

MORE THAN 20 STUDENTS JOURNEYED TO THE INNER HARBOR ON THE COLLEGE'S TAB DURING WELCOME WEEKEND. KAYON WILLIAMS AND YVONNE PEARSON POSE OUTSIDE THE HARD ROCK CAFE. PHOTO BY EVAN TICKNOR



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LIGHTER SIDE OF THE CAMPUS SAFETY BLOTTER

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Blotter by the numbers



JEN NOEL
Staff Reporter

Let's take a trip down memory lane to Driver's Education Class. Day One lesson went something like this: stop signs mean stop, a green light means go, and one way means, well, one way.

On August 26, at around 5 p.m., a student forgot how to read street signs and was seen driving the wrong way down a one-way street. Hey, sometimes you have to march to the beat of your own drum and be a real maverick.

As the semester shifts into high gear, so too does the multitude of mavericks making decisions that make them worthy of a spot in the coveted Lighter Side.

Take for example the culprit or culprits who hoped that their encounter with a stone wall near North Village

would remain undetected. Somewhere between August 9 and 11, a student did not quite erase his or her steps behind them.

According to incident report, it was apparent that a vehicle smashed into the wall, but before leaving the student (or students) tried to place the crumbled rocks back together.

Apparently, the hit and runner(s) didn't bring gorilla glue along for a lasting hold and also thought they would go unnoticed parking their car a few hundred yards from the site of the accident.

I bet the smashed bumper and rocks lodged in the taillight made this one a really difficult find for the boys in Campus Safety.

It is pretty apparent there are no five-star chefs in training here on the hill as it is a regular occurrence for cooking

gone awry to sound fire alarms in every corner of campus. However, the Rouzer boys have the secret.

The brand new residents to campus managed to keep out of the log this round. But not entirely; it was confirmed that Ramen noodles were shoved into a toilet in the dormitory and then flushed. Noodles and toilets usually do not mix so the floodwaters began to rise.

The cooks in GLAR better watch out, we have some people on campus that know how to stir up some real down home cooking.

The goal of the year should be originality and diversity just like our Liberal Arts education. So get creative, get crazy — and know that your odd behavior will probably not escape the Lighter Side.

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GARDEN

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NORTH VILLAGE

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PA AVE.

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(Editor's Note: This column by Jen Noel 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.)

ARMED ROUZER ROBBERY ENDS WITH PRISON TERM

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In late July, the McDaniel College community was able to finally find some relief and closure after the last of the three men arrested for armed robbery in Rouzer Hall last fall was sent to jail.

John Thomas Gibbs, 21, was sentenced to 15 years in prison, but will only serve 18 months. He was found guilty of conspiracy to commit robbery. The other two men involved, Brian Charles Prodoehl, 21, and Aaron Christopher Robertson, 20 will serve 10 and 3 years, respectively.

"We are happy that the criminal jus-

tice system has worked, and that they are in jail," says campus safety officer Mike Webster.

Last fall, on Wednesday November 14, at around 11:10 p.m., the three men entered Rouzer Hall into Greg Vernon and Sergio Nieto's '10, dorm room. Gibbs, Prodoehl, and Robertson wore all black, except for black and blue latex gloves. One of the three carried a hand gun.

While no one was hurt, cash, a cell phone, an iPod, and a laptop were stolen from the room. Campus safety was notified and an email was sent out to students on Thursday, to make them

aware of the incident.

Both Robertson and Prodoehl were arrested on Thursday, but Gibbs was not arrested until the morning of Friday, November 16.

According to the police, the robbery was not random; the men knew the victims whom they held at gunpoint.

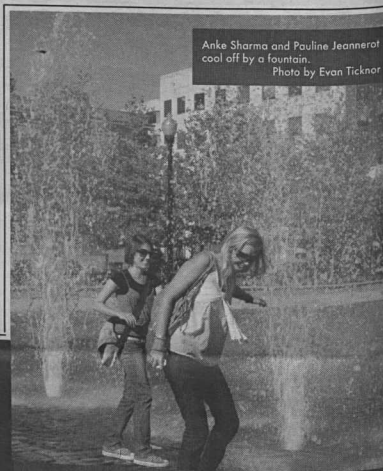
Since the incident, changes have been made to Rouzer Hall, in order to increase security. Renovations to the north exterior door were made; there is no longer a handle and students can not enter through it. The Front Door has also been reinforced, whereas previously it was possible to be pulled open by force, it is no longer a problem.



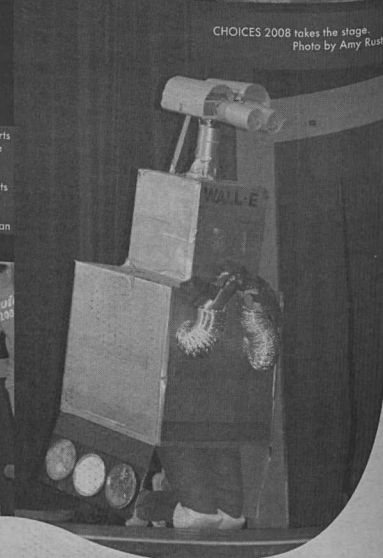
Glow necklaces, neon lettered tshirts and loud music were all part of the Black Light Party in The Forum on Saturday, September 6. The Forum was packed, but students flared out around campus and glowed in the dark til dawn.
Photo by Lindsey Phelan



CHOICES 2008 ends with a bow.
Photo by Amy Rust



Anke Sharma and Pauline Jeannerot cool off by a fountain.
Photo by Evan Ticknor



CHOICES 2008 takes the stage.
Photo by Amy Rust

TWO WEEKS IN PHOTOGRAPHS

STANDING IN THE FACE OF DANGER

JULIANN GUIFFRE
Co-News Editor

The worst was feared. Mass evacuations carried people far away from towns in Louisiana, igniting the fears that had just begun to bank after the horrible aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

The National Hurricane Center (NHC) had been predicting that Hurricane Gustav would make landfall as a Category 3 hurricane or above. This, thankfully, did not come true.

While Gustav reached the Louisiana shore as a Category 2 hurricane, ten Louisiana State University (LSU) students were not packing their lives away and driving north, to safety.

They were the ten members of the LSU Daily Reville Emergency Team—established before the semester even started—with editors from each department as well as staff members to cover the website and video aspects.

As much of Baton Rouge lost power, the Emergency Team blew up air mattresses in the Reville newsroom to cover all they possibly could of the damage.

Nicholas Persac, a junior and news editor at the Reville, said in some ways the damage was worse than Katrina, but that this time people knew what was coming.

"Katrina was a different kind of monster, very chaotic and unprepared," said Persac. "This time the damage might be worse, with all the trees and wind damage...the difference is everyone was much more prepared."

The campus alone lost 120 trees, and a tornado caused significant roof damage to a recreation center, among others damages.

Even in their last classes before the storm hit, professors were helping students to prepare and raise their awareness. In Persac's weather class the students spent the last 25 minutes talking about Gustav and about tracking hurricanes.

The few days before and after Gustav hit were busy and hectic for the Emergency Team. Saturday and Sunday the headlines ran with things like "RAs meet with students choosing to weather Hurricane Gustav," "Contraflow to start 4 a.m. Sunday" and "More than one million residents fleeing Gustav."

"Saturday and Sunday we were covering everything that was happening before the storm," said Persac. "Monday we were sitting in the newsroom watching as the storm hit, posting what

we could before we lost power."

At some point, the newsroom gained power for a short half hour, which they spent posting updates and writing blogs, making sure the community received all the information they could.

"One of our students said last night, 'The student in student journalist falls off when there is a hurricane. Right now, we're just journalists,'" said Pat Parish, associate director of the Office of Campus Media in an email.

The campus' basketball center was turned into a medical special needs facility. Early Sunday, the Emergency Team watched as the Governor's convoy pulled up to the building. They quickly raced through the wind and rain to capture video of the Governor speaking with some patients.

One of the Reville's chief sports writers appeared on ESPN, talking of a football game that was going to be postponed.

The Reville's website holds video after video documenting everything from building damage, clean up crews, the torn down trees, the damage to the stadium and greek houses, and students reactions. The team has also created an interactive map of all the damage done to the campus.

"Being out of school gives them time -- time to try out new technologies and ideas. They are chatting, live streaming, blogging, and updating like mad."

They are focusing on angles important to their audience in ways they sometimes forget to look for during ordinary times," said Parish.

"We were just trying to cover every aspect of campus as possible, where are students eating, what are they doing, how are they getting along without power," said Persac.

On Tuesday, The Daily Reville had 20,000 hits on their website, a staggering number considering that most of the campus and town lost power.

"It must have been alumni and students who had evacuated and had power...people wanted to know what was happening on campus," said Persac.

Unfortunately, it's not over. On September 5, the NHC had issued advisories on Tropical Storm Hanna, Hurricane Ike, and Tropical Storm Josephine. The National Hurricane Center reported at 11 p.m. Saturday that Tropical Storm Hanna hit the Carolinas and Virginia with up to 4-6 inches of rain and 55-mph winds; however, no heavy damage was sustained.



Gustav caused even the largest trees to uproot (right).

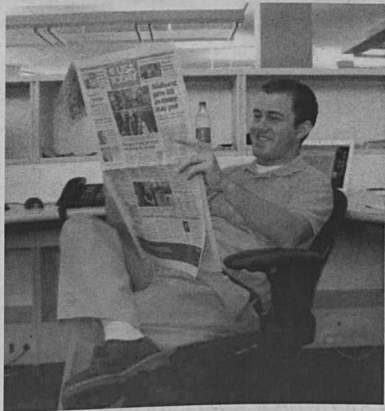
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Recruiting a new class of KDR Gentlemen



Junior News Editor Nicholas Persac peruses USA Today. Persac and his peers said that compared to Katrina, everyone was much more prepared for Gustav.

STUDENTS HELP ROCK THE VOTE

KRIS BREEDEN
Staff Reporter

Reformers in the 20th century demanded a bipartisan administration to ensure that elections be more fair and allow for equal representation. According to Dr. Herb Smith of the Political Science Department, elections before that were "chaotic affairs."

Dr. Smith explains that citizens started "poling" elections to ensure electoral stability. McDaniel students now have an opportunity to do just that.

The United States Election Assistance Commission has awarded McDaniel College a grant to train students as poll workers. The grant, which was organized by Dr. Deborah Johnson-Ross, also of the Political Science Department, was encouraged by John T. Willis, who supervised a similar grant awarded to the University of Baltimore in 2004.

According to Smith the grant awarded to Willis, who was an adjunct professor in our Economics and Business Administration Department when the school was called Western Maryland College, was one of the first of its kind awarded in Maryland, and inspired McDaniel's involvement in the program.

For Johnson-Ross, inspiration comes in another form. "I was born just too late, literally a year or two too late, to

march in the Civil Rights movement.

For me, this is an opportunity to do my own part," she explains.

She continues, "This is a great way for students to get involved in the political process. That fact that it's non-partisan is really key. It's just a way to be involved."

The grant was established as part of the Help America Vote College Program, and will allow up to 100 students to work in polls in both Carroll and Baltimore County. To be eligible, all students need in proof that they are registered to vote in Maryland.

Once chosen, students have a three hour training session conducted by the Carroll County Election Commission or the Baltimore County Election Commission, depending on their placement. During the training sessions, students will be "learning how the touch screen machines work, how to help voters use them, how to record citizens and how to allocate space," says Smith.

In addition, they will be primed for any potential problems with the machines and will be shown how to open the polling centers the morning of Election Day.

On November 4th, students will head to their respective polling locations and work a 14-hour day, starting at 6:00 in the morning. While there, they will greet voters, check voter identification,

demonstrate how to use the voting machines, and ensure that all registered voters are given the chance to vote.

Students will receive \$25 for the training sessions. Additionally, students placed in Carroll County will receive \$160 and those in Baltimore County will receive \$162.50 for their work on Election Day.

"[Elections] are one unique thing about our political process, and when you're there, you see how important it really is, and how individual citizens are really important to the process," said Johnson-Ross.

Smith feels along the same lines, that "college students will bring a youthful vitality and energy."

"Students are our future," he says. Smiling, he adds, "I know it's cliché, but it's the reality. If the government is to endure, this generation has to continue the traditions and legacies of this country."

Interested students can pick up an application and FAQ sheet in the Political Science Department's office on the third floor of Hill Hall. Opportunities also exist for students interested in serving as interpreters, especially in Spanish. Students acting as interpreters do not need to be registered to vote in Maryland.

Please contact Dr. Johnson-Ross or any other member of the McDaniel Help America Vote Act team at helpamericavote@noma.mcdaniel.edu .



DANIELLE SMITH
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WHAT IS THE MOST UNIQUE ITEM THAT YOU BROUGHT FROM HOME ?



"My Superman poster because he's awesome!"
BRITANY STARLING'S
Freshmen, 2012



"I brought my lantern. I thought it would be something different to have in my room. My friend got it for me from Morocco when she went. I think it's cool."
ANNA DEL VECCNIO, Freshmen, 2012



"I have my picnic blanket well actually we call it the magic carpet. I brought it basically because my mom is weird."
COURTNEY CHANG
Freshmen, 2012



"Well I have tie-dyed kits, three actually. It's something to do. It is artistic, creative, and you can express yourself."
CASEY WILSON
Freshmen, 2012



"I brought my handmade blanket, if you think that that's unique. A family friend made it for me as a Chanukah/birthday present."
LISA LEWIS
Freshmen, 2012



"My bible. I have to keep my religion and keep the words of God to get through the college life."
KWAEI MAEUOT
Freshmen, 2012

CLAYCOMBE TAKES SEMESTER OFF, FOR RECOVERY

DANIELLE AZOULAY
Staff Reporter

Dr. Richard Claycombe, professor of Economics and Business Administration, was in a bicycle accident in early July that flung him over his handlebars and landed him in shock trauma.

"He's lucky to be alive," said Economics and Business Professor Kevin McIntyre.

Claycombe, who was wearing a helmet, sustained a serious injury to the base of his skull, causing unconsciousness for several minutes and brain damage. There were no other serious physical injuries, "just a scrape on his face and a scratch on his knee," said McIntyre.

After spending a week in the hospital, Claycombe was sent to a rehab facility and was discharged in early August. Although he is no longer in the hospital doctors felt early on that Claycombe would not be able to return to McDaniel this semester.

"He really loves being here and loves his job, and was really disappointed when he found out he wasn't going to be able to come back this semester," said McIntyre.

"Perhaps by the time that the semester started, I was strong enough to teach. But there was no way to know that ahead of time, so replacements were recruited and I have the whole semester to recover," said Claycombe. "I am still recovering my memory of trivia and vocabulary, but have enough of it to get by pretty well. Hopefully time and the drills that I do will make the recovery pretty much complete."

Claycombe is still unsure about exactly what happened.

Both he and his wife have been back to the scene and neither found any sort of rock or pothole that may have caused the accident.

There has been speculation that he may have had a stroke causing him to squeeze the brakes and send him flying.

Claycombe says that he has a family history of strokes, and after undergoing tests he has learned that he is not at risk for one in the near future. However, Claycombe has decided to take steps to reduce that threat.

Claycombe's two sections of Microeconomics are being covered by McIntyre, and his Environmental economics

course is being taught by adjunct lecturer Ed Slattery.

Senior Katie Connolly was somewhat surprised when she walked into her first day of Microeconomics to see McIntyre standing in the front of the room rather than Claycombe.

"I was kind of anxious and nervous because of his [McIntyre's] rep, but excited in the same sense," said Connolly who went onto describe McIntyre's reputation as, "humorous, but intense."

McIntyre felt that the student's reactions weren't as shocking as he expected them to be. "They seemed to handle it okay. I didn't see anyone falling off of their chair or anything," he said.

In addition to Claycombe's courses, McIntyre is teaching three of his own, doubling his usual course load.

Though Claycombe is currently at recovering at home, he journeys into the office from time to time.

"It seems from his family and out from there everyone is really pulling for him, and hopes and expects that he is going to get better and he'll be back in the spring," said McIntyre.

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The McDaniel Free Press moved out of the design dark ages this semester thanks to the talents of the paper's art director Emily Biondo. This issue unveils a design format that celebrates talents of staff photographers and graphic artists, like Emily, who know that it's not always words that engender reader reaction. After all – isn't that what this publication is all about?

REACT.
 There's no room for apathy among the educated.

NEW, REJUVENATED FRATERNITY PROMISES TO ADD "SPARK" TO CAMPUS

KATELYN MCGINLEY
Staff Reporter

McDaniel's decision to crack down had on underground organizations last year meant that the brother's of Chi Delta Upsilon knew they had to make a decision—and fast.

"Our choices were to either let Chi Delta Upsilon die out, take our chances and try to exist with the school and our interests clashing, or to go national with our fraternity," explains Greg Boyd, a junior. Boyd says that, as a group, "We felt that going national would be the best choice for all parties involved."

After considering several different organizations, the former members of Chi Delta Upsilon decided that Kappa Delta Rho, a National Fraternity founded in 1904 at Middlebury College in Vermont (see sidebar for more information on KDR) was the fraternity that best matched their interests and values.

"Even though we are now Kappa Delta Rho and there will be many changes to our organization," says Boyd, "the ideals and traditions that were established by Chi Delta Upsilon will live on forever—through ourselves and our future brothers."

Over the summer Boyd contacted executive director of Kappa Delta Rho, Joseph Rosenberg, who outlined the necessary steps that needed to be taken for them to become recognized by the school and to reach national chapter status for KDR.

"I'm sure our past as an underground frat caused some skepticism at first," says Boyd, who serves as President of KDR's McDaniel chapter. However, he

adds that once officials spoke with the group "they realized we were serious about accomplishing our goals."

"This group has the full support of the college behind it," says Director of College Activities, Amanda Rose, adding that she thinks the addition of Kappa Delta Rho will have a positive impact on McDaniel's current Greek Life.

"I've had a few students remark, in jest, that they think it will be nice to have a group that doesn't start with Alpha or Phi on campus," Rose says.

"She goes on to point out that "any new group piques interest in students," and may even challenge established fraternities and sororities to step outside the box when it comes time to recruit new members.

"I think that some of the fraternities who have been around campus for a while might have gotten comfortable with their status," says Rose, "and now this new fraternity might make groups feel the need to change things up a bit." Boyd tends to agree. "I think Kappa Delta Rho will add a spark to the Greek Life here at McDaniel. We have a fresh outlook on social life around campus, and we look forward to contributing to the community both on and off campus."

As for KDR itself, their enthusiasm about joining the McDaniel family could not be more apparent.

"They are extremely proud of this group of young men," says Rose, explaining that the next issue of Kappa Delta Rho's magazine, The Quill and Scroll (out November 1), will feature the McDaniel chapter on its front cover. KDR's homepage (kdr.com) also features an article entitled "The Falcon Lands at McDaniel!", which summarizes the efforts Boyd and his

fellows have gone through to establish the KDR chapter. The article also goes on to praise the current members of McDaniel's Greek Life for their fundraising efforts and their dedication to community service.

"Our hope," says Kappa Delta Rho's executive director Joseph Rosenberg, "is that our organization will have a positive impact on the Greek Community and the greater McDaniel College community."

In addition to the more than \$70,000 in scholarships that the KDR Foundation provides to its members—of which the McDaniel chapter will also have access, after they obtain Provisional Chapter Status—Rosenberg says that "like McDaniel, we as a group are very aware of our responsibilities of protecting our natural resources."

It is this awareness that has led to the creation of a leadership development program called the Wilderness Institute, which is "totally green," according to Rosenberg. KDR's hopes for the McDaniel chapter also include their forthcoming involvement in the "Up All Night" program, which benefits St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

If all goes according to plan, the members of KDR at McDaniel should obtain their charter and become an official part of the fraternity in the late spring or early next fall.

"We've already reached our first goal, which was to be recognized by the school," says Boyd, who, though he is well aware that the road before them may not be an easy one, doesn't seem too worried.

"We know that we have a lot to accomplish this semester, and we are ready to do so as a group."

FACTS ABOUT KAPPA DELTA RHO

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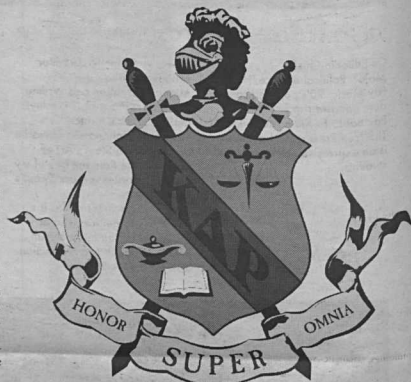
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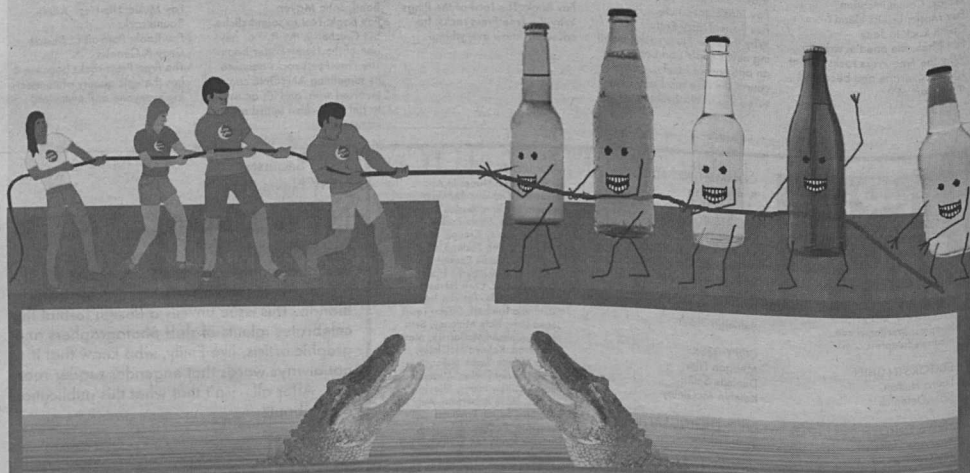
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Late
Nights

WELCOME TO 'HOTEL BLANCHE:' RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS GET A FACE-LIFT

KATELYNN MCGINLEY
Staff Reporter

While some things will never change – and while it is a strange comfort to know that the boys living in Rouzer will never stop trying to find new and impressive ways to destroy the building completely (Raman noodles in the toilet? Props to you, freshman boys!) – Over the summer, our dear campus has undergone some pretty hard-to-miss changes.

Most glaringly obvious would have to be the shiny, pretty, completely revamped Garden Apartments.

"Every time I walk into my apartment I feel like I've won the lottery," says Valerie Hudson, a junior and a former resident of the cramped and slightly decrepit McDaniel Hall. "My roommates and I are used to living on top of each other. We have so much space now that we almost don't know what to do with ourselves."

The renovations to Blanche Ward Hall also took many students by complete surprise. "I had no idea that [the school] was even considering making such big changes to [the building]," says former Blanche resident Kathryn Harlow, a junior, whose old room has now become an emergency exit.

Indeed, the stately new interior – purple wallpaper, wood paneling, and carpeting, oh my! – has earned the building the affectionate nickname of "Hotel Blanche." One student was overheard remarking that "it looks like Hill [Hall], one of the more picturesque academic buildings on campus" in here.

Whether these changes seem random (in comparison to other residential buildings, Blanche would appear to be much lower on the totem pole than places like McDaniel or even A&W) or long-overdue (Gardens were getting pretty gross, if we're being completely honest), Dr. Ethan Seidel, the vice president of Administration and Finance, explains that all the renovations done on campus are actually in accordance with the College's Campus Facilities Master Plan.

The plan, drafted in 2002/2003, outlines the construction needs of the College for the next 10-15 years, and

was conceived as "an attempt to identify the most pressing facilities needs as perceived at the time it was written."

Dr. Seidel adds that the plan can be modified over the passage of time if newer, more pressing needs come to light. This Master Plan is what outlined the construction of several key elements of McDaniel – including North Village Apartments, Academic North Hall, and the Merritt Fitness Center, in addition to "the systematic renovation of the College's older residence halls."

Dr. Seidel names student opinion surveys that have been conducted over the years as a key determinant of which halls were the most in need of renovation. Unsurprisingly, Seidel says that "the two [buildings] that were always at the top of the list were Blanche and Rouzer, with McDaniel always next in line."

In order for the school to undertake the extensive renovations to any buildings, Dr. Seidel explains, the school first had to establish a process that would be the least invasive and disruptive to the student body.

"We recognized that we would have to keep the building being renovated unoccupied for part of the school year," which meant placing emphasis on finishing "Phase II" of North Village, which was completed in October of 2007. Seidel cites this as being a "critical" step in the process because it enabled those students who had been temporarily living in Gardens to move into their assigned apartments in North Village, leaving Garden's empty and ready for renovation.

The apartments were completely gutted – "they needed the work," Seidel concedes, "and it worked out perfectly from a logistical point of view." The project was completed on schedule, for a sum of approximately \$4.3 million.

Next up on the "Master Plan" was Blanche. Seidel explained that "after much discussion, thought, and analysis of campus needs, it was decided that changing the nature of how Rouzer Hall is utilized would be the most beneficial to the campus community."

Student organizations, faculty, and administration all require additional

office and meeting space, and Rouzer, which is ideally located in connection to Decker College Center, is the obvious choice for expansion.

"It was decided that the extra space [in Rouzer] would be used this year to empty out the north wing of Blanche so that renovations that were begun at the start of the summer could continue into the academic year," Seidel explains.

Once the renovations on Blanche are completed and the building is again fully occupied, the College will again have access to excess space. Though the exact cost of the Blanche renovations will not be fully known until completion, at print time, the estimated cost is around \$6 million.

"Don't get too comfortable, kids – because these are not going to be the only changes on campus either."

"We're in the process of deciding when and where to renovate next," says Seidel.

Ideally, Rouzer will soon become what is known as a "mixed use" building – containing two floors of offices and meeting spaces, as well as residential rooms, but Seidel says that he is hopeful the school "will be able to complete at least one more renovation," in addition to Blanche, before taking on the conversion of Rouzer Hall.

"It's a balancing act," says Seidel, of the renovation process; "we would really like to get on" with the work in Rouzer because of the need for office space, but "we are hesitant to lose the excess residence space we now have," Seidel explains, because it is that space that allows the college to continue the renovation process on other residential halls like McDaniel and A&W.

Balancing act or no, it might not be a bad idea for the Rouzer boys to keep their bags packed.



LISA BRESLIN

WHAT COMES DOWN MUST come up. Cement mixers, piles of lumber and pathways blocked with chain link fences remind the college community that the campus is always changing. Blanche is getting an overhaul now. Jen Noel points to a construction site minutes before the paper is due to the publisher. She hoped to juice up a last minute photo request.



FANG FINDS NEW HOME IN HISTORY DEPT

ANGELA BALDWIN
Staff Reporter

Dr. Qin Fang, new professor in the History Department, didn't always desire to go into the History field. In fact, she originally wanted to major in English and Literature while attending Anhui Normal University in China. However, her future was not to be with English. In fact, because of the educational structure in China, History essentially chose her.

At Anhui Normal, taking entrance tests to get into the major programs was the custom. Her highest score was in the History. As a result, she became a History major. "The department chooses you," Fang said. "Even if you don't like it, it's hard to transfer."

With test results dictating her future, Fang attended Fudan University to get her masters in History. Fudan was "very prestigious," she explained. "They call it the Chinese Princeton."

She then went to Minneapolis to get her PhD, while beginning her teaching career. She was first a teaching assistant and then an instructor of Asian history and culture at Minneapolis.

After presenting her dissertation and getting her PhD, she wanted to see where her career would go. In December 2007, McDaniel College interviewed and offered her a position.

The weather in Maryland was one of many things that lured her to McDaniel. Minneapolis was too cold, she said, while Maryland had periods of warm and cold weather. In addition, she mentioned that "the weather in Maryland is more like the weather in Shanghai" – a link to China that she cherishes.

Another reason why McDaniel attracted Fang was the cuisine; mainly the cuisine Maryland is most famous for, the Maryland Blue Crab.

"The blue crab here is just like the crabs we eat in Shanghai," Fang said.

When asked about possible future

classes she mentioned she would like to focus on "gender and family in modern China and sports history in China." She said she would also like "to make a comparison between Chinese and Japanese women."

Adapting to McDaniel will be an adjustment though.

"For the first few years, it's hard. You have to get used to everything," Fang said about getting used to a new job.

This semester, Dr. Fang is teaching East Asian History and Religion and Society in China. Her hobbies include surfing the internet and reading, especially Chinese and Japanese literature.

Fang is one of eight new faculty members. Other new faculty members include Jackie Couti, Foreign Languages; Scott Hardy, Political Science and International Studies; James Kuntz, Social Work; Kathleen Oxx, Philosophy and Religious Studies; Madeline Rhodes, Psychology; Richard Ross, Education; Michelle Young, Social Work.

When it comes to alcohol, most McDaniel Students drink 0 - 4 per setting

Late Nights

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LUMIÈRES, CAMÉRA, ACTION! MCDANIEL COLLEGE PRESENTS FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL

COLLEEN MCCARRICK
Staff Reporter

From its mysterious opening scene to the buried secrets eventually revealed at the end, the thriller *Ne Le Dis A Personne/Tell No One* kept the audience on the edge of its seat for its entirety. The film was a suspenseful and mysterious story that teased the intellect, shocked the senses, intrigued the mind, and offered astonishing answers...all in the French language.

The showing of *Ne Le Dis A Personne/Tell No One* marked the opening of the McDaniel College's second annual *Tournées Festival*. *Tell No One* is just one of the five French films that will be showing over the course of the next three weeks.

Tell No One begins with a scene from a secluded lake where Alex's childhood sweetheart and recent wife, Margot, is brutally murdered. Eight years pass and Alex receives an anonymous email: when he clicks on the inserted link, he sees a woman's face standing in the crowd, being filmed live. Alex is in shock: he is looking at Margot's face. The message warns "Tell no one. They're watching." When two more corpses are unearthed at the lake Alex finds himself on the run, both from the police and from a group of killers. Alex is desperate to uncover the secrets and find out if his wife is really still alive.

For those students who haven't seen many foreign movies, *Tell No One* came as quite a surprise. McDaniel freshman Eddie Ezekiel enjoyed the movie immensely: "I haven't watched

any French movies before but it was certainly a good strong film by itself, whether it was in French or not."

Students agreed that the film combined a perfect balance of suspense, mystery and action.

This is Dr. Motard-Noar's second year organizing the *Tournées Festival* on campus. Last summer, McDaniel faculty came to Motard-Noar and encouraged her to apply for a grant through the French government to showcase several French movies. Motard-Noar eagerly applied and voilà the grant was accepted.

The *Tournées Festival* is a program of FACE (French American Cultural Exchange) which is made possible with the support of the Cultural Services of the French Embassy and the French Ministry of Culture. The grant from FACE covers the copyright and legal fees for the presentation of five French films.

This year, *Tournées Festival* introduces notable French films such as *Tell No One*, *Pensepolis*, *Inside Paris*, *Frantz*, *His Life*, *His Struggle*, *His Work*, and *Blame It On Fidel*. Motard-Noar said she tried to "choose films that have a balanced program...not just all thrillers or all romances."

The selection of films covers a variety of genres and appeals to different sections of campus. The *Festival* will showcase dramas, thrillers, an animated cartoon film and a documentary.

The *Film Festival* is open to all McDaniel students as well as the Westminster community. Among the fifty or so audience members at Tuesday's showing, Motard-Noar said she recog-

nized several people from the community who have taken advantage of this opportunity. The *Tournées Festival* has also been advertised in several of the Carroll County schools so that teachers are invited to bring their students to this event.

The event offers a unique and valuable opportunity for French students to immerse themselves in the French language and culture outside of the classroom. Motard-Noar greatly encourages her students to attend so they can experience for themselves the wonder of the French cinema. After all, it just like going to a cinema in Paris!

But for most students, watching an entire movie in French can certainly be a bewildering experience. But thanks to English subtitles, non-French speaking students can enjoy the film too. Most students found that watching the film with subtitles was an easy task.

"It didn't bother me at all. Even with the subtitles I didn't have trouble concentrating," said McDaniel freshman Lauren Hamby.

Eddie Ezekiel thought fed "a little disappointed from the movie" but agreed that overall the language barrier did not lessen the movie experience.

Motard-Noar thinks that some students come to the film intrigued simply because they have never seen a foreign film before. "I hope students come because they are looking for a new experience, something they have never had before," said Dr. Motard-Noar.

The *Tournées Festival* offers the chance for all students to expand the study of French culture and language.

French Film

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

dans paris/ inside paris

Monday, September 15th at 6:00pm

The film tells the story of Paul who lives with his wife in the countryside when he suddenly has an unexplainable breakdown. He returns to his father's flat in Paris, takes over his brother's room and refuses to get out of bed. Inspired by Nouvelle Vague, the film explores the intimacy of a family.

franz fanon: sa vie, son combat, son travail/ his life, his struggle, his work

Thursday, September 18th at 7:00pm

The film follows the life of Franz Fanon who was a psychiatrist, originally from Martinique, who eventually became a prominent spokesperson for the Algerian Revolution against French colonialism. Fanon's experience with racism in the French Army during WWII caused him to gravitate towards radical politics. The film exposes Fanon's policies of Sartrean existentialism and the philosophy of black consciousness known as *négritude*.

la faute a fidel/ blame it on fidel

Tuesday, September 30th at 5:00pm

This drama tells the story of nine year old Anna. Her life is rather simple. Her family is wealthy. One day, her family learns that her uncle has just been killed by France's police force. Both her parents become left-wing revolutionaries and Anna's stable life goes awry. At first, Anna strives to hold onto the comfort she used to know.

All movies will be screened in Decker Auditorium. They are free and open to the public.

TURTLE BUDDY

NEW CD TELLS "HERO" STORY

CASEY CROUGH
Staff Reporter



"Bright, Bright Moon" cover art

You may have seen them walking the campus, accompanied by an interesting mix of musical instruments. Or maybe you have seen them at a campus event or a local coffee shop. Whatever the case, their musical creativity is infectious. Turtle Buddy has now taken its sound from the coffee shop straight to their first CD, "Bright, Bright Moon." The group describes itself as pop/folk rock, indie, experimental, progressive and fusion.

The CD is a journey, and somewhat of a "hero" story. "We intended for fans to listen to the CD start to finish, so that they could get the all around story," said band member Eric Welkos '10. Welkos is one of six band members that comprise Turtle Buddy.

The band members include: Greg Adams, '08, who plays piano, melo-dica, and keyboard, Keith Adams, '10 who plays guitar, Henry Amankwah, '10 who is the lead singer, Tyler Buisch, '10 who plays drums and percussion, Sunita Pathik, '11, who plays violin, and Welkos, '10 who specializes in star and guitar.

Tyler and Greg could not be present for the interview since "they're playing a gig

with an 81-year-old," Keith explained.

This group of musicians and friends first started jamming last year, and played around with ideas for songs and musical progression.

The group acquired their interesting name from the pianist, Greg Adams. The band agreed since they were writing and playing together that they needed an official name. One night at Englar Dining Hall, Greg suggested the name "Turtle Buddy," and the name stuck.

Two exceptionally interesting songs are the title track "Bright Bright, Moon" and "Take It Away." "Bright Bright Moon" is an introduction to the album; it marks the beginning of a conceptual, progressive story. The song begins with melodic star and guitar, then unfurls into music that is upbeat yet soothing with Henry's smooth vocal delivery and thoughtful lyrics. "Take It Away," a beautiful lullaby, conveys the passion and talent of the band. Turtle Buddy feels that their CD has something for everyone, from the acoustic sounds of "Take It Away" to the progressive style of other songs such as "Cartaxo" and "When It Rains, It Pours."

Turtle Buddy released its first CD on July 29, 2008. "Released to us means we received the CD's in the mail," Keith said. The entire CD is student produced and designed, including the artwork of Kathryn Harlow.

"Bright, Bright, Moon" is available at the College Bookstore for the cash price of \$10. Group members are still writing and experimenting with different musical sounds and ideas for future CDs.

If you are interested in listening to some of their music, you can check out their Myspace page at myspace.com/turtlebuddysongs; there you can download "Bright, Bright Moon" as well as "Take It Away."



Junior Eric Welkos plays the star. Welkos and fellow band members who comprise Turtle Buddy hope folks will listen to their new CD from start to finish.

BIDEN: CHANGE OR MORE THE SAME?

NATHAN WUERTEBERG
Staff Reporter

Change. Barack Obama stands for change. At least, that is what everyone and everything, including his various campaign slogans, assures me. However, Obama's campaign was recently faced with a choice: Obama could remain the candidate for change and face merciless attacks that he stood for nothing, that he had little political experience, foreign or domestic, and that he was nothing more than a media sensation, or he could become a candidate that stood for something more substantial than promises and that, even if he did not possess political experience himself, could boast the support and advice of someone who did. Obama chose the latter option with the selection of Joseph Biden, the ultimate insider as his running mate.

Unfortunately, a running mate who has spent the past 35 years in the same position is not the best symbol for change, and Obama's Republican opponent was quick to snatch up what Obama left behind. John McCain chose as his running mate a female governor from Alaska who fought corruption in the oil industry in her state. This not only allows McCain to claim a candidacy for change but offers a haven for any wavering Clinton supporters who were alienated by Obama's treatment of their candidate during the Democratic primaries.

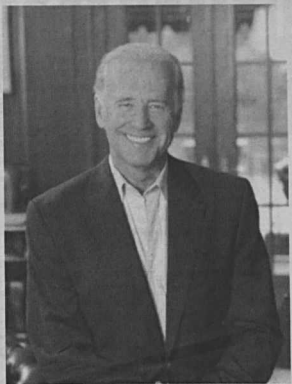
Biden provides Obama's candidacy with the necessary political experience, of which Biden possesses an abundance. However, it remains to be seen whether the advantage Biden's experience can supply to Obama's campaign will be able to outweigh the inevitable gaffes Biden is bound to make, just as he has in the past. While it should be said that

Biden has never proven himself to be a racist, he does frequently make insensitive, politically stupid remarks. Biden unfortunately suffers from diarrhea in political circles, is known as diarrhea of the mouth, which most often in his case presents itself in the form of the racially insensitive comments that serve as nutritious political fodder for his opponents.

Biden's remarks have covered topics ranging far and wide, from the number of Indians who grace the counters of 7-11's and gas stations across the nation, to the luck of the African American race in finally finding an articulate representative in Barack Obama. It will also be interesting to see whether Biden, with his wealth of experience and, unfortunately, arrogance, can refrain from patronizing and insulting McCain's relatively inexperienced running mate in the upcoming vice-presidential debates. Biden, I am sure, is bound to make plenty of quasi-scientist comments, further shepherding the female demographic toward McCain's campaign.

For the moment, however, Biden can be seen only as a blessing. He lends Obama's campaign the image of political credibility it so desperately needed. Biden, despite his unfortunate habit of offending minorities, has spent years in the Senate just as John McCain has, ferociously pursuing corruption within government echelons and breaking through party lines to do so. If Biden was suddenly struck with an inability to speak, his actions would speak for him and Obama's campaign, and would do Obama a world of good.

But, since such an occurrence will in all likelihood never happen, we won't be sure what effect Biden's selection will have on Obama's campaign until the very end. To say the least, it will be entertaining to watch.



Sarah Palin and Joseph Biden, respectively.

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PALIN: WILDCARD OR SNEAK ATTACK?

KIM WILLIAMS
Commentary Editor

Sarah Palin's selection as John McCain's vice presidential candidate is a wild card that not only will play an influential role in the upcoming election, but has everybody talking. According to her biography on the state of Alaska website, she became governor of the state on December 4, 2006. Palin has recently received nationwide attention after being chosen by McCain.

Palin may be just what McCain needs to land conservative voters. A number of news sources such as Time magazine describe her as being anti-abortion and having strong religious beliefs, especially regarding homosexuality. Sophomore Josh Poland says, "I think she adds a lot of really conservative values to a campaign that had conservative voters wor-

ried about what it would deliver. Palin is strongly pro-life [and] her support of her son's deployment in the Army signifies a strong love for country, especially considering her very strong family values.

Not all McDaniel students agree that her conservative nature is a good thing. Sophomore Sunita Pathik says concerning Palin's speech September 3rd that she is "Using fear tactics" and continues that "It's frightening that she's so well-spoken because I am so against drilling and many of the other issues she is very much an advocate for." Junior John Sullivan remarks that McCain choosing Palin is "a ploy to get the women's vote" and agrees with Pathik that her desire to drill is a "terrible way to go about the oil issue and environmental issues."

Beyond her beliefs, several topics have sparked debate amongst voters

which may cause trouble for McCain's campaign. For instance, the LA Times and many other news sources have reported that Palin's unmarried, 17 year old daughter is pregnant. The headlines also question her ability to hold office while simultaneously being the mother of five children. Regarding this issue, Sophomore Kim Moran says, "I disagree with the view that because she has five kids she won't be able to do the job. It is such a double standard."

With so many strong opinions out there and a hopefully large turnout at the polls, this election is going to be very interesting indeed. While at one time I considered McCain's campaign as good as over, Palin may just be the spark that will revive it. Poland agrees, saying, "I thought Obama had this election by a small margin, but now it's anyone's game."

If You Feel Down, Pick This Up

"Sow a thought and you reap an act, sow an act and you reap a habit, sow a habit and you reap a character, sow a character and you reap a destiny."

Samuel Smiles
Author

What have you been reaping lately? If you are not satisfied with your reaping, check what you are sowing. As the school year begins sow positive attributes, attitudes and actions and soon you will reap positive outcomes.

-Torreka Jordan



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INTERNATIONAL VACATION

THE GUEST

The world at the table

JAMES CLARK CONNER
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I was sitting in a touristy restaurant outside of the Moldovan capital, Chisinau. Across from me sat the father of a family that was friendly with that of my host's. He smoked proficiently, like most people there, but spoke English, so I tolerated him.

He told me of his travels and experiences, perhaps as a qualifier for what he would talk about next: the problems with my country. At first I was interested. I wanted to know what the outside thought. But interest became confusion and confusion became disgust. Perhaps if we were seated in Pennsylvania his hypocrisy and foolishness would be left unexposed, but we were in Moldova. I could see the problems glaring at me.

I left the table with little hope for a country I had been in for less than a week.

Less than a week later I found myself at another table. This time it was

located in a little kitchen attached to several other rooms that make up the offices of CLIPA, a non-profit organization based in Chisinau. Across from me sat a young woman who was instrumental in the organization's operation. She too had traveled, perhaps not as extensively as my former confabulator, but it seemed like more. The difference was perception.

She saw the problems people faced, and yet she still saw the promise of something better. She said, "I have no personal life." She eats, sleeps, and works for nothing more than that promise, and I deeply admire that.

I look back at this in the heat of the election season in my own country, and in these two conversations, these two people from a country smaller, and perhaps less influential, than the state in which I live, I see our Country, I see our candidates, and I see our world.

THE HOST

My country through the eyes of an American

NADEJDA ARTIOMENCO
Staff Reporter

This summer I have hosted my friend and classmate, whom I met a year ago at an American high school, where I was a foreign student. His family made me acquainted with American traditional holidays and gave me a sense of what American everyday life is like, something I would never be able to find in a boarding school, where I lived. We graduated together and made plans for future, a part of which was our trip to my home country, Moldova.

This is how the past summer became a discovery to me – of habitual life routine at my home country, of the people who live there and, by and large, endure lives far more difficult than mine and of a close friend, whose first experience of traveling across the ocean happened to be more than just a relaxing vacation at the sea shore (although it was a part of our trip, too).

It is not surprising that most people living across Atlantic are unfamiliar with a country in Eastern Europe, the total area of which is a little more than the total area of the Maryland state (compare Moldova 33,843 sq km to the Maryland State 31,849 sq km). What was surprising is that how little

I actually know about my home country and how poorly I understand the processes, both cultural and social, that take place there.

The word 'corruption', that seemed to be so abstract and theoretical, became very real and even tangible as I was looking at the grassland that used to be a lake two years ago. A place, that since childhood brought associations linked with natural calming beauty thanks to a lake that in the summertime cooled and soothed people. That lake soothed people who needed soothing – but now the lake had become abandoned empty. Every time I hear the word corruption now, I think of that lake and how the lack of responsibility, care and rightfulness that resulted in its destruction.

This vacation was anything but a predictable neither to me nor to my friend. Answering his questions about the life and people in my country, I would ask myself as well: "How did it turn out to be like that?" or "What can be done to change it?"

By hosting a friend from the United States in Moldova, I discovered my home country in a way I never was able to before, on my own.

EUROPE GIVES NEW PERSPECTIVE

LAURA HUTTON
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Living in North Village, I never dreamed that I would want to be anywhere else my senior year, until I spent a semester in Budapest, Hungary.

Before leaving for Budapest, I was concerned about what I would miss on the Hill. Now, back on campus three months after returning from Budapest I constantly think about all that I could be doing in Europe.

To say Budapest Spring 2008 was my best McDaniel semester would be an understatement. It was an experience I almost let pass me by and it changed my life.

After spending the summer after my sophomore year in Heidelberg, Germany, I knew I needed to spend more time abroad. However, with the swim team season lasting until the end of February, I was so afraid of missing the end of the season, especially Conference Championships. But, I also knew that I would always regret it if I missed this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Due to the time I had already spent abroad, four months was not as intimidating. However, in the weeks before I left, I was positive that I had made the wrong decision to study in Budapest and miss the end of my swim season.

The last meet I competed in was our dual meet at Dickinson, the same school where we had our first competition of the year. In my 100 yard freestyle, I shattered a personal record I had been trying to break for a year. This created a sense of accomplishment and a definite end to my season. I knew then that I was ready to say goodbye.

