless of their consumptive orientation.

DANI ALLEN
Staff Reporter

Today, like every other Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, I went to have lunch at Glar. I got in the sandwich line, ordered my usual and sat down. I took the first bite and realized I was eating ham. Ham is meat! Of course, I haven't yet made any final decisions about becoming a vegetarian, but what if I decide, yes, I will not eat meat? No more ham sandwiches for me. What am I suppose to eat in Glar if not meat? Everything good (as much as anything in Glar can be good) is meat! Hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, oh god chicken sandwiches! I'll never get to eat Chick-fil-A again. Never again will I enjoy the pleasure of a Chick-fil-A chicken sandwich dipped in Chick-fil-A sauce coupled with the best chocolate shake known to woman. No Taco Bell either, or Burger King, or Chipotle. Basically, vegetarianism equates to fast food. I can't eat fast food and I can't eat Glar, what am I going to eat on college?

And still, I continue to eat meat in Glar. Each hamburger I eat is a last hurrah of sorts. I'll never get to enjoy these foods I've grown up with, why not eat as much of it as I can while I still feel ethically unbothered? I'll think about it honestly. I know that that kind of thinking is immature and counterproductive, but I don't want to think honestly. I want to hide in ignorance for just a little longer. To face

the realities that factory farming is not only detrimental to the animals that it abuses and exploits, but to the environment and human mindsets as well is difficult.

Some might think me heartless for what I'm about to say, but it's the truth. It is difficult to sympathize with a chicken in a cramped cage, or a turkey chick that doesn't get to see the sunshine. I honestly feel no sadness or emotion for these animals. While I do enjoy the idea of pets and want to someday have an adorable pug puppy, I've never felt very close to animals. Some unnamed emotion, perhaps fear or self-consciousness, has kept a distance between animals and myself. This detachment is probably why the "I love animals and you should too" argument for vegetarianism always fails to impress me. However, an argument in the same vein but with a different emphasis has made an impact on me. This argument involves the welfare of not just animals, but humans and the ecological system we live in as well. If you view humans, animals, and the environment as one interdependent community rather than competing residents of earth, then damage done to one is damage done to all. The sanctioned abuse of animals is a cultural and societal cue that tells people it's okay to be cruel and careless. What's to stop that mindset from extending to other areas of human involvement? Nothing really. Clearly, humans are quite adept at being cruel and careless to the environment and other human beings. So for the sake of the psychological and sociological health of mankind, it would be best not to fuck with animals. It's in our best interest really.

NBA Preview

MATT BODNAR
Co-Sports Editor

End of the Year Eastern Conference Standings

Miami Heat – How can I go against a team that features LeBron James, Dwayne Wade, and Chris Bosh? Look for the Heat to cruise through the regular season and approach the regular season record for wins that currently belongs to Michael Jordan and his Chicago Bulls. The Heat will need role players like Mike Miller and Mario Chalmers to step up and hit open shots when the Big 3 are locked down.

Orlando Magic – Dwight Howard will have people forgetting about the Big 3 in Miami on a few nights. Dwight will carry the Magic into the playoffs with their eyes on the Heat. Newly acquired Quentin Richardson will team up with James Nelson and Rashard Lewis in presenting the Heat with their biggest hurdle to the Eastern Conference title.

Boston Celtics – The Celtics are quickly aging and this will be their last attempt at a second championship in four seasons. Paul Pierce, Ray Allen, and Kevin Garnett were the original Big 3 and this will be their last season together. They add another aging star in Shaquille O'Neal as they look to use experience in riding to the top one last time.

Milwaukee Bucks – In the first surprise in the standings, the young Bucks will emerge as a real threat to the contenders. Led by young star Brandon Jennings, and Aussie Andre Bogut, the Bucks will count on a healthy Michael Redd and a rejuvenated Corey Maggette to make some noise on the East. Watch out for this team; no one will want to play them come playoff time.

Chicago Bulls – Having missed out on LeBron and D-Wade, the Bulls made a minor splash in signing Carlos Boozer, who will mesh nicely with Mr. Everything, Derrick Rose. Joakim Noah is the engine that carries a team that will need another big year from Luol Deng. The Bulls will be dangerous but still are not an elite team.

Atlanta Hawks – The Hawks have been a fixture in the playoffs the last few years, and this year should be no different. Joe Johnson is back alongside Josh Smith and Al Horford. As always, another first round playoff loss is in store for the Hawks.

New York Knicks – Amar'e Stoudemire will pay off in a big way as the Knicks will be back in the playoffs in what will seem like decades for Knicks fans. The Knicks will be a fun team to watch as they will be all offense and no defense in Mark Dantonio's system. Amar'e will put up All-Star numbers with Landry Fields and Danilo Gallinari providing support. Free agent signing Raymond Felton must play strong at the point guard position for this offense to really fire on all cylinders.

Washington Wizards – In the final surprise of my predictions, the Wizards will ride Number 1 Pick, John Wall into the playoffs. The Rookie of the Year will do it all for the Wizards; he can score, play lockdown defense and set up the lone gunner, Gilbert Arenas. The Wizards have some interesting players who can have big years, namely, Kirk Hinrich, Josh Howard, and Yi Jianlian.

College Football Status Report

GREGORY NOLEN
Staff Reporter

We're about a third of the way through the 2010 college football season, and already we've seen some big surprises and disappointments. Here are four teams that have surprised us so far, and four that have disappointed.

Surprises

Stanford: Toby Gierhart who? Even without last year's leading rusher, the Cardinal are 4-1 and are ranked sixteenth in the country. With games against Washington, number nine Arizona, and Oregon State, the Cardinal may very well be a sleeper Pac 10 contender, and may just sneak into the BCS if certain demons fall their way.

South Carolina: The Gamecocks are starting to play like the team fans envisioned when the legendary Steve Spurrier arrived at the school in 2005. They are coming off a bye week 3-1 and ranked 22nd in the country. Unfortunately, the back half of their schedule has games against highly ranked conference opponents; #1 Alabama, #11 Arkansas, #14 Florida, and cross-state rival Clemson.

Michigan State: The #17th ranked Spartans are 5-0 heading into their big road game at #18 Michigan. The team has persevered through Coach Mark Dantonio's heart attack and just upped the highly ranked Badgers of Wisconsin. After Michigan, they face six teams who they should be favored to beat. They also avoid conference superpower Ohio State, which could make them a surprise Big 10 title contender.

Michigan: Coming off a second-to-last place finish in the Big Ten last year, few thought Michigan would get to a bowl this season. Now, the team is 5-0 and ranked #18 heading into a big showdown against state rival Michigan State. Quarterback Denard Robinson's play has him in contention for a Heisman Trophy. The schedule might trip them up in the end, as the Wolverines finish the season with back-to-back showdowns against Wisconsin and arch-rival Ohio State.

Disappointments

Texas: Being 3-2 and not ranked in the polls at all was hardly what Texas fans envisioned at this point in the season. To make matters worse, Nebraska comes in this week all fired up for revenge after their controversial loss to Texas in last season's Big 12 Championship game. After that, Longhorn fans should breathe easier as they will probably be favored in all six of their remaining games. But will it be too late for the Longhorns?

Clemson: After reaching the ACC championship game last year, many thought this would finally be the year Clemson would take the next step. However, that hasn't happened. The Tigers lost two heartbreakers these last two weeks to Auburn and Miami. The schedule doesn't seem to get any easier with games against perennial ACC contender Boston College, #23 North Carolina State, and arch-rival #20 South Carolina looming ahead.

Georgia: What happened to the Dawgs? Georgia is 1-4, including 0-3 in the (SEC) and coming off an embarrassing loss to Colorado. Even star receiver AJ Green's return from a four game suspension couldn't help this team beat a Colorado team that is supposed to be near the bottom of its conference. Upcoming games against #14 Florida, #8 Auburn, and arch-rival Georgia Tech certainly won't help the cause either.

Brighton Young (BYU): An annual contender in the Mountain West, BYU is a disappointment 1-4 this season, and is coming off a loss to Utah State, its first since 1993. The remainder of BYU's schedule features upcoming games against #5 TCU, and #10 Utah, both of whom are competing with Boise State for that non-automatic qualifying bid into the BCS.

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OutPickNick

Off to another strong start this year, the gamewit was thrown down by self-proclaimed "guru" and my partner in crime, senior Co-Sports Editor Matt Bodnar...

According to Matt...	Match-Up	According to Nick...
I'm afraid to pick the Pats since they no longer have Randy Moss as a deep threat. I'm going to trust Bill Belichick who has been doing and has a plan. The Pats will rely on defensive turnovers and special teams to beat a strong Ravens team that looks primed to make a run at the Super Bowl.	Patriots Baltimore @ New England	Ravens
I never thought I would see the day when I pick the Chiefs to win a football game. Their defense has been strong and I look for them to force Matt Schaub into multiple interceptions. Matt Cassel is inconsistent for the Chiefs, so Jamal Charles will have to carry the offense on the ground.	Chiefs Kansas City @ Houston	Texans
The Colts have not looked good in the early going. This means Peyton Manning is quite upset and I believe an angry Manning is bad news for the Redskins secondary. This game will not be close, as Manning, Austin Collie, and Reggie Wayne will torch the Redskins all day. Manning will show McNabb how hitting your receiver in stride leads to yards after the catch and touchdowns.	Colts Indianapolis @ Washington	Colts
I'm excited about this young Rams team that was worst in the league last year. Sam Bradford will get more comfortable in the passing game and Stephen Jackson has to get some hard earned yards on the ground for the Rams to pull off the upset. A poor effort from the Chargers, who may overlook this game, may be needed for the Rams to give the home fans a win.	Rams San Diego @ St. Louis	Chargers
In a battle of teams that underperformed at the start of the year, it is Tony Romo getting the best of Brett Favre on the start of the year. Romo will throw it up to Miles Austin and Dez Bryant from start to finish. A few errant throws from Mr. Favre, which we know is highly probable, will be the difference in this close game. Could this be a preview of the NFC Championship Game? I think so.	Dallas Dallas @ Minnesota	Vikings

TERROR SPORTS



COLIN MILLER

TERROR SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: MEET the GREEN

GREGORY NOLEN
Staff Reporter

The McDaniel College field hockey team has struggled to start the season. Playing with mostly freshmen and sophomores, the team has a 2-6 record and is currently mired in a four game losing streak. However, one bright spot on the team has been sophomore starting midfielder Katherine Jones.

Jones, a Westminster native has been playing field hockey since she was in the sixth grade, the first year the sport was offered in her area. Three years later, Jones embarked on a remarkably successful high school playing career.

Jones played four years on the varsity team at Winters Mill High School, where she racked up numerous individual Honors, including being named first team All County three years in a row from 2006 through 2008. She was also named first team All-Conference in 2007 and 2008, and second team All-State in 2008.

Jones' Winters Mill Falcons team was very successful her four years there. In 2006, when Jones was a sophomore, the Falcons played in the Maryland class 2A state semi-finals, which was followed by a regional semi-final appearance in 2007. In 2008, her senior season, Jones' team put together the best season in school history, winning the 2A West Region Championship and

going all the way to the program's first Maryland State 2A Final appearance before losing to Kent Island.

When asked why she chose to play field hockey at McDaniel, Jones said, "[I] wanted to continue playing field hockey in college, but didn't want the demands of the Division I level. After college, there really isn't anything to do in field hockey besides coach; so right now I am more focused on my grades."

One of the things Jones likes about playing field hockey is the close bond she has formed with her teammates. As she put it, "We are athletes on the field and sisters off it."

Jones also likes the fact that playing field hockey gives her a niche on campus. "I like being known around campus. Having people wish you 'good luck' or asking how our team is going is pretty cool."

Jones' most memorable field hockey moment came last year, as a freshman, when she assisted on Amanda Pickard's game winning goal in double overtime against Washington College. She started 15 games her freshman season, scoring one goal and assisting on four others. This season, Jones has scored one goal and assisted on two others in the eight games in which she has played.

When she is not playing field hockey, Jones likes meeting people and going to Papa Jo's down the street from the college. She also plays lacrosse and throws shot put for the College.

LIGHTER SIDE OF THE LOCKER ROOM



SARA ERLICHMAN
Staff Reporter

After long, hard, sweaty practices that challenge every muscle in the athletes' bodies, we come back to the locker room. An outsider might imagine the locker room full of funny colored lockers that have broken hinges, are jammed, or are infested with smelly socks. This could not be further from the truth, at least for the girls' locker room at McDaniel College.

The women's locker room, currently being used by the soccer, volleyball, and field hockey teams, is full of decorations, confident quotes, and Pump Up Pals.

I dub the soccer team the lovely, divine, little dandy locker decorators. All attention is brought to the soccer section of the locker room with their neon greens and hot pinks. Each locker is decorated from top to bottom with giant letters and numbers for their names and uniform numbers. This is a tradition followed by all three of the women's teams.

Who decorates which locker is determined by drawing a piece of paper that is folded up with either a player's name or number. No one knows who has their locker to decorate (you cannot have your own). Then everyone proceeds to go out and buy all kind of obnoxious colors and sparkly paper, come into the locker room when no one is there and go crazy. This usually takes place before the first game.

While the women's soccer team attracts most of the attention, the volleyball team has a little corkboard in their locker section that is covered with encouraging quotes.

Before the first game of the season, the girls not only decorated their lockers, but also had to pick their favorite quote to post on the board. Many hand-wrote quotes with vibrant sharpies and paper or typed them up with vivid ink.



Quotes like "Whether you think you can or think you can't either way you are right," (Unknown) and "Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships" (Michael Jordan) are just a few of the quotes currently on display. Being a volleyball team that is on the short side, the one I believe applies best for the team is "It's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog."

Not only do we women athletes decorate lockers and post motivating quotes to pump us up, but the field hockey team has a pump up pal system. They call it "secret buddies" and buy small gifts like Gatorade, snacks, and bare-butt boxes for their buddies before each game. Who you get your gift for is randomly determined the same way as soccer picks their lockers. Some hide their gift in the locker room and then many find someone to give their buddy their gift for them. Also, field hockey decorates their lifting buddy's locker with wrapping paper, construction paper, and other creative details.

Along with locker decorations and secret buddies, field hockey also keeps candy, like bits of honey, in their locker room and has a small shrine of paper dolls designed after the seniors on the team.



Sophomores Logan Otremba and Charles Mullin cheer for the Green Bay Packers at the Washington Redskins game on October 10. Although their team lost, they still had fun as the game went into overtime.

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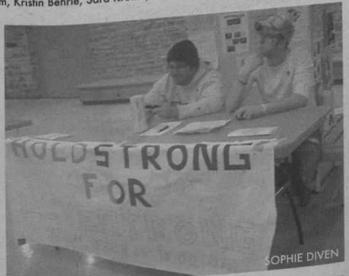
ABOVE: Nick Bender & Micah Brown serve themselves at the Arabic Mezza dinner! Carol Zaru, Arabic language professor at McDaniel, has her students to her house once a semester for a Middle-East Feast!
 BELOW LEFT: The Pub is really busy on Open Mic night, which happens every Thursday at 10 pm.
 BELOW MIDDLE: A student-run Fair Trade campaign in Red Square takes over for the day! A student samples Fair Trade coffee- it is just as good!
 BELOW RIGHT: Juniors Michael Pugliese and Jeremy Allen sit at a table in front of Glar to raise money for the LIVESTRONG foundation. All fundraising profits go to the foundation.
 FAR BOTTOM: Joe Ottomano, Natalie Fitzpatrick, Cindy Sordo, Mara Seibert, Mary Crocama Bottom: Kim Moran, Becky Putnam, Kristin Behrle, Sara Krome, Steve French, Emily Wanze pick pumpkins at Baugher's.



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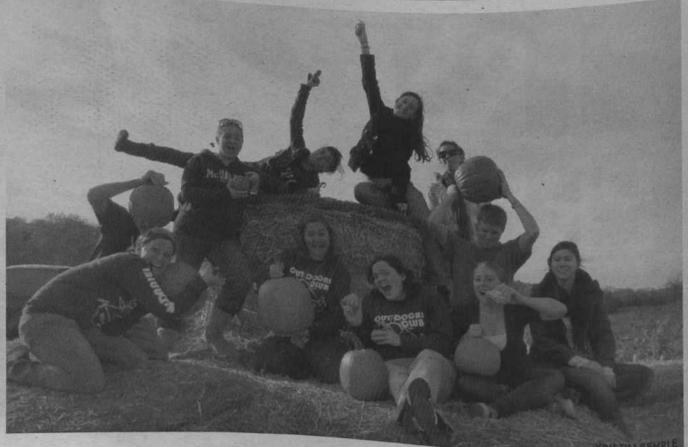


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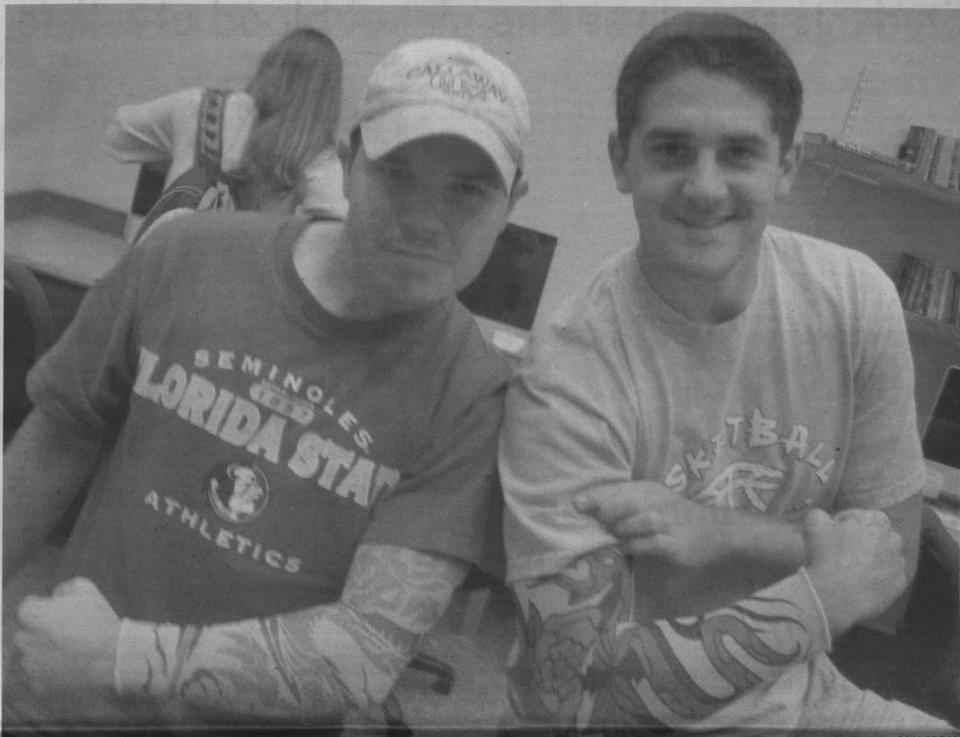
ON THE COVER

Students play basketball during Midnight Madness on Oct 19. The event included scrimmages, music, raffles, prizes, and a competition between faculty/staff and students.

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KRISTIN BEHRLE



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ABOVE: Sophomore Matthew Bodnar and Senior Nick Brunner, co-Sports Editors, show off their tattoo sleeves, courtesy of Lisa Breslin as kudas for a job well done on the last issue of the paper. BELOW: Freshman Matthew Love takes out Sophomore Tom Lee in a game of Human Chess in the Quad (LEFT). Members of the Honors Program organized this event in honor of last year's affiliation with the houses of Hogwarts. Sophomore Cailin Roethli, playing a bishop, battles it out with freshman Colleen Mullin on the chessboard, made from a spray-painted tarp.



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TWO WEEKS IN PHOTOGRAPHS

Students save lives one pint of blood at a time

AMBER SLATER
Staff Reporter

How can you touch the life of a stranger and possibly even save it by giving just over an hour of your time? Donate blood.

On Wednesday, Oct. 27, approximately 160 McDaniel students rolled up their shirt sleeves and headed to the blood drive held by the American Red Cross.

For some, donating blood was a new experience. Senior Jamie De Atley, for example, explained that he made the decision to give blood for the first time because "it's a virtually painless process that everyone can do to help out."

Freshman Stephanie Akoto agreed. "It's an experience that everyone should go through," she explained. Akoto has not been able to give blood in the past due to iron, but she plans to keep trying because donating will make her "feel accomplished."

Besides the intrinsic benefits, sophomore Kristina Kiss, noted that giving blood is fun "because you get to meet the

workers and they are very nice."

"Plus, getting a shirt is nice, too," she added with a smile.

Patrick O'Toole, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving, commended McDaniel's donors. He explained, "It's important for us to get into the habit of giving blood early on so that we will continue to give as our lives become more hectic."

Freshman Elyssa Bidnell, a veteran donor who had given blood eight times previous, shared a similar sentiment. "Blood is needed everywhere," she stated. "People get in car accidents all over the place. Someone you might get in one and need blood."

Assuming that it took you 30 seconds to skim this story, 45 people in the United States have required a blood transfusion since you began reading. That's right; according to the American Red Cross, someone in the United States needs blood every other second. When will one of those people be one of your loved ones? When will one of those people be you? What will you do to help satisfy the constant, ever-present need for donations?



Kristina Kiss '13 leaned back comfortably while giving blood. Kiss claimed that giving blood is more fun with friends.

THE NUMBERS

38 thousand blood donations needed each day

1,000 units of blood needed each day in our region

100 pints of blood a single car crash victim might need

38 percent of the population able to donate blood

5 percent of those able to donate who actually give blood

Statistics provided by the American Red Cross

UN Millennium goals receive mixed reactions years later

JACOB SIEGL
Staff Reporter

The world has one billion people living in extreme poverty, including in the United States. Issues such as poverty, illness, and premature death, are "problem[s] that really affect everyone globally," said senior Daniel Hughes. However, in 2000 the United Nations decided to take action to eliminate these problems and created the UN millennium goals. The millennium goals program is designed to eradicate poverty and help rid the world of various diseases.

According to the United Nations Development Program website, there are eight numbered millennium development goals. The first goal is to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, the second is to achieve universal primary education, the third is to promote gender equality and empower women, the fourth is to reduce child mortality, the fifth is to improve maternal health, the sixth to combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, the seventh is to ensure environmental stability, and the eighth is to develop a global partnership for development.

Some find these goals to be impractical. "It's a little bit unrealistic," said freshman Dante Micci-Smith.

However, other students believe they are good objectives to set. "That's a large role to take on, it's a big problem. It's good that they're trying to do something to end poverty," said freshman Bridget McLaughlin.

Professor of political science Dr. Charles Neal believes some of the goals are more capable of being accomplished than others. He said he believed the first goal of eradicating extreme poverty and hunger is the most effective. He also was supportive of the eighth goal, establishing a global partnership for development. He said he believed that goal has already been accomplished with the establishment of groups such as the World Bank.

However, Neal is not as hopeful for all of the goals. He believes the seventh goal, to ensure environmental stability, to be unrealistic. He was skeptical about whether or not people would be willing to compromise their beliefs

and adhere to UN policy.

According to the Khaleej Times website and the Los Angeles Times website, the regions of Sudan, Yemen, Somalia, the Palestinian, South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa don't seem likely to meet the goals.

While these regions have struggled with the goals, data from the U.S. Aid shows that worldwide the goals have made progress. Since 1990 the world has seen 280 million fewer people living in extreme poverty, 40 million more children in school, four million more children survive each year, and four million people now receive HIV/AIDS treatment in developing countries, according to the U.S. Aid website.

Despite these successes, the United Nations Goals still face formidable challenges ahead. These challenges include one billion people in extreme poverty, 72 million children not in school, nine million children die each year, 360,000 women die from treatable complications of pregnancy and birth, over 33 million people infected with HIV/AIDS, two million die each year, and half of the developing world lacks sanitation.

Parts of the world have decided to take action to wards meeting the UN Millennium Goals. The European Union has agreed to donate one billion Euros to developing countries according to the EuroAlert website.

The United States is contributing too. President Obama has announced plans to try to help rid developing countries off of their dependency on foreign aid through private investing markets according to National Public Radio's website.

The United Nations is continuing to take steps to try to meet the UN millennium goals. The UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon says that while they're unlikely to be able to meet the UN millennium goals by 2015 as originally planned, they still can make more progress. Ki-Moon said he doesn't believe that the goals should be put aside and that nations should stop supporting it. Neal also believes the goals won't be met in time; however, he said he thinks they can be accomplished.

BUDAPEST CAFE EXTENDED HOURS

KRISTIN BEHRLE
Staff Reporter

Need a late night energy boost to finish that paper? The Budapest Café has extended their hours until midnight Monday through Saturday.

The café used to close at 8 p.m. on weekdays and did not operate at all on weekends. Now, after a change initiated by President Casey, the café hours are from 8 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday, and from 11 a.m. to midnight on Saturdays.

President Roger Casey said that the decision to change the Budapest Café hours came about from a meeting with resident assistants and peer mentors; they made the suggestion, and I took it to the relevant authorities, who made it happen."

"Thoughtful students thought it important to do. When they

think so, I tend to agree," Casey added about extending the hours.

Glenda Shipley, an employee at the Budapest Café, said she thinks it's a good idea to have it open later, because it gives students somewhere to go at night for coffee and smoothies, which is especially nice during exams.

Casey said that he hopes students will get "greater satisfaction with campus services and more options" out of the longer operation hours.

Many students are happy with the new extended hours. Senior Julia Williams says, "It's extremely convenient for late night studying. It also means I can get smoothies anytime I want, which is fantastic."

So if you need a caffeine pick me up, or an alternative late-night study area, head on over to the Budapest Café.

Author speaks to Allies

MASHA MAKHYGINA
Staff Reporter

On October 11th, Allies was graced by an inspirational speaker, Kristina Hernandez, a junior at Slippery Rock University, bravely spoke of her journey to transparency, her personal diary into a published book. The subject of her book was her double life as a woman who suddenly found herself in love with another woman, one who could not tell this secret to anyone.

In high school, Kristina said she was boy crazy, athletic, popular, and highly involved. She never expected that during her senior year of high school, she would fall in love with a girl.

They secretly dated for over two years, sneaking private moments of romance between classes and hiding their relationship from everyone—friends, family, school administration. The secrets resulted in many emotional moments that affected the very people who did not know of the relationship.

Unfortunately, their relationship did not endure the test of distance and time, but what did endure was Kristina's strength. She turned her struggles into a

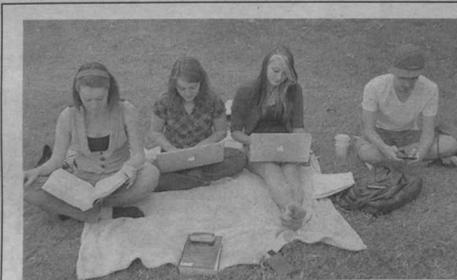


book, hoping that while she had nobody to turn to while she was dealing with the forced secretiveness of her relationship, perhaps her book will assist someone who is currently experiencing a similar struggle.

Twelve students attended Kristina's presentation, four of which were Kristina's high school friends who were by her side while some of the events of the book transpired.

"It doesn't matter who you like or what you like, and I just want everyone to know that," said Hernandez.

Kristina Hernandez's book, *Living a Double Life*, can be found at Livingadoublelife.com.



Freshman Alice Brownell, Shelby Cropper, Jon Stewart, and Kyle Robert take advantage of a warm October day to sit outside and do homework near Whiteford Hall.

GREG NOLEN

Details remain murky about late night confrontation between students and coach

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At 1:20 a.m. on Oct. 15, an incident occurred involving one male and three female McDaniel students and the occupant of a vehicle along West Main St. and Pennsylvania Ave. Many details about the encounter went out through two campus alerts sent via email, but the facts about whether the driver possessed a handgun or not remain murky.

In the security alert sent Oct. 15, the email states that "the conversation between the driver and students in the group became heated and the vehicle abruptly drove off. The driver made a u-turn, and approached two students from the earlier group. The driver exited the vehicle, walked to the passenger side

and proceeded to remove what one student described as a silver handgun from the glove compartment. The driver made several threatening statements to the students, returned the handgun to the glove compartment, and drove away.

One of the students involved in the incident who asked not to be named said, "I never said I saw a gun. I saw a pouch," and added, "all I did was look at his hand when he got out of the car. He had something in his hands." The student continued, "I don't know what the others said they saw."

While the email did not state that the reports about whether or not there was a gun varied, with the wording of "one student described," Michael Webster, Director of Campus Safety and Adjunct Lecturer of the Sociology Department, says that there is a "clear implication there."

"It's not at all uncommon for two people to see the same exact thing and for a variety of reasons to have different stories" said Webster. He added, "from an investigator's standpoint, it actually adds a credibility factor unless the stories are wildly different."

A second email, sent Oct. 15 with the subject "Security Alert - UPDATE," informed that "college officials have banned this individual - who has been recently involved with the school's athletic department - from campus."

While Webster would not comment on what way the individual was involved with the athletic department, other sources have identified defensive back coach Jimmy Williams as the individual involved with the incident.

The second email stated, "As of late Friday morning, the Westminster Police were interviewing an individual who voluntarily indicated involvement in the confrontation with sev-

eral students that occurred early this morning along Pennsylvania Avenue."

When asked if Campus Safety is still dealing with this matter, Webster replied that "the criminal investigation would be a police matter" and stated that "whenever there's a firearm involved it's always that way," Webster said, "As far as the college goes, we're done with it."

Jeffrey Schuster, Detective Corporal of the Westminster Police and lead investigator of the Oct. 15 incident, was unable to be reached by staff reporters after multiple contact attempts. "I am so grateful that no one got hurt or killed that night," the anonymous student said. "Experiencing something like that makes me appreciate everyday that I get up."

For more information, see page 12.

Greek organizations handle small changes to Recruitment, while sororities anticipate larger changes next semester

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Some Greek organizations experienced slight changes this semester during Fall Recruitment, but larger changes are in the works for this Spring.

"Recruitment went well," said junior Courtney Zimmerman of Phi Mu. "With a new Greek advisor, there were some changes made, and more to come in the future, but overall it was a success."

Christine Workman, Director of the Office of Student Engagement, is the new Greek advisor. She explained that most anticipated changes are only relevant to members of sororities.

"We need to select a style of Recruitment at McDaniel in order to better facilitate unaffiliated women joining organizations, and to promote the necessary inclusiveness," said Workman.

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), the governing body of the country's 26 national sororities, developed the "4 Styles of Sorority Recruitment" after conducting an extensive review of Recruitment processes across the country.

"For a campus like McDaniel, the NPC recommends either MSR [Minimally Structured Recruitment] or PSR [Partially Structured Recruitment]," said Workman.

As defined by the NPC, Minimally Structured Recruitment requires all Potential New Members (PNMs) to attend one round. Chapters then send out invitations to various events, with a deadline for bid extension. No bid matching process occurs and there is no formal bid day.

With a Partially Structured Recruitment style, there are several rounds, not all of which are required, and the deadline for sign-ups is extended through the first round to allow more women to participate. There is a formal bid

matching process and a formal bid day.

"PhiA [Panhellenic Association] will be conducting their research over the next few weeks and then chapters will vote on the style that they recommend for the community," said Workman. "The dates for Recruitment will be announced and sign-ups will begin before we leave for the semester break."

Currently, the Recruitment process for sororities works like this:

"All potential girls meet with Panhellenic Delegates from each chapter," explained Zimmerman. "We introduce ourselves to them, and they are broken up into groups. Each group is taken to a different sorority to meet the sisters of that chapter. Each round focuses on a different aspect of the chapter, including general events and our Philanthropy."

Senior Phi Mu member Lindsey Turbett adds, "After they have completed their rounds, sororities pass out bids to girls they believe would make positive additions to their organizations. Once the girls accept, decline, or defer their offers, all of the sororities celebrate bid day."

One of the changes noticed by Panhellenic members this semester involved bid day.

"Usually we are allowed to call out each girl's name, but this year, we had to call them out as a group," said Zimmerman.

This change was brought about to prevent hazing.

"NPC wants to make sure women feel comfortable," said Workman.

Another aspect of Greek Recruitment that seemed different this year had to do with timing.

"Really, the main change this year with recruitment was how fast it was brought upon us," said junior Kappa Delta Ro member Daniel Labson. "I spoke with some guys in the other fraternities as well and there really was no time for actual recruitment. We had a week

maybe to do everything we could. That's not enough time."

According to Workman, this semester's Recruitment was held at the same time as in previous semesters.

"These dates were set last Spring by [Panhellenic Association and Interfraternity Council] and their advisor at the time," explained Workman.

Some feel that the transition to online sign-ups resulted in a lack of awareness.

"In the past, we have had tables outside of Glar advertising each organization and girls were allowed to fill out a piece of paper with general information to go through Rounds," said Turbett. "This Fall, we did not have an effective method of getting the word out about Recruitment. I think this was the biggest change between recruitment seasons I have seen."

According to statistics for the 2009-2010 year, 15% of women participate in sororities and 17% of men participate in fraternities at McDaniel College. Workman explained that classes of Fall Recruitment: New Members are typically smaller since only upper-class students can participate.

"I would say that the process had comparable numbers to those of past semesters," said Workman.

Although many Greek members noticed changes, most were still satisfied with the results.

"This year's recruitment went wonderfully just like any other year," said senior Phi Mu member Kimberly Kallinyak. "All the ladies who went through were great and recruitment was very organized as usual."

"Our recruitment went pretty well," Labson added. "We got a pretty good group of new guys and that's always the most important part."

RA job is difficult, but rewarding

BEN GRANT
 Staff Reporter

Every residence hall floor and group of apartments has a Resident Assistant supervising them. Each one had to go through the same process to apply for their positions.

To apply, one must turn in an application, have a 2.5 GPA. They also must provide an on-campus and off-campus reference, including one from a previous or current employer.

There are some great perks of this job. RAs get paid 1300 dollars and a free single occupancy room. The college also pays for RAs' January term meal plan because they must stay on campus for January term.

RAs arrive earlier than other students in order to attend a required rigorous training course which gives them time to settle into McDaniel in a leisurely manner.

However, the job itself can be difficult. There are the obvious responsibilities such as making sure the floor is clean and the common areas are usable, talking to students about noise or drinking violations, and writing up those and other incidents.

But it also helps to genuinely like your peers because you are responsible for getting to know the people who live on your floor and being available to help them with all sorts of problems. Sophomore RA Sophie Diven said getting to know her residents is her favorite part of being an RA. "It's a great way to get to know people," said Diven.

Andrea Andrews, an Area Coordinator, says the goal when hiring RAs is "to build a cohesive team so we don't have 8 RAs with the same personality. You need introverts and extroverts. By having different personalities they can fill with different types of people."

The job also needs imagination and creativity because RAs are responsible for planning fun activities for the floor. There are also weekly meetings and bi-weekly meetings with supervisors, not to mention being on duty on the floor.

RA's have to dedicate a lot of time to their job. "You have to give up a lot of your time. When you could be spending time with friends you have to stay in your room by yourself," said Diven.

RAs face more than just the responsibilities of their job though; they often face scorn from their peers. "People automatically think you're a bad person and that you're out to get people," said Diven.

On Oct. 20, Allies and Active Minds held a vigil to honor the recent victims of suicide due to homophobic violence and bullying, which was attended by over 40 campus and community members.

"It's very important in times like these for every one of us to stand strong and united with those we love and care about," said Allies treasurer Jonathan Lightner in a moving introduction.

The officers of Allies spoke about each of the victims, lighting a candle for each. The attendees passed the flame amongst themselves to light their own candles, and a moment of silence ensued in remembrance of every person who has been affected by depression, bullying, and suicide. Erik Brennan, co-president of Active Minds, then told everybody in attendance about the warning signs of suicide and depression.

This event was made possible by the collaboration of various McDaniel College organizations, including WMCR for the sound system and the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs for many of the candles. People in the Office of Student Engagement even made drip-catchers that had statements on them like "Love has no gender."

A video of the vigil is available at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JFR_PP-EA-o

Hanna Barker



SAM SEGAL

"Fish for a Cure": Up Til Dawn hosts letter writing campaign to raise funds for St. Jude's

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Those who do not read the flow of campus announcement emails may have wondered why there recently boys underwear spotted around campus that read "Kick Cancer in the Butt" on the back.

If the underwear got students calling, then they did exactly as they were supposed to. The underwear sack on campus was a week-long event to raise awareness about Up Til Dawn, a student-run philanthropic program to raise funds for St. Jude's Research Hospital.

Senior Pats Fossa, the Executive Director of the event this year, is very passionate about the cause.

"Every single dollar raised goes directly to hospital research funds, housing, food, and more. Every child accepted and treated never receives a bill," said Fossa.

Danny Thomas founded St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in 1962, because of his belief that "No child should die in the dawn of life." He established the foundation after St. Jude Thaddeus, the patron saint of hospitals, desperate cases, and lost causes.

Up Til Dawn adopted its name for the many sleepless nights of the patients and their families.

Although only in its third year at McDaniel, Up Til Dawn has a large number of student involvement, with over 32 teams this year.

The teams recently had a Letter Writing Campaign, where each participant was required to request donations via at least 50 letters.

"I forgot until the day of the letter writing that I had to get addresses and ended up texting my whole contact list, and 73 people responded," said junior Megan Reilly, who ended up exceeding the 50 letters even after her slight setback.

The writing part was strenuous, but it is a good cause and the event will be fun," said sophomore Devon McAndrew.

Although the event itself will not take place until March, the reason that raising awareness starts this early is so that the teams have a chance to fundraise as much as possible.

Senior Kimmi Kalinyak loves the cause because "it helps kids and families who would otherwise not be able to afford medical care for cancer treatments. St. Jude is a great organization and I would like to thank anyone who can lend a hand and participate."

An early fundraising start also means more possibilities for the event itself.

"The earlier we start, the more time we have to approach businesses about donating for the Finale Event."



Members of Phi Mu work hard to write 50 letters each to request donations for St. Jude's. The finale event of Up Til Dawn will happen in March.

This makes it as fun as possible, and we can get the best blow-ups, the best bands, and it's all donated so 100% of the funds raised go directly to St. Jude's," said Fossa.

Every year Up Til Dawn has a theme, and this year it is "Fish for a Cure." Those planning on attending the Finale Event should expect a fish-filled fun time from

start to finish.

Although the process has already begun, Fossa encourages anyone to sign up if they're still interested.

"It's not too late to make a team and write letters, there is still some time to make a difference and to get ready for the finale," said Fossa.

First Global Visions builds leadership, supports sustainability

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Staff Reporter

In Sept. of 2009, a tandem team of McDaniel students established the nonprofit organization, First Global Visions.

The organization is focused on providing student service projects that, in turn, build leadership in the student and better both the community and the environment. John Modica and Ryan Allnut, president and vice-president, are both Philosophy majors, while Modica also majors in International Studies.

Modica defined himself and Allnut as 'social entrepreneurs,' who are looking for the needs in society. For now, FGV is focusing its attention on retrofitting homes in the community. Retrofitting is defined as replacing or altering utilities to increase energy efficiency.

For those who find themselves asking how two Philosophy majors became interested in energy efficiency, the answer lies in Modica's spring 2009 semester abroad. It is in Morocco where he learned about the impact we are making on the environment and how the main issue of our generation is sustainability.

"FGV has been able to retrofit people's homes and provide them with the highest quality technology available," said junior Tim Kenny, a student who works for FGV.

Along the path of their growing success, the duo became a trio. Laura Garrison, class of 2010, joined and assisted in writing the grant proposal that won FGV \$3,000 from McDaniel's own Griswold-Zepp Grant for the most innovative service project. They were also awarded a \$64,000 grant through the Maryland Energy Administration last June. Those are just a couple of the numerous awards the organization has won thus far.

"We are in the startup phase. We have no means of permanent funding, but it will fall into place as long as we demonstrate that there is a purpose in what we do," said Modica.

The organization is already recog-



Members of First Global Visions were commended for their work by the Board of County Commissioners last June. Pictured (from left) are Commissioner Julia W. George, Laura Garrison, John Modica, Ryan Allnut, and Commissioner Michael D. Zimler.

nized by the IRS as a nonprofit charity, and if they continue their steady progress, FGV could be considered a foundation in five years.

"They have a considerable amount of experience when it comes to working with the local government. The FGV team was recently asked to assist in writing Carroll County's Sustainability Plan which was revealed on October 28."

Modica, Garrison, and another team member, along with the nonprofit, Media For Green, will be traveling to Ethiopia in February. They will be making a documentary on sustainability and FGV is hoping to eventually partner with Media For Green.

"We are looking for our niche, so we are doing whatever comes our way," said Modica.

First Global Visions is not a force to be reckoned with. There are currently nine McDaniel students involved with FGV, and they are always welcoming new students. The organization builds both the Carroll County and McDaniel community, while helping the environment and creating student leadership opportunities. As students of McDaniel, we should reach out and take advantage of what is in our own backyard.

We can all benefit from what these McDaniel students have done for the community, so stay on the lookout for what FGV does next. To contact First Global Visions, email John Modica at jmodica23@gmail.com or call at 610-299-7992.

Students look forward to Relay for Life

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Over four million people in the nation participate in this event each year. Internationally, 21 countries take part. It is estimated that over 3 billion dollars have been raised by this event to date.

This event is Relay for Life, the main cancer fundraising event of the American Cancer Society.

Started in 1985 by Dr. Gordy Klatt in Tacoma, Washington, Relay has grown from an individual's passion to fight cancer into an international movement with the goal to end cancer indefinitely. The main objectives of Relay for Life are to raise money for cancer awareness and for cancer victims to spread cancer news, to celebrate the lives of survivors, and to remember those who lost their lives to cancer.

"The importance of Relay for Life can be seen by the statistics: Cancer will affect 1 in 2 men and 1 in 3 women in the United States, and the number of new cases of cancer is set to nearly double by the year 2050."

For many students at McDaniel, joining Relay and the fight against cancer is personal. Senior Kim Kalinyak participates for her family and friends.

"Cancer has affected me personally, in both family and friends, and I would love to find a cure for every strain of this horrible disease that affects so many people," said Kalinyak, who loves the way that Relay brings students together on a personal level.

There are three main parts to Relay for Life: The Survivor Lap Dinner, the Luminary Ceremony, and the "Fight Back" Ceremony. These are moments to remember the survivors, the loved ones lost, and individuals currently struggling with this awful disease. At McDaniel, this powerful evening generally lasts through the night and into the morning hours at Bair Stadium.

The money raised through Relay is divided among all aspects of the cancer process. It goes towards national research grants and research programs, prevention programs, community support programs, detection and treatment programs, as well as management, fund fundraising events, and even the construction of Hope Lodges. Even the smallest donations can be the biggest help.

Megan Roach, Senior and Dance Company Team Leader, has been involved with Relay for five years. Relay has morphed from a fun event to the opportunity to fight for something real.

CORRECTION:
In last issue's review of Dollhouse, Torvald was named as played by Zach Brown. In fact, Brady Eisenberg played the role. We apologize.

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McDaniel alumnae survives terrifying fall

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Kelli Hawthorne, a 2008 graduate from McDaniel College and an active member in the SASS (Student Academic Support Services) Program, has a sparkling smile that brings life anywhere she is present and is a miraculous survivor of almost certain death.

Last September, Kelli was enjoying herself at the lively wedding of her brother Justin and soon to be sister in law Jenna, in Portland, Oregon when the evening turned to a nightmare.

Kelli and her new-found friend Evan Alexander had been running joyfully from the reception toward the beach with Kelli in the lead, when suddenly there was no sound.

In Evan's words, "It was as if the Darkness swallowed her."

Kelli had fallen off the 25 foot cliff that overlooked the beautiful Portland beach. She had landed face first, wedged between two jagged rocks and was fading in and out of consciousness.

It took paramedics, police, and firemen two and a half hours to free the unstable Kelli from the boulder. She was then flown to the Trauma Center at Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland where she remained in ICU for two weeks. Her injuries were extensive over two thousand stitches, broken ribs, lacerated liver, punctured lung, broken arms, wrists, fingers, and her face, almost unrecognizable.

Doctors and surgeons used a copy of her driver's license as a manual to guide their procedures in an attempt to recreate Kelli Hawthorne.



Kelli Hawthorne fell from this 25 foot cliff in Portland, Oregon. It is a miracle her life did not end right here.

Among the many lives Kelli has touched at McDaniel is Carole Waddell, Ms. Waddell is a McDaniel employee in the academic advisement department, and helps run the SASS Program here on campus.

"I've known Kelli for five years, and it's like she's one of my own; my work daughters," said Waddell.

who continued by describing Kelli's personality as a "truly special one that you very rarely encounter in life... a person that can change and lift up the mood wherever she goes."

Compliments about Kelli were endless. It was evident that she has a unique ability to connect and relate to students through the SASS Program, and that peers and faculty alike love her personality. Her recovery has been an inspiration to many, and although she is not yet allowed back to school due to brain injuries, Ms. Waddell is confident she will return soon, saying that "Kelli will never give up; she will find a way to succeed."

Kelli's road to recovery has been amazingly successful, but she is still battling some looming brain injuries that slow her mental healing.

Prior to articulating her original diagnosis along with her prognosis, Kelli apologized ahead of time, saying, "Since I have traumatic brain injury I am not sure if I will be able to get everything right."

Her surgeries have been hugely successful, and aside from a few dental surgeries that remain, Kelli is on well on her way to a full physical recovery.

Although she still suffers from fatigue and memory loss, she declared, "The brain injury part just takes time... but I know that I am so much better than I was a year ago."

As Kelli presses on to complete recovery, her medical bills have skyrocketed to over \$150,000 with more surgeries and therapy needed in the future. In an attempt to raise money, friends and family have organized events such as a 5K run this past spring at McDaniel organized by graduate student and friend, Grant Disharoon. In addition to this, Kelli most recently had a "Birthday/Fundraiser Party."



Kelli Hawthorne smiles after her recoveries and surgeries. Lucky to be alive, Kelli Hawthorne peacefully embraces life for everything it has to offer. She appreciates all of the help she has received during her extensive recovery process.

A primary source of financial help and the current place to donate to Kelli is her website, <http://www.team-kelli.com>, in which donations can be made through PayPal.

Kelli is ever appreciative of any and all help saying, "I have been so lucky to have so many people help me raise money."

Greek community may expand to include members of the Divine Nine

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Staff Reporter

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Any of those sound familiar? For those that do not know who the Divine Nine are, they are historically black and a part of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc. There is a good possibility that soon some of the Divine Nine will be a part of Greek life on campus in the future.

Some McDaniel professors are a part of these organizations. I decided to ask them how they felt having a divine nine sorority or fraternity could change life at McDaniel College, and this is what one of them had to say: Dr. Ursin is both an English professor at McDaniel College and a part of

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. "I think that bringing a historically black fraternity or sorority to McDaniel College could impact our recruitment and retention of students of color. Certainly sorority or fraternity life is, for some students, one variable as they decide where to attend. Bringing a member organization of the Divine Nine to campus could also be interpreted as a visible sign of support for diversity and diverse experiences," said Ursin.

One of the groups on campus that I thought must be excited about this is the Black Student Union (BSU), President, Trevor. "Last year as the vice president of the BSU, I along with many others tried to get all the divine nine representatives here to hold information sessions. We got many, but not all nine. I was very excited at the thought that we could have [them] on campus. And I am now very excited that we have a president and head of Greek life that support the divine groups," said Crest, who believes that the divine nine would improve life for minority students at McDaniel.

"The divine nine would act as a home away from home for a lot of people, and it would help create a sense of brotherhood and sisterhood between its members. They all are national organizations, some have been around for over a century, so it's been proven that they work to help people feel more comfortable, as well as help mold stronger and stronger men and women. It would also attract more diverse students, which is what McDaniel plans to move closer to in the next few years," added Crest.

Christine Workman, the Director of Student Engagements, said that getting some of the divine nine on campus has been a long process but is one that is necessary because she believes that it is very important that we diversify the organizations on campus.

Workman said that this process started a while ago when April Johnson of Career Services, a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., held interest meetings. The two groups that sparked the most interest were Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Unfortunately, at this time Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is not looking to expand but Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. seems to be interested in expanding to McDaniel College. McDaniel will not be given its own chapter immediately because the graduate chapters want to see how well the fraternity develops on this campus.

At first, McDaniel's potential chapter would have to be affiliated with other nearby colleges with a chapter such as Stevenson University and UMBC. Then after a few years when the grad chapters see how well membership is maintained, McDaniel College will be given its own chapter.

It is a long process, but it has to start somewhere. Workman is also looking into getting the sororities and fraternities on campus from the National Multi-Cultural Greek Council and the National Latino Greek Council.

For those interested in getting involved, please contact Christine Workman in the office of student engagements. Student support is vital in moving this venture forward.

Annedel: McDaniel's own rock band

LAUREN MILLER
Staff Reporter

If you've ever looking for good local music, there is no need to look any further than McDaniel's own campus. Matthew Collins '13 and Andy Camp '13 are two of the members of Annedel (you may have seen their free EPs in the bookstore).

We caught up with the guys to see what's in store for Annedel and what they're all about.

Q-How would you describe your band to someone who hasn't heard of you or listened to your music?

Matthew: Think of The Who, Puddle of Mudd, a little grunge, and some indie music shoved into one band.
Andy: We all have similar, but different musical tastes. Matt is into Skar, Alternative/Acoustic, I really enjoy classic rock and our bassist Tom, Cuddle, is more into punk and heavy metal. We bring our own tastes and try to create something unique and special.

Q-What makes you guys different from every other band out there?

Matthew: For one we don't use a lot of effects. All of our stuff is mainly raw. What makes me by that is one guitar, one bass, drums, and vocals. Now a days music is overly produced.
Andy: We appeal to a lot of people because our music doesn't really fit into one genre/mix. So I think it's hard to categorize our sound and it should give us with a wide range of sounds that appeal to a good number of people with different tastes in music. And we sound really good live.