When I got on that plane with Jenny Sandler, 09', and Fernando Gomes, 10, I was ready to go. Ready

for what, I was not entirely sure. But ready to learn about Hungary, Hungarians, and myself.

While abroad I was able to stay in touch with the newspaper. I contributed stories on my blog and wrote for the student paper on the Budapest campus. The Messenger. I wrote my last piece for the Messenger about my overall experiences a few weeks before leaving Hungary and described my adventures as follows:

Well aware of how quickly the end of May would arrive, I packed my days with activities in Budapest and trips throughout Hungary and the rest of Europe, with the hope of embracing as much of Hungary as possible.

Journeying through the country, I was able to hang onto muddy hills while climbing in Veszprém, browse the markets and stores in Szentendre, enjoy the sun in Sopron, and wave at Margo as she videotaped in Pécs. Lake Balaton, my final stop on my Hungarian adventure was my last hurrah before finals.

Aside from cities in Hungary, I was able to visit Salzburg, Austria; Athens, Greece; Vienna, Austria twice; Prague, Czech Republic; Paris, France; and tour through Ireland. These trips were filled with adventures and memories that I want to keep fresh forever, but I know they will fade over time.

I can feel the changes that those four months had on me, from the adjustments I had to make to fit into my life and home and back on campus. I am not the same person I was before leaving for Hungary. My life has changed, and my goals are changing accordingly, fitting into the song Closing Time by Semisonic. I am still adjusting to the person I am now and embracing my new beginning, for "every new beginning comes from some other beginnings end."

Moldova through the lens



The invisible lake: a sign of political corruption in Chisinau JAMES CLARK CONNER



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Guru

WHO IS BEING OVERLOOKING THIS SEASON IN THE NCAA?

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OUR BIG LEAGUE EXPERIENCE



AMY RUST

CHELL GETS INSIDE SCOOP AT RAVENS CAMP

RYAN CHELL
Staff Reporter

It was a long summer for me, but when July came along, I was told to come back here to school a little early. This sounds very disappointing, but I was coming back for a reason.

For those of you who don't know, I write sports articles for the Carroll County Times, which is based here in Westminster. Prior to this point, I had only covered various high school games in the area, but I was now getting the opportunity to come back to McDanel and cover the Ravens' annual training camp.

When July 22nd came along, I was given my own press pass, and I headed off to Westminster every morning at 9. While I was there, I was to help the Times' Ravens beat writer, Aaron Wilson, who also is a writer for Scouts Inc., is the Sports Illustrated beat writer for the Baltimore area, and has his own website to post articles. Whenever ESPN or NFL.com says: "The Carroll County Times reports," it comes from Aaron. He spends a lot of his time either at Owings Mills, and while the

Ravens were here, spent a lot of time over at the Best Western, the Ravens' hotel.

From that first day, I was just overwhelmed. I had been to Ravens camp before, but now I was allowed ON the field. Guys like Ray Lewis, Chris McAlister, Todd Heap, were like 10 feet away from me. It was so exciting! I was getting paid to watch their practice from 8 a.m. until 4 or five in the afternoon, and I got to talk and interview the best of the Ravens and some of my favorite players. I personally talked with all the Ravens coaches, such as first-year coach John Harbaugh, defensive coordinator Rex Ryan, and several offensive coaches such as receivers coach Jim Hostler, O-line coach John Manasco, and running backs coach William Montgomery, who coached Marshall Faulk in St. Louis.

One good conversation I had was with offensive coordinator Cam Cameron, who was the Dolphins head coach last year, and we talked for probably ten minutes about the town area where he had recently moved. I talked to players such as Bart Scott, Trevor Pryce, Chris McAlister, Derrick

Mason, and Todd Heap. What really caught me off-guard was when I saw former Free Press editor, Geoff Peckham, who is now writing articles on the Ravens website as a content writer.

The camp ended August 15th, and as I said before, this was the best experience of my life. My articles were posted on the Sun's website, Aaron's website which is read across the country, and several of my articles were on sports websites across the country. It is the coolest thing in the world to see your name on something like that.

In those three weeks, I learned how to take the initiative to go up to NFL players and sometimes asking them hard questions. I would recommend the experience to anyone, and while you may not end up where I was immediately, you do have to start somewhere. I have to thank everyone here at the Free Press for getting me started in journalism, and guys like Lisa Breslin and Mr. Dalton for helping me develop as a journalist, and getting me the job at the Times. Because of that opportunity, I may have chances this year to go to Owings Mills to write a story or even cover a game this year.

GIRU:

One of the teams to watch that people already know about is the Alabama Crimson Tide. Yes, they are not even considered in a conference like the SEC with LSU and Florida, but this team will turn heads this year. Coming into this season, a lot of pressure was shifted to Nick Saban and whether or not he could push this team over the hump this season. Last year, the Tide was impressive, and I even considered one of the best teams in the SEC. However, this season again John Parker Wilson looks strong, the offensive line is getting better and the defensive line is in great shape. I had the upset in their first match-up with Clemson, where they just suffocated the Tigers 34-10. Saban will push into one of the bigger bowls this season. And they could even be a name thrown into the National championship race.

THE EX:

Alabama had their day in the sun the other day against Clemson (I guess they didn't rub Howard's Rock enough, or maybe it's because Lee Corso broke it in that commercial), and let's be honest, Clemson every year is thought to be very good, and Tommy Bowden disappoints. They were not the #8 team in the country. And here is why Alabama is going to disappoint this year: LSU, Georgia, Tennessee, and their Iron Bowl rivals, Auburn. John Parker Wilson throws too many interceptions and disappears in big games to be considered an elite quarterback. Alabama will lose 4-6 games this year, and fall off the map, and people will be calling for Saban's head in only his second year in Tuscaloosa. But I got one for you-Wake Forest in the ACC. Two years ago, freshman quarterback Riley Skinner led this team to a 10-2 record and winning the ACC before suffering through a lot of injuries in the 2007 campaign, and is now healthy and ready to play. Their only contest comes against Clemson on October 9th, and it is very possible that they could run the table, play a team like Virginia Tech (who looked suspect against ECU on Saturday) in the ACC Tournament, and go to the Orange or Gator Bowl in December. As long as Skinner is behind center for the Demon Deacons, look for them to be a big player in the ACC this year.

ON THE NFL...

GURU PREDICTS THE FUTURE.

Last season was the year of the unthinkable. First, and foremost, the New England Patriots couldn't get over the hump in the Super Bowl against the New York Giant team that was full of inconsistencies and problems both at the quarterback position and also defensively. But what should The McDaniel Guru expect for the upcoming season?

First of all, the two teams in the Super Bowl last season will NOT make the appearance a repeat offense. The Patriots are a playoff team, however, the biggest problem that could potentially not be one is the health of Tom Brady. Yes, the Patriots lose to play mind games with their injury report, however, the motives behind Brady sitting out the whole preseason is suspect. On the opposite side of the ball, the defense isn't getting any younger. Brunchi and Scoupe are closing in on 40, and this could easily hurt their chances. The Giants are without the two biggest defensive studs in Umenyiora and Strahan to injury and retirement.

Brett Favre was the biggest story (and most drawn-out) of the off-season. Either way, the Jets look good in the pre-season, and Favre looks better than last year. Jericho Cotchery will have a breakout off season, not just because of Favre, but because of his abilities that are a powder keg for this season. Hopefully, he explodes early in the season.

Breakout teams this season that need to be watched are not just the usual names. First there is the Colts, that had a disappointing post season losing to a Swiss-cheese Chargers team. However, Freeney and Sanders are now healthy, and the offense is also looking good. However, there are many questions with the health of Peyton Manning, having off season knee surgery. To top that off, Jeff Saturday will be gone for the whole campaign. Aside from that, I think the Colts are still a contender. Also, the Cowboys failed last post season, but this year they have pushed aside the things that held them back. Julius Jones is gone, allowing Marion Barber to run the ball freely. Romo has T.O., Witten, and Glenn to throw to, if he would only push aside Jessica Simpson. This team will make the playoffs this season, and could even head to the Bowl.

EAGAN GETS BIG TASTE OF NFL BLOGGING

GARRETT EAGAN
Sports Editor

Coming into this school year, I thought I knew what I wanted to do with the rest of my life. I had centered on covering, talking, or broadcasting sports. My aspirations for an NFL-type career are realistic, and I know I will take awhile, but I had no idea my first taste of NFL writing would come so soon.

As a large contributor and fanatic of the Washington Redskins, it is only natural that I would attempt, in some small way, to become a part of the Redskins. Obviously, it would not be on the field. This off-season, I had gotten ahold of tickets to the Hall of Fame Game in Canton, Ohio with some friends. The Redskins were slated against the Colts, and to sweeten the deal, I had never been in the Hall of Fame. I was able to meet Chris

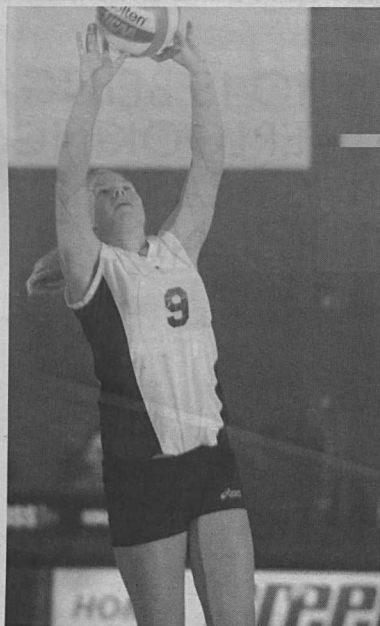
Coolley at the game, get an autograph, and lightly chat with him along with the rest of the Redskin faithful.

The next day, I blogged about the experience on the Free Press website. After some detective work, I managed to get Chris Coolley's email and send him a link to the blog. Much to my amazement, he let the blog, emailed me, and applauded my blog, and even more astonishing, asking if I would even be interested in writing for his blog. We have been emailing each other back and forth since the beginning of August, and forth since the sit-down conversation I hope to have a sit-down conversation I hope to have sometime in the future. My blog was posted on his blog, and the readers who usually post comments, applauded my writing, with one even saying, "Keep the Guru coming." This season, I will be writing weekly takes on the Redskins for his blog. Hail to the Redskins, and to my entries on Cool-

ley's blogosphere. The Free Press is even linked under Coolley's "Cool Site."

I may not get paid for it, I may not get to actually be on the Redskins website, but this is a great experience that I will remember from the rest of my life. Anywhere from getting an autograph from my favorite NFL player, to having him actually email me back, to having him read my Free Press blog, are the moments that will stick with me forever.

I owe everything to the Free Press. If it wasn't for Mike Halverson and Lisa Breslin, the two people who gave me a chance to express my views both in print and on a screen, this experience might not be possible. Those of you who are on the fence about writing or contributing to the Free Press, this is a reason to get involved. Hopefully, this experience will lead into something else, or someone of importance will be reading it.



SPORTS FILE PHOTO
Kristen Nuckles, a sophomore and the setter for the women's volleyball team, pops up a high set during a game last year.

TERROR SPORTS

TEAMWORK FUELS TERROR VBALL

CHRIS FERRICK-MANLEY
Staff Reporter

Last year the Green Terror volleyball team (currently 2-1, 0-0 CC) was the only full sports team to make the conference playoffs, before falling in the Centennial Conference finals against Haverford. This year's team will be younger however, graduating four seniors and losing Alice Hardwick who transferred.

According to Head Coach Carole Molloy, who was also named an Assistant Athletic Director this summer, the team should be competitive despite losses. Molloy told her players that it was "realistic" to be in conference tournament and competing for a championship again. Three of the four players who graduated in the spring of 2008 were outside hitters, affecting more of the team's depth, explained Molloy.

According to Molloy, six of the re-

turning players from the last season's conference runner-up team were key players: Jenna Filippone, Lani Reisinger, Kristie Fourcade, Sara Hanton, Kristen Nuckles, and Taylor Herrgott. Everyone on the team saw playing time in the season opening non-conference matches against York and Swarthmore.

"It's good to know we can call on people if we need them," said Molloy. Nuckles, who was named a team captain in just her sophomore year, believes the positive team chemistry will increase the Terror's chances of winning. According to Nuckles, last year's team relied more on a few players, while this year the team's ability to win "rests on the whole team."

"I have high hopes for this season," said Nuckles. Amy Tignaneli, a senior captain, also likes the chances of the Terror to overcome the for the conference title this year.

"I don't see why there is any reason we should not be back in the championship," said Tignaneli.

She also believes that the loss of the starters from last year should not cause the team any problems because their teamwork and talent will be able to overcome it.

"This year is going to be a lot about teamwork," said Tignaneli.

Johns Hopkins, who McDaniel defeated in the conference tournament last fall, was predicted to finish first in the preseason coaches poll. Other top teams in the Centennial Conference appear to be Haverford, F&M, and Gettysburg, according to Molloy.

"There is a lot more parity in the conference for volleyball," said Molloy "can't take any game lightly."

The next home match for the Green Terror is at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 20 against Muhlenberg.

TERROR FOOTBALL LOOKS TO NEW TALENT

CHRIS FERRICK-MANLEY
Staff Reporter

The Brad Baer and Tom Wenrich era is officially over at quarterback for the McDaniel Green Terror. They will be replaced by a quarterback who has thrown less than 20 collegiate passes.

Baer and Wenrich started 43 of the last 47 games, according to the McDaniel athletics website. Baer also ranks inside the top five all-time in school history in pass attempts, completions, completion percentage, and passing yards. Wenrich was also an all-conference punter in addition to his quarterback duties.

Among those competing to replace Baer and Wenrich are returning juniors Joe Lapkowitz and Zach Swope. Swope started in place of Wenrich against Unisus when Wenrich was out with a

concussion, while Lapkowitz also saw time as the team's placekicking holder.

Head Coach Tim Keating plans on making a last minute decision on his starting QB before the September 6 opener at St. Vincent's in Latrobe, PA. He would like to avoid using a two quarterback rotation in games if possible. Keating also cited the example of Ron Seramari, who was started over upperclassmen quarterbacks in 1996 and went on to become perhaps the most successful QB in McDaniel history.

Keating believes that the real strengths of his team in the upcoming season should be the offensive line and the defensive secondary. The secondary in particular has all returning upperclassmen with experience, though not necessarily starters.

Aaron Slaughter, a junior free safety and one of the captains on this year's

team, believes the defense will be much improved over last years, which struggled heavily against the run. According to Slaughter, the defense has been emphasizing more running to the ball techniques and he thinks the run defense in particular will be greatly improved.

"We got to stay on the course to winning the championship," said Slaughter.

The defensive line and the linebacker spots do not have the starters that the secondary has, but according to senior linebacker Cory Briggs, they have played well in practice and their scrimmage against Susquehanna and should be ready to step up. They do have a decent amount of game experience however. Briggs himself is out for an unknown number of games with an arm injury.

On offense, the team returns Eric

Zwilyk at running back who rushed for 10 touchdowns. Keating believes that Zwilyk has the skill set to be playing at a larger school if not for his size.

"He's everything you would want in a football player," said Keating.

At wide receiver, juniors Matt Cahill and Saum Sami combined for 45 receptions last year, although the leading wide receiver Brian Amenta with 35 receptions has since graduated. Also returning is 2007 All-Conference honorable mention Matt Bergbreuer, who led the team in receptions with 36.

Jay Leonard will start for the fourth year at kicker and Travis Wenrich, who is also a starting cornerback, will inherit the punting duties from his older brother.

Keating believes that this team, despite coming off a 1-9 record could be good this year.

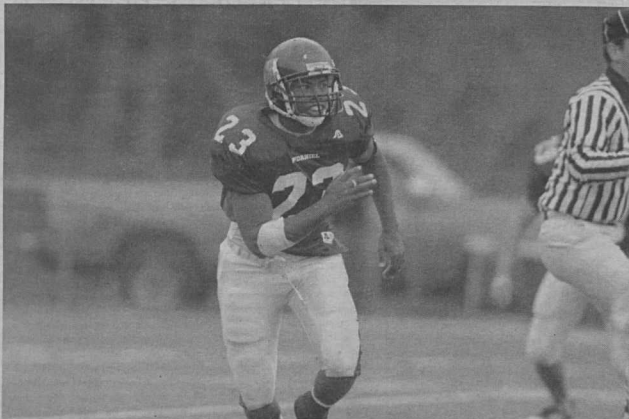
"We weren't good last year," said Keating. "I think we can win every game if we play it one game at a time."

He explained that the talent level across the Centennial Conference and Division III is relatively balanced. For example, if one team has an outstanding quarterback, their opponent might have an outstanding cornerback or running back to help cancel out the other team's advantage.

The team is currently picked to finish eighth in the conference this year ahead of only Juniata, the Terror's lone win from last year. However, Keating noted that even when the team was very successful in the late 1990s, they were never picked to finish 1st in the conference.

"I like to be the underdog. I hope to surprise a few people," said Keating.

The home opener for the Green Terror is September 13 against Moravian at 1 p.m.



SPORTS FILE PHOTO
Aaron Slaughter is a Junior, who hails from Baltimore (Loyola). He is the Terror's defensive back.

ONLINE JOURNAL CHRONICLES LUTZ'S SLOW RECOVERY

On Thursday, January 31, 2008, McDaniel student Jared Lutz was critically injured during a pole vaulting practice and was rushed to the University of Maryland R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center.

Since then, a semester and a summer break have passed. Jared is on campus, and the posters requesting prayers for his recovery have frayed and faded. But thoughts and memories of Lutz, who would have been a junior this year, remain in the hearts of upperclassmen, friends and teammates as he continues his struggle to get better.

"Coach Estes, our field event coach, has kept a vigil where he visits with Jared at least twice a week," said Coach Doug Renner. "Jared and family remain in our thoughts and prayers."

Several members of the Athletic Department have kept in contact with the Lutz family.

Lutz was moved to the Western Maryland Hospital Center in Hagerstown, MD, on August 6, 2008, where he is currently still in rehab and is able to have visitors.

According to online journal entries kept on a site called Caring Bridge (<http://caringbridge.org/visit/jaredlutz1>), Lutz is recovering slowly, but it is possible that he will never fully recover. The online journal, which is updated daily, notes that over the summer, Lutz suffered seizures, now controlled through medication. He is dealing with the repercussions of two brain

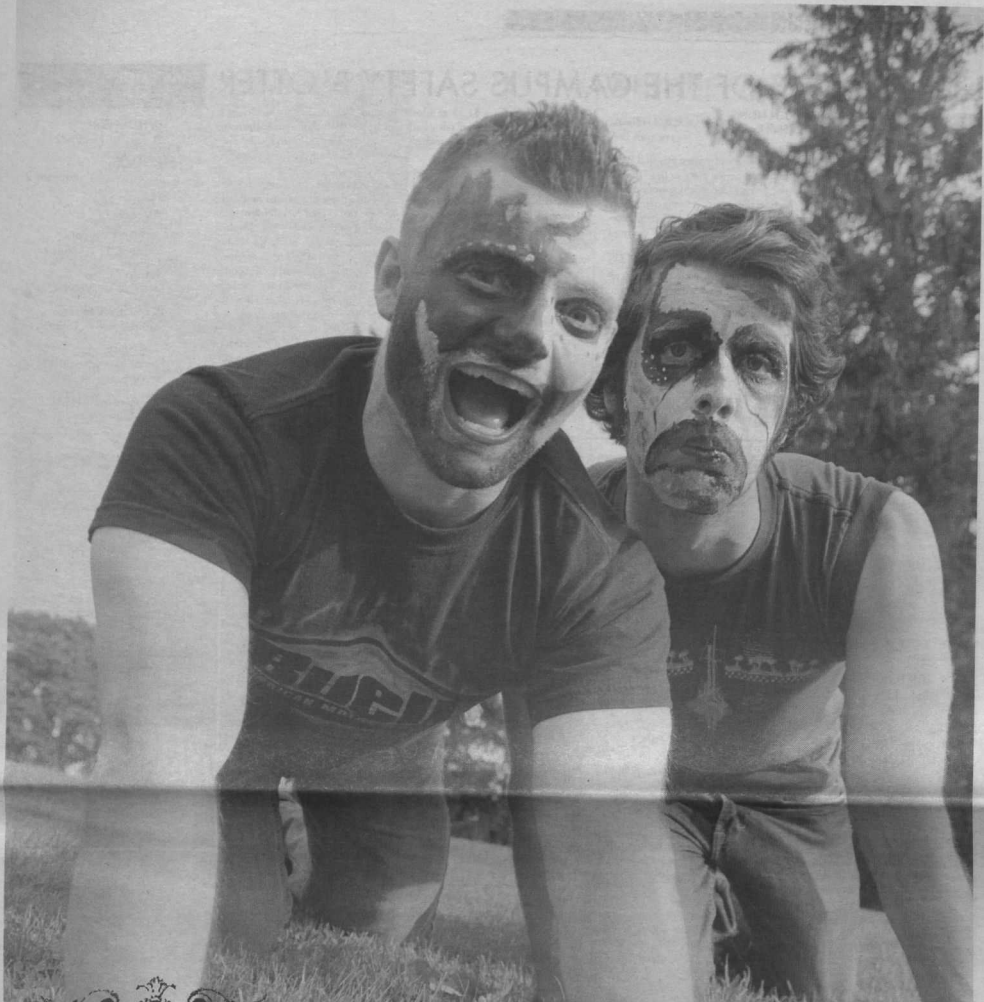
Lutz has not regained most of his speaking ability and listening comprehension.

Though he is still on the feeding tube, Lutz remains free of infection and gains weight and strength each day. Additionally, Lutz sees several therapists for speech and physical recuperation.

The family has agreed to an interview with a Free Press staff member, which will be published in a later issue.

—ASHLEIGH SMITH

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LIGHTER SIDE OF THE CAMPUS SAFETY BLOTTER

QUICK LINK
Blotter by the numbers



JEN NOEL
Staff Reporter

It's easy to see why some may find Westminster a boring place to live. There is not always a lot happening around town besides the events occurring on our very own college campus. However, boredom usually leads to some of the most noteworthy shenanigans.

It would appear that something like boredom or perhaps some deeper rebellious nature compelled a culprit or culprits to cause some mischief in Academic Hall. It was discovered on September 8, that an unknown perpetrator decided to convert the men's bathroom into a slip and slide by emptying all of the soap containers onto the floor.

Then, as if this radical action was not enough, the perp stole the soap containers. I wonder if they know soap

containers run about a \$1.25 at a local store, but you can never tell what lengths people will go to get what they want.

Another group of students must have missed the memo about the soap and 'suds party' because they decided to begin some ruckus of their own. On September 16 around 11:20 pm, a band of students tried to live out their Mission Impossible dreams, McDaniel style.

A call was made to Campus Safety reporting objects flying from the roof of Decker Center. Upon arrival, Campus Safety was able to pinpoint the culprits atop the roof with a spot light. I am sure that was a true deer in the headlights moment for the culprits. I wonder if they considered rappelling down the wall for escape; that would have added a real dramatic effect.

It's important not to forget the most

blueting area on campus for the blotter-Rouzer Hall. Just outside the doors of the freshmen dorm, an incident was reported involving the Conference Services golf cart.

On September 15, Campus Safety arrived to discover a busted head-light and the cart moved to a different location. The golf cart enthusiasts obviously never took a spin on Mario Kart if they couldn't control that one horsepower of raw torque in an open parking lot.

Amid the creativity during the lack-luster moments of college life, the usual issues involving fire alarms and alcohol abounded.

I applaud those of you went out of your comfort zone to provide amusement to the mundane areas of the campus blotter. Keep things interesting and know your bizarre actions will add some flare to the Lighter Side.

- WHITEFORD**
Drugs- 1 Health- 2
- ROUZER**
Alcohol- 2 Vandalism- 2
- GARDEN**
Alcohol- 2
- NORTH VILLAGE**
Alcohol- 1 Health- 2
- PA AVE.**
Alcohol- 4 Vandalism- 1
- DECKER CENTER**
Vandalism- 1 Health- 1
- ANW**
Alcohol- 1 Health- 2
Disturbance- 1
- ACADEMIC HALL**
Vandalism- 2

(Editor's Note: This column by Jen Noel 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).



Dan Kaminetz '09 talks to Bradford O'Brien '10, who decked out in a cow costume to raise awareness about the campus fundraiser Up Till Dawn which benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For more information about the campaign email <McDanielUTD@gmail.com>.

ON THE COVER

Seniors Lance Pototschnik (left) and Bobby Coleman (right) are painted as a pair while participating in an interactive Advanced Studio project. After telling senior Alicia Ciatto the story of how they met, she gave them faces matching their story. Coleman said, "Lance and I complement each other, yet we're from different worlds. He's always been the crazy one, and I'm kind of emo, so it works." Ciatto intends to paint one person each day for the remainder of the semester.

PHOTO BY EMILY BIONDO



Students enjoy themselves at the Bachelors' clubroom, held on Saturday, September 20.

PHOTO BY EVAN TICKNOR



TWO WEEKS IN PHOTOGRAPHS



EVAN TICKNOR

Joseph Ole Tipanko, a school teacher and a member of the Mossai community of Kenya, spoke to a standing-room-only crowd in Hill Hall. Tipanko spoke to students and faculty members about Mossai life — its strengths and weaknesses. Through a cultural exchange program, he travels to the U.S. to raise awareness and money to improve Mossai living standards through educational improvements, improved resources and health initiatives. For more information: Facebook: Joseph ole Tipanko.

WHY THE PARKING INCREASE?

DANIELLE AZOULAY
Staff Reporter

Having a car on campus just got more expensive. Not only are gas prices rising, but so is the price to park at McDaniel College.

The fee to park on campus is now \$100, an increase \$25 since last year, causing many students to get upset.

"I used to pay \$385 per semester to park on campus at Temple, but I understood why. We were in the city, and the school had to pay someone to sit there and watch my car 24 hours a day," said Senior Amanda O'Loughlin who transferred to McDaniel in 2007.

So what is the reasoning behind McDaniel's parking price increase?

Dr. Ethan Seidel, Vice President of Admissions and Finance, explained that the main reason is that the school now has more parking lots which means that there is more that must be maintained. Also the cost of building the new lot by North Village cost approximately \$400,000 according to Seidel.

"Overtime we are trying to pass off some of that cost onto the people who use it," said Seidel. "If you didn't have a parking fee the school would have to pay for the lot, then everybody would have to pay for the parking lot whether they were users or not."

He feels it was hitting the three digit mark that truly alarmed students. "In

reality parking only went up \$12.50 a semester," said Seidel.

However, to many students like Senior Sarah Crum that extra \$12.50 a semester wasn't worth it.

Crum, who had to have a car while at school because of her internship, said "to pay \$100 is ridiculous especially if you live in the Garden Apartment area. It is more convenient to find a spot on the street."

Although Crum feels that her car is not as safe of campus as it is on campus, she believes that the odds of her finding a spot near her building is so slim that it would be a waste of \$100 to register her car.

The lack of parking in the Garden Apartment area has been noticed by many, including the school's surrounding neighbors.

According to O'Loughlin neighbors have been placing notices on cars asking students to respect the elderly that live in the area and that there is "ample" parking on campus.

"We want to park near where we live too," said O'Loughlin, who feels that she would rather park on Pennsylvania Avenue than have to park across campus even though she paid the \$100 to register her car.

Other price increases for this year include tuition, Pub food, air conditioning permit fee, swim lessons, and music lessons per credit.

130 SCHOOLS SUPPORT AMETHYST INITIATIVE

KRIS BREEDEN
Staff Reporter

Though more than 130 colleges have joined a "reconsider the drinking age" initiative, McDaniel College has opted to tackle concerns about alcohol abuse through other means.

The movement, dubbed The Amethyst Initiative, is an organization initiated by John McCordell, founder of Choose Responsibility. It is made up of U.S. college presidents and chancellors that, in July 2008, officially called for the reconsideration of U.S. drinking age laws, particularly the minimum age of 21 as established nationally by the National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984.

Many presidents at colleges that McDaniel competes against athletically have signed up for the Initiative, including Dickinson College, Gettysburg

College, Goucher College, Johns Hopkins University, Moravian College, and Muhlenberg College.

Other local schools have signed up as well: College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Towson University, and University of Maryland—College Park.

The current total signatory count is 130 schools nationwide.

Beth Gerl, Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs, notes that the 130 signatories is an interesting number.

She says, "Only eleven schools have signed on since mid-August, and I'm not sure what that means, but it's interesting."

It seems the program could already be coming to a standstill.

According to Gerl, the program has also faced federal funding issues, which she says is "clearly why some schools are not signing on."

She adds, "It's not about the 130 that

have signed; it's about all the schools that haven't."

Amethyst is traditionally believed to ward off intoxication, which is why the founders of the Amethyst Initiative thought the stone to be an appropriate symbol for their mission.

One of the main arguments, as described in the Amethyst Initiative's statement on their website, is that "adults under 21 are deemed capable of voting, signing contracts, serving on juries and enlisting in the military, but are told they are not mature enough to have a beer."

Gerl feels that the process is more complicated than simply dropping the drinking age.

She says, "It's great that college presidents are coming together, but there are many other issues regarding the abuse of alcohol that ought to be focused on."

It's true that one can enlist and vote at 18, but it concerns Gerl "that a lot of high school seniors are 18. We need to be realistic. It's an age of experimentation and testing your boundaries."

Gerl says she likes to speak to students, particularly first year students, about making smart choices about alcohol consumption.

"Students need to be taught at a young age how to be responsible. We take a more educational approach in the hope that people will learn and won't repeat the same actions."

She feels talking to students about alcohol at an even younger age could be very beneficial.

"We've got to do a better job in this nation," she says, "at helping parents to have these important conversations very early."

When asked about alcohol consumption at McDaniel, Gerl seems optimistic.

"I've seen some more responsible use of alcohol. I've seen friends, teammates, brothers and sisters from sororities and fraternities come to faculty to discuss concerns about their friends' alcohol use," Gerl explains.

She adds, "These are good steps."

Gerl supports programs such as Late Nights, which encourage students to come together and help their peers. She elaborates, "It gives students other things to do. They can look at their own life and what role alcohol is playing here."

All of this won't stop students from drinking, but it does allow for more openness about alcohol. If students choose to consume, Gerl wants them to be informed on how to do so responsibly.

"We keep updating, keep trying to come up with creative ideas," says Gerl. "I think we're making some good headway."

ELECTION FOR FRESHMAN CLASS PRESIDENT SNARLED

STAFF REPORT

_____ won the election for Freshman Class President.

Hopefully by the time The McDaniel Free Press comes to campus this week, readers will be able to fill in the blank.

Minutes before the college paper was due to the publisher, the results of the election were not known due to an election snafu.

"Nothing went wrong," said Dave Castle, SGA President. "It was just a misinterpretation of the SGA constitution."

Here is what was known at press time: The race for Freshman Class President was declared a three-way tie between three students - Joey Steinberg, Matt Berubie, Erica Emmelhainz - in one email from Castle. A second email noted that there was a three-way tie, but the tie was actually between Matt Berubie, Erica Emmelhainz and Tom Nebson.

While researching how tie races are broken, Steinberg discovered that the election process had bigger woes to ad-

dress, so he called Castle's attention to those woes.

"The election only took place on one day for three hours, and it is supposed to last three days at hours convenient to the students," Steinberg explained. "No one checks identification and the voting times are not convenient."

Once he discovered the problems, Castle added two more days to the election: Friday, Sept. 19, and Monday, Sept. 20, from 11 a.m. until noon.

Results had not been emailed to the candidates at press time.

"We might be looking into revising the constitution," Castle said. "But we have to see how it goes first. This might be the best way."

Meanwhile Steinberg said he is prepared for any outcome.

"If I don't win, I hope to be on the college's Honor and Conduct Board," he said. "If I do win, I work for cleaner dorms and equal representation for everyone."

Staff reporter Jen Noel contributed to this report.



Skylar Snead considers 2 candidates running for SGA elections.

BRENT LOWE

GETTING TO KNOW THE FRESHMAN CLASS...

THE Best AND Worst:
FRESHMEN ORIENTATIONCHRISTINA HINKLE
Staff Reporter

Best: "How the peer mentors really seemed to bond this year. Also, how the freshmen were pretty enthusiastic about all of the activities."

Worst: "The size of this year's freshman class was huge so organization was sometimes a problem."

—Fernando Gomez '10 (Peer Mentor Advisory Board)

Best: "Choices."
Worst: "The Color Orange."
—Sam Staub '12

Best: Mike Green
Worst: Some of the mandatory speakers
—Tanner Cannavo '12

Best: "Meeting new people and getting back to school early!"
Worst: "Long hours!"
—Laura Foley '10 (Peer Mentor)

Best: "Definitely Choices!"
Worst: "Being so exhausted by the end of the 2 weeks!"
—Nicole Davenport '09 (Advisory Board)

Best: "Meeting so many new people."
Worst: "The long hours that go into training, even though it was totally worth it."
—Alexa Panayir '11 (Peer Mentor)

Best: "Mike Green and Choices."
Worst: "The fact that there were so many mandatory events and activities."
—Kelsey Franklin '12

...BY THE NUMBERS

COMPILED BY JUI GUFFRE
Staff Reporter

Total Freshman Students	... 491
Average SAT Score	... 1133
Average GPA	... 4.33
Male to Female Ratio	... 49/51
States Represented	... 29
Multicultural Students	... 25 (5%)
MD Distinguished Scholars	... 39
Honors Program	... 42
National Honor Society	... 30%
Students in Leadership Role in Club/Sport/Student Government	... 60%
Athletic Team Captains	... 25%
Involved in Musical Group/Theatre	... Over 50%
Done Significant Community Service	... Over 60%

...BY WHAT BROUGHT THEM HERE

"Honestly a gut feeling... and they gave me the most money."
—Matthew Joseph Berube

"I guess I chose McDaniel because it is a small school and I can play football here."
—John Dunford

"I chose McDaniel because when I walked onto campus, it felt like home. I just felt right. It also helped I was being recruited for basketball and I am interested in ASL."
—Emma Adams

"Not only is it close to home, but I liked the size and atmosphere of the campus and choice of classes."
—Rob Resenberg

"I guess you could say the reason I chose McDaniel is simple. When I visited the campus my junior year it just felt right. It was exactly what I was looking for and I never questioned it."
—Brittany Miley

"My dad is really good friends with the ex-provost of the school, Sam Case, so whenever he'd come down here to visit or run the JFK marathon I would come along with him. So I had been to the campus a few times before but I had even thought about applying."
—Torin Lehmann

"I chose McDaniel because of the good education and art programs it has. I also only live a half an hour away so it's nice and close and I can commute. And the beautiful campus just makes you fall in love with it."
—Samantha Price

"I chose McDaniel because of the Liberal Arts curriculum, which made me feel more comfortable not having any clue about what my major is. Also, the baseball opportunities satisfied me also because that is one my longtime favorite hobby/activity."
—James Najera

NEW CLASS LOOKS AT 9/11
STUDENTS INVESTIGATE NEW PERSPECTIVE IN HISTORYANGELA BALDWIN
Staff Reporter

What do the disciplines of English, Sociology, Political Science and Cross Cultural Studies have to say about the 9/11 tragedy? That's what the new Sophomore Interdisciplinary Class, "September 11th and Its Aftermath" hopes to accomplish.

Dr. Rebecca Carpenter, of the English Department, ended up in charge of putting the 9/11 class together. "I took the initiative and put it together," she said.

In response to high interest in teaching the class, Dr. Lauren Dundes, of the Sociology Department, and Dr. Christians Leaky, of the Political Science Department, became the other two professors.

During preparation for the class, the faculty experienced and learned from the different disciplines. Dr. Leaky mentioned, "We worked all summer narrowing it down," in reference to cooperation in choosing material for the class.

Each discipline has a specific goal in focusing on 9/11. Dr. Leaky's focus is how US foreign and domestic policy has changed since 9/11 and, in addition, why 9/11 happened. "You have to understand the history of US policy," Dr. Leaky said, emphasizing the importance

of this to understanding 9/11.

Dr. Leaky answers the "Why" question with an article by Fareed Zakaria from Newsweek, and a chapter of a book by Robert Fisk.

She chose the Newsweek article for its "average, doctor's office level writing" anyone can understand this "thoughtful, interesting piece." On the other hand, Robert Fisk's answer was "sophisticated, had a breadth of knowledge all in one chapter," Dr. Leaky said.

She also discusses the US policy on torture, the general "disregard of humanitarian law" and the "US disregard of human rights."

"Events gain meaning through the narratives told about them," Dr. Carpenter said, revealing what English has to do with 9/11. She mentioned how meaning of 9/11 is found from the construction of stories about the event.

In addition, she emphasized how stories from different perspectives are important to understanding all the meanings of a single event.

From her reading assignments, there are several different nationalities included. She also has the students read a novel called *The Reluctant Fundamentalist*, a play called "Stuff Happens," and poems about 9/11.

From the variety of readings, she hopes that her students "emerge better

informed citizens of a democracy." She believes that "You need to understand how others think to understand."

Dr. Dundes' focus is to "engage in the systematic study of society and look for social patterns" as well as "encourage students to be aware of culture, context and to see events such as 9/11 from a culturally relativistic viewpoint."

Her focus pertains to the "issues of race, gender and cross-cultural understanding as they pertain to 9/11."

Dr. Dundes, along with Dr. Roxanna Harlow, conducted research on how factors like gender and race affect reactions and views of 9/11. She assigned the article, published in *Sociological Perspectives*, along with assigning "The Terror Dream" by Susan Fasulid.

"The Terror Dream," according to Dr. Dundes, claims that "after a humiliating attack on our dominant invincible nation, we temporarily embraced a vigilante cowboy mentality where feminist ideals were replaced by a portrayal of women in need of rescue."

Dr. Mohamed Eza, guest lecturer, teaches students everything about Islam: misconceptions, terrorist groups, radical movements and background. He said that most have "no idea about Islam," and that the students "deserve more than what CNN gives, they deserve balanced exposure. There's good stuff about Islam."

Since it was a rainy day, students hung out in Ensor lounge to work on homework or just socialize. Ed Lushar '12 (left) is reading for his English class and Ross Avery '10 (right) is listening to music getting inspired to play guitar.

WINTER ILLNESS MAKES ITS
PRESENCE KNOWN ON CAMPUSCASEY CROUGH
Staff Reporter

Have you been feeling ill lately? Perhaps you have a runny nose, a sore throat, or maybe a fever; it seems like it is routine that students become ill when returning to college campuses, and it's not from all of the schoolwork.

Since students live and socialize in such a close environment, it's easy for germs to travel and for others to get sick.

In these first weeks back on the Hill, the Wellness Center has seen about 300 students. Joan Lusby, a certified physician's assistant at the Wellness Center, has not seen anything that has surprised her yet this year.

"Mostly students have come in with a cold, allergy symptoms, or skin infections," said Lusby. Probably the most serious case was the skin infections. Lusby conducted a two-year study when skin infections began to show up on campus. "Originally skin infections such as MRSA were isolated only in hospitals, but now the infection is spreading into the community," said Lusby.

After her study, Lusby was the one to get up into the athletic department, and provided the materials in the gym to wipe off the equipment. The skin infections are in no way an epidemic, but something is still be cautious of.

Red bumps that appear to be a bug bite could be a sign of a skin infection. Oftentimes the bumps may begin to pus or spread.

To decrease your risk of getting an infection, avoid close contact with athletic equipment. Yet, this raises a problem for athletes who practice everyday or students who use the gym on regular basis.

Lusby offers the advice to be highly aware of your personal hygiene and to take action as soon as possible. If you think you are getting an infection. She also suggests avoiding skin-to-skin contact.

Another illness around campus is the common cold, yet sometimes it can be mistaken for allergies. Usually with a cold there are aches and pains, coughing, sore throat, and a runny nose. Students can go to the Wellness Center to the Self-Care Cold Clinic. This Clinic lets students treat their own symptoms, and can save time since they do not have to make an appointment.

The biggest problem with the student community is the lack of personal responsibility. Lusby claimed, "Students should own their own hand soap and take better care of themselves when regarding personal hygiene." Although it may seem inconvenient, owning your own hand soap helps to decrease the spreading of germs.

For some students it may be hard to take responsibility of their own, but without that motivation, germs will continue to spread and students will continue to get sick.

It seems as though the school should provide soap for the dorms, if it is college property, it should not have to be the student's responsibility. Yet, at the same time it is appalling how students treat this campus.

"Kids would never leave their homes as dirty as they do here," said Lusby. She feels that the school should not have to provide soap; rather it should be the students' own personal responsibility to maintain their hygiene.

This past February there was a flu epidemic on campus. Several students were sent home in hopes of containing the infection. Each year 36,000 people die from the flu, according to the National Women's Health Resource Center, and it is no joke.

Lusby said, "kids were upset to be isolated, but I knew if it got out of control, the campus would have been potentially shut down." The best way to protect yourself is by maintaining your immune system. The Wellness Center will also be offering the flu shot again this year, and it should not be more than twenty dollars. The shot is not a 100 percent guarantee of being flu free, but it is a defense against potentially getting the illness.

No cases of the flu have been reported so far, but the flu only comes once a year, and will probably come again according to Lusby.

When examining other campuses, Lusby said the illnesses tend to be the same on the East Coast: the common cold, the flu, STDS, UTI's, mono, and skin infections.

Students need to be more contentious when spreading germs. Even little things such as washing their hands frequently or remembering the cover their mouths when they cough could really help the campus to stay healthy.

For more information or advice, call the Wellness Center at ext. 2243.



CASEY CROUGH

PROFESSORS GONE WILD (IN ACADEMIA)

KATE MALONEY
Staff Reporter

We see our professors in Red Square lecturing outdoors on a nice day, advising student-run clubs in the evening, or catching up with colleagues over lunch in GLAR, but mostly we see them in the front of a classroom. It is easy to disregard the fact that professors do more with their PhD than mold our eager undergraduate minds. We forget that they are part of a scholarly network that expands beyond our modest

community of 1,700 and teaches a national, if not international audience.

They are respected experts in their fields whose research influences the very subjects we study as their students. Every once in a while, a favorite professor disappears from campus life and students are temporarily reassigned to another faculty member as their stand-in academic advisor. It is only then — when professors take sabbatical leaves — that we are reminded of their roles outside the classroom as researchers, authors, and practitioners.

This past spring, Dr. Stephanie Maden, Associate Professor of Psychology and Chair of the Psychology Department, took a one semester sabbatical leave to work on a textbook titled "Development and Interpersonal Relationships." She spent the semester gathering over 700 sources for six chapters, completing one chapter on social networks in its entirety, and writing a draft of another on friendships. She is writing the textbook with her former graduate school advisor, Dr. Andrew Collins, whom she has continued to collaborate with since the completion of her doctorate degree.

While the textbook was the main focus and primary undertaking of her semester, she also found time to publish a manuscript in a peer reviewed journal using data she collected with undergraduate research assistants. Her research focuses on adolescents' romantic relationships and how parents attempt to influence and manage such relationships. This article in *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* was followed

with a flurry of media interest, attracting the attention of a *Wall Street Journal* columnist, Sue Shellenbarger. In the wake of the article's appearance, she accepted several interview opportunities to discuss her thoughts on parents and adolescent romance airing on National Public Radio, Boston Public Radio, and New York Public Radio, to name a few.

Maden also served her field as a reviewer for prominent academic journals on adolescent development, presented two posters and as a presenter at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence in Chicago. She also spent time revising courses she teaches here at McDaniel, and caught up on her professional reading — all activities that might be labeled "important, but not urgent."

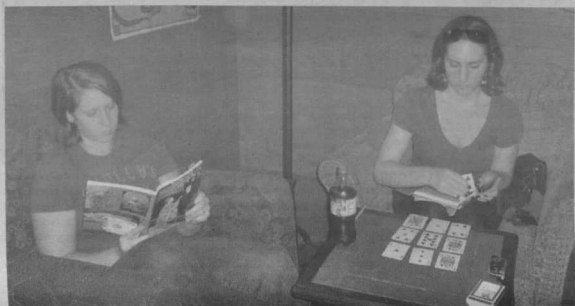
Because sabbatical projects are so concentrated, focused efforts, Maden was grateful to be free of daily interruptions such as faculty meetings but also noted that scholarly work comes

with its own set of challenges. For one, hours of reading and writing is undoubtedly isolating work so she made a point to meet friends for lunch to avoid cabin fever. It can also be tempting to avoid scholarly endeavors when you do not have a set schedule or demanding deadlines. She spent the first couple of weeks cleaning out every closet in the house and organizing her photographs, but set up a home office downstairs which helped to create a separate, consistent workspace that she retreated to each morning.

Ironically, the word sabbatical has its roots in the Greek word for Sabbath meaning a time for rest from work when in fact, a sabbatical may very well be the time when professors get the greatest amount of work done. However, Maden concedes that working on sabbatical is more flexible and easy-going compared to being on campus. Even her doctor noticed she was less stressed when her blood pressure was appreciably lower.

I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SEMESTER...