Q-What song of yours would you recommend to someone who hasn't listened to your music before?

Matthew: I would recommend "Empy" which has track three on our EP "Open Word."

Andy: I'd say listen to every song off that album because two sound the same.

Q-What has been your biggest challenge so far as a band?

Matthew: Working together. In his hand when you have people who share different styles of music trying to write one style.

Andy: Trying to find a bassist. We were looking for a long time and it wasn't until the end of summer that I met Tom... We jammed with him and we invited him to join because we all meshed together very well.

Q-How did you come up with the band name?

Andy: Annedel is a combination of the words Anne Arundel (the county Matt and Tom are from). I'm from Reisterstown (Baltimore County).

Q-What has been your favorite show to play and why?

Matthew: My favorite show was actually an acoustic show we did at Victory Lounge. Andy couldn't make it to the show so Tommy and I went to along and played. We had the whole bar singing along. It was the most fun I've ever had performing.

Q-How do you get a pumped up for a show?

Andy: Practice a little, eat a nice dinner, and mentally prepare to go kick some ass.

Q-What's your favorite and least favorite thing about performing?

Matthew: My favorite thing about performing is that you're in control. Your trying to send a message through your song and people are there to listen. My least favorite thing is getting over nerves. Like anything involving a crowd there's nerves, so getting my hands to stay steady on the guitar is my least favorite thing.

Andy: My favorite thing about performing is when you can feel a connection to the audience, and when you can feel them really digging a song, that is really cool. My least favorite is when we get a time limit/Song Limits. Sometimes you just gotta go with the flow and how you feel.

Q-Who is someone you'd like to play a show with?

Matthew: I would like to play with the Red Hot Chili Peppers or even Sublime (w/ Romeo).
Andy: I thought either The Who (I'd be so cool to open for them) or Rush!!!



Annedel recently created a new logo for their band.

Q- Out of all the songs you've recorded/recorded which is your favorite and why?

Matthew: One of the songs that we recorded I would have to pick "Empy" cause it's a song that means a lot to me. It had to do with a bad relationship I went through.

Andy: My favorite is "For You" and "Empy." I wrote "For You," and it meant a lot when Matt really liked it, and we decided we were actually gonna record that in studio. "Empy," I didn't write, but we had only played through it once in practice, and we recorded it in under 3 takes. So it was really cool with how nice-sounding it came out.

Q- What do you hope your band is accomplishing in a year?

Matthew: I would hope to play a few shows in places like Rams Head Live, 930, and Sonar.

Andy: Honestly, I want us to be playing a lot of shows, recording more stuff and getting a big following.

Q- And finally, what's your favorite flavor popcicle?

Matthew: Grape. That's all the way.

Andy: Green, that shit is delicious.

For more info on Annedel, check out their site www.annedel.com. Make sure to pick up a free copy of their EP either on the site or at the campus bookstore. And if you're free October 25th go out and support them at their show for 98 Rock's Noise in the Basement at Bourbon Street in Baltimore, MD.

On the Lot

THE COOLEST AND NOT-SO-COOLEST CARS ON CAMPUS



SOPHIE DIVEN
Staff Reporter

With Ed Jefferson

Make - Dodge

Model - Challenger

Year - 2010

MSRP - \$22,735 - \$41,230

<http://consumerguideauto.howstuffworks.com/>

When did you purchase? - 2 weeks ago

Stick or Automatic? - Automatic

Do you let your friends drive it? - No, it's my baby.

Best memory - I haven't had it for long so I don't have many memories, however my favorite thus far has been beating some rice burner off the line after he started revving his engine.

Expensive to maintain? - Yes, it doesn't get the best gas mileage so I have to put about 50 bucks a week into [the car] for [gas].

Approx Average Mil's Per Gallon - 16 city, 22 highway

According to Dodge 16 city, 25 highway

<http://www.dodge.com/>

How long do you expect to be driving this car? - Hopefully I'll keep it forever.

If you knew what you know now about your car, would you buy it again? - Yes, my car is pretty freakin' awesome.

If you were given \$25,000 in cash today, what car would you buy with it? Well I'd prefer to keep my car because it's worth more than \$25,000 but [if] I had to change I would look for a 1999 supra with a twin turbo.

McCribs

THE BEST AND WORST OF DORM LIFE

WARREN KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Many students have wondered where the strange stench that has been lingering throughout the halls of the second floor in McDaniel Hall since the beginning of the Fall 2010 semester comes from.

We at the McDaniel Free Press are proud to unravel this mystery for the community. Researchers have been searching for the source for months now, and have finally found the origin of the odor.

Sophomores Ryan Hennessy (aka Gumbag) and Mike Woglom share the tight quarters of room 203 in McDaniel Hall.

Woglom says, "It is small and cramped and my radiator is loud and inconvenient."

These two young men have the best intentions of keeping a neat and tidy room, but their lifestyle and the size of the room do not allow for such a thing.

Some call them boarders; others call them lazy and sile.

There are pub meals from weeks ago left out on the desk, chewed gum stuck to everything, and spewed potato chips and clothing hide the carpet. Their lacrosse gear and dirty underwear are piled in the corners of the room, as well as urine stained bed sheets.

The combination of these objects creates such a putrid odor that it is unfathomable how the two are able to live in such conditions. Evan Peoples, a friend of Hennessy and Woglom, said, "They are my good friends, but honestly, I cannot spend more than five minutes in their room. They ask me if I want to come play video games or watch a movie on a regular basis; I am running out of excuses!"

The two have come to terms with the fact that they need to start cleaning up after themselves more often in order for them to survive the remainder of the year.

HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA



HANNA BARKER

ABOVE: Freshman Sammi Stair and Sophomore Ben Azat pose in costume at the honors Halloween party.

RIGHT: Sophomores Rachel Hoffman and Torin Grosso show off their handmade costumes. Torin wears chainmail, while Rachel is dressed as Sharktopus, based on the recent Syfy movie.



HANNA BARKER



KIM WILLIAMS

ABOVE: Junior Nick Turisi and seniors Kristin Behrle, Cindy Sardo and Joey Ottomano pose in their Halloween costumes on Thursday night, Oct. 28. Buzz Lightyear, a pirate, Jasmine, and Marty McFly.

RIGHT: Apartment 202 in North Village is decorated for Halloween. A scarecrow sits at the kitchen table to scare people.

BELOW: Junior Cody Koogle poses for a picture at a McDaniel College Halloween event. The event was for the children in the local Westminster community and was sponsored by the Residence Life staff.



KIM WILLIAMS



SOPHIE DIVEN

BOTTOM: Sophomore George Pashalishvili (RIGHT) and Kristin Behrle (ABOVE) enjoy themselves Badlam in the Baro, which features a haunted hayride and haunted house, in Lineboro. This trip on Friday, Oct. 29 was planned by ODMA for all of the clubs under the ODMA umbrella: HLA, ACC, Internal Club, Allies, BSU, MSEA, and JSU.

BELOW: Juniors Becky Putnam and Sara Krome carve pumpkins with the Outdoors Club and Catholic Campus Ministries on Saturday, Oct. 30. The pumpkins were picked at Baugher's. The cutting is a yearly tradition of the Outdoors Club.



KIM WILLIAMS



KRISTIN BEHRLE



KRISTIN BEHRLE

If you feel Down...

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." -Lao Tzu

While it's important to think about the big picture, that can sometimes be overwhelming. Sometimes all you need to do is think about that first step and take it. Pretty soon you'll find the journey isn't so insurmountable as it seemed. -Kim Williams

...pick this up

Gorillaz exceed expectations in Fairfax REVIEW

CHARLES MULLIN
Staff Reporter

"We're finally here! I'm sorry it took ten years though," Damon Albarn, lead singer of the Gorillaz, said after performing "Super Fast Jellyfish." It was well worth the wait though, as Gorillaz pounded through most of their discography ranging from their first hit "Clint Eastwood" to the recent single "Slyo."

Gorillaz was first formed in 1998 by co-creators Jamie Hewlett and Damon Albarn, and started as a simple musical collaboration between animation and music. Albarn decided to focus on making music with "substance" by combining genes and varying musical artists.

Gorillaz started their concert in Fairfax, Virginia with the bombastic track "Welcome to the World of the Plastic Beach," which featured Snoop Dogg on the screen overhead, rapping along with the band below. This not only got the audience pumped up for the rest of the show, but also Albarn himself, who was dancing across the stage throughout the song.

Albarn, along with the other guest artists and the band, kept this infectious energy for the rest of the show as the crowd danced along with them. Two members of the influential British punk band The Clash, Mick Jones and Paul Simon, also brought a unique sound as

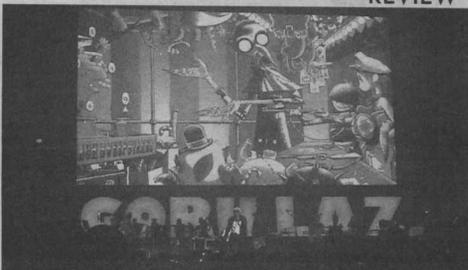
part of the band.

Gorillaz continued the concert with crowd pleasers like "Tomorrow Comes Today" and "19-2000," as well as Plastic Beach favorites "Broken" and "On Melancholy Hill." The animation above the stage did provide some of the highlights, though, as music videos, as well as drawings, live action renditions, and short films would pop up perfectly in tune with the music.

Jamie Hewlett should be given credit for this part of the performance as many of the animations not only looked great, but also helped the concert flow from song to song. Some of the standouts in the animation were the drawings done with the song "Rhinestone Eyes" and the zombie short film played with "Last Living Souls."

One of the standouts to me was that the concert played to Gorillaz' strengths as artists in that they aren't a singular entity, but rather the embodiment of many musical artists. The guest artists were rapper Mos Def, vocalist Little Dragon, vocalist Bobby Womack, rapper De La Soul, and rapper Kano, just to name a few.

After a short intermission with a clip from the animated band members Murdoc and 2D, the Gorillaz began again with the bulk of the concert's songs like "Glitter Freeze," "Dare," and "Empire Ants," before the performance of



TOM LEE

the Arabic-rooted song "White Flag."

Albarn drew attention to the Lebanese National Orchestra for Oriental Arabic Music by saying, "Would the crowd give a hand for the Arab-Americans that have joined us tonight?" This feeling of international collaboration seemed to be the theme of the night.

The crowd around me was electric as Gorillaz came closer to the finale, until it finally let loose as the chords to the musical sensation "Feel Good, Inc." began. From then on, Albarn and crew would play all of the fa-

avorites like "Clint Eastwood," "Dirty Harry," and the Bobby Womack-fueled "Cloud of Unknowing" until ending with a beautiful and stirring performance of "Don't Get Lost in Heaven/Demon Days."

As the lights dimmed down and Albarn said his "thank yous," the concert ended to the mountainous sound of applause.

On the drive back to McDaniel, I thought less about the great concert I witnessed and more about the lack of bands with "substance" like Gorillaz in the music world today.

Snooze Button by Danny Hughes

Today they will look for me
but I will not be there.
I will melt into my bed
becoming one with the pillow,
one with the sheets.

All they will see
is neat piles of me
Carbon, oxygen, nitrogen:
embarrassed by methane,
Proud of Americium.

They will try to figure out
what has happened.
They will try to figure out
what to call it: a tragedy?
My bed and I will snicker.

Today I will melt into my bed.
One with the pillows.
One with the sheets.

Campus organizations feel slighted, seek fairness in SGA allocations

MASHA MAKHYAGINA
Staff Reporter

The SGA allocations process was long, tedious, and frustrating. If I was into metaphors, I would suggest that it was similar to having that one place on your back itch that you can't scratch correctly regardless of any attempt.



It all began during the third week of the semester when, apparently, SGA allocation information was sent out to clubs and organizations. The new allocation process was advertised in an ad sent through Campus-Wide Email. There were, as of Sept. 24, 29 allocation forms submitted on time and two late applications. The next week, club leaders, heard from SGA as the SGA meeting held in Hill 108 on the 29, where it was revealed that most of us had actually filed allocations incorrectly, asking for funding for decorations, publicity, and food, all of which SGA will no longer be funding. In essence, what SGA is willing to pay for are venues, venue use (which can include

sound systems and such, although most of these can be attained free through McDaniel Radio), and speakers/performers.

However, SGA did not treat all groups fairly. In fact, several groups, like International Club, Women's Issues Group, and Allies, did not hear back from SGA by the deadline by which we were supposed to have received our allocations.

Many of the requirements for funding were based on membership numbers, even several that were not explicitly stated. For example, requirements for coverage of travel expenses to a conference require more individuals than any smaller organization, such as those affiliated with the Office of Diversity & Multicultural Affairs (ODMA), has on a regular meeting basis in attendance. The solution suggested was collaboration. However, somehow, I don't think that there is a purple unicorn of a speaker out there who will appeal to us all—it would be a woman, who is Black, Latin American, Asian, Jewish, lesbian, an immigrant, and a feminist. Let's start counting our miracles now.

So, instead of stewing in our own disappointment, several of the club leaders of the ODMA groups met to discuss their issues with SGA and the allocations process on Oct.

21. Many of us gave props to SGA for even attempting to revamp the allocations process and stressing transparency in their decision-making. However, we were also very frustrated by the lack of funds our organizations received. For example, Black Student Union was denied thousands of dollars in funds.

What we came up with was a working list, not of grievances, but suggestions for the next round of allocations. These suggestions included not making us give annual projections (since we can't possibly know what our members would like to do for the entire year), not making us give annual projections only three weeks into the semester, and, oh, yeah, being a little more flexible and clear on the requirements for allocations in a more direct way than a campus-wide email. Furthermore, while we respect the SGA's demands for contracts for speakers and performers, we wish they would understand that we can't negotiate a contract if we don't know how much money we are initially working with.

All of us severely hope that SGA and all our clubs will be able to reconcile our differences and work together. As the process improves, so will our organization leadership and presence on campus.

PHOTO CONTEST



Do you like reading the Free Press? Then take a vertical photo of yourself or a friend next time you're reading it! Submit a photo of yourself or a friend reading our publication in a fun place or creative way and send it to us at freepress@mcDaniel.edu. You're photo will be displayed on the Free Press website and will be entered in a competition with other entries to be displayed in the paper version as well. Additionally, each photo chosen for the paper copy will be entered in a yearlong competition. The year's winning photo will be on the cover of the Free Press AND the winning entrant will receive an IPOD TOUCH!!! Entries should be sent to freepress@mcDaniel.edu by the email's subject line at FREE PRESS IN UNUSUAL PLACES. Include the name of the photo submitter, and the name of anyone in the picture, additionally any background information on the location of the photo taken would be appreciated. This competition is sponsored by Cheese Club, let's talk cheese!

The top 10 things I want to say to Tea Party activists



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- 1) I don't want to see the pictures you have of aborted fetuses for the same reason I don't want to see pictures of the animals I eat for dinner: it's gross and it ruins my appetite.
- 2) Are you sure you're not racist? Because when you have signs that say things like "Congress-Slaveowner, Taxpayer-Nigger" you sound pretty racist. Plus, you can't spell.
- 3) If Allah is a "monkey God", Jesus Christ is a stoner.
- 4) If you're the bastion of American morality, why are you so fond of sexual puns involving various combinations of the words "tea" and "bag"?
- 5) "Fascist" and "socialist" are at opposite ends of the political spectrum (a person can't be both). So you're going to have to compare Obama to either Adolf Hitler or Vladimir Lenin.
- 6) You know, the Second American Revolution concept was also used by the Confederates before they failed to drive off the "Northern Aggressor." But you learned all about failing from your report cards so what I am doing trying to teach you about history?
- 7) One of your main representatives is a television pundit that is clearly mentally unbalanced. Birds of a feather . . .
- 8) In case you weren't aware, the "Don't Tread on Me" flag or "Gadsden Flag" has also been used, in its relatively short history, as a symbol for various groups such as Metallica (a heavy metal band), 311 (a rap, punk, ska band), Tijuana Antronic (a punk/indie rock band), and, last but not least, gay rights activists. Embrace the rainbow Glenn Beck.
- 9) George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Thomas Paine all hated the direction this country was going in; too: they thought too many uneducated, ignorant assholes were rising to the forefront of the political landscape. Huh.
- 10) Dear Christine O'Donnell, it's the First Amendment. That's where the Constitution mentions the idea of a separation of church and state. Learn how to read.

(SEX)ILED ON THE



CLARA BURGESS
Staff Reporter

Sexile (n.): The state of being exiled from your room due to roommate transgressions.

You know the signs if it has happened to you. Having to wait outside for hours, finding another place to sleep for the night, putting up with awful after-see smells... Locked doors, grunts and moans seeping through the cracks in the walls, and even worse: walking in to the startled looks of your roommate on top of some girl/guy all tangled up in between the sheets.

Jamal Morgan, a senior, had an unusual situation, with his roommate. "I got sexed in... my roommate was up a sheet, and he was getting a blow job," he said.

Sometimes people will assume that

how they feel about having sex in the room is the same as how their roommate feels. Thinking that everyone follows the same rules doesn't always work, and the resulting situations can end up embarrassing or bothersome for everyone involved.

There are strategies for dealing with these awkward situations. Junior Melanie Darling, suggests warning your roommate.

"My roommate sent a text to me and asked for the room," said Darling.

Preventing entrance to the room is a way to ensure that there will be no awkward interruptions. There are many ways to prevent awkward encounters and keep embarrassing situations to a minimum.

"I'll know my roommate was away I would just lock the door," said sophomore Kerri Morrison.

Most roommates on campus agree that being sexiled is something students face frequently, but some don't consider it a major concern.

"I would hate to be kicked out of my room for the night... but for a few hours! Sure, okay," said one freshman boy who wished to remain anonymous.

Avoiding the discussion seems to be common for most people.

"It is like a hidden rule, if someone wants to do something the other just leaves," said an anonymous sophomore.

Sharing a room brings up a lot

of conflicts such as cleanliness, sleeping schedules and sleeping with people schedules. A room is a place that should be equally available and comfortable for everyone who lives there, and sexual intercourse adds some potentially awkward conversations into the relationship between roommates. So what, if anything, do you do when sexiled on the hill?

In the end, if strategies are not working and you and your roommate don't follow the same "hidden rules," it is probably better to just talk it out. Find a system that works best for you and your roommate and stick to it. Then when it's your turn to seclude someone else, you can have some good, safe fun without worrying about causing conflict.

Skip a Latte, Save A Life: End Malaria by 2015

MARA SEIBERT
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Imagine waking up one morning to the news that 2,000 children had been killed in a series of planned bombings of schools all around the world. There would be mass panic-TV stations and newspapers would rush to cover the story, trying to figure out what was going on and why. People would be horrified and perhaps start up campaigns through nonprofits to give help to the families, and everyone would do everything in their power to make sure it didn't happen again.

Then you wake up the next morning to the same news. Another 2,000 children were killed. The same tragedy strikes again the next day—and everyday in fact. This faux news story isn't far from reality. There is a menace killing over 2,000 children every single day. And the most horrific part of this nightmare is that the killer could be eliminated, taken down with known strategies. So why aren't we doing anything? Why don't people know about this ongoing tragedy?

This menace goes by the name of malaria and is one of the most deadly predators in the world. And it deserves our attention. Why? It has an incredibly huge impact, not just limited to the deaths of thousands each day, a tragedy in itself. Malaria also costs countries economically. Once workers contract malaria, they often become too weak and fatigued to be able to work and in turn can bring in no money to their family, or contribute overall to the country's economy. Because they have no money they can often not afford malaria treatments even if they are available. In Africa alone, \$12 billion is being lost due to malarial causes (endmalaria.org). Imagine how these poverty-stricken nations could start to help themselves if malaria was eliminated and they had their work force back!

Last spring, I had the great privilege of listening to Carolyn Siganda, a World Vision development worker who has been face to face with malaria's impacts. Never before had I realized that malaria also leads to things like child trafficking and early marriage. But the truth is that some mothers have had no real choice—to either keep their children at home, knowing they would most likely die from malaria, or send them to the city for work or give them up to the army. In the city, many children are easy targets for traffickers who lure them in with promises of jobs. In places like the Democratic Republic of Congo and Liberia, malaria also becomes a child soldier. In my opinion, becoming a child soldier is one of the most monstrous outcomes—being forced to kill and maim others. No mother should have to make the choice to see her child die or go on to kill others.

Girls marry early to have as many children as possible in hopes that some will survive. They know that many will die early from malaria. Siganda also explained how malaria can contribute to other health problems indirectly. For example, in Sudan, people often use cow dung as a natural mosquito repellent and smear it on the children's faces. However, this can lead to infections resulting in lost eyesight and hearing. Who knew that malaria could have such a far-reaching impact?

According to the UN's 2010 Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Report, half of the world's population is at risk from malaria. And we know the solutions: Bed nets, Indoor Residual Spraying, anti-malarial drugs...these are all known and tested methods of preventing and treating malaria. And they are effective! When bed nets cover a large portion of a country's population, malaria cases and deaths have fallen by 50% (MDR 2010 Report).

And we are making progress. Malaria deaths and cases have been greatly reduced. Since 2001, an estimated 908,000 malaria deaths

have been averted through the use of treated bed nets (BNN). Malaria can be eliminated by 2015 just five years away, we can be labeled the generation that ended malaria. In order to accomplish this goal, however, there needs to be adequate funding. Currently, the US is below its promised \$5 billion over 5 years through the Global AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Bill. Malaria can be eliminated by 2015—but we need to remind our senators and representatives of their promise.

Some of you may have stopped by the Night of Nets event on malaria back in September—at the event, we had post cards to send to our senators pushing for increased malaria funding. However, it is more effective to call your senators. Don't worry—it's not as intimidating as it sounds! All you do is find out who your senators and representatives are, give their office a call and tell them you want Senator so-and-so to support increased malaria and funding and to adhere to the promises made through the Millennium Development Goals. Remind them that we are following through on our promise to end malaria by 2015 and that US funding needs to be at least \$1 billion a year for this to happen.

As a constituent, your officials and their staff will listen to what you have to say and if enough of us are willing to speak up, we can make malaria a priority. Just 10 phone calls to an elected official can flag it as a high priority matter. So give them a call today—right now, while you are thinking about it.

Another way you can push our government is send a postcard to your elected official—there is a stack of them sitting in the Budapest Café—just go and pick one up, fill it out and then drop it in the basket. All cards will be mailed without charge to you. In fact—I have a challenge. Let's see if Mr. Daniel can send 100 postcards on ending malaria.

Feeling more ambitious? Save lives. It's a surprisingly easy thing for us to do—we can all afford to give \$6. Just \$6 can buy a treated bed



net, one of the most effective ways of preventing malaria. Maybe skip getting that latte at Starbucks and instead give the money to organizations like Nothing But Nets and World Vision who distribute bed nets and also check up on the families to make sure the nets are being used and used properly.

Now imagine you woke up to the news that South East Asia and Africa were starting to eliminate poverty in their countries, due to the fact that they now had an energetic, bustling workforce. Imagine mothers and children around the world not having to sleep in fear each night that a tiny mosquito bite would kill them. Imagine families staying whole, children having the energy to go to school and get an education.

Just 100 postcards. We can be the generation that ends malaria—so let's step up and speak

Becoming Un-vegetarian



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Cheesesteak. The smell coursed through my nostrils, and beckoned to me to take a taste. After seven years of smelling meat and being repulsed, why am I now aroused by the smell of meat?

When meeting a new person, something that always came up about myself was being a vegetarian. It is something that becomes a piece of you. And the first question every single person asked me when they found out was, "Why?"

There are several reasons people become a vegetarian—health benefits, animal cruelty, etc. Although I am an animal lover, my reason was a lot simpler than that. I was just picky. I remem-

ber being in the grocery store when I was young, asking my mom if there was meat in mozzarella sticks. When she said no, I was relieved that I didn't have to give up my favorite food.

I did not stop eating meat that day. My parents were afraid if I stopped eating meat it would hurt my already limited diet. But the day I did finally stop eating meat, I didn't just quit cold turkey. I first stopped eating the little red meat I did eat, and still ate poultry. After that it became easier and easier to stop eating the things I loved, and soon I was a full vegetarian.

So for seven years I have been a vegetarian; all of a sudden start eating meat again? Cheesesteak. I had completely forgotten about the existence of this Philadelphia delicacy until this past summer. And after five cruel months of craving, and drooling every time I saw a plate of something that I could not have, I caved. It wasn't as much as craving, really, as it was deciding it was time for a change. And after being a vegetarian for seven years, I was basically ready for that. And of course, I really wanted a cheesesteak.

The process of eating meat again has been just as difficult as becoming a vegetarian in the first place. I have been getting sick every once in awhile, and have only been eating certain things. But let me tell you all, meat is good.

ON EATING ANIMALS

PART 3

DANI ALLEN
Staff Reporter

It's been 16 days since my last written account about my journey to the land of no meat. I have not read a single page of *Eating Animals* in that time. Yes, I've been extremely busy with schoolwork and work and club



work, but that isn't the only reason I haven't been reading. The truth is that I'm a big chicken who wants to continue eating chicken. I know that avoiding the truth about factory farming isn't going to make the truth cease to exist, but it does make it easy to pretend it doesn't exist. I told myself that giving up meat would be difficult and unpleasant, but that I'd be capable of doing it. Now I'm not so sure. Meat is just so fucking good.

Remembering the fact that I might not be able to taste meat ever again seems a bit immature when I think about one point Jonathan Safran Foer makes. He questions whether a person can use the argument of taste against the realities of factory farm abuse and its detrimental effects

on our society. For example, I shouldn't eat someone's face just because I like the taste of human flesh. There are other factors to consider, like the fact that people generally want to keep their faces and my desire for something tasty doesn't trump their desire to not get their face eaten. (This is by no means an analogous example, but you get the point.)

Eventually, Foer's unbelievably exceptional writing and my own curiosity will draw me back in, but for now, at least for a little bit longer, I'm going to indulge in ignorant, merry bliss.

...Or so I thought. It's now 28 days since I've read from *Eating Animals* and I have no exception to what I'm worried about is the fact that I've stopped noticing when I'm eating meat. When perceiving of what I was eating, especially if it contained meat. Now it seems that I'm falling a chicken sandwich in class and not even notice it's meat or if I do notice, I just don't care. I think it or that I know if I start to think about not conclusion-vegetarianism. Am I secretly and apparently my subconscious doesn't back? pull off my quest to deny meat I can that I disagree.

NBA Preview

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End of the Year Western Conference Standings

1. **Oklahoma City Thunder** – The youngest, most exciting team in the Western Conference will use its playoff experience from last year to jump to the top of the conference. Kevin Durant has supplanted LeBron James, Kobe Bryant, and Wayne Wade as the best player in the world. Durant will be joined by Russell Westbrook, James Harden, and Jeff Green as the Thunder build their dynasty. The question will be do they have a big to control the paint?

2. **Los Angeles Lakers** – There is not much to say about this pick. The Lakers are two-time defending NBA champions and they return every starter. The Lakers have even added Matt Barnes, a nice role player, to the established core of Kobe Bryant, Pau Gasol, and Lamar Odom. The Lakers will not struggle to reach the postseason to make a run at a third consecutive championship.

3. **Utah Jazz** – The Jazz are always a consistent playoff contender, but they always struggle to make it out of the first round. With the addition of center Al Jefferson, the Jazz might be able to take the next step in the playoffs. With elite point guard Deron Williams running the show, the Jazz certainly have the weapons to take down the Lakers and Thunder. Al Jefferson is the key to the puzzle.

4. **Portland Trail Blazers** – The Trailblazers, I mean the Trailblazers, have the pieces in place to contend for the Western Conference crown. Brandon Roy carries this team, along with Andre Miller and LaMarcus Aldridge. The Trailblazers need Greg Oden to come back healthy and finally play to his first overall pick status. Oden can put this team over the top.

5. **Dallas Mavericks** – Mark Cuban always put a competitive team on the floor and this year will be no different. Dirk Nowitzki, Jason Terry, and Jason Kidd all return. It will be another first round exit in the playoffs for the Mavs, however. Kidd will end up showing his age, Dirk is getting up there as well, and there is a lack of depth and explosive players on the roster.

6. **Memphis Grizzlies** – In the first surprise of the standings, the Grizzlies will rely on a young squad to jump into the playoffs for the first time since the team arrived in Memphis. The Grizzlies feature Rudy Gay, OJ Mayo, and Marc Gasol. Zach Randolph needs to play to his potential for this team to make the postseason. Memphis has all the potential to contend. The Grizz made great strides last year, look for more of the same this year.

7. **Golden State Warriors** – Another young team with a futile past makes a jump into the playoffs this year. The Warriors have two dynamic guards in Monta Ellis and Stephen Curry. The acquisition of David Lee will provide a much needed post presence. Look for the Warriors to put up big numbers this year.

8. **San Antonio Spurs** – This will be the last chance for a rapidly aging group. Tim Duncan is the ultimate professional, but will his knees hold up? Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili need to stay healthy. DeJuan Blair and newly acquired import, Tiago Splitter, are the young guns on the team and they need to make immediate contributions.

Eagles v. Falcons: An Eyewitness Account

GREG NOLEN
Staff Reporter

Every Sunday, thousands of fans pack up their football gear, grills, and whatever else they need and spend the whole day tailgating and watching their favorite professional football teams. On October 17, I was among those fans, as my aunt took me to see the Philadelphia Eagles play the Atlanta Falcons.

My aunt had gotten the tickets for me after she heard me tell my cousin that I had never been to an NFL game. We left my house in Laurel, Maryland at 10:00 a.m., expecting to arrive at 12:00 p.m. However, we ran into a wall of traffic trying to get into the parking lot, and when the ball was kicked off, we were still in a long line trying to get into Lincoln Financial Field, the home of the Philadelphia Eagles.

When we finally got to our seats, five rows up from the field in the corner of the end zone, we barely had time to admire the view before Eagles quarterback Kevin Kolb handed off to wide receiver DeSean Jackson. Jackson ran for 31 yards around the left end for the game's first touchdown to give the Eagles a 7-0 lead.

Later in the first quarter, Jackson struck again, catching a 34-yard pass over the middle for his second touchdown of the quarter to put the Eagles up 14-0.

However, that would be Jackson's last highlight of the day. On third down and six early in the 2nd quarter, he and Falcons cornerback Duane Robinson were involved in a helmet-to-helmet collision that injured both players and ended Jackson's game after one quarter. This was the first of many helmet-to-helmet hits in the NFL in Week 6. The Steelers' James Harrison and the Patriots' Brandon Meriweather were among the players fined by the NFL for helmet-to-helmet hits on receivers that Sunday. The NFL has been working on a new policy to deal with these kinds of hits. Last Sunday, the number of helmet-to-helmet hits was lower.

However, Jackson's injury could not slow down the Eagles, as Kolb threw two more touchdowns passes to his other big play receiver, Jeremy Maclin. The Eagles soared to a 31-17 victory to improve their mark to four wins and two losses on the season, and tied the Giants for first place in the NFC East, generally regarded as the NFL's toughest division.

In the starting QB battle between Kolb and the injured Michael Vick, Kolb showed that he was worthy of the job after throwing for 326 yards and three touchdowns against Vick's former team, which entered the game as one of the best in the NFC. The Eagles defense held Michael Turner to a measly 45 yards, picked up two turnovers, and outgained the Falcons 474 to 293 in total yards.



The Atlanta Falcons prepare to run an offensive play against the Philadelphia Eagles in their Week 6 game at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. The Eagles defeated the Falcons 31-17, to improve to 4-2 and tied for first place in the NFC East.

The Philly fans showed they were armed the reputation of being the toughest fans in sports, creating a hostile environment for the opposing Falcons and booing one of their own players, David Akers. The longtime Eagles' kicker, who uncharacteristically missed three field goals during the game, was heckled when he came out to attempt his fourth field goal, which he made, finishing one for four on the day.

After the game, we hung around for a little while and I took pictures of the Falcons players leaving the field. While I was doing that, I saw a father and his young son, both in Falcons jerseys, standing there watching their favorite players leave the field together. I thought that was pretty cool.

Overall, I had a really fun Fall Break and will never forget my first NFL game.

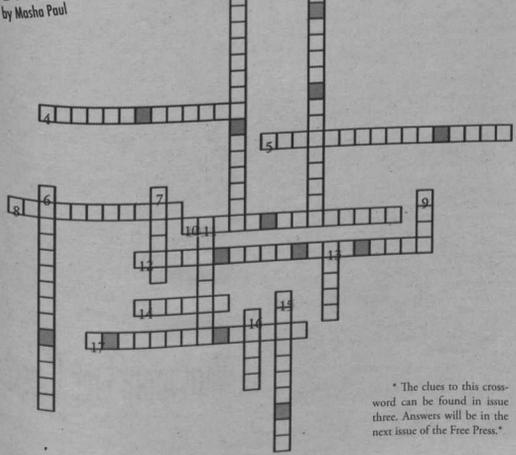
OutPickNick

Still looking for someone to knock me off, this week's challenger is freshman Corey Sroka...

According to Corey...	Match-Up	According to Nick...
Dropie struggling this far from reprints and come back with a career game. Also, I fully expect to see Randy Moss before that is done. Because on his earlier passes he's looking like they're looking for me, I'm not getting to make them now. Because, but I have to do it.	Vikings @ Minnesota	Vikings
Corner... I could never see against my team. Kansas City will not survive this trip to the Black Hole. All that I have to say is, good luck Charlie White, you are certainly going to need it.	Raiders @ Kansas City @ Oakland	Chiefs
Being from the great Philadelphia area, I know first hand how delicious Eagles fans can be. I'm not knowing about football at all. Deon McCaleb would still be your quarterback. However, it does not matter who the Eagles throw in at the starting line, no way to get any sense of the best quarterback of all time. As time, use this week.	Colts @ Philadelphia @ Indianapolis	Eagles
Aaron Rodgers > John Kuhn, enough said.	Packers @ Dallas @ Green Bay	Cowboys
The great state of Texas against these pretty boys from the beach, no say. Max Schaub will put up ridiculous numbers, and Andre Johnson will prove why he is the best receiver in the game right now. Plus, he's from the "UT" you know he is going to make it rain.	Texans @ San Diego @ Houston	Chargers

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

by Mosho Paul



* The clues to this crossword can be found in issue three. Answers will be in the next issue of the Free Press.*

Across

- Aims to promote acceptance & prevent suicide of LGBT individuals
- Performed among Hot Chelle Rae, The Ready Set, and David Archuleta
- Hosted the Alzheimer's Memory walk
- Changes to the ___ process caused an upset to many clubs and organizations on campus that depended on the original production to cover purchases such as food & decorations.
- A suggestion that McDaniel College & Campus Safety should promote ___ rather than implementing the idea to not drink
- Is the celebration of women's sexuality and fosters a more open dialogue about issues related to women and sexuality
- It may be hard for ___ to find a variety of options in Glar
- A newly sold out production featuring Victorian furniture...

Down

- New improv group on campus
- Sam recommends that you try this quick, easy and delicious dorn delicacy...
- Seven McDaniel students spend the night here, where a girl took her own life along with her unborn child's at this place on campus.
- Students look forward to changes in ___ following winter finals
- An eager to learn, adorable, black, eleven month old named...
- Offers a 20% discount to McDaniel students, has later hours and fulfills that late night hunger since August 10th, 2010
- S.O.S. and ___ were two community service organizations from the 60s that some McDaniel students and advisors have successfully brought back
- You might have spotted this 2007 ford make in the McDaniel Parking lot

TERROR SPORTS



COLIN MILLER

TERROR SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: MEET the GREEN

SARA ERLICHMAN
Staff Reporter

As is tradition for the Green Terror Field Hockey team, captains were voted on at the end of the season last year. Stephanie Hammond and Hope Battista were voted to be the captains for the Field Hockey season of 2010.

Hammond, a senior from Parkton, Maryland, came to McDaniel to major in Exercise Science and to play field hockey. Hammond has achieved even more than that during her campaign on the Hill, as she has been named captain twice. Battista, a junior, transferred from Georgetown to McDaniel during her sophomore year, also to play field hockey and major in Exercise Science.

Hammond and Battista were enthused to be seen as leaders on the team and had the time in the offseason to embrace their new role on the team. Over the summer, the two captains sent out emails making sure everyone worked hard practicing and preparing for the upcoming season. The Green Terror women were able to practice on the stadium turf field full-time for the first time when they came in for the preseason. Field Hockey also hosted McDaniel's first night game under the new lights, beating Dickinson 1-0.

Hammond and Battista both agree that the team's record (7-8) does not show the players' true colors. A few of the toughest losses for the team were the games that went into overtime and could have gone either way.

In practice Hammond and Battista lead through example.

"If I slack off, I can't tell anyone else not to slack off," Battista said.

Practices are hard with frustrations here and there, but the captains keep up the fun and positive atmosphere.

The girls have ultimately come together well with great team chemistry. Like many other teams, field hockey has numerous enjoyable traditions such as secret traditions and locker decorating. One exciting part of freshmen initiation for field hockey is singing along to their iPod on the bus to their first away game.

The field hockey team is very tight knit; they work out together and go to Panera on Fridays after a late practice. In fact, most of the upperclassmen live together in the campus apartments. After home games, players, coaches, and friends tailgate and enjoy delectable home-made food brought by the parents.

As captains, Hammond and Battista encourage fun on and off the field, but they also take responsibility for any issue that might come up on the team. If a potential conflict arises, after a talk with Coach Jones, they address the issue with the team or the individual players to whom it pertains. Their goal is to save the chemistry and hard work everyone has contributed all year.

Being leaders for an entire team is a tough deal, but Hammond and Battista are up for the challenge.

Both ladies embrace their role as captain. As Battista attests, "I love being Captain because I'm so close with everyone, and we work hard and play hard too."



JEFF DAVIS
Staff Reporter

Matt Cahill is a 5th year senior on the Green Terror Football team and hails from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Matt first discovered McDaniel through his older sister, a former Green Terror field hockey player.

Matt was a lucky participant at the Manning Football Camp in Louisiana in 2005. It was at this camp that Matt first met McDaniel Head Football Coach, Tim Keating. Coach Keating was at the Manning Camp speaking on behalf of Division III football schools.

A week later, Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast leaving behind a path of destruction. Matt was fortunate to attend such a terrific camp before such turmoil and heartache hit the region. As the New Orleans Saints proved last year by winning the Super Bowl, Louisiana loves its football and uses its hometown teams to get through difficult times. Matt, like the people of the Gulf Coast, lives and breathes football.

Cahill has started at wide receiver since his freshman year. Matt is the first to admit speed isn't his strongest skill, but instead points out his good hands have enabled him to make a difference on the field. Matt's best season was last year when he led the team with 8 touchdowns on 52 receptions.

This season has provided some ups and downs for Matt. Cahill is proud of how the team started well, going 4-1 out of the gates. The past few weeks have been difficult as the team dropped a couple of tough games. It is during these tough times that Cahill considers himself, "almost like a Coach." Relying on his experience, Matt leads his teammates through his determination and hard work. His teammates know they can always go to him with questions.

Matt's career at McDaniel, unfortunately, has been marked by losing seasons. Cahill said, "It was a different culture because the players were used to losing. We had talented teams, but we didn't believe we could win." This year, when he sees his teammates discouraged, he helps them fight through the difficulties. Matt knows what McDaniel is capable of, and does not want a losing culture to grow after he is gone.

Matt has noticed a change in culture this year. Matt attests, "The younger guys must understand that they cannot get down just because of a loss. We lost to great teams this year. We're a good team, and if we keep on working hard we're going to win games."

Matt is not only a contributor on the field, but is also a great example for the younger players. Matt wanted to give credit to his fellow 5th year senior players, which shows you the type of selfless teammate he is. Safety Aaron Slaughter (#7) is a key member of the defense. Pat Floyd (#78) has been a wall at right offensive tackle, and Tommy Pranzica (#52) was a great right-side linebacker on defense, who unfortunately lost his season to injury.

Look for Matt Cahill (#1) and the rest of the seniors in the last home game of the season on November 6th.

Coach Williams resigns after late night confrontation

NICK BRUNNER
CO-SPORTS EDITOR

A few weeks ago we ran a story about the arrival of McDaniel's new football coach, former NFL player Jimmy Williams. Unfortunately, in the time since, Mr. Williams has resigned from his position as the Green Terror defensive backs coach.

Williams was forced to be away from the team as they prepared to take on Mühlenberg due to an alleged confrontation involving McDaniel students in the early morning hours of Friday, October 15. No legal action is forthcoming at this time.

To clear the air with the team he had been a part of since camp began in mid August, Williams addressed the players and coaches after practice the following week. In a heart-felt address, he delivered a sincere apology for creating an unnecessary distraction that the team had to deal with while preparing for that week's game. He continued that given the situation, he thought it was in the best interest of the team for him to resign as coach. He wished the team well and numerous players and coaches went out of their way to say their goodbyes and wish him their best.

With Williams' departure, Coach Alonso Escalante has taken over as defensive backs coach. The team looks to finish the season strong with two rivalry games starting this Saturday when they take on Gettysburg for homecoming before heading to Johns Hopkins to finish the season.

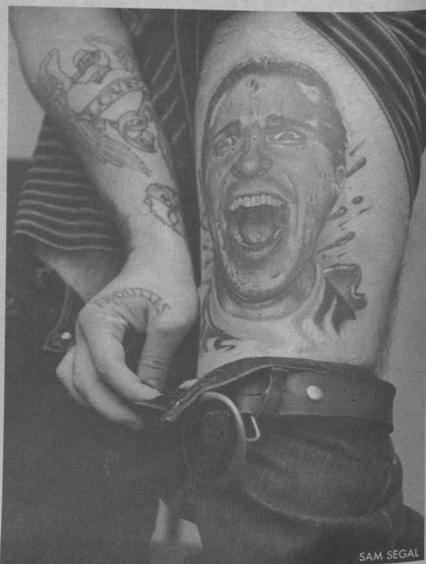
For more information about the confrontation, see page 3.

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ABOVE: Sophomore Jonathan Lightner interacts with his fellow participants in "Stamp Out Injustice," a Justice Week event hosted by Allies in which students stepped forward in solidarity against stereotypes and prejudice.

TOP RIGHT: As Colin Miller roasts his fellow roastees, he has Christopher Bolesta show off his new illustration of Patrick Bateman from "American Psycho," Bolesta's idol.

RIGHT: Senior Jake Friedman sits upon a pile of trash during a Philosophy Club Justice Week event.

BELOW: Freshman Matt Letner crams in the library before Thanksgiving Break.

FAR BELOW: Sophomore Steven Lariviere surfs the web in the Green Room in Alumni Hall.



SOPHIE DIVEN



WARREN KRAFT

ON THE COVER

Nicholas Edler & Rachel Baumgarten have a laugh while posing for their portrait at the Winter Formal. Smile!

IMAGE BY SAM SEGAL



WARREN KRAFT



ABOVE: Students enjoy Colin Miller, a personality known throughout the McDaniel College, being roasted on stage by his closest friends.

TOP RIGHT: Members of the Humans v. Zombies Club gather in Red Square before a mission.

RIGHT: Jeff Davis, Andy Carr, Kim Moran, Amber Slater, Barnabas Furth, and Dylan Ryan stop for a photo at the midpoint sign while on a backpacking trip with Outdoors Club.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Britt Burr drinks her pain away, sitting in the barrel she plans to throw her life away in-over the falls! For a review of "Wonder of the World," see page 10.

BELOW: Brian Nuckles and Lisa Vasapolla gaze into each other's eyes as they are photographed during the Winter Formal, an event sponsored by ResLife.



CHARLES MULLIN



KRSTIN BEHRLE



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TWO WEEKS IN PHOTOGRAPHS

Official partnership between McDaniel and Boys and Girls Club established

GREG NOLEN
Staff Reporter

On Nov. 4, 2010, McDaniel College faculty members, alumni, college media services, and other Westminster officials were at the Boys and Girls Club of Westminster to watch Club Executive Board member Beth Teris and McDaniel College President Dr. Roger Casey sign a piece of paper that announced the formation of an official partnership between the club and the college.

The partnership came about when McDaniel students started to volunteer their time at the club, according to Tiffany Gill, Executive Director of the club.

"Over the past few years, McDaniel students have been a tremendous source of support for the Club, serving as mentors, academic tutors and program facilitators. With the Club in such close proximity to the college, we thought now was a good time to leverage the relationship and make the experience more enriching for our Club members and McDaniel students," Gill said.

Gill also pointed out some advantages that the partnership gives the club. "In addition to providing the Club with valuable mentors, the partnership will afford BGC (Boys and Girls Club) members access to the college campus including the writing lab, library, other college facilities, cultural activities and sporting events."

Program Director Sean Davis also expressed excitement about the new partnership and the advantages for club members. "It's great because it is a win-win situation. McDaniel Students can take advantage of this opportunity and so can our kids. It exposes them to a variety of different things that they normally wouldn't have been able to take advantage of," said Davis.

Boys and Girls Club President Richard Raley provided a club member's view of the benefits of the partnership. "We'll know what college is like. It can help us expand and get more students involved in Boys and Girls Club," said Raley.

Gill mentioned an upcoming Boys and Girls Club event on campus that he is looking forward to. "We're especially excited about a College Shadow Day planned for 2011 — providing the opportunity for Club members to shadow college students. This experience will go a long way towards acclimating members to the college environment, especially important for our Club members who consider higher education an unrealistic or unattainable goal," said Gill.

According to Gill, McDaniel students started working with the club in 2007 by volunteering their time there to help the kids.

Student volunteer Nell Boley explained how McDaniel students help kids at the club.

"At the club, the McDaniel students help the kids with their homework and we promote their education with different programs like Money Matters and Youth for Unity," said Boley. Casey sees the partnership as being an important asset for the college. "I think it's very important for us to be good neighbors to our neighbors, and to expand the community of the college into the outside community," said Casey.

Gill expressed how important the McDaniel students are to the club and hopes the new partnership will last a long time.

Said Gill, "McDaniel students play a significant role in helping our Club members explore their potential by providing a first-hand example of what it means to be college ready and all that is required." McDaniel College has such a diverse and unique



Boys and Girls Club Executive Board Member Beth Teris and McDaniel College President Dr. Roger Casey hold up copies of a signed contract announcing the establishment of the partnership between McDaniel College and the Boys and Girls Club of Westminster at a special ceremony at the club on November 4th, 2010.

blend of students who bring a variety of experiences and perspectives to our Club members. All of the relationships our members develop with the students and staff at McDaniel will help our members gain early exposure to college expectations and help promote college enrollment. The most important goal however, is that this partnership is a mutually beneficial one that lasts for a very long time."

South Park SIS won't return next semester

CHARLES MULLIN
Staff Reporter

To the dismay of many students, *South Park* and Contemporary Social Issues, a Sophomore Interdisciplinary Study (SIS) class, will not be returning next semester to McDaniel. For some, the topic of *South Park* may not warrant serious research, but the course has more to it than address social problems such as race, gender, gay marriage, and consumerism with depth and engagement that promotes student understanding.

"I think (the class) is very interesting," said sophomore Lisa Vaspolo. "There have been times where I have disagreed with what they've said, but I still feel comfortable saying that in class."

The *South Park* course began in the spring of 2009 and has been taught since by Dr. Josh Baron, philosophy adjunct, and Dr. Sara Raley, sociology professor. Both professors felt there was a need to bring the controversial and humorous show to a better light even before the *South Park* course was started.

"I would use *South Park* episodes in my Sociology classes," said Dr. Raley. Dr. Baron realized *South Park*'s relevancy to academia when the show first confronted the Terri Schiavo case.

The course objectives put emphasis on turning these comedic episodes into an opportunity to analyze social issues in the contemporary world. By using both a sociology professor and a philosophy professor, the *South Park* and Contemporary Social Issues course offers a multitude of principles and theories on social problems. Students are encouraged to look at historical and contemporary texts from both fields of study in order to get a grasp on the course objectives.

Since the course uses *South Park* as a medium to demonstrate social problems and possible solutions, the class could be seen from a Communication perspective as well. When asked about his opinion on the class, Communication professor, Dr. Jonathan Slade said, "Any class that introduces students to media literacy is important."

The head of the Communication department, Dr. Deborah Vance, actually guest-lectured in the *South Park* SIS last fall semester so how audiences contribute to the meaning of a media text.

"Matt, Terry, and Comedy Central are all part of the same culture and era, so they are using symbols we understand," said Dr. Vance. "We, the audience, are in a conversation with them, the creators of the program."

Dr. Vance believes it is important for students to pay attention to the media and television. The fact that the *South Park* SIS is doing just that is encouraging.

"TV is a powerful force in our culture and too often it's considered 'just entertainment' and therefore not worth studying, which is a wrong-headed approach to such a significant part of our lives," said Dr. Vance. "And a satire like *South Park* is particularly worth looking at because satire and humor play a specific role in our culture — in many cultures — of questioning and sniping at the power structure."

Dr. Raley fears that despite the rigorous academic issues, students and parents don't take the class seriously because of the medium it uses.

"People wouldn't question the legitimacy of other classes like they do of

South Park," she stated. "The faculty has been very supportive though."

Even with many of the faculty's support and a year in McDaniel news, the course's future is still uncertain. The SIS program, in terms of course offered, does not hold as much importance over departmental classes. This push has caused Dr. Baron and Dr. Raley to have to teach more courses in their own departments.

However, this isn't the first time SIS courses have not been offered for a subsequent semester. In fact, many SIS courses are only offered once a year or every other year. The *South Park* SIS was given a rare chance to be taught more than one semester in a row.

Dr. Baron believes the course should still be taught.

"I feel like there is a student demand, but there are a number of variables for whether a class is taught," said Dr. Baron. "Some of them we understand and some of them we don't."