- SUSAN BLOOM**, Professors of Art: Photographed in Europe and published a book on photography techniques called "Digital Painting in Photoshop" due out this winter
- GLENN CALDWELL**, Professor of Music: Wrote a book on the musical life of Rogers Simon
- IRA DOMSER**, Professor of Theater Arts: Studied the theatre genre known as British Pentonime
- THEODORE EVERGATES**, Professor of History: Researched in the regional archives of Paris, France preparing a scholarly edition of "The Cartulary of Countess Blanche of Champagne"
- ROXANNA HARLOW**, Associate Professor of Sociology: Wrote book proposal based off dissertation research on race and ethnicity and investigated the "cool pose" phenomenon
- RAMONA KERBY**, Associate Professor of Library Science: Drafted novel about a girl named Eve and also an account of the Alamo
- RONALD MILLER**, Associate Professor of Communication and Theatre Arts: Engaged in professional discourse among several communities of theatre including playback theatre, drama therapy, psychodrama, and theatre education.
- CATHERINA ORZOLEK-KRONNER**, Associate Professor of Social Work: Developed training in the theories of a controversial Hungarian psychoanalyst, collected data on students' sources of stress, and advanced adaptive technology for the blind and visually-impaired.
- LERROY PANEK**, Professor of English: Published anthology of twentieth century crime fiction by writers who are no longer well-known but were best-sellers in their time.
- LOUISE PAQUIN**, Professor of Biology: Researched relationship between genetics and art and prepared manuscripts in the area of genetics education and outcomes assessment.



Melissa Todd & Anne Hebert, both juniors, take some time to chill at the Budapest Cafe. While Hebert plays herself in a card game, Todd reads up on something she loves—japanese art.

KRIS BREDEN

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A MIRACLE IN THE MAKING

CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE CLUB AT MCDANIEL COLLEGE



EVAN TICKNOR

Kaya, a nine-week-old white lab, is a puppy training with Canine Companions for Independence. Kaya is being trained by Sophomore Abigail Vickers and the residents of 127 Pennsylvania Avenue.

COLLEEN MCCARRICK
Staff Reporter

Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) is a national non-profit organization that provides highly trained assistance dogs to people with disabilities. Their motto is "Some people wait a lifetime for a miracle; we raise them one at a time." With the unique combination of hard work, dedicated students, sacrifice, commitment and love, McDaniel College is raising their very own miracle puppy.

Kaya seems like a typical puppy who loves to chew toys and toes, to meet new people and playmates, and to take long naps. But the green rattoo behind Kaya's ears sets her apart from most puppies. It shows that in just a few short years, her life will be far from normal. Kaya has just embarked on a remarkable journey through CCI that will result in making miracles happen.

This nine week old White Labrador mix is considered a "puppy-in-training" for the Canine Companions for Independence Club. Through the CCI, Kaya will be trained to perform special services for an individual whose life will be changed in wonderful and miraculous ways.

Sophomore Abigail Vickers is the founder of McDaniel College's chapter of Canine Companions for Independence. She and the residents of 127 PA Avenue are the caretakers and trainers of Kaya. Vickers, who plans to major in biology and pre-vet, has been involved with CCI for several years.

Vickers' Girl Scout Gold Award project was training a puppy named Pinello. Pinello is now making miracles happen in Pennsylvania for a thirty year old man, Eric, who has a degenerative nerve disease. After raising Pinello, Vickers realized that she wanted to do it again. She subsequently adopted a puppy named Caroline, whom she recently handed over for advanced training.

Last fall, when Vickers started as a freshman at McDaniel, life without a dog was a big adjustment: "I've grown up with dogs all my life. It felt really empty." Vickers took it upon herself to bring a little piece of home with her to McDaniel by starting start CCI on campus.

This year, McDaniel College's Canine Companions for Independence club was able to receive permission to raise an assistance dog on campus. Vickers said that she had to jump through "a lot of loopholes" to get permission to bring a dog to campus. "Most people don't understand the difference between a dog and an assistance dog,"

she explained. In the beginning of September, Vickers picked up Kaya and brought her to her new home: McDaniel College.

Eight members of the Canine Companions for Independence Club reside together in McDaniel Affinity Housing. All of the residents share the responsibility of taking care of Kaya. She needs to be let out in the early morning, fed breakfast at 7am, played with at various times during the day, occasionally taken to the veterinarian, and brought to Puppy Training classes once a month. Despite the extra work, McDaniel senior and CCI member Sarah McGraw admits that having Kaya "brings home to campus. She brings everyone together and gives everyone responsibility."

Kaya will be in this stage of "puppy raising" for the next year and a half. Kaya's innocent bites, adorable barks and playful jumps are irresistibly cute. But for the residents at 127 PA Avenue, even little misbehaviors cannot be tolerated. Posted on the wall of the campus house is a list of the commands that the trainers are expected to teach Kaya. Her training programs requires that she learn and master basic commands such as her name, hurry, sit, let's go, kennel, wait, and shake by the age of six months. Vickers said that it is also important to socialize Kaya with different people and in a variety of situations so that "she learns what she can and cannot do."

When Kaya is between the age of fifteen and eighteen months, she will be returned to the regional CCI center for six months of advanced training. The green tattoo, which will eventually fade, will serve to identify her among the other dogs in training.

Canine Companions for Independence trains four types of assistance dogs: Service dogs, who are partnered with adults with physical disabilities to assist with daily tasks, Facility dogs who are trained to assist in physical therapy, Skilled Companion dogs, who are work with either a disabled child or adult under the guidance of a facilitator, and Hearing dogs, who alert partners to key sounds by making physical contact. Vickers does not let know what type of assistance dog Kaya will be.

Even though Kaya is now just an adorable little puppy who falls asleep on your lap, snores and has "puppy dreams", she will one day make dreams come true as an assistance dog. Her training and experience at 127 PA Avenue is preparing her to help a disabled person lead a confident and fulfilled life. Someday, her unqualified love and

uncompromising loyalty will be the miracle in someone's life.

McDaniel's Canine Companions for Independence Club meets every other Thursday at 7 pm at 127 PA Avenue. The club is looking for donations to help cover the costs of raising and training Kaya. Donated money will go towards puppy food, toys, treats, vet bills (which cost approximately \$670/year), medications (eye drops, ear drops, shampoo), household cleanup supplies for accidents, and gas money for traveling to and from obedience classes. Any contribution is greatly appreciated. Money can be donated in cash or check made out to Canine Companions for Independence. Please contact Abigail Vickers at adv001@mcDaniel.edu for more information.



THE FASTEST ARTICLE YOU'LL EVER READ.

DANIELLE SMITH
Staff Reporter

WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO? WHAT IS THE TOP OF YOUR TOP 25?



"I'm currently listening to Within You, Without You, by The Beatles and the top of my top 25 is a cover of the Jackson 5's I Want You Back by my high school science teacher Eric Nermitz."
MICHAEL MANDELL
Sophomore, 2011



"I just listened to The Roses by the Grateful Dead and the top of my top 25 is Owl Loud by Dispatch."
ADAM DELLINGER
Junior, 2010



"I last listened to Drunk On Love by Brooks & Dunn and the top of my top 25 is Drive (For Daddy Gene) by Alan Jackson."
JESSE NANGLE
Junior, 2010



"The last song I listened to was Live in Baghdad, but I don't know the artist because it's from a TV show. The top of my top 25 is Soft Rock Star by Metric."
KATIE BONADUCE
Junior, 2010



"The last song I listened to was Settle for a Slow Down by Dierks Bentley. I don't have iTunes or anything but American Idiot by Green Day?"
ALICIA BETER
Junior, 2011

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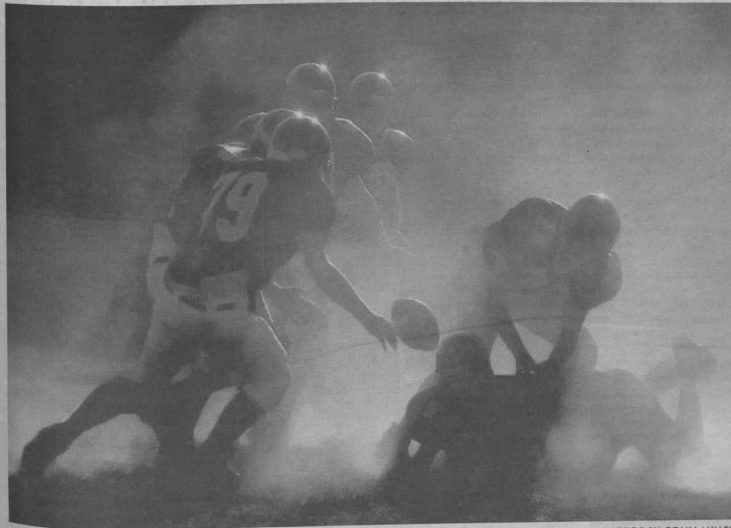
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MCDANIEL STUDENT WINS PHOTO CONTEST



SAM SEGAL
Staff Reporter

"Photography is my eye of the world. I capture what I see to share it with others"

Colin Miller, a sophomore here at McDaniel College, is a photographer and the recent winner of the 2008 Microsoft Future Pro Photographer Competition with his photograph of the Dust Bowl. "I took it my freshman year of high school after saving up for my camera," he says. "It was the picture that got me into photography. It was the first picture that showed me what I could do."

Miller, however, didn't become really into photography until his sophomore year of high school when he started really exploring his surroundings. It started as a way to pass the time—he would go with friends over the weekend into the city. "We'd roam around DC and [find things] to photograph". But after a while, it became a habit.

"We [started going to] sporting events, concerts, protests, marches—basically anywhere the Metro would take us." The city was my playground and my camera was my one and only toy.

Besides documenting urban life, Miller also went to Nicaragua to help distribute food and set up a water filtration system. "I got to document the trip for the organization." He's done portraits, photographed weddings, even a truckers convention in California.

"I hope that some of my pictures make a change, big or small, to someone somewhere. If I can do that, that's what matters."

PHOTOS BY COLIN MILLER

Colin Miller's photo of the Dust Bowl (above) from his high school days won him first place in the 2008 Microsoft Future Pro Photographer Competition. The two other photos (left) are from his collection.



EVAN TICKNOR

Pictured above is photographer Colin Miller (left and right).

MISS KATHY BACK TO WORK AFTER BREAST CANCER BATTLE

ANDREW VELNOSKEY
Staff Reporter

Walk into the pub during the day and you can always count on seeing Kathy Reiker. Known by everyone as Miss Kathy, she is always there to give you a smile and take your order.

Unfortunately, for six weeks this summer, that was not the case. Miss Kathy

was diagnosed with breast cancer in May, underwent surgery in July, and spent two days in the hospital. Though the experience was very trying, Miss Kathy said the enormous support from the campus community made things much better. Miss Kathy said she received over 300 cards.

Robin Brenton, and the Alumni Relations department, were particularly

supportive. When asked to comment on Miss Kathy, Robin said, "Whether it's a quick interaction in the pub, or a longer time working together at an event, Kathy's enthusiasm and love for people is contagious. Kathy is the kind of person that always goes above and beyond for everyone around her and when we were made aware of her illness, there was no thought other than to do the exact same for her."

Miss Kathy has now been back at work for a few weeks and has resumed her normal shift in the pub. You can also find her helping out with other events around campus with Sodexo's catering department. Though her experience has by no means been easy, she says she is now feeling 100% healthy and is very glad to be back, as all of us are glad to see her back. Sodexo General Manager Deb Shaffer summed up the feelings of the entire campus when she said, "The pub was just not the same without Miss Kathy."

During her absence Miss Kathy requested that people donate money to Cancer Research instead of sending her flowers, etc. You can do your part in the pub, by buying a breast cancer bracelet for a donation towards cancer research.



EVAN TICKNOR

Miss Kathy [center] returned to work at the Pub a few weeks ago, in time for the start of the academic year. She spent the summer battling breast cancer.

If you feel down...

"I am not in competition with anyone but myself. My goal is to beat my last performance."
- Celine Dion

The greats (whatever arena that they represent) usually succeed when they focus on improving themselves, because then and only then can you assess what you already have and what you need internally. This thinking got Celine Dion countless awards and Michael Phelps eight gold medals, since they were in a race against themselves. And when you compare yourself with a completely different combination of DNA, you lessen your own uniqueness.
- Torrecka Jordan

...pick this up

TALES OF A COLLEGE WIFE

MILITARY WIFE AND STUDENT ASHLEY SIZEMORE TELLS HER STORY

KATELYNN MCGINLEY
Staff Reporter

To the casual observer, Ashley Sizemore, a pretty 19 year old junior with a big laugh, seems to be a college student like any other. Ashley, a psychology major, a fustier in the college band, and a member of the Psychology Honor Society, seems to be doing the typical balancing act of classes, studying, and having fun. This interview, in fact, is conducted in between commercial breaks of "America's Next Top Model" — one of Sizemore's and her roommate's favorite television shows.

However, there is another layer to Ashley Sizemore beyond that of just being the run-of-the-mill college student. On August 29th, Sizemore — née Beatrice — married her high school sweetheart, Bryan Sizemore, 20, a member of the United States Air Force, who will be deploying to Iraq in October for 6-8 months.

The couple, who met through friends at a party during Ashley's senior year of high school, has been in a long-distance relationship since Bryan, a Security Forces officer, left for Basic Training in Texas in December 2006. Since that time, the two have only been together on a total of six different occasions, between Ashley's visits and Bryan's military leaves. They keep in contact mainly through phone calls, text messages, and instant messages.

When faced with the question about when she knew that Bryan was the

person she would spend the rest of her life with, Ashley shrugs her shoulders. "There's nothing specific, really. You just know. When you're in love, you know."

"He was hard to get," Ashley explains, cracking a grin, "but then I got him. And then I couldn't get rid of him." She explains that the couple knew they wanted to get married when Bryan was in Basic.

"I think a lot of couples go through that," she says carefully, "it's kind of that first rush of being away from someone, living without them, it makes you appreciate everything you have so much more." That being said, Ashley says she's glad she decided to wait until after he was out of Basic before they got engaged. I think that was a smart move.

After Basic Training and Tech School, Bryan was transferred to his permanent base in Missouri. They got engaged in May 2008, when Ashley went to visit him.

The subject of the proposal sends Ashley into a fit of laughter. "We were out to dinner and he stuck the ring in my iced tea while I was in the bathroom. Like, way down at the bottom of the glass, and I didn't see it. He had to take the cup into the bathroom and pour it out to get the ring back. He was scared the waiter was going to take the glass." She shakes her head, smiling merrily, "so then the next night he just gave it to me and asked."

The Sizemore's original plan was to

get married the following May, in 2009 — but then, in mid-July, Bryan found out that he would be deploying to Iraq in the fall. How did Ashley react to this news?

"I cried a lot," she admits. "We had to decide what we were going to do, and we decided that it would be better if we got married before he left." There were a lot of different factors precipitating this decision.

"We were really to be married anyway," Ashley explains, "and this way if something happened to him, I would be the first to know, and if something happened to me, he would able to come home on emergency leave."

Ashley planned their wedding, an intimate affair with sixty guests in the couple's hometown of Williamsport, MD, on her own and in less than a month, and credits her family with lending their help and their patience.

"Basically, everyone hated me," she jokes, "because I was so stressed out about organizing everything. I was a nightmare."

Even the wedding day itself didn't go off without a hitch — it was raining, the florist ordered the wrong flowers, and Ashley ended up with only 45 minutes to get herself into her dress.

"It was worth it though," she says thoughtfully, "as soon as I got to walk down the aisle and see him." Her smile widens. "Bryan told me that I took his breath away."

Her favorite part of the day? "Just being able to dance with Bryan and all of



KATELYNN MCGINLEY

The new Mr. & Mrs. Sizemore celebrate their hard work with a kiss.

my friends at the end," she says immediately, "I felt like all of the work had paid off, and I felt like I could finally relax. It was a perfect wedding."

Now that the wedding is over and Bryan is back in Missouri, waiting to begin pre-deployment training, Ashley says that while she misses him terribly, she knows it's imperative for her to remain in school.

"It's important to me to get a degree and get a good job," she says, referring to her goal of becoming a child psychologist, "and I need to be able to do things for myself. Bryan supports me too — it's important for him that I'm getting my education, even though we have been apart from each other."

Once Bryan deploys, they will only be able to talk on the phone occasionally, or over the internet, and Ashley

is already planning the care packages she'll send him.

"You always worry," she says quietly, her eyes distant, "you can't help it. But at the same time, you can't allow yourself to worry because if you did it would drive you insane. You just have to try and go about your day-to-day life as best you can."

"I worry about things like — what if he calls me when I'm in class? That might be the only chance that I would get to talk to him for a week, so do I take the call, walk out of class? Yeah," she says, giggling her foot and looking anxious, "I wonder about things like that."

"I get frustrated a lot, but this is my life," Says Ashley sincerely, adding that "I feel very lucky that I've gotten the chance to experience what it is to be the wife of someone in the military."



LINDSAY MILES

Ashley Sizemore (née Beatrice) '10, pouts when she is separated from her new husband, Bryan, on their wedding day. The couple made a decision to marry before Bryan deploys to Iraq in late September.

HIP HOP ON THE HILL RETURNS

CHRISTINA HINKLE
Staff Reporter

On October 2nd at 8:00pm, the McDaniel College Forum will be home to the third annual Hip-Hop On The Hill show. The show has become increasingly popular over the past two years and there's no question that this year's show is going to be a success.

Last year's show featured the talents of about ten different performers; however, this year the show will focus on showcasing four independent performers from New York, Maryland, and Kentucky. They include the performers Substantial, Pack FM, CanninLynx, and the Lab Ratz Crew.

Senior, Clayton Rosa has organized this event for the past two years and there's no doubt his experience helps things run as smooth as possible. Rosa said his experience will really help because he has "firsthand knowledge about what has to be improved this time around. He continued to explain his knowledge of the show's strengths and weaknesses, which have given him "a better understanding as to what draws people to the event," and says he will be utilizing that to the best of his ability to attract more people.

Lab Ratz Crew is a breakdance group from Baltimore, MD who will be performing during the show's intermission. To help get the campus involved, there

will be an "open-mic" portion of the show as well, which encourages artists to express themselves; this is first-come, first-served so if you are interested you should definitely get there early. Eric Thunder, a McDaniel freshman will be the opening act for Lab Ratz Crew, and said that "whatever is done up there will not be rehearsed and will all be done on the spot." This will be one of Thunder's first public performances, and Rosa said "it's a great thing to see freshmen getting involved like that."

In the past two years, Hip-Hop On The Hill has proved to be a popular event and with the continued enthusiasm and support of the McDaniel community, this year will be no different.

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OLD MCD HANGOLT, NEW BOHO POHO?

AMY RUST
Staff Reporter

It's a place to study; it's a place to meet friends; it's a place for local music; but mostly it's a place with delicious coffee. And to the students of McDaniel College, it is known as the Po Ho (or

the "Pour House" to everyone else). In recent months, the Po Ho Cafe (located at 233 E Main Street in Westminster) has been having some serious thought put into it. Chris Badeker, a recent McDaniel College graduate, has placed his ideas on the table as he works with the current owner, George

Nail. According to Badeker, the lovable coffee shop had been attracting "certain crowds," of which "some they wanted to cater more to, and some they did not." The new idea for the Po Ho will be an effort to create a place where students not only can "feel safe and welcome" but also for them to "show off their talents," according to Badeker.

In light of this new effort to "get more in touch with the McDaniel campus," says Badeker, he began working with Nail. Together, and with some help from Jaime Carbo, they have already pulled together one fairly successful "McDaniel College Night". Currently, they have plans for the second McDaniel College Night scheduled for October 9, 2008 -- or 10/09/08 if you want the "cool countdown effect," says Badeker.

So what exactly does one such McDaniel College Night have to offer? Badeker believes that with "so much talent around, it's just a shame it doesn't always have a place to be seen". With that in mind, during McDaniel College Nights, art work from students will be on display as well as performing artists. Local band "Turtle Buddy" played at the last McDaniel College Night at the Po Ho. Aspiring photographers, Christy Thomas and Kenny Ditto, displayed their work. And with your student ID card, you receive a discount.

For the next McDaniel College Night, Nail, Badeker, and Carbo are stepping it up one notch: The McDaniel student with the most green and gold on will receive a door prize of a Po Ho gift card. So come check out the Po Ho on October 9. McDaniel College Night will start around 5pm and, in the words of Badeker, "should pretty much be the most exciting thing happening on 10/09/08."

For more information on the Pour House, visit <http://www.myspace.com/thepohocafe>.

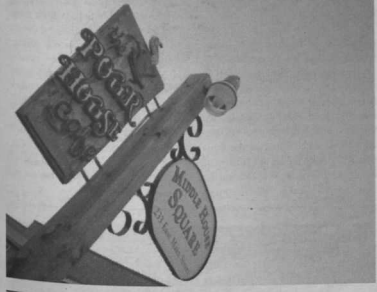


The Pour House, located at 233 E Main Street, Westminster, is a comfortable place for students to hang out.



The first McDaniel College Night gave students a chance to show off their talents to each other.

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THE INTERNATIONAL KIDS ON YOUR BLOCK



LIN OO
Staff Reporter

Where are you from? What's it like over in your country? Do your people speak English? What's the food like over there?

As an international student I am frequently asked questions such as these. I have always enjoyed providing answers to these and occasionally telling my audience a little humor from half way across the world.

At times people would ask me why I came here in the first place and how I got to know a small liberal arts college such as McDaniel. I would patiently explain to them how a person like me from half way across the world decided to come here in good of Westminster.

Of course this is not to say that I haven't had my share of fascination while studying in McDaniel College. When I first arrived in the U.S., I

thought that there really wasn't much to learn. I thought that MTV, Hollywood films, McDonalds, the fashion trends of popular American rock stars and the internet had told me all I need to know about the United States.

However, I assumed way too much about the stereotypes that I saw on TV.

The first time I heard the word "fraternity," I thought it referred to some history course that a student could take. They kept referring to Greek life and I thought to myself why are college students all so obsessed with the Greeks?

The first time I saw snow at college, I walked outside my dorm room looking amazed shouting out loud "There's snow falling from the sky!" Other students that passed by would stare at me confused.

My international amigos and I have always loved to share our stories about our favorite experiences in the U.S. However, I feel as though we needed to share these experiences to a larger audience.

This column is intended for international and American students to share their ideas on any range of subjects dealing with the international issues going on in the world.

Diversity is a treasured value of McDaniel College, and this article is planned to do just that.

BRENT LOWE
Commentary Editor

The race to be Freshmen President has gone increasingly intense in the past several years, but nothing quite like this. A heated race between four freshmen ended in a three way tie between Erika Emmachin, Joey Scribner, and Matthew "Boobie" Berube, or so we thought.

While S.G.A. was searching their constitution for what needed to be

done in case of ties, they instead found an old rule they haven't used since the current President's freshmen year. The rule states that poles for S.G.A positions must be open for three days, so the race wasn't even technically over and we weren't supposed to know the results thus far.

Freshmen were probably wondering why the polls were so hard to get to that Friday, many people had classes over the scheduled time or just weren't out of bed yet. That is why.

Didn't S.G.A. take things like voter convenience into account when they set this up? Well, it turns out that someone did, but no one knew it. Some candidates are starting to feel

a little irritated at having to campaign and tell people to come out to vote just to find out their days have switched or that they have to do it all over again. "The elections have been a bit erratic," says freshmen candidate Matt Boobie. "They've already been changed three times."

S.G.A. has decided to resume elections for two more days to fulfill the requirements and will revert to three day polling from now on. No one knows if knowing the numbers so far will affect the outcome of the race; many people will probably vote for just the candidates in the tie thinking the other is already far behind. But S.G.A. says they have to run it this way.

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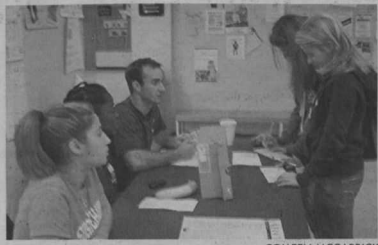
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THREE WAY TIE FOR PRESIDENT LEADS TO DISCARDED ELECTION POLICY



Gabrielle Gordon, Yemi Oladiran and Dave Castle distribute ballots to freshmen Lew Wallick and Brooke Hogan. More than 75 freshmen cast their vote in the Freshmen Class Officer elections.

COLLEEN MCCARRICK

CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE POLITICAL JUNKIE'S SOUL!



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Tina Fey and Amy Poehler team up to play Governor Sarah Palin and Senator Hillary Clinton in their SNL skit on Sept. 13

KATELYNN MCGINLEY
Staff Reporter

MCCAIN CAMP NOT LAUGHING OVER SNL SKIT

The now infamous Tina Fey/Amy Poehler skit on the September 13 opening of Saturday Night Live may have given the show its highest rated season premiere since 2002, but not everyone found Fey's impersonation of Alaskan Governor and McCain running mate Sarah Palin to be quite so amusing.

Though Palin herself is reported to have watched the skit and found it entertaining, "particularly because she once dressed up as Tina Fey for Halloween," — Palin's spokesperson told CBS, the McCain camp blasted the skit, which mocked Palin's fundamentalist Christian religion (her take on Global Warming? "I think it's just God hugging us closer," said Fey's Palin) and her lack of experience in foreign policy,

as being "sexist" and "dismissive" of Palin as a serious political contender.

McCain advisor Carly Fiorina told MSNBC's Andrea Mitchell that the skit portrayed "Hillary Clinton as very substantive, and Sarah Palin as totally superficial." Fiorina adds that "just because Sarah Palin has different views than Hillary Clinton does not mean that she lacks substance."

The media blasts from the McCain didn't stop their either — Cindy McCain also lashed out at the ladies of "The View" after she and husband John appeared on the daytime talk show the week prior. At the 119th annual Oakland County Republican Party's Lincoln Day Dinner in Michigan, McCain made it clear she disapproved the treatment that she had received from hosts like Whoopi Goldberg and Barbara Walters, claiming that "they picked our bones clean," and adding that "that's not what the American people are saying and what they are believing." (AP)

THE REAL STORY ON THE MCDANIEL RADIO STATION

GARRETT EAGAN
Sports Editor

When the issue of the McDaniel radio station, WMCR, is brought up, many people scratch their heads. However, I am here as the president of the organization to set the record straight on the most understated group on the Hill.

This first thing is that WMCR is still broadcasting, and has over 40 members on campus. In years past, the AM radio broadcasting had faltered, and WMCR was only able to broadcast on iTunes.

After a summer revamp, the transmitter is fully operational on campus. We now broadcast on both the 1620am radio signal and iTunes, at the dungoon lake dorms hinder the quality of the signal. However, WMCR will be broadcasted in Decker Center soon, so

as you force down GLAR's menu, you will be listening to us. Moreover, the signal reaches a six-mile area off campus, allowing us to broadcast to the local area.

Our programs include anything from political to sports talk, as well as music programs devoted to genres ranging anywhere from hip-hop to punk rock. WMCR also is holding several events this semester and also in the spring. Along with broadcasting, the station also has a full-time DJ and equipment, with services at cheap prices for other campus groups. We also will be holding raffles for various electronic devices.

Let WMCR be clear—we are not nor ever have been dead. Listen to WMCR at GLAR, your car radio, or in your apartments. You will not be disappointed.



EVAN TICKNOR

Sam Segal '11 and Claire Oyley '11 enjoy the cool September weather outside of Big Baker.



KATE MALONEY

Jessie Dunn & Kaitlin Cutter "study" (if reading Cosmo counts as studying) in their room in the new Garden Apartments.



DANIELLE SMITH

Melissa Steinberg, Amanda Burke, Goby Cinfuentes, and James E work their triceps during dryland exercise Thursday afternoon.

BRINGING PALIN'S PERSONAL LIFE IN THE POLITICAL RING?

ELEANOR NAGLE
Staff Reporter

Ever since the McCain campaign announced Sarah Palin as their Vice Presidential candidate she has been under media surveillance 24/7. One of the most pressing issues is the pregnancy of her 17-year-old daughter, Bristol, and the question of whether or not it is politically relevant.

Interestingly enough, both major campaigns have put out statements of some sort saying that Bristol's pregnancy is a private issue and not a political one. While that is an obvious move for the McCain camp, it is notable the Obama is choosing to take the high road. In a statement Obama said that Palin's family should be off limits and say nothing about her abilities as a politician.

However, with a platform having so much to do with family life and values, it seems incredibly relevant that Palin's own daughter is about to become a teenage mother. Palin, McCain, and the GOP in general seem to be all about morality and the family, preaching, among many other things, abstinence. How, then, is it not incredibly important that the VP candidate for presidents has a knocked up daughter? Isn't hypocrisy of the candidates important?

Instead of condemning poor, knocked up Bristol, the GOP especially conservative evangelicals, are rallying around her, which is in stark contrast with how they treated poor, knocked up Jamie Lynn Spears, the little sister of the infamous Britney and the star of Nickelodeon's Zoey 101. Both Rush Limbaugh and Bill O'Reilly, two of the most conservative media men in the industry, blasted Jamie Lynn and yet stand behind Bristol.

After news of Jamie Lynn's bun in the oven O'Reilly commented, "most teens are pinheads in some way. But here the blame falls primarily on the parents of the girl." Notice how he blames the parents, which is noticeably different than in the Palin case, in which he said that "millions of families are dealing with teen pregnancy, and as long as society doesn't have to support the mother, father or baby, it is a personal matter." While it was a personal matter for Bristol, it was certainly worth talking about with Jamie Lynn.

When it came to Jamie Lynn, Rush Limbaugh's comments were much the same as O'Reilly's when he said that, "the parents here are the culprits!" Limbaugh is, of course supporting Palin.

The issue here is not getting Bristol herself. In fact, she is really getting the short end of the stick, but she repre-

sents something bigger and more important. She represents political hypocrisy. While she did not choose to be under the spotlight, as many point out the Jamie Lynn did, her mother forced her under it. Her mother must be put under scrutiny if she is running for such a high position. Unfortunately, because her mother spouts of frile importance of so-called traditional family values whether or not her family follows those so-called values is important.

Many argue that it is hypocritical for liberals and others who do not support the McCain-Palin ticket to criticize Bristol's pregnancy considering that Obama was born to a nineteen-year-old mother. However, this is flawed logic. The reason Bristol's pregnancy is important is because it shows the hypocrisy of Palin and McCain's so-called family values platform.

Obama, on the other hand preaches very little, if at all, about so-called traditional family values. He believes in more than abstinence education and is a supporter of the woman's right to chose. He does not believe that people's sexual morality is the government's business. McCain and Palin do. If you are going to preach sexual morality, you better be damn sure that you and your loved ones practice it.



Guru

WHAT 2-0 OR 0-2 TEAM IS EITHER LOOKING GOOD OR IN TROUBLE FOR THE FUTURE?

GARRETT EAGAN
Sports Editor

RYAN CHELL
Staff Reporter

GURU:

The team that really has not impressed me so far is the Cleveland Browns. Coming into the season, and even coming from last season this was a break out team that everyone expected great things from. Weeks one and two roll by and they are already two games in the hole. Derek Anderson, Braylon Edwards and Kellen Winslow are not having the year that was projected for them, so it would be too easy to say that they are done already. The next two weeks are almost a walk through, with the Ravens and Bengals, and even though they will have a tough road with the Colts and Giants, this team will rebound. They just need to make better decisions at key points of the game, and spread the ball around. When your leading receiver only has a combined 102 yards in the first two games, that's a major problem. Either way, the Browns should finish above .500.

THE EX:

If there is one team that is in good position to build off their 2-0 start, it's the New York Giants. They beat the Redskins in their opener, and whacked one of the worst teams in football in Week 2 against St. Louis. In their next four games, they face the Seahawks (0-2), whose one-dimensional offense is ineffective because well, they don't have any highly wide-receivers, the Bengals(0-2), who look like the "Bungals" of old, even with Carson Palmer, the 0-2 Browns who need to fix their offense as well, and the up and down 49ers. The defense is still dominant with Justin Tuck, but as long as Eli connects with Plaxico every week, and hands the ball off to the committee of running backs led by Brandon Jacobs, they should have enough momentum going into the middle of their schedule, when it gets a little more difficult, when they face Dallas, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia in consecutive weeks. Looking at their schedule, they still have the strength to keep themselves alive in this NFC East race, and will look to keep them going next week against Seattle on October 5th.

RED SOX CLINCH PLAYOFF BERTH...

BUT WHERE ARE THE YANKEES?

CHRISTOPHER FERRICK-MANLEY
Staff Reporter

By the time the second issue of the McDaniel Free Press hits the campus, the Boston Red Sox will have clinched their fifth playoff berth in six years and the New York Yankees will be officially eliminated from postseason contention for the first time in 13 years.

Yankee Stadium is scheduled for demolition in the off-season, so Hank and Hal Steinbrenner can allow their lackey, the appropriately named Brian Cashman, to pump more money into players like Carl Pavano and Kevin Brown.

The Yankees are now the team saddled with a curse. The "Curse of Alex Rodriguez", the only player in MLB history to have upstaged more World Series games than he actually played in. Including his 3-year stint with the Texas Rangers, every team with A-Rod has gotten progressively worse the following year.

The most likely opponent for the Red Sox, the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, is a very good matchup for the Red Sox. This is the same franchise that has lost nine straight postseason games dating back to 1986 and plays in a very unimpressive division (with Texas, Oakland, and Seattle).

Furthermore, the Angels record setting closer, Francisco Rodriguez, has imploded in the Red Sox 3-game sweeps in the 2004 and 2007 ALDS's. In 2004 he was 0-2, with losses in games 2 and 3. In 2007, he gave up a 3-run walk-off homerun to Manny Ramirez (now on the Los Angeles Dodgers with ex-Yankee manager Joe Torre) in game 2. The Red Sox should also clinch in plenty of time to have their top three starters: Josh Beckett, Daisuke Matsuzaka, and Jon Lester available to pitch the first three games.

As for the National League, the Chicago Cubs are favored for the first time in 100 years. Smart money expects them to choke it away however (see Bartman, Steve).

To the Yankees, who will be watching the playoffs on TV, for the first time in Derek Jeter's career, we can only offer one sentence of advice however. Wait til next year.



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The New York Yankees are not the team they used to be. After winning the 1998, 1999, and 2000 World Series, the Yankees were deemed a Dynasty and "the team of the Century". With the turn of the new millennium, the Yankees were fully expected to continue their domination. Yet this decade has been anything but domination Yankees.

It all started in 2001, when Mariano Rivera and the Yankees lost a heartbreaker to the Arizona Diamondbacks. Returning to the Series in 2003, after Aaron Boone beat the Red Sox with a dramatic home run in the ALCS, the Yankees lost to the pesky Florida Marlins.

The year 2004 was the changing of the guard. The Boston Red Sox made history by coming back and beating the Yankees in 7 games after a 3-0 deficit, something no professional team has done for any sport. They broke the infamous curse of the Bambino by going on to win the World Series. Yes, the Red Sox are the most direct cause of the Yankees' demise.

This season, the Yankees have been plagued with injuries. Their starting left fielder Hideki Matsui, ace pitcher Chien-Ming Wang, and their trusted catcher Jorge Posada, the backbone of their team, have all gone down for large portions of the season. The Yankees have been unable to assemble a team like they had in the late '90s, a team filled with reliable role-players as opposed to big-named egomaniacs like Gary Sheffield.

What it really comes down to this year, as it has in this decade of collapse, is pitching. They hit well with leaders Chien-Ming Wang, and their trusted catcher Jorge Posada, like Derek Jeter and Bobby Abreu. Their ace for the year, Mike Mussina, does not even have 20 wins, and their next best pitcher Andy Pettite has been inconsistent.

With Torre gone, the new Yankees manager Joe Girardi is left to inherit a shambled, disjointed team. Expect Cashman to acquire new starting pitchers in the off-season, looking to play in their newly built stadium with a new and improved team, with new hope.



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ON THE NFL... SKINS EDGE OUT THE COWBOYS

After last season and my 82% winning percentage picking games in both collegiate and NFL football, it's obvious that the McDaniel Guru would come back this season looking to add to his reputation. Away from talking in third-person, week four of the NFL is full of interesting match-ups. One AFC East and NFC East match-up should be tough on both teams. In my picks I am not attempting to get the final score correct, but to represent the point differential between the two teams. Here are my picks for week four.

CLEVELAND 20 CINCINNATI 17 After week two, these teams are already not living up to the hype that surrounds their star studded lineups. The biggest problem seems to be offensive decision-making by the Browns and defensive stop for the Bengals. Taking this into account, I have more confidence in the Browns rebounding than I do the Bengals defense somehow turning it around.

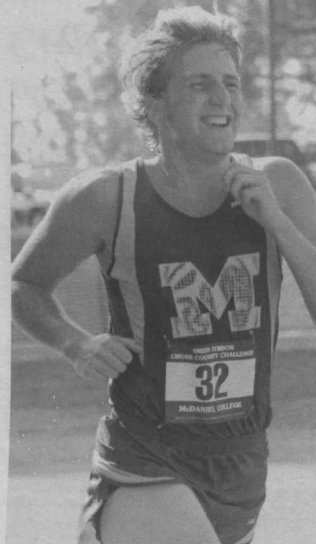
GREEN BAY 31 TAMPA BAY 13 Tampa Bay doesn't look too bad this season; however, Green Bay is powerful both defensively and also with Aaron Rodgers playing as well as he is. The only problem I can see is the fact that there was a lapse in defense against the Lions when they came back. But remember, the Packers ended up crushing them anyway. Same thing here, take the Pack.

HOUSTON 14 JACKSONVILLE 13 After the first couple of games, I am thoroughly disappointed with the Jaguars. They are playing sloppy on both ends, and do not look like the playoff team from last season. The Texans have a respectable defense and offensive core, and this could come down to the wire. I am out on a limb, and taking the Texans to edge out the Jags.

GAME OF THE WEEK

Washington 17 Dallas 16 In one of the most storied rivalries in sports, this NFC East rivalry is always close in both stadiums. However, this season, the Boys are looking well, and the Skins are shaly after a week one loss, and a close week two win. As much as I think the Cowboys will win this game, I see some inconsistencies that hopefully Zorn and the defensive coordinators can exploit. Skins edge out the Cowboys in Dallas.

TERROR SPORTS



SAM SEGAL

Will Brandenburg, a sophomore on the men's cross country team, helped lead the team to a first place finish in their own invitational on September 13th.

RESULTS:

York College Invitational

Men:

- Kevin Bowman 22:37.16
- C.J. Napper 27:39.64
- Dustin Smith 27:45.05
- Dan White 28:01.94
- Russell Morris 28:11.67
- Pete Kelley 28:36.22
- Chris Williams 29:33.77
- Justin Ruvenim 30:30.00

Women:

- Lindsay Wilson 19:47.48
- Roxanne Fleischer 20:03.50
- Emily Peoples 20:36.14
- Emma Nichols 21:17.38
- Jennifer Cornett 21:41.83
- Laura Shinn 22:28.64
- Katie Griffith 23:22.56
- Lauren DiNitto 23:23.23
- Rachel Griffith 24:09.89
- Missy Black 24:13.27
- Christina Smith 24:42.82
- Emily Hojor 25:48.34

TRANSFER SPARKS RENEWED SPIRIT

JEN NOEL
Staff Reporter

For most, running an elaborate course dotted with valleys and hills would seem like an unmanageable task to complete. However, this is not the case for sophomore cross country runner Lindsay Wilson. In fact, she makes racing look effortless.

The Loyola transfer has proved that her decision to come to McDaniel will not go unnoticed by competitors and teammates alike. On Saturday, September 13, during the Green Terror Challenge held at McDaniel, Wilson took first in the 5K race in 20:07 minutes and second in the 3K race in 12:14 minutes. Her efforts boosted the Green Terror runners to a first place finish in the 3K and second in the 5K races.

For Wilson, the decision to make a move to McDaniel was not a difficult one.

"I knew that I could run at McDaniel, and Coach Renner told me to choose whoever would make me happy," said Wilson. "I had friends that went here and they loved it."

The coaching staff also recognizes the

contribution that Wilson can make to the women's team including helping them achieve their season goals. The women's cross country Coach, Diana Pool, has high expectations for the team this season and feels Wilson is a great asset to add to a group of already accomplished runners including Roxanne Fleischer and Emily Peoples who also finished in the top ten in the GT Challenge.

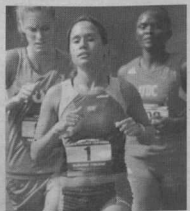
"She is very hard-working athlete who constantly pushes herself and others to success," Pool said regarding Wilson. "The team has a lot more depth this year than in previous seasons, and I think that will be a real benefit, especially in later season meets."

The team will face both York College and attend the Paul Short Invitational at Lehigh in the upcoming weeks and hope to keep a strong grip on a high conference standing and improve on their tenth place finish in the conference championships last season.

"Wilson is the first to recognize the necessity of a team effort in order to have a successful season and improve finishes at major meets. The team is made up of so many different person-

alities, but we are such a close-knit group," said Wilson.

One thing is certain for the remainder of the season: Wilson and her cross country teammates will keep competition stirring in the Centennial Conference.



SPORTS FILE PHOTO

Pushing limits to the finish. Wilson (front) finished first in the 5K and second in the 3K during the McDaniel invitational Saturday, September 13th.

TERROR FOOTBALL: LOOKING FOR A SILVER LINING

CHRIS FERRICK-MANLEY
Staff Reporter

The Green Terror football team heads into Family Weekend coming off back-to-back blowout losses at home to Moravian, and on the road at Catholic. They currently stand at 1-2 (0-1 CC).

McDaniel Head Coach Tim Keating was very critical of his team coming off the loss to the Moravian Greyhounds. "I think the score was indicative of our effort," said Keating, "it's a damn shame."

Keating also had harsh words for the officiating in the Marwan game. In that game, McDaniel had two touchdowns called back because of holding penalties. According to Keating, there was no hold visible on the game film on an apparent touchdown run by ju-

nior RB Eric Zwilsky.

Also, he believes the game film proves a defensive pass interference call that went against McDaniel was also unfounded.

The McDaniel offense struggled to move the ball against Moravian, managing only a 38-yard Jay Leonard field goal after the game had been effectively decided. Part of the problem, according to Keating, was the relative inexperience of the McDaniel quarterbacks.

Keating said that Moravian blitzed the three McDaniel QBs used: juniors Joe Lapkovicz, Zach Swope, and freshman Vinny Corona; around 80 percent of the time.

"Reading the blitz has to change or the team will be blitzed like crazy," said Keating.

The run defense continued to be a problem for McDaniel (totaled 388

yards on the ground for a 6.6 yards per carry average and three rushing touchdowns). According to Keating, the breakdowns on defense occurred within the linebackers and not the defensive line who he believes played well despite the final outcome.

Against Catholic, the opposite was the case however. Catholic senior QB Keith Ricca, a four year starter, passed for 353 yards and two touchdowns on the way to a 31-7 Catholic Cardinals victory.

Despite the back-to-back losses, Keating believes that if the team can just believe in themselves, it will greatly enhance their chances.

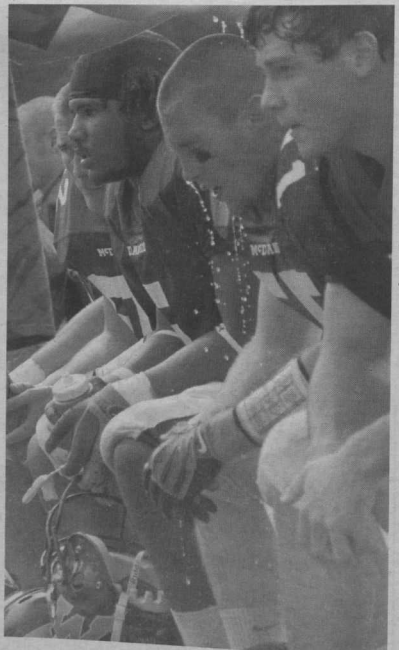
"It's going to take time, these guys are inexperienced," said Keating, referring to the quarterback play.

The next home game is Saturday, September 27 against the Dickinson Red Devils. Game time is 1pm.




SPORTS FILE PHOTO

"IOC" (Instincts of a Champion). Junior running back and kickoff return specialist T.J. Develin returns a kickoff during a game at Bair Stadium.



Players take a break to cool off. The Terror football team has a disappointing record of 1-2 for the season.

SAM SEGAL



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LIGHTER SIDE OF THE CAMPUS SAFETY BLOTTER



JEN NOEL
Staff Reporter

College is generally seen as a time for freedom and exploration. There are, however, rules and regulations that must be followed in order to maintain a civilized society. A ban against throwing rocks at college employees would definitely find itself under the unspoken rule category.

On September 23, at 1:40 p.m., a student reached his or her breaking point with the food options in GLAR. A report was filed that a Sodexo employee had rocks thrown toward them from a window in Rouzer.

When the resident of the room was questioned about the catapulting stones, they explained they conveniently had not been present in the room, but did leave their door open while out. It is time to invest in some hard helmets, as it may continue to

rain rocks with the boulder bandit still on the loose.

Rouzer Hall also filled several other areas of the blotter this week as the freshmen boys' dorm is always in a flurry of madness. A culprit must have been reading the last edition of the blotter and decided the soap and suds party in Academic sounded like a first-rate time. In creative fashion, though, the culprit, or culprits, put their own unique touch on a bathroom in Rouzer.

On September 24, Campus Safety responded to a report that graffiti was written on the wall—in shaving cream. Crayola has recently produced a great line of washable markers for inventive kids; maybe the perpetrators should have considered this medium as an artistic outlet instead.

The Lighter Side cannot always simply report the unusual events on campus without including a few instances of a serious nature.

At 2:20 a.m., on September 20, Campus Safety responded to an assault on Pennsylvania Avenue. Upon physically searching the offender, an 8 1/2 automatic folding knife was discovered. The Westminster Police were then called, who after investigation released the suspect.

The suspect then entered campus, at which time Campus Safety apprehended the individual for trespassing, since the student had previously been banned from the grounds by Student Affairs. The offender was charged with possessing a concealed deadly weapon and second-degree assault.

Even after serious situations such as the nature of this trespassing crime, the campus continued to buzz with activity including Saturday night keg parties that inevitably were broken up, and drinking games that had to go without crowning a winner. So is the nature of rules and regulations—like them or not.