It seems that money, departmental needs, and curriculum requirements supersede any Sophomore Interdisciplinary Studies course, but this isn't the first time the future of the class has been uncertain.

Last year, Dr. Baron did even think about teaching the class again because of scheduling and departmental difficulties.

"After the last time we taught it," said Dr. Baron. "We thought it would be the last."

When asked about the SIS program itself, Dr. Baron praised the opportunities it gave students at McDaniel College.

"I think the SIS program is one of the most exciting and enriching programs at McDaniel," said Dr. Baron.

The experience of teaching this course has made him frustrated with bureaucracy. Dr. Baron said, "But this fall I had the SIS program really want to us to teach the course as often as possible."

The *South Park* course may be gone next semester, but it still has had a huge impact on both the professors and the students who participated in the class.

"I think it has helped legitimize meeting students' interest with a challenging academic workload," said Dr. Baron.

"It's a good class," said sophomore Pat Callahan. "I'm learning a lot. They teach good philosophy and sociology."

"What is the future for the *South Park* SIS?" As Dr. Baron is an adjunct philosophy professor, he might be teaching at another college.

"I want to teach more of it around Towson about teaching for their philosophy department," said Dr. Baron. "I will try to bring the *South Park* course there. Dr. Raley and I have put so much work into the class that this is kind of hard to be extremely valuable. It would be odd to teach it with someone other than Dr. Raley though."

Dr. Raley wants to continue to teach the *South Park* class if the opportunity arises again, but is also uncertain if he would if Dr. Baron left McDaniel.

"I would have missed teaching the philosophy part by myself," she said. "Students will miss the *South Park* and Contemporary Social Issues SIS course next semester."

"This class is the sort of class I always pictured college would be," sophomore Jesse Orshan said, "McDaniel needs more classes like this."

SIS COUSE OFFERINGS

Spring 2011

SIS-2018 HBO's "The Wire"
Dr. James Kunz, Dr. Jonathan Slade
Using the critically-acclaimed show, "The Wire," this class analyzes the relationship between story and reality, form and narrative, social structures, and the social problems that affect cities like Baltimore.

SIS-2019 Happiness
Dr. Margaret McDevitt, Dr. Kevin McIntyre
Uses research in psychology, behavioral economics, theology, and philosophy to analyze how scientists measure happiness.

SIS-2020 Gender Roles in the Economy
Dr. Julie Roulzahn
Explores gender dimensions of economic life using human capital, the household, labor force activity, poverty, and development issues in emerging economies.

SIS 2021 Sushi, Samurai, and Anime
Dr. Robin Armstrong, Dr. Susan Scott
Examines what is unique about Japanese culture from its history and traditions to its popular culture.

SIS 2210 Music, Mind, and Brain
Dr. Margaret Boudreaux, Dr. Paul Mazeroff
Uses topics like Mozart effect and the relationship between musical genius and creativity to explore how the brain processes music.

SIS The Arab World
Dr. Mohamed Esa
Offers an introduction to the current event, history, politics, and culture surrounding the Arab World in the Middle East and Africa.

Will we ever be able to use all-cards off campus?

WARREN KRAFT
Staff Reporter

McDaniel administration is revamping its ID card system. One of the possible changes could be allowing students to use the card to purchase food at off campus restaurants.

For years McDaniel has attempted to get local businesses interested in buying the card readers that would allow students to use their all-cards rather than paying cash. It never worked out because the equipment was quite expensive and the local businesses did not see any advantages, according to Ethan Seidel, Administration and Finance Vice President. With technological advances and the drop in the price of the equipment, many students hope that the college will reevaluate the viability of an all-card system that reaches out to businesses beyond The Hill.

The possibility that McDaniel students can use their all-cards off campus is not far from a reality.

Seidel and his team are working to re-vamp McDaniel's card system and they are also

looking into a new Nu-Visions new system which allows students to order food from on and off campus locations via the internet.

"The timing is very good, we are at the point where we need to update our system, which would make it easy to sort of dovetail into more options, especially if there is merchant interest," Seidel explained.

Westminster has a plethora of delectable eateries that students frequent on a regular basis. For example, Bunky, the owner of Mustangs Pizza, which opened in August 2010, is just one local business owner who has been urging the McDaniel administration to allow students to pay for their meals with their all-cards.

"I would even give McDaniel 2% of every purchase made with a student's all-card," Bunky explained.

"McDaniel has been working for years to try to find ways to get the all-cards used in the community," said owner of Harry's Grille, Mr. Harry Sirtakis. "This is a tangible way to get them involved via dollars and cents."

Ty Wirtlesberger, a junior at McDaniel, stated, "It would make perfect sense for the

administration to update the all-card system so that students can use their meals, or some sort of dining plan at these off campus businesses."

Many small colleges across America allow their students to use their all-cards off campus. For instance Goucher College students can use their cards at a number of restaurants and local businesses, such as, Chipotle, Domino's, Smoothie King, Texaco, Tropical Training Center, and many more.

"The one-card is not just used at Goucher, it is used at over 400 colleges and universities all over the US," said Andrea Heymann, a Goucher student. "I would firmly advocate for the administration at McDaniel to look into allowing the all-card to be used at off campus merchants."

"With my schedule it is hard to get to get for my meals," said Freshman Matt Leitner. "It would be awesome if places around McDaniel like Mustang, Subway, Chick-fil-ee, would accept our all-cards. This would be so nice to be able to eat on my time and to have more of a variety."

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Asian Studies Program awaits MHEC approval, gains student interest with Kenny Endo concert

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Students, faculty, and community members filled Alumni Hall on Nov. 8 to watch Kenny Endo's 35th Anniversary Celebration Concert, "Gateway - Ma vs. Groove." This event was presented by McDaniel College's brand new Asian Studies Program.

"When I heard [Kenny Endo] was touring again this fall, I thought this would be a perfect opportunity to bring him back for a 'kick off' event for the new major," said Theatre Arts professor Elizabeth van den Berg. "I first heard Kenny Endo play when I was in Hawaii on a fellowship designed to help professors incorporate study of Japan into undergraduate curriculum."

Endo, a master taiko artist, performed a few years ago on campus. This time, according to Professor van den Berg, he also did lecture demos for four different classes: World Music, Japanese Art, Global Drumming, and Theatre Appreciation.

"For those who have never experienced Taiko and Japanese traditional instruments, hopefully it was an eye opening experience," said Professor van den Berg. "For those that have, I hope that Kenny's style was an interesting new take on Japanese music."

Endo and his ensemble received a standing ovation at the end of the performance, and lingered in the lobby to autograph programs.

"His performance was particularly inspiring to me personally because I'm a drummer, and I've never seen any percussion performance before that intense and disciplined," said sophomore Ryan Powell. "I'll say that the performance definitely influenced my choosing to take the Eastern Asia history class next semester, and I'm also taken Asian Approaches to Acting with Ron Miller, which I'm very excited about."

The concert succeeded in raising awareness and increasing interest in the new Asian Studies Program. With this program, McDaniel College will have even more opportunities to provide cultural events such as the Kenny Endo concert.

"The Program in Asian Studies provides students with a comprehensive, multi-cultural, and multi-disciplinary examination of the history, sociology, arts, cultural traditions, and significance of the nations and peoples of Asia, especially East Asia," according to the Asian Studies information pamphlet.

The program, which is new this year, is still awaiting approval by the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC).

"Approval by the MHEC is hopefully going to happen soon," said Dr. Susan Scott, who was instrumental in the development of the Asian Studies Program. "I had to fill out a 30-page report last summer to submit to this commission. We are waiting, as it is a long process, but I think there will not be any problem regarding the approval."

Currently, about six students have declared the Asian Studies major, and there are a handful of minors as well. The major requires 32 required credits and 16 elective credits. It also incorporates three semesters of Mandarin Chinese.

"My dream was to establish an Asian Studies program here," said Dr. Scott.

Dr. Scott did background work in Asian studies at Penn State University, and she began teaching Japanese and Chinese art as a graduate student.

In 2006, McDaniel College applied for the Faculty and Curriculum Development Seminar on Japan, sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania and the Tricentennial Founda-



Taiko master Kenny Endo performs with his ensemble in Alumni Hall.

tion. Upon receiving admittance to this program, Dr. Scott, along with Dr. Robin Armstrong and Dr. Debra Lemke, participated in the seminar, which included a summer visit to Japan.

Dr. Qin Fang (Asian History) and Dr. Greg Alles (Religion and Philosophy) are also invaluable faculty in the Asian Studies Program, and new courses are now available from Dr. Lemke (Sociology), Dr. Armstrong (Music) and Dr. Van den Berg (Theatre), so with six faculty members available to teach courses, McDaniel College has the academic means to support such a program.

"New majors are developed in several ways," explained Dean Deborah Johnson-Ross, "Most often, students express an interest over time and ask for more and more classes in a particular field. This is how the Environmental Policy and Science major was developed."

Dr. Scott noticed significant interest within the student body as her Asian art courses filled up every time they were offered. Additionally, with the Asian Community Coalition's increased presence on campus and with Asian nations being featured more prominently in the news, students are realizing the importance of Asian Studies.

"The major emphasizes the importance of a study abroad experience, although one is not required."

"Study abroad really does broaden students' global perspective and allows them to see our own culture in a new light," said Rose Falkner, Director of International and Off-Campus Study. "It's a unique learning experience that extends far beyond the walls of the classroom."

There are many approved study abroad programs available in Asia, with opportunities for diverse coursework and internships. A complete list is available at the International Programs Office.

Overall, the Asian Studies Program will prepare students for a variety of career paths. Dr. Scott emphasized the importance of graduate school, explaining that the deeper study will allow students to get jobs in the government, teaching higher education, the arts, international business, museum work, or archival work, for example.

"The focus in graduate school will depend on other interests or majors of the students," said Dr. Scott.

In about a month, the MHEC should have finished the approval process. If the major is approved, Dr. Scott's dream of establishing an Asian Studies Program will have come true.

Jon Lightner provides support to local GSAs

HANNA BARKER
Co-commentary Editor/Art Director

On Nov. 9, over 60 students from Westminster High School listened, enthralled, as sophomore Jonathan Lightner shared his personal experiences as a gay teen.

This was one of the first of Lightner's many future connections with local high schools, as he works to support the establishment and growth of their Gay-Straight Alliances (GSA).

He is working with high school counselors and the members and directors of each GSA to determine what each club needs.

"Every GSA is an individual," explained Lightner, emphasizing his role as a resource. "Every issue is different. Everyone's journey is different. I'm going to ask them what they want and not tell them what I'm going to give them."

Ms. Donna Balado, teacher at Westminster High School and director of WHS GSA, is excited about the new connection.

"Maybe some WHS students will develop more interest in attending McDaniel," hypothesized Ms. Balado. "The connection is brand new so I wouldn't want to limit the vision."

Currently, this is a solo project, but later, Lightner anticipates seeking help from likeminded individuals as well as McDaniel's own GSA, Allies.

"I would love to get Allies involved, and maybe even Allies, because we need to show that McDaniel is friendly to all," he said.

Members of WHS GSA attended a McDaniel in Allies meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 17. They joined in on the discussion about the idea that homosexual differs from gay.

"My hope is that we can start a dialogue about LGBT issues with other schools, and that bringing so many enthusiastic people together in discussion and activism will make our work in Allies so much more meaningful," said Allies co-president and senior Laura Manos-Hey. "I also hope that we can provide support to high schools so that their own GSAs can continue to grow, as I know how much it takes to get one off the ground."

Lightner wants to connect with the high school students that are struggling with similar issues to those with which he struggled. He wants to help them connect with people at McDaniel, as well as to give them hope and courage.

"I want to be a role model for these kids," he said. "I just want them to know that everything is going to be okay."

He noted the importance of heterosexual support. "There are a million ways that people can be supportive if they want to," said Lightner. He urges straight Allies to stand up to derogatory remarks and attend GSA meetings.

"GSA has the opportunity to be a safe place for students who need support and those who are interested in supporting each other," said Ms. Balado. "I love the idea that it is not necessary to be LGBT to be a member of the group."

The recent suicides of gay teens are what inspired Lightner to begin this endeavor. They reminded him of his own school, which did not have a GSA.

"My area has a lot of controversy around the subject," explained Lightner.

The biggest obstacle he anticipates is general closed-mindedness. While he believes that this work is important, Lightner acknowledges that there is only so much he can do.

"I'm just offering my help," he said. He plans to also work with the GSAs of South Carroll High School and North Carroll High School, as well as to help Winters Mill begin theirs.

"Having as many student-run LGBT groups in high schools as possible is an invaluable part of changing the negative and prejudiced views held by so many teens today, both gay and straight," said Manos-Hey.

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LIGHTER SIDE OF THE CAMPUS SAFETY BLOTTER

CULLEN MURRAY-KEMP
Staff Reporter

As the semester strolls to its end, McDaniel students have unfortunately run out of money for drugs and alcohol, and resorted primarily to burglary and theft in the month of November. With a towering 11 cases, the fall semester thievery epidemic has struck the Hill in full fashion this year as the fall marking period comes to a close.

Surprisingly, not a single incident of burglary was committed under forceful entry. Perhaps the looming thought of Thanksgiving turkey has preoccupied students' minds to the point that they forget to put our belongings away. So it goes.

Unlike drug usage and alcohol consumption, vandalism is not taken the month off on campus. Along with burglary/theft, vandalism once again tops the CS blotter charts this November; Rouzer claims the majority of these incidents. What a surprise -- Rouzer houses only freshmen.

ANW parking lot served as the scene

of a "hit and run" on November 11. It seems as though the German Volkswagen and the Japanese Mitsubishi automobiles could not get along. Interesting. Why would these two foreign car companies fight when they outsell the heck out of any American-made cars in America?

Exams are around the corner, and because of over-studying Campus Safety has been overwhelmed with false alarm calls: five already this November. Campus Safety issued a petition for teachers to lighten the exam load and make all exams take-home as to ensure these false alarm calls come to an end. Unfortunately, not a single teacher cared to sign it. — Just kidding.

(Editor's Note: This column by Cullen Murray-Kemp is dedicated to some of the most insane calls to which Campus Safety officers respond -- or should respond. Incidents actually occurred, but the names of the culprits are not included to protect the not-innocent).

QUICK VIEW Blotter by the numbers

- Drug related: Rouzer-1, Blanche-1
- Alcohol: DMC-1, Gardens-1
- Assault: PA-1
- Burglary/Theft: Campus wide-11
- Vandalism: Campus wide-6

Profile: Dr. Zaru bolsters Arabic Program

DANIEL ALDERMAN
Contributor

In 2006, the Foreign Language Department at McDaniel was left with a retention rate of roughly 40% and no professor. After only beginning to offer Arabic classes in the fall of 2005, it looked as though Arabic may no longer be offered.

That is until Dr. Mohamed Esa, Chair of the Foreign Language Department at McDaniel, through coincidence, heard of a Palestinian family living in Mt. Airy, Maryland, only a short distance from the college. With the need for a new instructor, Dr. Esa was able to contact the family. Four years later McDaniel College now offers a total of five Arabic language courses and just had their first student graduate with a Self-Designed Minor in the Arabic Language last spring.

Professor Carol Zaru, known as Carol to her students and colleagues, came to the United States in 2001 looking for a safer environment to raise her family.

She was born in East Jerusalem, Israel and grew up in Ramallah, in the West Bank. She is Palestinian and grew up in the middle of the Palestinian and Israeli conflict. She stayed in Ramallah most of her life, even after graduating from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan with a degree in Environmental Chemistry.

In the late 1990s and early 2000s, the political situation in Ramallah became unstable. As the conflict escalated so did the violence, and Professor Zaru, now with three children of her own, started to worry for her family's safety.

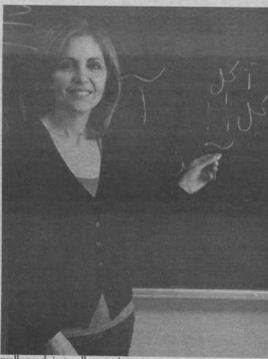
She said it was so dangerous "...you couldn't even move from town to town. Each town was like its own independent territory. I could no longer even go to Jerusalem where I was born."

Fortunately, Zaru held an American Passport since her father was born in Michigan. Her husband, an architect working with a local builder in Maryland, purchased land and a small house in Mt. Airy, prior to the violence in Palestine, as an investment for his family. That investment really paid off. Zaru decided it would be a perfect place to raise her family and get away from the conflict that was taking over Ramallah and threatening her family's safety.

From 2001 until 2006, Zaru helped her husband start a successful home building company while living in Mt. Airy. When she was between jobs and the Foreign Language Department was looking for teachers, Dr. Esa made contact with her and asked if she would consider teaching Arabic at McDaniel.

With no previous teaching experience she was somewhat timid but decided to give it a try. Together Dr. Esa and Professor Zaru attended an Arabic teachers' workshop at Georgetown University. Along with Arabic teachers from programs around the country, she learned how to teach by using the Arabic textbook that students use in classes at McDaniel.

After an intensive few weeks she knew she had the necessary tools required to teach Arabic to English-speaking students but she wasn't sure how she would feel when it was time to ac-



usually teach in a college setting.

In the fall of 2007 it was time for her first class. "I was very, very scared. My first day was terrifying," said Professor Zaru. But teaching came natural to her, and she quickly learned that she enjoyed it. It seems that her students really enjoy it too. Almost all of her first students continued to the second Arabic class, Arabic 1102, which was the last available Arabic class offered at McDaniel at the time. Hungry for more, the students asked the administration for another Arabic class and then another.

McDaniel now offers five Arabic classes in all, mostly due to Professor Zaru's passion for teaching the Arabic Language and her students' passion for learning. "She is passionate in what she is doing; she really cares about her students," said Dr. Esa. "When she took over, the retention skyrocketed," Esa added, "She has a tremendous effect in the whole thing."

Second year Arabic student Michael Orevba agrees, saying, "She is a great teacher and if she wasn't I wouldn't be in this class right now."

It is evident that Professor Zaru has had a great effect on the McDaniel community. Although Arabic is still only a self-designed minor, there is a push from several teachers to look at the potential of making Arabic an official minor at McDaniel. If the program does get off the ground, it is safe to say that much of the progress is due to Dr. Zaru's hard work and passion.

While still an adjunct professor, she has taken the Arabic language at McDaniel to a whole new level. It will be interesting to see where the passion and dedication of Professor Zaru, and her students will take the Arabic Program at McDaniel in the future.

On the Lot

THE COOLEST AND NOT-SO-COOLEST CARS ON CAMPUS

On The Lot with Jeremy Allen
by Sophie Diven

Make - Land Rover
Model - Freelander

Year - 2003
MSRP - \$25370-\$31970
consumerguideauto.howstuffworks.com

When did you purchase? - It was a hand-me-down from my dad.

Stick or Automatic? - Automatic.
Do you let your friends drive it? - Ya.

Best memory - When I was younger, I got a teenage mutant ninja turtle and forgot to take it out of the car. Then every time my parents saw it they told me to take it in but I never did. Now, it's about five years later and we feel that we can't take him out because he has been in the car so long.

Expensive to maintain? - Oh, yea.

MPG (city) - 15
MPG (highway) - 19
MPG (combined) - 17
www.fueleconomy.gov

How long do you expect to be driving this car? - Until it breaks.

If you knew what you know now about your car, would you buy it again? - Of course!

If you were given \$25,000 in cash today, what car would you buy with it? - Hmm...Probably a Jeep.



Name that Car!

- Steven-Claire Oyler '11
- Suave- Courney Hitchcock '11
- GD (for Great Depression, because it is from 1991), Paul Donoghue '11
- Lucille- David Brown '12
- Snubs - Kelsey Warthen '13
- Versonica Conningstone-Claire Woolley '13



MCDANIEL COLLEGE

McDaniel President Roger Casey (left to right), students Megan Robinson, Sara Krone and Wagon Troney, Associate Professor of English Julia Jasken and Provost Tom Falkner. The Griswold-Zepp Award is given annually to support student volunteerism.

MCDANIEL horoscopes

NOT-SO-ASTROLOGICALLY-INSPIRED HOROSCOPES

KIM WILLIAMS
Editor-in-Chief

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): YOU SHOULD GET AN ICE SCRAPER. IT'S GOING TO SNOW WHERE YOU ARE. MAYBE YOU SHOULD ALSO INVEST IN MITTENS.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): HAVE AN IRRATIONAL FEAR OF TRIPPING OVER YOUR SHOE LACES? GOOD. YOU SHOULD BE AFRAID. BE VIGILANT ABOUT TYING YOUR LACES, OR FIND SOME VELCRO SHOES. I HEARD THEY'RE COMING BACK.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): THE TIME HAS COME. YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, RIGHT?

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20): SOME PRESENTS ARE COMING YOUR WAY.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 21): A FIGHT IS TO COME OVER A FASHION SNAFU. TWO FRIENDS, SAME OUTFIT. LET IT GO. YOU BOTH LOOK GREAT.

CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22): FEELING GRUMPY, TIRED AND JUST DOWNRIGHT RUDE? IT'S CALLED A BEDTIME. MAKE YOURSELF ONE.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22): TRYING TO DECIDE BETWEEN TWO PATHS IN LIFE? BE THANKFUL THAT YOU HAVE PATHS TO CONSIDER. AND IF ALL ELSE FAILS, FLIP A COIN.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): BEEN FEELING SCATTERBRAINED LATELY, LOSING THINGS LEFT AND RIGHT? THE SEMESTER IS ALMOST OVER, BUT YOU SHOULD PROBABLY GET SOME FOLDERS, AND A LABEL MAKER. JUST THINK OF THE POSSIBILITIES. YOU COULD ALPHABETIZE FOLDERS!

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 23): ARE YOU IN A CELEBRATORY MOOD? DANCE PARTY TIME!

SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 21): REMEMBER TO CHARGE YOUR IPOD. YOU HAVE A LONG JOURNEY AHEAD.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): IT'S THE SEASON OF YOUR BIRTHDAY. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): YOUR DINNER IS BURNING.

Katastrope and Athens Boys Choir perform after leading Transgender 101 workshop

MELANIE DARLING
Staff Reporter

Tuesday, Nov. 2, marked McDaniel's very first transgender awareness event, featuring Katastrope and Athens Boy Choir. The two talented rappers shared their individual journeys of striving for acceptance and love with their different backgrounds and experiences.

At noon, the two performers hosted a Transgender 101 workshop that was attended by about ten McDaniel students and staff members. Everyone in attendance learned about stereotypes, terminology, and how to be a good ally to a transgender person. This workshop was definitely eye-opening for McDaniel students.

Rocco (Katastrope), who performed mainly freestyle rapping, told his own personal story of what it was like to discover he was a female at puberty after feeling for years he was a male. He then decided that he would like to be called "George" and officially transitioned to the male sex around the age of 19.

Katz, the poetic rapper of Athens Boy Choir, expressed his genderless feelings and pride in being a transgender person. Originally, his gender expression was female, but he began to realize that living

as a male is more comfortable and natural for him, and therefore made the decision to transition. He noted that he is taken more seriously as a man than while he was a woman.

The performance later that night was attended by over 60 students. Not only did it expose many to a whole new perspective, but it provided the kind of entertainment that college students thoroughly enjoy. Both Katastrope and Athens Boy Choir impressed the audience with their upbeat rhythms and friendly nature. Katastrope's energy was astounding—he got up and walked around to the crowd. Katz was hilarious with his quirky YouTube videos he made himself, as well as his random goofy comments.

Overall, this transgender hip hop show was truly phenomenal because it showed students what it's like to be a minority in society and to struggle with issues of personal identity. The performance sparked an underlying message: Transgender people are human beings that go through hard times just like everyone else. This transgender awareness event was an event that McDaniel students will not forget.

Dinner with the President

ZACH BROWN
Staff Reporter

Reading through the campus announcements on Nov. 4, I came across the heading, "Dinner with the PREZ!" I couldn't resist reading through the explanation, so I discovered that President Roger Casey and his wife, Robyn Allers, were hosting a dinner party for the first 20 students to reply to the announcement, and that those students would then be going to the current theatre production, "Wonder of the World." I replied directly after reading that, thinking that any President that raps at Convocation must be interesting to have dinner with.

I was not let down. The atmosphere was so friendly and welcoming! Dr. Caserus Salad, Green Beans, Cuban Sweet Potato Mash (Mrs. Allers own recipe), Caribbean Jerk Chicken, and for dessert, a S'Mores Brulee. We all indulged in both the food and the conversation with President Casey, with topics ranging from registration for classes and the new name for the former Sandella's (which has been chosen... but he wouldn't tell us) to our hobbies outside of school and where we were all from.

After dinner and dessert was finished, we gathered ourselves up and walked across the way to the Theatre. "Wonder of the World" was a comedy of unexpected proportions, causing the audience to burst with uncontrollable laughter throughout the entire production.

All in all, the experience was wonderful in every sense of the word. I would certainly go again if given the chance. Thanks to the McDaniel Theatre for their fine production, and especially to President Casey and his wife, for welcoming us into their home for a night of food and entertainment.



KIM WILLIAMS

Seniors Abigail Vickers and Kristin Behrle before digging in to a delicious dinner at the President's House Thursday, Nov. 18. The lucky first 23 students to respond to a campus wide email had dinner with the President and his wife and then joined them to attend the theatre event, "Wonder of the World."

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Sandy: The Personality of Glar

CHRIS MERRILL
Contributor

If you have ever eaten at Englar Dining Hall, your day was most likely brightened by this woman's genuine excitement and enthusiasm to serve the students of McDaniel. Whether she has assembled your sandwich or given you a healthy portion of chicken tenders, you walked back to your table with at least a smile on your face.

Her name tag reads "Sandy V," and this long-time Sodexo employee is by no means burdened by her position. Students are often greeted by a "whatcha need baby?" as she quickly prepares the orders. When senior Matt Hauskalt was asked to describe Sandy in one sentence, he replied "She is always happy to see us." It is clear to everyone that she genuinely enjoys coming to work. As Dr. Jeff Marx, chair of the Physics department puts it, "her demeanor brightens up the dining hall." That is what makes her stand out.

Sandy Von Bussenius arrives at the dining hall on weekdays just before 6:00 a.m. Her duties begin with preparing her omelette station by slicing lunch meat and putting the "fixings" into their designated spots.

When the students arrive, she really gets busy. When asked what her favorite part of working in Glar is, she said, "aside from being around the kids, it would have to be breakfast. I could make a thousand omelets and not get tired of it." But, as she admits, the best part really is "watching you guys grow up. It's so funny to see how you change from when you come in as freshmen and then come out of your shells by the

time you're all seniors." As the omelette line fills up, Sandy can juggle four to five orders at a time.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, an additional chore is added to her list. Sandy makes the ever-popular ciabatta bread from scratch in between omelette making and lunch time, where her hard work pays off.

Throughout the day, Sandy makes sure her servers are keeping up. She feels that as students, we "pay too much to not get great service." As a supervisor, she is definitely not hesitant to get on people to make sure that everything gets done. "Even when I'm not working I still tell people what to do." This is a vital part of a successful operation: someone who truly cares about the work that they are doing.

It does not come as a surprise to learn that Sandy is a mother to four children, including a set of twins. It may be a slight shock, however, that she has four grandchildren, two boys and two girls. "I have the grandkids three or four days a week. They're the best I love 'em!" This has a lot to do with why she came to McDaniel in the first place; the fast-paced real estate business was not one which cooperated with motherhood. Sandy, who was a licensed realtor in Maryland as well as Pennsylvania, left her career as a realtor eleven years ago to have more time to spend with her family.

Sandy currently resides in Frederick with her husband, Bill, not far from where she grew up in Pikeville. A graduate of Pikeville High School, she was an athlete and played field hockey.

Outside of work, the Englar supervisor says she is "just as busy when you see me behind the counter." When her shift ends at



2:30 p.m., she can be found biking, swimming or playing volleyball. It is no shock, therefore, that she is also a beach lover in the summer months. She might also be found at the occasional casino in Charles Town, West Virginia, where she enjoys slots and roulette.

When Sandy was asked what else people might like to know about her, she responded, "I'm simple." She is not one to brag or tell stories, just a person that enjoys life—and all those omelets.

Too cold to play outside?

CHECK OUT THESE IDEAS FOR SOME INDOOR FUN

KRYSTINA SHULTZ
Staff Reporter

Cabin fever sounds fun until you're the one sitting and staring at the wall. When McDaniel was hit with the epic snowstorm last year, students were left stranded inside wondering what to do with no homework to postpone completing and no classes to fill their time.

The weather has slowly been getting cooler once again, and we know that winter is just around the corner. During February's snowstorm, students began to get creative to avoid boredom. My suite-mates enjoyed having fights and going on interesting adventures.

From my experiences with the bitter cold weather that Mother Nature has had in store in the past, I have come up with a few pointers for times like these in the future.

First of all, to avoid the cold, make sure you are comfortable. Think of what keeps you warm: hot food and drinks, fuzzy socks, a comfy sweater, and the warmest spot in your dorm or house.

If you do want to have an active or relaxing day. If you want to be active it may be a good idea to call some friends to play ninja, twister, or a boisterous game of cards.

Not into games? Try exercising or even simply stretching. If you want to relax, try quiet music and a fun activity or work on that novel/painting/project that you never have the time to finish.

If you really can't think of anything, then turn to your fellow students for ideas because they are bound

to have something fun in store.

Here is what McDaniel students do to occupy their time when wandering outside is definitely not an option.

"If it's cold or raining outside I like to stay indoors, watch movies, listen to music, and drink hot chocolate and tea." *Kwei Maduot-Parek, Junior.*

"Puzzles. Video Games." *Tyler Justice, Sophomore.*

"I do the stereotypical thing: a cup of tea and a book (a non-school related book). Or I go find someone to bug within the dorm." *Brittany Nicholls, Sophomore.*

"Snuggle up with good music." *Melanie Darling, Junior.*

"I watch the USA today all day and all night." *Tatiana Belnikie, Junior.*

"I knit. Reading. Listen to music 'cause it makes you less bored." *Kat Dales, Freshman.*

"Hang out with friends. Video games. Crochet. I sew." *Alyssa Zell, Freshman.*

"Last year when it snowed, me and my best friends would play Dungeons and Dragons all night." *Nathaniel Null, Senior.*

The overall consensus: find a relaxing activity and make yourself a hot drink. If all else fails, make a list of every activity that you enjoy and then pick the one that sounds the most appealing. Or follow Brittany's advice and find a friend to bug.

60 SECONDS

THE FASTEST ARTICLE YOU'LL EVER READ.

BRITTANY ROBINSON
Staff Reporter



"I'm spending Thanksgiving baking pumpkin pies. While the pies are in the oven I will be studying Organic Chemistry. Aaah, the life of a biology major!"
EMILY REED '12



"I'm spending my Thanksgiving break with my family and catching up with friends that go to other schools."
ASHLEY DAY '12



"I'm going home for break to spend time with my family and working. I work at Bed, Bath, & Beyond."
JESES HAGUE '13

HOW ARE YOU SPENDING THANKSGIVING BREAK?

"I'm spending my Thanksgiving with my family hunting deer and shooting targets in the yard. It's so much fun!"
CORI BOHN '12

Do you like reading the Free Press? Then take a vertical photo of yourself or a friend next time you're reading it! Submit a photo of yourself or a friend reading our publication in a fun place or creative way and send it to us at freepress@mcDaniel.edu. You're photo will be displayed on the Free Press website and will be entered in a competition with other entries to be displayed in the paper version as well. Additionally, each photo chosen for the paper copy will be entered in a yearlong competition. The year's winning photo will be on the cover of the Free Press AND the winning entrant will receive an IPOD TOUCH!! Entries should be sent to freepress@mcDaniel.edu, type the email's subject line as FREE PRESS IN UNUSUAL PLACES. Include the name of the photo submitter, and the name of anyone in the picture, additionally any background information on the location of the photo taken would be appreciated. This competition is sponsored by Cheese Club, let's talk cheese!

SERVV, local nonprofit, seeks McDaniel volunteers

WARREN KRAFT
Staff Reporter

SERVV: A nonprofit organization with a mission to eradicate poverty wherever it resides by providing opportunity and support to artisans and farmers worldwide.

From delicious chocolates to beautiful hand woven baskets, Servv International sees it as their obligation to make sure that these products are sold at the right price, and that the people who craft them earn the profit they deserve for producing such incredible goods.

Servv International is a non-profit organization, based out of New Windsor, Maryland, that has been around for over 60 years; they specialize in fair-trade. The organization is very prosperous, but because they are non-profit they rely on volunteers to keep the organization afloat.

"Servv is a local organization that everyone should attempt to volunteer with, or at least purchase of the handmade goods. They have a very beautiful and high quality

items for reasonable prices. It's a great way to play a part as a global citizen, and your contributions help the development of the different countries," said junior, Jocelyn McKinley. McKinley has been volunteering for Servv for about two years now. She volunteers with her sorority Gamma Sigma Sigma. Her sorority sends around four to ten volunteers just about every week throughout the fall semester.

The fall season is Servv's busiest time of the year because that is when they bring in the majority of the goods for the upcoming year and for the holiday season. Consequently, the demand for volunteers is at its peak. According to Kathy Harley, Servv has been exporting over 100,000 dollars worth of goods each day this fall which is a very impressive achievement for the organization.

Harley urges people from the McDaniel Community to come to Servv's annual overstock sale. The sale begins November 24 through December 4, 2010. All products will be 60% off which makes it a great opportunity to get a little Christmas shopping done while helping out the global economy.



Profile: Dr. Kachur Profile: Mahlia Joyce

MORE THAN JUST A PROFESSOR

THE GENTLE-SPIRITED ODMA DIRECTOR

JEFF DAVIS
Staff Reporter

He is a fun-loving, energetic man. He is able to make anyone laugh. He is the epitome of strong faculty-student relations. He is a master of human relations, great at listening to others and showing empathy and understanding. He is one of McDaniel College's most beloved Professors.

His name is Dr. Robert M. Kachur and he is one of the friendliest and most genuine people you will ever meet, an Associate Professor in the English Department. With a smile on his face and his head held high, he is the quintessential enthusiast. With a love for his job, teaching, and life, Dr. Kachur is exactly where he wants to be and constantly exudes a warm, welcoming, centered demeanor.

Every year he teaches a first-year seminar to freshmen students called "Horror in Fiction and Film," a course covering novels among the likes of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. Dr. Kachur helped create a three-week January Term trip to Europe that a lot of his first year seminar students from Fall of 2007 were able to go on in 2009.

Here his students lurked about England's Whitty Abbey, spied on the Romanian hometown of Vlad the Impaler, and retraced the steps of Dracula to the lakeside Budapest, Hungary, as depicted in Bram Stoker's classic. "I brought my students into the real-world, to the actual places we read about," Kachur said.

Amber Slater is a freshman in Dr. Kachur's first-year seminar for Fall of 2010. She loves the fact that "he's really funny, making us all laugh a lot and holding our attention. Also, he has this crazy, stereotypical, villainous laugh. I'll be sitting in Glar (Dining Hall), and I won't see him, but I'll hear his laugh." His presence is felt everywhere he goes, and it is evident that Dr. Kachur has a character style that is perfect for the kinds of classes he teaches.

Another key aspect that helps him stand out is the fact that he invites his first-year seminar students to his house for Halloween every year. He allows his students to get to know him outside the classroom, in more than one area of his life.

"We had a lot of fun at his house," Slater said. "We played a murder mystery game, and I even met his wife."

Slater knows that she can talk about anything she wants with Dr. Kachur. "In our meetings, he is very interested in my life, in other aspects besides class," Amber notes. "He asks me how my roommate is doing, and he knows that I ran track and cross-country and asked me about that as well." Dr. Kachur is genuinely interested in the lives of his students.

In addition to being sociable, he has another side. "I am outgoing but also very introverted and reflective - go figure," Dr. Kachur mentions. This exemplifies his multi-faceted personality, in which he is able to meet and connect with others and still find time to observe his life and understand himself better. This reflective nature has helped him maintain his strong interest in literature and is part of why he is so



intelligent.

Receiving a B.A. in English literature with highest distinction from the University of Virginia, Dr. Kachur is well-trained and extremely credible in the field of literature. He went on to receive his M.A. and Ph.D. in English literature from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, also receiving distinctions there. This year spring 2010 Dr. Kachur received the Ira G. Zepp Distinguished Teaching Award for inspired classroom work and dedication to students at McDaniel's May 2 Honors Convocation. The award provides a \$5,000 honorarium for the faculty recipient and a matching fund for ongoing professional and scholarly development. This past summer he further worked with students to interpret Edgar Allan Poe's fiction to create an article for publication.

According to Kachur, he won this award because "in general, I believe in students - often more than they believe in themselves." Above all else he is there to help the student. Students, professors, and many in the community all notice Kachur's inspired work.

Professor Bill Spence, also of the McDaniel English department, went to high school with Dr. Kachur in Hagerstown, Maryland and has known him for thirty-five years. "I love his fine sense of humor that his students get to know well," Spence noted. Spence commented on how he always laughs with Kachur about how they are both from Hagerstown. This is funny because it is in the middle of nowhere, and it is amazing that two fine fellows from Hagerstown are now together in Westminster.

"By doing research with his students, Kachur goes beyond what you would normally expect, especially considering how hard it is to do something like that in the humanities," Spence noted. "He is often doing collaborative activities with his students."

Fully aware of the fact that he brings smiles to the faces of others, Kachur says he "loves to teach, laugh, make others laugh, be able to focus on one thing at a time and see the best in others."

Dr. Kachur is not only here as a professor, but also as a friend. He enjoys keeping in touch with students after they graduate. He observed that "it's wonderful to realize that the student you mentored has grown into an adult peer - someone whom you can have a long-term friendship with." With his welcoming attitude and loving personality, he is one of the main reasons why the light of McDaniel College shines so brightly on the Hill.

MUSA IMAKANDU
Contributor

Kind eyes and a warm smile are what greet you when you address Mahlia Joyce.

Mahlia Joyce is the Director of the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs at McDaniel. Unlike the seemingly intimidating title that she holds, Joyce is a gentle spirit with an inviting and pleasant demeanor. Even her dress code, which is usually rich browns, purples, greens, and oranges, exudes the warmth that she possesses.

Joyce joined the McDaniel staff in the fall of 2008 when the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, previously known as the Office of Multicultural Services, was undergoing a lot of changes. At the time of her joining, the college's administrators wanted the office renamed, restructured and revamped.

"Immediately after she took office, Joyce hit the road running, coming up with new ideas and plans to facilitate these changes," said McDaniel student Kwel Madhot-Parek, when asked about Joyce's work. Joyce started by changing the name of the office to Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs (ODMA). The office has an unofficial nickname "ODAMA" which was coined by students who noticed that these were the initials of her name. The name change coincided with the election of Barack Obama as President of the United States.

Recently, the ODMA office has relocated from its previous place in the basement of Rouzer to a space now shared with the Office of Student Engagement (OSE). In the beginning Joyce said she was a little apprehensive because it meant not only having to let go of a space, but also having to sort everything out and get rid of a lot of stuff.

However, instead of focusing on the negatives, she chose to focus on the benefits of the move. She jokes now about how her new office doesn't have a window, laughing it off saying her last window was terrible, and she would rather have no window than a bad one. On a more serious note, she says that the move has helped her see more possibilities with regards to programs; ODMA and OSE can join forces and merge ideas into some college events.

Her current job, however, is not the first point of contact that Joyce has had with the college. She grew up in Westminster and could be described as a "double alumnus," having earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from McDaniel College. Yet Joyce did not have the typical college experience. She started out as a traditional first-year student, but did not stay for the four years. She returned a couple of years later as a non-traditional student and completed a double major in Spanish and Religious Studies with a minor in international studies. She did a master's degree program in counselor education, and worked as a graduate assistant in the Office of Multicultural Services.

Dr. Deborah Johnson-Ross, who is Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, has worked quite closely with Joyce and says in regards to



her position, "Joyce fits her job perfectly because the life experiences which she possesses give her a particular kind of insight and perspective on what diversity truly is." Even outside their professional relationship, Dr. Johnson-Ross has only good things to say about Joyce, calling her a respectful and very thoughtful person who always emulates peace and equality.

When the student president of McDaniel's Hispano-Latino Alliance, Douglas Rivera, is asked to describe Joyce, he says, "Mahlia is one of the nicest people I have met here on campus. I have never seen her upset or mad, and I feel that she never lets her personal life interfere with her work." Rivera was very ap- pensive of the support Joyce has showed him and his organization but even more so for the fact that she tries to make herself easily available and has a genuine care for the students. He describes her as someone who goes out of her way to ensure that things planned actually happen.

For instance, McDaniel was hosting a speaker, Rosa Clemente, and Joyce went out of her way to drive to and from Baltimore to pick Clemente up, get her to a hotel, then drive to the train station in Baltimore at 8:00pm. This was clearly outside her normal working hours, but she did it anyway.

Joyce is really committed to her job and says she took the position because she liked what it entailed-a lot of student interaction and tackling issues that she feels passionate about. She admits however, that she has to find a balance and make more time to do things that she loves, such as gardening, journaling, walking and scrapbooking. Family and friends are important to her, and she makes it a point to spend time with them. But, for the most part, the fun she has is actually on campus; she says she enjoys and is very enthusiastic about attending student programs or sessions where there are guest speakers.

However, on the days when she does have some down time at home, Joyce says she enjoys watching TV shows such as Law and Order, King of Queens or Say Yes to the Dress. She also loves to curl up with her dog Sebastian and cat Skittles, who she likens to siblings always fighting for a parent's attention.

Thirsty? Bring a Cup.

KIM WILLIAMS
Editor-in-Chief

If you're on the go and prone to thirst, bring a cup or water bottle, or brush up on the whereabouts of the nearest water fountain. That which has traditionally been referred to as the "courtesy cup" is no longer a courtesy at the Pub, so think again before heading that way unless you have some change.

I am admittedly a thirsty person. I know I should bring a water bottle, and I'm all for being environmentally responsible, but I have had several unpleasant experiences involving the contents of my water bottle ending up all over my bag. And my homework. Not cool. And thus, my occasional need for a cup of water from the Pub when I get especially parched.

Senior Mike Mandel remarks, "It's stupid, it's not a courtesy cup if it's not free" and senior Perri DeJanetich adds, "The cups are too small for it to matter."

Pub employee Lisa Murphy says, "I think it's 25 or 26 cents for a cup." Perhaps if the cup was a nickel, or a dime, this would be more acceptable. As a community whose hope of clean clothes is reliant on quarters, one can be hard to rattle one up. Sure you can also pay two dimes and a nickel, but once again how likely is it that you're carrying that?

However, this change may stem from student behavior.

"I can say that I'm not surprised that they began charging for a water cup with our cutting measures and signs posted about no free refills.



It may well be a way to police the refills by cutting marginally into what I guess is 'soda theft' but that seems like a futile effort to me," says Senior Ales Baker.

For anyone who used their water cups to get soda, you owe a quarter.

President Roger Casey says, "I suspect the same people that might be PO'D by having to pay a quarter for a cup of H2O might also think nothing of paying \$1.25 for a bottled water."

For those who still want to get a drink of water and avoid paying for either a cup or a bottle, don't worry. If you bring your own cup—and are honestly getting water—you can still get water for free. Pub employees bring their own cups. Students can also purchase a 16 ounce cup from the Pub, and then refills for soda are only 85 cents. So any thirsty students, heads up and plan accordingly.

The top 10 things I want to say to the 10% of people who legitimately think Obama is the Anti-Christ



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1. REALLY?!
2. Just . . . REALLY?!
3. Seriously though.
4. Wow. Okay. There are a list of 27 different characteristics an antichrist (which actually just means a non-believer-the antichrist we all think of was never named that) must have. Of those 27, Obama matches the "try to change laws," "different from other kings," and "rise from obscurity" ones. He does not match everything else including, but not limited to, the "homosexual" one, the "from the restored Roman Empire one," or the "establishment of a Jewish temple in Jerusalem" one. Next time you want to use your holy book to do stupid things, just wipe your ass with it because that's essentially what you're doing already.
5. I'm done with you. You don't get 10 things.

ON EATING ANIMALS

PART 4

DANI ALLEN
Staff Reporter

I've been a naughty little nugget. I've still been eating meat. Or at least I was until I read about how chicken is processed in this country. Without going into too much detail, I'll mention some points that stuck out to me. When the machines in processing plants slice the chickens open, the intestines often tear and leak feces into the meat. This feces, along with the chicken meat, is then dipped into a cold-water bath to chill. This bath, ironically, spreads the feces to the other chickens in the bath, contaminating them. Workers as these processing plants are known to refer to this mixture as fecal soup. Up to 11% of the weight of chicken sold to grocery stores can be this "fecal soup" that has been absorbed into the meat. Tasty. I've been re-inspired by this lovely bit of knowledge to once again (attempt to) take on the burden of vegetarianism.

Today I was wrong! I took up the sword of ethical vegetarianism and...ate a grilled cheese sandwich. Epic, I know. The point is I made a conscious decision to not eat meat. Shamefully, despite all my talk, this is only the second time I deliberately did not eat meat and only the first time that the choice was an actual struggle.

The case of the grilled cheese sandwich (that sounds dramatic) fills me with both optimism and pessimism. On the one hand, I know that there is at least an inkling of will power within me, even if it's just an inkling. On the other hand, there are going to be so many more eat meat/don't eat meat choices to make, and I know it won't be easy or even plausible to avoid meat each time.

Day two in this barren wasteland called vegetarianism: corn. For dinner. Nothing else. Curses be upon you Glat! Even though cutting options on any given day, it's actually not so bad. Now that I'm trying out this whole vegetarian business, it's not so scary or impossible to carry out even if it means plain corn for dinner.

I haven't finished reading Eating Animals but I will just not before the final newspaper deadline. As this will be the last commentary in this series for the year, I believe some conclusions are in order. I've compiled a brief list of factors that weigh into my final decision about eating meat: (1) Glat's lack of food options, (2) the opinion of Jonathan Safran Foer, my most favorite author, and (3) how strong/wreak my ethics are in directing my behavior. After mulling over these three essential points for the past few weeks, and last couple days in particular, I say yay to eating meat. There it is, the final decision.

But the truth is, this decision isn't necessarily final. At this point in my life, under current conditions, and for the already mentioned reasons, I have made a particular decision. But my life won't always be the same. There will be different conditions and reasons and who is to say I won't end up indifferent to the issue (although I hope I won't). The point is that for now I'm going to try my hardest to not eat meat. Maybe being a vegetarian won't improve the factory farming situation in America or even help the world in any way, but it is proof to me that I'm capable of making decisions and living by them. And the process of reading a book and responding to it with both actions and words is something I find deeply satisfying, even more so than a hamburger.

Lend a hand this holiday season

STEPHANIE COVER
Contributor

Look at the person sitting to your right. Now look at the person sitting to your left. Today it is difficult to tell who could use a helping hand. It's difficult to differentiate between those who have fallen victim to the wretches of the economy and those who have not.

Growing up in Westminister, I have come to know people from all paths, the fortunate and the less fortunate. I have volunteered at various shelters and have worked in Westminister for four years. I know the people; I have witnessed their struggles. I know what it's like to live from paycheck to paycheck unsure of how I'll be able to pay my bills.

In a country that seems to revolve around the holidays, the winter season is especially important to society because of two big days: Thanksgiving and Christmas. During the year there are many holidays: birthdays, Valentine's Day, Easter, the Fourth of July and Labor Day. However, the two most significant to Americans are typically Thanksgiving and Christmas. During these two holidays families are united, gifts are exchanged, elaborate meals are cooked, and seemingly everyone is in the spirit for the season of giving. However, there are families out there, people just like you and me, who aren't in the spirit, people who cannot spend money on gifts and fun meals. These people are the at-risk population in your neighborhood.

This holiday season I urge you, all of you out there reading this, to help out. Lend a helping hand to the at-risk population of Carroll County, lend a hand to a friend, a neighbor, a stranger; lend a hand to anyone who could use the help.

You can help by contacting Neighbors in Need of Carroll County, a branch of Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc. This program provides families in need with gifts and food during the Holidays, gifts that many of us often take for granted. This program typically "adopts" families during the holiday. However, HSP and Neighbors in Need encourage any donations, as well as volunteers, to help during the Holiday.

You can also make a difference this holiday season by helping out at the Cold Weather Shelter. This shelter is another branch of HSP that lasts from November to March. This program helps out men and women ages 18 and older by providing them with shelter throughout the winter season. You help by donating necessities that these men and women need, or by volunteering your time at the shelter itself. Many people underestimate the power of speech—a few kind words can both turn a person's day around and provide inspiration.

Whether you can lend a hand by simply spending some of your time at a shelter or sending in gifts to the Neighbors in Need program for a family who could really use the support, I encourage everyone to get out there this holiday season and do something positive. The people in Carroll County—your neighbors and friends, the at-risk population, need your help these next few months. Food for Thanksgiving, gifts for Christmas—anything you can do will help. So get out there! I know I'll be helping out. The question is: will you?

Contacting HSP or its respective branches is easy, and helping out is just as simple. To contact Human Services Programs of Carroll County for volunteering purposes just call 410-857-2999 extension 3060.

If you feel down...

"Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light."
-Albert Schweitzer

In a season with an entire holiday dedicated to thanks (and pie), we should all be thankful when we get burned out and someone helps us "rekindle," whether it's Thanksgiving or not. We've only got a few weeks left in the semester, so let's help each other out and try to be our best. Strive for excellence, and help others strive for excellence as well.

-Kim Williams

...pick this up 

COLONIAL WILLIAMS BURG HIPSTERS



KARLA HOLLAND

McDaniel Theatre presents "Wonder of the World"

ZACH BROWN
Staff Reporter

McDaniel Theatre presents another great show in the Studio Theatre with David Lindsay-Abair's "Wonder of the World."