QUICK LINK
Blotter by the numbers

ROUZER

Alcohol-3 Vandalism-2

Violence-1 Disturbance-1

GARDEN

Disturbance-1

PA AVE.

Alcohol-3 Violence-1

DECKER CENTER

Alcohol-2 Disturbance-1

DMC

Alcohol-1

BLANCHE WARD

Disturbance-1

(Editor's Note: This column by Jen Noel is dedicated to some of the most inane 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).

Left: Sarah Dunne, left, Katie Bonaduce, and Julia Williams, members of the chorus, give their attention stage left in "Troy Women."

Right: Nina Minodakis, a chorus member, offers a look of desperation.

SAM SEGAL

ON THE COVER

Julia Williams in "Troy Women," a play which gives a glimpse into the emotional turmoil experienced by the women of Troy after losing to the Greeks in the Trojan War, as detailed in Homer's *Iliad*. The play took place last week on Wednesday, October 1, through Saturday, October 4, to a mostly sold-out house.

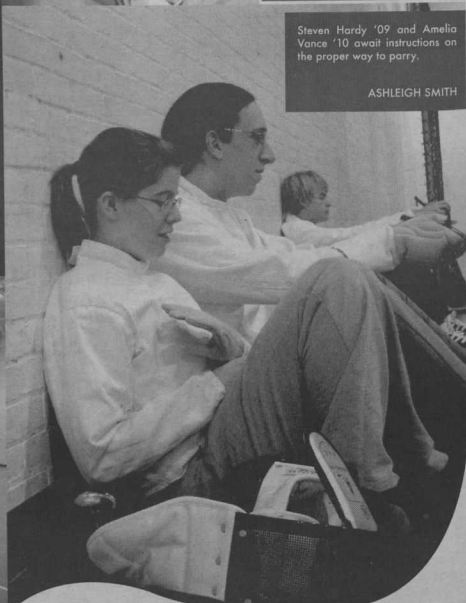
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Steven Hardy '09 and Amelia Vance '10 await instructions on the proper way to parry.

ASHLEIGH SMITH

Jennifer Sandler '08, left, and Scott Madara '08 fence off in class Monday morning.

ASHLEIGH SMITH

TWO WEEKS IN
PHOTOGRAPHS

GET READY FOR DEBATE FALLACY BINGO

PHILOSOPHY CLUB INVITES STUDENTS TO TAKE A LOGICAL LOOK AT PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES

KATE MALONEY
Staff reporter

It had been raining practically non-stop the entire day and the sky was an empty, isolating gray. The campus was noticeably quieter for a Friday night as people hibernated in their dorms to avoid the drear and drabness.

Yet, at 9:00 in the evening, over 40 McDaniel students dug themselves out of their warm and cozy rooms to gather in Hill Hall 108 to watch the first of a series of presidential debates.

The event, hosted by the Philosophy Club, joined other debate-watching parties occurring simultaneously at local bars, hip theaters, and neighborhood cafes across the nation. However, instead of pints of beer, bags of popcorn, or frothy cappuccino, McDaniel's party boasted Bingo cards and plenty of chocolate. And not your grandmother's Bingo cards either—the squares were filled with logical fallacies such as "slippery

slope," "false analogy," and "appeal to ignorance."

Many of the present students probably would have been watching the debate in their rooms anyway, but Peter Bradley, assistant professor of Philosophy, speculates that McDaniel students also realize that this year's election is a decisive one. He believes the large turnout and immense student interest in this year's election partially stem from political blunders of the last eight years which have taught everyone that there are real consequences to presidential politics.

Senior Courtney Nightingale agrees. "With the continuing unpopularity of Iraq and the recent economic downturn, Americans want a president who will lead them out of uncertainty and back to typical American prosperity."

Also a member of Maryland State Legislature, Nightingale was most interested in the debate as a stimulus for the heated discussion that would surely follow.

Incite enthusiasm and discussion it did. As the candidates were welcomed on stage, the room erupted into claps and cheers and this energy lingered throughout the debate. Friends whispered to one another when interesting (or absurd) points were made and arms were periodically thrown into the air either out of frustration, disagreement, disbelief or some combination thereof. And there was certainly a fair share of communal sighs, snickers, eye rolls, and outright laughter.

The original idea of a debate party game centered around detecting illogical reasoning is perhaps not surprisingly accredited to Anne Nester, Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, who teaches Critical Thinking at McDaniel. After reading that students at the University of North Carolina suggested throwing an "Identify the Fallacy" party on a popular philosophy blog, Nester thought out loud to her colleague, Bradley, that it would be a more compelling idea if it was something like a fallacy bingo

party. And bingo—the event came to fruition.

When asked if Bradley felt there was a winner of the debate, he responded, "No, I'm interested in the reasoning, not the policies, and definitely not the kind of demographic-based political analysis offered by most pundits."

Even as far as the reasoning goes, he does not think there is much to speak of on either side; "Neither candidate offered an instance of significant reasoning, and neither candidate offered any 'howler' fallacies like some of the ones in the past."

However, he interestingly noticed that the fallacy-per-minute count, especially use of loaded language, was significantly higher once the topic diverged from the economy and turned to foreign policy. Due to pressing circumstances surrounding the federal bail-out package that died in the House earlier the same week which intended to free up falling credit markets, the candidates were expected to first comment on the nation's economic condition before moving on to the central topic of the debate – foreign policy.

The increase of faulty logic after the first three questions regarding the economy causes Bradley to suspect that the candidates' debate over foreign policy really consisted merely of memorized bullet points.

Bradley said, "In retrospect, it seems that the first three questions were the most enlightening regarding the reasoning abilities of these candidates. All the rest was playing to script."

So, how did the candidates measure up? According to a USA Today/Gallup poll conducted the day after the debate,

American viewers credit Obama as having done a better job than McCain

with the first debate by a 46% to 34% margin, regardless of which candidate they happen to support. However, the winner was much less clear among debate fallacy bingo players. While no official measure was used, the crowd reactions made it clear that there were worrisome claims and poor reasoning coming from both sides of the stage.

A LESSON IN LOGIC

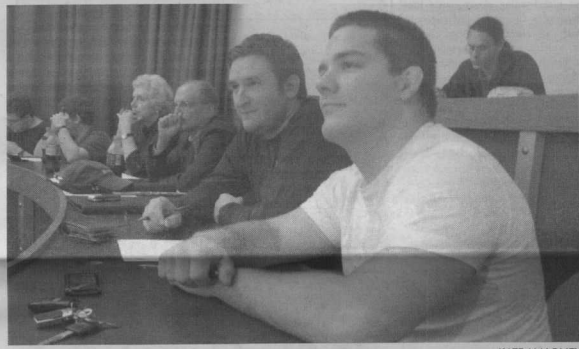
To understand a fallacy one must understand the anatomy of an argument. Dr. Bradley explains:

"An argument is a collected series of statements meant to establish an ultimate conclusion. A fallacy is an argument that does not succeed in accomplishing that goal. In other words, an argument can be broken down into discrete premises, but when such building blocks are missing the argument crumbles and fails to be logically sound. A fallacious argument can also be considered a speech act that appears to draw a conclusion without actually offering premises that support that conclusion."

"For example, when McCain said, 'They know me, they know my record,' he is implying that one should trust him. But that is fallacious – just because he has such-and-such a record does not mean that he will continue along that same course and who is to say that his record is a desirable one? The questions that arise from such a statement point towards the missing premises in his line of reasoning."

"Both candidates utilized character-based fallacies such as this one. The idea of 'character' is considered to be fixed and immutable. Hence, if McCain is alluding to properties of his character, then they are more likely to persist – right? And since McCain seems to be proud of his record, it must be a good one – right?"

"As you watch the rest of the presidential debates and digest the daily campaign rhetoric leading up to the election, try and pick up on the missing premises of the claims made in both McCain's and Obama's arguments. Are you willing to side with reasoning based on little more than inferences and allusions?"



KATE MALONEY

Courtney Nightingale '09 and friend, Greg Miller '09 devised an self-proclaimed objective scoring method titled the "Miller-Nightingale Scale" where each candidate was awarded a point for each appealing argument and deducted a point for each mistake or misstatement.

FRESHMAN CLASS PRESIDENT ELECTION RESULTS DECLARED

COLLEEN MCCARRICK
Staff Reporter

Campaigning is over, votes have been cast and the winners decided. After a highly unusual election process, the McDaniel College Freshmen Class President was declared to be Matthew Berube.

Berube takes office alongside newly elected vice president, Mac Alexander, and Class Representative, Scott Camuto.

On Friday, September 12, the initial Class Officers election was held. Little did the Student Government Association, Class Officer Candidates, or freshmen voters know that this election would bring. Four freshmen, Berube, Stephen Steinberg, Erica Emmelhainz, and Tom Nelson ran a phenomenally close race for the Class President position.

Evidently, the freshmen voters considered all the candidates well qualified. After the initial day of voting the election was declared a three-way tie. But the three-way tie also unearthed an oversight in the election process. According to the SGA constitution, the election was supposed to last three days, at times convenient to the students. Hence, the one-day election held was unconstitutional.

"A lot of times groups and administrations act out of habit and tradition versus consulting the rule book when making every move," said Dave Castle, SGA president. "None of us had ever been a part of a three day election, so when we had our traditional one day election nobody thought anything of it."

"The SGA intended for the poll times to be assessable for all students. Castle commented, "It's tough to make three hours in the middle of the day inconvenient, between students coming and going from classes and eating at the dining hall, it is probably the most opportune time to draw the largest crowd."

However, the several of the candidates argued that the times set up were untimely. Berube said, "I myself and a lot of students I talked to had classes. It was difficult for some students to make it to the polls."

Steinberg considered the inconvenient poll times a factor in the three-way tie. "Too bad my friends couldn't actually vote," he said.

Once the misinterpretation of the constitution was discovered, the SGA was quick to remedy the wrong. They added two additional voting days the following week. "I appreciate the effort SGA put forward and I think

they did the best job they could," said Berube.

In fact, the additional voting days increased voter participation by more than 25%, broke the presidential tie and gave the vice president candidate in the lead a "run for her money," Castle said.

Berube was honored to be elected President of McDaniel's Class of 2012. He thinks that his peers ultimately elected him to office because of his former experience with government, and his passion for politics.

"Some of them really look up to me and believe that I would be a good leader," he said.

Berube said his goals as President are simple: "to serve as a voice of my class to other groups that SGA deals with." Despite the mishaps in this year's election, the Freshmen Class Officers are excited about working together as part of the McDaniel College Student Government. "I'm looking forward to learning the system," Berube said, "and meeting the people who make this school work."

Any students with questions and concerns regarding the Assembly are more than welcome to join the SGA on Thursday nights for committee meetings, which are open to the student

WOMAN REPORTS FALSE CARJACKING ON PA AVE

ROXANNE FLEISCHER
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On September 10 Campus Safety sent out an email describing a man that a non-student woman had been carjacked in the area of Union Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. The email, sent out at 8:30 p.m., was retracted the next day, at 11:40 a.m. when Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster sent another email informing that the woman had falsely reported the carjacking.

"It's better to put the [email] out and have to retract it than to not put it out and have someone else be carjacked later that evening," said Webster.

He also said that the woman whose report was a hoax had friends on campus, although she was not a student herself. There were a lot of things that

didn't make sense in her report, but, as Webster said, "we don't give every victim the third degree every time they come in."

The woman had come into the Department of Campus Safety Office and reported the incident, "making us believe she needed a place to come for help," Webster said.

The investigation was turned over to the Westminster Police, and the woman returned her report. The Westminster Police classified the matter as "unfounded" according to the second email.

The incident tested the speed and efficiency of DoCS campus alerts. In the first email, Webster gave advice to protect the McDaniel College community that should be taken to heart despite the false alarm.

TIPS ON CAR SAFETY FROM DOCS

- Keep windows rolled up or almost closed.
- Be alert to surroundings. If it doesn't feel right it probably isn't.
- Avoid talking on the cell phone while driving.
- Leave room between you and the auto in front of you, especially in city traffic.
- Never resist a robbery.
- When returning to a parked auto be aware of suspicious activity.
- Park in well lit areas.
- Take advantage of the campus escort service if you are uneasy, at (410) 857-2202.

NEW PATHWAYS YEARBOOK ADVISOR BRINGS STABILITY

NICOLE ROBBINS TO OVERSEE, IMPLEMENT CHANGES

ANGELA BALDWIN
Staff Reporter

Nicole Robbins has become the new advisor for McDaniel's yearbook Pathways, replacing Susan Cullison. While there have been some changes to the yearbook, most of it will remain the same.

Cullison left the yearbook staff after last year after it became too much for her to do. "It was too hard for her to keep up with," said Nicole.

Robbins became the new advisor from connections already made with the school. She is the wife of the Director of Resident Life, Michael Robbins, so she is already familiar with McDaniel.

From this connection, she got the offer to be advisor. "Dean Gerl asked me if I wanted to do it, and that's how I got here," she said.

It wasn't all about connections though; Robbins has had experience in dealing with students before. "I used to be a teacher," she recalls.

The theme for the next yearbook coming out is going to be about the school colors, green and gold. Robbins stated that they plan on including the history about the colors in the yearbook.

Usually included in pages are the plays, Budapest, Jan Term, Jazz Night and many other events.

In addition, Robbins stated that in every yearbook, "there are two pages on something big that happened on campus, sometimes that is the theme of the yearbook." She is not sure what the two pages in this coming yearbook will feature as of yet.

Robbins mentioned that the yearbook was seldom talked of for there are only a handful of staff members on the team.

Most of the fall pictures and events put together during Jan Term and the spring happens during the summer. This prevents the few staff members from being overwhelmed with too much during school time.

For Jan Term, she mentioned that "one or two people sign up" and "the editors usually stay during the summer."

One major change that is taking place this year is the increase in candid shots. Robbins said the yearbook will "include more general scenes on campus," and that in the past "there was only one page, but now it will be two pages," of candid shots.

In addition, there will be coverage of events not covered before, like the campus dinners that take place during the year. Students are now able to send pictures they would like to be in the yearbook through Josten's website in an image share program. This took place for the first time last year but was not advertised well so few knew about it.

To send pictures, go to <https://images.jostens.com>, and enter the following information, username: 1176173 and password: mcdaniel; select the photos desired, enter information about photos and provide contact information for the staff and click "Save Details."

To order a yearbook, go to the Bureau's Office to pick up a form. The cost for a yearbook is \$80.

CLOVE CIGARETTE CRAZE COMES TO CAMPUS

STUDENTS GO TO GREAT LENGTHS, OR PENNSYLVANIA, FOR DELICACY

BRENT LOWE

Staff Reporter

The sale of Clove cigarettes is prohibited in Maryland, but what are they and why have they been so consistently on campus?

Clove cigarettes are essentially just cigarettes. The only difference is the addition of cloves, a type of spice that comes from trees found in and around Indonesia. This spice gives cloves their distinctive smell, flavor and feel as they are smoked, says Wikipedia.

Maryland state law says that no cigarettes containing cloves may be bought, sold, given or otherwise distributed in this state [Maryland Code, Criminal Law, 10-106], but why? What does this spice do that regular cigarettes don't do already?

Well, www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov says that burning cloves causes the release of a chemical called eugenol, which can cause a diminished gag reflex, which can then lead to more serious health effects such as pneumonia and bronchitis.

Because of these risks, three states have outlawed the sale of cloves: Utah, New Mexico, and of course Maryland, though Utah is the only state where smoking them is illegal, according to clovecigarettes.org.

Many McDaniel students live outside Maryland and some smoked cloves in their home states. But when they got here they were unwilling to give up their habit.

"I drive an hour to Pennsylvania to

FAST FACTS ABOUT CLOVE CIGARETTES

Clove cigarettes are the most noxious cigarettes there are. They contain:

- more carbon monoxide
- more nicotine
- more tar

They actually contain more tobacco than cloves.

If you smoke clove cigarettes:

- Your lung tissue becomes scarred so that it can't inflate properly.
- Your lung tissue becomes filled with pus and bacteria.
- Your airways can suddenly swell as you choke to death.

Information provided by The Dental Health Foundation
And The Carroll County Health Department

get mine," says junior Rachel Sanchez. "I just like the taste."

Despite clove cigarettes having this spice, they still have just as much nicotine in them as regular cigarettes; certain brands can even contain more, according to the Carroll County Health Department. This made some believe the flavor of cloves was to be an attempt to draw children into smoking, which led to a senate bill in 2003 to try (and fail) to make cloves illegal nationwide, and not just in certain states.

"There is no safe cigarette," says Clinician Physician Assistant Joan M. Lusby. "The tobacco companies are taking ad-

vantage of the fact most people don't know about cloves and think they're natural."

As a PA, Mrs. Lusby wishes more people would take advantage of the school's anti-smoking grant, which helps students to participate in a Stop Smoking program and offers free classes to help quit.

Much debate surrounds the issue of clove legality in Maryland, will it ever be finalized or will students continue to drive miles wasting time and gas? Time will tell, and until then it seems cloves will continue to exist on campus and this country as a whole.

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WALL STREET IN CHAOS

AS BANKS FOLD AND CONGRESS PASSES \$700 BILLION BAILOUT BILL, HOW WILL THE FINANCIAL CRISIS AFFECT STUDENTS?

CHRISTINA HINKLE
Staff Reporter

In recent weeks, there has been a lot of news coverage and controversy over what is being called the "Economic crisis of 2008." This has not only effected larger companies, some of which have been forced to declare bankruptcy, but is now starting to have an effect on our everyday lives.

As of now, several large investment banks have declared bankruptcy, which has increased the unemployment rate. Along with this issue, prices on things such as oil and food have begun to increase, along

with a general trend of global inflation. It is being thought that America is experiencing what is known as recession, which is basically a result of decreased demand, which usually occurs during a period of continued inflation.

So how does this affect us? Well, with an increasing unemployment rate, many people are losing their jobs, resulting in personal financial issues. The growing unemployment rate is also making it more difficult to find a job, especially in bigger markets, and if this crisis continues, the will affect students who are graduating within the next upcoming years and their chance of getting

a job. Amanda Gushard-Edwards '09 says, "this is something everyone our age should be worried about. Even though it may not seem like it now, this is affecting everyone and every one of us and will continue to until changes are made."

This is also affecting loans, which has the potential to be disastrous for college students all around the country. Because the economy and banks in general are struggling so much, it is getting much harder to receive a loan. 25% of undergraduate students borrow \$24,936 or more, but with increasingly financial struggles, banks will not be able to offer this much to future students. Senior, Jamie Patterson said her parents are worried about the growing financial issues. "My parents have two more children who still have to go through college, and that is going to be much more difficult to do without the help of loans."

With the overall increasing prices in the economy a Yahoo! News story reports that "the holiday season could have its weakest growth in 24 years." This is a result of the increasingly level of difficulty it takes to be financially stable in today's world. With prices on every day items increasing so much, it is making it very difficult to have any extra to spend.

Several steps are being taken to help improve the current financial situation, but the economy is currently in such horrible shape, that this is not something that will be solved overnight. According to a Democracy Now! article, President Bush and other congressional leaders are responding to this crisis by working to release about \$150 billion in additional money into the economy.

Also, On Friday, October 3, the President and Congress signed a \$700 billion bailout bill, in an attempt to avoid further economic financial issues.

This story has been changing daily, and although it might not seem important now, it is vital to keep up with this issue and the growing concerns of the American economy. There is hope for improvements, but since things are so bad now, no instant relief can be offered. This "Economic Crisis of 2008" is at a peak and it is more important than ever to be made aware of the repercussions of this crisis along with steps that can be taken to prevent it from getting worse.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF GOOGLE.COM

Last week Congress managed to pass the updated version of the bailout bill, which will cost \$700 billion dollars, after numerous banks declared bankruptcy.

COLLABORATION ACROSS PARTY LINES

MCDANIEL COLLEGE DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS WORK TO ENCOURAGE VOTING AMONG STUDENTS

CHRISTINA HINKLE
Staff Reporter

According to a CNN report, out of the 24 million 18- to 24-year-olds eligible to vote in the 2008 election, only 36% actually did. With growing political awareness among college students, 80% of young voters said they intend to vote in the upcoming election.

There is no question that the upcoming election is both extremely important and particularly controversial. As college students, this decision is one of the most important we will make, especially since it is only a matter of time before we are in the real world and directly feeling the effects of our decision.

The McDaniel College Democrats and Republicans have both been working hard to get students ready for this November's election, despite their

varying opinions, the two groups have been working together to get students involved.

President of College Democrats, Pat Johnson '11 said that their "first goal is to promote political activity on campus and in the community."

"We also want to promote participation in the community as a whole regardless of political party. With the voter registration drive we don't care if they affiliate themselves, we just want them to get involved and let their voice be heard," says Johnson.

College Republicans' President, Janice Watson '09 feels the same way and says that their ultimate goal is "to raise political awareness in general," and goes on to say, "We hope that by working with, rather than against the College Democrats, that we can foster political awareness on the campus."

With both organizations working to

gether to promote political awareness within the college community, students are becoming more inclined to get involved. First-time voter, Amanda Gushard-Edwards '09 says she feels "honored to be part of such a monumental political event," and Senior Jamie Patterson says she feels it's "more important than ever for college students to get out there and voice their opinion, whatever that may be."

With the election quickly approaching, and two campus organizations doing all they can to get students involved, there's no better time to become politically active on campus. With 24 million eligible voters between the ages of 18 and 24, college students are capable of having a huge influence on the upcoming election if they are willing to get out there and voice their opinions.

BAILOUT 101: WHAT THE BILL SAYS

Here's a breakdown of some of the economic rescue plan's main provisions:

■ **ATTACKING CREDIT CRISIS:** Financial institutions will be able to sell trouble assets (which are mostly mortgage related) to the government. The Treasury will be able to access to the \$700 billion in stages, with \$250 billion being made available immediately.

■ **PROTECTING TAXPAYERS:** The president can propose a bill requiring the financial industry to reimburse taxpayers for any net losses from the program after five years. And the Treasury will be allowed to take ownership stakes in participating companies.

■ **CURBING EXECUTIVE PAY:** The law will place curbs on executive pay for companies selling assets or buying insurance from Uncle Sam.

■ **OVERSIGHT:** The rescue plan will set up two oversight committees.

■ **TAX BREAKS:** The bill includes three key tax elements: renewable energy tax breaks for individuals and businesses, including a deduction for the purchase of solar panels; expiring tax break for the research and development credit for businesses and the credit that allows individuals to deduct state and local sales taxes on their federal returns.

■ **NEW ACCOUNTING RULES:** The bailout plan underlines the Securities and Exchange Commission's power to change accounting rules on how banks and Wall Street firms value securities, and directs the agency to study the issue.

■ **SHIELDING BANK DEPOSITS:** The law temporarily raises the FDIC insurance cap to \$250,000 from \$100,000. It allows the FDIC to borrow from the Treasury to cover any losses that might occur as a result of the higher insurance limit. The plan will also temporarily increase the level of federal insurance for credit union savings to \$250,000.

■ **MITIGATING FORECLOSURES:** The new law calls on federal agencies to encourage loan servicers to modify mortgages by a number of means - including reducing the principal or interest rate. It also extends a temporary provision that exempts from federal income tax any debt forgiven by a bank to a borrower in a foreclosure.

■ **COST:** The law's tax provisions - the bulk of which come from the addition of tax breaks from other legislation - may reduce federal tax revenue by \$110 billion over 10 years, according to estimates from the Joint Committee on Taxation. More than half of that is due to the one-year extension of AMT relief.

Information gleaned from CNN: http://money.com/2008/10/03/news/economy/bailout_bill_summary/index.htm?storyid=2008100316

WHEN YOUR BANK FAILS...

The first thing you need to know is that when a bank fails, the FDIC is legally obligated to cover only insured deposits. That doesn't mean if you have deposits at a failed bank that aren't insured that you would automatically lose all your uninsured money.

After sorting out a bank's assets and liabilities, the FDIC often ends up making what it calls "dividend payments" to uninsured depositors.

As for what happens to the interest you earn on deposits you have in a failed bank, that depends first on how the failure plays out.

If the FDIC can't find another bank to acquire the deposits of the failed bank, then the FDIC will assure that you will receive principal and interest on insured deposits up to the FDIC insurance limits through the date of the bank failure. After that date, your accounts would no longer accrue interest.

The more likely situation, however, is that the FDIC will transfer your deposits in the failed bank to another bank, as was the case with WaMu.

If that happens, the acquiring bank has the option of continuing to pay the same rate you were getting at the failed bank or it can change the rate. If it chooses to lower the rate, you would have the option of withdrawing your money without penalty.

If the bank continues to pay the same rate you were receiving or a higher one, you could still withdraw your money, but the bank would have the right to charge any applicable early withdrawal penalty.

Information gleaned from CNN: <http://statestreet.blogs.money.com/2008/09/30/when-a-bank-fails-effect-your-savings.html>

TWO CAMPUS TRESPASSING INCIDENTS LEAD TO ARRESTS

ROXANNE FLEISCHER
Co-News Editor

not to return to McDaniel College.

Two separate incidents on the weekend of September 20 lead to eventual arrests.

The first incident occurred at around 7:15 p.m. on Saturday September 20. Two former students were involved in a domestic dispute which continued in front of Department of Campus Safety Officers.

SGT Joshua D. Bronson came on the scene as the male subject was yelling profanities at the female subject and pulling her close to him. SGT Bronson found a 7-inch black automatic folding knife on the man, according to the arrest report. The male had two previous trespassing violations after being asked

The second incident occurred early Sunday September 21, at 1:15 in the morning. A suspicious couple in Blanche Ward Hall was reported to Campus Safety by an RA. An officer was sent and found vandalism in a room, and the couple that matched the description.

The female was an alumna of McDaniel College, and she appeared to be intoxicated, according to Mike Webster, Director of Campus Safety. She said that she had come from the Wine Festival on Saturday, and after being verbally abusive towards the Campus Safety officers, she and the male subject left in her car.

Westminster Police later arrested her for drunk driving.

FREE PRESS RESTAURANT REVIEW

GREENE TURTLE FOR SPORTS BAR LOVERS, NOT FAMILIES

CASEY CROUGH
Staff Reporter

When you walk into The Green Turtle, you'll notice several things right away: the modern pop music, the green and yellow décor, the unbelievable bar, the dedication to sports through several flat screen TVs—and the average selection of entrees.

There is no doubt that this restaurant is a sports bar. All of the tables are equipped with personal flat screen TVs, jerseys and guitars that hang from all of the walls, and the whole room is illuminated with neon lights and standard lighting.

Although this restaurant is famous as a chain, it seems it still has some catch-



CASEY CROUGH

The Green Turtle offers a variety of bar food, including burgers, wings, and Spinach and Artichoke dip pictured above.

ing up to do with students' popularity contests with restaurants such as Applebee's or Buffalo Wild Wings. "I like the atmosphere," said Fernando Gomes 10. "But unfortunately the service wasn't too great."

Gomes said that the food was moderately priced, but that there are better places to go to find the same thing. The prices range anywhere from \$6.00 to \$19.00, but you get what you paid for in terms of the amount of food.

The pace of the place seems very quick on a weeknight, but like a typical weekend, the wait could be longer. "The service leaves more to be expected," said Jarrett Smith '09. "Although the service may be slow sometimes, the employees are friendly, comfortable in their environment, and work well together as a team."

The menu options are your standard bar food options such as the "MVB" (Most Valuable Burger), hot wings, or a "Baha" cheese steak. It does not seem that there are many low fat or fat free choices other than maybe some seafood options or a salad; as for vegetarians, options seem limited to soup, salad, or a veggie wrap.

The Green Turtle has two bars: one inside, and one outside with a patio. "The outside patio is so much fun and the atmosphere is so incredible," said Smith.

The bar has everything a customer would expect, from mixed drinks and specialty shots to a variety of beer.

Currently in the works, The Green Turtle is trying to get a shuttle to run from the McDaniel College campus to the restaurant. This plan is not definite yet, since there are several liabilities that must be covered and tedious paperwork to be completed, according to restaurant staff.

This restaurant is a great place to get a couple of drinks and to watch sporting events with friends, but not necessarily the ideal family dinner hot spot.

If you're worried about the expenses of the bar, look on the restaurant's website for special deals; the restaurant offers special deals like "Ladies Nights," "College Nights" (where drafts are only \$1.50 every Thursday), and "College Football" days (usually held on Saturdays).

"The Green Turtle" is located at 830 Market Street down on Route 140 (by Wawa) and is open from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Yet, the place stops seating customers under 21 at 10:00 p.m., 21 and older are allowed in after 11:00 p.m.

For events or information about "The Green Turtle," visit: www.thegreenturtle.com/locations.php and click the Westminster location link.

SMILE WHILE YOU DIAL

STUDENTS IN PHONE CENTER WORK TO RAISE MONEY FOR CAMPUS

KATE DELENICK
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Do you think you could raise over \$10,000 in one week? The 32 students working at the McDaniel Phone Center can do.

Many students may not realize where the money comes from to keep our

college affordable and beautiful. But that is where Susan Duke, the outreach manager, and the knowledgeable students at the phone center come in.

Four nights a week "Hill Top" workers call parents, alumni, and friends asking for any gift possible which currently goes towards the Carpe Diem Campaign. Duke is quick to say,

sometimes it's hard for current parents to give, but that any amount is appreciated. Duke also explains that it is "great bonding and networking" with alumni.

Though it is only the fourth year back on campus the phone center is making huge strides for the college. Until the center came back on the Hill it used to be company based. Duke says although it "takes a lot to keep it student based it means more to have the students call than a company."

She understands that sometimes it's hard to keep up to date with all the happenings on campus, but that's just what the students working in the center do. "They have to encompass the entire campus," Duke says. Hannah Elvovich a sophomore agrees with Duke's saying, "It is difficult to know everything on campus, but that's our job and we're always reminded to stay motivated."

Motivation is key when it comes to the phone center, and it's a formula that proves successful week after week. During the week of September 21, the students at the center raised more money than ever before. That week they made an awe-inspiring \$16,454!

Although the McDaniel College Phone Center has made a huge impact on the campus it is still going through some changes. Duke made mention of the newly painted center as well as some new décor. They're also currently looking for a new logo.

The Hill Top is always searching for more motivated workers and if you're interested please contact Susan Duke at sduke@mcDaniel.edu.



DANIELLE SMITH
Staff Reporter

WHAT ISSUES MATTER THE MOST TO YOU IN THE ELECTION? ARE YOU GOING TO VOTE?



"Health care and college tuition matter the most because they affect me. Yes, I am voting."
HEATHER RODNEY
Sophomore, 2011



"The financial crisis going on right now. I think it will be interesting to see how the new president deals with the current problem. Yeah, I'm going to vote."
CHRISTINA PALUSKEVICZ
Sophomore, 2011



"Abortion and gun control, definitely. I was adopted so abortion is very important to me and I like my guns. Yes, I am going to vote."
SUSIE RIDDLE
Sophomore, 2011



"Foreign policy matters because it is an actual issue. I think people are too distracted by issues that really don't matter. Yes, I am voting."
PAUL O'SULLIVAN
Senior, 2009



"Economy, it is a real issue. It is going to affect us for the next twenty years not just the next four. Yes I'm going to vote, that is if I get my absentee ballot."
SKYLER FULTZ
Sophomore, 2011

TROY WOMEN EXPLORES TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS AFTER THE FALL OF A CITY

SAMANTHA LAMBERT
Staff Reporter

Last week, the uplifting production of "Troy Women" offered hope that women, when working together, can overcome any tribulation.

The play sold out "or nearly sold out" each night of the Oct. 1-Oct. 4 run, according to the box office representatives. The show took place in the 100-seat black box theater, which was elegantly decorated with oriental rugs and pillows.

Smoke filled the air and exotic music hummed on to aid the chorus into their dances of sorrow.

Directed by Elizabeth van den Berg, "Troy Women" explores the hardships that women endured after the fall of their city. The queen of Troy, Hecuba, (Maggie Powell) watches every last one of her loved ones either die or be shipped off to Greece as slaves to the men who have pillaged her only home.

She yells at the Gods to punish Helen of Sparta (Colleen Alford) who is blamed for this war, due to her affair with the Prince of Troy. Paris (When no answer is given, and Helen's husband Menelaus (played by Matt Cowan), keeps destroying their home she cries in defeat.

Giving up on the Gods, the remaining women (Chorus) and their Queen try find some hope in a world of ash and blood by dancing and singing of better times and the hope of a new future.

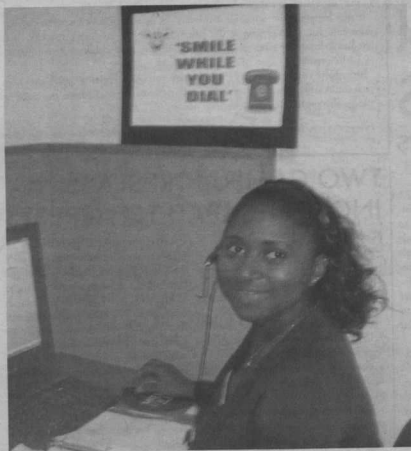
However, as times progress, Hecuba's last child, Cassandra (played by Jen Solomon), is taken from her. While she spits out prophecies of revenge, all seems forever lost.

The last scene ends with all of the women leaving to go on their respective ships to be brought to their new owners. As they leave one of the chorus girls played by Katie Bonaduce picks up the dust of Troy and says her goodbyes.

Freshman, Tori Potteuck said, "I liked it a lot. I also liked how well they represented the culture and still related to modern times."

Costumes for the play, which consisted of robes over cropped tops and pants, imitating bible dancer customs along with sashes and cloths to cover hair were designed by Hanna Spence. The soldiers were dressed in modern desert camouflage to relate this story to the war we are in now.

One of the chorus girls, Stubby Presentment commented, "Even though the rehearsals were draining, it was all worth it in the end. It's just a really great show."



KATE DELENICK

Nima Conté works at the phone center for her second year, calling alumni, parents, and friends of the college for donations. The phone center motto, "Smile While You Dial," is framed above her station.

C.S.A. FUNDRAISERS OFFER TWO UNIQUE ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS

JENNA LITTLE
Staff Reporter

Wondering what kinds of activities are taking place during October? The Commuter Student Association will be hosting two fundraiser activities for the McDaniel community to take part in.

On Saturday, October 27th, a billiards competition will take place in the game room from 6 to 9 pm. The cost to enter the competition is three dollars and the cost includes pizza. The competition will include three pool tables and eight ball games. The winner of the tournament will win a pool

stick with a case.

If you are not interested in playing the billiards games, you are still encouraged to come watch the games and have some food. Entering the game room to watch your friends compete will cost only one dollar and includes pizza. All of the proceeds will go to the Red Cross.

Students who intend on taking part in the competition should plan to be in the game room no later than 6 p.m. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to attend throughout the evening.

Stuart Clarke, president of C.S.A., states "This is a great opportunity to

help out the victims of the Gulf Coast hurricanes, while having loads of fun at the same time!"

The second activity is a Halloween themed movie and pizza night on Monday, October 27th. The movie will begin at 5:15 p.m. in Decker Auditorium, and pizza and candy will be available.

The entrance fee is only two dollars and includes food and automatic entrance into a raffle. The winner of the raffle will win half of the night's proceeds and the other half will be donated to the Carroll County Hospice.

ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA INDUCTIONS

On Saturday, September 27 at 2:00 p.m. almost 40 new members of Alpha Lambda Delta were inducted into the society in a ceremony that honored first-year students who achieved a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.7 or greater.



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Dr. Paul Mazeroff was honored as an honorary Alpha Lambda Delta member and shared with new members an inspirational speech with a little help from Sigmund Freud.

THE TWILIGHT PHENOMENON: FROM FICTION TO FILM

JULIAN GUIFFRE
Co-News Editor

A morning housewife in Phoenix spent one summer writing a novel about a quiet teenage girl who falls in love with a devastatingly handsome vampire. She hoped to make \$10,000 to pay off her minivan.

Instead, she signed a three-book deal for \$750,000.

Five years ago Stephenie Meyer's first novel in her now famous series premiered. Named *Twilight*, it featured her quiet but witty heroine, Bella, and the gorgeous and commanding vampire, Edward.

According to fans worldwide, Meyer is the second coming of J.K. Rowling. Some say that's taking things too far...yet the numbers would indicate otherwise.

Twilight has 3.3 million in hardcover and paperback, the sequel *New Moon* has 2.6 million in hardcover and paperback, the third novel *Eclipse* has 1.6 million in hardcover alone, and the end to the series, *Breaking Dawn*, printed 3.2 million copies before they were even on sale.

If Meyer's fame wasn't complete, her newest novel, *The Host*, not of the vampire series, is on the bestsellers list. And despite all four novels being released, the enthusiasm for this series won't die down just yet. The first movie is being released on November 21.

Of course, with millions of obsessive fans comes the horde of memorabilia and propaganda. "Team Edward" and "Team Jacob" e-shirts, an online community called "Twilight Momz", and thousands of fan sites splattered across the Internet.

It doesn't stop there...

Some women quit their jobs to sell *Twilight* inspired t-shirts and jewelry online, and one teenager confessed to Meyer herself that these books convinced her not to take her own life.

The *Twilight* movie cast and crew received one of the loudest welcomes at Comic-Con with more girls than ever attending a convention largely based on Comic books. In fact, they didn't even wait until the actors appeared to start shouting. As soon as the staff placed the name tags on the

panel table, the girls started screaming, and didn't stop.

Facebook has over 500 groups featuring Meyer's novels and the upcoming movie, and a fan page called "The Twilight Series by Stephenie Meyer" has 108,231 fans. A fan of the novels wrote on the wall of a Stephenie Meyer fan group that about 20 people (ages 16-65) were at a party and spent over an hour discussing the *Twilight* series, "the characters and how much we loved the last book and the way it ended... Thank you for the for the fantastic entertainment and for giving such a diverse group so much to discuss!"

Senior Shannon Tolley, a fan of the now world-wide famous novels, said she enjoys reading the series "because it's a twist on romance...they are very well written and it is very easy to get sucked into the books and loose track of time."

In August, however, Meyer learned some of the unfortunate drawbacks to fame. A partial draft of her novel called *Midnight Sun* was leaked on the Internet.

A letter to her fans that is posted on her website says, "I think it is important for everybody to understand that what happened was a huge violation of my rights as an author, not to mention as a human being."

Meyer goes on to say that she is not sure if she can finish *Midnight Sun*, a novel that tells the *Twilight* story from Edward's point of view.

"Writing isn't like math; in math, two plus two always equals four no matter what your mood is like. With writing, the way you feel changes everything," she says in the letter.

Despite these developments, Meyer's novels show no signs of waning in the minds of avid fans.

"These novels are unlike any romance I have ever read before," said junior Sami Ralli. "It's amazing how Meyer has written a vampire love story that almost every reader can relate to."

"GONE WITH THE WIND" ENDURES TEST OF TIME

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DAVID O. SELZNER'S... MARGARET MITCHELL'S
"GONE WITH THE WIND"



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SAMANTHA LAMBERT
Staff Reporter

"Gone with the Wind" is an epic film based on the novel by Margaret Mitchell. The film which came out in 1939, three years prior to the novel, was directed by Victor Fleming and is cut into two sections. The film is so famous that even today there are MySpace videos made to modern day music, based on the two protagonist's love affair. The film's leads were the beautiful Vivien Leigh and dashing Clark Gable. The film is set in the South before, during, and after the Civil War. It emphasizes the after effects of the war from the Southern view point. The scene is that of Georgia in 1861, on the brink of war, where Scarlett O'Hara (Vivien Leigh) is the center of every man's attention and the attraction of their hearts until war breaks out.

The first half of the film follows Scarlett throughout her hardships and trials she faces during the war. That of losing

two husbands, her hope followed by denial of love from another man and her developing relationship with Rhett Butler (Clark Gable), whom she is to be there whenever Scarlett is in trouble.

The film's second part revolves around the marriage of Scarlett and Rhett; the hardships of their marriage and death of their child that breaks their relationship, when Scarlett realizes her love for Rhett, it is too late.

The film encompasses many famous quotes like "Frankly dear, I don't give a damn", and many special effects of that time, while encompassing one of the first uses of Technicolor. No wonder the film received ten Academy Awards, and is now in sixth place in the Top 100 American Films of All Time. "Gone with the Wind" sold more tickets than any other film in American History, due to its excellent music score, optical effects and brilliant cast of actors. This epic and classic film will remain in the hearts of many for years to come.

If you feel down...

"In the confrontation between the stream and the rock, the stream always wins - not through strength but by perseverance."
- Jackson Brown, Author

Feeling like you are losing a battle in your performance, relationship or a personal struggle? Do not give up hope, stay in the game and keep pushing for the best. The first time may not be the last time, which means you have another chance to make up for a loss. Perseverance and persistence are big pieces to your success.
- Torrecka Jordan

...pick this up

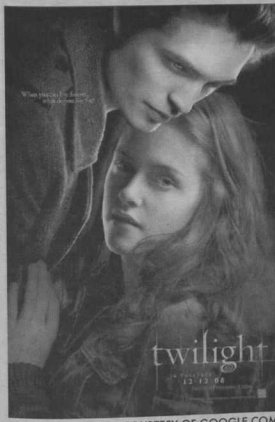


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SHAKESPEARE FOR EVERYONE

HELPING KIDS UNDERSTAND SHAKESPEARE THROUGH ACTING

KRIS BREEDEN
Staff Reporter

Need help understanding Shakespeare? Ask one of my ten-year-olds about it.

For the past two years, I have directed a Shakespearean acting troupe called Touchstone's Players made up of elementary and middle school students in Carroll County. Last weekend, 25 students ranging in ages from 7 to 13 performed an abbreviated version of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. They also performed selected scenes at Sykesville's Apple Butter Market and at a Shakespeare Gala in Eldersburg. And they can't wait to do more.

Nikki Federick, who played the role of Nurse, says, "I like doing Shakespeare because it's different than regular acting, so when people come to see it, they think it's cool that kids our age can do it." This is exactly the kind of reaction Century High School English teacher Tom Delise was hoping for when he formed the non-profit organization known as the Shakespeare Factory. A self-professed Shakespeare nut, Delise wanted to share his passion with students.

"I love the beauty of the language and the way in which Shakespeare expresses universal themes and universal characters," Delise explains. "He expresses the ambiguities and beauties of life and living, and does it in such a way that it inspires me."

Over the past several years, Delise has inspired many others, establishing three troupes within the Shakespeare Factory in the hope of promoting Shakespearean education and exposure. He first started up a troupe at Century High School known as the Rude Mechanicals. When he found that to be a huge success, Delise formed an adult troupe, the Shakespeare Touchstone Players. Finally, he started up Touchstone Players and a summer Shakespeare camp for them.

One of the best parts about the Touchstone's Players is that it is free for kids to participate. We raise funds by welcoming donations at the performances and holding events, such as this past Sunday's Shakespeare Gala (\$25 per ticket, catered by Salerno's, silent auction), where all three troupes performed scenes.

All the money raised goes toward two scholarships for Rude Mechanical students graduating from Century as well as funding Shakespeare camp activities, the very few props we use and paying the directors.

Delise says, "One of the major goals of The Shakespeare Factory is to create an organization where people of all ages can act in and enjoy Shakespeare." Last year, Touchstone's Players performed A Midsummer Night's Dream, which I co-directed with Andrew Tucker, a fellow Century High School alum and current junior here at McDaniel College. We were each paid \$100 for our work.

This year, Andrew was busy with McDaniel College Theatre, so my co-director was Eric Kneller, also a Century alum and first year McDaniel student.

Eric was paid \$100 for his work. Because of my past work with the troupe, Delise awarded me a 100% raise from last year, and cut a check for \$200.

But I don't do it for the money. As someone who has been part of the Rude Mechanicals and the Shakespeare Factory Players, I was thrilled when Delise asked me to direct the first play for the children's troupe last year. I thought I was a wonderful opportunity to show kids how fun Shakespeare could be. The parents think it's great too.

"I think the parents are impressed that the kids are enjoying and understanding something that most of them did not understand or enjoy when they were the same age," explains Delise.

Because the kids have a lot of sports and other activities, we try to keep the time commitment relatively low. There is one audition day and thirteen hours-and-a-half rehearsals (three days a week for four weeks). We accept everyone who auditions, splitting roles between two students if need be. We cut down the script, so the students perform an abbreviated version of the play that typically lasts about an hour, which helps kids feel less overwhelmed.

"I honestly believe the younger the child, the better he or she will respond to Shakespeare," Delise says. "The younger kids, all language is new, so they don't find Shakespeare as intimidating as older kids."

Delise is right; these kids are definitely not intimidated by Shakespeare's language. One of the first things I ask when we start rehearsals with the students is, "Do you have any questions about how to pronounce any words or about what any words mean?" Immediately, kids shoot their arms in the air, waiting in curiosity for me to answer their inquiries about what a "dishclout" is and what it means to be a "saucy boy."

Of the language, Touchstone Player Gabby Watson says, "Shakespeare is hard at first, but then you start to like it, and you want to do it more and more."

Student David Kreinar agrees, saying, "I think understanding Shakespeare after a couple of years is pretty easy."

"And it's really fun and helps you build a better vocabulary!" exclaims Daphne Reid.

Besides gaining familiarity with Shakespeare's language, Delise thinks it is important for kids to experience acting. "They are coming to Shakespeare with a fresh and curious attitude," he explains, "and they aren't intimidated by his work."

The kids really do embrace the plays, often offering me their own suggestions and ideas about blocking and props for the performances. And I am always impressed with how quickly they learn their lines, especially as some students have more than 100 for their role. Despite having to understand and memorize lines of Shakespeare's language, kids keep coming back for more. The program has grown by over 50% from last year.