This outrageous comedy follows Cass Harris (Nina Minadakis) as she leaves her husband, Kip (Brady Eisenberg), for mysterious reasons and embarks on a journey to find herself, which leads her to Niagara Falls, where she meets some of the craziest people along the way. These include Lois (Britt Burr), a suicidal alcoholic with a barrel, Carla and Glenn (Alissa Beckett and Stephen Lariviere), an elderly couple of private eyes, and Captain Mike (Paul Griffin) of the Maid of the Mist. Even the McShane sculptors (Julia Williams) make appearances throughout Cass' stay in Niagara.

Megan McCargish, a freshman Theatre Arts Major and Understudy for the show excitedly said, "even though I wasn't actually in the play, it was my first McDaniel production, and I am very proud of it. It is awesome and hilarious."

The energy of the actors was tangible, spilling into the audience, who were on the edge of their seats, if not buckled over in laughter, throughout the entire show. The raw comedy played well into the young audience. With two working runtimes, among many other special effects, no one could possibly claim boredom.

"The show was crazy and a lot of the actors were phenomenal... the special effects were really cool too!" said usher and audience member, Amy Ziplin.

What is more enjoyable than a night of raucous laughter in the theatre, especially with the superb talent and hysterics of such a wonderful production? As senior Julia Williams says, "It was a lot of fun, it took a lot of work, and a lot of stress, but we have had so much fun, and having an audience to share it with is the greatest fun of it all."



Nina Minadakis, Britt Burr & Julia Williams go for a helicopter ride over Niagara Falls in Wonder of the World.



Brady Eisenberg drives to find his wife who has left him because of his character's sexual deviance.

Midterm elections show that Americans want more change

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In 2008 America called for change in the historic election of President Barack Obama. With a democratic majority already in place in both the House and Senate, the President was able to implement the most aggressive spending agenda America has ever seen. After taking office, President Obama and the Democrats spearheaded a \$787 billion stimulus package to help failing U.S. companies. The Democrats continued their spending spree with the controversial universal health care bill. Nancy Pelosi, soon to be former Speaker of the House, famously said Obama can find out what is in the bill once Congress passes it. Rather than read and understand the bill, Democrats in Congress thought the best plan of action would be to force feed the bill down America's throat using back room, unethical deals that sent taxpayer dollars to states and districts in exchange for votes in favor of the health care bill.

In the end, the health care bill will cost Americans close to one trillion dollars. These massive spending bills add to the debt accrued from two wars, increasing our national deficit to over \$13 trillion. To put this figure into perspective, each citizen of the United States now owes \$44,000 to pay off this debt. As the recent elections have shown, everyday Americans, who are suffering to make ends meet, have grown tired of the government recklessly spending money the country does not have.

The past midterm election shows Americans are calling for change once again. In November, the Republicans stole five seats from Democrats to bring the new balance in the Senate to 51 to 46. In 2011, the Republicans will take control of the House, the true pulse of the American people, after picking up 60 congressional seats previously held by Democrats. On the state executive level, the Democrats felt the effects of this call for smaller government by losing

eight governorships.

The most telling results of election night however, came in districts and states that President Obama carried in 2008 and have been traditional Democratic strongholds. President Obama invested time and energy campaigning for several Democrats in battleground states. In Pennsylvania, the President campaigned for Senate hopeful, Joe Sestak. Pat Toomey, a Republican was able to overcome Presidential support and win in a state that is traditionally blue.

In Ohio, a haven for working-class Americans, President Obama supported Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Bill Strickland. Once again, the President's candidate lost as former Fox News contributor and Republican, John Kasich came away with the victory. In the President's home state of Illinois, clearly a stronghold for the Democratic Party, the Senate seat formerly held by President Obama was up for election. In perhaps the most embarrassing loss of the night, the President's former seat now rests in the hands of Republican Mark Kirk.

The midterm elections were not necessarily a vote for Republicans, as much as they were a vote against the Democrats and excessive spending. If the Republicans hope to keep their momentum alive in 2012, they must establish a clear and concise platform that revolves around improving the economy, getting people jobs, and reigning in government spending.

The vital signs of this past election show that the President is quite vulnerable in states and districts he must carry to win reelection in 2012. The President can do what Bill Clinton did in 1994 when his party lost control of Congress, by listening to the American people's call to change course. If he neglects to learn from history and continues to ignore the polls and demands of the people, he will have to rely on "hope" to get him reelected in 2012.

Political Apathy

JACOB SIEGEL
Staff Reporter

As I was interviewing people about the Tea Party, I was struck by how little people really knew about them. I am interested in politics myself so I am pretty knowledgeable about the subject, but I usually don't stop to think about how much other people know. People always say that the majority of the public is apathetic to politics, and they don't spend the time and effort to pay attention. But most of the people that can't pay attention to politics do a lot of other things. They have their own jobs to worry about, they have their own futures, and they are preoccupied with school and a lot of things.

Now I've always known that there has been a large section of the public that has been apathetic to politics, but I've never really understood just how little people knew. Most people just follow politics during the election cycle, that's where they get their fix of news to they can make more of an informed decision about who to vote for. I now realize that people have different priorities other than politics. It got me thinking... we all have our own individual experiences we bring to the world and our own specialties. Not everyone knows the same things that

you do- we're all coming from different wavelengths. We all have different intellectual capacities for different things. So, while I might be interested in politics, someone else might be just interested in art or movies.

I just read the news, books about politics, and watch things that are related to politics. Why am I interested in politics? I am interested in learning about who runs the country and what kinds of decisions are made that affect our country as a whole. I am more outwardly oriented. I care a lot about the direction about where our country is going and where the world is going.

There is an idea that is going around that the majority of people don't pay attention to politics because they're dumbed down or they don't know much of anything, but I would disagree with that. I think that people are just specialists. This is what Adam Smith talked about when he talked about having a division of labor: everyone specializes in their own subject or what they like. Just because you don't aren't that knowledgeable about a subject doesn't mean that you're stupid, or that you don't care about it. It just means that you have other priorities that you deal with and other specialties. We all have our own unique things that we're good at and things that make us special.

Dilma Rousseff: A perspective on change

KARLA HOLLAND
Staff Reporter

Lately, the Americas have been establishing many "firsts" in matters of presidents. The United States elected its first African American president. Bolivia's Evo Morales stands as his country's first indigenous president. Lately, the news has reported Brazil's first female president, Dilma Rousseff. In the U.S., Brazil is best known for their Carnival, the Amazon rainforest, "The girl from Ipanema," and the infamous Favelas. However, few Americans may be aware of the country's time under the rule of Jose Sarney for 21 years. During this time, a young Rousseff left her middle class life to fight this government by taking up arms as a Left-wing Urban Guerrilla soldier, eventually being imprisoned and tortured. Before her campaign, Rousseff served as minister of Energy and Chief of Staff under President Inacio Lula da Silva. While Brazil should not be denied its milestone, there is need for some clarification. A female President or Prime Minister is not as rare in the Americas as some may realize: if the Caribbean nations are included, Rousseff is the 9th woman to be elected to the position.

On the other hand, her election cannot avoid a little bit of skepticism. Rousseff may have a few obstacles familiar to any leader, like the obligation to please unrealistic expectations. In her case,

it may be the expectation to replicate her predecessor, the former president Luiz Inacio da Silva. Da Silva, or "Lula," as he was nicknamed by the public, proved popular with citizens; his only barrier to re-election was the nation's two-term limit. According to during her term, the former president has promised to work with Rousseff will get any credit for such a promise, one may wonder if Rousseff will get any credit for her own work during her term. According to NPR.com, voter Maria Santos made her impressions pretty clear: "I'm voting for Dilma, of course, but the truth is it will still be Lula who will lead us." Santos could have chosen not to participate in the voting process if she did not like the choices for candidate, but according to Brazilian law she could risk a fine, loss of passport eligibility or worse. She'll just have to deal with Rousseff until "Lula" can legally run again in 2014.

Rousseff's election does deserve recognition as it breaks barriers that the US has yet to reach. To compare, this year's midterms have South Carolina, New Mexico and Oklahoma finally welcoming their first female Governors. After so many "firsts" in these. However, when it comes to politics, in Brazil, the United States or "miso" regardless of the person representing the post, which may not change anytime soon.



SOPHIE DIVEN

Karla Brophy, '13, smiles as the breeze brushes across her face.

Bullying in college: No longer just playground taunts

KRYSTINA SHULTZ
Staff Reporter

The old saying "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me," finds students once again trying to ease the emotional and mental hurt caused by bullying. I'm not speaking of the elementary school playground where kids call names, nor the middle and high schools where pretexts weave money from and threaten harm on each other. No, we've been through all of that. We have all sat through the seminars telling us that counselors are there to help, that replying to the taunts will only encourage the bullies. Today, we are adults and what I am speaking of is the bullying that occurs on college campuses, or in other words, the criminal act of harassment.

We can all remember the recent suicide of Tyler Clementi, a student at Rutgers University who took his life due to bullying. Yes, the cause was specifically gay bullying, which is a hot topic these days, but does anyone stop to consider the fact that it was bullying nonetheless, and on top of that, on a college campus? Are we truly adults? Yes, bullying does occur in the adult world, albeit under different labels: hate crimes, theft, extortion, abuse, however, this is not the run-down streets of a crime-filled city. This is a college where we are expected to be learning about the world, improving ourselves, preparing for future jobs, and widening our views. Yet bullying does occur on college campuses and can become a serious problem for the students involved.

While members of the LGBT community are often targets, many other college students find themselves targets of bullies on our very own college campus. A sophomore student told me of hearing from a friend that a guy in her class had insulted her intelligence and slandered her because of her race on a day she was absent from class. In an attempt to solve it she told me, "I didn't talk to the person. I went to the professor and he said, 'I'll have to think about this,' and we never spoke about it again." She didn't feel it was just to contact campus safety because, "In this case, it was just a stupid comment by an immature person." Luckily, her single incident never occurred again, but for some students minor insults can turn into a serious problem.

"On campuses across the country, [bullying] is becoming an important issue," said Megan Heaton, a full-time clinical social worker at the Wellness Center. "Our campus isn't immune to bullying."

Offentimes bullying turns into harassment and then the students have to learn how to deal with the harassment.

"We work with students on harassment and bullying-type situations just like other campuses," said Campus Safety Supervisor Joshua Bruner. "A lot of bullying is borderline harassment and stalking."

When bullying or harassment occurs, there are four resources on campus for student use. The first is the professor or faculty who is in charge of the class in which such problems occur, or a person whom the student trusts. The second is Residence Life, although this office and the professors are likely to direct students to

the other two resources for serious problems: the Wellness Center and Campus Safety.

"Basically, the services we provide to all the students [at the wellness center] are assessment and short-term counseling as well as referral to services off campus for long-term or specialized treatment that we don't do here," stated Heaton.

The fourth resource, the Department of Campus Safety, can handle the legal aspect of solving harassment cases, as well as directing students to counseling services.

"Generally, the best way to handle a bully, going back to the grade school definition, is to just ignore them because they're looking for attention," said Bruner.

The college takes bullying incidents as serious issues and classifies such incidents as harassment in order to avoid making light of the situation. In the event that a student needs help, Bruner said that anyone can come down to Campus Safety, located in Windlow, to ask questions, get information or discuss a problem, even if it is a theoretical problem.

In our futures, we will encounter harassment, hate, and slander. The best way to combat the problems of the future is to fix the ones of today. Whenever you see a student being harassed, step forward and offer your assistance. If you want to avoid conflict, listen to Bruner, who said, "I would encourage somebody to report anything if they feel it is a problem, even if it is a third party." We are always told that we can make a difference. If this is true, then surely we can march into our future by learning how to put up shields against the rain of sticks and stones that people throw at us.

Contrast "America" Contest Winner

Rites of Spring by Matt Bisenius

Memorial Day is always the worst for road kill. The weather has been nice for enough weekends in a row that the animals think they can cross eight lanes of traffic on I-84. By Tuesday morning when the DOT workers come off their long weekend and move the mangled deer carcasses, they will have swelled up, fat on gates, and maggots will have eaten a large hole through the side resting on the bed of asphalt.

"Raccoon." Emma is in the backseat cheerfully identifying the different species "sleeping" across the fog line.

On behalf of Food For Life, Spoken Words, The Philosophy Club, Environmental Action Club, The Fiber Arts Club, Jewish Student Union, Social Work Action Team, Hispanic Latino Alliance, Intersivity Christian Fellowship, Belly Dancing Club, and Allies,

You're Invited... ...to an Ugly Sweater Party!

December 3 7-11 PM Leidy Room
Live Music! Food!

We have gathered an abundance of on-campus organizations, all varying in mission and size, to create a fun and exciting party that brings together a diverse representation of McDaniel students in the spirit of the holiday season, integrating the effects of homelessness during the winter season. The holiday party encourages students to wear an ugly sweater, which we hope will fuel the sense of fun and silliness, while asking participants to donate either a piece of warm clothing (which will be split between Keep Baltimore Warm), a canned food item (which will be given to the SWAT and JSU food drive) or a dollar (which will be given to Westminster Boys and Girls Club). Hopefully, this will give not only to Westminster Boys and Girls Club, but also give back to our community, insight to the struggles of poverty, but also give back to our community. We hope to draw in the McDaniel community for this great cause with good food, friends, and live music.

- Erica Emmelheinz

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PAIGE PRICE
Staff Reporter

If you've been waiting for a search engine that filters out all spam sites and gives you just the good stuff—the information—you're in luck! Blekko.com is a search engine that uses "slashtags" to cut out spam and helps you find what you're looking for quickly. These slashtags can be anything from recipes to technology, liberal viewpoints to travel. You can use and revise current slashtags, or make your own.

This search engine does an excellent job of putting together a reasonably numbered set of sites when you search something. There are usually no more than 20 sites per search. Blekko is a great tool when you are looking up broad topics such as climate change from a conservative view.

The sites it lists are all credible, and they're at your fingertips. It prides itself on showing results from only informative, dependable sites. No more filtering through 10 pages of Google to find tenable sources. You can also search with a third party slashtag. If you need a pic-

ture or a video you can use the Flickr or YouTube slashtags. It makes searching that much easier!

However, there are some negative aspects to this search engine. Some slashtags that you would think would have already been created, have not. I always thought that "buy" was a typical keyword. I guess not for Blekko. I also found it frustrating that when I looked up boots/sharp, it returned with boots from only Amazon.com. And trust me, I know there are more places to shop for boots on the Internet than Amazon. Um hello, Zappos!

Overall, I think that Blekko is a great search engine. It gives you the information you need and there's no spam. It's perfect for searching a broad topic or a viewpoint. I don't think it's the search engine you want to use if you are shopping or looking for a quick answer. Next time you're working on a research paper or have some free time, I encourage you to check this search engine out. It's worth the time to see what this new search engine has to offer!

SEX ON THE

Touch Yourself

CLARA BURGESS
Staff Reporter

Seeking an alternative to abstinence? There is such a thing as risk-free sex with no dangers of pregnancy or STDs, and without all of the dangerous emotional attachments of relationships! That's right, I'm talking about masturbation. Like Betty Dodson says in her book, *Sex for One: The Joy of Self-Loving*, "Masturbation is the ongoing love affair that each of us has with ourselves, throughout our lifetime."

Masturbation is a sensitive subject, and most people avoid discussing it, or don't believe it is a healthy activity to engage in.

One junior girl said she believes sex is "usually a partnered activity, and weird for girls sex, al-

though there is sex in the City, people don't live that lifestyle in actuality."

Despite these beliefs about masturbation, it is still happening on campus. In fact, people are having sex consistently with themselves, several times a week. One freshman boy masturbates two to five times a week when he finds time, explaining that "it depends on what I have going on."

Masturbation, surprisingly, improves sexual health and relationships. It makes sex with others better, because it increases your skills. Avoiding discussing it is understandable if you feel it is a personal matter. However, avoiding it all together could be a mistake. Like Dodson says, "sex, like any other skill, has to be learned and practiced." The more practice, the better sexual relationships become, and every young man you have actually makes you physiologically

younger! An orgasm a day keeps the doctor away.

So try it! Don't bother yourself with dramatic relationships. Avoid unpleasant STDs and unwanted pregnancy. All of this can be done while doing something incredibly healthy: masturbating! Seize your roommate and get down with some "personal" time. It is definitely worth it, and in your next relationship you will have improved your skills. Practice, practice, practice!

Editor's Note: This column, written by Clara Burgess, is dedicated to exploring some of the 'taboo' topics about gender and sexuality. To contact her regarding *Sex on the Hill*, email freepress@mcDaniel.edu.

Recycling counts, so why aren't we doing it?

CAITLIN ROETHEL
Staff Reporter

I grew up in a household where my mother was very adamant about recycling. All plastic, paper, metal, and glass was sorted and then recycled. My mother would go out of her way to bring home recyclables from places where recycling wasn't available and would make monthly pilgrimages to the nearest recycling center, an hour from our house. The idea of recycling was drilled into my head from such a young age that it has become second nature.

So I was surprised when I came to college, where recycling has been made so accessible, that people still aren't doing it. Recycling receptacles have been placed in most residence halls, academic buildings, and meeting places as a result of efforts in past years by the college's Environmental Action Club (EAC) and participation in Recyclemania. In most places where a student has an option to throw something away, they also have the option to recycle it, or a recycling receptacle is only a few feet away. And yet, I still see people throwing away plastic water bottles and aluminum soda cans in regular trash cans along with unrecycled food and used tissues.

McDaniel College has made an obvious effort to become more environmentally sustainable. According to the McDaniel website, in May 2007 President Joan Coley signed the American College and University President's Climate Commitment, and our participation in the National Recycling Coalition's Recyclemania in 2008 led to 26,430 pounds of paper, cardboard, bottles and cans

being recycled over ten weeks. That's about 14.13 pounds per person. However, we still only placed 36th out of 59 schools on a per capita scale. Our participation in the program the following year totaled 12,655 pounds per person over ten weeks, as stated on the McDaniel Recyclemania website, showing a decline in recycling across campus.

It's not like there is even that much effort put into actually recycling something besides just the idea of "oh, this is recyclable." The school's recycling is single-stream, meaning everything recyclable is thrown in together, and then sorted later by the collection company. No physical act of sorting papers from plastics from metals has to take place by the student. Everything just has to be placed into one recycling receptacle. All it takes to be a recycler is to have two trash cans, one for trash and one for recyclables, instead of just one. Is it that hard? McDaniel College's 2009 Climate Action Plan states "the college's participation in Recyclemania creates a culture where it is the social norm to recycle. With a healthy dose of competition, and lots of signs around campus, students are realizing what they throw away does matter, and what we recycle matters even more." We need to become aware of our waste and make good habits the norm for us now before the bad habits stick.

The college itself benefits from recycling too. The 2009 Climate Action Plan concludes that by reducing 7% of waste a year by recycling, which would equal about a 74 ton decrease, they would then have a return of \$5,200 a year after an initial \$2,700 investment the first year. That's 5,200 more dollars that could go toward



Sophomore Veronica Lathroum practices good recycling habits.

student programs, academics, scholarships, campus improvements, or better food. So something as simple as placing your trash in a different container could result in more money for the school and you.

Recycling is one of the easiest and most accessible ways to make a noticeable impact on the environment by allowing our materials to be reused later on so we don't need to harvest as many new materials in the future. McDaniel College makes recycling easy for us, the college community. Why shouldn't we make the small effort now, while it's free and convenient, so that we can create good habits within ourselves that become second nature later on? Then it won't seem like such a hassle, and we'll want to recycle and be more willing to make the effort. Recycling counts, so let's do it.

Kobe Bryant is not a murderer

JACOB SIEGEL
Staff Reporter

Recently, Kobe Bryant has been accused by Tim Keown, a commentator article at www.espn.com, for facilitating the death of Larry Malik. Larry Malik, a freshman football player apparently was at a friend's house and some random gun appeared, and he was shot in the head by a "friend" at someone else's house. Todd Walker, the coach blames this on a Call of Duty commercial that briefly featured Kobe Bryant. Bryant is not a murderer, nor is Kobe Bryant an accomplice to a murder in any way shape or form.

I just wanted to explain how ridiculous this whole thing is. Cause and effect don't exist to people like Tim Keown and Todd Walker, the coach of the football team. This coach wasn't even at the home of Larry Malik; he doesn't know what went on or what he was doing with his friend. They could be doing drugs; they could be having a party; and they could be doing a lot of things. There is no proof at all that they were playing Call of Duty or, as in this case, there is no proof at all that Larry Malik or his friend was a compulsive video game player.

So it's kind of a bit of a stretch to blame video games for the death of Larry Malik.

There are people out there who believe that video games cause violence and that video games cause people to become killers. The idea that video games cause people to become violent has, for the most part, been discredited. According to crunchgear.com in a commentary about Why Video Games Don't Cause Violence, Cho, the Virginia Tech killer who was engaged in counterstrike, was very antisocial, and he was already a disturbed individual. According to CNN,

com, the Columbine killer (that the media said that played Doom computer games and that inspired him to kill people) was an antidepressant. So, saying that a video game caused some kid to shoot someone else, or let alone a commercial to cause someone else's death is somewhat ridiculous.

Things get even more ridiculous than that. In the Call of Duty Commercial there is pretty much nothing that distinguishes it from other video games or any other movies that have a gun in them. The ad features a bunch of people walking around with assault weapons shooting around much like you'd expect in a video game ad. Kobe Bryant appears in the ad for only about 5 seconds and for most of the ad, other people are doing the shooting and the action.

But what about the message of the ad? To people like Tim Keown, it doesn't matter what the ad's message was at the end. That message was that we are all soldiers. Blame just launches on Kobe Bryant. The ad also didn't feature anyone dying, so it's almost impossible to say that the ad led anyone to want to kill other people either. There is nothing unusual about the ads as far as video games go.

So, I ask if Kobe Bryant a murderer? I don't think so. You might not like him and you believe allegations that he raped a woman in Colorado... but it is ridiculous to say that Kobe Bryant is a murderer or a facilitator of one. Kobe Bryant is innocent, and media people are just trying to get more ratings by going after someone famous; they have nothing else to talk about so they need someone to take up air time.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Does anybody edit the Free Press?

So, I've never worked for a newspaper, or for that matter any publication. I'll admit that. And I'm not an English major. I write a lot as a history major, but I don't claim to be a grammatical authority. However, one would expect that the staff of a newspaper, say, like the McDaniel Free Press, would be populated with such experts. As the *honor*, one would expect there would be one or two people writing staff who know how to break out the time tooth grammar comb and knock out any errors that might exist in the articles written by staff reporters.

So why then is the McDaniel Free Press so chockful full of errors? I just read through the most recent issue and I counted 18 errors. (Bonus: can you find them?) About half of them were pretty minor errors. A period instead of a comma. Awkward quotations. On speaking of that, the use of the word "quote" instead of "quotation." These are all errors that might conceivably slip through the editing process if it was rushed. Not a huge deal. However, many of the errors seem to suggest that the articles were simply not edited at all. Not by the author, or by the editor.

The most egregious error by far was in the review of "A Doll's House." Brady Eisenberg again, that's Brady Eisenberg. The most important thing, by far, in a review of a piece of theater, is that the names of the actors are correctly reported. Did Zachery Brown play the role of Torvald? No, he did not. It was Brady. If the article had been edited, say, at all, that mistake would have been corrected. (It doesn't help either that the article breaks lots of rules about theater reviews. For example, don't say how the audience "felt," and avoid flowery words like "stunning," "passionate," & "amazing" because they're not actually descriptive.)

Also, can we say fuck in the paper? I didn't know that. That's pretty cool, I guess. Maybe I'm just being a dick. I think that's a distinct possibility. I really do. But how can we take pride in a school publication so riddled with errors? And it's not as if this is a one time problem. It happens in every paper.

Solution? I don't know. Edit better, I guess.

-David Arnold

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Students and faculty gather in Krial Lounge on Nov. 8 to make blankets for Project Linus, a local nonprofit organization that provides handmade security blankets to infants and youth in need.

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Men's soccer team initiation practices called into question

MEGAN ROBINSON
News Editor

Freshmen members of the men's soccer team complete a process they refer to as "initiation" within their first month of the season. Details about the initiation were disclosed to the Free Press by an anonymous source who was so shocked when she was asked to participate that she hoped the request was a joke.

In order to be initiated the freshmen members of the team had to complete a series of tasks. Zach LaVeck, a freshman member of the men's soccer team, said that to be "initiated" into the team means that they receive more responsibilities. However, James Hill and Zach Nibelink, other freshman soccer players, said the freshmen players' roles on the team do not change after initiation takes place.

LaVeck said that all the tasks were optional but strongly encouraged. However, Nibelink went on to say that if a freshman player told an upperclassman teammate they were uncomfortable with the task, they were not excused from participating in the process, but rather given an alternative task to perform.

According to LaVeck after they completed the initiation process, they were congratulated by their upperclassman teammates. Then they met individually with the team captains to be congratulated personally by the most senior members of the team.

Hill said the freshmen players were asked to interview about 50 women for a survey about the men's soccer players. Hill said they specifically had to ask girls from both women's sports teams and Phi Sigma Sigma. However, Sarah Byron, the president of Phi Sigma Sigma said "I had absolutely no idea what... survey they are referencing. I do not recall answering any sexual questions about any soccer players."

Nibelink said they were given a sheet with pictures of all the players on the team and would show the pictures to the girls while asking them the questions they were given. Nibelink said an example of some of the questions they asked were "Which player would you rather be stuck on a dessert island with?" However, the anonymous source said she was shown the survey and all of the questions were sexual. She said some of the questions they had to ask were "Who is most likely to be a virgin? Who would you sleep with? Who would have a Prince Albert penis piercing?"

The survey isn't the only activity the freshmen players are asked to participate in. Nibelink said they were asked to do a scavenger hunt. He said they were asked to collect 15 surf beads, 26 blades of grass, and other activities. LaVeck said that the tasks were not complicated, but it was difficult to complete them in the limited amount of time they were given to complete the tasks.

However, the anonymous source submitted a transcript between herself and a freshman soccer player in which he told her about some other specific tasks of the scavenger hunt. The source said the player told her they were given grocery lists of random items to buy. The player said the items totaled \$50 of his own money.

The anonymous source also said that she was personally approached

to help a player complete a task for the scavenger hunt. He asked the source if she would allow someone to take a picture of her holding his penis. Shocked, the anonymous source thought the player was joking, but after he reiterated that his request was serious she responded no. Later, another soccer player told her that the seniors compiled the lists of who to contact for that task and that the freshmen players had found another girl to take the picture with.

LaVeck, Nibelink, and Hill denied that they were ever asked to do anything sexual as part of their initiation process.

While it is unclear what, if any, role alcohol played in the men's soccer initiation process, the submitted transcript makes it appear as though it was used. The freshman soccer player said initiation "sucked" and "I was wasted out of my mind by the time I got back." LaVeck, Hill, and Nibelink all also denied that they were asked to complete any tasks involving alcohol during their initiation process.

The source said what bothered her was her inability to report the issue. "I know its hazing. I know it's sexual harassment, but at the same time I feel like I can't report it because I didn't actually do anything. I was just asked," said the source. She continued, "It hurts to be a part of that and know that nothing is going to happen from it."

In fact, according to the Maryland State's Hazing Law, the act she was asked to perform was hazing. According to the law "Haze" means doing any act... for the purpose of initiation into a student organization of a school, college, or university. The law goes on to state that "Hazing activities are generally considered to be physically abusive, hazardous and/or sexually violating."

According to Christine Workman, the Director of the Student Engagement Office, the hazing that disparably took place on the men's soccer team not only violated Maryland State Law, but also the college policy. Workman said the college uses the Maryland Hazing Law as the college policy in regards to hazing, and it applies to any organization on campus.

The head coach of the men's soccer team said this was the first time he had ever heard of any hazing taking place on the team. He said he was going to look into the allegations. He also said the players sign a paper regarding hazing at the beginning of the season, but that he does not directly deal with hazing education.

The men's soccer assistant coach, Paul Segerson and the team captains Adam Dolbey, David Cross, and Timothy Winkele, did not respond to a request for comment.

However, despite these disputed tasks, LaVeck, Nibelink, and Hill said they all will play on the team next year. All of the boys said they found more than just field mates on the soccer team, they found friendships. Hill said "we hang out at the time." All the boys agreed that the boys on the soccer team were "tight."

Hill and Nibelink said they look forward to being upperclassmen on the team. LaVeck added that he had a lot of fun this past season and was glad to be a part of the team.

TERROR SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: MEET the GREEN

PATRICK ROGERS
Staff Reporter

Every fall a new group of eager 18-year-old students arrive at McDaniel looking to make an impact here on campus. Some hope to make their mark in the classroom, or the community, or on the court. Ross Walker is one of such freshmen that has high hopes for his basketball career here at McDaniel.

Ross is a Maryland native graduating from Calverton High School where he had a very successful high school career. In his senior year at Calverton, Walker, who is a point guard or a shooting guard, was a team captain and earned All-County and All-Conference honors during the season.

Ross first found out about McDaniel when he was being recruited to play basketball.

"It started with basketball, that was my first attraction. Then when I came to visit, I fell in love with the campus," said Ross.

When asked about the adjustment from high school basketball to college basketball, Ross explained that the workouts were more intense and demanding. The practice schedule is another big adjustment from high school because of the late practice times and the length of workouts.

"Also, the difference between college and high school is that in college everyone is good," explained Ross.

One of the harder adjustments to make from high school to college level athletics is being at the bottom of the food chain once again. Instead of fighting this process Ross has learned to embrace it.

"I like working my way up on the team," Ross stated. "I just have to work hard every day."

There are a total of 16 players on this year's men's team and so far playing with them has been a very positive experience for Ross. He described the team as a "close group of guys" and that they "play as a group." Even off the court, Ross has found his niche within the team.



"Everyone is cool with each other," Ross said, "we are all still a family."

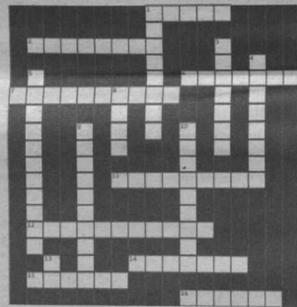
At the beginning of every season the teams in the Centennial Conference find out their preseason rank. This year the Terror Men were ranked 8th in the conference.

"We are pretty pleased about the ranking. We don't like to be at the bottom," Ross explained.

When asked about what goals the team has this year, Ross answered simply, "We want to be conference champs." The team believes that this goal is attainable, especially if they continue to keep putting in hard work.

As for himself, Ross just wants to get as much playing time as possible this season as a freshman.

Ross has very simple goals for himself while here. "I just want to keep working hard and work my way up." So for the next four years watch out for Ross Walker as he tries to make his mark on the court here at McDaniel.



Crossword Puzzle

The clues for this puzzle are all derived from Issue 4 of the McDaniel Free Press.

created by Masha Paul

- Across
- 160 McDaniel Students rolled up their sleeves and headed to this drive on Oct 27th.
 - McDaniel Alum survives 25 foot fall while in Oregon
 - Greg Nolen will never forget his first NFL game, Eagles vs. _____
 - You might have spotted this 2010 Dodge maw in the McDaniel Parking Lot... describes her double life as a woman who found herself in love with another woman
 - Leaders of ODMA groups meet with SGA and provided suggestions for the next round of...
 - New local group on campus, you might have seen their free EP's in the bookstore...
 - Relay for life is the main fundraising event of the ACS.
 - The addition of the _____ to McDaniel campus may impact recruitment retention of students of color.

- Down
- Thank you President Casey, now McDaniel students can get their late night cup of coffee at _____
 - If we remind our politician representatives of their promise _____ can be eliminated by 2015!
 - Group first formed in 1998 by Jamie Hewlett and Damon Albarn; music collaboration between animation and music.
 - Nick Turiso has rediscovered his love for this Philadelphia delicacy.
 - This Political science professor believes the first UN Millennium goal of eradicating extreme poverty and hunger is effective
 - Oct 20th, Allies and Active minds help a Vigil to honor the recent victims of suicide due to violence and bullying.
 - Has taken over as defensive back coach for Green terror football following Williams departure
 - responsible for talking with students about noise or drinking violations, cleanliness of common areas, etc.

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TOP: Rha Kabana and Tosin Abraham dress in traditional garb to the President and University Africa Dinner in Fall 2010.

LEFT: Junior Becky Putnam shows off the tasty s'more she made in the fire place in Ensor during the Outdoors Club s'mores event Friday, Feb. 4 from 5-6 p.m.

BELOW: Kristan Brennan performs during Vagina Monologues, which played on campus Feb. 4 and 5.



ON THE COVER
Matt Gill, Catherine Szczybor, Oliver Awarit, and Mary Pazmany play in the snow.

IMAGE BY MARY CROCAMO

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TOP: The men's swim team showed their spirit to support the Lady Terror swimmers who won their meet against Bryn Mawr on Jan. 29.

From left to right: Bryan Nuckles, James Eu, Morgan DeHart, Jason Harder, Patrick Rogers, Jesse Mills, Joe Odierno, Chris Steinheimer, Jono Leafblad.

RIGHT: Rafael Seyum uses his camera to capture the snow covered McDaniel buildings.

BOTTOM: Trevor Crest and Micah Shelton helping neighbor's in Carroll County dig out (for cash!).



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TWO WEEKS IN PHOTOGRAPHS

FREE PRESS BEGINS NEW ERA ONLINE

KIM WILLIAMS
Editor-in-chief

Stop the presses. Literally. Temporarily?

The next two issues of the Free Press will be going green and moving almost entirely onto the website (<http://mcdanielfreepress.com>).

Almost entirely? Yes.

Every two weeks, Free Press readers will still have some news in hand: a printed "teaser" will hit the campus to encourage readers to find full stories and awesome photographs online.

With this bold move, the Free Press joins other college newspapers in trying out another method of bringing our readers the news. We hope that you all will follow us onto the web and give us the opportunity to continue to provide content of interest to you.

The Free Press Twitter account (<http://twitter.com/#!/mcfreepress>) and McDaniel Free Press page on Facebook will send out messages about updates, so be sure to follow and friend us.

For students who check out the web site for the next issue, there is a contest with a prize of \$50 to Regal Cinemas in Westminster. To enter, simply post a comment on an article. The names of everyone who comments will be placed in a hat, and a lucky winner will be drawn out.

In addition, the Free Press is running a Facebook contest from Feb. 22 to Mar. 1. All you have to do is write "Support the Free Press going green! Read the @McDaniel Free Press online at mcdanielfreepress.com." You'll need to like the McDaniel Free Press Facebook page and make sure to type @ in front of McDaniel Free Press. A contest participant will be randomly selected to win an iPod touch. Free Press staff are ineligible.



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News and Web Editor

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Men's soccer team looks toward the future

CULLEN MURRAY-KEMP
Staff Reporter

This past fall season the McDaniel men's soccer team faced some serious charges and accusations about hazing within the soccer program. Now, with the spring season around the corner the team is looking to rebuild its reputation not only on campus, but within the community as well.

According to Dean Gerl, the lead investigator of the incident, as some of the details were unearthed she "learned of unethical and questionable behavior to build community on the team."

The "initiation" process and what the school deemed as hazing of the soccer freshman included an array of obligations that had to be completed before being officially accepted into the team.

The accusations of "unethical and ques-

tionable behavior" by the soccer team included tasks ranging from scavenger hunts to the peer prompted sexual questioning of McDaniel students.

The incidents "went against the McDaniel College stance on hazing—a violation of good standards," Gerl continued.

When Gerl was provided with reports on hazing she took immediate investigative action. In order to complete the investigation Gerl interviewed both the coaching staff and players, and then provided the information to the President's office.

Gerl went on to add that all official sanctions to the soccer program were to be left to the President and the athletic department.

When asked about other students involved with the "initiation" process Gerl responded "we focused on the soccer players."

Athletic director Jamie Smith was initially very troubled by the issue, but is satisfied with the approach the soccer team has taken.

"The team has been willing to embrace their punishment and is excited to prove to the community that they are not bad kids."

Smith emphasized that learning from this situation to ensure it will never happen again is the "most important." The athletic department has had numerous meetings with the soccer team about the negative attention of this hazing debacle, and the college hopes to bring in a speaker to address all sports team on the hazing issue before next season.

Head coach Jim Reigel, who first heard of the issue through the McDaniel Free Press last November, has underlined the severity of this situation saying "this is the team's one and only warning, if it happens again the result will be immediate dismissal from the program."

Yet, the soccer team has a plan to regain their reputation.

Instead of a freshman "initiation," the

squad looks for a more appropriate way of bonding in the spring by completing a number of community services. Their work within the community will include mentoring local soccer teams, and various forms of fund-raising.

Coach Reigel outlined the official sanctions by the College for the spring soccer season. Amongst the punishments are reduced, non-traditional practice times amounting to about 1/3 of the usual allotted spring practice schedule, no alumni game, and the team was forced to forfeit their "friendly" or spring scrimmage.

Despite all of the negative publicity surrounding the soccer program from last November's hazing scandal, both Coach Reigel and Jamie Smith seem quite confident that the team has learned from the incident and will have no problem regaining its reputation not only on campus, but within the community as well.

McDaniel's presidential inauguration approaches

KIM WILLIAMS
Editor-in-chief

McDaniel has been changing lives since 1867, and Saturday, April 16 at 2:30 p.m. celebrates a change in leadership as Dr. Roger Casey is inaugurated.

With nine presidents in our history, inaugurations do not occur every day, or even every decade, on the Hill. It's very unusual for a college of our age to have only nine presidents. We have a history of very long presidencies," says Trustee and Emeriti Faculty Dr. James Lightner, who is chairing the Steering Committee for the planning of inauguration week.

Senior Andy Carr says, "I am planning on attending the inauguration. I feel like a new President is an important event for a college."

The event begins with a formal academic procession made up of groups of people including the delegates (representatives from other colleges and universities), faculty, trustees and the platform party (people participating in the ceremonies).

The inauguration will also include the gospel choir singing, a ceremonial welcome, an official designating of the president to office, the singing of the alma mater, and a procession at the end with Casey leading the way.

President Casey will have an opportunity to give a speech during the inauguration. "Once he's formally invested, Dr. Casey will go to the lectern and give his inaugural address. It's essentially his vision statement," Lightner explains.

Lightner adds, "President Casey is quite a speaker, so it's an opportunity to hear his thoughts."

"I look forward to hearing what he has to say," says Carr.

The inauguration may be April 16, but there is an entire inauguration week leading up to the event. The theme of the week is "Changing Lives for a Changing World" according to Lightner, and the activities of the week will focus on related topics including liberal arts, global awareness, community service and education.

While the events are far from finalized, Lightner says that the previous Saturday, April 9, "there's going to be a community day of service planned."

"Sunday the 10th in Big Baker will be a concert. It will feature most of our musical organizations," Lightner explains. "It will be a nice Sunday afternoon event."

During the night focused on education, Lightner reveals that "one of the panelists is going to be the 2010 Maryland Teacher of the Year, Michelle Shearer, who has a master's degree from here."

Another event to look forward to that week is the International Club Dinner. Lightner says, "The international dinner is going to be Wednesday night of that week." Senior Kristin Behle, co-president of the International Club, remarks, "We're really excited to have the international dinner during the inauguration week because it's a great way to celebrate and highlight cultures on campus."

There will also be numerous events during the day for students to enjoy. These include a jeopardy event with prizes and a taste of languages event, during which students will be taught some quick basics of a language.

"I know it's going to be a busy week, but I hope students will come when they can," says Lightner. And with so many different events being planned, there will certainly be something for everyone.

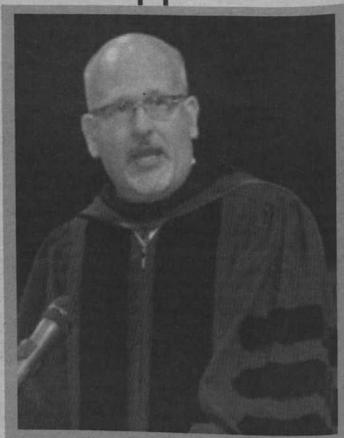


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Blotter by the numbers

Students do more than just study over Jan Term



CULLEN MURRAY-KEMP
Staff Reporter

Jan Term is a time for light schoolwork and relaxation for the 300 or so McDaniel students who remain on campus over the break every year. Still, in the words of the infamous Beastie Boys, "You gotta fight, for your right, to participate." And over the icy days, McDaniel students

did just that.

Angry at the cold weather and the strenuous classes, students vented on anything they could find. This venting took its toll on buildings and parked cars alike, amounting to 10 separate Campus Safety write ups for malicious destruction of property over the short break.

The vandalism came to a fierce climax on Jan. 15, aka the day the Steelers knocked the Ravens out of the playoffs in catastrophic fashion. The night held four separate vandalism scandals, three in North Village alone.

Yet, as the holiday continued the criminals and crimes became more inventive and, well, festive. One jovial Christmas fanatic, thought it necessary to add to his holiday ornament collection by thieving Christmas decorations from Hoover Library. Needless to say, the fanatic was hit with a cheerful holiday larceny charge for his or her

efforts.

In an attempt to make "yellow snow," two more students were busted for public urination. Jan Term was capped by an incident outside of Harlow Pool in which a non-student found it necessary to rip every single light off the side of the building.

Fortunately, the disobedient intruder paid full restitution and the lights were restored—good as new.

Jan Term 2010-2011 here at McDaniel was eventful to say the least. Students stood strong in upholding the reputation: No serious learning or strenuous academic endeavors...party on!

(Editor's Note: This column by Callen Murray-Kemp is dedicated to some of the calls to which Campus Safety officers respond. Incidents actually occurred, but the names of the call-pris are not included to protect the not-so-innocent).

- ROUZER Alcohol- 5 Drugs- 3
- PA AVE Alcohol- 4
- NORTH VILLAGE Alcohol- 1 Assault- 2 Vandalism- 6
- MC DANIEL HOUSE Alcohol- 1
- GARDENS Alcohol- 1
- LEVINE HALL Alcohol- 1
- WARD Alcohol- 1

Bed bugs: Are they on your sheets?

WARREN KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Bed bugs are vile creatures that have haunted the human species in their sleep for years. They multiply rapidly and can go undetected for quite some time. Eventually they leave very noticeable signs that they are inhabiting a location.

Director of Residence Life at McDaniel, Michael Robbins, said, "on average we have at least 1 to 4 bed bug cases a year. This year McDaniel College has had four cases of bed bugs in its residence halls. There are many ways to deal with this pest issue such as extreme heating or cooling, or simply hitting a pest control service."

"The McDaniel Administration understands that this is a huge burden on the students that have their rooms infested; therefore, they do everything possible to make sure the catch our way of dealing with the issue is costly, but it is better for our piece of mind."

The steps the McDaniel Administration takes to control an infestation goes as follows: the students are relocated to a new room on campus, the new room is cleaned and inspected before the students move in, the college pays for the students' laundry mat bills, there is up to a \$50 reimbursement to the students, Freedom Pest Control inspects and treats the room, housekeeping and the physical plant takes all of the rooms furniture and rugs out of the room and disposes of them,

the room is repainted, and usually the room is left uninhabited for the rest of the year.

There is not much to do to prevent bed bugs because they are easily transferred by luggage, clothing, and luggage. Robbins said, "the only way to prevent bed bugs from spreading is to take preventative care of your luggage when traveling from hotels, and friends houses."

Graham Miles, a sophomore at McDaniel, was a victim of bed bugs this semester. It took him and his roommate a while to realize that they had these uninvited guests living with them throughout the semester. Miles went to his resident assistant in McDaniel Hall, who directed him to the Residence Life office.

The administration took the steps needed to solve the issue, but Miles said that it was a burden on his life at McDaniel because "I had no place to work, and had no backpack. I missed some class while cleaning or laundering clothes."

Although it may be embarrassing and who suffered this year and in years past from this pest infestation, it is very important that action is taken to eliminate them from spreading to other rooms on campus. It is also important for students to know that bed bugs are not caused from someone being unsanitary; the insects are very easily transferable from many different sources.

Robbins stressed, "It is really important that if a student thinks that they might have an issue with pests, they need to let Residence Life know right away, because the earlier you catch it the better it can be taken care of."

Allies launches new chapter of Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network

AMBER SLATER
Staff Reporter

In 1990, a group of educators formed the organization now known as GLSEN, The Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network, in order to address the needs of LGBT students in K-12 schools.

21 years later, the organization continues to promote a positive atmosphere free of bullying and harassment for all students, regardless of sexual orientation.

When communication between McDaniel's Allies and Westminster High School's Gay-Straight Alliance initiated, Allies Co-President Masha Makhlygina began the GSAs of all Carroll County schools through a chapter of GLSEN.

Until recently, the closest chapter of GLSEN was located in Baltimore, but Makhlygina notes the importance of a Carroll County chapter because "we're in a con-

servative community that needs a venue to bring schools together."

Makhlygina's current goal is to make other Carroll County schools aware of GLSEN. By the end of April, she predicts, the chapter will be fully functional, and members of Allies will begin to guide and mentor high school students and help to strengthen local GSAs. Additionally, support meetings will be available to the public.

Makhlygina said she predicts that the Carroll County GLSEN chapter will hold regular meetings and begin hosting events. In five years she pictures "a concrete scholarship program, safe houses, and conferences in Carroll County."

"We're not going to be quiet," Makhlygina states. "We're here to build a community."

To get involved or learn more about GLSEN, attend Allies meetings on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Ensor Lounge.



photo courtesy of www.glsen.org

Glar renovations are under way

BEN GRANT
Staff Reporter

The Forum/ Dining Porch, the Green Terrace, the Pub. In case you hadn't heard, Englar Dining Hall (Glar) is being renovated and those are now the venues for eating on the meal plan.

Students were given 35 additional meal exchanges to compensate for the temporary loss of Glar. Now they can eat more at the Pub or the Green Terrace, with the Pub now offering a hot meal a day and a grab-and-go menu as well.

A question many people have is why the school decided to renovate starting in December, as opposed to doing the work over the summer. Ethan Seidel, Vice President for Administration and Finance, had an answer.

"McDaniel is really busy during the summer, with conferences being held and different summer camps. All those kids and adults need to eat somewhere. Winter break is actually the longest down time, as there is little demand for Glar during Jan Term, so it was a nice chunk of time to start the abatement and construction."

The reaction to construction being timed for the convenience of those who are here during the summer as op-

posed to that of the students is different depending on who you talk to.

"I don't really mind eating in the Forum or having more options during the day," says junior Nathan Warden. "The way the Forum is set up, it gives a better image of privacy even though the tables are closer together. In Glar everyone just stares at everyone. Also I believe it'll be worth it because the new Glar will be awesome."

Junior Ryan Murrell is not really a fan of eating in the Forum and says the 35 extra meal exchanges don't compensate for the lack of a regular dining hall because "the food the pub offers during lunch is just awful." Sophomore Anna Fine says, "I don't like eating in the Forum at all. My friends and I rarely go. I'm glad we got the extra meal exchanges so we can eat in other places."

Quite a few people were curious as to why McDaniel decided to renovate Glar. It turns out that it has been about 15 years since McDaniel renovated its dining hall. This was not a random decision. Since 2002 McDaniel has had a master plan, which included the renovation of the dining hall. Students should be happy to know construction has been going exactly according to plan, so when we all return from spring break, a new and improved Glar should be awaiting us.



MC DANIEL COLLEGE

Renovations are still under way on Englar Dining Hall as it takes on a new face

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McDaniel ices over

ELEC TRAINOR
Staff Reporter

Although not quite the "Snowmageddon" experience from a year ago, this year's edition of "McDaniel on ice" has caused some panic. Two weeks into the semester, the school has already cancelled classes for an entire day, closed early on one occasion, and opened late twice. With more wintry conditions imminent until early spring, McDaniel students should get comfortable in their dorms and apartments because these delays could continue further into the semester.

But what does the college student need in order to survive days on end on a snow covered campus with no class?

"Food, TV, and videogames," says junior Scott Magerer. These three fundamentals seemed to be a theme around campus. Matt Draayer, a fellow junior, seems to agree. He explains, "You need entertainment - friends and food. They are most essential (for me) because I usually just like to hang out, take the day off, and bum around."

Is that all there is to do on a snowy day at McDaniel? Are the best things staying in and watching the tube or simply "bumming around"? Freshman Matt Bejsiuk does not think so, and has quickly found a more active route to occupy his time.

"(I) go sledding at the golf course and do flips off the huge snow mound between Rouzer and Gardens," says Bejsiuk. When asked about the three essential "must-haves" to survive a campus snowstorm, Bejsiuk replies, "A sled or just a big piece of cardboard and a hill. Good boots because you are going to walk everywhere, and a big TV for movies and X-box."

So get out those sleds or find some cardboard, fire up the X-box and cook up some food. It is going to be a long winter McDaniel.



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WARREN KRAFT



SAM SEGAL



OMAR BROWN



KRISTIN BEHRLE

Top: Casey's home is inundated with snow by the most recent storm.
Top Left: Students pose in front of Baker after a day in the snow.
Top Right: The night sky is lit up from a late night practice.
Left: Niya Wills throws a snowball during a brawl after the snow storm.
Above: Senior Kim Moran plays in the snow with the Canine Companions for Independence Puppy Clubdog, Whitt.
Bottom: The McDaniel Caboose pokes out from under the snow.



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Scrabble Madness



LAUREN MURRAY
Staff Reporter

McDaniel students, put down the booze and pick up a dictionary; it is time for a new countywide Scrabble tournament on Saturday, Feb. 19 from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The McDaniel English Department, the Literacy Council of Carroll County, and the Westminster Rotary Club will host "Scrabble Madness," a charity Scrabble contest, in the Klitzberg Pavilion.

"Increasing literacy is a cause that is dear to the heart of every English major and teacher," said Dr. Mary Bendel-Simso, an organizer of the charity event.