Delise says, "Kids and parents both love the program. Kids just plain have fun, and the parents are happy that the



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Jack DelNunzio and Taylor Jacobe, portraying Friar Laurence and Juliet, discuss the tragic misunderstanding leading to Romeo's death. Shortly after this conversation, Jacobe's character stabs herself with a plastic knife that has a purple disappearing blade.

kids are happy and that they are engaged in an activity that exposes them to the ultimate cultural icon - Shakespeare."

Students like Shakespearean acting for a variety of reasons. "I like it because there's a lot of sword fighting," says actor Joey Marcellino, "but it's also very interesting and descriptive."

Ashleigh Kirker agrees, saying, "Well,

I really like to act, and Shakespeare's really interesting."

"It's just fun and a great way to have fun with other people," adds student Sam Murrill.

Regardless of what brings them to the stage, the incredible thing is that they want to be there and are enthusiastic about portraying Shakespeare's characters. Though they think the language

is kind of weird now, their experience with Touchstone's Players will help them better understand and appreciate the beauties of Shakespeare's work later on.

For now, Dani Bryant can pretty much sum up how the students feel about Shakespeare: "He's a funny guy; I like him."

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NO CLEAR WINNER IN PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

MCCAIN, OBAMA OFFER EQUAL PERFORMANCES FOR FIRST OF THREE DEBATES



NATHAN WUERTEBERG
Staff Reporter

"Senator Obama just doesn't seem to understand." This phrase, uttered by Presidential hopeful Senator John McCain, was repeated several times over the course of an hour and a half long debate on Friday, September 26th. The debate took place at the University of Mississippi in Oxford and was intended to cover issues of foreign policy and the current "War on Terror." However, due to the current crisis on Wall Street, an issue which nearly caused the postponement of the

debates, the first half of the evening was devoted to addressing economic issues, most importantly the meltdown in the financial world.

For much of the first half of the evening, it seemed as if the economic portion of the debate would end in a draw. "Neither of them really answered questions," said sophomore Brady Eisenberg, "they just seemed to dance around the issues." Each candidate appeared to hold the same positions as the other and despite their efforts to the contrary, listing on their fingers the various points of their plans for economic stability, each had only generic solutions for an issue that requires specific actions and a thorough knowledge of economics and finance. McCain continued to focus on the termination of irresponsible government spending, while Obama focused on "Main Street" versus Wall Street, bringing savings to the American people and not to their government. This theme continued for the next several minutes, with each candidate refusing to specify anything more than their previous generic economic stimulus plans.

However, at the very moment it seemed nothing more could be said

of each candidate's positions, McCain offered up an idea which had never before been proposed by either candidates during their campaigns. McCain proposed a drastic measure to halt the nearly out-of-control government spending policies: a spending freeze on all programs save entitlements, veterans programs, and defense. This proposal was unexpected, unprecedented, and ignored by Obama, who failed to give a satisfactory response to McCain's "surprise".

From that point onward the moderator Jim Lehrer's questions began to focus more on foreign policy and the current "War on Terror." McCain was in a naturally stronger position than Obama, given his wealth of experience in that particular area and the incredible success of his troop surge policy in Iraq. McCain sought to press this advantage, mentioning time and time again the tactical success of his plan.

Obama's answer was simple: The War in Iraq did not begin in 2007, it began much earlier than that and should not have in fact even occurred. Obama pointed out that while McCain had been an ardent supporter of the Bush administration, he had been

DON'T MISS THE LAST PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

McCain and Obama will square off for the last time before the November 14 elections on Wednesday, October, 15, at 9 pm.

They will be discussing domestic issues, such as civil rights, the economy, energy, and the environment.

The debate will be broadcast on most national networks.

against the War since its inception and had insisted that the focus of the "War on Terror" remain in Afghanistan. McCain, he stated, seemed to think that it was permissible to sweep Afghanistan under the rug while his goals in Iraq were accomplished. Obama went on to advocate, if necessary, the covert invasion of Pakistan in search of Osama Bin Laden, a stance that surprised Obama supporter freshman Eddie Ezekiel.

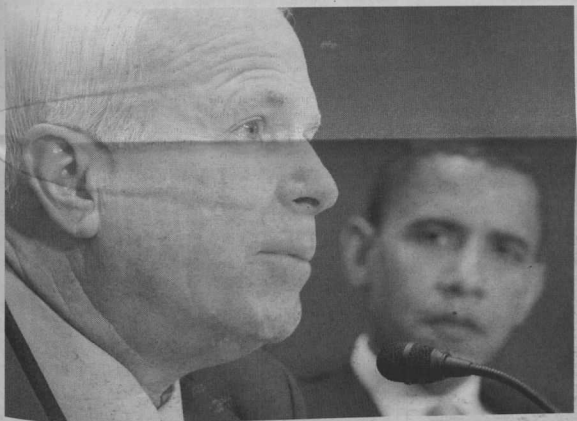
"It was unusual for a Democrat to support an invasion," Ezekiel said. Even more surprising was the fact that McCain found the idea less than appealing, stating that Pakistan had remained our staunch allies throughout the "War on Terror" and any invasion of that nation would be unwise and uncalled for. He continued by pointing that if such an invasion were necessary for national security, the last thing a President wants to do is broadcast his plans to the world. In essence, a covert invasion must remain covert to be successful.

After this point was made, the debate became centered on the United States' relationships with other nations. Of particular interest were each candidate's methods of dealing with the leaders of nations like Iran, who pose a considerable threat to national security. While Obama stated he would meet face to face with any leader he saw fit, McCain was unwilling to do so unconditionally. According to Senator McCain, preconditions to any such meeting are essential to ensure the United States' goals are reached in any issue of national security. McCain went on to state that any notion to the contrary was ludicrous.

However, when Obama pointed out that McCain's own adviser, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, had advised a face to face meeting with the

leader of Iran without preconditions, McCain simply ignored that fact, an action which sophomore Sean Fitzgerald believes won Obama the debate. "It was McCain's chance to say that he spoke for himself and could make his own decisions without listening to his advisors all of the time," Fitzgerald said, "McCain missed his opportunity." McCain did not miss his opportunity, however, to allow the American people a further glimpse into the future of foreign policy under a McCain administration. In order to ensure that the leader of any nation meeting with the President of the United States was amenable to our nation's demands, McCain proposed a "League of Democracies" peopled by like-minded democratic nations who could use the full brunt of their diplomatic and economic powers against any nation that was deemed a threat to national security, like, for instance, economic sanctions to prevent Iran from producing nuclear weapons. This, McCain stated, would ensure the cooperation of the global community and the protection of American interests.

After a few more questions along the same lines, the debate came to a close. It must be said that despite opinions to the contrary, it did not appear that there was any clear winner, a common theme of any political debate, especially on the Presidential level. Any clear win in any debate will only ever be attributed to the stupidity of one of the participants, whether in speech or deed, an occurrence which may very well be demonstrated for the entire nation during the upcoming Vice-Presidential debates, whether through Palin's supposed ignorance or Biden's arrogance and knack for finding something offensive to say. Either outcome will surely be entertaining.



McCain and Obama faced off in the first presidential debate on September 26, discussing issues relating to foreign policy. The candidates also spent time talking about the economy. Their performances were rated about equal by polls and pundits, though Obama edged out McCain. On Tuesday, October 7, the candidates took questions in a town-hall-style debate.

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AN ELECTION FOR CHANGE IN UNPREDICTABLE TIMES



EDDIE EZEKIEL
Staff Reporter

I have been waiting for it; nervously, slowly, the first connection of America's most recent financial catastrophe to the most famous of all American financial catastrophes, the Great Depression. Today while reading the New York Times online, I stumbled upon just this in an opinion article written about Sarah Palin's philosophies on government.

In the article published September 25, 2008, Robert Cohen says, "To persist with a philosophy grounded in America's separatism, rather than its connectedness, would be devastating at a time when the country faces two wars, a financial collapse unseen since 1929, commodity inflation, a huge transfer of resources to the Middle East, and the imperative to develop new sources of energy."

This reference to the Great Depression strikes fear into me, because our salvation last time was through economic stimulation via World War One. This time, however, war has been anything

but economic stimulation, and the thought of ten or so more years of war is sickening. Also, it feels as if America isn't just experiencing a spell of bad luck, but rather like an accumulation of threats we've ignored and been unaware of.

As of late, it seems like America has been stumbling further into a hole, torn open by a building force of political divisions, religious confrontation, and a long series of economic blunders. Maybe my reaction is a symptom of recently reading too much news after generally avoiding such negativity for the past few years, but the evidence seems too strong to ignore: America needs help. The American people need help.

It's been too long since we've come together as a nation of well-minded people and simply worked for the peace and prosperity our forefathers fought to secure. We've seen presidents with courage and compassion large enough to rally our nation before. Freshmen Matt McCarron says that Obama is "a very Kennedy-esk speaker," with a confident, "self-assured image." It will take this type of personality, combined with a noble set of ideals, education and experience to inspire and lead our country through rocky times.

Referencing Cohen's argument, the presidential and vice-presidential candidates don't appear to understand that times are different from even five or ten years ago. This election is so important because it marks the point where America can either follow the well-trodden path that has steered it towards an epic collapse, or work out a new path towards a new America. This does

not mean sacrificing the "traditional" values of freedom and independence that make America so great, but simply adapting and evolving to the radically new world of the 21st century.

Obviously, neither candidate will single-handedly save or destroy our country in one term, but the actions they take at this crucial juncture will lay the groundwork for rebuilding, or implosion, in our future. Change often seems scary, but freshman Betsy Warner calmly says that Obama's campaign understands that "sometimes you have to take a risk for good things to happen."

When deciding which candidate to vote for come November 4th, I ask that you think of this: who seems to align themselves with the values and ideologies that have gotten America into this huge mess, and who seems to understand that an evolved idea of the global village is necessary for America to survive in the new century?



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POLITICAL SOUNDBITES

COMPILED BY KATELYN MCGINLEY

SKEPTICISM GROWING ABOUT GOV. PALIN'S MERITS, ABILITY



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Governor Sarah Palin struggles to regain voter confidence as the elections grow closer.

Even though it was only weeks ago that Governor Sarah Palin was credited with bringing fresh life into the McCain campaign with her energizing presence and fiery speech at the Republican National Convention, according to a new poll conducted by the Washington Post-ABC News shows that that public opinion of Palin's ability and readiness to be the next Vice President has plummeted drastically.

A month ago, Palin was rated as highly as her running mate, Senator McCain, and Democratic rival, Senator Barack Obama — but after weeks of intensive media coverage and several missteps, some of her shine is beginning to wear off with voters. Six out of ten voters see her as lacking the experience to be an effective president, and a third say that they are now less likely to vote for McCain because of her.

Palin's toughest hurdle has been over the issue of her experience, especially when paired with widespread public concern about McCain's age. Fewer than half of voters polled think that Palin understands "complex issues", and 85% said that they do not believe she has the requisite experience to be president. The effect that the Vice Presidential debate between Palin and Obama running mate Senator Joseph Biden will have upon voters remains to be seen. (Washington Post, AP)

HOUSE PLANS TO REVISIT BAILOUT PLAN AFTER SENATE PASSES "SWEETENED" BILL

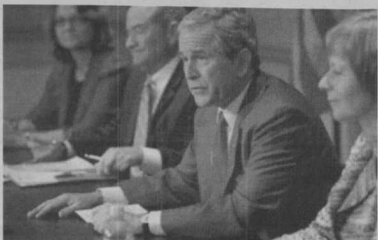


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President Bush meets with small business representatives in Illinois.

President Bush and congressional leaders furiously lobbied for enough House support to pass the controversial \$700 billion financial industry bailout bill, and the measure succeeded in converting members of both parties on the evening of the historical vote.

"A lot of people are watching," said Bush, keeping up his pleas from the White House while Democratic and Republican leaders lobbied reluctant congressional markets and ease a worsening credit "crunch".

The rescue package would let the government spend the allotted \$700 billion to buy bad mortgage-related securities and other devalued assets held by trouble financial institutions. If successful, advocates of the plan say that it would allow for a frozen credit to begin working again and prevent a serious recession.

The plan returned to the House after the Senate made changes to it — including tax cuts and "sweeteners" in a 74-25 vote late Wednesday, October 1. The bill had been defeated in House narrowly on Monday. (AP, MSNBC)

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Ex-editor



Guru

WHO IS YOUR AP TOP 5 IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL AT THE END OF THE SEASON RIGHT IN TIME FOR THE BCS GAMES?

GARRETT EAGAN
Sports Editor

RYAN CHELL
Staff Reporter

GURU:

- 1. Oklahoma
- 2. Alabama
- 3. USC
- 4. Missouri
- 5. Ohio State

I think that Oklahoma can stay on top throughout the season. Let's not forget, this is college football, where anything can and will happen. However, I think these five teams will stay on the top throughout the year. As much as I love Bama, and took them against Georgia, they have a tough road ahead. Saban will have them ready, and they have a shot to run the table (even in the SEC). What about USC? I can see them running well the rest of the way—barring any more groundbreaking losses to unranked opponents. Missouri really doesn't look good in the Big 12 matching up against Oklahoma, but they will stay in the Top 5. Ohio State should also be able to fight back into the Top 5 with a flawless finish this season. However, I think we should have an SEC/Big 12 BCS Championship, which should be a great game.

THE EX:

- 1. Oklahoma
- 2. Florida
- 3. USC
- 4. Missouri
- 5. Ohio State

Oklahoma stays the consensus #1 pick for the remainder of the season, and fights through a difficult Big 12 schedule to keep the voters happy. Florida rights their ship, and defeats LSU in the SEC Championship game to earn their shot at another BCS Championship, with Tim Tebow and Percy Harvin at the helm. It's Bradford versus Tebow. USC and Ohio State stay in my Top 5 because the rest of their schedule is easy here on out, and they do not play conference tie games. Missouri does not play Oklahoma twice this year, so they won't lose twice in 2008, but they will still feel the same effects as last year. They will have a high ranking at the end of the season, but Chase Daniel and the Tigers fall short by losing to Oklahoma in the Big 12 Championship game to earn a spot either in the Fiesta Bowl due to Oklahoma being in the National Championship Game. They fall out of the championship picture, but still go to a BCS bowl. And who knows, maybe USC and Ohio State will play each other again in the Rose Bowl, and the Buckeyes can get their revenge.

FAREWELL YANKEE STADIUM WITH DOORS CLOSED, FATE OF HISTORIC LANDMARK UNKNOWN

DANIELLE AZOULAY
Staff Reporter

Baseball's Cathedral, The House that Ruth Built, Home of the Bronx Bombers, Yankee Stadium—one of the greatest sports complexes of all time closed its doors.

On Sunday September 21, after 85 years, the New York Yankees played their final game at the current stadium.

Senior Dana Morini, a native of New York and a life long Yankee fan, was in attendance that day.

"For me it was kind of emotional," said Morini, who was left somewhat speechless when asked to describe how it felt to be there for the final game.

"Sure it was a little grimy, but that's what made it Yankee Stadium," she said.

It's surreal, the whole Yankee Stadium, especially if you are a fan. It captivates you, looking out onto the skyline. It was sad we didn't want the game to end," Morini said. "I think the most emotional thing was when players like Andy Pettite and Mariano Rivera threw their last pitch and Derek Jeter had his last at bat. Everybody would start cheering because it was their last time, and the players would come back out and wave their hat."

In a speech made after the game Yankee captain and shortstop Derek Jeter said, "...although things are going to change next year, we're going to move across the street, there are a few things with the New York Yankees that will never change: that's pride, tradition, and most of all we have the greatest fans in the world. We are relying on you to take the memories from this stadium and add them to the new memories that come at the new Yankee Stadium and continue to pass them on to our generation to generation."

Sure tradition and memories can be passed on but what about the history?



PHOTO COURTESY DANA MORINI

Senior Dana Morini attends the final game at the Yankee Stadium on Sunday, September 21. The stadium, which has hosted some of the most historic moments in American history, is closed. It is unclear what will be done with the stadium.

Orioles First Baseman Kevin Millar was quoted on ESPN saying, "What an honor it has been to hit in the same batters box as Babe Ruth and all the great Yankee players."

Just about every great player to have ever played the game has stepped foot onto Yankee Stadium. If baseball is "America's pastime," should Yankee Stadium be made a national landmark?

Morini thinks so.

The stadium has been home not only to baseball, but several other sporting events, such as the Giants' football games from 1956-1973, and the Notre Dame vs. Army football game where the "win one for the Gipper" speech took place. The stadium had hosted numerous boxing fights, including Muhammad Ali vs. Ken Norton, Jack Dempsey vs. Jack Sharkey, and Joe Louis vs. Max Schmeling.

Other major events at Yankee Stadium include visits by Pope Paul VI, which was the first visit by a pope to North America, Pope John Paul II,

and Pope Benedict XVI, the filming of at least 18 films such as Pride of the Yankees, The Babe Ruth Story, Major League, The Scout, Little Big League, Die Hard with a Vengeance, For Love of the Game, and Anger Management.

Many people enjoyed concerts at the stadium; enjoyed including Billy Joel, U2, Pink Floyd, and Paul Simon.

The rumors of what is actually going to happen to the stadium have ranged from it being turned into a parking lot to it being preserved donated to the city in efforts to give back to the Bronx to host events such as the NY high school baseball state championships.

Personally I feel that demolishing such an incredible place would be a horrendous act. To me, a lifelong die-hard fan of the Yankees and baseball in general, Yankee Stadium is sacred ground. Like many other fans I hope our I can on day show my children where Mickey Mantle and Lou Gehrig played, and where the pope visited.

REFEREE DEALS WITH BAD CALL BACKLASH

(Story continued from back cover)

It is important for us to remember that when we are watching the game, whether at the stadium or at home, we see slow-mo replays of every big play that happens. This is not the case for officials, who have to make a call based on what they see as it happens. It is impossible for them to always be in the perfect position and see everything that they need to make a perfect call.

Of course, the Broncos call was really, really bad. But these things happen. Hochuli himself has said that he

is devastated by his mistake. I know that Chargers fans will probably not like what I am about to say, but you like what I am about to accept the call and will just have to accept a terrible piece of bad move on. It was a terrible piece of bad move on the Chargers, but it could have been luck for any team. The fact that happened to this magnitude rarely occur is a testament to the skill that NFL referees have, and Ed Hochuli is still one of the best.

It is easy to get angry at the officials during a game, but usually, even if they make a bad call or two, they are not going to cause your team to lose the game.

For Chargers fans, it is worth noting, that if your team had not given up 31 points to the Broncos without the aid of the officials, the game may not have come down to that fateful drive. So, to all NFL fans out there: next time your team is the victim of a bad call, give the officials a break. They are not perfect, but they are pretty good. Instead of booing and shouting profanities or throwing your SR stadium beer onto the field, just sit down, be calm, and accept that the world is not a perfect place. And be glad you aren't a Chargers fan.



My week four picks netted me a 2-2 record in published picks (4-2 counting the other game I picked). I would also like to point out that this is the toughest week of picks I have to deal with: Here are my picks for week six.

■ ST. LOUIS 16 WASHINGTON 24 I cannot say that I have faith in Jim Hanletter as the new dipper for the Rams, especially with the way Jason Campbell is playing through week four, without throwing one interception (not my pick in the Skins/Boys game). And yes, I am still skeptical of Campbell at the QB position. However, the Redskins are playing like they might get over the hump in Seattle this season. The Rams are not set on a QB, and their defense is suspect at best. Take the Redskins in this one.

■ NEW ENGLAND 13 SAN DIEGO 23 The past two years, these teams have met in the playoffs, all with the same outcome. However, for those of you who do not follow the NFL close, or say, do not watch ESPN, Tom Brady is out for the year, leaving Cassel to tend to the reins. Ouch. In addition the defense is still old, and is giving up easy points. However, the fact that the Chargers had to crawl back against the Raiders in week four scares me. Either way, take the Chargers to get it right this week.

■ JACKSONVILLE 14 DENVER 17 This is a hard game to pick, let's be honest. The Jags are playing well, yet just getting it done at the end of games. Denver was running a fun and gun in the first three weeks, only to be stopped by the Chiefs in week four. The problem? Both of these teams are inconsistent, whether they get the win or not. I will take the Broncos and Jay Cutler to do it right this week.

■ CINCINNATI 17 NY JETS 24 Brett Favre in New York, one word—roll-overcast. He starts out well in the preseason, then to drop a bit in weeks one through three. However, week four he produces six TDs, something he didn't even do in Green Bay. Cincinnati is scratching their heads still, wondering why they cannot put up a win. It goes right back to defense, and the Bengals have a weak one. In addition, there are questions surrounding Carson Palmer's elbow. Sorry Marvin, it's another loss in week six.

■ GAME OF THE WEEK Baltimore 10 Indianapolis 13 I cannot say that I have not been impressed with the Ravens' defense so far this season, regardless of the bias that I am charged with having. Ray Lewis looks like he's 23 again, and the secondary is playing exceptional. On the other side of the ball, Peyton and the usually high-powered offense has stalled, with definitive injuries to key players both running routes, and watching Manning's back. In addition, Bob Sanders is injured on defense. This game should come down to the wire, especially with the way the rest of the Colts' games have. Although I would not be surprised if the Ravens did it, I'll take the Colts in the 4th quarter.

TERROR SPORTS



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Senior Kristin Male battles for the ball against York in non-conference play on Tuesday September 30th. The Terror are eyeing one of three playoff spots in the Centennial Conference.

TERROR FOOTBALL BLOW-BY BLOW

SEPT 27 @ HOME-

quarter	1	2	3	4	FINAL
DICKINSON	6	0	0	7	13
MCDANIEL	13	0	0	7	20

OCT 4 @ JUNIATA-

quarter	1	2	3	4	FINAL
MCDANIEL	7	0	0	3	10
JUNIATA	3	0	9	0	12

BAD CALL CONTROVERSY CREATES BAD CONSEQUENCES FOR REFEREE

ANDREW VELNOSKY
Staff Reporter

Ed Hochuli, one of the NFL's best known referees, has been feeling the heat lately after a blown call in week two. While the call was obviously bad, Hochuli has been criticized unfairly for it, which is still only one bad call in a 19-year career of good ones. He is a former president of the NFL referees association and has officiated numerous superbowls and playoff games - things that only the best officials are chosen to do. But before I say more, here is a little background for those of you who haven't heard what happened:

Trailing the San Diego Chargers 38-31 late in the fourth, the Broncos' offense was nearing the endzone when quarterback Jay Cutler obviously fumbled the ball. However, referee Ed Hochuli blew his whistle, ruled the play an incomplete pass, and said the play could not be reviewed because the whistle had been blown.

This call allowed Denver to keep the ball, and on the next play, Cutler threw a touchdown. After that, in what may be a long time, Denver coach Mike Shanahan decided to attempt a risky two-point-conversion instead of an extra point - opting to either win or lose

in that one play and not take the game to overtime. Unfortunately for the Chargers, Shanahan's bold move was successful, and the Chargers lost 39-38. The team and its fans were devastated. The call sparked outrage by fans all over the NFL.

Simply put, NFL fans hold officials to too high a standard, so it makes sense that when a call like this happens, fans will go nuts. Heck, if an official so much as calls a questionable 5-yard penalty against the home team, stadiums regularly erupt in boos.

(Story continued on page 11)



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Ed Hochuli, an NFL referee, is feeling the backlash of a blown call which cost the Chargers a game.

FIELD HOCKEY HOLDS ONTO OPTIMISM DESPITE DISAPPOINTING RECORD, THE TEAM STRIVES FOR IMPROVEMENT

CHRIS FERRICK-MANLEY
Staff Reporter

The Green Terror Field Hockey team is looking to rebound from a disappointing 6-12 season in 2007 and return to the conference tournament, reaching the semifinals from 2004-2006. Currently, the team has a 5-5 record (2-1 Centennial Conference).

Melissa Miranda Jones, the team's head coach, believes her team has played well against quality opposition, winning the games they should win. According to Jones, the losses came against teams that she admits are better than hers, such as nationally ranked Elizabethtown and Christopher Newport.

Jones was unhappy about her loss to the Washington Shorewomen however.

"I still do feel we are the better team," said Jones. Traditionally, field hockey in the Cen-

tennial Conference has been dominated by the Ursinus Bears and the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays.

"You're never going to deny Ursinus and Hopkins," said Jones.

Ursinus, Johns Hopkins, as well as the Gettysburg Bullets are all nationally ranked within the Centennial Conference.

"It will be difficult to make playoffs with six teams fighting for three spots," said Jones, "on our best day I see us edging out Hopkins."

The team returns seven seniors who all play frequently.

"I cringe about losing them," said Jones, "a very solid talented group of seniors."

One of the seniors, Michelle Flury, believes the team has what it takes to succeed in the strong Centennial Conference, and find themselves in the tournament.

"We had a little bit of a rough stretch but definitely shown we are a great team," said Flury.

Flury has observed how the underclassmen and the strong junior class have also stepped up their game, citing Emma Ardolino, Stephanie Hammond, and Kaitlin Boerman in particular.

"If someone has a bad practice or game, they'll get yanked and an underclassman will be put in," said Flury.

Erika Wawzyanick, another one of the seniors on the team, sees a big improvement in this team from last year, and expects the team to make it into the conference tournament. Wawzyanick believes that the Terror have the ability to play the conference powers close.

"We're a very physically fit team," said Wawzyanick, also stating along with Jones that they believe the Terror are at a competitive disadvantage because they play on grass.

After a long stretch of road games, the Terror return to the hill to face the Muhlenberg Mules on October 10. Game time is 3:30 pm.

SOCCER PUTTING BAD LUCK BEHIND, LOOKING FORWARD

RYAN CHELL
Staff Reporter

With less than a month remaining in the regular season for the McDaniel men's soccer team, now is the time to turn things around, says senior team captain Donzell Tate.

Tate says that the beginning of the season has been a tough thing to handle, and there were several things that just were out of their control.

"So far, the season has been bumpy," he said. "We've had a tougher schedule than usual, and we've had to overcome a few injuries as well."

That tough schedule puts the Terror in eighth place in the Centennial Conference, as McDaniel is tied with Haverdost with 0-2-1 records. That tie is also ironic, because it is a tie shared between the two schools. They faced off against each other on September

20th, a game that really hit the team hard.

"That was definitely a disappointing tie," Tate said. "We went in there needing a win, and the ball just did not roll our way."

The Terror still have a chance to place above .500, and they have seven games remaining in their closing season-six of them inside the conference. The combined records of those teams are 28-15-5, but four of them will be played here at home, and should be another factor that should help them gain in the win-column.

If they are to move up in the conference, they have to address their main issue: the inability to score goals. The Terror have been shutout in six of their nine contests so far, and that has come back to hurt them. The defense looks impressive at times, with Mike Radcliffe, Ben Knight, and Rob Hallasch all

seeing time in the net, but the offense has to keep up.

Tate talked about how because of those costly injuries and some chemistry issues, some guys have moved to positions that they are not normally comfortable with. As the season comes to a close, the plan is to have those players finally see their plant in those positions and a sense of comfort will grow in, giving the team a better performance. And if you combine that with the effort they've shown all season long, it will finally pay off.

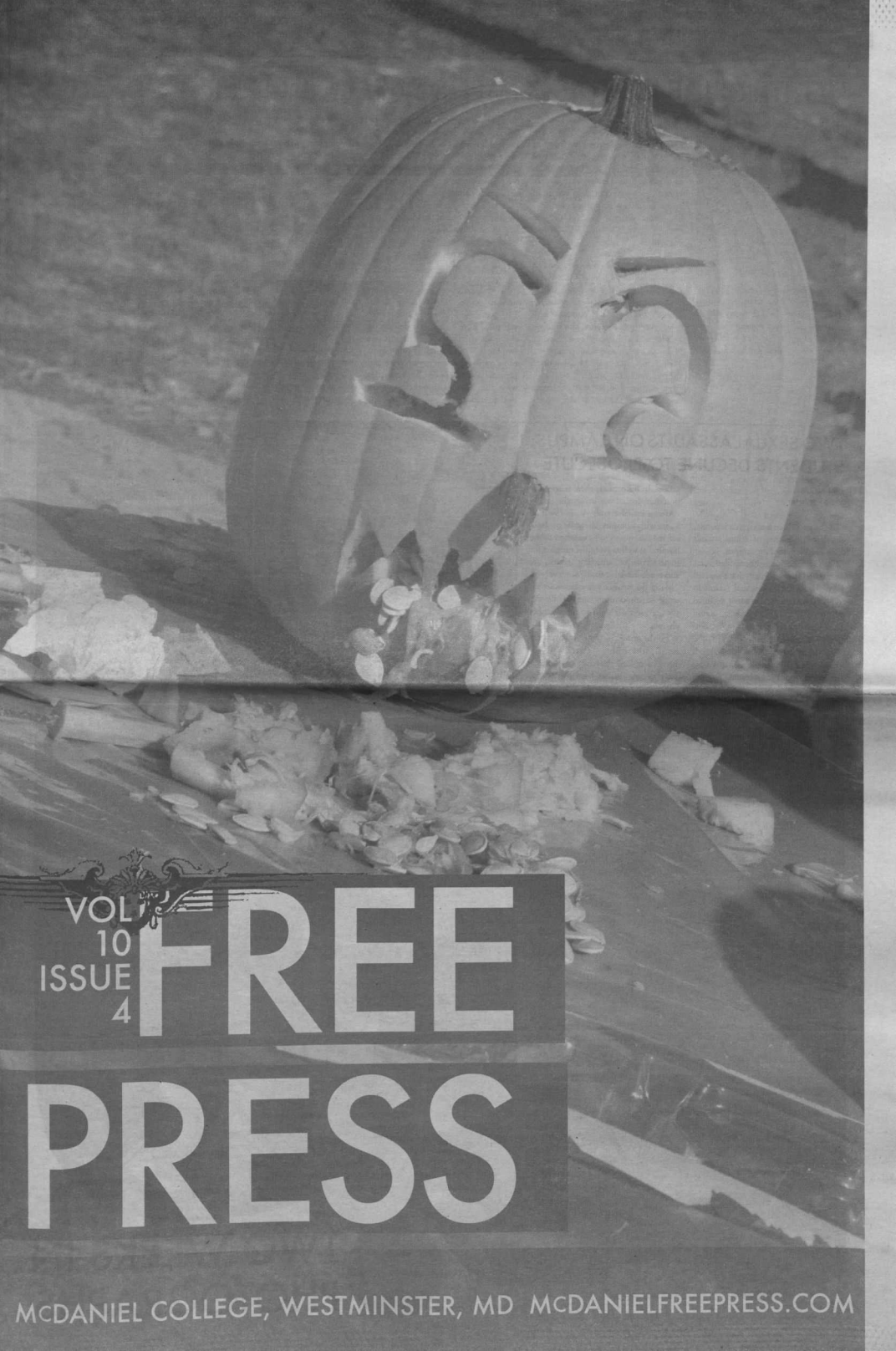
"We have been more than persistent in our effort to get wins," Tate says. "The effort and work rate have been there, but we just need to get away from the game plans."

The next game plan will be drawn up on Friday as the team hosts Franklin and Marshall at home at 1 PM, and will hope to continue moving up the Centennial Conference standings.

Joe Potuchek (center) battles for the ball in Centennial action against Johns Hopkins. McDaniel soccer is currently in last in the conference and trying to battle back.



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LIGHTER SIDE OF THE CAMPUS SAFETY BLOTTER

QUICK LINK
Blotter by the numbers



JEN NOEL
Staff Reporter

Epic movies inspire the hero in all of us. Most of us leave our dreams of becoming a superhero like Batman to a blockbuster Halloween costume. However, one student does not need an excuse like a silly costume to express his heroic desire. The villains on campus better beware — Spiderman has arrived.

On October 13, at 11:20 p.m., Campus Safety identified a student scaling an exterior wall of McDaniel Hall. When confronted by the officer demanding the student to come down, the culprit moved quickly into a second floor window. After officers found the student, he admitted to climbing the wall saying, "I am an experienced boulder climber." Well in that case, by all means scale all the buildings you want.

Once again, Rouzer made the largest impression on the blotter. Apparently,

the first year gentlemen lost the love of holidays when they arrived at college. Perhaps memories of an elephant costume gone awry or a bad Milkedid in their Halloween bucket spurred two male students to go on a decoration destruction rampage.

On October 24, at 1:45 a.m., the culprits were caught red-handed demolishing festive decorations in their building. However, since then all skeletons have been returned to their rightful places.

There was no disguising, however, the mail van's encounter with the Westminster police. On October 20, at 1:45 p.m., the McDaniel College mail van must have had a rush delivery as they couldn't take the time to miss side swiping a WPD cruiser. I think most of us try to avoid getting up close and personal with the police, but no matter what-rain, sleet, citation-the mail must be delivered.

Most readers skim over the editor's note introducing this column; however, some blotter incidents are simply what the note states—ineane. This is the only word to explain the events of October 16. Two students set off a hand-made Gatorade bomb in the Rouzer parking lot. There is never a time when this use of brain power is a good idea; luckily, no one was hurt by this illogical scenario.

All of you posing as armored knights this Halloween need to keep the costume handy because the boulder bandit has struck again. On October 7, reports were filed that rocks were, for the second time, flying from the windows of Rouzer. Maybe Campus Safety needs call on our very own Spiderman to help them smoke out the culprit.

My words of advice for all of you this week: be careful, this time of year usually brings more tricks than treats—you never know who is about to cause some trouble.

ROUZER
Alcohol-1 Vandalism-3
Health-1 Disturbance-1
Drugs-1

WHITEFORD
Alcohol-1 Vandalism-1
Disturbance-2 Health-4

PA AVE.
Health-2 Violence-2

ANW
Alcohol-1 Disturbance-1
Vandalism-1 Violence-2

NORTH VILLAGE
Vandalism-1

MCDANIEL
Alcohol-1

HARRISON LOT
Drugs-1

HOOVER LIBRARY
Drugs-1

(Editor's Note: This column by Jen Noel 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 nos-so-innocent).

TWO SEXUAL ASSAULTS ON CAMPUS; STUDENTS DECLINE TO PROSECUTE

JEN NOEL
Staff Reporter

In the past three weeks, two separate, unrelated incidents of sexual assault have been reported on campus.

On October 5, a student filed a report with Campus Safety that they had been the victim of a sexual assault in Whiteford Hall. The student declined to pursue any further judicial action with Campus Safety or the Westminster Police Department.

Two weeks later, a second instance of sexual assault was reported, this time occurring on Pennsylvania Avenue. The student also declined any judicial

action. In both cases, there is speculation that alcohol was involved.

After a sexual assault victim has filed a case with Campus Safety, he or she is offered the option to be escorted to the hospital as well as given the number for Rape Crisis. Counseling services are also made available to the student.

Many times when sexual assaults are reported on campus, almost all victims refuse their right to press further charges.

"In the nineteen years I have been here," said Mike Webster, "only a handful of sexual assault case victims have sought further legal prosecution other than reporting the incident."



ON THE COVER

On Thursday, October 23, students participated in a pumpkin carving contest at Red Square, which was followed later that night by an Oktoberfest style dinner and a costume party in Glar.

PHOTO BY SAM SEGAL

Junior John Sullivan helps to keep communication flowing at McDaniel's Information Desk while modeling the new uniform for College Activities student employees.

KRIS BREEDEN
AND **JEN NOEL**



Abigail Vickers, a junior, hollows out her pumpkin during the Pumpkin Carving event put on by Student Affairs and Sodexo. Set up in Red Square, the event allows students to enjoy the fall weather and a cup of cider.

KRIS BREEDEN
AND **JEN NOEL**

The aftermath of the Pumpkin Carving Contest in Red Square. Among the usual Halloween designs of cats and witches were entries featuring the McDaniel Green Terror.

SAM SEGAL



At the "Late Night's" dodge ball tournament, Sevgi Yurbat'09 (left) gets her palm read by Jess Behar '08 Alumni.

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TWO WEEKS IN PHOTOGRAPHS

GREEN TERROR ON RECYCLING

HOW WE SCORE AGAINST OTHER 'GREEN' COLLEGES

KATELYNN MCGINLEY
Staff Reporter

Lately, it seems that everywhere you look; there is evidence of someone or something going green. The '90s may have been all about excess and extravagance, but now Hollywood is encouraging us to ditch our Hummer's and \$20 bottles of Evian in favor of Honda Fits and a Brita water filter.

Environmental issues like clean-coal technology and 'green' energy have played a crucial role in the presidential elections. In other words: going green isn't just a trend - it's a new way of life.

The United States is taking steps to move in a more 'green' environmentally conscious direction, and colleges are also getting in on the act.

The College Sustainability Report Card (greenportcard.org) is a website that rates how environmentally friendly or 'green' college campuses across the country are. The rating given to each school is based on a variety of categories, including:

- Climate change and energy
- Food and recycling
- Green buildings on campus
- Administrative and student involvement
- Transportation

Dickinson College, the University of New Hampshire, and Oberlin College all have overall ratings of A-, landing them spots in the top five most environmentally friendly colleges in the country.

While McDaniel College does not currently meet the endowment requirement necessary to be evaluated on the website, that doesn't mean that the school doesn't meet some of the criteria that makes a 'green' college.

In May 2007 President Coley signed the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, which pledges to take a leadership role in addressing global warming. Following this move, the Green Terra committee - which is made up of faculty, staff, and students looking for ways to measure and reduce the college's carbon footprint - was formed with the goal of McDaniel being carbon-neutral by 2009. Student led organizations like the Environmental Action Club (EAC) are also prevalent forces around campus.

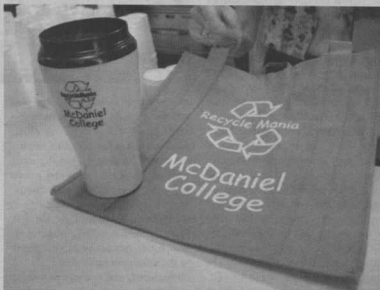
Recycling is an issue that McDaniel has struggled with over the past few years. Though there are trash cans specifically for recyclable materials, they are placed sporadically around the campus, and even when students do take the time to recycle, trash collectors

oftentimes just dump the recyclables in with the regular trash. One suggestion for recycling is to have a separate trash receptacle in your own dorm room for plastics and other recyclables.

"The [cleaning] staff is ordered to throw away any recycling that has trash in it," explains Ember Fleming '09, president of the EAC, "so if there is a bag full of recycling and there is one banana peel tossed in there, the whole bag gets thrown out."

The issue here is two-fold. On one hand, it is important that students take it upon themselves to pay more attention to where they put their trash, and that they are actually recycling. On the other hand, as Fleming says, "there seems to be something lost in communication," between the students and the administration on this issue.

Another way that McDaniel could improve its 'green-ness' would be to make some changes to Englar Dining Hall. Dickinson College's dining services buys vegetables from the Dickinson College Organic Farm. Purchasing from the farm enables the college to save on costs for food and transportation. In the past year alone, \$6,500 has been reinvested into the college farm instead of being paid to outside suppliers. The dining hall also has a goal of composting 100% of food waste. The notoriously finicky Glar dish-



KATELYNN MCGINLEY

washer (which, as of print time, was again on the fritz) doesn't help matters either, because when the dish-washer is broken, like it was for the majority of the 2007 school year, students eat off of non-bio degradable Styrofoam plates, and use plastic silverware—which is typically not recycled.

Something as simple as eating healthier while in Glar is beneficial to the environment; a diet based in whole-grains, fruits, and vegetables, and lean

proteins from plant sources (beans and nuts), reduces your carbon footprint while helping you keep off the dreaded freshman 15.

While McDaniel has made noble efforts in its attempt to be an attempt to be a completely environmentally friendly campus, if we really want to live up to our name as the Green Terrors, there is still some work to be done.

WAR AND PEACE ON MAIN STREET

PROTESTERS GATHER ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ISSUE, AND OF THE STREET

CASEY CROUGH
Staff Reporter

"War Freed Slaves, Saved Jews", "Imagine War", "Imagine Peace", "God Bless the Military and Their Just Mission", "Peace is Patriotic", "Give War a Chance", "Vote for Peace" and "If You're Not Standing Behind Them, You're Standing In Front of Them."

These slogans and signs are just a few that are held by peace and war supporters, who are divided by Main Street in front of the public library. Both groups line opposite sides of the street the second to last Saturday of each month; each group wants the war to end, but each has very different views on how to get there.

The protesting first began with the peace supporters. The leader of the group for peace, Margaret Jones, began protesting in 2004. She stands in front of the library with fellow peace supporters. Why does she stand in protest?

"Because Bush was elected and because of the invasion of Iraq," said Jones.

When the peace supporters showed up, Yvonne, another local of Westminster, wanted to do something, since her son, Joshua, is currently fighting overseas. Yvonne started protesting for the war in 2007. She asked for her last name to be anonymous.

"We support the troops because war is sometimes necessary," said Yvonne. "My son feels disappointed in the people across the street."

Both peace and war supporters are involved with other organizations to help their cause. The war supporters work with "Free Republic" and "Gathering of the Eagles."

The peace supporters are involved in a group called "Women in Black and Friends," which began with a network of women in

Israel.

When questioned if students should become involved, Yvonne feels that it is the student's choice, and that the troops would appreciate any support. "Students should only participate if their heart is into it," said Yvonne.

On the other hand, the peace supporters would love to see the passion of the youth get involved. "I would get involved because I'm a very big advocate for peace, and we've hit a big time in America," said Annie O'Grady '11.

"They are the future, and I'm doing this for them," said Jones.

Both groups want to reach everyone. "If I can get the citizens of Westminster - just one person to think about peace for half of a second, all of my Saturdays out here are worthwhile," said Jones.

When Yvonne's son was enlisted, she wanted to make an impression and reach out to the public.

It appears that most students in the McDaniel community are unaware of these protests.

"I think it would be fun to go observe," said Zander Roell, '11. "I don't really know anyone involved in the war. Both groups have valid points and a right to display them."

"The supporters have the right to do whatever they want. I joined the Army to fight so that people can have their rights," said Arturo Abreu, '10, a member of ROTC.

Both groups want the war to end, but cannot seem to work together to make their message heard. "Not once have they ever asked why we are here," said Jones.

"Peace is a wonderful thing," said Yvonne, "but it's not a reality all of the time. It hurts to see them over there."

For more information about both groups and their peaceful protests visit: www.freepresspublic.com, [www.gatheringofeagles.org](http://gatheringofeagles.org), www.womeninblack.org. Both groups welcome participants to join them on Main Street every second to last Saturday of each month, in front of the public library.



CASEY CROUGH

A resident of Westminster stands outside the library on Main Street, encouraging others to support the troops in war. Across the street, peace protesters watch.



CASEY CROUGH

Community members on campus and in Westminster gather once a month to exercise their right to protest. People from both sides of the issue, those for ending the war and those for seeing it through, cooperate while protesting.

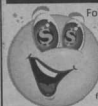
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STUDENTS HEAD TO THE BIG APPLE

JENNA LITTLE
Staff Reporter

The busting of the large city was a great contrast to the quiet and less chaotic atmosphere of Westminster or what many students are used to. On Saturday, October 18th the college activities board hosted a day trip to New York City to see the Broadway play Mamma Mia! Before and after the play, students were able to walk around the city since the play was at 2 in the afternoon. A total of 56 people went on the trip.

For some students, the trip to New York City was a new experience. Dan Green thought it was a great trip and said, "It was my first trip ever going to New York City, and it was amazing and big." For others, they were excited to return to a city they already liked.

Additionally, for some people like Tiffani Scott, this trip proved to be better than their first experience. Tiffani said, "This was my second trip to NYC, but I enjoyed it a lot more than the first time." The Broadway show was also a first experience for many other students including Tiffani, since some students have previously lived in the country where they could not see such large productions. Whether they had been to New York before or not, all could agree that the city was very different from other cities they had visited.

The majority of students really did like the show; however, some students had already seen the movie that came out during the summer and did not think the play was as good.

Lauren Hamby, a freshmen, although liking the show, did not like the play as much as the movie. "I had seen the movie before so it wasn't much of a surprise. Also, the part where Harry comes out, I felt that was better in the movie."



Comparisons between the show and the movie caused some opposing views of the play. On the other hand, Tiffani Scott was one of the students who liked the show. She said, "I liked the actors and actresses, I think they did a really good job. I would definitely recommend the play to someone else."

Dan Green also agreed; he said that, "The musical was really good, it was my first. It was very funny and the people in the show were really great."

Yet, the trip did not just provide an opportunity to see a Broadway show, but also to explore the large city. Stu-

dents went to many locations such as Times Square, the Upper West Side, Battery Park, Rockefeller Center, NBC studios, and numerous restaurants and stores. Students ate at a variety of restaurants from the Hard Rock Cafe, Ellen's Stardust Diner to Ollie's which is a Chinese food restaurant.

Some popular stores that people went into included the M&M World, Hershey's, and H&M. No matter what experience did, the trip provided a new experience that is different from Westminster and any other cities students have been to.



PHOTOS COURTESY JENNA LITTLE
Dan Green and friends enjoy themselves in Times Square. It was his first trip to the Big Apple.

FROM FLIP-FLOPS TO FREEZING TEMPS: OCTOBER'S WACKY WEATHER EXPLAINED

CHRISTINA HINKLE
Staff Reporter

What do flip-flops, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and jackets have in common? You're probably worn each of those things outside at least once this month. With unusually warm October days interspersed with normal fall weather, everyone's confused about what's going on.

Senior Christina Come said the biggest issue with the rapid change in weather is "not knowing what clothes to keep at school and which ones to bring home. I had all of my winter clothes here at the beginning of October, not expecting it to be 75 degrees out."

On October 14, the farmer's almanac reported an average temperature of 64 degrees in the afternoon.