Dr. Mary is very enthusiastic about Scrabble Madness—"Events like this are a chance for us to show our best side—and to show that we, too, are community members who are committed to making it a better place to live."

This event is being sponsored by a grant

from the Eldersburg Wal-Mart. Kim Robinson, the community involvement coordinator, said that the Wal-Mart tries to sponsor all different types of events that "benefit the community of Carroll County."

"So many people love the game, we classmates will form teams and the competition will heat up," said Jennifer Douglas, a member of the Literacy Council and one of the event's organizers.

"There is a need for volunteers on the day of the event. A sign-up sheet is located in the English Department Office on the second floor of Hill Hall. Come out and support your fellow classmates. Even the Academic Affairs Office is sponsoring a team for the contest!"

Registration forms are available at Carroll County Public Library branches, the Literacy Council (Carroll Non Profit Center; 255 Clifton Blvd, Suite 314; Westminster, MD) and the Carroll Arts Center (91 W. Main Street; Westminster). Forms are also available upon request.

Familiar Faces: McDaniel College Bookstore Manager

CHARLES MULLIN
Staff Reporter

Name: Kyle Meloche
Favorite Part of the Job: Dealing with people everyday
Least favorite Part of the Job: When he can't appease a customer
Hobbies: Loves to read mostly historical fiction. Spends time with family. Has a 5-year-old child and a 10-month old.
Who Do You Want to Win the Super Bowl? Green Bay Packers



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LISA VASAPOLLO
Staff Reporter

HOW WELL DO YOU THINK THE COLLEGE PREPARED THE SHIFT TO THE FORUM WHILE GLAR IS UNDER RENOVATION?



"I don't think they realize how much food they need to have prepared. Being in a smaller space doesn't mean they should have less food. I also think that the seating is a bit tight but I know they tried to do as well as they could with that."
ELIZABETH LUCARELLI, junior



"It worked okay for Jan Term but now it's pretty tight. I think they announced the other seating options to help out but I don't think they were prepared for the renovation to take as long as it has."
CAT ATCHISON, sophomore



"I don't like how the forum is set up. I'm happy they opened the dining porch though. I'd rather eat there than in the Forum because it has a much better atmosphere."
KRISTEN NUCKLES, senior



"The selection of food is down and I overall don't like the situation. It seems like workers are miserable as well. I don't understand why they are doing it now and not over the summer."
JONNY WIXEN, sophomore



"I think they did a good job working with what they had. It is still a bit more of selection."
STEFÓN KELLY, junior

Release your inner artist at local shop

TESS MCCOY
Staff Reporter

Bored on campus? Looking for a perfect gift for your other half? With Valentine's Day right around the corner, make it yourself!

The Pottery Loft is a one-of-a-kind shop with shelf-lined walls full of pottery ready to be personalized. Its convenient location on Main Street in Westminster across from the library makes the shop easily accessible to McDaniel students, who also receive a 10% discount after presenting a valid McDaniel ID.

Katie Pickett, a junior at McDaniel, says, "I love the atmosphere at the Pottery Loft. There is an artistic atmosphere to the place but not so much that it intimidates those like me who are not as confident in their creative artistic abilities. It also has a home-like feel to it that makes people comfortable."

With Valentine's Day just a week away, the Loft is stocked with heart-shaped boxes, heart-

shaped picture frames, and the usual assortment of mugs, plates, bowls and other more unique pieces.

"The great thing about painting-your-own-pottery is that you can make any item into a special piece," comments Scott Schwartz, co-owner of The Pottery Loft.

"Plus there are many display pieces that can be used for inspiration along with hundreds of stamps, stencils, sponges and specialty paints to make any item a one of a kind masterpiece."

Along with student discounts, The Pottery Loft offers coupons to its customers through facebook and displays a list of upcoming events.

Schwartz recommends that students, "Take advantage of special sale days at The Loft like Ladies Night (Thursday nights) and Date Night (Saturday nights) and receive 20% off your total invoice! Bring in your favorite snacks and beverages to enjoy while you enjoy the company of your friends, unwind, and unleash that inner artist!"

President Casey announces changes ahead at McDaniel

KIM WILLIAMS
Editor-in-chief

According to an email sent by President Roger Casey the morning of Feb. 7, McDaniel can expect a number of changes ahead.

The athletic department will begin a search shortly for a new athletic director after the resignation of Jamie Smith, the former athletic director, who the email states will step into a "role focusing on athletic fundraising."

Vice President for Admissions and Enrollment Management, Florence Hines, is beginning a search for "a new Director of Digital Communications (or a similar appropriate title) who will be the leader in charge of implementing a totally new website and web software package," Casey's email explains.

After Englar dining hall is completed, the email says that "oversight for dining services from Conference and Auxiliary Services to Student Affairs, Dining Services and the management of our food-services partner, Sodexo, will be the direct responsibility of our Vice President for Student Affairs, Beth Gerl."

Another change will be made to promote "global and intercultural studies," especially with the school's relationship with the Budapest campus. Casey "will be assuming direct presidential oversight of our office of international and off-campus study effective March 1 and for the immediate future," the email announces.

The email also says that Casey will be "seeking a cohort of faculty to assist me in developing a strategic agenda for our global programs."

Casey's email hit the Free Press inbox at press time. We will further cover stories in upcoming issues.

Dine on a dime Fantastic photography in foreign fields taken by students abroad

SCOTT WELKOS
Staff Reporter

It comes as no surprise that countless students across McDaniel's campus often eat in their dorm rooms. Indeed, whether it is a quick breakfast before class or a case of the late night munchies, the dorm has become a popular place to chow down for many.

What exactly are students eating? Popular items include anything that's quick and/or microwaveable: Chef Boyardee, Easy Mac, and Ramen Noodles.

For junior Chris Williams, late night meals come in the form of Hot Pockets.

"I just kind of binge," said Williams. "Sometimes I don't feel like getting some nasty meatloaf from Glar and a three cheese Hot Pocket hits the spot."

Williams also adds that eating in his room serves as a welcomed alternative to eating dinner in the forum, which he finds to be cramped and unpleasant.

Others dine in their dorms for other reasons entirely. Ed Lasher, for example, does so due to a lack of variety in vegetarian options. A typical lunch for him is a grilled veggie wrap from the pub, which he describes as "clearly just leftovers stuck into a wrap."

For Lasher, foods that are typically prepared in his room include a lot of oatmeal, when money allows, and frozen dinners, though they tend to go "super super fast."

For those whose living arrangements have kitchens, dorm room dining takes on a whole new meaning. Senior Jared Ginsberg cooks himself meals about twice a week, which tend to be pasta or stir fry. However, he too cannot resist the ease of Ramen Noodles on occasion.

It seems that despite the eating options offered by McDaniel, students just can't seem to resist eating in their own living spaces. For some, it is out of ease, and for some it is out of necessity; and in Chris Williams' case: "I'm really, really lazy."



Chris Williams binges with his favorite hot pocket food—good ol' fashion Hot Pockets!

KRYSTINA SHULTZ
Staff Reporter

After the frigid, windy, and damp winter break, the Mediterranean became my home for 12 days thanks to Professor Susan Bloom's Photography Jan Term to Greece and Turkey. Photographs will be displayed later this semester, but I hope this taste of what I experienced encourages students to study abroad for Jan Term.

Greece: The usual first thoughts are of Delphi, Olympia, Athens, and Sparta. Yes, we did see all of these sites, both ancient and modern, and yes upon entering Sparta there was a shout of "THIS IS SPARTA!"

The ancient temples, churches, houses, and monuments were beyond breathtaking, and the surrounding scenery of mountains provided a stunning background. At each site, we learned of the culture of the Greeks and of their mythology. We drank the water from the miracle spring at Delphi, ran a race in the stadium of Olympia, and visited a Byzantine village in Sparta.

Sparta was the only place with an ancient site because the Spartans truly lived a life where material objects were deemed unnecessary. Finally, we saw Athens and the Parthenon located on the acropolis, and below was the city stretched out around our exhilarating height. My favorite memory was when we found ourselves winding along roads that were halfway up mountains whose bases touched the sea shores, and whose caves housed fishing towns with red roofs.

Fun Facts I bet you didn't know:

- There is a law in Athens prohibiting buildings from having more than 8 stories because the Greeks want the acropolis to remain the highest point in Athens.

- The stray dogs and cats are not anybody's pet, but they're not nobody's pet because they are everybody's pet. The strays are communal pets and are the friendliest strays around.

- Palm trees line the streets of towns, and in some restaurants the orange juice is freshly squeezed from an orchard just outside the building.

Honey is served with yogurt because it isn't sweet.

Turkey: When I looked at the Jan Term for the first time I realized that I knew basically nothing about Turkey. What I found was a lush

country with brilliant green grass and mountains that rise up out of the mist

In this lovely country we visited the ancient city of Troy which had ruins from different centuries due to being rebuilt so many times. We also saw Pergamon (one of my personal favorites) with a huge theater built into the side of the mountain. Our visit took us to the House and the Church of the Virgin Mary, both of which were located near the ancient Roman city of Ephesus. The Green Mosque was our stop right before arriving in Istanbul.

Our final day we packed in the gorgeous Blue Mosque, the Top Kapi Palace and its treasury, the humongous Hagia Sophia a huge ancient Roman underground cistern named the Basilica Cistern. Finally, we topped off our day with a shopping trip in the Grand Bazaar. This trip truly was mind blowing.

Fun Facts I bet you didn't know:

- Evil eyes are everywhere, and are not inherently evil, in fact they are supposed to ward away evil.

- Chai tea is served with almost every meal and is usually complimentary.

- If you want to buy something trying bargaining not only is it normal, it's expected.

- The Grand Bazaar is split into two sections: a covered section and an open air section, and it is the biggest maze I have ever escaped from.

The most important tip from our trip: Learn a little of the language. Both the Greeks and the Turkish were enthusiastic about our attempts to say "Please" and "Thank-you."



Students climb the steps at Ephesus in Turkey.

McCrisbs THE BEST AND WORST OF DORM LIFE

WARREN KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Remember Sophomores Ryan Hennessy and Mike Woglom from room 203 in McDaniel Hall? If not, you should know that they had one of the most popular rooms on campus this fall semester.

The two were cramped up in the tight quarters of room 203, with just about no room to breathe. It did not help that they both play on the Men's Lacrosse team and had all their dirty lacrosse equipment strewn across the room, creating a putrid stench and a heap of a mess.

Earlier this year I did a McCrisbs piece on Hennessy and Woglom's room, basically claiming it to be the smelliest/dirtiest room on campus. Woglom said, "Your McCrisbs article was pretty embarrassing for me, but I am not going to lie it was pretty accurate."

As if a hurtful piece wasn't embarrassing enough for the sophomore lacrosse players, these two fellows had to evacuate their room during finals week fall semester due to the fact that their room was infested with bed bugs.

As stated by Hennessy, "we should have said some-

thing the first night we were at school. We woke up the next morning and were both incredibly itchy, we figured it was because we both had new sheets that were starchy and rough. It wasn't until ... that we actually saw bugs crawling on our beds." It was quite amazing how it took so long for them to realize their room was infested, but Mario Davis believes that, "it took them so long to figure it out because their room was in a state of disaster from the moment they arrived on campus."

After the initial acknowledgment that their room was infested the duo went directly to Michael Robbins to seek advice. Robbins and the Res-life staff took immediate action, by relocated the two into a nicer, larger room across campus in the basement of DMC.

Woglom said, "they paid for our laundry bill, and gave us some spending cash to buy some things like pillows, sheets, etc. It was annoying but I am glad how it turned out we now live in a better room and we don't have to worry about blood sucking insects feasting on our delicious skin anymore."

Now that the two have a larger space to live in and have endeavored the traumatic experience of a bed bug infestation they have shaped up their act and have been keeping a neat and tidy living space.



Hennessy and Woglom's new room.

WARREN KRAFT

Top five winter-weather musts for surviving wind on the Hill

TEAL KOCH
Staff Reporter

1. A Wool Coat – Did you know that wet wool is warmer than dry cotton? Think you'll have to spend a fortune to keep warm when sunny turns to sleet? Think again. I picked up a short and sleek military-style wool jacket from the Westminster Antique Mall for \$15!
2. Knit Stockings and Knee-High Socks – The best

- part about these two is that you can very easily layer them for double the warmth! Snag two or three neutrals (black, brown, navy, grey) to combine with any outfit—even black and brown! Try socks over stockings as a way to keep warm in your Wellies.
3. Cashmere – It's lightweight, soft, and super warm,

- though a bit on the pricey side. Purchase something you won't outgrow, such as a scarf, and keep decolletee all year round!
- Extra Tip: Stores cut prices to empty out their winter stock before swimsuit season, so look for cashmere in May or June!
4. Earmuffs – Forget a hat

- flattening your hair or generating (more) frizz, just keep your ears frostbite-free.
5. A Sweater Dress – long, short, or no sleeves, a knit is the easiest way to wear a dress in the cold. They layer under coats, over long sleeves and can be thrown on just as easily as those sweatpants you were about to wear.



CAITLIN BUCKLAND

Does "The Rite" have the right stuff?

DAVID CLEMENTS
Staff Reporter

Renowned actor Sir Anthony Hopkins returned to the horror scene this weekend with the release of his supernatural thriller "The Rite." Director Mikael Häfström's film is the latest to revolve around exorcisms, but does it live up to the original legend of The Exorcist, or completely flop?

The short answer is neither. It's true that "The Rite" certainly can't compare to William Friedkin's original classic, but it doesn't actively try to, unlike the last few exorcism movies. While not strictly anti-Hollywood, it departs from Hollywood's big blockbuster, special-effects-heavy style.

Instead, Häfström went with quiet, low-key tension, rather than strings of jump scares and blood and gore. The only special effects seen throughout were in the detailed make-up on the actors that were possessed by demons. The plot is also a departure from a conventional horror flick.

Lead protagonist Michael Kovak, portrayed by actor Colin O'Donoghue, starts out working as a mortician with his father in their business. From the get-go, it's clear that Michael is a conflicted individual.

Unhappy with where he is in life, Michael enters seminary school, hoping to get himself a free college degree. After four years, just as he is about to be ordained, Michael cannot bring himself to complete his schooling due to his shaky faith. The Father Superior, believing Michael has a calling to be a priest, convinces him to take a course on exorcism in Rome. There, he remains a skeptic, pointing out how most demon possessions end up being nothing more than mental illness. The priest teaching the class advises him to visit an old friend, Father Lucas (Hopkins), an experienced exorcist with unorthodox methods. Father Lucas takes him under his wing while they work to rid a young pregnant girl of a demon. Michael's skepticism remains throughout the

process, even as the demon ups the stakes higher and higher.

Some may see it as another cash-in on the exorcism genre of horror, but at its core, "The Rite" is about finding and holding onto your faith. Michael Kovak's faith is questioned through the whole film, even after witnessing some nightmarish events, right up to the end when the demon involved is in his face.

Even Hopkins's character admits that after all his years as a priest and exorcist, his faith in God has shifted from time to time. The movie seems to want to drive home the point that one's faith will always be tested and shaken, but holding on to it will be the most beneficial in the end.

"The Rite" must also be praised for its different portrayal of demonic possessions. Häfström decided to show them in a more realistic light—there is no vomiting of pea soup or spinning heads. The victims shown instead go through physical torment and speak in inhuman voices, the most noticeable sign being dark, veined skin.

There is no grand climax if/when a demon has been released; it simply vanishes from his host. O'Donoghue's character even admits how anticlimactic it is. The biggest inaccuracy of the movie is in its opening statement that demonic possessions are becoming something of an epidemic. In truth, the Vatican dismisses the vast majority of possession reports as simple mental illnesses.

Considering it didn't have much hype behind it, "The Rite" was a pleasant surprise. While there weren't many scares to make you jump, the movie has a constant feeling of tension from beginning to end. Christians and believers in general will appreciate it far more than those that don't, both as entertainment and for its horror factor.

True, it is obviously pro-Christian, but it doesn't really come across as preachy. All of the actors were very real and believable, but unsurprisingly, Sir Anthony Hopkins really steals the show. "The Rite" may not linger in your nightmares, but it will stick with you and make you think, especially if you believe. It certainly has the right stuff.

"Skins" too racy for the U.S. to handle?

ZACH BROWN
Staff Reporter

If you haven't heard as of yet, the hit teen drama show "Skins" has made it over the Atlantic from the UK's E4 network and has landed itself an American adaptation on MTV. It's too bad for the show that two episodes into the series, advertisers are already jumping ship because they believe that the content is offensive to consumers. This includes explicit sexual themes along with substantial amounts of drug use.

One of the grainer things about the UK version (the real version at some new call it) of "Skins" was that while it placed its characters in exaggerated explicit situations, it maintained conflicts that are in fact quite real: being in debt, facing an eating disorder, questioning one's faith, and even unexpected pregnancy. The characters are teenagers because the teenage years are when these issues really do begin to manifest in everyday life, whether we want to accept this or not. One current McDaniel junior observes that "people are started to see issues being played out by teenagers that may or may not have any solution. But sometimes, that's life."

What people fail to realize is that "Skins" addresses these issues, and allows the characters to learn from their interactions and mistakes in order to grow into fully fledged human beings. In this not how the world really works? I don't remember magically becoming a college student without having some issues to face.

In censoring the content of the show, the US is censoring the message that the show preaches. While this keeps our population innocent, it doesn't teach anyone how to handle situations similar to ones they may one day have to come to terms with themselves. And if we aren't allowed to learn how to grow up in our teenage years, where does that leave us as adults?

Maybe at that nice bar with the cast members from Jersey Shore...



PHOTO COURTESY OF MTV.COM

Sofia Black D'Elia as Ten Morrell on the U.S. version of Skins.

If you feel down...

"Time stands still best in moments that look suspiciously like ordinary life" -Brian Andreas

These are the moments in your life that will stay with you forever and shape you into who you are. Live every moment like it's your last. -Sam Segal

...pick this up

Predictions for the 2012 elections: Are you ready for more mayhem?



JASON SIEGEL
Staff Reporter

Now I know you're thinking wait, you're crazy. You can think about election predictions way in advance? Yes we can!

Well, okay maybe we can't predict the future. Human behavior is unpredictable. The last few elections have been pretty crazy... we've seen the masses go back to the Democrats, and then we've seen them go back to vote for the Republican party. What are we going to see next? Who are they going to vote for?

Many election analysts have claimed that this was an anti-incumbent election. Some

people have even went on to claim that this was an anti Washington-insider election.

This is a little debatable because while it's true that many Democrats who have held tenured seats for a long time like Alan Grayson and Chris Dodd lost and the Republicans have taken control of Congress, Republicans and the Tea Party failed to take control of the Senate. People have elected some previous Republican insiders such as Marco Rubio (who was the former speaker of the House) despite the fact that it was supposedly an anti-incumbent election, or an anti-insider election, or however you want to put it.

There are a few elections coming up in 2012. There is not only the congressional election which happens every two years, but also the Presidential election.

I predict that as far as the Presidential election a number of things could happen. I don't think that Republicans have a viable chance to win the Presidency. One of their main guys is Mitt Romney. He is a front-runner, and he is a very staunch believer in religion.

While Obama's religious beliefs have been questioned and put a certain sect of voters against him that questioned whether he was a Christian or not, the idea that someone could be so religious and get into office also scares people. Back when John F. Kennedy was in the White House people were afraid of him be-

cause he was a Catholic.

Ron Paul has been polling well in straw-polls around the Republican conventions (give an example). Analysts think that he doesn't really have a shot, but perhaps given the tide of the Tea Party, maybe the electorate might want a libertarian like Ron Paul who believes in ending the Federal Reserve and has a strict interpretation of the Constitution.

But voters would most likely want a younger face in the White House. So, I don't think Republicans have a chance at winning the Presidential election. I don't believe the 2010 midterm elections were a mandate for Republicans. I believe it was only an election against the Democrats and the stimulus package. Many people in America are facing hard times and they are dissatisfied with the pace of the "change" that they are getting.

I believe one of two things could happen with the Democrats. One, the progressives, who agree with Obama's belief in consensus building, could form a coalition against Barack Obama and vote him out of office. Jon Perry, on www.crooksandliars.com wrote a piece slamming Obama for his belief in consensus building.

Democrats could elect someone else who is more of a hard-lined progressive who believes in liberal causes and who isn't willing to compromise. Secondly, Democrats have claimed

that the Republican party is a very obstructionist party that gets in the way of getting things done. According to www.HuffingtonPost.com, Democrats like Representative Paul Rhodes have called Republicans extreme obstructionists for wanting to limit the budget deficit. Rep Jim McDermott has called their actions an assault on the New Deal. If Obama works with the Republicans on balancing things like the budget he could be seen as an obstructionist in the eyes of the members of the Democratic party.

I could also see the 2012 Presidential election turning out well for Obama. When Bill Clinton was President he faced a similar situation in the 1990s. He faced a Republican congress and was able to balance the budget with them and we were able to experience budget surpluses.

Bill Clinton worked with Republicans on the North American Free Trade Agreement and he also worked with them on welfare reform. Getting re-elected shouldn't be a problem for the Democrats, even in this climate.

It all depends on how the Democrats plan to work with the Republican party, if Obama can work with the Republicans without seeming too much like he sacrifices liberal values that the Democrats admire, and if the Democrats try to elect someone else like Hillary Clinton, or Alan Grayson.

To fake or not to fake

MASHA MAKHYAGINA
Staff Reporter

It's taboo. It scares anyone who sleeps with women.

The Big O, faked to the nines, convincingly played. And we'll never know how many times we've been duped.

According to a study done by Dr. Gayle Brewer of the University of Central Lancashire and Dr. Colin A. Hendrie of the University of Leeds, nearly 80% of straight women have faked an orgasm.

One sophomore, who wanted to remain anonymous, commented: "With my first boyfriend, I decided that I would never fake it. I'd rather my man know how to please me than think he's been doing it right. So I didn't." Turns out, there's so much emotional frustration for men at that age. Who knew? I've faked it ever since, mostly just to get them off me before I get so utterly bored that the situation becomes more funny than sexy."

And I doubt it's only young adult men—anyone, even women who sleep with other women, could succumb to feeling like shit in the sack if they knew they weren't satisfying their partners. The self-



esteem of the sexually active male or female is inescapably wrapped up in the idea of cumming.

Had always been orgasm obsessed. For a long time, no orgasm meant failure. I mean, we're regularly presented with the importance of making your partner cum—often not once, but multiple times! Just walk through a grocery store and count how many magazines tout messages about "having a bigger orgasm."

For me though, everything began with the idea that women could be categorized as either clito-organic girls or vagina-organic girls. Holy hell, was I delusional. It turned out women are beautifully, if not sometimes frustratingly, complex.

Some women want everything, and some need almost no work in order to explode. It's just that you never know what kind of lady you've got on your hands. And with this complexity, comes frustration. According to reports following the work of sexologists Masters and Johnson, plenty of men had felt that they had failed in sex from a few occurrences of not being able to bring their partners to climax.

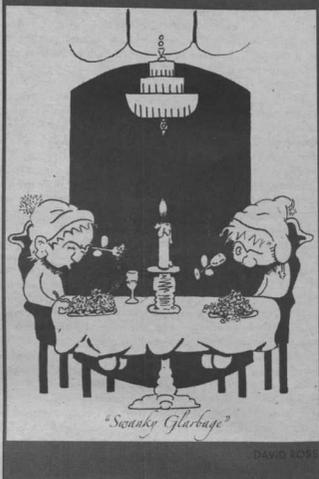
So, can women ever stick to a pact of never faking it? Maybe, just maybe, men and women should stop being so afraid to voice their needs. But this is difficult.

If pornography is any indicator of our sexual models, then we're doomed. In the five top-rated and most-watched videos on Pornhub.com, Redtube.com, and Porn.com, the female actors/participants never once instructed their partners on how to give them pleasure.

In fact, women feel such a pressure to cum nowadays that many report being unable to relax in order to make it happen. Orgasms are activated by the parasympathetic nervous system, which calms us, not the sympathetic portion, which causes our fight-or-flight response. So, a lady needs to chill, feel good about herself, and be able to enjoy the ride in order to get to that finish line.

Then again, many women (and men) have said that they don't feel that an orgasm should be a pinnacle of sexual activity. To be frank, some folks just like the experience of someone stroking their junk, regardless of the end result.

All in all, it comes down to communication and what you're comfortable with. If you're willing to feel frustrated, even potentially hurt, by a woman telling you that some of what you tried last night wasn't her thing, go for it. If you listen, you'll end up having amazing sex that benefits the both of you. This requires women speaking up and their partners urging them on to feel secure enough to straight up say what they need.



Student cycles to inspire



CHRIS BOLESTA
Contributor

I have been an avid cyclist, explorer, and traveler for the greater part of my

life. I've always been very enthralled by the world around me, and I know that I've been provided with the opportunity and ability to explore and enjoy every little part of it for as long as I can. I aim to accomplish as much as possible in the short amount of time I am allotted with, and intend to enjoy every day that I have the pleasure of experiencing.

Unfortunately, sometimes things prevent us from our goals and aspirations. About five years ago, my uncle was diagnosed with pancreatic and cerebral cancer. He had lived a long and celebrated life as a father, a grandfather, and a decorated veteran of the Baltimore City Police Force. But as his condition progressed and eventually developed into bone cancer, it overcame him and he passed away earlier this year. Although he had lived for several decades, his time was still cut short and many

more years of experiences were taken from him.

Cancer claims a significant number of deaths per year. In 2007, almost 8 million deaths worldwide were caused by cancer. Chances are many of you who are reading this are connected to someone fighting against cancer, whether it be a friend, family member, coworker, or yourself. Even if you aren't connected with someone battling cancer, the word "cancer" itself is powerful enough to evoke some sort of response from you.

In the summer of 2011, I will bike cross-country from Baltimore, Maryland to San Francisco, California over the span of 60 days with the Baltimore-based organization 4K for Cancer. I will ride to honor my uncle's memory. I will ride to celebrate my friends that have been fortunate enough to survive their fights against

cancer, and I will ride to give strength to my friends and their loved ones who are still battling against cancer.

I know my journey will be long and arduous, and will present countless challenges for me to overcome: fatigue, stress, exhaustion, anger, fear, etc. I will draw strength from those that experience hardships like these every day to achieve my goals and contribute in whatever way I can to the fight against cancer.

I will not be alone though. I will join dozens of other riders just like myself in an effort to do our part to help eradicate cancer. Through fundraising done by each rider, we will be able to support 4K for Cancer's mission of spreading awareness, fostering hope and uniting communities across the county in the fight against cancer. We do this through cancer education programs, health screenings, and visits to cancer patients at

hospitals, cancer centers and hospices each day during the ride. 4K for Cancer also gives financial support to local, cancer-centric non-profits in the communities we bike through.

With the help and support of my friends, family team mates and fraternity (Phi Kappa Sigma, our national philanthropy is the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America), I know I will be able to persevere and complete my journey. As I prepare for my ride across the country, I challenge all of you to become an active member in the struggle against cancer in some way. Donate to an organization that supports cancer research. Volunteer. Fundraise. Just remember that whatever you do, it contributes to the fight against cancer.

If you would like to donate to my rider fund, you may contact me via email at cb012@mcDaniel.edu, or through campus mail box 1453.

"The Legend of 1900": What American dream?



YICHONG LIU
Staff Reporter

When my father showed "The Legend of 1900" (Italian: La leggenda del pianista sull'oceano) to me for the first time, I was twelve.

The highlight of the movie to me back then was always the opening. Just into the 20th Century, the immigrant flow from Europe to Amer-

ica was at its peak. As an immigrant ship arrives at the Upper New York Bay, there would always be one guy who first spots the Statue of Liberty.

"AMERICA," he would yell. The whole ship would then roar in cheers and laughter, and I burst into tears.

The movie told me that it was destiny. "Those are people who always have that precise instant stamped on their life. When they were kids you could look into their eyes, and if you looked carefully enough you'd already see her—America."

I believed in it. Every word. My father probably never thought that one day he would be sending me away. Nine years after seeing the movie, I now have been living my dream for two solid years. I still remember when I first stepped out of the plane in Washington D.C., people all smiled at me. "Welcome to America," they said.

Another day, I took a trip to see the Statue of Liberty. I was full of hope. I was ready to leave behind everything I had and start anew. So much for an American Dream.

I often thought about 1900 and the legendary pianist in the movie. He was abandoned on the immigrant ship as an infant, and never left

the vessel since. 1900 remained aboard during the hundreds of trips the ship made back and forth between Europe and America.

Even after the ship reached its expiration, he still refused to get off and enter the USA. The ship was eventually scuttled and sunk offshore.

It was quite impossible for me to comprehend 1900's insistence. "He must have really loved that ship," I thought.

In the mean time, I have grown ever more uncertain towards my own decision to have "landed" in America. On this land of liberty, I feel frightened, and lost. With the variety of possibilities presented in front of me, I am constantly in fear of not making the right decision. Each step I take into the real world only adds to my anxiety.

I went to the piano room one day—it kept my mind off things. 1900 played piano his entire life. I felt like I was trying to understand him. I remembered one scene in the movie where 1900 played in the third class cabin. People were soon influenced to sing and dance, loudly requesting one song after another. Just then, the ship docked and passengers all flooded out. 1900 sat there. He quietly looked at them.

People are always coming and going; the world is forever changing. In 1900's unsettling

life, piano was possibly the only static thing, but he came to learn that it was enough. Even if that were all he had left, he would not let it go.

I dug out the movie from my luggage and had it play on my computer. Right before traumatic end, 1900 had a monologue that ran for more than five minutes:

"It wasn't what I saw that stopped me, Max. It was what I didn't see... In all that sprawling city there was everything except an end. There was no end... Take a piano. The keys begin, the keys end... And on these keys the music that you can make is infinite. I like that. That I can live with. You get me up on that gangway and you're rolling out in front of me a keyboard of millions of keys, millions and billions of keys that never end... And if that keyboard is infinite, then on that keyboard there is no music you can play... aren't you ever just scared of breaking apart at the thought of it? The enormity of living it? ... Land? Land is a ship too big for me. It's a perfume too beautiful. It's a voyage too long, a perfume too strong. It's a music I don't know how to make. I could never get off this ship."

Unlike me, 1900 watched America from the deck for forty some years, and decided that he had enough.

What American dream?

Brock Glotfelty holds career record: 116-21

SARA ERLICHMAN
Staff Reporter

on their favorite wrestler, Glotfelty walked on the mat wrestled his seven minutes, and came off with a trophy.

Glotfelty looked upon this moment with honor.

Since his freshman year, he has walked into the wrestling room where there is a wall with the names of McDaniel Conference Champions listed. To have more wins than some of the names listed is an honor in the eyes of Glotfelty.

With 13 matches left in the season, three to win at the Conference meet, four to win at Nationals, Glotfelty plans on setting the bar high for the next McDaniel wrestler who plans to break the winning record.

To Glotfelty, this match was not about beating records though; it was about taking another step to accomplish his season goal, to win 1st place at the Nationals Championships.

In a McDaniel green singlet, Glotfelty placed 8th at a sophomore at the Collegiate National Championships and fell short last year, his junior year. Not reaching his goal last year of winning Nationals has made Glotfelty even more indomitable and driven to win this year.

Currently ranked 4th in the country, Glotfelty senses that the extra workouts and practices are what will separate him and every heavyweight competing at Nationals at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

As his final season of wrestling comes to an end, Glotfelty keeps his goals in priority accomplishing them with extra effort and his signature move, the clock-screw.

Brock put it very bluntly, "I'm either going to be remembered as the guy that placed once or as the guy that won the Championship."



SARAH KASS



RANDI RODEHEAVER

Brock Glotfelty accepts his award and smiles for a picture after setting his career record.

Zumba: It's a Fitness Party!

KELSEY FRANKLIN
Staff Reporter

There is a new favorite party spot on the campus of McDaniel this semester: Old Gill Gymnasium and dance studio. It is the site of the new fitness craze Zumba.

The fitness class is rocketing in popularity all over the country. For the many students who are unsure what Zumba is, instructor Emily Kirchner ('04 graduate of McDaniel) explains, "The program uses world rhythms and dance movements to create a form of exercise that is fun, exciting, beneficial, and really doesn't feel like exercise at all!"

Don't get scared away before you try it. Kirchner insists that the class is easy to catch onto and is for anyone at any fitness level. The class is great for those who are looking to spice up their fitness program. This is not treadmill and stationary bike type exercise. Kirchner said that the class "is for those who hope to gain the benefits of cardio and toning in the same workout."

Marilyn Topper, a junior at McDaniel, has taken the Zumba classes and not only loves the class but has high praise for the instructor also. Marilyn says that the class is "a high energy work-out, which feels more like a dance class than an actual work-out." She also commends Kirchner for being, "a very energetic and moti-

vating teacher."

The class is offered every Monday from 4:45-5:45pm, and Wednesdays at 4:45-5:45pm and 6-7pm. The cost of the class is \$35 for 10 classes or if you just want to drop by for a class, \$5 a session. If you are interested you can contact Tracy Johnson, Office Manager of Intercollegiate Athletics. Her office is in room 120 on the ground floor of Gill and her phone number is 410-857-2580.

Previous dance experience is not necessary and gentlemen are welcome too! "Zumba is a fitness party!" according to Kirchner and you're invited!



Zumba instructor Emily Kirchner shows Lori Webster how to get in shape with this high energy, intense dance workout.



EMMA SIMON

Emily Kirchner, Class of 2004, instructs Zumba class, keeping her body active and a smile on all times. The class is taught on campus two nights a week, incorporating multiple types of dance into this popular dance workout.

Fitness & Health: Is there a best time to exercise?

LIZ MIRIZIO
Staff Reporter

With the summer season soon approaching, warm weather lovers are planning to look their very best this summer. In order to do so, many are asking when the best time of the day to exercise is in order to burn the most calories and thus get MEGA results.

Research on lung function, body rhythms, temperature, and hormone levels agree on one thing — to exercise around 6 p.m.

Why is six the magic number? Take a look at this pro/con chart to clear up any questions:

The afternoon (3 p.m. to 7 p.m.) is the best time to exercise for both endurance and for building muscle.

Pros

- For the majority of people, body temperature and hormone levels peak at 6 p.m. Exercising 3 hours before or after the peak will provide the best workout for both endurance and building muscle.

- Research shows lung function is best at 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

- Muscles are warm and flexible.

- Perceived exertion (how hard you feel yourself to be working at exercise) is lowest. This means you may be able to work out harder or faster by doing so in the afternoon.

- Afternoon workouts can help regulate your dinner appetite and provide stress relief after a day at work, school, or home.

Con

- Distractions and other commitments may keep you from walking and exercising at the appointed times

The pros in this list most definitely weigh out the single con: time. However, as long as time for exercise is made and a schedule is stuck to, that killer bug for the summer will appear in no time! Most importantly, remember that simply working out at a time that fits your weekly schedule will you help reach your sexy body goal.

Get that planner out, designate a daily exercise time, and get to the gym around 6pm to start working on your summer bod! Information summarized from Womens Health Magazine.

OutPickNick

Sports according to
your editors . . .MATT BODNAR
NICK BRUNNER
Co-Sports Editors

With the football season officially over, sports fans are scrambling for something to get them through a cold, snowy winter. This also leaves the Out Pick Nick feature scrambling for topics.

So instead of the same old pick a winner and see who gets it right routine you as readers have become accustomed to, we decided send the print version of the Free Press off in style by putting you in the driver seat.

As you may or may not be heard, the Free Press will be going exclusively online next issue.

In preparation, Matt and I thought what better way to get people excited about this historic transformation than to start up a debate and have you, our faithful followers, continue it on the new and improved Free Press website.

With NBA All-Star weekend quickly approaching, it got us to thinking: What is the best All-Star celebration in sports? And we are not just talking about the actual game itself. While it is a major component, we are looking for the total package. From the events building up to the big game, the venue, the stars that show, and the intensity of the game, what is the ultimate experience for the avid sports fan?

According to Matt

Once you've heard our take, it's time to share yours. Log on to the Free Press website, vote on our interactive poll, add a comment and let your voice be heard. We thank you for your support and look forward to feeding your sports craving in the future as we transition onto the World Wide Web.

The NBA All-Star game festivities provide the fans with more options than the NFL. The NBA puts on the All-Star game, Freshman-Sophomore game, Slam Dunk contest, and Skills Competition. The actual games are meaningless and it is not surprising to see scores reach upwards of 160 to 155. The game is a glorified slam dunk contest. Speaking of the Slam Dunk contest, the one famous event is now an afterthought. Long gone are the days of Michael Jordan, Vince Carter, and Spud Webb who innovated and created dunks. Unfortunately, there are only so many dunks that can be created and today's participants simply utilize dunks from the past. The fans have seen it all before and the allure of the dunk is gone because it now makes up the entire NBA.

In the beginning days of the contest, the slam dunk was new and exciting. Today all one has to do is watch a regular season game to see a multitude of dunks.

That leaves Major League Baseball's All-Star festivities as the only sport whose premiere game

really does mean something. After the debacle in Milwaukee, in which the game ended in a tie, the league decided to let the game carry some weight. The league that wins this All-Star game wins the right to home field advantage in the World Series. Home field advantage is crucial in baseball because the team that has this right will be at home for games 1 and 2, and most importantly for games 6 and 7. MLB's All-Star game is also debatable because everyone must play and pitchers are limited to one inning. Despite these limitations, the strategy involved in this game exceeds the other sports. A manager determines a lineup and the pitching rotation.

Most importantly, the players are playing for something more. They, in essence, are playing for October. As a result, I can respect this game and the effort put forth more than any other sport.

According to Nick

The NHL offers a skills competition that is fun to watch and this year introduced an interesting concept by allowing the two captains to pick the teams. While the game was full with plenty of action and actually turned out to be a pretty competitive game, does the NHL have enough gusto in America to win a popularity contest against the likes of the NFL, MLB, and NBA?

The mid-summer classic was far and away my favorite All-Star event to watch as a kid. Whether it was watching Ken Griffey Jr. outslug guys twice his size or listening to the one and only Chris Berman yell "Back, back, back, back...," the Home-Run Derby never disappointed. The Legends and Celebrities softball afterward is always an entertaining time as well.

The actual game itself used to be the best as well. Every team was represented by at least one player and the managers were more concerned about getting every player in the game than actually managing to win just like all 162 other games during the regular season. Every fan got to see their star out there competing with the best in the game and for one night there were no first place teams or bottom dwellers, just men playing a kids game and kids looking up to their heroes.

The game was great until Bud Selig crumpled under pressure from media following the Milwaukee tie fiasco a few years back and decided to take the exhibition "tag off" the game.

In a game built to stand the test of time by consistency and tradition, to put home field advantage in the World Series on the line to appease a few critics succeeded only in taking away from the fun and entertaining atmosphere of this annual spectacle. Chew on this, Jonathan Broxton saved the game for the NL to help secure home field advantage for the rival Giants who used it to bring home a championship, bizarre to say the least.

That leaves the NBA All-Star weekend. Aside from the fact that Yao's billion plus off shore votes helps make a mockery of the election process, with multiple skills competitions, Rookie, Sophomore All-Star game, the Slam Dunk Contest, and a game that often offers nearly 300 points, what more can you ask for in terms of entertainment? While the dunk contest has been lacking for star power in recent years, Blake Griffin promises to restore the contest back to prominence and if Mr. James can but his prima donna ego aside for one night, the contest has the ability to become must see TV once again.

Basketball draws crowd

GREGORY NOLEN
Staff Reporter

It's winter time on the Hill again, and while there's snow on the ground and freezing temperatures outside, there's excitement and a packed house inside the Gill Center as fans watch the McDaniel men's basketball team in action as the season presses on.

After last year's dismal 8-11 season, the team was picked to finish eighth out of the ten teams in the Centennial Conference preseason coaches' poll. Proving the "experts" wrong, the Green Terror have vastly exceeded expectations thus far and find themselves at 11-9, including 8-5 in conference play. They are currently tied for second place with Gettysburg, and two games behind conference leader Franklin and Marshall. It's an astonishing turnaround for a team that tied for last place in the conference a year ago with only four wins in conference play.

One of the reasons for the spectacular turnaround has been the combination of new incoming talent with returning talent from last year's team. "I think that we have some players with another year of experience and it's also helped that Louis Sarris-Grau has been back after losing him half way through the year last season with an ACL injury. We've also added some new faces

that have contributed a great deal such as Devon Lesniak, Evan Puppelis and Cullen Murray-Kemp. Right now, we've been playing with a great deal of effort on the defensive end, have been playing as a team on the offensive end and have a belief that we can beat anyone." Head Coach Kevin Curley said.

The new talent is starting to shine. Lesniak leads the team in scoring, averaging 15.2 points per game. Puppelis leads the team in rebounds, and Murray-Kemp is contributing in a reserve role. Lesniak says that the team has picked up on Coach Curley's defensive mindset.

"Coach preaches defense, so as a team, we all just do what we need to do to help each other and play team defense."

The team has done just that so far this year. The Green Terror currently lead the Centennial Conference in scoring defense, giving up an average of 58.6 points per game. The team is second in the conference in defensive field goal percentage, with opponents only making 40% of their attempts, and defensive three point field goal percentage, with opponents only making 30% of their attempts.

While all this is very impressive, Coach Curley is reminding fans not to get caught up in all the success just yet. "It doesn't mean much right now as we still have 6 games to go and it's an extremely competitive Centennial Conference. We

just need to take it one game at a time and be ready every night out," Curley said.

Lesniak says that to maintain their success, the key is to "Keep playing harder than everyone else we play and keep playing as a team offensively and defensively."

If the team does that, the 2010-2011 season could be a very special one for the team and the college.



Fans rise to their feet as the home team scores another basket.

Lookin for a job or internship?

Check out these upcoming career fairs:

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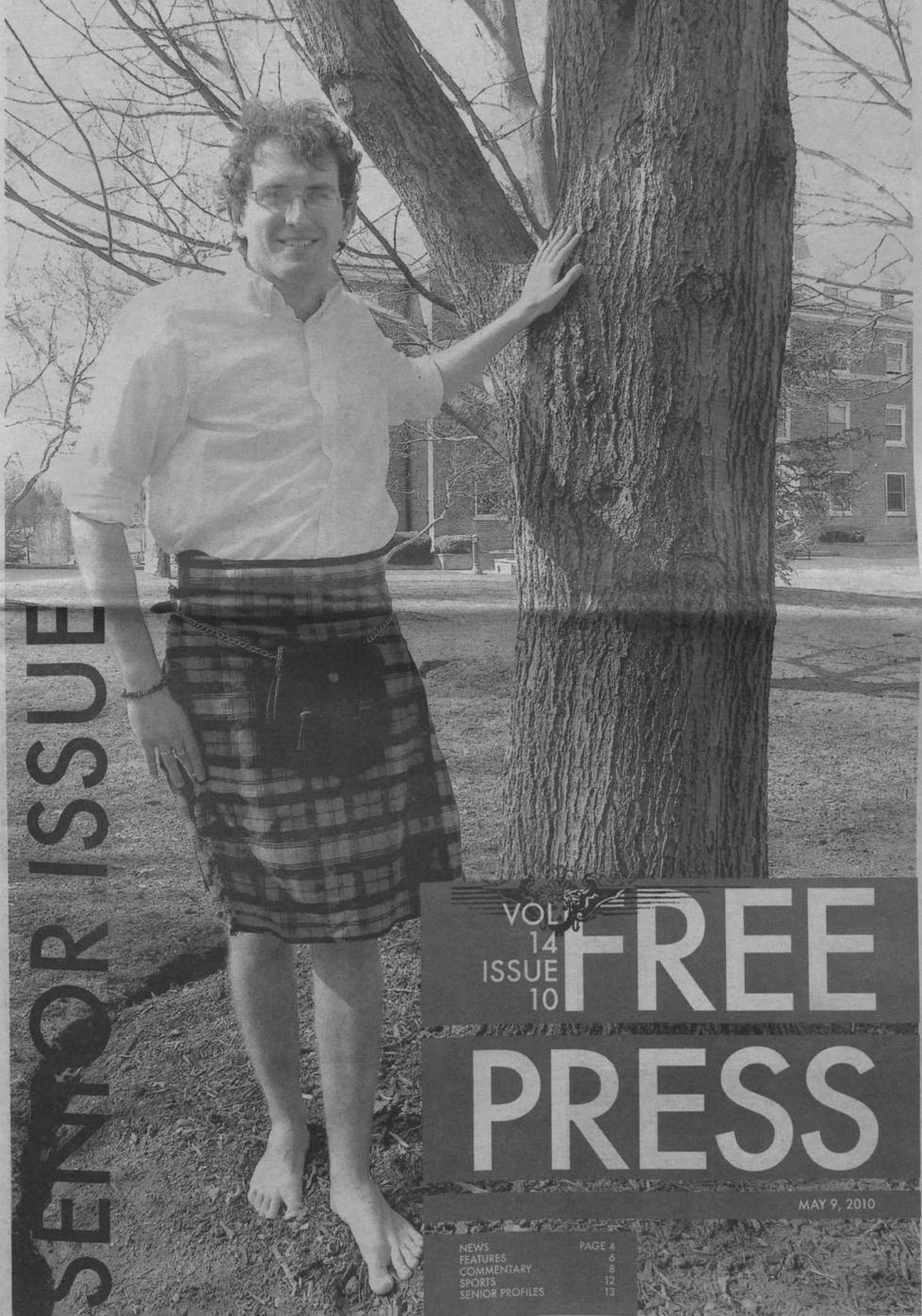
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KIM WILLIAMS

TOP LEFT: Freshmen Deanna Dicello and Bodeshi Husan get some work done while enjoying the nice weather.

TOP RIGHT: Two guys participate in Walk A Mile in Her Shoes on April 9. To read more about the event, check out page 6.

ABOVE LEFT: Kerri Morrison and Mike Byrne at the recycled fashion show.

ABOVE RIGHT: Junior Melanie Darling enjoying the spring weather on a lovely day when the students of McDaniel emerged from their nests to cover the Hill just like the many squirrels on campus.

RIGHT: Seniors Cindy Sordo, Bryan Yarrington, Kristin Behrle and Kim Moran after a confetti fight on Easter. This tradition was brought from Texas by Sordo.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Freshmen Deanna Dicello and Bodeshi Husan get some work done while enjoying the nice weather.



ON THE COVER

Sophomore Colin Donelly enjoying the spring weather in his kilt.

KRYSTINA SHULTZ



LIZ MIRIZIO



KRYSTINA SHULTZ



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TOP LEFT: McDaniel students helped mulch and clean the Westminster city park during Westminster Clean-Up.

TOP MIDDLE: Laiten Murray running at a track meet on April 20.

TOP RIGHT: Masha Makhlyagina plays Angry Birds (trying to topple a pile of cardboard boxes) to raise money for the Bone Marrow Registry.

LEFT: Senior Sunita Purnik serves the Westminster Community on Saturday at the Westminster Clean-up event to kick off the Inaugural events.

BOTTOM LEFT: Freshman Joseph Wright and sophomore Rosi Edelton enjoying a nice day.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Catherine Szczybor, Mary Crocarno, Cindy Sordo, Bryan Yarrington and Kristin Behrle at the Recycled Fashion Show. Kristin Nuckles was the winner overall, and Cindy Sordo was the audience favorite.



KRYSTINA SHULTZ



TWO WEEKS IN PHOTOGRAPHS

Two Time Poet Laureate Reads at McDaniel

CULLEN MURRAY/KEMP
Staff Reporter

when the college photographer was a no show. "I'm used to shooting landscapes and birds—I've found that humans are not my forte," said Casey.

Billy Collins, the writer the New York Times once dubbed "the most popular poet in America," read his poetry at the 25th Annual B. Christopher Bothe Memorial Lecture at McDaniel College on May 4.

Currently a distinguished English professor at Lehman College in the Bronx, Collins has received an array of lifetime achievement awards in poetry including, but not limited to Poetry Magazine's Poet of the Year, two US Post Laureate honors, and Mark Twain Award for Humor in Poetry.

McDaniel College President Roger Casey has been a friend of Collins since their time spent together at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, where Collins journeyed to visit a mutual friend and, eventually, to read at an art opening.

Casey even was "drafted" as a stand-in photographer and took a series of photos of Collins

When asked by McDaniel professors if Casey knew of a poet to read at the annual Bothe Memorial Lecture, "I instantly thought of Billy. (I) knew he would be the perfect person to help the College celebrate the 25th anniversary lecture," Casey said.

"This is a fascinating spark to Billy—he is a phenomenal reader," said Casey. "He has a fabulous deadpan droll with a unique sense of humor."

English Professor at McDaniel Dr. Kathy Mangan has also played an intricate role in leading the organization of May's reading. When asked her reaction to Casey's offer of bringing Billy Collins to McDaniel, her response was what she described as a much emphatic, "Wow... yes!"

Since Mangan has been working non-stop to prepare everything from seating arrangements to plant decorations on stage.

Mangan attests her excitement not only to her personal love for Collins' work but also the thrill for poetry his reading will bring the College and Westminster community in attendance.

Casey and Mangan had no doubt that Collins will connect with audience members.

"Collins' accessibility as a poet will make skeptics fold," Mangan said. "He is an enormously engaging reader and a proven entertainer."

Mangan even went on to call Collins a "contemporary philosopher."

The Collins Buz is undeniable. Joyce Muller, Associate Vice President for Communications and Marketing at McDaniel, advertised the event on radio and in local magazines. Additionally, Billy Collins posters and flyers were splashed around the college campus and town.

Favorite Collins' poems circulating around the community: "The Lanyard" and "Forgetfulness."

The 25th Annual B. Christopher Bothe Memorial Lecture occurred Wednesday, May 4 in McDaniel College Theatre at Alumni Hall.



Billy Collins in Florida at on Arts show.