So with a temperature increase of almost 20 degrees in ten years, should students be worried? According to an article in the New York Times, yes. The article believes that the human race is responsible for the rapid increase in temperature over the past 50 years and that it is too

late to reverse the effects of what has already been done.

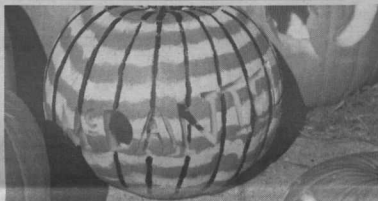
Senior Sarah Fisher says, "It's scary to think that we can have such a negative impact on the environment, and right now, the weather in particular."

Senior Jamie Patterson agrees with her and says, "We need to start making the necessary changes to stop the effects of global warming on the environment." So what can we do? Since increased amounts of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere is the leading cause of climate change, students should be aware of how much time they spend in their cars and the amount of gas they go through each month.

According to Live Neutral, an eco-friendly organization helping in the fight against global warming, one of the most important steps students can take is to share.

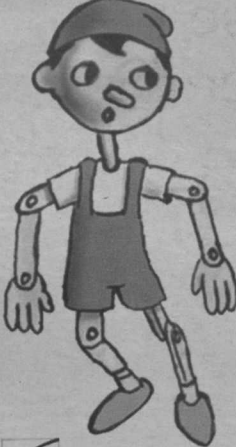
By sharing rarely used items with your friends, you can decrease the energy and pollution that comes from mining, manufacturing, packaging, and transporting new goods that you might not need.

Interested in learning more about what you can do? Visit the Live Neutral website, which offers more suggestions concerning the conservation of energy and the waste of CO2 emissions.



SAM SEGAL
Students showed school spirit at the pumpkin carving contest on the 23rd.

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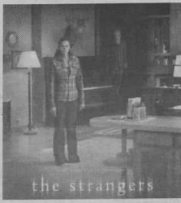
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FIVE MUST-SEE HORROR MOVIES: HOW TO BE HORRIFIED THIS HALLOWEEN



KIM WILLIAMS
Staff Reporter

THE EXORCIST A classic that follows the demonic possession of a young girl, Regan, this movie tops the list in terms of delivering terror. With rumors of inspiration from true events and the fact that it taps into an understandable fear of demons, something decidedly unnatural, evil and powerful, this film is a must see for any true horror enthusiast. Although older than many of the others on my list, this film has escaped the downfall of many older horror movies for me by managing to not date itself with special effects. Finally, the reason this movie is worth turning on is that no matter how many times I have watched it, *The Exorcist* still manages to chill me to the bone every time, even if I know exactly what is going to happen.

THE STRANGERS A picture that follows a night where intruders with masks enter and attack the summer home of a couple, Kristen and James. I first thought it would be relegated to the category of a gory slasher flick, but I was proven wrong: The threat of violence, the looming presence of the unknown intruders and the inhumanity of the killers in *The Strangers* gives this movie a decidedly psychological

twist. In addition, I put this on my list because while in many movies the viewer is able to calm down by noting the many ways the victims could have easily thwarted the bad guys, in this case the couple do almost everything right and are continually terrified. *The Strangers* is realistic and the idea of such brutality in anyone's home left me quaking. This is a motion picture I could not shake off after leaving the theatre and every time a commercial for it comes on TV, I have to turn the channel. So I put this on my top five and advise you to make sure you're not sleeping alone the night after you watch this.

EL ORFANATO (THE ORPHANAGE) The tale of a child named Simón, who goes missing, his mother Laura, and a chilling mixture of supernatural and plain old natural tragedy, *The Orphanage* is a must see. Not only is this movie incredibly creepy, but it is beautifully made. The Orphanage is heart-wrenching and touching while at the same time capable of forcing me to close my eyes closed or jump out of my seat on more occasions than I would like to admit. In addition, it's in Spanish, so if you are taking a Spanish course this semester remember that finals are approaching and use that as an excuse to call a movie night.

SAW Let me clarify. My suggestion is to see the first installment of *Saw*, where two men, Adam and Lawrence, try to figure out how to escape the room they have been trapped in by following the instruction left. I thoroughly enjoyed the following movies as any movie that has so many sequels is really unnecessary and loses its original appeal. However, the first *Saw* is original, shocking, and though gore is prevalent, the horror of the film does not depend on this. Anyone who has not seen *Saw* is truly missing out if you want to squirm in your seat.

DAWN OF THE DEAD While I personally lack the older versions lacking something, perhaps as a result of the over the top gore, the 2004 version of *Dawn of the Dead* is one of my all time favorite movies period. A glimpse into the lives of people struggling to survive in a world inhabited and overrun by zombies, this movie offers both hearty pounding fear over the attacking army of zombies, tragedy over the fates of people both known and unknown and even humor in a dire profession. There is tension between people in a contained space, the drama of family bonds, and come one, the dead walk! I am going to stop describing this movie so you can go see it now.

JULI'S MOVIE REVIEWS

ONE MOVIE YOU SHOULD SEE,
AND ONE DVD YOU SHOULDN'T

JULIANI GUIFFRE
Co-News Editor

Two common occurrences occur among movie goers worldwide—a film is highly anticipated and almost a sure box office win...and it falls flat, or a film comes out that not many have heard of that turns out to be a surprise hit.

I wrote an article about a year ago previewing the upcoming fourth film in the Indiana Jones series, *The Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*. It seemed to have all the necessary ingredients to continue in the masterful tradition of the first three—the “dream team” of George Lucas, Steven Spielberg and Harrison Ford, up and coming teen Shia LaBeouf, the always excellent Cate Blanchett as the villain, and the return of Indy's first and favorite love interest...what could go wrong?

Ok, we know that it's sometime during the Cold War 1950s, and that Indy has been captured by Blanchett's brave hungry Soviet soldier, Irina Spalko. Along for the ride is his new sidekick, aptly named Mutt, who is attempting awfully hard to capture some of Indy's swagger and spirit. What we don't know comes in bundles. What has Indy been doing since the *The Last Crusade*? Where does this skull come from that everyone seems to covet so much? Ah, of course, we supposed to accept the oddness of the waters here as one characters spout of philosophies about “the space between the spaces.”

So I'm not pegged as a total downer, I'll give the film credit for the following: the family interaction scenes between Indy, Marion and Mutt work quite well with their witty dialogue and familiar spunk; Ford and Karen Allen still have it, and the film carries a nostalgic feel (up until the end that is) that I'm sure some fans of the first three will appreciate.

The rest of the movie stumbles when the sci-fi elements get lost in the mix and by the final scene we're not exactly sure just what has happened.

My grade: C-

I walked into the theater to see Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist expecting to watch the stereotypical teen comedy that has become a staple of our generation. Boy, were they right, they argue and bicker, and then eventually win each other over by solving a conflict.

These elements were most certainly here, but presented in a way to dispatch the word “stereotypical” swiftly from the viewer's mind. This is not the first time Michael Cera has played the lovable dork, and here he is as a formidable companion in Jack Denning—*but not in the traditional sense of the word.*

In every romantic comedy you expect to see the two display some sort of antagonism towards each other before they come to the realization that—by magic!—ill-disguised hate was actually love. In this film, something amazing happens...really.

Norah is, surprisingly, quite attracted to Nick, but like many other teens, is shy and unsure that he returns her feelings. She doesn't spurn his advances or vice versa, they merely partake in a regular, but hilarious, courtship that is almost non-existent these days.

Nick and Norah also has some unexpected and quite disgusting gags reminiscent of a slap-stick comedy. One includes a toilet, vomit, and a piece of gum that about four people end up chewing...I won't get into the details. Let's just say these moments of pure comedy add to the teen romance rather than detract from it.

Particularly hilarious is not-well-known Ari Graynor as Caroline, the friend who's had about ten too many drinks. The “drunk person” cliché could have come into play here, but Graynor manages to sidestep that by being kind of the condition.

My grade: B+

The Kingdom of the Crystal Skull is now available on DVD and Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist is in theaters.

THE DUCHESS: NOT YOUR TYPICAL PERIOD ROMANCE

KRIS BREEDEN
Staff Reporter

It's another period piece for Keira Knightley, though not the typical Hollywood romance.

Set in the late 18th century, *The Duchess* is based on the true story of Georgiana Spencer, Duchess of Devonshire. The film, directed by Saul Gibby, includes spectacular period costumes, wigs larger than any I've seen, and an extremely talented cast, including several newcomers (Dominic Cooper as Charles Grey and Hayley Atwell as Bess Foster).

We see in the movie Georgiana's transformation from a spirited young woman to a wife trapped in a loveless and unfaithful marriage.

Marrying the Duke (Ralph Fiennes) under her mother's guidance, Georgiana not only takes on a life of delicacies and social events, but one in which she is expected to fulfill certain duties as a wife. Not only is she supposed to produce a male heir, she also must endure her husband's multiple affairs, including one with her close friend, Bess Foster, and his moodyness. And all the while she must put on a smile.

The Duke is a boring, awkward husband who can't seem to hold a conversation, but Fiennes' realistic portrayal makes the Duke a sympathetic character. While he has rights and abilities that the Duchess lacks, he is still trapped in his marriage to Georgiana, as he has a duty to uphold his name and title.

In contrast with the Duke, Knightley's Georgiana is passionate and outgoing. She also craves the kind of affectionate love her former sweetheart, Charles Grey, is willing to give her. The temptation Grey offers forces Georgiana to make serious decisions.

Despite these threads of love and relationships throughout the movie, the theme relies more on the impact of motherhood and the sacrifices mothers are willing to make for their children. Despite her initial beliefs, Georgiana comes to realize that the love for her children overpowers everything else.

The film is at the same time a witty and heartbreaking portrayal of the Duchess' life and her situation in marriage. It is a moving departure from the typical Hollywood period romances in which we most often see Knightley.

Rated PG-13, this film is playing in Owings Mills and in Frederick.

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THE CLUBS YOU NEVER KNEW

A LOOK AT SOME OF THE MORE OBSCURE MCDANIEL COLLEGE GROUPS

COLLEEN MCCARRICK

Staff reporter

From saving the world one plant at a time to raising awareness of women's issues, the 116 clubs active on the McDaniel campus offer students something to do every minute.

According to Mitchell Alexander, Director of College Activities, more than 700 students are involved in McDaniel clubs and organizations.

Dr. Grogan Ullah, former advisor for a club that no longer exists on campus, Multicultural Awareness Multilingual Awareness (M.A.M.A.) stresses the importance of underclassmen participating in clubs. "I always preach the importance of getting involved in at least one organization," says Alexander. Many clubs are finding it difficult to keep going after current members graduate and all clubs are starting to notice the importance of recruiting new members to lead the organization in the future.

ACTIVE MINDS: Active Minds is a nationwide student advocacy group in the mental health movement. It recognizes that college students are at a high risk for developing mental illness due to the stress they are placed under.

Active Minds breaks the silence and the stigma surrounding mental health by raising awareness, educating students by directing them to available resources, and encouraging students to seek help.

Upcoming Events: The Kickoff of Justice Week will be held on Monday, November 10 in Ensor Lounge from 6:00-8:00 p.m. On Wednesday, November 19 the documentary "The New Aynian" will be shown in McDaniel Lounge at 7:00 p.m., followed by a panel discussion.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CLUB (AI): Is a chapter of Amnesty International USA, a country organization that is part of the non-governmental, international human rights organization. They teach about human rights abuses happening around the world and in our backyard in the clubs go. This year, local AI groups are focusing on raising awareness about the death penalty.

ROCK CLIMB, KAYAK, CAMP, AND CANOE WITH THE OUTDOOR CLUB

ANGELA BALDWIN
Staff reporter

Like to spend your time outside? Like to be active and have fun at the same time? If you do, you're not alone, that is what the Outdoors Club is all about.

Kim Moran, one of the presidents of the club, says the club is simply a group of people who have fun in different outdoor activities. "I'd rather be outside any day," Moran said, referring to her love of being outdoors. "It's a great way to hang out with friends and to try new activities," said Natalie Fitzpatrick, treasurer.

Previous activities have included hiking trips and mountain biking, and some future events will include rock climbing, camping trips and canoeing/kayaking.

According to Moran, another possible future event is a cookout dinner with typical cookout foods such as smores and hotdogs.

The group meets at the end of each month.

"At the meeting, we give out the calendar for the following month, and people sign up for what they can do," she said.

In addition to handing out calendars, Moran said, "We get ideas from

Upcoming Events: As a part of Justice Week, Amnesty International will be showing "Dead Man Walking" on Thursday night, November 13, at 9:15 p.m. in Decker Auditorium followed by a discussion about the death penalty. They will also be sponsoring a "denounce torture" demonstration during Justice Week.

ASIAN COMMUNITY COALITION: The club promotes knowledge of issues in Asia and issues that affect Asian Americans. They address topics from adoption to racism. The Asian Community Coalition is open to ANYONE, regardless of race.

Upcoming Events: Poker Night will be held on Saturday, November 15th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Garden Apartment 3, Room 201.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION CLUB (EAC): Informs students about environmental issues. They promote locally grown food, and recycling on campus. The clubs activities include fact-filled fliers on bathroom stalls and Recycle Mania. The EAC focuses on learning, brainstorming and taking action.

Upcoming Events: On October 29th in Red Square from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. there will be lobbying for apples, live music, local Baugher's apple cider for sale, and environmental learning opportunities.

PALABRAS 2 WORDS: Is compromised of student volunteers who help members of the Hispanic community improve their English skills.

Upcoming Events: Look for more information about a Milk & Cookies Night in early November.

PHI ALPHA- SOCIAL WORK HONOR SOCIETY: Is a society of social work students that fosters high standards of education for social workers through community outreach, advocacy and service. Member's goals are to learn about needs and to develop projects or involve themselves.

Upcoming Events: The Domestic Violence Vigil will be held on October 23rd in Little Baker Chapel at 6:00 p.m.

the members and then we decide on what to do in the future."

"Ironing out the logistics for each trip is no easy task.

"Kristen [Berhle] and I organize everything and we search for the places where we can do our activities," Moran said. Kristen Berhle is co-president of the club.

In addition to both presidents taking charge of organizing the activities, they are both certified to drive the shuttle buses in order to easily transport the members to and from the events.

Funds for the group's endeavors come from the Outdoors Club's past account.

"The Outdoors Club was in existence, but it was not really run, and so we use the funds from that," Moran stated.

In addition, each member has a \$20 membership due for the year, which helps fund the activities. The club also sells T-shirts to meet the funding demands.

Having fun, while at the same time enjoying the outdoors and being active are the goals that fuel the Outdoors Club. For more information, contact the College Activities office.

STICHES FOR WISHES: This club creates premie hats and baby blankets to donate to the Carroll County Hospital to lift spirits of the mothers of newborns. Scarves are also created and donated to Carroll County Rape Crisis. Their goal is to visit the Hospital and Rape Crisis Center to present the items.

Upcoming Events: Stitches for Wishes will hold a Halloween movie night, and a Knit All Night event.

TRUMPETERS: The Trumpeters recognize seniors with exemplary qualities of leadership, integrity and sincerity. Today, acceptance into the Trumpeters is one of the highest honors a McDaniel College student can receive. Students are selected during the end of their junior year.

Upcoming Events: On October 23, 2008 at 7:00pm the Trumpeters will be host the Undergraduate Leadership Banquet at the President's house. Students are nominated to attend.

WOMEN'S ISSUES GROUP: Is a discussion group that focuses on issues related to women and/or gender in society. Women's Issues Group holds "Love Your Body" twice a year and supports the Vagina Monologues, although they are separate groups.

Upcoming Events: "Love Your Body" will be held from October 27 to October 31. It is a national campaign that works to counter the unrealistic beauty standards, gender stereotypes and images imposed by media with a powerful message for women and girls - Love Your Body.



THE FASTEST ARTICLE YOU'LL EVER READ.

DANIELLE SMITH
Staff Reporter

WHAT HOLIDAY DO YOU MOST LOOK FORWARD TO?



"Thanksgiving! You get to eat a lot of really good food and I'm thankful that I get to be with my family"
SEAN MCGARRY
Freshman, 2012



"Christmas because I get a big break, my favorite food, I see my family and lots of presents"
EMMA NICHOLS
Freshman, 2012



"Halloween because I like to sew and make my own costumes"
KATIE COOPER
Senior, 2009



"Halloween! I'm in theater so I like costumes and disguises"
MATT COWAN
Freshman, 2012



"Christmas, I get to see my relatives that I only see once a year"
JENNIFER SOLOMON
Junior, 2010

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SHAKEN OR STIRRED?

Cough Syrup

Late Nights

FREE PRESS FEATURE ESSAY:

OH, WHERE 'JORTS' GO

(Editor's Note: This essay was submitted to *Priscilla Oud* for a College Essay assignment.)

JOHN WAHMAN
Featured Writer

One day I was riding my bike down a hill we used to call Havoc Hill because no one who attempted this hill would ever make it to the bottom without something crazy happening. Nothing changed on this day. I took the first half of the hill like a champ, getting through some of the most difficult turns un-scathed.

I continued downward at a hellish pace, and just when I thought I was going to be the first to make it, out came a car from a driveway causing me to slam my brakes, which then caused my bike to slide out, and I hit the black top hard. After the ordeal ended, and I was on my way home, I noticed a huge rip in my pants. Usually I would not care, but this was different: these were not just pants; these were my favorite pants. I could not just throw them away, so when I got home, I decided I would turn them into shorts where the rip was.

I wore those shorts constantly all summer until they were so beat up that they looked like an old rag draped over my hips.

I decided one morning that I would go grab a coffee from the Hights on the corner and so I did. I got the coffee and then went out front and sat on the ledge where I intended to drink my coffee and enjoy the pleasant morning aromas. Well, I got about half, maybe a little more, of my coffee down when a snobby

looking woman pulled up in a very nice Mercedes.

She got out of the car in what looked like an outfit that cost more than me! She straightened herself out and then began to walk towards the entrance of the store. The woman, who looked to be about forty, was definitely not a local, and who knows what she was doing at my Hights in the slums, but she was.

On her way to the entrance, she caught sight of me sitting there with my coffee in my hand, holding it out in front of me. I looked at her face, and she got this expression on her face that sort of expressed compassion and disgust at the same time. At first, I did not understand why she was looking at me like that, but I quickly realized, as she got nearer. She walked up to me and dropped a twenty and some change into my coffee.

When she heard the splash, she looked in the cup and saw that I had coffee in it. I had no time to react to what she had just done because, when she realized that I was enjoying a cup of coffee and not a homeless boy begging, she turned pale white, as if to say, "Oh, crap."

Then, as I was about to burst out laughing, she turned around, sprinted towards her car, jumped in, and hauled her ass back to wherever it was she came from. I did not really mind that she had thought I was homeless because even I thought I was rough looking.

To this day, I still have my jorts, and although they make me look homeless, they will always remain my favorite.

GLAMOUR GIRL GIVES BACK

MCDANIEL SORORITY ALUMNA IS FINALIST FOR GLAMOUR'S WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

MICHELLE MENNER
Staff Reporter

One McDaniel alum turned personal tragedy into triumph through passionate philanthropic efforts that earned her a nomination and a spot as a finalist for Glamour magazine's Woman of the Year contest.

Donna Bartos '95 created the Purple Ribbon Council organization and Girls Night Out to Cut Out Domestic Abuse events to benefit domestic abuse survivors after she realized that she was a "silent victim."

In August 2006, as Bartos sat at a "Cut it Out" event listening to stories of domestic abuse survivors she recalled the moment in which she understood that the painful relationship she endured throughout high school and college had a name: domestic abuse.

After attending that event, Bartos said she "felt obligated" to help women in similar abusive situations "to heal and deal."

Bartos has worked determinedly for three years with "a lot of support" to form the volunteer-led Purple Ribbon Council and Girls Night Out salon and spa fundraising events to educate and "break the silence" about domestic abuse.

"It's amazing filling a gap to do something that hasn't been done before," Bartos said.

Though the work has been "exhausting" at times, Bartos acknowledges that the organization is "picking up speed." As of this year, the



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McDaniel alumna Donna Bartos, a member of Alpha Nu Omega, was nominated by Glamour after creating an organization to help victims of domestic abuse.

Girls Night Out event held on October 2 included 15 participating salons and spas across the nation, and next year there are already 30 host salons ready to get involved. Bartos' hope is to reach the goal of partnering with one host salon or spa in every state.

Of course, Bartos is excited to hear that the girls of her former sorority, Alpha Nu Omega, are planning to organize a Girls Night Out event in Maryland for 2009.

Current Omegas Brenna Morin and Kaitlyn Parkins shared their words of support for Bartos.

"I feel that what Donna is doing and

the message she is trying to convey is an amazing one. Domestic abuse is such a silent epidemic that is always looked over or not even thought of," said Morin.

Parkins added, "She embodies the ideals of our organization and is the kind of woman that we all strive to become."

With a strong mission and voices growing louder each day against domestic abuse, Bartos is proud of her organization that "has inspired people to work together to 'break the silence.'"

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LAST TWO DEBATES STRUGGLE TO LIVE UP TO THEIR HISTORY



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Senators Barack Obama and John McCain butted heads for a final time on Wednesday, October 15. The debate was more heated than the previous two, in which the candidates discuss domestic issues, even spending time on the current negative advertisements put out by both campaigns.

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On October 7th and 15th, Presidential hopefuls Barack Obama and John McCain received their last opportunities to openly face each other on a national stage. The first, moderated by Tom Brokaw in Nashville, Tennessee, consisted of a town hall format, where questions from around the nation from everyday voters were presented to the candidates to be answered. The second, moderated by Bob Schieffer in Hempstead, New York, forced the candidates

to face each other at close range, sitting beside one another at a round table. The debates didn't mean a thing.

Debates have always focused on creating decided voters from undecided ones. Candidates have plenty of opportunities to tell their supporters all the wonderful things they would do as President during the various rallies and assemblies that fill a campaign's schedule. Why preach to a choir when you need the hallfuls of the masses outside the church? They don't need to appeal to their constituents as much as they do to unaffiliated voters who haven't made up their mind, voters like freshman Betsy Warner who said after the final debate, "I'm voting for Obama now."

When a McCain or Obama supporter tells you who won, it doesn't really mean anything because they are already predisposed to think their candidate was better. The Democratic analysts on one television network will say that Obama won, the Republican analysts on another network will say that McCain did. The most important reactions aren't from people who already know that they're voting for, but from voters like Warner, whose votes will tip the balance in favor of one candidate or another. But as important as the votes of undecided voters are, they are often decided not by the merits of one candidate's positions over another but something else entirely.

When voters have seen and heard

everything they possibly could before the debates and still can't decide which candidate would make a better President, the only reason they have are those trivialities like the appearance, confidence, and charisma of each candidate. In the election of 1960, for example, Richard Nixon showed up to the first televised debate in history against JFK with a five o'clock shadow and a severe sweating problem. Kennedy on the other hand appeared calm and confident, exactly what a voter would want in a President. At the end of the evening, Nixon was roundly declared the victor by everyone listening to the debate on the radio, and by no one watching the televised version.

Ever since, candidates have done their utmost to appear as Kennedy did: collected, self-assured, and fully capable of answering the calls at 3 o'clock in the morning that decide the fate of our nation. They don't need to worry about what they're saying, as everyone has already heard their opinions. They only need to worry about how well they say what they are saying. Thus, when an undecided voter becomes decidedly less so, it is not always because they made an educated decision, but because they made a gut call and instinctually decided how well a candidate would do as President of the United States based on how confident that person appeared in a stressful situation. Debates are anything but decisive, but they certainly help people decide.

SNL'S DEBT TO SARAH PALIN

ASHLEIGH SMITH
Loyalt Chief

"Live from New York . . ." it's the 2008 Presidential Elections.

It seems as though much of the presidential election coverage this year comes in the form of parody, with NBC's Saturday Night Live stepped-up presence in the election, including the new Weekend Update Special Edition, airing on Thursday evenings at 9:30 p.m. and running all the way up to the election.

"It's good to see somebody calling out the system for the absurd thing it is," says Sophomore Pat Johnson, President of the McDaniel College Democrats.

While the SNL team has tackled each of the debates, the financial crisis, and various blunders of politicians and candidates, which recently culminated in an October 18th appearance by Sarah Palin, their focus has often been on the governor.

Perhaps the scariest aspect of these skits is the frequent use of Palin's quotes verbatim, which while it results in a laugh or two, speaks worryingly of the consequences of the upcoming election. Johnson notes that Palin has been the wealthiest source of comedic material throughout the campaign this election season, but also adds that their parodies of the debates were "even-handed."

The New York Times website, www.nytimes.com, reports that the Palin appearance earned the show its highest viewer ratings in almost 15 years, and over the entire election season has at times pushed viewership towards the 10 million viewer mark. The Saturday Night Live Website has also benefited from increased hits on their website, according to CNN.com.

SNL brought back former cast member Tina Fey to play Palin. The resemblance between Fey's impersonation and Palin is notably uncanny, with Fey

portraying Palin's tone of voice, accent, and poise to a tee. Fey has pulled off the impersonation so well that it is anything but easy to tell them apart.

"I think it will have little effect on the election," says Junior Lars Ravnholt Hanklin. "At this point people will have already made their decision."

Sophomore Annie O'Grady says, "I get a big kick out of the SNL skits, however I realize it just entertains and I take it as that. It hasn't persuaded my vote or affected me in any way, it just makes me laugh a lot because I know it's an exaggerated truth in some ways."

Fey has made four appearances as Palin. The first political skit of the season involved a press conference by both Sen. Hillary Clinton, played by Amy Poehler, and Gov. Sarah Palin, in which the women addressed the role of sexism in the election.

The second was a parody of her interview with Katie Couric, nearly word for word, and the third was in the skit of the Vice Presidential debate, where she attempted to perform in the "talent portion." Lastly, she showed up briefly for the appearance of Palin herself.

The Couric interview is Johnson's favorite skit. He says the skits make Palin look nearly as silly as she does in real life.

"Tina Fey does a great job of bringing out Palin's laughable qualities," says Junior Fernando Gomes, adding, "I do not think the intent ever was to turn votes away from her."

After weeks of Fey's spot-on impersonations, the McCain-Palin camp announced that the VP nominee herself would be joining the cast for the October 18th show. Palin's appearance was anti-climatic, to say the least. The governor kept her guard and her cool, undoubtedly much to the relief of the campaign.

The episode began with a press conference featuring the former cast member Fey in a press conference as

Palin while the real Palin watched from backstage with the executive producer, Lorne Michaels.

After a comedic "mix-up" of Palin and Fey by co-star Alec Baldwin, Palin declared the classic SNL line: "It certainly was amusing," says Junior Stephen Hardy, "and giving that it wasn't exactly flattering, Palin took it well."

Palin's only other appearance on the show was at the Weekend Update desk, watching Poehler perform a rap parodying Palin as the governor raised the roof.

All of the parodies are available for viewing on the SNL website, at http://www.nbc.com/Saturday_Night_Live.



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Palin and Producer Lorne Michaels watch look-alike Fey from backstage during the intro to her appearance on SNL.

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ANKE SHARMA
Staff Reporter

"Oh my God, she has boobs!" That's what most Germans seemed to be thinking of our chancellor Angela Merkel when they saw a picture of her in a cleavage-revealing dress at this June's Vienna opera ball. The fact that this picture got so much attention left me wondering about the role of gender in politics. How much can you "reveal" without being in danger to be looked upon as someone who uses her feminine virtues for manipulation? As an American Studies student in Berlin and now at McDaniel College, I have been following the US election campaign and found some parallels.

Gender-based stereotyping was exactly what led to media outrage and

accusing Hillary Clinton of manipulative behavior when she burst into tears during one of her speeches during the primaries. What if Obama had done the same? Most likely, he would have gotten praise for being able to show his emotions as a man. This is not about policy content, it is about pure sexism.

Why does Maureen Dowd of the grande old dame New York Times, refer to Hillary Clinton as a "Sci-Fi Monster," "Hitlery," "Billary" and "Terminator"? Why does Fox News have to include the caption "Outraged Liberals: Stop Picking on Obama's Baby Mama" in one of their news segments about Michele Obama?

The lines between serious news coverage and sexism have long crossed here. The National Organization for Women (NOW) lists the examples from above and many more on their web site's section called "NOW's Media Hall of Shame '2008 Election Edition'", TV stations such as NBC and MSNBC, magazines such as the New Yorker, and newspapers such as the Washington Post are all guilty of offending Hillary Clinton, Michele Obama, and Sarah Palin in derogatory ways.

It does not stop here. Radio Hosts like Glenn Beck happily participate in

the game. On his show aired on March 15, 2007, he gave the following reason why Hillary Clinton should not be elected president: "[Hillary Clinton] is like the stereotypical -- excuse the expression, but this is the way to -- she's the stereotypical bitch, you know what I mean? She's that stereotypical nagging -- [screetching]. You know what I mean?"

The case of Sarah Palin is different. Most journalists agree she is inexperienced in foreign policy, rhetorically inferior to Joe Biden, and unable to give precise answers on the GOP program, as the two part NBC interview lending itself to parody showed. However, this is not a good reason to get down and dirty in her personal life. Feminists, such as Sarah Selzner from the Huffington Post (August 29, 2008) say: "Just because she is a woman, doesn't mean she's good for women."

However, even if identity politics played a role in the Republican nomination of Sarah Palin for vice president, this does not justify portraying Palin as a "Vice in Go-Go Boots" (Maureen Dowd, New York Times). This clearly sexist image only reinforces gender stereotypical descriptions of women. There is something in between

the sexy librarian in go-go boots and the Hockey Mom, but today's media seem blind to it. Black or White. Man or Woman. Virgin or Whore.

What can we as college students do against sexist descriptions in the election coverage? First of all, spread the word. Address the issue, be it at the family dinner table, or while watching TV with your room mates. Raising awareness is the first step. Second, do something! As long as media outlets do not get negative reactions, they will continue sexist women bashing in their

Hillary Clinton was the first woman to throw her hat in the ring for a presidential campaign, but was defeated closely in the primaries by Barack Obama. During her campaigning, the topic of her gender came up much too often in the media coverage. The media has been guilty on several occasions of calling attention to candidates' and politicians' gender more than their policies.

coverage. Write a letter to the editor whom you just watched insulting Hillary Clinton by referring to her husband's affair. E-Mail the DJ you just listened to rambling about Michele Obama's outspokenness on women's issues in the car.

Don't know how to get your message across? Go to the NOW.org website and use one of their pre-formulated templates. It's quick, it's easy, and most of all, it's effective if many of us do it. Our voice only counts in the election, it also counts in the media coverage.

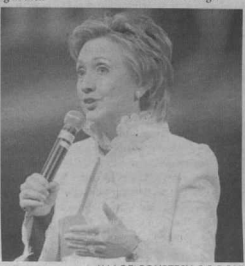


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THE CONSERVATIVE PERSPECTIVE ON THE GOP'S ROLE IN THE ELECTION

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Staff Reporter

It would appear that other center-right Republicans are as concerned about the continuing reactionary shift in the National GOP organization as I am. Where is the statesmanship of George H. W. Bush and the friendship of historic leaders like Ronald Reagan and Tip O'Neal in Washington when we need it? It is a sad day for center-right republicans in this country, with Vice-presidential nominees like Sarah Palin and American heroes like Sen. McCain bowing to the pressure of John Heger, Rod Parsley and the sinister leaders of the reactionary neo-conservative fundamentalist right.

No more states rights and only the appearance of low taxes, because it's ok to increase the economic power of the state as long as it is on a war that has no clearly defined exit strategy. By the way, to protect your safety we can de-

cide to suspend your liberties and make government as large as we like. If you don't agree that we are really conservatives, we can just use talk radio and make our people believe that you are a Liberal or even worse a Moderate.

In conclusion, we want you to know that states rights still apply to abortion and gay rights. It's perfectly ok for individual states to thwart the status quo of the Supreme Court and ban abortions through state legislatures, even though chief justice John Roberts believes abortion is the law of the land and seeks to uphold the current status quo of the Constitution. Didn't you know it's ok to subvert the constitution and the conservative principles of status quo and legal order when it's in our favor?

Senator McCain, please don't let those of us down who got you elected in the primary in the first place. When talking radio was bashing you it was, the center-right, who backed you up.

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 4TH. MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT, AND CAST YOUR BALLOTS!

A MESSAGE FROM THE FREE PRESS STAFF.

Correction: In issue 2 of the Free Press, we printed an article about the Poor House and credited the photos to Google. The photos were taken by Kristy Thomas.

THE INTERNATIONAL KIDS ON YOUR BLOCK

A LOOK AT U.S. ELECTIONS FROM THE OUTSIDE



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Staff Reporter

Politics is in the air as the presidential elections draws near. It seems as though everybody that I have met has an opinion one way or another about the presidential candidates or their running mates. Personally, I have been fascinated by the atmosphere of people engaging in active conversations about each candidate, whether it's inside or outside of the classroom.

Coming from a country run by the military junta, I cannot help but be fascinated by experiencing democracy first hand. The last elections that were held in Burma were in 1990, where the democratically elected nominee has been imprisoned ever since. Before arriving in the U.S., we would watch the elections on television, discussing what the potential benefits for each of them were. The story is different in Burma where I can be arrested for having even written anything that goes against the government. Ever since the last election, I have had this growing fascination about discussing politics in an open atmosphere where one does not have to fear reprisals.

"As an international student, I feel as though I have had the pleasure of listening to both parties and their plat-

forms to take the country towards a new direction. Some ask me who I would prefer as president, and most will say that I don't really have a preference for one or the other.

I do, however, enjoy observing as an outsider how people, rally, discuss and analyze politics. A wide range of events have been held in order to rally McDaniel College students to actively engage in the election, from the viewing of presidential debates by both the McDaniel Democrats and Republicans to a more academically humorous Debate Fallacy Bingo held by the philosophy club.

It seems as though at least until Election Day everyone will be talking about politics. It hasn't only been American students who have been engaged in conversation about the elections. As I enjoyed that food down at Main Street, I got into a conversation with a group of local and international friends. We discussed the differences between elections in their respective countries and how this upcoming election might affect us.

One might encounter heated debates about the faults of both parties and the political system in general. There might be arguments over whether or not "Washington" serves the best interest for the people. Regardless of the faults, I am empowered to observe democracy at its best. Freedom of speech and the ability to choose one's leaders is a privilege that is most often over looked by me. I could only hope that I will be able to participate in voting for (and probably discussing) the future of leader of Burma sometime within my lifetime.

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FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS THE BELL'S RESPONSE TO MY THOUGHTS

EMILY SWEENEY
Staff Reporter

I know you can't figure out why I'm here. You admit listening to me, though. You know, most figure I'm just meant to give you my bit of information. They figure I just happen to say it a little too much. I think I'm pretty useful, personally. I help you more than I help your teacher's really though. You wait for me to make them end class, or at least move faster. Oops, my time's up. I'll be back in fifteen...

So...yeah. I like the idea that I give you info. That's pretty cool. But I do more. I provide ambulance. I heard your sister say she thinks I sound pretty awesome. Your mom even agreed about the ambulance thing last time we talked to her. I know, you told them it's different when you have to hear me all the time. Especially when you're talking to them or other people on the phone.

I'm insulted by that, though, you know? What campus do you know that doesn't have something like me? I swear! I resonate that academic feel, I make you think of school and...Okay, I can see your point on that at least.

No, I don't really have those kinds of thoughts about school. I'll be right back. Fifteen minutes...

Okay now, I know you can't think I'm completely pointless. That wouldn't be fair at all! I'm just telling you the time, which you need me to do. Well, unless you have a watch or a cell phone I guess... Okay, and if you're at your computer. Or if a server is nearby. Or any other clock.

But I'll have you know I think I'm a pretty darn good orator. My old-time feel has to have some weight with you, right? What? Someone told you I'm pre-recorded? That sucks. But you did say I make you think of school, so I must at least be a good mimic of a real bell, right? And reminding you about school isn't completely bad! I keep you from losing track of time when you don't check your voiceless clocks. And I remind you to do your homework before it gets to night and you want to watch tv and play on the computer. So can you stop wondering why I'm here now? It does hurt my feelings after a while. Well, I'll be back in fifteen minutes in case you have any more arguments for me...



TINA NGUYEN

CAREER SERVICES GOOD FOR ADVICE AND RESOURCES

MICHELLE MENNER
Staff Reporter

This summer, after reading countless resume books and asking advice from some professionals I soon found myself staring at my resume on my laptop's screen, and admitted defeat.

I knew I needed some help. Smiling in Smith House I found Amanda Blankenship the assistant director of career services whose patience and advice whipped my resume into tip-top shape.

Not only did I leave with resume building resources, but also with graduate school and GRE information. Both of which were extremely helpful for any rising senior.

I left career services after an hour and 20 minutes, well over my allotted appointment time, wondering how many other students take

advantage of the resources available to them through career services.

"Students are unaware of the resources we offer, the services we provide, our location and hours," said Blankenship. "Some don't know that we exist and that we are here to help them."

Though most will not need the lengthy appointment time that I had many students can gain helpful information in just 30 minutes.

According to Blankenship in just half-an-hour a student can schedule a "one-on-one in depth session with a career professional" and receive an introduction to the career services library and even the interactive website.

The career services website includes access to the alumni career network and the GT job connection which allows users to post their resumes for potential job and internship oppor-

tunities. Other resources help with career exploration.

If students are too busy to schedule an appointment with career services during the day there are "evening late hours as well as on-line tutorials and videos -pod casts will be coming soon," Blankenship said.

With career services taking the time to expand their resources and help the busy student plan for their future Blankenship encourages all students to visit the career center.

"We are here to help students succeed during their time at McDaniel as well as after they leave. The career center is a welcoming environment," said Blankenship.

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OUT OF THE FINAL FOUR TEAMS, WHAT WOULD HAVE MADE A BETTER WORLD SERIES?

THE EX: GURU:

The matchup I most desperately wanted to see was Boston and the Dodgers. Boston has been the dynasty of the 2000 era, but unlike the Yankees dynasty before them, I don't root against them. The Red Sox play the game right. With Boston and LA, we would have gotten the matchup of former AL East regular managers-Joe Torre and Terry Francona. Manny Ramirez would have been able to get revenge on the team that let him go, and Jason Bay would have been able to prove that he was worth the trade, and get a ring after spending numerous seasons in the mediocrity of Pittsburgh. It also would have made for a better series television-wise with the bigger markets. I am wary that the Philadelphia-Tampa Bay matchup will not be as popular as this one. I wanted to see even though it didn't go that way, you would like to root for the team that has been bad for forever. I think Ryan Howard and Chase Utley outhit Pena and Longoria for Tampa though, and I like Brad Lidge in the back of Phillies bullpen rather than, uh, who is Tampa's closer now? Phillies in six.

It is pretty obvious no matter who you are a fan of, what team is on your fitted cap, or where you are from. The Red Sox and Dodgers would have made for the better matchup. Manny Ramirez goes away from the Red Sox this season, and pushes his new team to the World Series. Manny and his new team face off against his old team. Think of the managers, Terry Francona vs. Joe Torre—the storied rivalry of the managers from the early 2000's continues with Torre in Los Angeles. In addition, Torre sticking to the Steinbrenners by getting his team to the big dance, possibly winning it against a team that owned him in the last five years. Whether you love, hate, or are apathetic to these teams, the back stories are hard to look away from. This would have probably gotten the most ratings out of all the combinations (only taking a backseat to the Cubs being in the World Series). Instead we get the Phillies, a team representing one of the biggest droughts in sports history (last championship was the Sixers in 1970 with Dr. J.). And we have the Tampa Bay Rays, who have went from last to a World Series trip at last. Rays in six.

ON THE NFL...

Through seven weeks of the NFL, a lot has changed. First, the two teams who I had originally picked in the Super Bowl before one actual regular season snap really have all but an outside shot to make it. The Cowboys are plagued with injuries and alcohol troubles, and the Colts are as inconsistent as the nacho cheese at GLAR. Instead other teams have arisen that many people did not give a chance this season. The Titans, Bills, and the Giants are atop their conferences, and looking strong. Even though I am not sold on the Giants, other teams I am sold on. Here's my picks:

NY Jets 13 Buffalo 27 - This game will be pretty intense from the beginning. On one end there's Brett Favre, decorated veteran, Canton-bound. Then there's Trent Edwards, a quarterback who is really coming into his own this season, and is one of the big reasons this team is 5-1 through week seven. This is a great NF match-up and depending on the games that are provided to us in Westminster, it should be a definite must watch. Look for the young guns squad to take the Jets.

BALTIMORE 10 AT CLEVELAND 17 - The AFC North—what else can you say other than a crapshoot. Each team in the conference are inconsistent each Sunday. Maybe it's the coverage on CBS, but the games are also boring to watch. HOWEVER, this game will not be boring. Do not let the score fool you, each team is capable of beating the best team in the NFL, and one of the two has already done so. Even though my head is telling me to take the rock-hard Raven's defense against a shaly Brown's offense, my gut tells me to pick the Browns.

GREEN BAY 24 AT TENNESSEE 20 - One thing that is certain in Wisconsin this season is that Brett Favre is gone, and his replacement is a worthy filler. The Packers have relied solely on the passing game, with Ryan Grant doing little to earn his recent bonus and contract. There are also reports surfacing that Brett Favre tried to help the Lions earlier this season. Either way, this game will be full of fireworks. I will take the cheese over the Titans.

DALLAS 16 AT NY GIANTS 28 - The NFC East is the toughest conference in the NFL, hands down. Each team has a chance to beat anyone in the NFL, and the level of competition is sky-high as well. This year however, the Cowboys have dropped off thanks to the suspension of Jones and the lack of toughness in Romo. They have added weapons on offense, but with Brad Johnson? I don't think it will work. Unless something drastic happens, Wade Phillips is out and Jason Garrett is in. The Giants have some questions, but they should not have a problem with this game. Take the G.

NEW ENGLAND 20 AT INDIANAPOLIS 23 - This was the great rivalry in the NFL. However, this year the rivalry is there, but it is a shadow of its former self. Tom Brady was caught clutching his knee in week one, and Peyton Manning is off and throwing behind an offensive line that is stuck on the injury reserve. Even with the blow out game on MNF against the Broncos, you have to take in consideration the Pats defense on the Colts' offense, Peyton Manning against a Pats defense without Harrison? Sound like some points are going up in this one. Based on the ability of these teams, it should be close. Dugny will edge out the "Hooded Crook."

PITTSBURGH 14 AT WASHINGTON 16 - The Redskins got back on track after a loss to the Rams earlier this year. The team is sound, but continues to make games interesting by dropping off in the fourth quarter. This game is an interesting match-up. Will the consistent Big Ben show up, or the Big Ben who collapses to injury easily? Jason Campbell is still without an interception through seven weeks, and looks strong. However, the pass game needs to catch up to the running game with Portis and the newly acquired Alexander. This will be a close game, and I will lean towards the Redskins.

IN PHILADELPHIA, WE RING THE LIBERTY BELL, NOT COWBELLS

KATE DELENICK
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Numb. That was the word I thought of leaving Game 3 of the World Series at Citizens Bank Park around 3:00am. Perhaps it was because of my soaked clothes, the freezing temperatures, and not being able to feel my toes; or maybe it was the absolute shock I was in after just watching the Philadelphia Phillies take the lead in the World Series 2-1.

The "city of brotherly love" was a sea of red and white. And I literally mean a sea. Thanks to torrential rain, players and fans were forced to wait around during an almost 2 hour game delay. For some, I imagine a delay would be a letdown, but not for my sister Kara and myself. We were at the World Series, and if we had to spend an extra two hours in Citizens Bank Park, surrounded by some of the most die-hard fans in the world, so be it. Throughout those two hours we met some of the most amazing fans and it even gave us extra time to reflect on the monumental occasion.

Finally, after the rain eventually stopped it was time to play ball! Country singer, and Pennsylvania native, Taylor Swift sang the National Anthem while Tim McGraw, whose father Tug McGraw led the Phillies in their 1983 World Series win, threw out the first pitch.

The starting pitcher for the Phillies was Jamie Moyer, who at the age of 45 is the second oldest pitcher to start in a World Series game. He left many fans disappointed in his last outing for the "fightin' Phils," however in Saturday's game he made his fans proud. The first pitch by Moyer, a strike, was thrown at 10:06 pm almost 2 hours after the scheduled time, making it the latest start to a game in World Series history.

Throughout the game it was hard to ever feel "comfortable." It was hard to feel comfortable with the score of the game or with the water squishing around in my sneakers. The crowd never knew what to think, many of them in the sold-out park remained on their feet from the first pitch on, including

myself. Over 45,000 of us were either jumping around celebrating a Chase Utley homerun or cleaving chanting "E-va, E-va" to the Rays third-basemen Evan Longoria.

Throughout the post-season for the Phillies different players have stepped up, designated hitter, Matt Stairs in one game, center-fielder, Steve Victorino in another. This game was no different. Thankfully Ryan Howard appeared to have gotten his swing back in this game with his homer in the bottom of the sixth, but it was catcher Carlos Ruiz who stepped up big-time in game 3. Ruiz launched a solo home-run in the bottom of the 2nd to put the Phillies up 1-0. With a game in which the Phillies were never down the Rays tied the game 4-4 in the top of the 7th.

It was a nailbiter (if you weren't wearing gloves) until the bottom of the 9th with the bases juiced Carlos Ruiz stepped up to the plate. Myself along with my 45,000+ of my new closest friends were all collectively holding our breaths. Could Ruiz do it? Could he come up big and end the game for us? Ruiz hit a slow ball to Longoria whose only play was at home plate, but Longoria threw too high and Eric Bruntlett scored the winning run. 5-4. The Phillies Win! The place erupted, strangers were hugging, people were crying, there were no more cowbells like in Tampa Bay, we were in Philadelphia now and the Liberty Bell was ringing!

When I told people of my plans to attend game 3 of the World Series most called me crazy. They told me I was spending too much money on a ticket, that the Phillies were never going to win, or that the weather was going to ruin the game. And when it comes down to it yes I may have spent my money that I saved all summer to go on a spring break trip, and yes the Phillies might have made the game a bit closer than I would have liked and yes there were points during the rain delay when I really wondered, "was the rain ever going to stop?"

But as sit back and reflect on it all I can help but think I'd do it all again in a heartbeat. Go Phillies!



PHOTOS COURTESY KATE DELENICK

In Game 3 of the World Series on Saturday, October 26, the Phillies started out as the underdog but surprised everyone by pulling out a win 2-1 over the Tampa Bay Rays.





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Senior Chad Arrington makes a slam dunk at Midnight Madness last week, which kicked off the basketball season this year.

FIELD HOCKEY ENDURES BACK-TO-BACK LOSSES

CHRIS FERRICK-MANLEY
Staff Reporter

The Green Terror Field Hockey team currently stands at 7-8 (4-3 in the Centennial Conference) after back to back losses to Dickinson at home and Gettysburg on the road.

Melissa Miranda Jones, the head coach of the team, was none too pleased after her team's 5-1 loss on October 14 vs. Dickinson. She believed her team underperformed in that game, and that it puts them in a tough predicament in the competitive Centennial Conference, where five teams advance to the conference tournament.

"We blew that game," said Jones. "I've got seven seniors; they should have been able to do it."

Jones accepted the blame herself for that game too, in which Dickinson scored five goals on 10 shots; with only three McDaniel saves. After watching Dickinson play she became very confident that her team could win.

"Maybe I was overconfident," said Jones, admitting that the Red Devils were much stronger than last year.

"The better team was not McDaniel," said Jones, "my team did not even show up."

Erika Wawzyanick, the senior goalkeeper for McDaniel, was not too happy with the results of the Dickinson game either.

"We win as a team, and we lose as a team, and that includes the coaching staff," said Wawzyanick.

Wawzyanick also believes that despite the team's difficult schedule going forward, they still have a chance to make it into the play-in game as the fifth seed in the conference tournament.

Emma Ardolino, a junior on the team, believes that the team is motivated by their failure to make the playoffs last year as an incentive to beat some of the top teams in the conference and make it this year.

"Not being in the tournament last season is an incentive to have a better season this year," said Ardolino, who said she thinks the game against nationally ranked Johns Hopkins will be competitive.

"Ultimately we just want to go to that tournament, and we'll make sure we get there," said Ardolino.

The final two home games for the Green Terror are Saturday, October 25 at 1pm and Wednesday, October 29 at 4pm against Ursinus and Johns Hopkins respectively.



COURTESY SPORTS INFORMATION

Powering it out, Senior Michelle Fluty strikes towards the action during Centennial Conference play. McDaniel is currently 4-3 in the conference.

LATE NIGHTS SPONSORS DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

CHRIS FERRICK-MANLEY
Staff Reporter

Balls were flying everywhere on Thursday October 16. Approximately 200 students participated in the three-hour dodge ball tournament sponsored by Late Nights.

Late Nights is a government-sponsored program, which encourages responsible drinking. Its events are held on Thursday nights because of the "thirsty Thursday" mentality on college campuses according to sophomore Mandy Snid.

"Even if students have been drinking, if they attend a Late Nights program it gives them a few hours off, and helps them avoid binge drinking."

Hinkle says, "The dodge ball tournament is held once a semester and is

TERROR SPORTS

MIDNIGHT MADNESS JUMP-STARTS BASKETBALL SEASON

CHRISTINA HINKLE
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, October 21, McDaniel hosted its first annual Midnight Madness event, where hundreds of students came out to show their school spirit and help kick off the start of the 2008-2009 basketball season.

Although several schools within the Centennial Conference have hosted this event in previous years, this is the first time that McDaniel has decided to do the same.

"The turnout was much bigger than expected and the team as a whole was really happy with the success of the event and enthusiasm of everyone who attended," said Senior Chad Arrington of the men's basketball team. He said the team as a whole is hoping to make Midnight Madness an annual event and hopes it will be as successful in future years.

The event, lasting from 11pm on Tuesday until 1am on Wednesday, showcased the talents of the teams,

both of which seem to have very promising seasons ahead.

It included events such as shooting contests and half court shots which encouraged spectator involvement. At midnight, the men and women's teams took the floor to scrimmage one another, and were shown a tremendous amount of support from fans.

The event Cristina Cone said that the event was "much more fun than expected" and Senior Jamie Patterson agreed by saying, "many people were disappointed with the fact that the school has never done this before. It's awesome to see so many students supporting the athletic teams here and this is definitely a great way to get people involved."

Overall, the event proved to be a huge success and is something that many students are looking to make a new McDaniel tradition. With the team driven by hard work and student support, the season is off to a good start and both teams believe the season looks extremely promising.

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Katie Zimmer takes a shot.

WOMEN'S B-BALL PREPARES FOR UPCOMING SEASON

CHRIS FERRICK-MANLEY
Staff Reporter

The Green Terror women's basketball team officially kick-started their 2008-2009 campaign with a Midnight Madness practice on October 21-22. Last year the team endured a reloading season, finishing 13-13, making the Centennial Conference playoffs, but losing at Gettysburg in the play-in game.

Head Coach Becky Martin, who reached her milestone 400th victory last season, believes this year's edition has potential, but that there still may be a ways to go to reach the 20 win level of years past.

"It is unrealistic to say we are going to win 20 games," said Martin, "however it is realistic to say we could win 15-16 games and make it back into the conference playoffs."

The team this year returns three seniors: captains Kim Staub and

Lauren Wyble as well as Danny Fraider who is nursing a knee injury. Juniors Sally Grace, Ali Moreland, Ashley Lyles, and sophomore Whitney Snoops are among other returning players who saw significant playing time last year. Losses from last year's team include the two seniors who graduated, Robbin Gregg and Courtney Gogolinski.

Martin says that this year's team is going to be heavy at the guard position, but will have more speed this year than last, allowing the team to run the type of offense that allowed them to be very successful when they were nationally ranked as recent as the 2006-2007 season.

Staub, one of the senior captains, explains how the offense this year should involve more cutting, slashing, and driving to the basket.

"It always looks great when you can run the fast break well," said Staub.

According to Staub, last year the team needed to run a half-court offense in order to be successful and win games.

"We may not have one player who can score 20 points every game, but someone can score every game," said Staub.

Fraider, one of the three seniors on the team, believes that a conference championship itself may not be out of reach. Last year's team, was very young, she noted, and lost seven games by seven points or less.

"We do not want to set our goals too high, that's definitely a realistic expectation," said Fraider.

Martin herself states that the goal is always to make it into the conference playoffs, where anything can happen if a team gets hot. She cited how the Terror women have the longest active streak of conference playoff berths in women's basketball at well.

"No one likes a 500 season, we've a program that has been a powerhouse," said Staub.

The first home game for the Green Terror women is Tuesday, December 2 against Swarthmore at 7pm.

Each member of the team received a free t-shirt for the victory.

Although everyone could not be a winner, everyone did seem to have a great time at this event. Other activities at the event included palm reading, face painting, and henna tattoos.

"Late Night activities are a lot of fun. They get more people out and are a great campus community builder." He also feels

Left to right: Anthony Gordon, Mike Socks, Paul Donoghue, and Arturo Abreu show off at the Late Nights dodgeball tournament on Thursday the 16th.

Late Nights, "is a very good and necessary program on our campus," said Miller.

Late Nights also host a game room the first Thursday of every month.

For more information on Late Nights or to get involved you can attend its meetings every Thursday at 5 in Esser Lounge. Free pizza is served as well as forcing. Also keep your eyes open for flyers around campus about Late Night Activities.



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LIGHTER SIDE OF THE CAMPUS SAFETY BLOTTER

BLANCHE RESIDENTS (AND SOME NON-RESIDENTS) MAKE THEIR MARK ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

QUICK LINK
Blotter by the numbers



JEN NOEL
Staff Reporter

In hopes that Homecoming would spur some extra activity on the blotter, I waited till deadline to ensure that all the best Lighter Side news could be reported. Not as much commotion as was expected appeared on the crime log, however, do not fear, alumni bring out the best (and worst) here on the Hill.

A common thread filled the pages of the blotter this week: an inability to find the proper place to go the bathroom. I know that Blanche Ward is being renovated, but apparently there must be a shortage of restrooms on campus.

Not one but four accounts of public urination were reported in the last two weeks. One student was caught on October 25 urinating beside a dumpster at Garden Apartments—with Campus Safety parked less than 20 feet away.

On November 9, during Homecoming, a student felt the natural

surroundings of the baseball dugouts were the best place to relieve himself. An alumus didn't need such a private location, as he decided to let loose on Stadium Drive. I guess the old saying rings true: when you gotta go, you gotta go.

Blanche Ward proved to be a hot spot for activity on campus stealing the title away from Rouzer. On October 26, an individual not associated with the college must have gotten word that the upperclassmen dorm has now been renamed "Hotel Blanche."

An employee from the physical plant found the individual asleep on a couch in the common room of the building and woke the trespasser to ask why they were there. After running a check on the individual, Campus Safety sent them on their way—with the number for the Best Western of course.

A group of students also thought Blanche were their own personal playground November 1. Campus

Safety documented four students for trespassing inside the construction area outside the building. It appears that a child's love of dump trucks and dirt doesn't die when they come to college.

Perhaps the best entry on the blotter this week came directly at the hands, or should I say vehicle, of Campus Safety. We really should start enforcing routine driving tests for campus employees as the mail truck driver wasn't the only one to fail in avoiding parked vehicles.

On October 28, a Campus Safety officer was involved in a vehicle crash with a parked dump truck partially obstructing the traffic lane on Main Street. Maybe it's just me, but obstructing the lane or not, a large, steel truck is pretty hard to miss.

Although Spiderman didn't make a dashing return and the rock bandit appears to have learned his lesson, the blotter still provided some "relief" from the mundane happenings on campus.

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GARDEN
Disturbance- 1

PA AVE.
Alcohol- 3

DMC
Alcohol- 2

BLANCHE WARD
Alcohol- 3 Health- 2
Disturbance- 1

ANW
Disturbance- 1

PELC
Alcohol- 1 Disturbance- 1

LEWIS HALL
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BAIR STADIUM
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President Colay waits at the judges table on Saturday for the Homecoming parade. See our two page insert beginning on page 10.

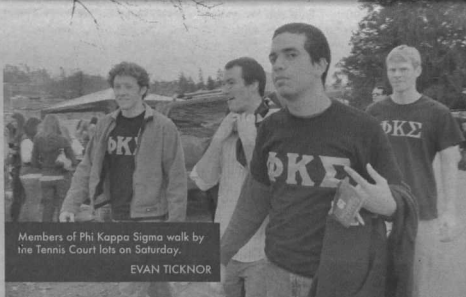


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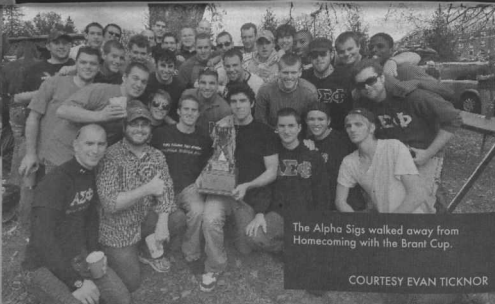
Senior Rob Holthaus holds his banner aloft in celebration of the results of Election Day. Barack Obama became the 44th president of the United States with his running mate, Joe Biden. McDaniel supporters of the Obama campaign were out in full force on November 4, celebrating until the early morning on all parts of the campus. See our three page insert, beginning on page 7.

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Members of Phi Kappa Sigma walk by the Tennis Court lots on Saturday.

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The Alpha Sigs walked away from Homecoming with the Brain Cup.

COURTESY EVAN TICKNOR



On October 28, Alumnus and Brown University Professor of English and Comparative Literature Kevin McLaughlin '81 revisited the Hill to give the Annual Holloway Lecture titled, "Wiped Out: Matthew Arnold's Resignation."

JULIA JASKEN



The Winter Mills High School Marching Band heads up Main Street for the Homecoming parade.

EVAN TICKNOR

TWO WEEKS IN PHOTOGRAPHS

CRITICAL THINKING TEST EXAMINES NEW CURRICULUM CHANGES

CASEY CROUGH
Staff Reporter

Are the students of McDaniel College really getting a liberal arts education? Is there a way to test their critical thinking skills?

"These questions can be answered by the critical thinking test, which was administered to 800 random students. Students are not forced to take the test, but it is highly encouraged."

The format of the test is the Cornell Critical Thinking Test 2 or the Ennis-wier essay test.

As of November 4, 2008 a total of 117 students chose the multiple choice format, 16 students chose the essay format, and 50 students started the test, but failed to complete it.

By completing the test, the students are automatically nominated for the chance to win one of three iPod touches. The student with the highest score will get an iPod touch.

"The test is only a small glance of how our college is doing and is being lead by Dr. Peter Bradley, Brian Ault, who is the director of Institutional Research, and by the administration."

"The test is to assess general education. We want to find out if we are actually producing liberally educated men and women," said Bradley.

"The reason why the testing is occurring is directly connected to the curricular change at the college."

"No radical changes are going to happen immediately based on this study," said Bradley.

If there was a huge gap in the results, the administration would probably take action, explained Bradley.

The test will occur again in five years. The entire study is based on four major components: Critical Thinking, Communication, Creative Expression and Problem Solving, and Global Perspective.

"I didn't really know what the test was all about until I finished it," explained one student. To keep the test confidential, the

student would like to remain anonymous. "I was motivated to complete the test because the iPod attracted me," claimed the student.

Yet, do students feel like they are getting a liberal arts education?

"Yes," said Tim Connors, '12. "I definitely feel like I am getting a good education. All of my classes for my major are different, but related somehow to my major," said Connors.

Mike Pfeiffer, '12 agrees. "I feel like I am getting a good education because of how the professors assess things. I'm energized about what I am learning," he said.

The project cost a total of \$1,428.09, which was funded by the administration. The test itself cost \$528.09, and \$300 each for three iPods.

Students who were chosen for the test have access to more information via blackboard, and have until November 15, 2008 to complete the test.

Otherwise, the results and other information are confidential for those students who were chosen.

ORGAN DONATION SAVES LIFE

MCDANIEL EMPLOYEE DONATES HER KIDNEY TO BEST FRIEND OF 40 YEARS

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Co-Editor-in-Chief

The safety of a donor is of utmost importance, and Dorsey was almost unable to donate. She believes that the prayers of both families got her through as platelets began to work and the kidney was retrieved. This turned the typical 3-hour procedure into 5 hours.

The procedure in general is harder on the donor than the recipient. Taylor felt much better upon waking up, but Dorsey did not. Most receivers wake up feeling a lot better, while the donors awake in pain.

"I really did not know the extent of the discomfort involved in those first three days," explained Dorsey, who vividly remembers walking the 112 steps that separated her room from her best friend's 3 times a day.

The doctors pushed her to start moving as soon as possible. It was important to keep active to speed recovery. Dorsey believes that 6 weeks off before returning to work is best. After the donation, she was unable to drive for 10 days and had to only use the stairs once a day, but it all pales in comparison to saving her best friend's life.

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Dorsey completely recovered from the surgery and does not feel any different without one of her kidneys. Taylor is healthy and has a natural glow to her skin, the grayish yellow the dialysis caused is gone.

"After 40 years you know what someone is thinking, they don't have to say it," stated Dorsey, but Taylor gave Dorsey a plaque acknowledging her eternal gratitude. It reads: "thanks for the best gift I ever got," and Dorsey keeps it beside her bed.

On June 27, Susan Dorsey, Associate Director of Student Academic Support Services here at McDaniel College, donated a kidney to her best friend of 40 years, Diane Taylor. The two met their first day of high school and have been inseparable since.

Taylor suffered from diabetes for 20 years and endured dialysis for 2 years. Her schedule revolved around the dialysis, which took place three times a week and wore her out, destroying the natural glow of her skin. Taylor's only good day was Monday, and she grew tired of scheduling her life around that one day.

Knowing that Taylor would never ask for a kidney and that her relatives were unable to donate because they also had diabetes, Dorsey volunteered and, eventually, Taylor agreed to the transplant.

Blood was drawn from both Dorsey and her husband, Jimmy, to see if either one would be a candidate for kidney donation. Dorsey recalled questioning this, "I don't know why you're drawing this blood. I'm a match." Around Christmas, Dorsey found this statement to be true. She was a 6 out of 7, almost a perfect match, and her husband was 5 out of 7. Between the months of January and June, Dorsey had 38 vials of blood taken so he could be thoroughly tested.

Before the surgery, both women met with an array of doctors, including a surgeon, nutritionist, and a general practitioner. Dorsey lost 60 pounds and Dorsey lost 40 pounds.

The surgery took place at the University of Maryland. Every year, major hospitals do only between 60 and 70 live donations. The majority of donations are not received from live donors; however, the success rate of live donations is much higher.

On Wednesday, June 25, Dorsey went in for a biopsy and was called the next day and told to be ready for surgery on Friday; it was hard for her to believe. "We were so focused on getting there that we never thought it was going to happen," recalled Dorsey.

The surgery was scheduled for the morning, and the kidney had to be removed from Dorsey before it could be prepped to receive it. Dorsey did not end up going into surgery until 5 pm, and since she had taken aspirin three days earlier, her blood stopped clotting on the table.

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FORMER UNDERGROUND APPLIES FOR REINSTATEMENT

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A local sorority with a controversial past is currently going through the reinstatement process at McDaniel.

In the spring of 2005, the Phi Alpha Mu sorority was suspended from campus following their involvement in hazing and violation of the alcohol tolerance policy at McDaniel. At the time of the organization's suspension, all current members were informed that Phi Alpha Mu must cease and desist and members were further warned that they could be expelled as an underground group.

"This group did in fact violate these sanctions," said Amanda Rose, assistant director of College Activities. Due to these violations, the sisters of Phi Alpha Mu were not permitted to return to campus following their initial bid for reinstatement in the spring of 2008. They did, however, submit information to Beth Gerl, the Dean of Students, requesting that they be allowed to return to campus as a local

group, despite the fact that the college has a policy of only accepting groups that exist on a national group.

According to Rose, the President Council convened earlier this semester to decide upon the future of Phi Alpha Mu, and eventually decided to allow them to return to campus – but only once they had met certain criteria set down by the college. Rose Ency '09, a member of Phi Alpha Mu, explains that these criteria include the sisters "meeting a minimum GPA requirement of 2.25, selecting alumni and faculty advisors, creating a letter of intent to form a Greek organization, identifying the sorority's values, mission statement, and creed and governance structure."

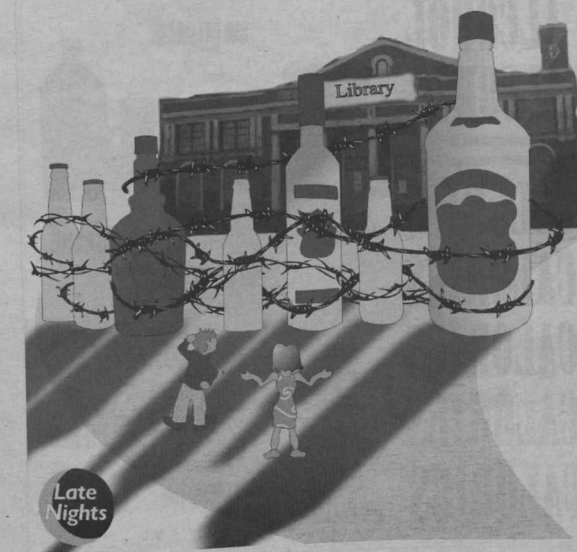
"The group must attain 'at minimum one million dollars worth of liability coverage," says Ency, in addition to establishing a member education program that does not include hazing, and selecting a philanthropy group to donate their time and money to.

According to a letter to the Phi Alpha Mu sisters from Gerl, the Phi Alpha Mu sorority may not resume official activity

on campus until the fall of 2009, and "if at any point the interest group is found taking new members or functions as a group beyond the established college criteria, the approval to reform will be revoked in its entirety." This includes any gatherings during Homecoming, Spring Fling, or "any other type of on or off campus social activity."

The Phi Alpha Mu members are not allowed to display the letters or insignias of the sorority until they have collectively met the specified criteria set in place, and the college has provided them with their official approval.

Herbese Stangor says that the business the reinstatement of Phi Alpha Mu is "an amazing opportunity for both us and the college," adding that she thinks that this move will allow the sisters to "bring their unique spark back to the Hill." She cites the sorority's long history with the school, calling its legacy "unparalleled," and says that the group is "incredibly proud of becoming a recognized sorority once again," and that they "look forward to working hand-in-hand with the school to return and carry on this tradition."



This summer, Susan Dorsey (right) donated her kidney to save the life of her best friend of 40 years, Diane Taylor.

Late Nights

LAURA HUTTON

'SUPERMAN' JUNIOR MAJORS IN THE SCIENCES -ALL OF THEM

ERIC LEMMON WORKS TOWARDS A DREAM OF RUNNING A COMBINED LAB AND CLINIC FOR BRAIN CANCER

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Co-News Editor

Eric Lemmon, a triple science major, was, by his admission, a poor student in middle school.

"I was bright, but I didn't do the work," he said. Now, seven years later, as a junior in college, Lemmon is majoring in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and by picking up a few more classes will also fulfill the Bio-Chem dual major—technically qualifying him as a quadruple major.

Science first came alive for Lemmon in freshman year of high school, upon the realization of his talents in biology. "I realized, wow, I'm really good at this... and when I took Chemistry sophomore year and was the only one who knew what was going on, I said, wow, I'm really, really good at this."

After taking physics in his junior year, along with forensic science and human anatomy and physiology, he quickly understood that his passion would not only lie in one branch of science.

"I really want to incorporate all the major sciences," said Lemmon. "I feel like that's where the world is heading. I think you will need to understand all of them."

Lemmon's goal is to integrate his numerous studies into a combined M.D./Ph.D. program in molecular engineering or biophysical chemistry. He hopes to use the research background of a Ph.D. and the medical background of an M.D. to run a lab with a Neuro-Oncology (brain cancer) clinic.

Lemmon ended up at McDaniel through a forensic science camp program recommended to him by his forensics teacher in high school. There, he met Dr. Brian Wladkowski, a chemistry professor, and Dr. Jeff Marx, a physics professor, whom he liked so much that he decided to apply to McDaniel.

"I found him to be very enthusiastic about and well prepared for the class," said Marx. "I can say that Eric is a very hard worker and strongly

committed to his scholastic achievement. He is also just a very likable guy."

Lemmon's commitment has led him to pursue a multitude of research projects, ones which have left him in quite a different predicament than any of his classmates. He will now have to sift through all his research to decide what to use for his senior seminar projects, other than working hard to find a topic in the first place.

His first research project took place the summer after his freshman year with Dr. Peter Graig, who Lemmon says specializes in inorganic chemistry—anything without carbon, such as metals. They were mainly interested in cadmium—a toxic metal that Lemmon says may cause poisoning in industry workers—and the binding ability of two agents to this metal.

He turned this research into a poster, which later won first place in a competition for undergraduate research.

This past summer Lemmon worked at the University of Maryland, School of Medicine, in the Department of Bio-Chemistry and Molecular Biology. He had applied to several labs and had not had any luck, so he called some contacts at Maryland and asked them to send his resume around; he even said he'd work for free.

There he performed basic science research, looking at proteins to see if they would bind to DNA, an experiment that he said he performed over and over again.

Lemmon was approached last semester by Dr. Susan Parrish, a biology professor, who asked him if he would be willing to travel to Washington University in St. Louis to learn a computer program that they would then use to look at a fly species genome and compare it to the genomes of more well known fly species—a process called Annotation.

"I was Eric's professor for Advanced Genetics...I was impressed with his academic talents, his many majors, and his people skills," said Parrish. These convinced her to ask Lemmon

to be a teaching assistant for her upcoming Genomics course, one more activity to add to his busy schedule.

Besides his usual five or six classes a semester, Lemmon is the President of Gamma Sigma Epsilon, a chemistry honor society, Vice President of Beta Beta Beta, the biology honor society, and a member of the Society of Physics Students. He's also on the film committee for CAP/Bound and a member of the Jewish Student Union.

He's a teaching assistant for the Organic Chemistry lab as well as a tutor, and yet Lemmon insists that "I get my seven hours of sleep a night...my girlfriend says I don't have enough free time, but I think I do."

"His face always lights up when he eagerly tells me about water bears, chemical structures, megalodons, and black holes," said junior Melissa Atkinson, Lemmon's girlfriend. "When the History Channel has a special on the evolution of birds or ancient sharks, he is instantly riveted."

Many of Lemmon's friends observe this uncanny dedication to his work. Senior Adam Pritchard often jokingly says that "Eric is indeed insane, considering the number of courses he packs into his schedule." Pritchard points out that despite this, Lemmon is still a regular college student.

"He still likes to watch King of the Hill a lot, though," he said.

DETERMINATION TO WIN:

FORMER MCDANIEL GOLFER ESTABLISHES NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CANCER FOUNDATION

KJ MAZUREK
Staff Reporter

In May 2005, Dan Waeger, a former McDaniel College golfer, was diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer. With no family history or smoking habits, Dan began to fight for his life.

Since Dan's diagnosis, he has started the National Collegiate Cancer Foundation.

"Our [National Collegiate Cancer Foundation] mission is to provide services and support to young adults who have been diagnosed with cancer," Dan wrote. "Our goal is to help these survivors and their families establish a 'Will Win' attitude in their fight."

In October of 2007, my teammates and I played in the "Waeger Cup" to help raise money for Dan's organization. Dan spoke out before telling off about his fight and how there are "Nearly 70,000 young adults in their 20s and 30s are diagnosed with cancer each year."

The Waeger CUR with CUP standing for Cancer of Unknown Primary, is a golf tournament played at Royal Oaks CC in Lebanon, PA. In 2007, there were 120 golfers who participated in the event as well as donated money for the NCCF.

After completing the Waeger Cup, the men and women's golf team of McDaniel College decided to apply for Affinity Housing. Our hope was to give back to Dan Waeger for all he has done. Also, we wanted to make

the students of McDaniel aware of how deadly cancer is in our world.

"The proceeds from the Waeger C.U.P. and your donations provide deserving young adults fighting cancer with \$1,000 scholarships to stay in school," Waeger wrote in a recent email. "These students have displayed bravery, determination, and unwavering faith in their fight against cancer. Their winning attitudes are infectious and their stories are inspiring. Reading the applications is both sad and rewarding at the same time."

"It is sad to hear so many personal struggles and know that there are so many other young adults facing a rough diagnosis in cancer," the email continued. "Last year, very few applicants were diagnosed with an early stage cancer, and over 25% were diagnosed stage IV, just like myself. Their situations are dire, yet it is so rewarding and inspiring to see their displays of strength, determination, and 'Will Win' attitudes through such a trying time."

Dan Waeger is still going through treatment today and is fighting the same battle from 2005. After Dan found out his diagnosis, he stated, "I am going to die. Well that has to change." Two years later, the National Collegiate Cancer Foundation is growing and sharing their message to have a Will Win attitude.

More information go to www.collegiatecancer.org or email at dawaeger@collegiatecancer.org.



COURTESY ERIC LEMMON

Lemmon will graduate next year with a total of four majors, in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Bio-Chemistry.

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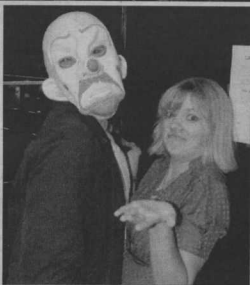
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Late Nights



The Improv troupe Danger Sauce performs in the understage of Alumni Theatre. The troupe, made up of McDaniel College students of various years, creates theatre on-the-spot based upon audience input, called improvisation.



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A RECIPE FOR DANGER ... SAUCE

DANGER SAUCE IMPROV TROUPE PERFORMS AT STARRY NIGHT BAKERY

COLLEEN MCCARRICK
Staff Reporter

The "ingredients" of Danger Sauce surely know the recipe for laughter. Combining nothing but quick wit, intuition and humor, these ten talented "ingredients" stirred up quite a show at the Starry Night Bakery last Saturday night.

Danger Sauce is McDaniel College's Theatre Improv Troupe and the actors in the cast call themselves the "ingredients." On Saturday, November 1, Danger Sauce performed its third show of the year at the Starry Night Bakery in Westminster. The entire performance was created before the audience's eyes as the cast took inspiration from audience suggestions and instantly turned them into games and stories that delighted the audience.

Danger Sauce's performance attracted a crowd of about thirty people. The crowd was both amazed and highly entertained by this form of theatre.

"All the performers are exceptionally talented and displayed their ability to think on their feet and witty comedic timing," said Freshmen Gracen Carroll. The great thing about improv is that it's always original and the audience never knows what's going to happen next.

Danger Sauce's recipe combines ten "ingredients," including off-the-cuff humor, unscripted comedy, and an active audience. The final product: all the hilarious and spontaneous surprises of a night of improvised theatre.

"When you watch Theatre improv you have to 'expect the unexpected,'" said sophomore Julia Williams. "And Saturday's performance was no different: the troupe used audience suggestions to build scenes and then created

hilarious characters, unique locations, and improbable situations.

"I want to give the audience something new to look forward to by trying different games," said sophomore Cindy Sordo. Danger Sauce works with audience in improv games such as World's Worst, Superhero, Emotion Party, Uncle Slug, Dear So and So, Press Conference and DVD game.

Williams said that she has a few rules to follow when cooking up a show: "Don't push too hard, don't take the spotlight, never say no, and accept what other actors have established," she said. "Once you get those down the actors can make anything happen."

Being an improv actor takes not only talent and creativity, but also a lot of nerves. When there is no script and you're set up in front of an audience, it's hard to keep your cool — but that's the beauty of improv.

"I still get nervous, but I know that in improv you can always make everything work. Someone can save you, you can save someone else or turn anything into a joke. The hardest thing about improv is accepting your confidence and allowing yourself to just do it," said Sordo.

Members of Danger Sauce surely didn't show any signs of nervousness in the performance. They kept the show a fast-paced entertainment and moved from one hilarious situation to another without any dull moments.

"I was laughing so hard I started to cry a little bit...that's how funny it was," Carroll said.

The "ingredients" surely have a knack for creating fun and entertaining scenes. They surely do know the secret recipe for Danger Sauce.

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NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

JENNA LITTLE
Staff Reporter

As the holiday season grows nearer, the Carroll County community is already preparing for their annual Neighbors in Need program. Neighbors In Need is a countywide holiday help program that is coordinated by the Human Services Program of Carroll County, a non-for-profit corporation. The program helps low-income Carroll County residents have a better holiday. In 2007, the program helped over 3,000 residents.

Holly Hutchins, deputy director of HSP of Carroll County, states that "some people who use this program struggle all year long just to pay their bills and put food on the table. Oth-

ers might have been unemployed for awhile or might have had an accident or illness that they didn't figure into their ability to provide the 'extras' that make the holidays special."

Local organizations and residents donate gifts which become organized and displayed in the holiday shop. Mid December, volunteers called "elves" walk around the shop with a family member and assist them in choosing holiday gifts. Donations range from the basics like socks, underwear, pajamas, and shampoo to things for children such as games, books, and stuffed animals to things for adults.

The location for the holiday shop this year will be at the Cranberry Square Shopping Center next to the Giant grocery store in Westminster. The shop

will open in mid-November but will be open full-time by the start of December, Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4pm. The shop will also be open during the evenings and weekends.

Volunteers can help shop for items to donate to the holiday shop or items that can work at the holiday shop sorting and arranging donations. Simply helping organize donations can be a major help.

Hutchins encourages people to "think about how simple things can bring such joy to a person or a family." She welcomes and appreciates any volunteers. She says that this program is a circle and "the more people that we can bring into the circle, the bigger it will get and the more successful, and joyful, this program will be."

60 SECONDS

THE FASTEST ARTICLE YOU'LL EVER READ.

JEN NOEL AND
KRIS BREEDEN
Staff Reporter

WHAT DID YOU FIND MOST MEMORABLE ABOUT ELECTION NIGHT?



"Probably that it was the first time we had an African American running or even winning. And the involvement of younger people was a lot higher this year."
ASHLEY REXINE
Freshman, 2012



"Obviously, having a black candidate made it a really interesting election. It will be neat to see how everything will turn out."
WOODY BUTLER
Freshman, 2012



"I wasn't here on campus when the results were revealed. I will definitely remember seeing on tv, and seeing people go crazy. It was very emotional and I was proud to see him [Obama] win."
AELIYA KAZMI
Junior, 2010



"I think it's probably the first election that I actually stayed up till 1:30 a.m. to watch."
KYLE MELOCHE
Alumni



"For me, probably the huge celebration in Red Square after Obama was elected."
KENDRA SHILLEEN
Sophomore, 2011

MCCRIBS THE BEST AND WORST OF DORM LIFE

BRENT LOWE
Staff Reporter

If you were to walk into room 309 on the 3rd floor of Router, the first thing that would probably come to your mind is, "Wow, those roommate surveys are a joke," and with good reason. While one side of the room is covered with wrestling awards, hunting equipment and a RAGE energy drink poster, the other sports some origami cranes hovering above a computer desk and a set of bunny ears to complement a lamp. There seems to be such a clash of personalities

here, it's a wonder they haven't killed each other. This, however, is not the case. "You we get along alright," Skylar Snead, owner of the RAGE side, observes "how we set up our room isn't really a big issue."

"It's okay I guess," says Nick Turissi, owner of the crane side of the room, when asked how he felt about the difference in persona "it'd be nice to have someone who decorated like me but this is fine too."

When asked if they would room together next year given the chance they both said would probably ask for someone more like themselves, but for now they were okay.



COURTESY BRENT LOWE

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ON PAGE 2, a photo ran without a cutline or caption. The photo was by Sam Segal and was taken at Hip Hop on the Hill.
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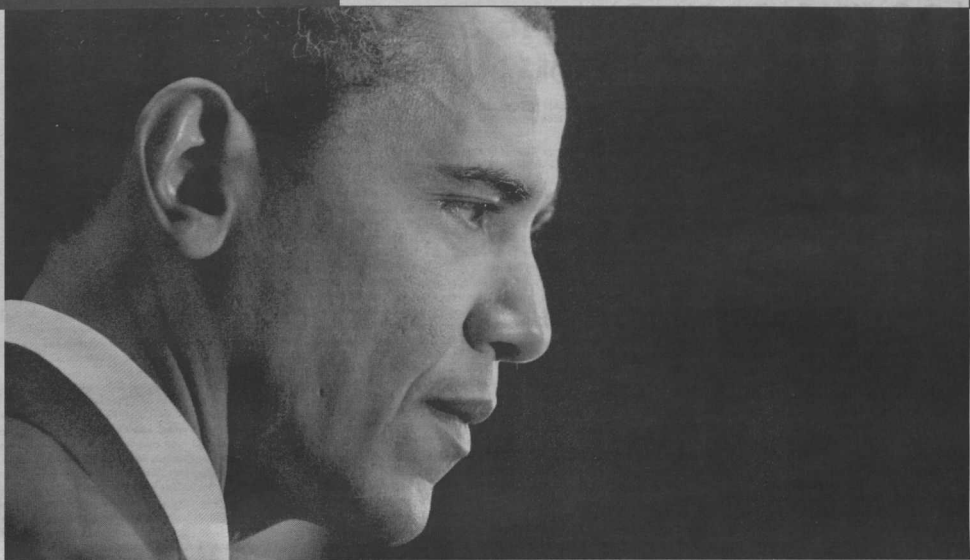
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On November 4, Barack Obama became the first African-American to be elected president of the United States of America. While the night was the most historic event since September 11, and an inspiring story for people all around the world, Obama will deal with more difficult crises in his presidency than many other office holders. These crises include a failing economy and increasing threats of violence and war in the Middle East and Africa, among other areas. Obama will need to bring together the polarized parties of this country to bring his plans to fruition.

CHECKING OUT; CHECKING IN MY 15 HOUR STINT AS A CARROLL COUNTY POLL WATCHER

KRIS BREEDEN
Staff Reporter

Election Day is the only time when everyone, regardless of age, wants a sticker.

I found this out on November 4, when I worked as a Check-In Judge at Piney Ridge Elementary School in Sykesville, MD during this year's historic election.

Two other McDaniel students, senior Christy Beatty and junior Kirstie Menzies, joined me as Voting Unit Judges as part of McDaniel's Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Program.

The HAVA program trained more than 100 McDaniel students to work the polls across Baltimore and Carroll County.

The day started around 4:45 in the morning, when our unwanted alarms sounded the beginning of a long shift.

I know I made a quick Starbucks run before arriving to my precinct at 6 in the morning. We started posting signs and setting up machines right away.

Meanwhile, the line of eager voters started forming.

The polls opened at 7, and the crowd didn't break until noon. Approximately 800 people had cast their votes at Piney Ridge by then.

During a lull, Menzies commented, "I think it's gone by really fast, especially when it's busy."

I have to agree. Though I sat there for about five hours straight checking in approximately 250 people, I didn't realize it had been quite that long.

After the noon rush, I had the opportunity to chat with the other two

Check-In Judges, Sykesville residents Stacey Jones and Wayne Shipler.

Shipler, who has been working the polls for a long time, said this was one of the bigger elections he's seen.

"I started when I was 18 in Baltimore City. I've been doing it ever since," he says.

When I asked why he started, Shipler responded, "Well, I was a Republican judge in Baltimore City. The city was only about 10 percent Republican, so they needed me. They said it was in the books."

He added with a laugh, "I never did find it."

After we got through another line of voters, Jones explained that she's been working the polls for about six years.

"I enjoy it. I blame Wayne for everything, if you hadn't noticed," she said with a smile.

She did blame a lot on Wayne, even threatening to put him in "time out." It's clear they have done many elections together.

On a more serious note, Shipler shared his support for McDaniel's decision to train students.

"Yeah, I think it was a great idea. It gets you more involved in the system," he said.

Near the end of the day, Menzies said she would definitely be an election judge again.

She explained, "I actually have to do this for my Campaigns and Elections class, but I probably would have done it anyway. You see that all kinds of people vote and it really does make a difference."

I was in a similar situation. I signed

on because the program had a need for Spanish speakers and I had a need for 200 bucks.

However, even after a fifteen hour shift inside a windowless elementary school cafeteria, I think I would do it again too.

It was especially interesting to see the breakdown of the results at the end of the day.

Who knew, for example, that people

wrote in things like "Donald Duck" and "Thomas Tank Engine" for Congress. (True story!)

Due to the historic nature of this year's election, and its importance given the past eight disappointing years, most of us were eager to see the presidential results.

Jones said, "It's like... I'm very, very excited. I've seen a lot more older and younger people coming to vote than

in the past. It's a very exciting time for a lot of people. Either way, change is change. Don't look at it as negative, but as positive. Let's move forward."

She paused, then asked me, "Because what happens when we move forward?"

Unsure of what she was looking for, I offered the only logical response I could come up with: "It's positive."

Smiling, she responded, "There you go, baby."



COURTESY KRIS BREEDEN

Taken at the end of Election Day, senior Christy Beatty, junior Kirstie Menzies, and senior Kris Breeden proudly display some voting signs. These students worked a 15-hour day as election judges as part of McDaniel's HAVA Program.

FREE PRESS ELECTION CENTER '08

LOOKING BACK ON THE ELECTION OF '08

ANDREW VELNOSKY
Staff Reporter

The 2008 election, having dominated news coverage for over a year and polarized the public for the past couple months, has finally ended. It was a historic election: the first African-American president, Barack Obama, is set to take office in January. With the usual election-day fears about long lines or flawed ballot-counting present yet again this year, I asked some fellow McDaniel students what they thought about how things played out on November 4th as well as their feelings on Obama and the country's future.

The general consensus among students going to the polls around here was that things went smoothly. There were adequate volunteers to assist voters, and in spite of predictions of long waits, things moved quickly. This is quite an achievement since many experts predicted upward of an 85% turnout in Maryland.

Of course, many college students live a considerable distance from home and opted to vote via absentee ballot. Junior Tyler Mullen characterized her absentee experience as "super easy." Mullen also added, "I was really impressed with the turnout of young voters... I really think that our generation had a huge impact on the outcome." Indeed, according to CNN, Obama received the votes of 66% of voters age 18-29.

Many other students said that they were involved in the voting, happy with the results, and looking forward to actual change. While the population at

McDaniel College has tended to favor Obama throughout the campaign, many students have expressed a desire to see both Republicans and Democrats unite and put campaign bitterness behind them now that the election is over.

McDaniel students had many things to say about the election process, outcome, and the future. Junior Rachael Diamond says, "I guess I never really accepted that it was possible for the person I wanted to win to actually win after the last two elections."

Senior Bianca Ricci says, "I respect that people do not agree/support Obama, but I would like people to give him the chance to shine. America has spoken and Obama is our next president - people need to respect that."

Junior Jackie Buchler remarks, "The response of people when the winner was announced was interesting; they were either ecstatic or threatening to move to another country. Hopefully people will realize that it shouldn't matter who won, but be happy for the change and the history we are making."

Now that the fury of election-day excitement is fading, it is time to stop simply celebrating our candidate's victory or mourning his defeat. Americans have responded to Obama's call for change and McDaniel students, like many other people, are excited for the country to embark in a new direction. All eyes are now on the new president to see if he can harness the renewed energy of the American people and actually make the changes that we desperately need. It is a daunting challenge, but also a magnificent opportunity.

THE SPARK OF THE NATION
OBAMA ELECTION PROMISES HOPE FOR U.S.SEAN FITZGERALD
Staff Reporter

Barack Obama is more than our first black president. Much more. To limit the change and hope he brings to this nation simply by focusing on his race limits his potential. This is more than a racial issue, or even a Democratic or Republican issue. In the wake of September 11th, our country and its leadership was based on a culture of fear. Obama represents hope in that he is a proverbial new start. He represents a way for American citizens to let go of the mistakes made in choosing to invade Iraq, the fear and "either for or against us" mentality that has crawled the intellectual realm of the past 8 years with President Bush. Obama represents the possibility that we can let go of this scar and focus on progress.

This is not to say that John McCain is not qualified or capable of the same possibility. McCain is a hero, which cannot be questioned. He is a true American hero in every sense of the word and he has earned the respect of every American citizen with the service he has given to his country. I believe McCain would be a great president, but I do not think he is the best for the job.

Here is why: Obama represents the potential to create a paradigm shift in the political affiliation of our nation, in the same way that F.D.R. and Richard Nixon did. He represents such a change that after 232 years of our nation, beginning with about

60 years where our presidents were slave-owners, an African-American can be in the highest office of power our country possesses. But more importantly than all of this, Obama is a spark. He is a breath of fresh air. He is an ice-cool glass of water with a fresh lemon, little umbrella, and twisty straw after a heat wave. By this I mean Obama brings with him a rekindling of the American ideal, the possibility for growth and opportunity, at a time when idealism is suffocated by the perennial gangbang of the economy, political punditry, and complete apathy.

Want to know a secret? I was scared when I heard McCain's concession speech. I had been a bit nervous all day since casting my vote, but when McCain gave his great concession speech, I started to worry a good bit. I began to ask, "Did I vote for the right man? Is Obama really going to be a great President like I thought?" I knew that I agreed with Obama's stance on many issues, but I still began to wonder. But then I saw Obama speak. And something happened that I never imagined would happen.

I cried. Say what you want, I don't care. During parts of Obama's speech, I cried. It wasn't out of happiness. My tears were out of pride. Pride in the American ideal, that opportunity is possible with enough hard work and perseverance. That Americans can be united regardless of harsh party lines and can believe in the possibility of hope and change and future prosperity, even in dark

times. I had never seen an America so hopeful.

I've been to Arlington and seen the graves and the Faces of the Fallen and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Vietnam Memorial. And yet in that auditorium with my friends listening to the president-elect tell his nation about the hope we have for our future, about the opportunity for better days and a culture not ruled by fear, but by peace, a culture not focused on violence, but centered around diplomacy. I truly began to feel a sense of pride I had not experienced, a renewal in belief that cleaned the apathetic grime from the spectrum and gave me a new sense of faith in my country's potential.

Some say, "He will just be assassinated." The funny thing is, he doesn't care. You can kill Obama the man, and Obama the President but you can't kill the American ideal he stands for and brings to this country. Whether this is a Jimmy Carter "one and done" term or a fundamental shift in the political stance of our entire nation for several decades, rest assured that brighter days are ahead of us. The wounds caused from September 11th and living in a culture of fear, violence, and ignorance will not be permanently and wholly ameliorated, but progress will begin to be made. Obama changes progress. He brings change, opportunity, and most of all, hope. He is a spark. I have never in my life been more proud to call myself an American.

ELECTION NIGHT MAYHEM



DIRECTLY ABOVE: Students gathered in the pub to watch McCain's concession speech and eagerly awaited President-Elect Obama.

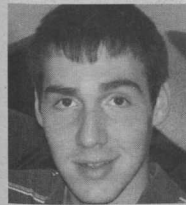
ON LEFT: Students gathered at midnight in Red Square on the night of the election to celebrate the victory of Barack Obama, using pots and pans as noisemakers that could be heard throughout the Hill. Obama will be the first president of African descent in the history of the U.S.



EVAN TICKNOR

Stacey Kight, Ashley Tuck, Tosin Abraham, and Niya Wills relax in the Pub while showing off their Obama pride.