ROGER CASEY

CM-K

Greek Group Suspended Pending Investigation

SCOTT WELKOS
Staff Reporter

Over Easter weekend, the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority was suspended from McDaniel's campus and from participating as a group, pending the results of an investigation of the sorority's alcohol policy, risk management policy, human rights policy, and possible violations of sorority-specific orders.

On Friday, April 23, the Phi Sigma national office notified McDaniel College as well as the sorority that an inquiry was to take place regarding the potential violations.

By Easter Sunday, the sorority was told that they would be suspended until the investigation was complete.

A source from the sorority, who wished to remain anonymous, described the group as "frustrated" and "defeated."

Christine Workman, Director of Student Engagement, explained that these steps are typical of the process that any national organization would take, and that "it would happen on any campus."

The source disagreed with the actions, claiming that the group was being treated with a "guilty until proven innocent" mindset.

The source went on to explain that the sorority had difficulties finding out what specifically they had done wrong, and added that no policy violations had occurred.

Though the investigation is being handled by the Phi Sigma Sigma national organization, McDaniel College is providing assistance. "[The] college handled their half within 48 hours," explained Workman and interviewed "as many women as possible."

This information was then turned over to the organization to use. Until the suspension is lifted, Workman stated that the sorority "can't do anything as a group."

The Phi Sigmas have been an important part of several activities and fundraisers around campus, including Relay for Life and Up 'Til Dawn. They were also supposed to host the Greek Awards on May 1 as well as participate in the Greek Games.

In the meantime, the sorority has been working to get back into "good graces" with Campus Safety as well as the college community in general.

"We're hoping that the national organization will conclude their investigation as early as possible," concluded Workman, "so that we can move forward."

McDaniel College Bids Farewell to Sarah Stokely

EMMA SIMON
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Sarah Stokely wears many hats in her position as Associate Dean of Student Academic Life in the Office of Academic Affairs. She is an amazing leader, counselor, professional, and friend and we are sad to see her go.

There is a theme that has been repeated throughout her time at McDaniel. She cares about people. Taking time, solving problems, showing kindness and compassion, giving advice, treating everyone with respect, offering support, and being sensitive to the needs of others are just a few of the many qualities Sarah Stokely used when working with students throughout her time at McDaniel.

She has touched and changed many lives and we all are better off for having the opportunity to work with, learn from, talk to, and know Sarah. Here are just a few of the expressions of thanks from students, parents and others to Dean Sarah Stokely.

Student thanks you:

"Thanks for always being there to talk to..."

"I just wanted to thank you again for what you did for me this year. My family and I really appreciate it. It shows us that there are good caring people and I am glad to be here... I can't wait until next year when you are my DEAN!"

"You have been such a big part of my success here over the past three years!"

"Thank you for your support and great kindness. You always have such helpful advice. Most of all, I've always appreciated how welcoming and respectful you've been."

"Your caring and understanding of my situation was very helpful. You've made my time at McDaniel a life-changing experience!"

"Thank you... I wouldn't be officially graduating without you. I really loved McDaniel, and I'll miss it so much."

"Thank you so much for the peace of mind you gave me last semester and for being patient."

"I am so grateful to you for helping me through these hard times. The College would

not be the same if it were not for you."

"Thank you for going to such lengths to help me figure out such a perfect resolution to my situation."

"Thank you for everything you have done for me... You are a true inspiration and a wonderful person."

"I know I can rely on you to help me with any concern I have. I'm looking forward to the next years with you as my academic dean."

"I also really appreciate the fact that you sought me out and that you were so willing to offer me help."

"Thank for your words of encouragement during this time in my life. It means a lot to know that you care."

"Thank you for offering your support to me during this stressful final semester. The compassion and concern you expressed put me at ease."

Parent comments:

"Thank you for your support, advice, personal involvement."

"Thank you for your time invested at our

meeting last Friday as well as preparatory time!

We were, all 3, impressed by the time and interest that you gave us... being supportive and respectful...while maintaining a direct approach..."

"You showed respect and sensitivity."

"People like you in the system who treat students as individuals are often a rare and under-supported breed! And we are grateful for your help."

"Thank you so much for taking the time to meet with my husband and me. It was very informative."

Faculty and Staff:

"Thank you for initiating and gathering us together for our special office lunches. We even learned to cook veggie! ("from the Staff in Academic Affairs")"

"Everyone sings your praises."

"Thanks for all the help...You are awesome."

We will miss Dean Stokely's cheerful, caring and nurturing spirit. She brings out the best in each person she meets.

A Year in McDaniel News: Free Press Headlines 2010-11

LAUREN MURRAY
Staff Reporter

Whiteford Hall undergoes renovations
Freshman women experienced the renovations to the common areas of Whiteford, in order to make the first year students comfortable on the Hill.

"Demilitarize McDaniel": Students protest militarism on campus
Two students created quite a stir on campus with their protests to demilitarize McDaniel.

Advocacy Team hosts Night of Nets
Students spent the night sleeping in tents on the

Quad in order to raise awareness about malaria and its shocking reality.

"Tales from the Closet" is a new show coming to McDaniel

An original show premiered on the Hill, to celebrate women's sexuality and foster a more open dialogue about issues related to women and sexuality both on our campus and in the culture at large.

Budapest Caf  has extended hours

President Casey listened to the advice of students and extended the hours for the Budapest Caf  until midnight on Monday through Saturday.

Glar to have wintertime renovations

The college announced that Glar was going to be completely renovated for students over winter break, making it more comfortable and aesthetically pleasing.

Late night confrontation between students and coach

A staff member involved with the athletics department allegedly pulled a handgun out of his glove compartment in a late night confrontation on Pennsylvania Avenue by McDaniel College students.

Greek recruitment to see changes in the spring

Full recruitment went well for the fraternities and sororities of McDaniel College, but changes in the spring were planned to help make students more comfortable with the process of rounds.

New Asian Students program

Kenny Endo, a Tokyo artist, gave a stunning performance to kick off the new Asian Students program for McDaniel undergrads.

Bed bugs: Are they on your sheets?

McDaniel faced four cases of bed bugs this year, creating unnecessary stress for those affected.

McDaniel's presidential inauguration approaches

The inauguration of Dr. Casey approached and the campus was full of anticipation.

Glar renovations are underway

Students were forced to deal with temporary dish up options while the Glar renovations slowly finish up.

Snow day at McDaniel

Students celebrated class delays and cancellations by engaging in snowy weather activities

on the Hill.

Allies launches new chapter of gay, lesbian, and straight education network

The Carroll County GLSEN planned to reach out to all members of the county and establish itself as a fully functional chapter by the end of April.

The flu on campus

With over 100 cases of flu-like symptoms on campus, even the Wellness Center staff was unable to stay healthy.

Free Press brings a new era online

In efforts to go green and adapt to a changing society, the Free Press moved to entirely online issues.

Warm weather brings fresh changes to Glar

Students has mixed opinions about new Glar. Does the atmosphere make up for the mediocre food?



SIM SEGAL
Excited students enter the redone dining hall after President Casey cuts the ribbon.

Murray looked through and collected past Free Press headlines and articles to reflect on this successful year. Enjoy!

Q & A: Dr. Thomas Falkner on McDaniel Europe

HANNA BARKER
Staff Reporter

What is the reasoning behind the decision to rebrand McDaniel Budapest as McDaniel Europe?

"In order to take fuller advantage of the extraordinary resource that the Budapest campus represents, and to help that resource become better known and more competitive in the global environment, we are rebranding our Budapest presence as the broader entity McDaniel Europe. The new name describes a new approach and an enlarged mission.

McDaniel Europe serves as a reminder of the geographical location of the campus and of the centrality of Hungary to Europe as a whole: being in the center of central Europe, it is quintessentially European in its character and culture and is an ideal location from which to study and accers Europe as a whole.

KAITLYN VADENAS

McDaniel Europe recognizes the role that Hungary has played in the creation of New Europe—in the break-up of the Eastern Block in the 1990s and in the liberalization and democratization of Central and Eastern Europe. Budapest provides a unique vantage from which to appreciate the ongoing European narrative. Hungary continues to play a leadership role in the emergence of the European Union: in 2010, the city of Pozos was one of the European Capitals of Culture, and on January 1, 2011, Hungary became the seat of the EU Presidency.

McDaniel Europe provides a more effective conceptual and organizational framework by which the institutional potential of the campus can be expressed and realized. We envision the campus as offering multiple sets of opportunities and resources."

What effects do you anticipate will result from this change?

"We expect that the change will bring greater

awareness of the College's Budapest campus throughout higher education. We also expect that this will support recruitment efforts for the Budapest campus, both internationally and in the U.S., in particular in recruiting for study abroad students."

How will this change be implemented?

"We expect that the change will become official at the beginning of the next academic year with President Casey's address at the opening convocation at the Budapest campus."

Why and when was the decision made to give McDaniel Gmail accounts to the Budapest students?

"All Budapest students were given gmail accounts at the beginning of spring semester. Although these McDaniel gmail accounts will assist the College in communicating with these students, the primary reason was to enable them to have complete access to all the online holdings in

the Hoover library and to better enable the use of the Blackboard LMS."

Besides the email addresses, have any other changes been made so far?

"We are considering the possibility of new programs at the Budapest campus, especially in international and global studies.

Feedback from students is always welcome and encouraged. Do keep in mind that the change in branding does not have any effect on the name of the institution that students are attending; they are and will continue to be students at McDaniel College on the branch campus in Budapest. 'McDaniel Europe' will describe the larger entity of which the branch campus is a part but which also includes McDaniel as a national study abroad site and as a research center for faculty scholars from the US and abroad."

LIGHTER SIDE OF THE CAMPUS SAFETY BLOTTER

McDaniel Students "burn" through the month of April

CULLEN MURRAY-KEMP
Staff Reporter

While sifting through the "crime" log this week in the Director of Campus Safety, Mike Webster's, office, I couldn't help but think of the song Champagne Supernova by Oasis and the following lyrics: "Where were you when we were getting high?"

McDaniel students answered—Rouzer Hall.

In fact, Rouzer housed a recent setting five separate drug violations including possession, paraphernalia, and distribution in the month of April. Possible reasoning—the National Pot Smoking Holiday on 4/20.

While McDaniel freshman were burning trees over in Rouzer, the upper classman where

burning trees over in Blanche Hall... literally.

Campus crime is not labeled the violation "Arson," Webster described that "a large tree was set on fire just outside of Blanche Hall."

I guess there was some minor miscommunication as to what type of trees were to be burnt in the month of April here at McDaniel.

The malicious mischief over at Blanche didn't stop there. In an attempt to douse the burning tree, one McDaniel student was cited for Public Urination, but then again how else was he to put out the fire?

The theme of fire then turned back to Rouzer once again. On three separate occasions, in what Webster called a "continuing problem", fire extinguishers were discharged in the dorm. If only the urination had occurred in Rouzer

Hall and the fire extinguishing outside Blanche, the officers would have been saved much paper work—but then again if that were true I'd have nothing to write about, so kudos to your mischief students.

Yet, there is a ray of hope for students who are against pot here at McDaniel. Reportedly, one student found a bag of weed and turned it in to Campus Safety. I guess we all know where that student was when "We were getting high"—studying.

(Editor's Note: This column by Cullen Murray-Kemp is dedicated to some of the most ironic calls to which Campus Safety officers respond—or should respond. Incidents actually occurred, but the names of the culprits are not included to protect the non-innocent.)



The tree on fire outside of Blanche Hall.

President Casey Delivers Inauguration Speech

SAMANTHA LAMBERT
Staff Reporter

President Casey delivered his Inauguration speech on topics ranging from future plans for McDaniel, the importance of the liberal arts education, and wise words from famous leaders on April 16.

In his speech Dr. Casey quoted people ranging from Ronald Reagan, the Dalai Lama, JFK to Yogi Berra. Casey also cited past presidents James Thomas Ward and Albert Ward numerous times, finding inspiration and direction in their leadership of the college during hard times.

He discussed plans to build a café in the Hoover Library Commons and dedicate it to his parents. Construction of this will begin this summer, confirmed George Brenton. It is said

Ethan Seidel and the President have been looking at plans for this addition since this past fall semester.

Casey also reminded many students, faculty, staff and parents that "McDaniel was the first co-ed liberal arts institution of the south after the Civil War" and that "WMC led the national liberal arts college movement throughout the country."

He went on to say that we are a model for liberal arts schools of the future, saying that "liberal arts continually change and that we must keep changing our own lives so we can change lives for a changing world," including the adopted motto since his arrival.

While McDaniel freshman were burning trees over in Rouzer, the upper classman where

to adopt a liberal arts attitude and outlook on life.

He went on to highlight McDaniel's particular strengths, such as that "the small college is irreplaceable."

Casey continued that "there is a great need for such institutions" that build and cherish the relationships between students and faculty and staff so students feel confident to build relationships out in the world.

Dr. Casey wants McDaniel to generate a whole network of people, mentors, advisors, etc to help students so they have a full support system to make students' dreams come true.

In closing, Dr. Casey wishes to make "McDaniel synonymous with change, having students leading socially responsible lives to build a sustainable world."



SAM SEGAL

McDaniel to Join the Director of SASS Offers Zipcar Phenomenon? His Farewell to McDaniel

CULLEN MURRAY-KEMP
Staff Reporter

A recent email from Mike Webster, Director of Campus Safety, gave McDaniel students an opportunity to respond to a questionnaire about interest in bringing Zipcars to the hill.

The response rate was "enormously high" according to Webster. In fact, about 20% of students who received the email took the time to answer the survey, a response rate that "far exceeds typical student's survey response" said Webster.

The idea of Zipcars is simple: the customer signs up for a Zipcar membership for \$35 and receives a "Zipcard," which can be used to unlock any Zipcar at any location. In addition, the new member receives \$35 in credit for their first Zipcar use.

The Zipcars would significantly increase transportation options for McDaniel students, allowing a car to be rented for

only eight dollars an hour. Zipcars would be especially helpful considering only 60% of McDaniel Juniors and Seniors have cars on campus.

According to Webster, a difficult point for the college's decision to sign the contract with Zipcar is the fact that the agreement requires a minimum amount of revenue from the cars.

If McDaniel does not meet this requirement with significant usage of the rental cars by students, the college will have to make up the difference.

Webster went on to say that other liberal arts institutions like Goucher College "did not meet this 'minimum' in the first two years."

Although the process of getting Zipcars here on the Hill is still in the early stages, the significant response and interest from students is a promising sign that McDaniel will have rental cars in the future.

For more information check out Zipcar.com.

EMMA SIMON
Staff Reporter

As the academic year nears its end and McDaniel says goodbye to its graduating seniors, we must also offer out a bittersweet farewell to Tom Webb, the Director of Student Academic Support Services (SASS).

A friendly, helpful, and stand-out member of the McDaniel community, Webb and his amiable charisma will surely be missed on campus come next fall.

Although sad to leave, Webb was enthusiastic about the memories he cherishes from his time at the college. He says his favorite memory "unquestionably, would be the two SASS Jan-term trips to Budapest. Watching the Jan-term students grow emotionally and socially, witnessing these same students pushing themselves well beyond their comfort zones and then to realize the rewards of taking such risks, was as they say, 'priceless.'"

As Webb moves on to his future at the University of Delaware, he will always have a place in his heart for the McDaniel community.

Upon being asked what he thinks the biggest challenge the college faces ahead, Webb responded that "McDaniel will be challenged with controlled growth and remaining competitive while still keeping the per-

sonal 'changing lives' style it has always practiced. It's a delicate balancing act, but I am certain that McDaniel's person centered approach."

On behalf of all students, faculty, and the Free Press, we wish Mr. Webb the best of luck in his future endeavors and will miss him next year.



Six Super Styles to Spend Your Summer In

TEAL KOCH
Staff Reporter



\$13.80, GoJane.com

1. Wide-Leg Trousers

After your day at the beach, the night on the boardwalk can get a bit fresh. The cut and light fabric of a wide-leg pant keeps the air flowing through to keep you cool enough on those summer nite-bites. (Not to mention, they channel the '70s revival that's huge this year without being too cheesy.)



2. Crochet, Lace, and Macramé
Sheer, textured fabrics are perfect for summer layering. They make a chic bathing suit cover up and create interest over a tank or t-shirt.

\$39.00, Urban Outfitters



3. Crop Tops

The time for belly buttons is now. If baring it all isn't your thing, try a tank underneath for a more covered look!

\$24.50, PacSun.com

4. Metallic Sandals

Shoes are perhaps my favorite part of any given outfit and by far, my metallic sandals are the most popular piece of my summer wardrobe. I happen to have a green studded pair and a blue multi-strap pair (both purchased from GoJane.com last summer for under \$200). They bring a bit of shine and a pop of color to any outfit.

5. Romper
Simple. Easy. Quick. 1, for one, could not be happier that rompers have become "a thing" again. For



\$44.99, Kohl's

the ultra-confident (or ultra-tall), there's the full length. For the rest of us, there's the shorts—show off the legs that all those steps have given you!



6. Braids

To borrow from CoverGirl, braids are "easy, breezy, beautiful!" French, fishtail, grecian. One, two, or three if you're adventurous! No one will know if you've washed out the salt water or not, and even better, when you unbraided, you'll have those perfect, beachy waves that .2% of the population is fortunate enough to be blessed with naturally.

Have a fashionable, fabulous summer, everyone! Try to avoid the sunburn (with a big floppy hat and a chic pair of sunglasses).

Check out more by me next year. A sneak peek at what's to come: menswear, 60 Seconds—hot or not, and a glance into my personal closet!

Filming "The Legacy of Dog": Martial Artists on the Hill

KRYSTINA SHULTZ
Staff Reporter

David Van Tassel has been working on the martial arts film, "The Legacy of Dog," for a year and a half, and it has morphed into his senior capstone.

All of the actors involved have martial arts backgrounds which they display for the camera, including kicks, choke holds, and weapons. The fight scenes display some very slick moves, including a 360° spinning kick.

The actors for the film include David Van Tassel, Nick McCourt, Ryan Brown, Dylan Hintz, and Zack Kach. In addition, Brian Bolz, one of the associate producers, and Will Haddad, cameraman, made up the rest of the movie crew. David and Ryan are the other associate producers.

"As my first time on a film set, I learned to appreciate the time and energy put into every shot and scene," Bolz explained.

"The Legacy of Dog" begins with a young man named Henry (Nick McCourt), whose

grandfather was just killed. Henry discovers a piece of cloth with an unknown symbol which leads him to Bellucis City, and ultimately to Munich (Dylan Hintz). Joining Henry is his friend Darius (David Van Tassel), and aiding Munich is his right-hand man, Grey (Ryan Brown).

"We gave our sweat, blood and time to Legacy of Dog and I loved every minute of it," stated Brown.

Zack Kach plays a thug in the film, drawing on his background in hap ki do. Boxing, judo, and Escrima stick fighting are used by both Ryan Brown and David Van Tassel to produce explosive fight scenes. Dylan Hintz, who trains at the Self Mastery Systems school in Rockville, MD, is trained in Shaolin Kung Fu and Tai Chi. These multiple martial arts styles intertwine to display the characters' training and ability.

A large portion of the movie was filmed right on McDaniel campus. The climactic last major fight scene of the movie is held in Little Baker.

"I think it's definitely an ambitious project. It's also very out of the box for a student filmmaker. I think the fact that [David's] trying



Henry (Nick McCourt) being held at gunpoint by Grey (Ryan Brown) in "The Legacy of Dog."

to make it a bigger film is what's going to make it successful," said Hintz, who has worked with choreography in previous films.

"I'm having the time of my life," Van Tassel said while watching the others practice fight

scenes in the wrestling room of Gill Gym.

The viewing of the result of their hard work on "The Legacy of Dog" was on May 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Decker Auditorium.

Carnival to Communicate Cautious Coition

WARREN KRAFT
Staff Reporter

People came out, had fun with condoms, and learned how they can give a SHIT about their sexual health on Monday, April 25 when G.A.S. hosted a "Condom Carnival" in Red Square from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

McDaniel's G.A.S. (GIVE A SHIT!) is a campus group that promotes safe sex. Their Facebook page description states, "Give A SHIT about your sexual health and the sexual health of your peers! Talk. Get tested. Use protection...we've heard many times over that

the only truly safe sex is no sex. But...we can give a shit, take care of ourselves and partners, and hopefully make a difference."

By hosting this "Condom Carnival," G.A.S. hoped to enlighten the McDaniel community with some of the dangers of sex without taking some of the proper precautions. The group created a few "Condom Carnival" activities to make this important, yet awkward, topic fun and informative for students and passerby. According to junior Nick Hogan, "This was a great way to inform damn fun."

Some of the activities included, "pin the condom on the penis," "taste testing," and "guess how many condoms are in the jar." Se-

nior G.A.S. member Deane Mellor said, "No one wanted to try the pin the condom on the penis game, but there were a lot of taste testers, and a bunch of people guessed how many condoms were in the jar."

This was not the first event G.A.S. has hosted. During Spring Fling 2011 they had a booth, where they gave away condoms, brochures, stickers, and G.A.S. business cards.

Students walked away from the "Condom Carnival" with knowledge, prizes, and give-aways from gift cards to free condoms. All in all, the "Condom Carnival" was a great success and was a fun way to get students thinking and talking about safe sex. Sophomore Jan Woolley said, "I can't wait until the next G.A.S. event!"

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Draws Men in Heels

KRYSTINA SHULTZ
Staff Reporter

Pink flip-flops—cute and perfect for summer days. White stilletos—beautiful and dressy. Tan wedges to match your new spring outfit. Red high heels for a night on the town. Colorful, bright, flashy, flirty, innocent, adorable ladies shoes worn on the feet of men marching in a parade.

This shocking sight greeted Westminster on the morning of Saturday, April 9. The parade, called Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, aimed to raise awareness about rape.

These fashionable men carried signs reading "Real Men Don't Rape," "I am Man Enough," and "Rape Hurts All of Us!"

Marching from Dutter's park to Westminster city park citizens of Westminster and members of the McDaniel community obeyed the very signs held proudly above the crowd, "Put Yourself in Her Shoes."

Among those walking were members of the McDaniel Football Team. They collectively agreed that the walk was "enjoyable" and "rewarding," and that it "felt good to do something." They were surprised at the amount of support from the community, shown in the people



KRYSTINA SHULTZ

lining the streets. These men proclaimed, "the football team doesn't rape!"

A previous campus photo of several students standing behind a sign reading "We Want Casey," encouraged the students to sign it in support of getting President Casey to walk in high-heels.

That Saturday, wearing McDaniel Green high-heeled shoes, McDaniel College's new President marched proudly with many members of the campus community.

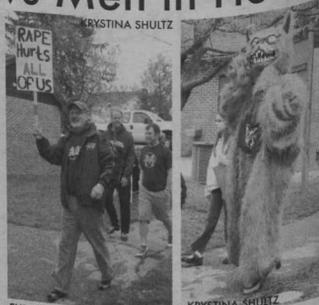
President Casey stated, "It's great having all

the men coming out to support the college and I'm really proud of all the students, faculty and staff that participated in this."

Among those participants was the Green Terror, also in green high-heeled shoes.

President Casey extended his thanks to Dr. Jim Kunz for setting up the walk, who in turn credited the members of both the social work action team and Phi Alpha who made the posters, collected money, and were the ones responsible for President Casey's participation.

Thanks to this community event, women know they have support and understanding.



KRYSTINA SHULTZ

FURTHEST LEFT: The McDaniel Football Team in women's shoes. TOP LEFT: President Casey walking in McDaniel Green high-heeled shoes. TOP RIGHT: The Green Terror walking in heels in the parade.

Carroll County's rape crisis center is located at 224 North Center St. Room #102 in Westminster. The 24 Hour Hotline is 410-857-7322.

Slade Offers Indie Documentary Recommendations

CHARLES MULLIN
Staff Reporter

Jonathan Slade, Associate Professor of Communication & Cinema, specializes in the production and critical analysis of American independent film, movies that are made well outside the Hollywood studio system. This includes the documentary genre. Below are ten micro-budget documentaries from the last decade that he highly recommends:

1. "Anvil: The Story of Anvil" (2008) Directed by Sacha Gervasi
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt157605/>
"The documentary is about a guy who never let go of his dream. To me it is a wonderful portrait of an artist and how lonely it can be, but also how rewarding. It is a wonderfully sincere film."
2. "Capturing the Friedmans" (2003) Directed by Andrew Jarecki
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0342172/>
"You never really get to know the answer to this film by the end. It is a very dark documentary about child molestation. It has amazing use of archival footage. It is an emotional movie about growing under the suspicion of abuse. The family is slowly torn apart. The documentary is actually helmed by a member of the family, giving it a very personal touch."
3. "The Fog of War" (2003) Directed by Errol Morris

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0317910/>
"The director is one of the most amazing documentary filmmakers out there who uses highly-stylized archival footage. He uses revolutionary techniques like reenactments and jump cuts. The documentary focuses on the life of Secretary of War Robert McNamara. It came out at a time where people had forgotten how devastating war could be. It is both analytical and emotional."

4. "Gasland" (2010) Directed by Josh Fox
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1558250/>
"It is a very recent film. I first saw it on HBO and it blew my mind. Everyone should see this film: it focuses on corporations that are destroying environments to drill for gas. It has amazing shots only using a handheld camcorder."
5. "The King of Kong: A Fistful of Quarters" (2007) Directed by Seth Gordon
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0923752/>
"It has great character. I love documentaries that take you into a world that you would never enter in real life. It is a classic David and Goliath story. Can a guy who lost his job beat this guy who is a legend?"
6. "Man on Wire" (2008) Directed by James Marsh
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1155592/>
"It has wonderful use of reenactments. It sets up as a caper movie. How do they get in and how do they get out? It surprises you as how it presents the story. It is an absolutely gorgeous film. It is transformational by the end of it."

7. "Restrepo" (2010) Directed by Tim Hetherington who sadly just tragically died filming the Libyan conflict) and Sebastian Junger
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1559549/>
"It is the best portrait of the futility of war that I have ever seen. The two things that jump out at you are that they are forced to leave after working so hard to push the line and then their effort is just lost. The scenes just blew my mind in how the two cultures collided. It is a heart-breaking movie."
8. "My Kid Could Paint That" (2007) Directed by Amir Bar-Lev
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0912592/>
"I love it because the filmmaker becomes a part of the story halfway through the film. It starts out focused on this painting prodigy, but it turns into the filmmaker becoming suspicious of the kid's "skills." At that point he decides to discover whether the kid is actually painting the pictures."
9. "Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson" (2004) Directed by Ken Burns
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0413615/>
"It is a great historical documentary done in almost all black and white film and pictures. It is about racism and how a black boxer, Jack Johnson, takes away a title from a white boxer. He is kind of an arrogant guy, but it is a story about how his life is crushed by racism. He was his own man at a time when that could get you killed."
10. "Who Killed the Electric Car?" (2006) Di-

rected by Chris Paine
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0489037/>
"It is an eye-opening film about the death of American innovation. After California makes a law about forcing the creation of an electric car GM goes out to create the first one. Later, California repeals that same law and GM, along with oil companies, destroy all of the electric car prototypes to cover up the new technology. It is an expose on how large corporations want to keep selling what they love to sell and how they force it on you."



The cover of "Who Killed the Electric Car?" Photo courtesy of Amazon.com.

Where in Westminster? Charity for Cheese

KRYSTINA SHULTZ
Staff Reporter



I have to say, this is quite the button! Who knew it would look so simple! I would have thought it would at least be a color reflecting danger such as red, orange, or yellow with green stripes.

Does the arrow mean anything? Maybe it's pointing us to the right new-born universe, sunating wolf, mirror of illusions or last piece of pizza.

Still, here it is, the button that will destroy this reality, black out everything, flash the blue screen of death, and suddenly Clippy will appear to ask if you need help.

Spring has arrived, and very soon we'll all be pushing the reboot button, ending our lives as everyday college students and venturing into an alternate universe as galactic summer warriors.

This one's for all of you seniors: good luck rebooting your universes as that college kid who knows what.

The first person to find and push this button will destroy the known universe and receive a free latte from the no-longer-existent Budapest Cafe. Email kis001@mcdaniel.edu where this picture was taken!

SCOTT WEIKOS
Staff Reporter

Dancing in the clubroom served a better purpose than simply relieving stress and having a good time on Monday, April 25.

From eight to midnight "Cheeseball for Children" was held in the forum, an event which aimed to utilize students' desire to dance in order to raise money for charity.

The event was hosted by McDaniel's Cheese Club, a group whose purpose is to "explore other cultures through cheese," according to club president Megan Robinson, a junior. She explained that cheese is "one of the most universal foods" and that it "has amazing history."

The Cheese Club was founded in the spring of 2009, although it did not become active until that fall. The club grew rapidly, becoming the largest group on campus in 2010.

Robinson explained that the Cheeseball was "one of the original events we always planned to do."

The Cheese Club has teamed up with the sis-

ters of Phi Mu in order to keep this vision alive. "Phi Mu has been wonderful," she admitted.

The event was similar to the clubrooms that McDaniel students are accustomed to, with a few differences, the largest being that tickets were sold to the event, costing one dollar apiece. Proceeds will be donated to the Children's Miracle Network, a group that runs hospitals in order to better the lives of children with disease.

In addition to the cost, differences included the presence of food and drink, as well as a raffle for items such as gift cards.

Drew Strahosky, a sophomore who frequents clubrooms, suggested that the presence of refreshments may "take away from the pursuit of the grind, which may or may not be a good thing."

The Cheese Club has been less active recently than last year, but is looking to resume regular functioning using the Cheeseball as a catalyst.

Students interested in joining may contact Megan Robinson at mar015@mcdaniel.edu. "We love to get emails," said Robinson, "or join the Facebook group."

Possible Future Freshman Class Looks Promising

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Staff Reporter

As another school year draws to a close, an incoming class is getting ready to join the McDaniel College community. Deposits are being sent in and the Class of 2015 is preparing to start their college careers on August 24.

Florence Hines, the Vice President for Enrollment and Dean of Admissions, is the source about incoming freshman and she was able to share a lot about process.

There are many different reasons why students are attracted to McDaniel. It depends on

the student.

"Some are looking only at liberal arts colleges, or have read Colleges That Change Lives and are looking at schools in the book- that is true of many out of state applicants. Others are looking by location in the mid-Atlantic, and still others have it on their lists thanks to their high school counselors," said Hines.

While deposits are not due for another two weeks, early signs show a larger class than last year, which was one of the goals of Admissions.

However, there are many uncertainties of the process, making it hard to predict the exact numbers.

Even at these early stages, the Class of 2015

has a lot to offer the McDaniel community.

"We continue to see a strong academic profile, strong diversity in terms of geography, ethnicity and socio-economic background, and a wide range of extracurricular interests," said Hines.

Hines believes that all the students accepted at McDaniel are able to observe and respond to the community- and ideally the three classes in front of them.

The Class of 2015 has been the second largest application pool ever, but Hines only measures success once admissions can see for certain who is enrolling.



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LEFT: The ASI club, Eye to Eye, hosted the game show event Minute to Win It. Both McDaniel students and students from other schools participated. The games included flipping cups onto bottles, moving M&M's with no hands, stocking cupcakes on foreheads, moving oranges with bananas dangling from string tied to the students' waists and many other entertaining games.

KRYSTINA SHULTZ



Sophomores Lisa Starr, Sierra Murray, and Meg O'Connor participate in Relay for Life on Friday, April 29 in support of the American Cancer Society.

Response to "The Wire" Co-Creator's Lecture

CHARLES MULLIN
Staff Reporter

"Lambis to the slaughter here." — Marcia Donnelly

The above is an example of an epigraph that precedes every episode of "The Wire," providing subtext and a theme for the episode. This specific one is spoken by a character in the show who is an Assistant Principal of a Baltimore City Middle School commenting on the fate of many of the children that walk through her doors, only to come out the other end lost and forgotten.

On April 27, 2011, Ed Burns, the co-creator of "The Wire," came to McDaniel College to lecture on public education and why he believes the institution is beyond repair. Decker Auditorium was filled with both students in "The Wire" SIS class and others who were simply fans of the show, but all were eager to hear what Burns had to say.

"In America we don't come for people," said Ed Burns. "We forget about them." He continued speaking about how our world is no longer a place based on reality, but, rather, built on myth. The most important myth is that the current purpose of education is for kids to learn.

Burns pointed to both George W. Bush's No Child Left Behind Act and President Obama's Race to the Top as programs pushed into public education not to aid students, but to twist schools into institutions obsessed with test scores and statistics. Instead of learning to survive in the "Big Game" outside of schools, kids are taught to survive a three hour exam.

"One child drops out of school every nine seconds," said Ed Burns. Because public education is now obsessed with scores and statistics, many children get lost in the files and left on the streets. Burns elaborated, saying that good teachers can make a difference in a child's life, but can do little in the general scheme of things because of corporate intervention in the government.

Lecturing to an audience that survived this onslaught, Burns was eye-opening to many in the room, especially me. He not only gave one of the best lectures I have seen in my time at McDaniel, but he also helped to change many students' opinions on how public education should be viewed.

Education is the biggest tragedy of the United States and the more aware we become of it, the better we can combat it. Although Burns believes that public education is beyond repair now, I believe that the change needs to start with our na-

tion's leaders, and the sooner they decide to take action, despite corporate and party influence, the better.

It was apparent that the students and fans of "The Wire" enjoyed the lecture when Burns ended up answering questions for almost an hour after the lecture. Specifically, when asked what one change he would make to education if he had the power to do so, he said that he would start

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ED BURNS

at the very beginning of a child's life by helping to educate mothers and fathers on good parenting. "Eighty percent of learning comes from family," said Ed Burns. "Twenty percent of learning comes from teachers."

The love of the show was even more apparent as students asked Burns all kinds of questions ranging from representations of characters, cast-

ing choices, story choices, inspirations for characters, to what it was like to shoot in the Baltimore City streets. For instance, Burns commented that most of the inspiration for the popular character Omar was from an actual meeting during his years as a Baltimore City Cop with a real stick-up guy who was homosexual, held a moral code, and never cussed.

Overall, the lecture was enthralling in every aspect and affected a lot of opinions and minds in the room, including mine. It was an amazing opportunity for both McDaniel and its students in having such a well-known figure in television come to speak.

But after the doors close on Decker Auditorium and we go back to our rooms, we must remember the unlucky ones that become victims in the statistics war of public education. We must remember the kids that get forgotten, only to be left on the streets to survive in the drug trade.

Public education is not a perfect institution and the sooner we become aware of that as a nation, the sooner we can make a change and help save lives before they are lost. We must become aware that in the war that rages in the classrooms all over the United States, we are not survivors... we are exceptions.

Do Not Dread the Opportunity to Volunteer

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Getting an email from a coach, advisor, or dean asking you to help volunteer with an event on campus is not always the email a normal college student wants to get. I know I would rather sleep, hang out with friends, or actually do some school work during those precious couple hours you are asked to give up. So, when I got an email from my coach asking me to help with one mail, but two events during Inauguration week, I was dreading it.

The first event was a luncheon with the Board of Trustees. I geared up for what I thought was going to be an awkward time carrying on bland conversation about my major, why I absolutely love McDaniel, and how great it is here. But I couldn't have been more wrong.

Each student was paired up with a trustee (a

bit intimidating). My basketball teammate Steph and I sat at a table together with our members, Doty and Chris, two women who I will remember for the rest of my life. Once past the bland questions I was already anticipating, things got interesting.

We weren't asked about how great it is here—we were asked what we completely disliked. I was thrown off. I didn't want to say anything bad in front of trustees, but they wanted to know everything and that stuck with me.

These women want to make McDaniel a better place for us and they realize there is room to improve. After a while, the conversation began to lighten up: sports, hobbies, and hometowns were all topics we touched on. We began to realize how much in common the Class of '60 had with us the Class of '12. Doty told us about her favorite places on campus and we laughed about the strict rules they had; they had to be back in their dorms by 9 o'clock at night. We

don't ever start activities until after 9 p.m. now. We laughed and explained to them but strangely enough the same things they enjoyed some 40-50 years ago we still enjoy now.

After lunch was over, we exchanged numbers and emails. These ladies were great resources to have and they were more than eager to help us with anything we may need. Saturday came and unlike most students on campus, I was up bright and early with five of my fellow trustees getting ready for what I thought was a rather strange job: "robbing" the participants for the inauguration.

I wasn't exactly sure the proper way to put on those fancy robes and was nervous when told there is an exact way to do it and oh by the way don't mess up. With no demonstration to help me learn, I was given responsibility of the platform party—the members who were onstage for the ceremony. With no idea what I was doing, I was left in charge of helping President Casey,

former President Joan Coley, the President of our Budapest campus and plenty of others. With a smile on my face, I began to take expertise in the robe department and it was working.

During the hectic hour, I began conversation with many people I would normally have never had an opportunity to talk with. Learning about the extraordinary places they were from and had visited, their jobs and unique facts about them, I was actually enjoying myself.

Once my job was over and the ceremony was about to start, I stood there thinking about the week, all the new people I had met, and the connections that I had made for the future. I thought about the numerous times that I turned down volunteering at "boring" events and all the people I missed out on meeting. I could have met more people like Dolly and Chris. From now on I won't look at it as volunteering, but as an opportunity—one I won't pass up again.

Bunnies Leave Their Mark All Across Campus

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A stampede of bunnies plastered their shadows all around campus sometime during the night of May 1. Students awoke on Monday, May 2 to find bunny images covering the buildings of McDaniel campus.

From North Village to the pillars of Big Baker to the cornerstone of Alumni Hall, bunnies hopped, danced, and sunned themselves.

It was overheard that someone had counted over 200 bunnies across the campus. Bunnies appeared on trash cans, walkways, stairs, and wood fences. They were found above windows, in Red Square, on the steps of Little Baker, and even on the porch of President Casey's house.

The students of McDaniel played spot-the-bunny throughout the day, wondering how the little bunnies learned to leave their shadows behind.



Memes Makes Anonymous Insults Talk of Campus

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"If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all."

Most children grow up in the United States and had that phrase hammered into them in school, out on playgrounds, and at home after they just made their younger sibling burst into tears.

Apparently, there are several people at McDaniel College that missed that memo. Despite the pervasive exhortations to treat those around you with some measure of basic decency, McDaniel students felt free to specifically name dozens of other members of the McDaniel College community on a Green Terror meme created by senior Mike Monaco on Tuesday, April 5. What started as a way to make some inside jokes about McDaniel quickly devolved into cyberbullying, sexism and stereotyping.

"Meet awesome people... on a terrible campus," the first meme read.

"Why do you still go here? No one likes you, you fat little annoying piece of shit. Consider this internet bullying," read one posted only a day later who aimed at a specific member of this campus who lived at a specific residence. (Those on the Internet might lack a sense of ethics, but this author at least still considers himself a decent human being.)

"I started the Green Terror meme as a means to make a few jokes about the more silly aspects of going to a small liberal arts college. Honestly, I only saw it going as far as maybe 30 or so entries and just sort of dying," said Monaco in an interview with the Free Press. The idea that there might be cyberbullying, Monaco recounts, "was a possibility that I honestly hadn't considered, since I've never seen something like this happen before. I was pretty surprised, to be perfectly honest."

Why did this happen? How could this happen? What are we going to do about it?

Those are the first thoughts that popped into my mind when I first read that meme and others like it, and they most likely popped into the minds of other innocent bystanders on campus as well. What had begun as an opportunity to have some fun and share something with other students at McDaniel had transformed into a nightmare. The memes had been posted with total anonymity, their creators completely safe from reprisal. Anybody that they walked past in Glar, sat next to in class, or listened to playing guitar in the Quad would see the incredibly hurtful words. Does this really represent the campus we live on? Those in the administration would disagree.

"We strive to provide a community that is welcoming and inclusive of all its members," read a recent statement from the President's Council released to the student body via email. "Websites leased to the student body... cause hurtful and divisive segments creating a hostile environment contrary to the First Principles of McDaniel College; and most specifically the commitment that our students will be placed at the center of a humane environment."

In a recent interview, Beth Gerl, Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs, agreed that the meme did not represent the campus she worked on.

"I would not be here if that were the case," Gerl declared. "This is a campus community made up of incredible people doing extraordinary things."

When the Philosophy Club held a Soapbox

the Friday after the meme's creation, few there were as surprised by their fellow students as Monaco or the administration.

"One of the most disappointing things about this... is how incredibly invisible it was that it devolved within a day," said senior Lucas Sperber.

"I'm not surprised at all about the immaturity," senior Jake Friedman echoed.

"It's probably because there is no way to punish these kids and it's totally anonymous," Dan Lamond, sophomore, said later. "It's really easy for people who don't know where else to say how they feel."

But to those at the Soapbox that day, cyber-

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bullying on a scale that encompassed McDaniel students, administration officials, and on-campus groups wasn't the most pressing issue. In the words of several students that attended the Soapbox, the names appearing found on the Green Terror meme "was just the work 'of a few assholes' empowered by anonymity to spread their hateful sentiments."

What was clear from the comments made at the Soapbox was that it shouldn't be paid attention to. What should be paid attention to were the scores of memes complaining about the college, administrative offices, and campus facilities.

"The problem is we're not being heard," said Jake Friedman.

"There's no real forum for us to complain so we make retweeted internet cartoons," Lucas Sperber concluded.

Since stepping into office this year, Dr. Roger Casey has widely publicizing his "open door policy" that allows McDaniel students ready access to the head of the college (by appointment). But this is apparently not enough for some.

"An open door isn't necessarily a communication channel and it should be easier for us to go to the administration," said sophomore Noah Patton. "There's an aura of untouchableness with the administration" that keeps any student from approaching them.

"They [the administration] should be the ones interested in coming to us and listening to our concerns," Jake Friedman said.

Even the recent improvements made to the campus (the Dining Hall renovations, purchase of new gaming equipment for the Game Room, the construction of lights around the football field, and Casey's announced plan to build a coffee shop in Hoover Library) can't undo it.

"It's distracting from the real problem that McDaniel does not have a unifying culture," said senior Omar Brown. Maybe, Brown went on, if the administration had actually worked to address student concerns, it might have created a united student body unwilling to lash out at each other on the Green Terror meme.

This suggestion seemed unbelievable to the administration officials there.

"If the entire campus feels like this, why don't

you make an effort, why don't you go to a meeting?" asked Mike Robbins, Director of Residence Life.

Robbins then gave an account of his efforts to make students aware that they needed to turn in their housing deposits before the start of Spring Break. A notification was sent out to parents, a banner was hung over the staircase at Decker College Center, several emails and two weeks worth of campus announcements were sent, and still 85 students failed to turn it in on time, even after being given an extra week to do so.

"I don't know how to get through to you," Robbins concluded.

Casey voiced similar concerns in a recent interview.

"I have heard many concerns expressed about technology issues, so we created at noon on Tuesday a new venue in the Forum—the 411—and posted signs and info all over campus for people to come and discuss their concerns," Casey replied. "It was a good session, but I guess less than 25 students were there. Where were all the complainants?"

"Communication is two-way and involves a responsibility for all parties to read what's out there and to listen," Casey concluded. "For 90% of the things various constituencies at the College tell they they don't know about, I can point to an e-mail, but I can't point to anything which the very issue has been covered and I'll offer up any number of changes that have been enacted as a result of e-mails, Facebook messages, and face-to-face conversations I've held with students."

What was even more unbelievable to those officials was that focus had been so drastically diverted from cyberbullying.

"What I was most bothered by... were some hurtful, mean, vicious comments students were making about one another... that speak that way, not that we're a part of a community that says that's okay and for me that's not okay," said Elizabeth Towle, Associate Dean of Student Affairs. "Why aren't students up in arms about these comments? Why aren't they pissed off?"

For Dean Towle, it was important that students use this opportunity to speak out against the hurt that had been caused by the meme, a sentiment echoed in Dean Gerl's interview.

"My real concerns are the students that are going after each other and how we can create a safe community here," Gerl said. "It is so sad and so unacceptable that people could turn and act that way with each other."

But, regardless of what everyone believed should be the focus of discussions revolving around the Green Terror meme, all that spoke thought it should end.

"I'm sick of it," said Jake Friedman. "I think it needs to die."

How that is to happen, however, is still a matter for the community to decide, especially given simply ignoring it all together. In the President's Council's official statement, this suggestion was given the full force and support of the college administration.

"We ask that our campus community come together and express to one another in response to this message, 'Not on Our Campus,'" the statement read. "The site will only continue to exist if patrons want it to post comments, so we would encourage all members of the McDaniel family to avoid the site completely and focus on the positive aspects of campus life as the end of the semester draws near."

"My advice to everyone," Casey echoed in his interview with the Free Press, "is just quit looking at this. When you do, these self-loathing comments posting this crap will quit feeling they have power."

The possibility that, unfortunately, seems an ever dimmer prospect as students continue to post memes every day that insult specific members of the McDaniel College community. Last week there were 40 pages. This week there are 80. Next week, who knows?

Others have taken an entirely different approach. Several unknown students have handed together to post pages and pages of blank memes, memes railing against cyberbullying, memes with Shakespeare quotes, and even memes that read, "This meme is dead." Monaco himself created a supplementary meme entitled "Scumbag Terror" criticizing the direction his original creation had taken. So far, it has very few views.

"One day, I was dropping and talking this," one read, "because we're too lame to do it in person."

Some students have embraced the memes that target them, posting about them on Facebook and making them their profile pictures (a sort of "screw you" to the culprit).

Removing the meme entirely is a near impossibility. McDaniel's control over the website hosting the meme is minimal. As Mike Robbins recounted during his visit to the Philosophy Club Soapbox, McDaniel may be able to force the site to remove the meme as an unauthorized use of a college logo (a possibility discounted by Gerl in her interview, as the Green Terror design is only in informal use by ROTC). The creator's control is similarly limited.

"I am not capable of taking the meme down," Monaco said in his interview. "But even if I were, that wouldn't address the larger issues. The issue is not that people on our campus are posting personal, sexist, homophobic, etc. things on this particular site, the issue is that our campus has this attitude at all. Removing the meme wouldn't do anything to make people behave in less shocking ways, it would just hide it. It's a symptom, not a problem."

For the time being, then in the administration are working to ensure that anyone on campus that feels targeted by negative memes has their concerns addressed.

"I don't know anybody on this campus to feel like they're alone," Gerl stated. "I've just staff looking after people that were named and reaching out to them."

In the President's Council's official statement, students were urged to act likewise.

"If you know someone who is hurt or feeling isolated from campus because of these messages," it read, "please encourage them to reach out to the counselors at the Wellness Center, members of the Wellness Life staff, or the staff and faculty members with whom they are most connected."

Those of us at the Free Press would like to echo that plea. If you know anyone that has been affected by these memes or any other instances of cyberbullying (or has been affected yourself) please know that there are people on this campus willing and ready to help you. You can reach the Wellness Center to arrange an appointment with a professional counselor by phone at 410-857-2243.

Head to the Free Press online to read to read more articles on the Green Terror. Memes written by Amber Suter, Jacob Siegel, and Nathan Wuertemberg.

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 Staff Reporter

The memes are about us and we support them.

Every time we log on, talk about them, react to them, we give them power.

These disgusting anonymous expressions, which predominantly have an individual people and groups, have caught on like an STD. Itches, it burns, people are threatened by them, and if you're not careful you'll have one soon.

Although it's been painfully disappointing to see how people have been attacked on the Green Terror Meme in any way, I want to focus specifically on the sexual harassment expressed on the site.

It seems that the sexual harassment can be broken down by target type—specific groups, individuals without specific campus affiliations, and McDaniel women as a general entity.

All the sororities have been targeted brutally, but Phi Mu girls have really been treated brutally on the memes. By the time that the meme

count reached 1203, I counted over 25 as degrading sororities on the first 6 pages, and 70 percent of these were aimed at Phi Mu. And I don't even like math.

One meme that summarizes the general attitude toward this specific sorority is "Sisters of Phi Mu... biggest cockholes since castration." This meme type suggests that there is something intrinsically wrong with the girls who are a part of this sorority, or any sorority, if they don't sleep around. If you have a problem with sorority girls, not putting out, maybe you should discuss their pledging out system, should you incorporate a highly evolved system of credits where they must sleep with cowardly, pathetic, assholes like the writers of these memes.

And if women do express some semblance of sexual freedom, they are instantly categorized as "bitches," "whores," and "sluts." For example: "Get new girlfriend, half of every frat slept with her." Well, darling, maybe you should have been trying to court her sooner and not sticking your dick in everything you can.

These same rules apply for individual attacks,

where we have women from various areas of campus life being specifically targeted, with first and last names included. Ironically, most of the women selected have, at some point or another, been controversial or done something that could be classified as "being a strong woman."

The math says that if you're a woman who someone on this campus would have a reason to notice and who has had sex or denied sex of the suggested number of your existence. They're saying, "Don't bother standing up, doing your own thing, or even saying no to having sex with anyone. Your role is to be an object."

Memes are not the cause of this attitude, they are a symptom.

How many people show up weekly to Women's Issues Group meetings? Less than 20. And there's over 20 memes that expressly degrade women. That's some bad math. But, oh, wai! I'm adding rather than bending over for some guy, my bad.

Hi, McDaniel, here's a meme (incorrectly

Why Memes demean Women

used, but sticking to the pattern):

WE HATE OUR WOMEN.

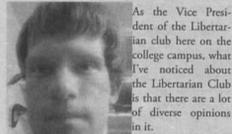
While I am sure there has been some woman-on-woman hate on the memes, the majority come across as men who are pathetically attempting to rationalize why girls won't sleep with them or why even the girls they deem as unattractive don't care about them. Maybe it's because there's a sad, purile attitude running rampant on campus that is more unattractive than anything—treating girls like shit.

And I know far, far, far from every McDaniel guy would ever agree with this attitude! I have strong, necessary male feminists right here on campus. What I ask is that you speak up loudly, let your positive voice be heard. Because when you have a negative voice, the world already decides your you, to some degree. But that's why we came to college, to break free from all that. And when we get here, we're pushed back even further than where we started!

Here's another one for you: Go to McDaniel! Act like you're educated.

Just What the Heck is a Libertarian Anyway?

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As the Vice President of the Libertarian Club here on the college campus, what I've noticed about the Libertarian Club is that there are a lot of diverse opinions in it.

There isn't one straight-forward way that one has to be in order to be a Libertarian. I've asked people around our club as to what they think being a Libertarian is, or why they've come to the club and think the way that they do.

Despite the stereotypes of the mainstream media that paint Libertarians as a radical group that worships the U.S. Constitution of 1787 and that always takes part within all the militia groups, libertarians are actually reasonable people who have justifications for their beliefs rather than being against African Americans or the poor. We have anarchists, Democrats, Republicans, and civil-Libertarians in the club here.

As for me, I am an individual anarchist. I

believe that government is wrong and immoral. I think that it takes power away from the people and that people need to have the power to do what they want to do. I want to maximize individual liberty and lift the restraints on society by the government. In my view, the government is involved in big business too often and if it were to stop we would have a much more free market than the one that we have today.

Senior Ross Feinberg tells people that he is a civil-Libertarian because he believes in social programs but deep down he is a full-blown anarchist.

"I hate people telling me what to do, and often times that is what the government does," says Ross Feinberg. In a perfect society he says that we wouldn't need government and that's why we don't like the idea of government. He says that Scott Camuto, the President of the Libertarian Club, got him interested in politics and he is the only Republican that he trusts.

We also have people who have political opinions that would be considered far from the norm in any normal political orientation. Wesley Ryan, for instance, says that he is a believer in decentralization. Some people want for the government to be smaller and for it to be done on a local level. The belief behind this philosophy is that if things were more community oriented the people that are in charge would be able to be more respon-

sive to the people.

"Conservative decentralism. Like everyone who isn't an anarchist or a True Believer is some political messiah (Mussolini, Hitler, Obama, Ron Paul, etc.). I don't trust anyone, but I differ from the mainstream in as not trusting groups of people. In practice, this means that I consider the primary role of governments to be regulating other powerful groups of people (read: corporations), and I prefer to have both of those groups as small and localized as possible, so that they are more easily held accountable and their inevitable mistakes held accountable deal with," says Ryan.

The Libertarian party is different from the Republican party and is a separate, distinct group. They believe in negative liberties and they believe in fiscal responsibilities. The Libertarian ideology also is very diverse which might be why the Libertarian party has trouble organizing on a national level during election season.

Scott Camuto is the only Republican of the Libertarian Club and the head of the college Republican government should interfere with moral values and he thinks that they shouldn't interfere with the economy at all. He also believes that there are few Libertarians in the Republican party, Ron Paul being one of them.

Republicans are more likely to argue in favor of programs like indefinite detention and tax col-

lections. He says most Libertarians believe in "negative liberty" which are natural rights. But they fall short in economic rights. He thinks that you have to be both a Republican and a Libertarian, and vice-versa, not just one or the other. The government is supposed to only have a very limited role here.

Scott isn't saying necessarily that one has to be a Republican in order to be a Libertarian, but that if you were a true Republican and you believed in the maximization of individual liberties, then you would be a Libertarian.

"I consider myself to be a minarchist-one who believes that the state has the legitimate role of protecting of protecting individuals from harm by other individuals or by a foreign threat. Any other role of government is an unacceptable intrusion in a person's daily affairs," says Scott.

As you can see, the libertarian ideology is far more diverse than most people think it is. Republicanism usually only has four different types of people in it: neoconservatism, the religious right, social conservatives and fiscal conservatives. The Libertarian party, however has a lot of different philosophies.

Usually the one thing that people are able to find common ground within Libertarianism and they think that what the government is doing is different from what it should be.

Why Go to College? Have Fun with Strangers

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Staff Reporter



For two years, I knew I was in pain, but I couldn't pinpoint where it hurt. College is a sea of pain.

You see it written clearly on faces of those who literally live off their significant other, of those who drown themselves in alcohol and drugs, and of those who shut themselves away watching TV shows, playing computer games, or constantly updating Facebook/Twitter.

I've heard countless stories from friends, involving their bedrooms back home being turned into guest rooms. There seems to be no more a "rightful" place for any of us within the social system. Unproductive as we are, we're left out by society like the old people—they've served their term and we are not ready.

I've heard theories that a college campus is unnatural, if judged under an economic perspective. Most of our activities do not fit into the basic "produce-consume" model. Any work assigned to a student is beneficial for one's personal development and nothing more. In other words, instead of being paid, we pay to do work.

I've also heard from most grown ups, that feeling rebellious or cynical do not help me at all. "You can't do anything about it now." They

say, "Don't fight, just earn your degree and be done with it."

But even if I did, I know the pain doesn't stop.

A question haunts me like venom in my veins, boiling up again and again. When I try to make the deadline and scribble away an essay, when I cram for final exams, when the night falls along with the endless charge of listlessness, this question would always emerge from thin air, screaming in bold.

What is the point?

From what I comprehend, colleges generally serve four major functions (or as they should): they grant us knowledge; they train us for skills; they establish social networks; they fund research programs.

Ironically, at least three out of the four, Internet today does better than traditional colleges. People say Google is your best friend, and Facebook friends in real time we've Wiki knowledge, and we Tweet news. As long as we continue to collect and distribute information effectively online, perfecting the system we use, the World Wide Web should soon sufficiently serve all four functions.

So tell me, why do I have to memorize names and terms when they're just a click away on the Internet?

Why am I trained for research writing skills even though I knew I would not proceed towards professional scholarship?

In this ever rapidly changing world, how could I be prepared for a job that doesn't exist until after my graduation?

And most of all, what is the point for college—where people party, act silly, pretend to listen in class and leave with heads empty?

CASSIE BERUBE
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The sun was streaming down upon the eager faces of the players last Saturday as they stretched, jogged, and practiced before the game. The wind whipped carelessly as the teams matched up and dispersed into the batting line and outfield. "Batter up!"

Now, my knowledge of softball (and baseball for that matter) is limited to the movies: "A League of Their Own," "Sandlot," "The Rookie," etc. Most of the terms and phrases that are thrown out during play made no sense to me.

I may never get used to catching with my left hand, even though it was logically explained to me several times.

And while I was at bat, I consistently had to check whether the last ball was a foul, a strike, or if I should run. As you might imagine, I didn't do very well; however, I couldn't have asked for a better first game.

Yes, we got crushed by our opponents. Yes, our pitcher got a concussion. And yes, we had very few fans. But everyone remained joking and enjoying themselves until the very end.

These were people that I see frequently around campus but have never actually spoken to. Most would probably be considered strangers, and normally I don't go out of my way to talk to strangers. Together, my childhood fairytales, social stigmas, and my mother warned me against that. And in this case, they were wrong.

One person lent me his glove and another gave me advice on batting (and when not to). While our paths will probably only intersect again in passing (most likely in Glar), now we share a great memory of a great game on a great day. This included a sur-

prise halftime dance to "Cotton Eye Joe."

Across the field, two other teams were duking it out for the top spot in the coed league. It was a close game, but team "Those Guys" pulled through for a 11-10 win.

Their imaginary game ball (because they could not give the real ball away) went to Daniel Odegaard for pitching the whole game and hitting the final walk-off single.

The captain, Barnabas Furth, owed their win to "showing up, good defense, and every person knowing their job on the team."

Although I am new to this sport, what stood out to me on the sideline observer (besides the colorism uniforms) were the playful jokes tossed around the outfield.

Becky Kaler and Joel Kleinberg kept the team in good spirits with their banter. Even though it may have caused them to miss a ball or two, they had nothing but glowing reviews for each other.

Becky insisted that, "Leadoff hitters like Joel are in short supply," referring to his homerun which started off the game.

Each team in the coed league has two more games in the coming weeks, but "Those Guys" are intent to hold onto their lead. Their captain will have them focusing on "practicing fielding" (their positions because that is the most important part of an intramural game, including working on ground balls, fly balls, and catching in general.)

Regardless of individual tactics (my team's main strategy will probably focus on trying to get enough people to show up), there's no doubt that everyone involved will have fun.

So if you are looking for something to do this weekend, ignore what your mother told you about strangers, and come down to the fields to enjoy the games!

Do Budapest students want to come here?

HANNA BARKER
Staff Reporter

It came as a huge surprise to me when I got to Budapest and found out that the students here don't want to come to the "main campus," as they call the Westminster campus. Lacked around, trying to figure out how this could be, because I personally love McDaniel and am so glad that I chose to come here. I found that while the opinion of the Budapesters is not as bad as it initially seemed, there are still some opinions that are rather negative.

42% of McDaniel Budapest students report getting a negative impression of the main campus from the stories they hear from other McDaniel Budapest students that have been there before, and over half say that they get a neutral impression from talking to the main campus students that study abroad.

Why is this?

"The problem is main campus students who come to Budapest say really bad things about the

main campus," said sophomore Caitlin Bennett, who is currently studying in Budapest. "The thing is it really isn't as bad as we complain it is."

Is the problem really our fault? It may be a contributing factor, but other things seem to be

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Junior Bhaelynn Givens, who is currently studying abroad in Budapest, sums up the situation well.

"The fact is that the only element McDaniel Budapest and McDaniel Westminster share is their name. Where we come to Budapest for a break, the Budapest students are coming to Westminster with no choice but to work hard. That is hardly an appealing option to a central students. Whereas life/fun/activities are central students, classes are our life back at home, and I like it that way," said Givens. "It is an adjustment for all of us, and will be one for Budapest students coming abroad. It may be an even more difficult transition for them than it was for us coming to Budapest."

It is also important to note that there are also many Budapest students who look forward to the American experience. Sophomore Fardin Khanjani says he is looking forward to studying in "one of the best universities in the U.S."

While it seems that there is room for improvement on a variety of fronts, but I think that improvements will follow as the efforts to better integrate Westminster and the Budapest campuses together begin.

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Reflections on the Everyday Issue of Respect

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How often do we say "please" and "thank you"? How often are we courteous to a stranger or thankful to our family? What happened to getting to know the person as an individual and building up a friendship before intimate relations? Do you know how to love, or more importantly, do you know how to respect?

I recently reached out to some friends to really get to the bottom of the fact that respect has been forgotten in everyday relationships.

While what respect means is ambiguous, Abby, a mother and student in college, says respect is, "taking people's feelings into consideration, motivating someone instead of tearing them down, anticipating someone's thoughts and sometimes needs. It's like the golden rule says, 'do unto others as you would have them do unto you.'"

The first aspect of respect is to respect yourself. When you look at yourself in the mirror, you should see a person who is beautiful inside and

out; you should look at yourself as priceless and one of a kind.

However, keep in mind that respecting yourself is different from being vain or conceited. Respecting yourself is knowing your worth and making sure others see it as well.

As we get older it is important that we go into society and interact with others, but the first form of interaction begins at home with your family. Regardless of age everyone is important and has feelings that we should listen to and cherish.

Lisa, a wife and a mother of two girls, says "All relationships that you value start with the minimum level of respect. Kids should respect their parents, parents should respect their parents, etc, and this establishes rules of moral responsibility that your family should live by. Even respect between siblings of each other's stuff aids to this."

Developing positive relationships with others stems from the relationship you have with yourself and your family. It affects how you view others and your approach to the world. Low self-esteem can come from others who treat you negatively and create a chain reaction. If you feel as though you are less than everyone else you treat them in a bad way because you want to make them feel as unhappy as you are.

Romantic relationships often struggle due to a lack of mutual respect. Most females feel that most males are dishonest, selfish, and above all disrespectful. Most males feel that females are judgmental, sneaky, and untrustworthy. These labels come from bad experiences and unhealthy past relationships. If people were not so invested in not trusting each other, then there would be room for reconciliation and this problem would be solved.

In our society, it is hard because there are women who do not respect themselves and would do anything with a man. Most males find this reassuring and often say 'what one female doesn't do another one will' and take the easy way out. Sex is a priority to many and both genders can get hurt when it comes into play. Demand chivalry before intimacy. Every female is beautiful and should be treated like a queen. Just take a look at all of the past struggles females endured to even be recognized as an

equal in society.

Marisa, a freshman, says "I would never put nude pictures of myself on the internet, or have sex with random boys. My body is holy."

Males also need to be looked at with respect. Males get categorized as uncaring, and this is not true.

"Most, but not all, females are disrespectful when trusting their male spouse is involved. I wish they [females] would stop associating every man with untrustworthiness, lying, cheating, insensitively, being uncaring, and all the rest of the negative things they say about all men" says Rory, a freshman.

Simply because one person has hurt you does not mean that everyone will. We need to look at people without judgment and understand that everyone is important.

Relationships should not be about one person hurting another person's feelings or in need to be superior. The key to a healthy relationship is having respect for everyone involved. Respect for yourself, your family, and everyone else is vital and needs to be implemented in all parts of society.

Thoughts on the Near Government Shutdown

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Some of you may have heard about the government potentially shutting down because of a lack of progress over federal deficit talks. The budget problem is just as serious as it was under Obama as it was under Bush. It is important to define what a public deficit is. When the government spends more money than it gets, it goes in debt.

But what's the problem? Can't the government just spend as much money as it wants to?

Yes it can, but, money doesn't grow on trees. If the government decides to spend more money than it allocates in taxes, the government will have to issue more bonds to private investors; it will also have to borrow more from the federal reserve (a private bank that serves as the

creditor for the federal reserve), or it will have to ask China to borrow more money (according to <http://auto24.net>).

When the government spends money that it doesn't have inflation follows, and it thus reduces the value of the dollar.

There are three problems going on with spending in the government right now: national debt, the federal deficit, and the spending problem. The deficit is a separate issue aside from the national debt. The national debt is a total of how much money the public owes per year with the deficit spending. Right now we have a \$14 trillion national debt (according to <http://www.fiscalpolicy.com>). The national debt is also supposed to reach \$20 trillion by 2015 (according to <http://www.christiamtenson.com>).

Things don't look good for the national debt. Obama campaigned in 2008 against the massive

spending by the Bush administration on the war. In his 2010 budget he spent \$3.8 trillion (according to <http://www.foxnews.com/>) and for the upcoming 2011 budget, he proposed a \$3.83 trillion budget (according to <http://www.cbtrust.com>).

On the other hand, the deficit problem is actually supposed to be getting better. Again, the problem with the deficit is with how much money the government spends versus the taxes that it receives. After 2013, the CBO predicts that the deficit will be below \$1 trillion (according to <http://www.economicpopulist.org>). This is actually good news.

The speaker of the house John Boehner, the Obama administration and the Democrats are working in negotiations to cut the federal budget.

Pragmatists will jump at this situation and they will ask for both sides to "work together" in

order to find a more amiable solution.

If you're a budget hawk like me, cutting a few billion dollars isn't going to cut it though.

The last time that the "fiscal conservatives" in Congress actually cut anything was February 18 of this year (according to <http://money.cnn.com/>).

What's most ironic over all of this is that the Democrats are getting so outraged over just cutting 2% of the national budget for 2011. Senator Chuck Schumer of New York calls the proposal "extreme" (according to <http://www.the-american.com>). In addition to that, Timothy Geithner, the head of the Treasury has claimed that unless the debt ceiling is increased (it's currently at \$14.3 trillion) by May, that the U.S. will default on its obligations.

So, we either work on the budget deficit or we default? Which will it be?

Surviving Sharing Bedrooms (and Making Friends)

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The two of us have been roommates for four years (including a semester in Budapest) and so at our time on the Hill comes to an end we've come up with a few tips that made the past four years together not only bearable but amazing.

1. Forget about the little things. Roommates tend to let little, minor details and annoyances get on to their nerves when they don't have to. If something is really bothering you, let them know in a polite way, and they'll make note of it. They'll probably let you know of something you do that bothers them, too.

2. Be considerate (obviously). If you know you can't sleep with the light or music on, for instance, assume your roommate can't either. Always ask them if they mind you doing something before you do it. It shows them you care, and then they'll do the same.

3. Try to get to know them. Some of the best friendships come from roommates. It makes things a lot less awkward if you more than just their first name. You don't have to be best friends, but try to make conversation sometimes.

4. Include them. You don't have to be joined at the hip, but offering invitations makes your roommate feel appreciated and can lead you on some pretty awesome adventures—and the shared room means you can reminisce about it afterwards.

5. Use downtime/nighttime as bonding time. It might only be this way for girls, but when you're both laying in bed at night, treat it as a sleepover; meaning, exchange stories, laugh, gossip, etc. I know some of the best moments and conversations I had with my roommate were at night when we were supposed to be sleeping.

6. Respect their privacy. Even if you don't always get along, gossiping about your roommate or sharing intimate details about their life that you are privy to is unacceptable. You should be each other allies and remember that there are things about yourself that are better left between the two of you.

7. Offer your help. Whether it's cleaning, redecorating, carrying something heavy, schoolwork,

etc., help out your roommate out if they need it. Sometimes they won't ask, so offer it yourself and see what they say. Because no matter how busy we get, supporting each other is vital if we're going to make it through.

8. Don't ignore them; acknowledge them. Show them you are aware of your "special bond" that comes with being roommates. Say hi to them, smile, stop for a chat when you see them outside your room. If you bring friends over, introduce your roommate and your friends to each other. If they do something awesome, like win an award or perform in a show, congratulate them. Go watch their games, presentations, or performances. Let them know you noticed. I love being able to say, "That's my roommate!" when she does something great.

If you feel Down.

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." - Anne Frank

Just within reach is summer, freedom and for the seniors, the future. Whatever you end up doing, this quotation is something to keep in mind. Have fun and do good!
-Kim Williams

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A Review of the McDaniel Year in Sports

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What a wild year of sports 2010-2011 has been at McDaniel College.

Ups and downs were a repeating pattern throughout each athletic season here on "The Hill", and the roller coaster ride that is Green Terror Athletics tossed and turned athletes' and fans' minds alike and played with their hearts.

Take the football season this year for example. A fast start saw the Green Terror go half way through the season with a 4-1 record, including two shutout victories. The second half of the season saw the complete opposite, finishing the year off with a mediocre record of 5-5.

One game alone captured the intense back and forth drama that embodied the whole season. On Saturday, November 6th, after a triple-overtime come-from-behind thrilling homecoming, the Terror beat Gettysburg College 36-30.

But that wasn't the only heart stopping McDaniel game. For the men's soccer team, 13 of their 17 games played were decided by two goals or less. Although the Terror ended on the losing side of most of them, the team had heart, and

competed with every team they played.

The same could be said about many of the other fall McDaniel teams such as Field Hockey, Women's Soccer, and Volleyball.

By the time winter rolled around, the Terror were ready for more of the same heartache. And they would need it.

One of the biggest heartbreakers came at the Centennial Conference Men's Basketball tournament first round. A shocking one point loss to哈弗福德, on Wednesday February 23rd, that saw the Green Terror's championship hopes dashed.

Despite the poor records and deflating defeats that many of the Terror teams had faced throughout the fall and winter seasons, there were many bright spots.

New faces shined for the green and gold in many sports, giving signs of a bright future here in Westminster. Joe Rollins became a human high reel act running back for the football team. Sophomore Jake Zamosny found his place to take over the reins from always accountable senior's CJ Naper and Ron Shriver in cross country.

Old faces shined as well, and laid claim to many post-season honors. Chris Kolb, Paul Smith, Sam Cox, Jake Nichols, and Aaron Slaughter were

tabbed All-Conference players for football. Cox also earned All-American as a defensive lineman, and Kolb earned a spot as All-Region after tying McDaniel record of eight interceptions. Shriver and Naperboth represented McDaniel at the regional Cross Country run after having great individual seasons. Lindsey Wilson had another outstanding year in Women's Cross Country and earned herself All-Region. Devon Lesniak earned himself All-Conference after an impressive season in Men's Baseball.

Finally, no one had a better year individually than senior wrestler Brock Glofety. Finishing All-American status with a 34-3 record, Glofety earned the season worst with 126, and finished third at the NCAA championships. All thanks to his abilities and never say die attitude.

"I think that there are a few things that separate me from other wrestlers in my weight class," recalls Glofety. "First is my athletic ability and quickness. This allows me to use different techniques that some heavyweights cannot use effectively. Another is my conditioning. In many of my matches I am able to push the pace and tire out my opponents. The last thing is my will to win. I hate losing! No matter who steps out on

the mat I expect to win the match."

But the Green Terror are not done yet!

The spring season is still in play, and all though the teams are not winning as much as hoped or anticipated, the Terror rollercoaster seems destined for a wild finish.

For Men's Lacrosse, DJ Rickels is yet to find a way to lead his team to another post season berth. After a slow start, the Terror have won three of their last four games.

In Tennis, the freshmen phenoms from North Carroll Brian Kron and Matt Langsdale are looking to push their way to Conference tournaments and lead the Terror to a winning record.

For the baseball team, the bats are busy, cranking out 137 runs in just 26 games. However, keeping with the spirit of the college, the wins and losses are both coming in bunches.

The same is true with the Green Terror Softball team with a record now of 11-19.

As the school year winds down, so does the athletic calendar. And although this year's wild journey has had more falls than anyone would have wanted, the Green Terror ride is far from over. There's always next year.



Game Analysis for the NBA Playoff Finals

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Chicago vs. Indiana: Bulls lead series 3 games to 1.

How we got here: Chicago's Derrick Rose has continued his MVP caliber play from the regular season, carrying the Chicago offense through out the series averaging 28 points, but 33 points in wins and only 16 points in losses. Derrick Rose did sprain his ankle midway through game four, the only game the Pacers won, but the games have all been down-to-the-wire affairs. Even though the Pacers won a game, the Bulls will win this series. Bulls in 5.

Philadelphia vs. Miami: Heat lead series 3-1.

How we got here: Miami's LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh have been too much for the 76ers to handle. The trio is averaging nearly 70 points a game, and the Sixers do not have a dynamic scorer to answer with. If you total the points in the first, third, and fourth quarters of each of the first four games, the Sixers have outscored the Heat by 12 points. The problem is, if you total the points scored by both teams in the second quarter, the Heat have outscored the Sixers by more than forty points. It took a last-second three by Louis Williams and a missed short range jumper by LeBron James for the Sixers to get one at home. It's nice that they won't get swept, but the Heat are going to win this series. Heat in 5.

Boston vs. New York: Celtics win series

New Technology Could Mean Better Gym Experience

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The new question at the gym may not be what equipment is available, but whether the available equipment features a personal television.

Normally the elliptical and treadmill users at the gym have the option to watch television programs while working out to help the time pass and shed weight. A large television mounted on a wall in front of the cardio equipment allows entertainment to be had by all. This is a very enjoyable privilege until the other player pick a show or channel that is not enjoyable for everyone surrounding them.

Having to share the same channel with every-

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How we got here: The Knicks lost the first two games in Boston by a combined five points. They went on to play with less energy and effort at home, losing by a combined 29 points. They allowed the Celtics to score over 100 points on the Knicks home court. The Celtics had at least 20 scorers over 20 points in every game, while the Knicks struggled to find other scoring options besides Carmelo Anthony. New York's Kristian Stoudemire hurt his back. Losing New York's Chauncey Billups to run the point at the beginning of game 1, combined with Stoudemire hurting his back was too much to over come. This team was assembled at the trade deadline and has not had much time together. In the off season they need to tweak their roster to add more big men and input a better defensive scheme.

Atlanta vs. Orlando: Atlanta is up 3-1.

How we got here: Atlanta has allowed Orlando's Dwight Howard to get his hands on the great effort. Dwight has averaged 33 points and 19 rebounds. Orlando's Jameer Nelson has averaged 18, but since he scored 28 points in one game that average is distorted; it means the rest of the games he averaged 10 points. The Hawks have had two 20 point scorers in every game except for game two, which they lost. The Hawks have two dynamic scorers, Joe Johnson and Jamal Crawford, who can create their own shots at any time. That's why the Hawks will win this series. Hawks in 5.

Memphis vs. San Antonio: Memphis is up

one else can be a hassle such as losing the remote or having bad television sharing manners like volume or channel changing. Monika Lemke, a gym user, also shares that sometimes when watching the community television, she views things that are disturbing and uncomfortable to watch.

Lemke does speculate that individual televisions would potentially make the communication issues between human beings worse by further cutting off the need to interact with other humans.

However, Dan Green points out that an unpleasant television viewing experience at the gym not only affects your mood, but also the quality of your workout. If everyone could enjoy what they wanted then they could focus more on getting healthy.

Lemke also was supportive of individual televi-

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How we got here: The Memphis Grizzlies "tanked" the last game of the season, not playing some of their starters to ensure they would play the Spurs. This move was widely viewed as dumb, but as they are now up 2-1 and dominating the Spurs in the point, it can be looked at as a pretty smart move. Manu Ginobili of the San Antonio Spurs didn't play game one due to injury; the Spurs looked lethargic and lost. Ginobili's return for game two helped energize the Spurs; he scored 17 points and they won. He couldn't help them score in game three though, so now the Spurs face a 2-1 hole. The three games have been decided by a combined 12 points, so it will probably be a long series. Grizzlies win in six.

Los Angeles vs. New Orleans: Series tied

How we got here: Chris Paul of the New Orleans Hornets has delivered two of the best performances of these young playoffs, defeating last year's champion Lakers on their own court in Game 1. He put up an astounding stat line of 27 points, 13 assists and 15 rebounds. Paul has had to carry the Hornets for long stretches and it's hard to believe he's able to carry the Hornets to four wins against the Lakers onslaught of talented big men. Pau Gasol has struggled with his offense throughout the series, and questions of his toughness are arising again. He seems to be reasserting himself and that will only help the Lakers make a deep playoff run. Lakers in 7.

Portland vs. Dallas series tied 2-2

How we got here: Dallas won the first two

games, with their big time scorer Dirk Nowitzki scoring over 30 points a game. In their loss, super-sub Jason Terry has averaged 30 points a game. The Mavericks have lost the last two games in Portland, including game four in which they were up by 23 halfway through the third quarter. Portland guard Brandon Roy, who had knee surgery this past off season and had been trying to regain his game all season, turned in a vintage Roy game by scoring 18 points in the fourth quarter of game four and willing Portland to win, tying the series at two. The Mavericks have won their two series at a combined 20 points, while Portland has won by a combined 7 points. Mavericks will have won by a combined 7 points, demmons, and finally fight off their playoff-choking demmons, and finally win a close series. Mavericks in seven.

Denver vs. Oklahoma City: Oklahoma up 3-0

How we got here: This series has had two close games and one blowout, with the blowout coming when the Denver Nuggets quite simply couldn't find the bottom of the net. The two close losses have been more telling. When the Thunder need a basket within two minutes remaining in a close game, Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook or Kevin Durant is taking that shot. The end of the game they are unsure who should take the final shot. Trading Carmelo Anthony for a bunch of solid role players was a good idea, but Anthony is one of the best end-of-game closers. This gaping flaw is showing up now, as Denver is struggling at the end of games. The Thunder will win this series next game. Thunder in four.



FAR LEFT AND MIDDLE: Senior members of the softball team smile for the camera
IMMEDIATE LEFT: Students practicing their long game in the 8 a.m. spring golf class.

The workout equipment at the Hanover YMCA. Avid gym member takes to the new technology advance!

Saying Goodbye to Seniors in the Newsroom

LAUREN MURRAY
Staff Reporter

The class of 2011 will be greatly missed by all of those who write and read the McDaniel Free Press. Each student has contributed so much to the paper throughout his or her years on the Hill.

The Free Press will be saying goodbye to the graduating students who plan on pursuing their dreams and changing the world after their McDaniel career.

Everyone has had their good and bad experiences on the Hill, making their years spent on campus unique.

Co-sports editor Nick Brunner, speaking about the things that he will miss about McDaniel, said "I had to pick just one thing, it would have to be hands down, all the wonderful people with whom I have been blessed to spend four great years with."

Although most of her experiences on the Hill have been enjoyable, Masha Makhyagina, writer of "Sex on the Hill,

will not miss "awful parking situation, drunkenness, hearing racial slurs being thrown around, a lack of vegetarian options for food, the focus on athletics over academics."

Many students are excited for their summer plans. Stuart Fischer, copyeditor, is looking forward to going to Bonanza this summer and also "delighting in the fact that I'm literally never going to write another essay."

Others, however, are embracing their education and continuing on past McDaniel.

"When fall rolls around I will embark on my journey through law school," said Brunner. "It will be a challenging few years but I know it will be worth it."

Makhyagina has ambitious plans as well. This summer she is working to expand the "GLSEN chapter (Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network), [begin] to examine grants to potentially establish a non-profit community center," and most importantly will "finally [be] getting sleep."

Editor-in-Chief Kim Williams has a summer job lined up, but is still "figuring out life plans."

Williams has dedicated four years to working with the Free Press, moving her way up from staff reporter to editor-in-chief.

"I believe Red Bull, rant sessions, extensive to-do lists, loud music and good friends can get you through almost anything," she says, great advice for any college student trying to balance everything that life on the Hill brings.

Senior Omar Brown has worked with the Free Press as a staff reporter and a photographer. Always present at events on campus with his camera, Brown says that something he will really miss is "getting wireless internet on my laptop sitting in a tree outside the library."

He loves making others feel involved on campus with his photos, but he wants everyone to know that "I have 122 locks on my head, I have names for each and every one of them, and only half of this sentence is true!"

It is this type of attitude that the Free Press will miss. Each senior is leaving their own legacy at McDaniel College, specifically in the hearts and minds of the Free Press staff.

Everyone will be missed, but always remembered in the newsroom.



LEFT: Kim Williams (right) and her roommate Cindy Sordo in Budapest, Hungary.



ABOVE: Omar Brown drumming in Red Square.

McDaniel Makes Memories Ben Andres

ELEC TRAINOR
Staff Reporter

Four seniors look back at their time at McDaniel, as well as look ahead to what is to come after graduation.

"What won't I miss about McDaniel?" asked Senior Nick Brunner as he reminisced about his time here on "The Hill." "Sleeping in before class, playing ball with the guys, goofing off in Rouze, Glar omelets on the early weekend afternoons, sneaking out to play nine before it gets dark, the list goes on and on."

For many McDaniel seniors, this will be the final semester here at college, and like Brunner, there will be much missed about their time here in Westminster. It's much more than just the breakfast, and the golf course. More importantly, it's the people they have met, and the friendships that they have established that will remain with them for the rest of their lives.

"(I will miss) the friends that I have developed, the adventures I've had here in my four years, and my experiences playing football with the guys," explains Larry Thomas.

Extra-curricular activities, classes, and great friendships are all part of the college life that most seniors are leaving behind.

"I will miss the people I met here, football, my Fraternity, and Arabic classes with Carol Zara," says Nick Bender. "My best McDaniel memory is with my Fraternity. Especially my entire sophomore year while we were all living together on the Phi Delt floor in ANW. We had the common room of our suite hooked up with a big screen TV, Christmas lights, posters and super smash bros on N64. Those were some great times."

And though many friendships and memories established here at McDaniel are likely to remain strong, many seniors have their sights set on the future, ready to start a new chapter of their lives.

For some such as Thomas, the job world awaits, getting accepted into internships across the nation. "I'm going to intern as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at a Nike Spqr training center in Massachusetts for the summer," says Thomas. "Then I'm going back home to coach high school football, and then I'll be leaving again next spring to make the career move from personal training to strength and conditioning."

Skyler Fultz also will be looking to continue his football career on the sideline, looking to further his education at Susquehanna University. "After graduation I will most likely be working as an Assistant Football Coach at Susquehanna," explained Fultz. "I will also be tak-

ing classes there to receive my teaching certificate for secondary education."

Further education also awaits Brunner, but not until after some well deserved rest and relaxation. "I plan to thoroughly enjoy my summer, spending a lot of time at the beach, fishing, hanging out with my friends, and traveling," Brunner says. "When fall rolls around, if all goes well, I will embark on my journey through law school."

Another route is joining the military, as Bender is expecting to do following graduation. "I plan on entering the Marines Corps as an Officer after I graduate," says Bender.

Before leaving McDaniel, these seniors want those underclassmen throughout the years to never miss out on some of the greatest things this college offers. "McDaniel students should not miss out on Glar sitting," says Fultz. "Some great times involve sitting with my friends for an hour or two at a time in Glar just talking about everything."

"Having experienced it both as a player and a spectator, there's just something about Saturday's in the fall at Bair Stadium," says Brunner. When all is said and done, there is only one thing Brunner would change about the school he's called home the past four years. He says, "Well, sometimes it rains."

GREGORY NOLEN
Staff Reporter

Major/Minor: Philosophy and History Double Major

Capstone project:

"Philosophy—an intellectual history and analysis of the justification of state authority. History—what the letters of Cicero reveal about Julius Caesar and the Roman Revolution."

Favorite classes/professors:

"My favorite professors were Dr. Upton in the history department and Dr. Bradley in philosophy. I enjoyed all of their classes, particularly Right vs. Left, The 1960s, Critical Thinking, and Anarchy, Authority, and Autonomy."

What he'll miss most:

"I will miss being in college and the friends and freedom that go along with that."

Plans for after graduation:

"I have not yet found a job for after graduation, although I hope to go to Law School before securing long-term employment."



Matt Dean

WARREN KRAFT
Staff Reporter



A ginger with a soul. It's strange to think such a thing is possible, but Matt Dean has disproved basic science by showing the McDaniel Community that he does, in fact, have a soul.

Matt Dean is a 21 year old senior, he is a Business Major and he is the starting fogo (face-off midfielder) for the McDaniel Men's Lacrosse team.

His hobbies include Sunday funday, refereeing intramural sports, and spending time with friends and family.

Matt is a huge McDaniel athletics fan and finds the time in his busy schedule to get out and watch both men's and women's sporting events here on campus.

If you are of age, you could have very well bought alcohol from Matt this year. Matt worked for College House Liquors throughout the fall and into the spring, but had to stop working because of his demanding lacrosse and academic schedule.

Matt is enjoying his remaining days here at McDaniel. He hopes to find a serious job by June 2011.

SCOTT WELKOS
Staff Reporter

Sunita Pathik

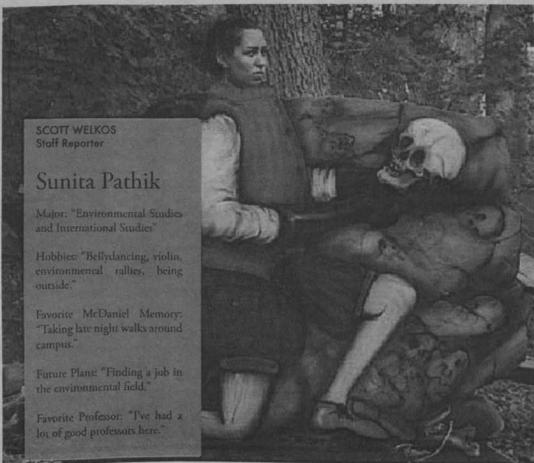
Major: Environmental Studies and International Studies

Hobbies: "Bellydancing, viola, environmental rallies, being outside."

Favourite McDaniel Memory: "Taking late night walks around campus."

Future Plans: "Finding a job in the environmental field."

Favourite Professor: "I've had a lot of good professors here."



Dan Alderman

WARREN KRAFT
Staff Reporter



a member of the McDaniel Men's Lacrosse Team.

Who the hell is Dan Alderman?

Dan Alderman is a 21 year old Senior here at McDaniel. He is an economic major with a minor in Arabic and

What many people don't know about Dan is that he was diagnosed with Blood

Cancer in 2008 and has made an astonishing recovery. He is back in the class room and out on the field showing great courage and tremendous drive.

Dan plans to cherish the time he has left at McDaniel and as a college student. In his own words, "I am going to run my own company in the future, which will take a lot of hard work and determination so I might as well just sit back and enjoy the rest of my time here at McDaniel."

One of Dan's favorite changes McDaniel has made since he has been a student here is Clar II. He said, "It is probably the hippest part of the school as of now, I just hope the stadium project turns out as nice as Clar II.

Natalie Fitzpatrick

LAUREN MURRAY
Staff Reporter



Natalie Fitzpatrick is a triple major, in Business Administration, Economics, and Accounting Economics. She plans on becoming an Admissions Counselor and pursuing her MBA.

Her favorite memories:

Freshman Year: "Attending my EYS Murder Mystery Dinner Party at Dr. Kachur's house alongside my friends Kimberly Williams and Kristin Behrle. We were all dressed up as witches, devils, and vampires. We enjoyed a great meal and discovered who the murderer was by a bonfire. (I was not the murderer in fact my character was the least likely to be the murderer)."

Sophomore Year: "Hanging out in the Forelines House the weekend before finals!"

Junior Year: "Living in the Outdoors Club House with my best friends. Also, Snowmageddon cancelled classes for a week so we could play in the snow and marathon Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings."

Senior Year: "The fun times in North Village and all the awesome clubrooms, as well as no classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday!"

Hannah Elovich

CHARLES MULLIN
Staff Reporter

What are your major(s) and minor(s)?
"My Major is Social Work."

Any extracurricular activities or volunteer work you have been or will be involved with?

"I am the President of the Student Alumni Council, Vice President of Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society, Founder and member of the Social Work Action Team, and former Volunteer at the Cold Weather Shelter and Boys and Girls club!"

What has been your favorite memory of senior year so far? "My favorite memory would probably be Homecoming because many of the alumni came back to visit!"

Any advice you could give to stu-



dents on how to spend their senior year?

"I would say to make sure you keep a good balance between school and play."

What do you have planned for after senior year?

"I am going off to the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice to pursue my Masters in Social Work!"

Rachel Smith Rocks

GREGORY NOLEN
Staff Reporter

Major/Minor:

"I designed a major in Classical Studies, and I minored in Art History and Medieval Studies (also self-designed)."

Capstone Project:

"My capstone project was a paper that was supposed to be only 30 pages but ended up 40. It had a lot of Latin in it."

Favorite Classes/Professors:

"My favorite professors are Drs. D. Ever-

gates and T. Evergates (History department), Dr. McKay (Art history), Dr. Feeley (History), and a professor who unfortunately left a couple years ago, Dr. Davis (English). I owe the most to Dr. Donna Evergates."

What she'll miss most:

"Friends, professors, and the squirrels."

Plans for after Graduation:

"I haven't scored a job yet, but I will probably be pursuing a Masters in Library Science at either University of Maryland or Catholic University."

Check Out TJ Willoughby

WARREN KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Are you a hot chick who goes to McDaniel? If you are, you probably know senior lacrosse player TJ Willoughby.

This stud studies hard and plays hard! He majors in Business Administration with a minor in Economics. He is an avid golfer, an amateur photographer, and enjoys playing the guitar.

In high school TJ was an incredible football quarterback, but towards the end of his senior year he decided to play college lacrosse, leaving football in the past.

That decision brought TJ to McDaniel where he has made quite a name for himself. He is an asset to the mens lacrosse team as well as a great friend to everyone on the team, and the many in the McDaniel community.

TJ spends every summer in Ocean City, Maryland with a few of his closest friends from McDaniel. Unfortunately, this past summer was his last stint of fun in the sun because after graduation TJ will be taking his first steps into the business world.



Meagan Elfert

KAITLYN VADENAIS
Staff Reporter



Major: Psychology

Favorite classes:
"Criminology and Behavioral Neuroscience."

Things you'll miss

most about McDaniel:
"Playing softball and doing spontaneous things with my roommates."

Plans after college:

"I'm doing the grad school program I Human Services Management and Special Education at McDaniel. It is school and an internship together."

Advice for the incoming freshman:

"Do as much as you can so that when you look back after 4 years you don't have regrets and wish you had done things differently."

What is the most random thing you'll have to get rid of when you move out?

"My sheets and memory foam because I don't plan on sleeping on a twin sized bed ever again."

Can you count the amount of all-nighter's you've pulled on one hand?

"Yes I can."

Brittany Jarboe

KAITLYN VADENAIS
Staff Reporter



Major: Business Minors: Spanish and Economics

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

"Well if the world doesn't end, married with a full-time marketing job, potentially living in New York City."

If you had to do it all again, what would you do differently?

"I wouldn't have had a boyfriend from home, I'd go out more on weeknights when I was stressing about homework, and I would have tried harder in my non-major classes my Freshman year."

What is your favorite late-night study food?

"Doritos and an iced coffee from WaWa."

What was your favorite experience at McDaniel?

"Going to away sporting events with my friends because I always have so much fun taking little road trips."

What song would describe your college years?

"You're Gonna Miss This - Trace Adkins"



Katie Horvath

Major: History, Minor: Spanish

Hobbies: Playing bass guitar, reading, spending time with friends

Favorite McDaniel Memory: Meeting lifelong friends and completing Senior Seminar

Future Plans: Finding a job and moving somewhere warmer

Favorite Professor: Bo Eckard

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Best Wishes Mike Monaco

CHARLES MULLIN
Staff Reporter

What are your major(s) and minor(s)?

"My major is Psychology, and I have two minors: one in Music and another in Women's Studies."

Any extracurricular Activities or Volunteer Work you are involved in or will be?

"I'm currently involved with the radio station (WMCB) and Women's Issues Group, as well as serving as co-president of the McDaniel chapter of Psi Chi. I'm also involved with Beta Alpha Chi, the McDaniel Music Honor Society."

What has been your favorite memory of senior year so far?

"My favorite memory from senior year was having friends over my apartment for a holiday potluck."

My favorite senior year related memory was probably getting my senior capstone approved by the institutional review board, since it was good to get that out of my hair."

Any advice for students on how to spend their senior year?

"I'd say that the best advice I can give is to not stress out over it too much. It'll be over soon enough, and if you know how to pick your battles, it'll go by with relatively few headaches."



What do you have planned for after senior year?

"I'm currently looking for work as a research assistant and applying to graduate schools for research psychology."

Five Fun Things to Know About Rebecca Tilyou

GREGORY NOLEN
Staff Reporter



Major/Minor:
Psychology

Capstone Project:
"I'm doing an independent study investigating the relationship between reckless

behavior and religiosity in college students."

Favorite Classes/Professors:

"The Transition to Adulthood, my FYS class with Dr. Madsen, was one of my favorites! I also really enjoyed taking Abnormal psychology with Dr. Chalk."

What she will miss most:

"I'll miss living with my closest friends and being involved in the community at St. John's Catholic Church."

Plans for After Graduation:

"I've been hired as a missionary for the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). I'll be doing evangelization work on a college campus, leading Bible studies and mentoring students one-on-one."

Facts On Catherine Szczybor

GREGORY NOLEN
Staff Reporter

Major/Minor: Communication and Sociology Double Major

Capstone Project:

"My Communication capstone is about how young adults use text messaging. My Sociology capstone from last semester was about the connection between Facebook use, social support, and campus involvement."

Favorite Classes/Professors:

"My two favorite professors are Dr. Raley from the Sociology department and Dr. Trader from the Communication department. Some of my favorite classes have been Sociology of Sexuality with Dr. Raley, Zimbabwe: From the Ground Up JanTerm with Dr. Johnson-Ross, and European Film Art on the Budapest campus."

What she'll miss most:

"I will miss the wonderful fall and spring days in Red Square when everyone would come outside, lounge in the sun, play music, and discuss classes. I will miss those days spent in old Glar when my friends and I would sit in the dark porch hollering about dream interpretation and discussing having our own talk show. I will miss the professors that helped me to think broadly and critically about the world around me. They help to make a tiny campus in the far reaches of the suburbs a place where we can learn to care about the world."

Plans for after graduation:

"I have not gotten a "real" job yet. I'm looking into possible leads in urban planning, community building, or humanitarian aid."



Meg Ballardarsch

YICHONG LI
Staff Reporter

Major: Art History
Minor: Studio Art

Capstone projects:
"The Spiritual Sculpture of Gian Lorenzo Bernini and His Own Spirituality."

Favorite classes and/or prof.:

"Dr. Susan C. Scott (My Advisor and mentor my 5 years at McDaniel College) Favorite Classes: Any Art History class."



The thing you'd miss the most:

"The day to day routine and experiences I had at McDaniel. I would miss friends and faculty alike... just the general atmosphere McDaniel College offers."

Upcoming plans:

"To intern at an art museum, or get a job, or relax, or... just see where my life takes me. I will plan, and let God and life do the rest."

One thing you absolutely should know about you!

"I consider my day incomplete if I haven't smiled. :) I also trust God with all of my heart. I am also very excited to see where my life and everyone else's life takes them!

I wish all of my fellow graduates good wishes in all that they do! Whooooo Hooooo to class of 2011!"

Rachel Smiroldo

LIZ MIRIZIO
Staff Reporter

Major/Minor: Sociology

Capstone projects:

"Academic Stress on College Students"

Favorite classes/professors:

"Josh Baron, Dr. Raley- Gender and Society, Sociology of Criminal Justice System- Dr. Dundes."

One cool change he/she was happy to see/one change he/she'd still like to see:

"Likes- Glar redo Dislike- Wishes that the changes would have happened when she was here/ would be here."

The thing you will miss most about McDaniel:

"My sisters."

Cool jobs people have scored:

"A job with the AAMP or American Association of Physicians in



Rachel poses for a picture in her room before the semi-formal for Phi Mu. The sisters all get ready on the floor together and take pictures with each other and their dates.

Mary Crocamo

GREGORY NOLEN
Staff Reporter

Major/Minor: Graphic Design and Psychology, with a minor in Art History

Capstone projects:

"For art, I was in the Honors Show, Piece it Together, and in the Graphically Speaking show in May. For Psychology, I'm finishing an independent study on cross sex friendships and romantic relationships."

Favorite Classes/Professors:

"I love taking gym classes here. I especially liked archery, floor hockey, and yoga classes. I also love taking drawing classes with Katya and art history with Grey."

What she will miss most:

"Definitely all the friends I have made. I will miss being able to see so many people I know and love just by walking out my door."

After-Graduation Plans:

"I'll actually be doing graphic and web design for a wine importer and distributor. I'm looking forward to it."



Williams Wonders the World By Shaving Head



YICHONG LI
Staff Reporter

Major/Minor:
Dual English/Theatre major

Capstone project:
"Doing a theatre capstone - Applying improvisation to 'Theatrical Techniques of Epic Theatre by Bertolt Brecht and Theatre of the Oppressed by Augusto Boal to Achieve Audience Alienation Effect (long title, sorry!)"

Favorite classes and/or professor:
"My favorite classes have been Shakespeare, Renaissance Lit (w/ Dr. Panek), Modern Acting Styles (w/ Ron Miller)

Left: Julia Williams with her shaved head for her role in "Wonder of the World."

and Realism in Performance (w/ Elizabeth van den Berg for "A Doll's House")."

One cool change you'd like to see happen (at this college):
"I'd really like to see people figure out how to responsibly make memes."

The thing you'll miss the most:
"I'll miss hanging out with my friends around campus/Westminster a lot."

Upcoming plans:
"Hopefully get a job and an apartment!"

One thing we absolutely should know about you!: "I shaved my head for "Wonder of the World (Nov. 2010). I feel pretty dedicated to my craft."

Right: Julia's hair growing back in.



Track Star Races Towards Future in Medicine

LAUREN MURRAY
Staff Reporter

Emily Peoples, girl's track and field captain, has enjoyed her time here at McDaniel.

Along with demanding practices and meet schedules, Emily has been successful in her studies and plans to pursue a career in the medical field, saying "After graduation I'll be applying to

medical school for a fall 2011 start. During my year off I'll be working and gaining experience in the hospital setting."

Her seasons of track and field have been enjoyable, with her personal record set during the 2011 indoor track season. Peoples' ran her 5k race in 19:07 by hitting her "lap splits and racing aggressively."

Emily's favorite memories include "acting silly with teammates during the long day

meets."

Her running career will not stop after this season. Emily says she is planning on competing in marathons and triathlons and "possibly even longer distances." Her love of the sport will keep her going, and she hopes to "continue running for as long as [she] physically can."



Emily Peoples smiles for the camera.

Cindy Sordo Communicates a Fond Farewell



YICHONG LI
Staff Reporter

Major/Minor:
"Communication major, psychology minor."

Capstone projects:
"Two-part study on "Effective Communication Strategies in Persuading Condom Use." Basically, I compared people's safe sex knowledge to their safe sex habits, then found out what were the most effective and least effective things people said or did nonverbally in order to get their partner to use a condom during sex."

Favorite classes and/or profs:
"Professors: Dr. Trader, Gene Fouche, Madame Couti. Classes: Improvisation; Sex, Safety, and Communication; Salsa Dancing (Budapest)."

One cool change you'd like to see happen (at this college):
"We were actually talking about this in class the other day, and we thought of the school providing buses on weekend nights to Baltimore and DC for undergrads to enjoy the nightlife in a bigger and better city. Also, free laundry!"

The thing you'd miss the most:
"My friends of course, and some really awesome professors. I think I'll also miss the familiar sound of the bell ringing every 15 minutes."

Upcoming plans:
"I plan on becoming a sex therapist. I am still in the process of applying to graduate schools in counseling and human sexuality in Los Angeles and San Francisco."

One thing we absolutely should know about you!:
"Two things that make me the happiest: taking baths and falling asleep to old school cartoons."



Left: Cindy enjoying a glass of wine in Italy.

Above: Cindy on a bridge overlooking the Danube in Budapest, Hungary.

Jake Friedman Ruminates on Past and Future

YICHONG LI
Staff Reporter



TEAL KOCH

Major/Minors: "English and Philosophy (double major; minors crossed) with a minor in Arabic."

Capstone projects: "For my English thesis I did a really deep structural analysis of David Foster Wallace's 'Infinite Jest' (which is like 1086 pages long and monstrous) called 'The Ghost' where I argued something like the narrator is the kid's dead father or whatever, and then used that to talk about DFW's aesthetics and how he was trying to get past postmodernism, and then a little bit on the ethics of literature in the 21st century. Which is cool if you read the book and are into writing/literature, but a lot of people haven't read it."

My philosophy thesis is called "It's Cool to Be Diffiant: Contemporary Hipsters, Consumer

Society, and Postmodernism" (Diffiant is an allusion to this French philosopher named Jacques Derrida) that I'm desperately trying to make more relevant accessible. Basically, I'm doing an anthropological study of hipsters (kids who smoke cigarettes and wear skinny jeans etc) looking at how they represent or personify American culture in the 21st century. Which sounds boujee but is really interesting.

It's basically trying to argue that it's weird and difficult to make art, is intellectual, and pro-test political systems in this country."

Favorite classes and/or profs:

"Dr. Gregory Alles (Religious Studies), who I had a directed readings with second semester freshman year that was really engaging and who also turned me on to a lot of knowledge (Weber, Durkheim etc); Dr. Mary Bendel-Simso, my English advisor (and thesis as well), who I took a class called Growing up in America with second semester junior year and let me go ape-shit on papers and discussions, not to mention smiling patiently when I would talk about my thesis.

Dr. Kathryn Dobson (English), who is just really smart and runs a damned fine class (Rhetorical Approaches to Non-Fiction); and most of all Dr. Peter Bradley, who I took most of my phi-

losophy classes with and gave me (and a few other students who have graduated: Lin Sun Oo, Fidan, and Devon Brackbill) a lot of readings on the liberal arts second semester sophomore year when I was really frustrated with McDaniel that helped me understand things better, and he's got an inspiring moral passion for education, also turned me on to a lot of knowledge, and basically made me smarter than when I came in here."

One cool change you'd like to see happen (at this college):

"I'd like to see the campus take a renewed, public focus on the liberal arts. As opposed to, say, the McDaniel Swaggar campaign. I don't think we think about why this whole thing matters so much. I think we would have a stronger community if we did, blah blah blah, I've been saying this for a year."

The thing you'd miss the most:

"The potential, I think. Like I was just starting to figure out how to do cool improv-type things on campus (Bomb the Music Industry, etc.) and how easy it really is if you have the slightest bit of initiative. I felt like I was building something (a community, a home) and I'm leaving it unfinished."

Upcoming plans:

"Move to Phoenix, AZ with my two close friends who are dating (Matt + Danni) because I'm not doing anything else. Write mediocre poetry or prose. Find job in community organizing or helping people. Go to grad school if bored. Have a life."

One thing we absolutely should know about you!:

Uhm. I'm shy crazy and awkward? I don't know. I like candy corn."



LEFT: Jake performing at Cocktales 2011. ABOVE: Jake raising the roof at Hope Diamond.

Laura's Transformation

KRYSTINA SHULTZ
Staff Reporter

Freshman Laura Thompson:

"Sometimes I look back on my freshman self and cringe, because I recently realized that I was probably a bit more cocky than I had any right to be."

"I think I was feeling a bit egotistical about



my achievements..."

"I remember thinking I was really cool freshman year, which is a bit embarrassing."

"In class...I was REALLY quiet, said nary a word."

"I also thought I was really well-traveled and considered myself 'globally aware.'"

Senior Laura:

She's no longer egotistical, saying "I think I was pretty much out of that phase by the time sophomore year started." She participates more in class.

She feels she is much closer to being globally aware now than she was in 2007. Why?

"I lived in Costa Rica for six months last year, which ended up being more of an eye-opening experience than I primarily expected. I think I only anticipated experiencing external change (languages, scenery, culture), but what really threw me for a loop was how much I changed as a result of my experience there."

"I'm moving back here after graduation to pursue a year-long teaching contract, so something must have clicked for me there!"

What hasn't changed?

"I still stay up way too late, consume copious amounts of caffeine, spend too much time messing around online and am perpetually late for most things."

Masha Moves On Early

JACOB SIEGEL
Staff Reporter

Masha Makhyagina is actually a graduating junior, and will be missed when she leaves.

Name: Mariya "Masha" Makhyagina

Major: Psychology

In your time here how would you say that you've spent your most time doing?

"I have spent an enormous amount of time in class, it seems. Not sure why, haha. And stressing out. But no, in all seriousness, my three years here have been spent debating with my peers and my professors and learning from unexpected mentors. And doing immense amounts of what I lovingly call "gay shit," AKA attempting to extend the presence of LGBTQ+ individuals on McDaniel's campus and in the surrounding community."

Do you think that you've spent your time well at McDaniel college or that you've wasted a lot of time?

"Both. I feel that I wasted a good amount of time finding my niche. I wish that I had seen that I'm good at leadership and advocacy earlier on because once I embraced it, schoolwork became secondary. So once I found the support network that suited me, I feel that my time has been well used. I wish I had accepted that social justice advocacy suits my personality better than just being a nerdy student."

As a graduating junior, how do you feel about graduating one year early?

"I feel that I am not ready to graduate! There's still so much I would love to do here at McDaniel, but I don't mean academically. There is a lot of social change that still needs to be implemented here and I would love to stick around to help that happen. I'm sad that my undergrad education literally flew by, but so for the people... those who really mean something will be in my life after I graduate."

What impact do you hope to have had on McDaniel college as you leave? What is the one thing that you hope that people will remember you like when you go?

"I hope people will be more aware of Allies and see my work with that group. But to be realistic, most people who have come in contact with me will just remember me as being abrasive, but that's that. I hope I've challenged people while I've been here in some way."

What things do you wish that people would pay attention more to around McDaniel?

"EVERYTHING! The majority of people on this campus are consciously making decisions to be blind to how they need to get involved here in various social justice causes, such as addressing race or the sexual harassment that is prevalent here. I wish people would do the simple, radical act of having a conversation with someone on a difficult topic. It might feel awkward at first, but we can only change the world if people leap out their comfort zones."

Do you feel that this college has been everything that you expected it to be?

"I didn't have any expectations coming in, honestly. Or maybe my expectations were that I would be in and out, with a degree, without making any real ties to the school. Unfortunately, I think I caught the bug and now envision giving back to the community here in my future. Not sure how the heck this school managed sneaking into my psyche like that, but those are some sneaky tactics."

What is your opinion of the McDaniel community?

"I have high regards for the community. We're a close-knit unit, looking out for one another's plights...at least when it's really necessary."

What kinds of things do you like to do for fun?

"Fun! I'm an eighty-year-old woman trapped in a twenty-year-old body. Sleep is fun!"

What clubs are you involved in?

"I am the co-president of Allies, McDaniel's GSA and the secretary of Women's Issues Group. I consider myself a supporter of Environmental Action Group, Black Student Union, and the Hispanic-Latino Alliance, but I have been horrible about attending meetings. I am a co-president of the Psychology honor society, Psi Chi. I am also a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Kappa Delta, Pi Gamma Mu, and the McDaniel Trumpeters. Oh and I also write for Sex on the Hill for the Free Press."

How would you rate your overall experience on a scale of 1-10?

"My overall experience? I'd say an 8.5."

Do you have any advice for new students?

"GET INVOLVED. GO TO EVERYTHING. MEET EVERYONE."

Ryan Hahn Rules

JACOB SIEGEL
Staff Reporter

Ryan Hahn is an exercise science major and a peer mentor at McDaniel College.

When you first came here what was going through your head as you were all getting used to McDaniel? Has college lived up to your expectations?

"I was worried that I wouldn't be able to meet people and become friends. But from the first class I took here to my last one people have been the nicest I have ever seen!"

How did you find the social life here?

"I feel like my social life here at McDaniel has grown. I have met alot of people also. I've become with alot of people also. It's a great place to be your self!"

What kinds of things are you interested in?

"I love Baseball (Go Sox). I also like to play golf. I really enjoy working with kids either with sports or at my church that I attend. I also like to cook and garden!"

What do you like to do when you hang

around friends?

"When hanging out with friends I enjoy going to sporting events, playing golf or baseball, or just going out to eat and having a good time."

How did you get interested in exercise science? Do you have other academic interests outside of your major?

"I chose exercise science because what better major is there when you can go to a school and work with students and play and teach them sports all day! It is so much fun. I love working with students with special needs and helping them in there learning process."

What video games do you like?

"I like most video games. However Madden online is my favorite."

What is the one thing that you will want people to remember you by as you graduate?

"That guy that really listens to people when they talk!"

What kind of advice would you have for people who are coming to or are still at McDaniel?

"Take advantage of all that McDaniel has to offer from clubs to interacting with the professors!"

Jeneice Shaw Soon to Join M.A. Program

CHARLES MULLIN
Staff Reporter

Majors: Psychology and Women's Studies
Minor: Spanish

Any extracurricular activities or volunteer work you were involved with?

"I have been involved with Women's Issues Group since my first year and have been a president and secretary. I have also acted in the Vagina Monologues since my first year, directing my senior year. I am involved with Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County and interned there past fall. I am also a member of Honors, College Choir, and Madrigal Singers."

What has been your favorite memory of senior year so far?

"My favorite memory from my senior year thus far was the final



night of The Vagina Monologues. It was amazing to realize how much support we had. Counting up the money we

made was gratifying. We raised over \$4000 for three phenomenal causes and it was such a wonderful feeling knowing that we made such a small difference in some people's lives. And the after party wasn't bad either."

Any advice you could give to students on how to spend their senior year?

"Try and balance work and play. You'll probably have a ton of work to do your senior year, so try and get it out of the way so you can enjoy your time with friends more."

And spend as much time with your friends as possible, because you'll never have an opportunity to goof like this ever again."

What do you have planned for after senior year?

"This fall I'll be attending Ball State University's Clinical Psychology M.A. program in Muncie, Indiana."

Congrats CJ Naper

LAUREN MURRAY
Staff Reporter



Senior track captain CJ Naper has only seen improvements in his races since the 2010 season when he finished the 1500 races with a 4:01.98.

He plans to attend McDaniel in the fall to pursue his Masters degree in education.

CJ also plans to be a graduate assistant to track and field coach Doug Renner. About running in the future, CJ said "Well I [will] still have eligibility in track, so I'm hoping to be able to run again next year." He hopes to improve his times in the 1500 and the 800 race.

Aside from graduate school and track practice, CJ will "probably run a few 10ks then start running marathons again" in order to improve his marathon pr.

The track team wishes CJ luck in his season next year and with his studies as well.

Bolesta Discusses the Best and Worst of Classes

KRYSTINA SHULTZ
Staff Reporter

After four years of experience, Chris Bolesta can certainly claim to be an expert on classes that are the worst of the worst and the best of the best. According to Chris, there are two classroom settings to avoid.

First are the classes where professors lecture for the majority of class, which he finds monotonous and in which he has difficulty retaining information.

The second classroom of doom is one where the professor is very disorganized in his or her techniques, "...it made me feel like if they weren't taking the course seriously enough neither should I." Monkey-see, monkey-do, professors flop, students too.

On the other hand are the best classes, which Chris explained as having professors who are engaging, intellectually challenging and encouraging of class discussion. Yes, two big thumbs up!

Keep your eyes peeled for these amazing professors who really make the class incredible.

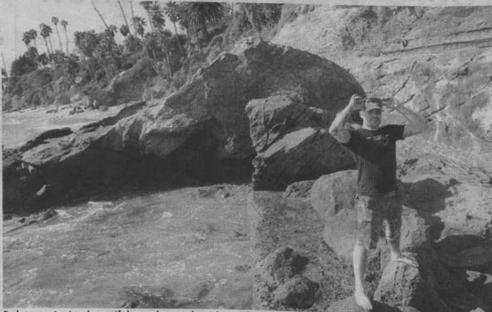
Chris' favorite classes include history courses with Donna and Teddy Evergates, english courses with Robert Kachur or Leory Panek and rappelling with Oloh.

"Professors like Donna Evergates, Bryn Upton, and Robert Kachur really challenged me to actually think about the information we studied and to examine it from multiple perspectives.

It made me actually learn information, in addition to gaining a lot of insight into how other people processed the same information."

Among such amazing professors, Chris named Donna Evergates as his favorite professor, "by far." "She's helped me out so much. Whether writing a paper, or just for some moral support, she's made herself available for me."

Kudos to Donna Evergates for putting such a spark into Chris who will surely continue drawing upon the magic of learning for the rest of his life.



Bolesta enjoying beautiful weather at the tide pools in Laguna Beach, CA during his Spring Break

Senior Ready to Graduate but Planning to Visit

JACOB SIEGEL
Staff Reporter

Chrisa Veronica Philippopoulos is a unique and energetic senior who loves the Disney Channel and is always supportive of her friends.

Major: Psych
Minor: French

What kinds of things were you involved at McDaniel?
"I've attended some SASS club events and several CCM events."

In one word how would you describe yourself?
"Different."

What kinds of music and movies do you like?
"I love Celine Dion, and generally, pop music. I like movies that are sweet, funny, or that make you think."

Academically, how would you feel that you would rate this college?
"I feel that this college is a good learning environment. One that promotes discussions and

welcoming of new ideas. I feel like more of the learning comes from class discussion than from books."

Has this college been everything you expected?
"This college has been great for me. I didn't come in with any real expectation, other than receiving support, of which I received a lot (counseling, tutoring, etc.)"

How would you rate your social life?
"My social life is mild, but satisfactory for me. My party life: non-existent."

Are there things that you feel have been left undone with your time here?
"Nothing major I wanted to do but didn't."

How do you want people to remember you by if you were to leave tomorrow?
"As unique, a bit odd, but kind and caring and sincere."

How does it feel to be graduating? Are you glad to be done with McDaniel College?
"Graduating feels just right, totally normal, the time is right and I'm completely ready to be done with school work. I will, however, come back here to visit when I can, because this is my home."

Danny Hughes Offers Sage College Advice to Students of Pat Johnson

KRYSTINA SHULTZ
Staff Reporter



Everyone needs some guidance now and then, and Danny Hughes has some insightful advice for surviving McDaniel College, starting with freshmen.

So, listen up all of you freshmen, trying to finish out the last days of your first year. Danny certainly understands how difficult it is to be a freshman. "As a freshman, I was always trying to prove myself and define who I was, now I understand that none of that really matters."

He encourages everyone to, "do what you need to do, be there for people, and the rest will follow."

For all of the students finish-

ing up with classes and staring at new, interesting, difficult, mind-blowing, and potentially death-defying classes, Danny suggests, "In classes: participate. It's your education, grab it by the horns."

Ride that bull! Step into the role of a classic cowboy and follow Danny's advice to avoid getting bucked off.

"Avoid that college attitude of not reading and 'somebody else will participate,'" he says, grasping a road block that his many students with more articles and chapters to read than they ever have in their entire lives.

"Do what you have to do, and encourage others to do the same," sound advice from this wise senior about to graduate from college.

As a final piece of advice, Danny, who has been involved with student teaching, told of a speaker who came to speak with the middle schoolers "about being the voice and not the echo."

Inspired by the speaker, Danny said, "In a time where our campus seems to feel the need to cyber bully and put people down, I just would simply encourage people to be the voice. Say 'hi' to people on campus, ask people about their day, and genuinely care about other people. Be the voice, not the echo."



KRYSTINA SHULTZ
Staff Reporter

Senior Pat Johnson is a political science major with an international concentration and minors in Spanish, Arabic and cross-cultural studies.

Incorporating all of his knowledge from his classes, Pat's capstone evaluates political motivations for Hindu-Muslim riots in Gujarat, India in 2002.

"I looked at how the religious/nationalistic roots of the party in power in the state coupled with the local political system to make the riots worse, and how that was perceived to be a politically expedient at the time."

In the future, Pat will be taking his college graduated self off to work in Colorado for the summer.

"After that, I hope to find work somewhere. We'll see."

Wherever he ends up, McDaniel College wishes Pat "Good Luck!"

Ross Avery Reveals Details Before Riding Off

JACOB SIEGEL
Staff Reporter

When you first came to McDaniel college what were your expectations coming in?

"I thought it was going to be really hard, based on all the hype about college in high school. The fear tactics they used in college were really scary at the time. Like, this one huge, colossal test (the SAT) was what determined the rest of your life."

So I guess you could say when I got to college and I realized I could sleep in until 10 or 11 a.m., it was definitely a pleasant surprise."

How have you found the social life at McDaniel college?

"The social life is definitely got better, due to the free game room (The Rec Lounge), because before that existed, there really wasn't a place specifically for hanging out. A lot of new students might not know that before this year, nothing in the game room was free.

Next steps in my opinion should be free color

printing and laundry."

What sorts of movies are you interested in?

"I love and breathe Spaghetti Westerns. Spaghetti Westerns are Italian Westerns (cowboy movies). The difference between American and Spaghetti Westerns is huge.

Spaghetti Westerns are like traditional American Westerns on crack; they use wild and often wacky camera work and color effects, and the actors all do these crazy stunts (like falling off of a building or out of a tree). And the violence! The violence is ridiculous. Lots and lots and lots of violence. My favorite character is Sartana. He was modeled after James Bond."

What kind of music do you like to listen to?

"My favorite artists are the ones who created the soundtracks for Spaghetti Westerns, and my favorite is Vasco & Mancuso. Youtube "Sono Sartana Il Vostro Becchino" to get a taste."

If you would describe yourself in one word how would you describe yourself?

"This one's tough, but I'll do it. One word you say? Wrangler.

A Wrangler is someone who does whatever they want, whenever they want, regardless of what society deems out of bounds or inappropriate. However, the Wrangler always has a strict code of ethics and honor. Essentially, the Wrangler lives by their own rules.

Now obviously I'm not a full-on Wrangler just yet, but I'm working 'on it. Currently I still have to answer to a few people (my professors, all of which I have nothing but respect and admiration for), which kind of contradicts the way of the Wrangler. But one glorious day..."

How would you reflect on your time here?

"I see myself as Pac Man. Pac Man just keeps eating the dots and avoids being eaten by predators, and I'm just doin' the same thing."

What do you plan to do with the rest of your time here?

"Finish all of my assignments to the fullest degree of perfection that I can. I'd also like to organize a few Spaghetti Western movie nights. Oh, and of course, to graduate!"

What sorts of clubs have you gotten involved in when you've been at McDaniel college?

"I'm the Treasurer of the McDaniel Libertarian Society. That's about it."

How do you want students to remember you?

"The dude with the pancho."

Do you have any advice to McDaniel students?

"Make a few really close friends, but don't be everybody's friend."



The Funpartment Five



The Funpartment Five

TEAL KOCH
Staff Reporter

Mike Pfeiffer
Major: Communication
Minor: Cinema

McDaniel Accomplishments:
"I'm most proud of the time I got the plug pulled on me by campus safety while wearing a unitard and singing for Turdie Buddy."

Future Job:
"Hopefully I'll be a production assistant on a reality show over the summer! Teen mom 4ever!"

McDaniel Moment:
"One time my RA walked in on me masturbating"

because she didn't think to knock like a normal person. If you can't print that, then say that I've been laughing nonstop for 4 years due to a combination of witty company and crippling nerve disease."

Shoutouts to:
"The whole comm department, but especially Slade for expert advising and inspiration, Brett for a Baller scriptwriting class, and Trader for helping me every step of the way through senior sem.
I'd like to shout out to Dave, Brady, Mike, and Zander that we're out of soda and somebody should go get soda. And to Lucas, to ask if he's mad at me. And of course, Ghostworld.
I'm going to miss the people the most. This campus is great, but what kept me here for four years is the people."

Elyse Sparks

LIZ MIRIZIO
Staff Reporter

Major/Minor: History and Secondary Education

Capstone projects:
"The UN's failure to respond to Genocide in Rwanda."

Favorite classes/professors:
"Asian history classes- Qin Fang and classes with Dr. Upton."

One cool change you were happy to see/one change you'd still like to see:
"Like: Healthily food options, The Green Terrace Dislike: Paying for laundry, I recommend a decreased price."

The thing you will miss most about McDaniel:
"Having friends near me."

Cool job you have scored:
"Interviewing for a teacher position."



Elyse (third to the right) and her best friends/sorority sisters. They have been friends since the beginning of freshman year and the end is soittersweet.

Carly Dubick

AMANDA SMID
LIZ MIRIZIO
Staff Reporter

Major/ Minor: Psychology/ Sociology

Capstone Project: Literature review on Gender Identity Disorder and the effects of listing it as a mental disorder

What will you miss the most? "I will miss my friends and sisters of Phi Mu the most, and weekends campus :)"

What are your plans for the future? "I am going to be living in Westminster in a house with adults with disabilities, through Target Community & Educational Services where I will be working, and going to grad school here (McDaniel) for school counseling!"

Favorite classes: "Sociology of Sexuality and Social Psychology"

A change you've enjoyed seeing on campus/ a change you would like to see: "Seeing all of the renovations such as Glax has been cool, and I would like to see all of the changes to Greek life since so many have already been made."

Favorite thing about McDaniel: How small of a school it is (which sometimes is my least favorite thing haha.)"

Zander Roell

Major: Sociology

McDaniel Moments:

"Boomstick. Zander's Room Parties. Choices 2010. The Children's Shows. The taking of the umbrella. Everything else I got away with that I probably shouldn't have."

Shoutouts to:

"'61, The Girlpartment, The Funpartment and its shadow roommates, and The Guild. I am going to miss my friends here sooooo much. They are like family to me."

Dave Arnold

Major: History
Minor : Acting and German

McDaniel Moments:

"I was really proud when I printed out the final copy of my senior sem."

Also never having been caught with alcohol by camp!

My best experience at McDaniel was probably in my first two years here, getting to know everybody and having insane adventures. Just saying, there was a large umbrella taken from safety and put on the McDaniel bell."

Mike Mandel

Major: Psychology
Minor: Sociology

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McDaniel Accomplishments:

"Becoming a Peer mentor, Cocktales and Tales from the Clit performances."

Future Job:

"Working as a mentor at the Academy at Swift River, a therapeutic boarding school program for troubled teenagers in Massachusetts."

McDaniel Moments:

"Getting caught on the roof of Rouzer, Adventure time to Rehobeth Beach, Lucas attempts rapdancing, The birth of ROCK STEADY."

Shoutouts to:

"The Funpartment (Mike, Dave, Zander and Brady), Alpha Sigma Phi, Dr. Raley and Cocktales, the entire Psych Department especially Dr. Morris, the BEACH HOUSE crew, and the wonderful ladies of Phi Alpha Mu. I will miss the people. Beautiful days where everyone is outside, The Funpartment, Spring Fling."

Brady Eisenburg

Major: Theater Minor: Computer Science

McDaniel Moment:

"I really want't until senior year that I started getting the roles I really wanted in shows, but this year I got essentially every role I tried out for, and I think it really shows that my hard work definitely payed off."

Embarrassing Moment:

"When we did Snow White a couple of years ago. I went on stage without pants one night."

Shoutouts to: "First and foremost, to FUNPARTMENT '97 (we should never have stopped calling it that) and the Blogpartment. Julia Williams, Britt Burr, Nina Minadakis, Maggie Powell, Jenn Lichtman, Sydney Thro, Caitie Brennan, and Cindy Sordo."

Kudos Kim Kalinyak

LIZ MIRIZIO
Staff Reporter

Major/Minor: Sociology

Capstone projects:
"Greek vs Nongreek campus involvement and GPA."

Favorite classes/professors:
"Prof Raley, Ricky Rose, ASL classes."

One cool change you were happy to see/one change you'd still like to see:
"Seeing Greek life double in percentage. Dislike: McDaniel always making update promises they were slow to keep."

The thing you will miss most about McDaniel:
"Ability to have everyone I care about in one location and to feel at home."

Cool job you've scored:
"Got interviews at St Judes and back home."



Carly in Nassau Bahamas swimming with the dolphins.

LISA VASAPOLLO

Staff Reporter

Caitlin Brennan

Major: In communication with a minor in Film/Videography
 A change she was happy to see was the change in presidents because she believes that Dr. Casey has done and will continue to do great things for McDaniel.
 A change Caitie would like to see is the most plan options changed. She thinks that students should be able to have a better and greater variety of food options in all the food establishments on campus.

What Caitie will miss most about McDaniel is the community. She does not care what anyone else says, the friends she has made here have become her family and she doesn't know where she would be without them today.

Involved with International Club is the secretary of Alpha Psi Omega, and is part of the film and cinema club.

After graduation, Caitie plans on moving home for the summer to work and planning her next step. She hopes to move out West to Colorado for the Telluride Film Festival and be involved in anything else film like that she may be able to do.

In 5 years Caitie sees herself out of graduate school, ideally with a masters in Film, Editing/Production and working for a small company on either the East or West coast. Her dream job would be to have a film/television set or company, or work behind the camera and maybe even direct someday.

LISA VASAPOLLO

Staff Reporter

STEVEN GARNEY

DOUBLE MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND SOCIOLOGY WITH A SPECIALIZATION IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

A CHANGE STEVEN WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS A STRONGER SENSE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOP AT MCDANIEL. STEVEN FEELS MCDANIEL DOESN'T HAVE MANY TRADITIONS AND BELIEVES THAT EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO CREATE SOME LONG-LASTING TRADITIONS THAT CAN BE PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE STUDENTS OF MCDANIEL.

STEVEN WILL MISS THE PEOPLE OF MCDANIEL. HE HAS MET SOME GREAT INDIVIDUALS HERE THAT HE WILL NEVER FORGET.

INVOLVED WITH COMMUTER STUDENT ASSOCIATION, ALPHA PHI OMEGA, TRUMPETERS, OMEGON DELTA KAPPA, ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA, AND ALPHA KAPPA DELTA

AFTER GRADUATION, STEVEN PLANS TO WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT FOR A SECURITY AGENCY

IN FIVE YEARS, STEVEN WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A STABLE JOB AND BE SETTLED INTO A HOUSE SOMEWHERE.

Christina Paluskiewicz

AMANDA SMID

Staff Reporter

Major/Minor:

"I am a double major in biology and psychology."

Favorite class/professor:

"There's a definite tie between Dr. Paquin and Dr. Mazureff for my favorite professors on campus. Dr. Paquin is very very tough, but by being in this way she makes sure that you are actually learning something meaningful! Dr. Mazureff has been such a constant support over the past 4 years, and has truly helped me find my place on campus. I don't think I would have made it without him."

A change you enjoyed seeing on campus OR a change you would like to see on campus:

"Being able to see the finished version of Glar was awesome. I can only imagine the things that will continue to change in the future. It's great to see such positive upgrades coming under the direction of Dr. Casey, and being able to enjoy them a little before graduating."

What will you miss?

"McDaniel has become home over the past 4 years, and I will definitely miss the close knit

community that I am leaving behind. Phi Mu has become such an integral part of my college experience. Not being back with everyone in the fall will be a very difficult adjustment.

Have you gotten a job yet?:

"I will be working at my summer internship for the next year while I wait on medical school applications to be processed."



Amanda Smid Answers Some Quick Questions

AMANDA SMID

Staff Reporter

Major: Psychology

Favorite class/professor:

"My favorite class is Abnormal Psychology with Dr. Chalk. I am extremely interested in these types of disorders. My favorite professor is a tie between Dr. Chalk and Dr. Mazureff, both are psychology professors and both have supported me through-out my college career."

A change you enjoyed seeing on campus OR a change you would like to see on campus:

"I have enjoyed seeing the new atmosphere that

What will you miss about McDaniel?:

"I will miss all the wonderful friends I have made on campus. Many of my friends have become like family to me and I know that those relationships will continue to grow even when I leave the campus. I will also miss my sorority, Phi Mu, which has really been a home away from home."

Do you have any exciting living arrangements for when you graduate? Have you gotten an apartment?:

"I have no exciting living arrangements for when

Lindsey Plevyak

AMANDA SMID

Staff Reporter

Have you gotten a job yet?

"Yes. Wedding Photographer."

Major/Minor:

Studio Art & Psychology Double Major

Favorite class/professor:

"Digital Photography/ Susan Bloom"

A change you enjoyed seeing on campus OR a change you would like to see on campus:

"Glar. More change like that needs to happen!"



LISA VASAPOLLO

Staff Reporter

MORGAN DENART

MAJORING IN PHYSICS AND MATH

WAS HAPPY TO SEE THE RENOVATIONS TO GLAR AND THE INCREASE IN STUDENT ACTIVITIES.

WOULD STILL LIKE TO SEE MORE RECOGNIZABLE ACTS PERFORM ON CAMPUS.

WILL MISS HIS FRIENDS AND ALL THE MEMORABLE PLACES ON CAMPUS

INVOLVED WITH SWIMMING, INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, AND GOSPEL CHOIR

PLANS TO GET A JOB THEN APPLY FOR GRAD SCHOOL NEXT FALL

IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS, MORGAN HOPES TO BE WORKING IN THE BALTIMORE/DC AREA AT A JOB HE TRULY ENJOYS OR FINISHING UP A MASTERS OR PHD FROM GRAD SCHOOL.

Lauren Wildason

KAITLYN VADENASIS

Staff Reporter

"I wouldn't know the same people. I probably wouldn't have gotten such a great education. If I went to a bigger school I also wouldn't have been able to play softball."

Major: PE

Minors: Education and Sports Coaching

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

"Hopefully teaching PE. I hope to have a Masters or close to having one. Possibly married but probably no kids yet."

What are you going to miss most about McDaniel?

"The atmosphere, [and how] everyone knows everyone. Not having to work all day. Still having a lot of free time and less responsibility."

What was your favorite experience at McDaniel?

"Realizing I can do a lot of stuff on my own and be successful without help from family or whatnot."

What are three objects that got you through college?

"Laptop, hard work, and friends."

How do you think your life would have been different had you attended another school?



I return home after graduation ... just back to good old Mom."

Have you gotten a job yet?: "I have a variety of different job options and I am still networking to help me find the best option. I will be taking the GREs shortly after I graduate and will be preparing for graduate school."

Favorite thing/idea about McDaniel College:

"My favorite thing about McDaniel is the community feel that the campus has. I never felt lost among the crowd."



Amanda celebrating her love for chocolate on her 21st birthday in Atlantic City

Whitney Snoops

KELSEY FRANKLIN
Staff Reporter

Wants to be a Division 1 Basketball Coach
Has been a member of McDaniel Unity Affinity Group
Is the SAAC (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee) President
Took home the 2010 Women's Basketball Centennial Conference Championship
Nominated and Participated in the "So you want to be a Coach" program during the 2011 Division I NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament
Exercise Science Major
You will be missed, best wishes for the future!

Cara Thompson

KELSEY FRANKLIN
Staff Reporter

Centennial Conference 2010 Women's Basketball Championship Team Member
Aspires to own a sports store or recruiting service for coaches
Recently accepted into Omicron Delta Epsilon Economics Honor Society
Always a Green Terror, Congrats on graduation Cara!

Kim Acton

KELSEY FRANKLIN
Staff Reporter

Known for her artistic abilities and accomplishment within her major, physics
Involvement in the McDaniel Unity Affinity group and a key member of the Women's Basketball team and their 2010 Conference championship.
May you succeed in your future endeavors, Best Wishes Kim!



Kim Acton races down the court in a basketball game.

Deane Mellor

WARREN KRAFT
Staff Reporter

Deane Mellor, a senior on the McDaniel Men's Lacrosse team, is a Communication major here at McDaniel College, because in his words, "Communication is key!"
 Deane practices his communication skills on a daily basis, he is an avid user of many social networks including Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Bobble, and a few others.
 Deane is unsure of what path he wants to take in life as of now, so this summer he is going to be a camp counselor at Camp Tecumseh in Moultonborough, NH.
 This coming fall Deane plans to do some backpacking in South America and some traveling around the United States. He said, "I am doing this traveling to do some soul searching, and to hopefully figure out what career path fits me best." Deane loves McDaniel, and is sad that his time is almost up.



Meredith Larsen Leaves

KELSEY FRANKLIN
Staff Reporter

Member and project manager of McDaniel Unity Affinity Group
Enjoyed being a peer mentor this year for the freshman class, A World of Light and Color
Ready to either start a career in physics or participate in the McDaniel's Best Program for teaching
Ends her four years at McDaniel as a respected friend, teammate and student
Dynamic member of the Women's Basketball team, winning a conference championship in 2010
Is a physics major
Thries for success in academics with lots of hard work and dedication
Have a great end to senior year, Congrats Meredith!



Meredith tosses the ball during a game.

Kate Zimmer

KELSEY FRANKLIN
Staff Reporter

Known by many as an intricate member of the McDaniel Women's Basketball team and their Conference Championship in 2010.
Affinity group member for McDaniel Unity, participating in many community service activities on and around campus
Teaching is a passion for this Education minor, Sociology Major
Every time you see her she brightens your day, Best wishes Kate!



Kate Zimmer in a moment of celebration with a teammate.

Michah Shelton Moves Ahead to Bright Future

OMAR BROWN
Staff Reporter

Capstone Project:

"Role of Sympathetic Innervation in Pancreas Development"

Favorite classes/professor (and one reason why?)

"Drumming from Africa to America because I like jamming on the drums with the master percussionist himself, Jon Seligman."

Job you have scored?

"My advisor helped to get me a research opportunity at Johns Hopkins last summer which was a great experience and has shaped my choices for the future."

Reminisce about the best McDaniel year:

"The best year is always the first year. My freshman year was one of the best years of my life."

Your legacy at McDaniel:

"Cosbyness is next godliness."



Adieu to April Ruthke

AMANDA SMID
LIZ MIRIZIO
Staff Reporters

Major: Exercise Science

Senior Capstone:

"Heart Rate response to Aerobic exercise and Circuit training exercise (comparing heart rate of both)."

Favorite class:

"Athletic training class and Personal training class."

Favorite professor:

"Doctor McKenzie. She is such a cool teacher, who is very understanding and helpful. She is very intelligent, teaches very well and makes you want to learn. You can tell she loves what she does and cares very much about her students."

A change you've enjoyed seeing on campus:

"GLARU/ Greek life expanding!"

Things you'll miss:

"I've met the most amazing people here and I'm going to miss seeing them every day or whenever I want. I will definitely miss hanging out with

nights and weekends. Oh and of course, Phi Mu, because they are pretty cool. :)"

Future Plans:

"Living at home- going to nursing school- after I finish getting certified to be a CNA(certified nursing assistant) I will be working in a hospital. Also working at Kids First Swim School where I teach people how to swim."

My favorite thing at McDaniel:

"I just feel at home here- my home away from home."



April Ruthke (second to left) hanging out with sisters who are also some of her best friends.

Seniors Share Their Stories and Look Forward

BEN GRANT
Staff Reporter

Not having to register for fall classes. Feeling wistful while scrounging for quarters for the washing machine. Two days of glorious weather in a row. All indisputable signs that spring is here and many young people on campus are experiencing senioritis. They are finishing Capstone projects, and chucking as younger students struggle with finals and the end of year grind of big papers. In just a few weeks, most of these seniors will be graduating into the wider world. A few have an extra semester left before graduation.

Kurt Miller is one of those seniors who will be returning in the fall because he still needs a senior seminar and one history class to graduate. This is what can happen when you change majors in your junior year. At that time, Kurt decided he hated journalism and no longer wanted to be an English major. He switched to History and secondary education.

"History was my best subject and I have a greater passion for it. I like to read and write, but I hate grammar, thus the prospect of teaching English was unappealing," Miller said.

Lauren Fichetti is happy to graduate as an English major with a minor in secondary edu-

cation. For her senior project, she wrote a paper titled "Escaping the Labyrinth: Young Adult Literature as Bildungsroman." She is interested in reimagining her ideas into a high school curriculum somewhere. When asked to share a random fun fact about herself, Fichetti showed me how the freckles on her arms and legs are patterned like the constellations Libra, Cassiopeia, the Southern Cross and Scorpio.

Josh Lebrun, Lebrun to his friends, is a senior who switched majors from mathematics to exercise science during his sophomore year because, "Mathematics was too difficult at the time." The thing Lebrun expects to miss most about McDaniel is playing basketball and golf with his friends.

"I enjoyed playing intramurals sports all year round. Whether it was football, basketball, softball or volleyball, intramurals was always fun. It also helps that I have won a t-shirt or two," Lebrun said.

Lebrun does not have a job lined up after college so, "I will be staying at home while I search for a job. The piece of furniture that I am sure I will spend plenty of time on is a recliner chair."

Lebrun is enjoying his last few weeks using the newly upgraded Glar. "I'm a big fan of the new layout, it's just a more enjoyable atmosphere to eat in."

Alyssa Berry, a sociology major with an art

Best Wishes Ben Faber

OMAR BROWN
Staff Reporter

the tennis team having been the best in four years, and me being the captain... so I'm a legacy of improvement."

Capstone Project:

"Laser Diffraction Patterns"

Favorite classes/professor:

"Physics classes. All the physics professors are challenging, and even entertaining"

Reminisce about your best McDaniel year:

"Senior Year, because we had our own house, had my best tennis season, and I had the most fun."

Your legacy at McDaniel: "I'm leaving with



Bye to BethAnn Fusco

KAITLYN VADENAIS
Staff Reporter

Major:

"Graphic Design."

What are you scared for in the future?

"Not being able to have a family and owning cats."

What would you change about McDaniel?

Res life needs a lot of improvement and they need to trust the students a lot more."

What was the most embarrassing thing that happen to you in the last four years?
"Slipping down a flight of stairs in Lewis when I was a freshman."

What do you wish you could tell your Freshman self, knowing what you know now?
"That worrying gets you nowhere and to enjoy the time here because it goes by so fast. And not to change for anyone."

What are your last words to the McDaniel community?
"Thanks for the memories!"



history minor, agrees whole heartedly with this sentiment. "I rarely ate in old Glar as I commented, but new Glar is good enough, food-wise and aesthetically, that I have made a couple of visits since it had opened. Another cool change to McDaniel was getting a new President and seeing the new direction he has planned for the college."

Berry knows she will miss all of her friends, along with the opportunity to take interesting classes such as Traditional Native American Art - her favorite class at McDaniel. When asked to share one quirky fun fact about herself, Berry told me she can "dismount a horse by doing a summersault quite gracefully."

Berry does not actually flip off horses regularly. Wednesday, April 20th she was thrown off a horse and injured her foot. Afterward, she was told she looked quite graceful as she fell off. This has not caused her to fear horses, which is a good thing as her job after college will be working seven days a week at Fox Quarter Farm.

Kaitlyn Thomas is graduating with a major in both Spanish and Sociology and a minor in Latin America Studies. Like two of the other seniors I interviewed, she started McDaniel as one major but switched during her time here. Thomas was originally a Psyche major. When she took Intro to Sociology, it changed her life.

Her favorite class was, in fact, Intro to Sociology because "it had a lot of different aspects to it and it was constantly interesting as well as eye-opening. I feel as though that class was a turning point for me in college. I found something that was really for me and would be in my future a catalyst to many experiences I would open myself to."

For her Spanish Capstone, Thomas studied dictatorships in Latin America, concentrating on Chile. Her focus was on how popular culture portrays historical events, specifically dictatorships and authoritarian governments.

One cool change that Thomas was happy to witness was the new president being inaugurated. She wasn't alone; all five seniors, at some point in their interviews, mentioned the new president being inaugurated as one of the coolest things they saw during their time at McDaniel.

Fichetti summed it up best, "One cool change was witnessing the inauguration of Dr. Casey. That's not something every McDaniel student will be able to say they witnessed while at McDaniel. He is only our ninth President and this college has been around for 185+ years."

Good friends, life-changing classes, an upgraded cafeteria, a new college president. These young people reflect on, as they themselves become part of McDaniel's long history.

Travis Kinder

OMAR BROWN
Staff Reporter

"Internship at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in the summer of 2009 through the Four Directions Summer Research Program."

Capstone Project:

"Ultra low dose interleukin-2 for treatment of refractory chronic graft versus host disease"

Favorite classes/professor:

"Philosophy of Science / Mr. Jeff Maynes - The professor effectively utilized a seminar style teaching method where discussion and student engagement was nurtured. Although it is not a requirement for my biochemistry major, it was extremely relevant and crucial for a "scientific" understanding."

Cool job you have scored:

Reminiscence about the best McDaniel year:
"Freshman year I had a group of friends with great breadth and depth. Although we still keep in touch, we all used to hang out together a lot more. We didn't seem to care as much about our education as we did socializing, which was a good phase to go through, as I am now deeply committed to my education."

Your legacy at McDaniel (what are you leaving at McDaniel):

"I hope I taught someone, whether it be a professor or student, something that will last longer than my time at McDaniel."



Darcy Sullivan

OMAR BROWN
Staff Reporter

Cool job you have scored:
"Internship with the Abused Persons Program in Rockville, MD."

Capstone Project:

"Campus body and tattoos"

Favorite classes/professor (and one reason why):

"On What Is with Peter Bradley because both the class and the instructor really made me think outside the box and opened my mind to new ideas. I was always excited to go to class!"

Reminiscence about the best McDaniel year:
"Junior year was my favorite year because I was very active on campus and I studied abroad in Argentina for the second semester which was quite an experience!"

Your legacy at McDaniel

"Hopefully a bit of inspiration to my sister's of Gamma Gamma Sigma and students seeking foreign language study."



Tosin Abraham

YICHONG LI
Staff Reporter

"I have many teachers that I love on this campus, but my top three would have to be Dr. Dobson of the English Department, Dr. Trader of the Communication Department, and Dr. Ursin also of the English Department."

Major/Minor:

Art and Communication Dual Major, Art History Minor

Capstone projects:

"Besmused" Senior Capstone Art Show. It opened Wed. April 20, 2011 at 7p.m.

Favorite classes and/or prof.:

One cool change you'd like to see happen (at this college):

"I'd like to see all of the old resident housing re-occupied; ANW, McDaniel, DMC etc."

The thing you'd miss the most:

"I'll miss the people the most. McDaniel has the

Ciao Carmen Wong

KAITLYN VADENAIS
Staff Reporter

What are your last words to the McDaniel community?
"It's been real... keep it classy Westmonster!"

Major: Communication
Minor: Human Resources

What are you going to miss most about McDaniel?

"I'm going to miss the awesome friends I made here, our crazy 5am adventures and greasy food from the pub."

If you had to do it all again, what would you do differently?

"Other than taking my classes more seriously my freshman year I wouldn't do anything differently. It's gotten me to where I am now and I'm pretty content with how everything has turned out."

What song would you chose to represent your college years?

"Chicken Fried by Zac Brown Band"

What is the most random thing you'll have to get rid of when you move out?

"My red and pink boas."



LISA VASAPOLLO
Staff Reporter

Kristen Nuckles:

Majoring in Biochemistry/Chemistry/Pre-Pharmacy

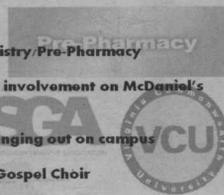
Would like to see more student involvement on McDaniel's Campus.

Will Miss her friends and just hanging out on campus

Involved with Volleyball, SGA, Gospel Choir

After graduation Kristen will be attending pharmacy school at Virginia Commonwealth University

In 5 years, Kristen would like to be working as a pharmacist and living in the Bahamas.



Jed Barnes

WARREN KRAFT
Staff Reporter

possibly becoming a lawyer.
Although Barnes may look like a 17 year-old fresh out of high school, his story goes to show that one must never judge a book by its cover.

When you look at the blond haired, baby faced, 5' 9, Jed Barnes, you would think he was a freshman, but in actuality he is a 21 year old Senior of McDaniel College's class of 2011.

Barnes is a History major with a Business minor and is also a tremendous asset to the McDaniel Men's Lacrosse team.

He is a serious, hard-working individual with great leadership skills and drive, but on certain occasions he can be quite the opposite. He has been known to let his hair down when he is not swamped with work. One phrase you might hear Barnes repeatedly say when he is enjoying his leisure time is, "I like to party," or "sorry for partying."

The more serious side of Barnes is upset that his time at McDaniel is coming to a close, but he says that "my schooling will not be ending after graduation, I plan on attending law school and



most interesting students I've ever heard of."

Upcoming plans (briefly):

"I have an interview at the Grad School of my choice this coming Thursday. If all goes well, I'll be setting up shop at the University of Baltimore pursuing a Masters in Publication Design."

One thing we absolutely should know about you!

"Being a licensed cosmetologist on a college campus has been the most exciting job I've ever had. I'm sad to be leaving that part of my experience

here behind. Plus, who's going to do everyone's hair?!"



Drawing by Yichong Li.

Kristin Behrle

KIM WILLIAMS
Editor-in-chief

Major/minor and why you chose it:

"I'm a Dual Art and Communication Major with a Film Studies Minor. I have always loved art, and became interested in communication when I discovered the broad range of topics and options covered by the department, particularly film. Luckily I was able to pursue all of these interests."

Life lessons you feel McDaniel has taught you:

"McDaniel has taught me so much, and it has especially enabled me to develop interests and passions that I already had. Film was something I was interested in but never really got to experience until I got here. Also, the amount of clubs and the flexibility to start a new one has enabled me to do many different things, including outdoors club, international club, art club, and a bunch more! There are things I have participated in that I never thought I would...I went to a lecture in Baltimore and heard the Israeli ambassador speak about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, I studied abroad in Budapest, Hungary, and one of my friends convinced me to go skydiving!"

What you'll miss about McDaniel:

"I'm going to miss everything about McDaniel. I will miss seeing my friends everyday the most, as well as having the option to be a part of so many different clubs and groups, and just the choice of events too (like lectures, fashion shows, Holi, Tie-Dye, comedians, etc.)."

If you had the money, what's one thing you would do for/change about McDaniel?:

"If I had the money, I would really like to use it to have a 24 hour coffee shop. Or add coffee vending machines in buildings around campus, especially the Art Studio, Lewis, Peterson, the Theatre, and Hill. I run on coffee, and all nighters are hard without coffee on hand. Also I would bring real ice cream back to the dining hall instead of just soft serve"

Advice for remaining/entering students:

"My advice for students is to go to as many things as you can here. Be involved. There's so many opportunities for different types of activities...and if there aren't things you like, start your own. That's the great thing about being a small campus. The more you do, the more you'll love it here."

One of your favorite quotes:

"No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world." (from Dead Poets Society)



Kristin lounging during her Jon Term trip to Belize in 2011.

Bon Voyage Bryan Yarrington

KIM WILLIAMS
Editor-in-chief

Major/minor and why you chose it:

"Biology Major, Secondary Education Minor, Sociology Minor; I've always loved Science and I love working with kids. I feel like education is a great opportunity to be creative and work with people, while Sociology became a passion while I was taking classes at McDaniel. It's a discipline that connects to society, social interactions and can be applied to everything."

Life lessons you feel McDaniel has taught you:

"McDaniel has taught me the value of good friends and wonderful educators."

What you'll miss about McDaniel:

"I'll miss the people the most. I've met so many wonderful people who have really changed my life for the better."

If you had the money, what's one thing you would do for/change about McDaniel?:

"I would give more resources to professors and academic departments to allow them to teach more classes. Our faculty has the ability to start some amazing programs and offer exciting opportunities for students, if only they had the finances."

I would also invest into the international programs office to subsidize the cost of study abroad for students. I was lucky enough to have the chance to study abroad in a place other than Budapest, but I feel like students should have more

options, with the ability to use McDaniel-based scholarships."

Weird rituals you do:

"Before most big tests, exams, or projects, I ALWAYS pull all nighters. Even if I study or work for a week beforehand, I feel like I crank out the best work or retain more information immediately before its due."

One of your favorite quotes:

"The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference" -Elie Wiesel

Place on campus that's special to you:

"Academic affairs. The ladies in there always provide refreshing conversations (and a great place to vent sometimes). They also have a really comfy

couch."

Future plans:

"I'm working at a summer camp for children with diabetes and hearing impairments with one of my best friends! Then I'm coming back to McDaniel to do my student teaching and get my MD state teaching certification."

Advice for remaining/entering students:

"Get involved! Join a club, go out of your comfort zone to meet new people, attend an activity that you wouldn't normally go to. The more that you do on campus, the more fulfilling your time will be here."

Kim Moran

KIM WILLIAMS
Editor-in-chief

Major: Biology

Life lessons you feel McDaniel has taught you:

"McD has taught me self sufficiency and independence."

What you'll miss about McDaniel:

"I will miss my friends the most and just the overall living situation of college. When am I ever going to have my best friends all in one place again living together?"

If you had the money, what's one thing you would do for/change about McDaniel?:

"If I had money I would make a beach volleyball court and picnic tables in both of the quads."

One of your favorite quotes:

"Why would you read when you have a TV" -Harry Wormwood

Future plans:

"I'm going to grad school for 2 years at Salus University to get my masters to become a Physician Assistant."

Advice for remaining/entering students:

"Make sure you step out of your comfort zone and be willing to experience new things and different types of people. The best thing I did for myself here was come out of my shell that I had in high school."



Zach Thompson

KIM WILLIAMS
Editor-in-chief

hex fall.

Major/minor and why you chose it:

"Physics, because I think it's cool to try to understand things that don't immediately make sense."

What you'll miss about McDaniel:

"Having my friends close by all the time."

If you had the money, what's one thing you would do for/change about McDaniel?:

"Build more apartments like North Village so more people have access to them earlier."

One of your favorite quotes:

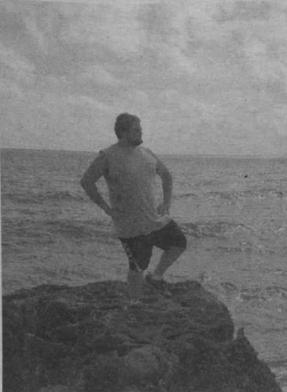
"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning." -Albert Einstein

Future Plans:

"Planning to have a job in a lab or at a company for about a year and then go to graduate school

Advice for remaining/entering students:

"Unfortunately, the classes which you could skip all the time and still ace are the ones with the strictest attendance policies, and the ones which you probably can't afford to skip are the ones that allow you to do so without ill effect."



The Free Press would like to congratulate all of the seniors who have made it to the finish line, and wish them the best as they move out into the world. Keep the Hill in your hearts!