WHY SOME EAGER VOTERS HAVE SERIOUS CONCERNS



EDDIE EZEKIEL
Staff Reporter

For most McDaniel students, November 4th was their first opportunity to exercise their 26th Amendment rights. This was certainly a reason to celebrate and get out and vote! Republican or Democrat, this election was a historical one, and one that any voter should have been excited to participate in. Keeping this in mind, there are several concerns about the voting process across the nation and right here at McDaniel.

One of the foundations of democracy is that its citizens have a fair opportunity to vote in elections. The 2000 Presidential election between George W. Bush and Al Gore has become notorious for the voting scandal that took place in Florida. Last election, especially in the heavily contested state of Florida, there were also instances of confusion and possible misdeeds surrounding

electronic voting. Many people felt betrayed by their government and that their votes weren't actually being counted.

Have Americans regained their trust in the voting system or, at least, have McDaniel students and teachers? When reminded of the Florida election, freshmen Farley Howe strongly declares, "It violat(ed) the trust of the American people. If people don't think their votes are going to be counted there's less incentive for them to vote." This schism between voter and government lingers for many citizens.

Freshmen Colleen McCarrick looked forward "to exercising [her] right to vote" on Tuesday. However, she is also shocked with some of the "dirty tricks" that have been popping up lately. When asked her opinion on voting disenfranchisement (the effort of a political party to eliminate registered voters from the other party—such as calling the homes of residents with recently foreclosed homes, and then striking their names from the voting roster because no one was there to take the call) she responds, "I don't think that's fair at all. Once someone has registered [to vote] they have done their part."

Howe shares McCarrick's repulsion with disenfranchisement and when questioned, she angrily replies, "That's horrible! Using tricks is wrong, everyone loses." Many students share this sentiment of anger and shock about the upcoming election.

Disenfranchisement still the only

"dirty trick" in the book and students certainly aren't the only people at McDaniel with concerns. The relatively new electronic voting machines have proven faulty or insecure on many occasions. Professor Thomas G. Deveny also reminds us that the standard voting machines, "Diebold machines, (are) owned by a strong backer and donor to the Republican Party, which could generate a conflict of interests for the man in-charge of tabulating many votes." Dr. Deveny somewhat gloomily concedes that "we're going to have to trust them in Maryland," but that "I wouldn't trust them at all in a [battleground] state like Ohio."

In addition to disenfranchisement and faulty electronic systems, accessibility is also a major concern. Long lines plague early voting stations in nearby Baltimore. Dr. Deveny feels "It's a disgrace that our country cannot provide a system that will allow us to vote in a half an hour," and that it makes us look like "a Third World country." Many people have to choose between voting, and working.

The election has already taken place by now, so there is a rare moment for reflection. Did it turn out to be another "I told you so" moment in history, pointing out blame in the voting process? Or was it a fairly clean and historical celebration that decided our 44th president? This journalist sincerely hopes it's the latter, but if not, in four more years lets get it right!

A STAUNCH MCCAIN SUPPORTER SPEAKS OUT



NATHAN WUERTEBERG
Staff Reporter

"We have never been just a collection of individuals, or a collection of red states and blue states. We are, and always will be, the United States of America."

Words spoken by Senator Barack Obama last night in which he accepted his election as President of the United States. Words I missed because I was taking a long walk around the campus to give myself time to think. I have long been a supporter of John McCain, a staunch supporter who has followed his career not only since the end of the Republican primaries, but since before, from the beginning of the primaries. Not those of the Election of 2008, but those of the Election of 2000 in which Senator McCain of Arizona showed me that honor and dignity were not dead in politics.

McCain conducted his campaign with honor and without negativity, something absent from most politicians' repertoires. He was a Vietnam veteran who, after undergoing months of torture and being offered release as part of an exchange due to his importance as the family member of an Admiral, refused to be treated differently from his comrades and refused to leave unless they could do the same. He spent the majority of his life after his service attempting to do the impossible—end corruption in politics.

He worked tirelessly with the other party to create real change in Washington and when he began his campaign for the White House eight years ago, he rejected conducting negative campaigning and insisted upon focusing only on his positive qualities of his opponent, a relatively unknown Governor from Texas. McCain was, and still is, a man of integrity, honesty, and loyalty. Despite this, he was eventually defeated by the very political machinations in which he chose not to take part in. A vicious rumor generated by his opponent's campaign in the South Carolina primaries took away his chance at the Presidency. After his defeat, McCain did what he thought was best for the nation. He supported his President.

Since that day, I have been waiting for his next chance to come along. I truly believed, and still do believe, that McCain would have worked to unite this country as he has his entire life. It seems to me that most people forget the years before the last eight. They only remember a man supporting his President, and forget the times when that man stood up and called for change.

In an election that has changed history many seem to have forgotten the past. They rain down invectives upon a good man's head, and seem to truly believe

that he was never anything more than a lackey. In response, some of his supporters did the same, even going so far as to label another good man, McCain's opponent, as the "Anti-Christ." None of this is worth more than the ignorance from which they come. These words are nothing more than the result of misplaced fear and a lack of knowledge. Anyone who speaks them should be ashamed, for they never truly voted intelligently in the first place.

Eight years of hope suddenly died for me last night. After a long and hard fought campaign McCain, who I truly supported not because he was the lesser of two evils, but because I truly believed in him, announced the end of his campaign to the sound of cheers around campus. He pledged his support to his new President, just as he did in the primary campaign of the Election of 2000. I then found it necessary to take a very long walk around campus to clear my head.

I had always supported John McCain, never voting for him simply out of hate for his opponent, as many people who supported him seemed to do in this election. They have called his opponent the aforementioned "Anti-Christ," the most liberal Senator ever, and a politician willing to revoke every one of our rights as citizens of the United States of America, an action his predecessor has done an adequate job of setting a precedent for. However, I have never believed any of these statements to be true. Obama is a good man but also the man he defeated last night was a true American hero, a designation often used and rarely deserved.

After that long walk around campus, a very deep sleep, and a hug from a very tired, slightly rumpled, sophomore Sean Fitzgerald, who told me that Obama's presence was all about hope and forgiveness, I watched Obama's acceptance speech on YouTube. It was during that speech that I truly realized the importance of Obama's presidency. I had before realized the historical significance, but never really felt the full impact of his election.

Obama represents a new beginning, a chance to reshape our image in the eyes of the world, and serve as an inspiration for generations to come. Obama has the chance to unite a United States torn by social strife, an America that is less than united. I will never regret my support of McCain. I will not, on the other hand like some regret the election of Senator Obama. His Presidency is already unlike any other, and a moment of this magnitude should be experienced not with regret, but with the joy of a nation with the chance to reclaim what it lost many years ago: hope.

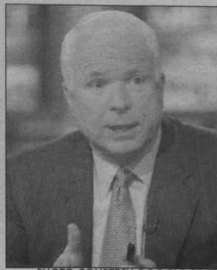


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ABOVE:
Students
congregate im-
patiently for the
party after the
announcement
of Obama's
victory at 11
P.M..



ON RIGHT:
Sarah Costa
and Collin Mil-
ler join students
at midnight in
Red Square for
the celebration
party.

MCDANIEL HOMECOMING

... LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

DESPITE THE RAIN, MCDANIEL STUDENTS, ALUMNI, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS ALL CELEBRATE

ROSE ENEY
Staff Reporter

Let the games begin; this year's theme for homecoming certainly reflected the day's events in a proper fashion. Even the weather played games all day, starting in the morning as being chilly and cloudy and going to being warm and sunny in the afternoon.

Though mother nature was acting up, McDaniel students and alumni alike did not let that ruin their day. Sophomore Mike Mandel said "The football game is my favorite part and I love the atmosphere." Senior Kaitlyn Giddings said of her last homecoming on the hill "I feel kind of sad to be leaving but equally excited to be able to come back in the future."

People began setting up tents around the field as early as the Tuesday before the game in anticipation of rain that might have been headed their way. Lucky for them that was one game the weather did not play. According to junior Joe Drzoniec, Greek organizations spent up to five and a half hours painting their large and colorful letters on the hills surrounding the area during the week. The newest addition to the

Greek family at McDaniel, Kappa Delta Rho, won the contest for best letters on homecoming day.

On the morning of the homecoming game people began to flock to the field from 7:30 a.m. onward. Grills were set up and fold-up chairs began to line the top of the bowl surrounding the field. Plastic table clothes were weighted down with burgers and hot dogs as the smell of grilling began to fill the windy air. Several groups of people had music playing from the backs of their cars and tubs filled with drinks in their trunks, truly the epitome of the tailgating spirit. The field became a virtual parking lot as hundreds of cars crammed onto the grass to get as close to their respective tents as possible.

As the start of the game approached the clouds began to recede and hundreds of people began to anticipate the match between the McDaniel Green Terror and the Gettysburg Bullets. The first quarter ended with the Bullets scoring seven points and the Terror only three. Though the game was a huge focus of the day, there were plenty of other things to devote attention to. All over people were selling food and programs, alumni were hanging

STUDENTS, ALUMNI, FAMILY, FOR HOMECOMING 2008

around at the tent designated just for them, and everyone was enjoying the company of their friends.

Halftime came around as McDaniel fans cheered on their team as they trooped up the steps to take their break. The McDaniel College cheerleaders performed a routine to fill the crowd with energy. Afterwards the homecoming court, including king Matt Daley and queen Ellery Wynn, marched onto the field to claim their titles in front of the students who voted for them.

The halftime break passed and the fans began to fill the stands once again to catch every minute of the game at hand. On the surrounding hills many people were still socializing with their peers and friends. Class of 2008 alumnus Nick Tully stated "It's great to be back even though it's a bit overwhelming. You want to talk to everyone but it's so hard to see everyone you want to see." Alumni are the heart of homecoming and senior John Kelley believes homecoming is "absolutely amazing because it's a fantastic opportunity to reconnect with those who have graduated from McDaniel." Graduates and non-graduates alike stuck around to the very end of the game

even though Gettysburg lead McDaniel the entire game and achieved an impressive win of 38 to 9. McDaniel fought hard and everyone enjoyed watching their Green Terror players. Junior Abby Walker embodied McDaniel's attitude when she said that the Terror will just have to rebuild itself for next year's contest. Though spirits remained high after the loss, the weather seemed to have given out when clouds rolled in at the end of the fourth quarter.

People stuck around on the field for around a half hour after the game, still too transfixed by the wonderful atmosphere that homecoming provides. One last song was sung and one final hamburger finished. The grass parking lot that had accumulated so many cars began to empty and people began to return to their dorms, hotels and apartments.

Homecoming holds many traditions for McDaniel's students and alumni. Some have parties after the game and some make sure to wear their favorite school sweatshirt every year. Whether one has kept up their tradition for 40 years or has yet to create one, homecoming is a place to hold on to the past, revel in the present and look forward to the future.



CASEY CROUGH

ROTC members lead the Homecoming parade.



CASEY CROUGH

Patty Guzman '10, Kim Kalinyak '11, admire homecoming pictures on the Hill before the game, while Kay Dixon '10 enjoys the beautiful weather.



COURTESY GINNY ODIERNO

ABOVE: Homecoming King and Queen, Seniors Matt Daley and Ellery Wynn, enjoy the festivities on Saturday.



KRIS BREEDEN

ON LEFT: Seven generations of Gamma Sigs reunited for this year's Homecoming. Top row (l to r): Marci Ryan '06, Whitney Ophdahl '08, Jess Dickerson '10, Laura Eder '10, Kellie Bolling '11. Middle row: Jesse Feldman '07, Kris Breeden '08. Bottom row: Christine Frieman '08, Dawn Aldrich '10, Dana Picco '08.



EVAN TICKNOR

The Gamma Sig float won first place in the parade. The theme this year was "Let the Games Begin," an olympic theme. The parade started on Main Street and continued around Stadium drive before the football game kicked off. The parade started at noon, when the weather started to clear up.



CASEY CROUGH

ABOVE: The senior members of Phi Mu Fraternity show off their spirit in their last homecoming parade before graduation in May.



EVAN TICKNOR

ON RIGHT: Turner Hirsh and Annie Armiger, Sophomore homecoming court, wave to the crowd during the parade. The Freshman court was Megan Tart, and the Junior class court went to Donny Dokas and Gabrielle Gordon.

NPR OMBUDSMAN PUTS HER FAITH AND TRUST IN JOURNALISM

SAMANTHA LAMBERT
Staff Reporter

Having a guest speaker like Alicia Shepard, the ombudsman for the National Public Radio, was a great honor here at McDaniel College on October 28th. Not only was she an excellent speaker in detailing her job description, but she was a great informant about how the media today is morphing and what NPR and other affiliates are doing to cope with that change.

Declaring herself as the "public advocate" for NPR, Shepard explained that an ombudsman is an official who represents the public by investigating and addressing the complaints of citizens. She estimates that she receives more than 75,000 inquiries every year. Her main task everyday is to make sure that the media, that NPR, remains unbiased, especially during this heated presidential election. Shepard said that she has to make sure that NPR lives up to its name.

A diverse audience, peppered by people of all ages, who listened to Shepard, praised the public's passion for media, especially over the fairness and objectivity in the media. For example, a listener to NPR's radio called in and complained about a piece done on Hillary Clinton. The listener said that NPR had not given Obama the same amount of media coverage. However, Shepard looked up the previous night's television schedule and pointed out a *News Hour* episode on Obama, stating that it was the same amount of media coverage.

Shepard said she is actually thrilled that this nation is so concerned with the media. She stated that she is a public critic of NPR, just as much as the rest of the viewers and listeners. For example, if a main story is covered by another

station and not by NPR, she will bring it to the attention of the editors, write a column on it, or talk on the radio station discussing the issue. She also ensures that the public knows NPR is being screened everyday.

"We all have core beliefs and core political beliefs which make it harder sometimes," Shepard said. She noted that it is harder today to keep up with the news, commenting on how many miscommunications happen since people hear or see things at different times of the day as a result of all of the different forms of media used today, not only print but broadcast, radio feed, and internet.

Shepard added that she puts her faith and trust in journalism because there are truly professional journalists who will keep the media clean, objective and as unbiased as possible. In my opinion, Shepard does her part by being the spokesman for media everywhere, to NPR, to her graduate class at Georgetown and to all of the citizens who take time to critique and question the media.



SAM LAMBERT

Alicia Shepard, ombudsman for National Public Radio, spoke to students about politics and journalism in McDaniel Lounge on October 28th.

IT ISN'T EASY BEING GREEN REFLECTIONS ON BECOMING A RECYCLER

CINDY SORDO
Staff Reporter

It isn't easy being green, especially when everyone else around you is far from it. Coming from a state where practically no one recycles made it difficult for me to grasp the concept of being green.

I'm from a small city in Texas where most people believe that diesel trucks are the only automobiles worthy of driving and where recycling should only be done when needing a few extra dollars. You had to commit to driving miles away to a recycling compound, which is far too much trouble for my lazy Texans.

When I came to McDaniel I knew that the campus would be full of liberals who were gung-ho about recycling. I thought that being surrounded by activists would immediately encourage me to become a regular recycler, but it did not happen that quickly.

It wasn't until the end of my freshman year that I really started recycling. I attribute this great turn-around to one nagging liberal who constantly reminded me to recycle, recycle, recycle! Sunita Pathik was one determined activist I regularly spent time with who constantly reminded me to recycle. If Sunita hadn't been my friendly, everyday reminder, I never would have become green.

This year I can honestly say that I have

been a dedicated recycler on my own, without Sunita's persistent reminders. When I went home for the summer, I actually felt like I had become her; as a result of my forceful nagging, my parents now recycle. I have also become aware of Greenpeace, an international non-governmental organization for the protection and conservation of the environment that Sunita worked for over the summer in Washington, D.C. I was intrigued by her stories and I have been inspired to support the organization.

So, you see, it really is easy being green; anyone can become a recycler. I admit, it does take time and influence, but if more people take the energy to enforce recycling on a regular basis, like Pathik and now myself, who knows how many people will be transformed for the better.



MCDANIEL Horoscopes

JEN NOEL AND KRIS BREEDEN
Staff Reporters

- AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18):** BE A PEACEMAKER. EXTEND AN OLIVE BRANCH, BUT DON'T GET YOURSELF TOO INVOLVED.
- PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20):** TRY BEING STRAIGHTFORWARD. NO MORE LIES. LET PEOPLE KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.
- ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19):** UNSURE ABOUT FUTURE PLANS? TAKE A NAP, THEN START GOOGLING.
- TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20):** GO CRAZY THIS WEEK. CLIMB A MOUNTAIN, OR JUST TRY COMbing YOUR HAIR TO A DIFFERENT SIDE.
- GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 21):** PEOPLE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP. KNOW THIS AND KEEP SMILING.
- CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22):** APPRECIATING THE LITTLE THINGS IN LIFE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. FOCUS ON THAT NEW SCRUNCHIE OR PAIR OF SOCKS.
- LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22):** YOU ARE A STAR. BE PROUD OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. SHINE ON; SHINE ON.
- VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22):** FEELING A BIT CRANKY LATELY? TAKE A BREAK AND JUST RELAX. EAT A MANGO, MAYBE.
- LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 23):** THINK HARD ABOUT THE BIG DECISIONS THAT LIE AHEAD. MAKE SMART CHOICES.
- SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 21):** CELEBRATE THE GOOD TIMES. TREAT YOURSELF TO SOMETHING SPECIAL.
- SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21):** BE CAREFUL HOW YOU PRESENT YOURSELF. YOU DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO GET THE WRONG IMPRESSION.
- CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19):** GRAB LIFE BY THE PING PONGS AND TIE UP ALL THOSE LOOSE ENDS. IN EVERYTHING.

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AFTER TWO SEXUAL ASSAULTS, DATING SHOWS TAKE OVER MTV

IT'S TIME TO PAY ATTENTION



JEN NOEL
Staff Reporter

Here at McDaniel it's easy to get caught up in the everyday events of college life: classes, fundraisers, and activities. We often fail to stop and notice the pieces of the "real world" that manage to filter into campus, good and bad. Well, now is the time to stop and become aware.

In the last issue, after reporting the two sexual assaults that occurred in as many weeks on campus, I was caught off guard. When sitting through the weekly events that appear on the Campus Safety blotter, I generally look for the unusual and funny incidents that students manage to get involved in.

However, as I scanned the pages, the events that grabbed my attention were in no way funny, or even meant as filler for the Lighter Side. After I read the reports filled that described two separate sexual assaults on our quiet

campus I simply felt one emotion—disturbed.

Immediately, my thoughts went to the victims and the courage they had to come forward and report an occurrence of this nature and magnitude. My thoughts quickly turned, though, to the offenders who may still be on campus and blending in with other students every day.

When I decided to write this piece, I immediately turned to the internet to locate some statistics on sexual assaults and a series of startling facts presented themselves.

First, as I typed the phrase "sexual assaults" into the Google search bar, the first auto-fill completion that popped up was "sexual assaults on college campuses." From this, I immediately realized that the issues that have arisen here are plaguing other campuses as well.

In fact, one out of four women will be sexually assaulted while in college. Also, 80% of sexual assault victims know their attackers. However, the fact that alarmed me the most was that only 27% of women sexually assaulted felt what happened to them was actually assault and 84 % of male offenders reiterated, stating their actions were not assault either.

So now it's our turn to do something with these facts—we, as a college community, need to become aware not only about reporting sexual assaults (only 5% of victims felt someone they were assaulted) but also where to get support.

McDaniel outlines a specific policy

in the Student Handbook regarding how sexual assault cases are handled on campus. The college supports the student/victim's rights how to best utilize campus services such as counseling or electing to call Rape Crisis, as well as getting Westminster City Police involved.

"It is vital in the early stages after a sexual assault for the survivor to gain control back," said Megan Hearron from Counseling Services. "That's why we give them options, they have the right to choose."

"Many victims of sexual assault do not choose to seek further judicial action, which is often the case here at McDaniel as well."

"It is often scary for the victim to expose themselves further in a sexual assault case," said Hearron.

"If you or someone you know is the victim of a sexual assault, encourage them to seek help. Counseling services are always available as well as Rape Crisis 24 hours a day. It is important that we all join to aid in raising awareness of not only sexual assaults but also how to find support."

The message I want to send is simple: if you're not concerned, you're not paying attention.

Statistics compiled from:
http://www.slc.edu/security/Statistics_about_Sexual_Assault_and_College_Campuses.php
<http://www.psu.edu/toxic/orientation100/T10/sexual.html>

ANGELA BALDWIN
Staff Reporter

I remember turning on the TV when I was very young, coming across MTV and VH1. Back then, I would mainly see music videos, which is appropriate because MTV stand for Music Television and VH1 stands for Video Hits One.

"This is apparently not the case anymore. Instead of seeing rock bands and pop videos, all I see is Flavor Flav, New York, Tila Tequila and Bret Michaels. Yes, I'm referring to the infamous dating shows, Flavor of Love, I Love New York, Tila Tequila, and Rock of Love."

The prevalence of these shows highlights the extent of reality television's takeover. Instead of listening to the new music out, I am subjected to seeing the depravity of the shows and those people's lives.

These channels try to persuade us to actually care about these people's lives, and for what reason? Flavor Flav and Bret Michaels are has been celebrities obviously trying to regain the spotlight by trying to find love on camera. Tila Tequila is only famous because of her MySpace popularity and New York is only known to the public through her attempts to win Flav's heart on Flavor of Love. Neither woman has any real talent to justify being a celebrity, another case of being famous for no reason.

Not only are the people sad, but the challenges in all these dating shows are ridiculous. I never knew eating some grotesque substance on Tila Tequila or trying to run your own restaurant on Flavor of Love proved your undying love for someone! What about if the person is faithful or if he/she is a good person? I guess that just doesn't compare to eating something you shouldn't be eating.

These people always seem to eliminate a person only about a few hours after the dates air. How are you supposed to eliminate one in a few hours, which is

not enough to really get to know someone! I always see either New York or Bret talk to the dates for like two minutes each, how is that enough to decide who goes home?

And these people wonder why they never find true love. Just look at how many sequels are there to each show. There have been three Flavor of Loves, two I Love New Yorks (there might be a third), two Tila Tequilas and two Rock of Loves. Can't these people see that one cannot find true love on a TV show, especially with (most likely) pre-chosen contestants?

Unfortunately, these shows don't stop here, they breed into other shows based off them. I Love New York was an example, based off of Flavor of Love, but lo and behold, there is a show called Real Chance at Love, featuring two brothers on I Love New York!

In addition, New York has another show, New York Goes to Hollywood. Why does VH1 keep subjecting us to this woman's life?

Now I know all this makes it seem like I actually watch this, and I'll admit of being guilty of getting caught up in these monthly marathons of these shows once in a while. But as I'm watching it, I laugh and wonder about the contestants on the show and why do they put themselves through what look like torture to get these fake and annoying people to actually like me. I know I could go on living without these people's approval or liking of me.

Now I'm only talking about dating shows here, but there is a plethora of reality TV between MTV and VH1, shows such as Paris Hilton's New BFF (apparently there are certain requirements to be in her presence) and I Love Money, which uses the cast of both Flavor of Love and Rock of Love. Will the Flavor of Love and its descendants saga ever end? Or are we doomed to keep watching as contestants keep getting their own shows, breeding more contestants and then producing more shows?

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Torreka Jordan

...pick this up

TALES OF A COMMENTARY EDITOR

KIM WILLIAMS
Commentary Editor

When I became the commentary section editor, it was an area I was completely unfamiliar with. Accustomed to writing movie reviews or other feature pieces, I found the task before me daunting. My eventual excitement about commentary is a story I hope illustrates how easy, and beneficial, it is to become more involved in the world around us.

Expressing my opinion has never been a problem for me, but knowledge about what is going on in the world has always alluded me. Well actually I have avoided it. Existing in a world consisting almost entirely of personal drama happens more often than we would like to acknowledge,

even on a college campus. And while existing in a bubble in which the economy or politics is not something worth dwelling on can be gratifying, the surprising thing is that I have enjoyed becoming more involved in and aware of the campus and global community.

In order to produce story ideas, edit articles or even write myself I have been forced to pay attention to the news as it occurs and consider the implications. Not only has this made minor problems like not having the newest car or receiving an A minus on a paper seem mundane and therefore put me in a better mood, but being knowledgeable about current issues makes me more likely to strike up a conversation with people.

I feel more able to participate in class discussions. I am very grateful that my decision to take notice of the world around me occurred during election year and I was able to make an informed decision after much research.

So for those of you wandering across campus more focused on who's going to win Dancing with the Stars or what grade you're going to receive on that paper you wrote late at night after watching said show, I'm going to suggest something radical. Pick up a paper. Turn on the news. It's as easy as opening up another window in addition to Facebook and glancing at the CNN website. So open your eyes because how can our generation change the world if we don't even know what's going on?

THE PITFALLS OF ABSTINENCE-ONLY EDUCATION

JILL WOOTTEN
Staff Reporter

More than two thirds of teens will have had sex by the time they graduate high school. So, what is the problem? Abstinence-only education is failing.

Just say "no" doesn't work. Statistics show that abstinence pledges are not only ineffective, but decrease the probabilities of safe sex and that teen pregnancy is on the rise. Federal funding provides \$176 million a year to abstinence-only education; money well wasted. 88% of people with abstinence pledges have sex before marriage regardless.

Sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy, and protection are topics that are clearly relevant to teens. It is vital to teach teenagers with the right knowledge to prevent unwanted pregnancy and other unsafe side effects of sexual intercourse before marriage.

An alarming number of parents and schools choose to give their teenagers abstinence-only education, citing religious

and moral beliefs. Teens are encouraged to pledge abstinence instead of learning about how to prepare for sex.

It sounds good in theory: If teens pledge abstinence, they won't have to face any of the complications of being sexually active before marriage. But when teens are being told not to have sex, it is difficult to simultaneously prepare them for sex.

In a study, twice as many parents as teens claim they have talked about sex with their children. "My mom gave me a book about sex and felt that her job was sufficiently done," says a McDaniel sophomore, who also said, "Don't put my name!"

Teens are not likely to talk with their parents for a variety of reasons: Fear of their parents becoming protective and strict, feeling that parents will not understand, fear of not following their parents' beliefs, or, let's face it... it's a little awkward.

Teens watch television an average of three hours a day. Only one out of seven programs conveys a "safe" sex message.

Television encourages teens to become sexually active by showing sex as a central part of every day life. Health classes in schools need to counteract the information teens are shown on television.

However, a lot of them don't. Congress is proposing increasing abstinence-only funding by another \$28 million. Teens who pledge abstinence have a higher rate of STDs than those who do not: 8.9% for pledgers vs. 7% for non-pledgers. Another alarming fact is that only 40% of pledgers used protection when engaging in sexual intercourse, compared with 59% of non-pledgers.

By their later teenage years, 75% of boys and more than two thirds of girls have had sex. Instead of withholding from teens knowledge about sexual intercourse, sex education classes need to prepare them.

There are places teens can go if they need information about anything related to sexual health, like the Carroll County Health Department, which offers huge discounts for students.

FREE PRESS FEATURE ESSAY:

'BROTHERS' OF CAPITALISM SHOULD NOT BE ONE

(Editor's Note: The following essay, originally titled "Brotherhood," was submitted in a first year English course to fulfill a Comparison and Contrast essay assignment.)

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Featured Writer

There is an old Chinese fable of two brothers who, when they were formed a monster and caused untold destruction across the lands of China. Eventually, the monster was defeated, the brothers were separated, and peace and prosperity would return to China. The moral of this parable is that certain parts of entities - be they inherently good or merely misguided - must never under any circumstances become one. For thousands of years this philosophy has stood. Unfortunately, this particular union cannot always be prevented. Twelve years ago, the brothers of capitalism, the banks and the brokerage houses, were allowed to come together; the beast was awakened, and because of this, the economy and banking system will fall.

Throughout American history the two were together as a single entity; the practice of the banks giving loans to the brokers was common. Because of this relationship, the American stock market was rife with all sorts of economic booms and panics throughout the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, finally culminating in the stock market crash of 1929, and the Great Depression of the following decade. These events led to the enactment of laws and restrictions to keep banks and brokers separate from each other.

In the years that followed, the economy grew and prospered. But as it flour-

ished and thrived, the public became consumed by its well-fed greed; the public became blinded by the flare of the increasing excess it was enjoying. This mentality of ever growing prosperity led to the idea that we did not need to keep the brothers of capitalism separate from each other any more. So in 1996, at the height of this "era," the banks and the brokerage houses again became one entity.

After this fraternal reunion occurred, there were a few years of relative expansion. But over time something changed. After about five years, loans were issued to first-time homebuyers who signed up for adjustable rate mortgages that, even in the best of times, they could never pay off. Real-estate speculators, assuming home prices would keep climbing, overextended themselves in the hope of flipping landed properties. But, unfortunately, home prices did not continue to rise; instead the prices started to drop substantially. The debts from these property failures were wrapped into complex securities that mortgage companies and other entrepreneurial banks then sold to other banks. The monster was unleashed.

In the process of this ravage, the economy has suffered devastation unseen in the previous century: millions of foreclosures, including auction-sales notices and bank repossessions, have been reported; the credit markets have frozen; job layoffs are at an epic scale; and, more recently, foreign markets affiliated with the U.S. economy are collapsing. Although the monster has been recently separated into the two brothers by its own destructive powers, it is too late. The damage has already been done.

MORE THAN RECYCLING
WAYS TO MAKE YOURSELF MORE ECO-FRIENDLY

EVAN TICKNOR
Chief Photographer

As I watch McDaniel make efforts to become a more eco-friendly institution, it quickly becomes apparent this is no easy task. With so much for the administration to concern itself with the school's green efforts seem to constantly take a back seat. Take homecoming for example, one of the biggest events all year is a day of football, friends and festivities in which there is no shortage of bottles and cans. The school however did not provide a single recycling bin out on the football field area.

Or look at something more consistent such as the pub, day in and day out they provide students

Carroll county accepts all plastics #1-7, metals, glass and paper including all non metallic packaging

Use a reusable bottle such as a Nalgene

Purchase a Brita filter instead of bottled water (the Carroll County water supply has been approved by both the Health Department and Maryland Department of Environment)

Turn off all fluorescent bulbs (in dorms and classrooms) unless you will use them again within 3 minutes

Shut off your engine if you are going to idle for more than 6 seconds (unless you are at a stoplight, which is illegal)

Walk to local businesses

Buy produce from local growers such as Baugher's (it travels a far shorter distance-cutting down on transport emissions)

Cut down on the consumption of meat, especially beef (according to the UN livestock contributes to more greenhouse emissions than cars! And contributes to land and water degradation)

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COACH MARTIN BECOMES ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

KJ MAZUREK
Staff Reporter

After 28 years of coaching the McDaniel Women's Basketball team and achieving numerous accomplishments from the courtside, Becky Martin is "privileged and honored" as she takes on a new administrative role as Assistant Athletic Director.

Martin will continue coaching and when faced with her everyday duties of teaching classes, a newly acquired administrative role, and advising students with their academics, she is still "enjoying the process" and looking forward to new challenges.

Alongside Martin, colleague and head Volleyball Coach Carole Molloy now in her 16th year at McDaniel, was also appointed as Assistant Athletic Director. Both coaches are graduates of Western Maryland College and have contributed greatly to the growth of student athletes and the athletic programs for years.

Martin and Molloy take over for Dr. Carol Fritz who retired as Associate Athletic Director in June 2007 after 40 years as a faculty member, coach and administrator. Athletic Director Jamie Smith says, "As alumnae and head coaches they bring a wealth of experience and knowledge about McDaniel."

Martin was a multi-sport star at both Westminster High School and Western Maryland College. She was the first women's basketball player to record 1,000 points in a career (1,299) between 1976 and 1980 and led the college to its first conference title in 1979-1980. While attending Western Maryland she was also a notable standout on the volleyball, softball, and track and field squads.

However, the small liberal arts college was the last place that Martin thought she would be attending because it was literally across the street from where she grew up. She recalls her thoughts before attending Western Maryland, saying, "Like most local students I thought I knew but I didn't really know about the campus and the school." She obtained her master's in Physical Education Administration as a graduate assistant, working as an assistant coach for volleyball and track and field.

Martin had a verbal commitment for a teaching and coaching job in Carroll County by the time she was a senior at WMC. However, she was then offered the opportunity to be a graduate assistant. It seemed like a great opportunity for her to further her education and continue working in athletics.

In 1976 when Martin enrolled at Western Maryland, it was the beginning of Title-9 and women were just getting the opportunity to hold coaching positions on athletic teams. 30 years ago, Martin would not have pictured herself becoming an administrator. However, she is thoroughly enjoying the process and looking forward to affecting student athletes' lives and helping coaches through a process in which she has invaluable experience.

Martin says, "Everybody needs support and mentoring, and it is important for coaches to vent, run ideas past other professionals, other colleagues, and a lot of times it's nice to speak with someone who has been in that position before, in order to seek advice."

McDaniel is fortunate to have a coach, lecturer, and administrator with the experience Martin has. Women's Lacrosse Coach Muffie Bliss says, "I have been here for 7 years, and in that time Coach Martin has been a sounding board for ideas on how to motivate my players, how to balance my life, and how to be successful in all facets of coaching."

Over the years, Martin has had opportunities to leave, but she is a firm believer in the quality education that McDaniel offers and what she and other coaches are trying to do for their student athletes. Martin has had the opportunity of winning championships both as a player and a coach. She says, "As a coach you have more of an opportunity to experience it through the eyes of the student athletes, the excitement on their faces for their accomplishments."

Senior women's basketball player Danny Prader comments on Martin saying, "She is a great people person, she promotes team bonding, and helps organize events so that we get along. She also helps us with school problems we may have and always reminds us that school comes first."

Coach Martin often involves the team in events outside of campus. When she is not busy with her schedule at McDaniel she enjoys traveling, hiking and playing golf. This fall, Martin and her team enjoyed a 6-mile hike along the Potomac River near Harpers Ferry.

These are the types of experiences Martin sees as vital to the growth of her student-athletes as people not just basketball players. She thinks it's important to go beyond the experiences on the basketball court to create a unique sense of bonding. She also has a deep passion for her athletes and enjoys watching their successes and helping them with their struggles. Martin says that "coaching is not a career, it's a lifestyle."

As Coach Martin's schedule gets increasingly busier with the 2008-2009 season beginning, she still finds herself invigorated and fortunate. Recently a former student-athlete made a call to ask Martin how practice was going and she realized how happy she was to still be the coach. She looks forward to growing as a person and professionally with the new challenge of her administrative role.

Martin's biggest concern with taking on her new job title is the time it may take away from the rigorous recruiting process. Martin says, "It will be interesting to be able to keep up with recruiting, fortunately I have a good staff that will help me find the type of student athlete were trying to recruit."

"Time will tell; I'm excited for myself because it's a new career challenge; coaching is still exciting, and I am still glad that I'm coach."



BCS RANKINGS OR A PLAYOFF SYSTEM?

THE EX: GURU:

Well apparently, the new President, Barack Obama, told Chris Berman on MNE last week that the one thing he could change in the sports world is the BCS into an eight-team playoff. At least I can say I agree with him about one thing. Think of all the buzz there was over Ohio State and USC earlier in the year. Everyone loves when there are two-ranked teams of that caliber playing each other out of conference. We have gotten kind of spoiled seeing #1 seed vs. whoever is going to be #1 seed most in the Big 12 this year though. But hey, it would be nice to see if USC can hold its own against SEC or Big 12 opponents. It shows what conferences are better, and if they do a system like it in NCAA Basketball with a bracket, why can't they do it in college football too? You keep the BCS Rankings intact to keep the Top 8 teams in that bracket, but give more teams a chance at playing for and winning the national championship.

This is a really tough question Ryan. Yes, it is easy to say that the rankings are inconsistent, fraudulent, and even unreliable. However, a playoff system may be the same. Think of this in a playoff system you take the top eight teams, and seed them accordingly. Does this mean that the rankings are used to figure out the top eight and then there is a playoff system? Aren't the rankings the problem? No. You keep the BCS rankings the way they are. It allows for the strengths of schedule of each team, and ranks accordingly. A playoff system would have to use something to determine the top eight. If the top eight unbeatens play, this does not take into account their strength of schedule. For instance, North Texas goes unbeaten and makes it over a one loss USC team? Doesn't make sense, and neither does a playoff system in college football.

ON THE NFL...

NFL PICKS - WEEK 11

Through nine weeks of the NFL, there is one thing that is certain—and that is there is no certainty. It is a bit of a paradox for me for saying that a team will win and they lose. So from here on out, I am going to bite my lip and attempt to salvage my overall record. So week eleven showcases a huge match-up in the NFC East as well as a spy rivalry. But that's not all, here are my picks for week eleven of the NFL:

NY JETS 23 AT NEW ENGLAND 16 - This is becoming a big rivalry in the NFL after a recent encounter with using spy tactics to further their success. Even with the main players in this saga ("The Hoody" and "The Genie") the same, the quarterbacks are different this time around. Tom Brady is out, Chad Pennington is out, and in comes Favre and Cassel. I am sorry, but I will take Favre in that match-up. Defensively, Patriots have the upper hand. I'll take #4 to do this thing.

BALTIMORE 20 AT NY GIANTS 31 - I seem to receive noise from Ravens' fans every week mainly because I do not have faith in the squad. Apologies, but the last time I picked the Ravens to win, they lost. Maybe this is better—I'll pick them to lose and they will keep winning. I wouldn't expect a blow up like the loss against Cleveland from the Giants. The Ravens will put up points in this game, but not enough. Take the Giants.

TENNESSEE 34 AT JACKSONVILLE 21 - This is a huge match-up in the AFC. These two teams are big time rivals, and especially since the Titans are undefeated through nine weeks in the NFL. The Jags are not doing as well as expectations would like in Florida, but even with the weapons they have, this one won't really be a problem for the Titans. I'll take the Titans and Fisher to continue their great season.

DALLAS 17 AT WASHINGTON 20 - I will admit, the Redskins played like a pee-wee team in week nine. Their defense looked wretched; they were without Jason Taylor and Shawn Springs. Their offense was ineffective against a defense that is one of the best in the league. This weekend, they host their bitter rivals at home. They went to Dallas and got a huge win early in the season, against a healthy Tony Romo. This game depends mostly on which of each of these teams shows up. If the defense we saw last week from the Skins shows up, this is going to be a long game. Even with Romo back he won't be 100%, and this will factor into it as well. I expect this game to be very close, and might even get to overtime. One of the main reasons I have the Skins pulling it out is that they are coming off a bye week, that will aid them in resting up. Take the Skins to edge it out.

TERROR SPORTS

HOMECOMING GAME DISAPPOINTS HOPES

CHRIS FERRICK-MANLEY
Staff Reporter

Unlike McDaniel's previous three Homecoming football games, its November 8 contest against Gettysburg was not decided in the final seconds of the game, as Gettysburg handily beat McDaniel 38-9. This loss drops the Green Terror to 2-7 (1-6 in the Centennial Conference).

Since their bye week on October 11, the team had lost 49-6 to home-to-undefeated Muhlenberg who are ranked in the top ten in OIII, lost 26-7 at Urinus after leading in the fourth quarter, and were shutout 20-0 at Franklin and Marshall.

Green Terror Head Coach Tim Keating, who falls to 10-4-1 in Homecoming games during his tenure, believes there is a light at the end of the tunnel after the struggles of the last two seasons.

"Got to see that they are young, and that if they keep working things will turn their way," said Keating.

He cited the improvement of the offensive line had made in the previous two weeks, a unit that had been one

of the weaker areas of the team in the previous year. In addition, Keating also credited the running backs with having stepped up their play. However, both T.J. Develin (high ankle sprain) and Eric Zwolsky (broken sternum) missed the homecoming game. Freshman quarterback Tom Massucci also became the first of the four Green Terror quarterbacks to see every snap in a game against Gettysburg.

"There is only one way of getting good at anything you do and that's by doing it," said Keating, who wanted his freshmen quarterbacks Massucci and Vinny Corona to experience, "baptism under fire."

The homecoming game, being the last home football game of the 2008 season, was also senior day. Among the seniors honored was the 2006 homecoming game's hero and senior kicker Jay Leonard. Leonard contributed to one of the most memorable moments in recent McDaniel football history by kicking a career long 46-yard field goal with less than 10 seconds left in regulation to defeat Gettysburg.

"I saw the refs hands up in the air and I was like 'oh yeah,'" said Leonard who also contributed all of McDaniel's points against Gettysburg this year by being 3 for 3 on field goals.

Leonard, believes that his time playing football at McDaniel has been worthwhile, even though the team itself has struggled.

"Even in adversity it has been fun," said Leonard.

Keating himself shares that mentality, believing that his players have the mental toughness and character to overcome the tough seasons.

"Might not have tasted victory, but have not succumbed to adversity," said Keating, who stressed that his team would definitely trade achievements, such as the program's 500th victory, for a winning season.

"The opportunity to compete and put muscle and brain against someone else is worth the opportunity," said Keating.

The Green Terror's final game of the 2008 season is on the road against Johns Hopkins on November 15. Game time is 1pm.



EVAN TICKNOR

Sophomore Dan Jones walks to the field in preparation for the Homecoming game.

MCKAY'S COMMITMENT CONVEYS LEADERSHIP

ANDREW WORM
Staff Reporter

It's not only because of his six-foot-eight frame that people around campus are looking up to him.

It's also because of his countless social abilities that has led to senior Josh McKay being named as captain of the 2008-2009 men's basketball team. McKay, a business major born and raised in Baltimore, has spent much of his life as a leader for his teammates on the hardwood. By being elected captain during youth travel basketball, and later in high school basketball, McKay finds his past experiences extremely beneficial, giving him the ability to react positively in situations that he may have seen before.

McKay's commitment to the team can be attributed to his love for the game. Spending nearly four hours each day between practice, rehabilitation, and lifting, McKay was the perfect fit for the captain role.

Leadership and athleticism seem to run in the McKay family as both his parents played basketball at the collegiate level. McKay remembers many one-on-one games with his parents growing up in which he always dreamed of being in the position he is now. Now he sits in the captain role of a team that lost two players from last year's squad, and is arguably one of the best the school has seen in 25 years.

While there are multiple benefits to becoming a captain, McKay could also be the center of controversy when handling captain duties. He says, "If something goes wrong within the team, you are re-

sponsible...it's a lot more on your shoulders than if you are just one of the guys as I have been the last couple years."

Because the importance of good leadership is so high, McKay will share the captain's role with teammates Richard

"Buggy" Barry and Steve Wilson. "You have to be a leader on and off the court, you have to work hard and do everything that is asked of you," said Wilson. McKay exhibits multiple positive characteristics that led to him being appointed a captain of the squad, added Wilson.

Although basketball has been his passion throughout life, McKay saw his career flash in front of his eyes when he hit the court during a team practice in March of 2007. "I didn't realize how my body would heal or how bad the injury was, and I became worried about my basketball future," said McKay when asked about his initial reaction to the injury.

Later diagnosed to be an ACL tear, which normally requires 9 months to a year's worth of rest and therapy, has been reduced to seven months due to his ability to work hard and fulfill his dream to play his fourth and final year for the Green Terror. "It is a testament to his work ethic because he is already back and practicing with the team," says terror head basketball coach Kevin Curley.

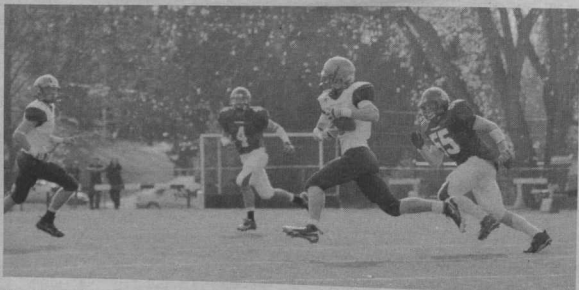
"Having Josh back on the floor will be a big asset for our basketball team this season by providing an inside scoring threat as well as a big rebounder," commented Barry.

McKay averaged 6 points and just over 3 boards in his Junior season that dates back to 2006-2007.

"When you have a passion that must come to an end for a year it's devastating, so being able to get back on the court with my teammates will be a relief," said McKay when asked about the emotions he may feel when he is finally able to contribute to his team.

"He could have very easily decided that it would have been too much work to come back from last year's injury. However, he has shown his commitment, his love of the game and loyalty to his teammates," said Curley.

Senior teammate Chad Arrington may have said it best when he commented that, "Division three athletics are about love of the game and Josh is a pure example."



The McDaniel Terror lost to Gettysburg in the Homecoming game on Saturday, leaving the team and fans with an upsetting season.

EVAN TICKNOR

MENS B-BALL LOOKS FOR GREAT SEASON AHEAD

JEFF DAVIS
Staff Reporter

Coach Kevin Curley and the men's basketball team are looking forward to another exciting season.

With 8 of the team's top 10 players returning from last year, the team is starting right where it left off at the end of last year. "Competition is good throughout," says Coach Curley.

Led by senior captains Buggy Barry, Steve Wilson, and Josh McKay, they have an excellent shot at returning to the playoffs for the second straight year. Other seniors Chad Arrington, Ryan Finch, T.J. Odunlami, and Joe Potuack offer strong supporting roles in their final year of college eligibility.

"All of these guys are very close," emphasizes Coach Curley. "Practices are extremely competitive, and the players really make each other better. It also provides great depth."

For example, Rob Koebke, a junior academically but only in his sophomore year of eligibility, was a big part of the team's success last year. Other players who are looking to continue to be big contributors from last year are junior Miguel Jones and sophomore Kevin Henry. Henry came out of the gates fast last year as a freshman, scoring nearly 10 points each game, and is looking to further help his team in his second year.

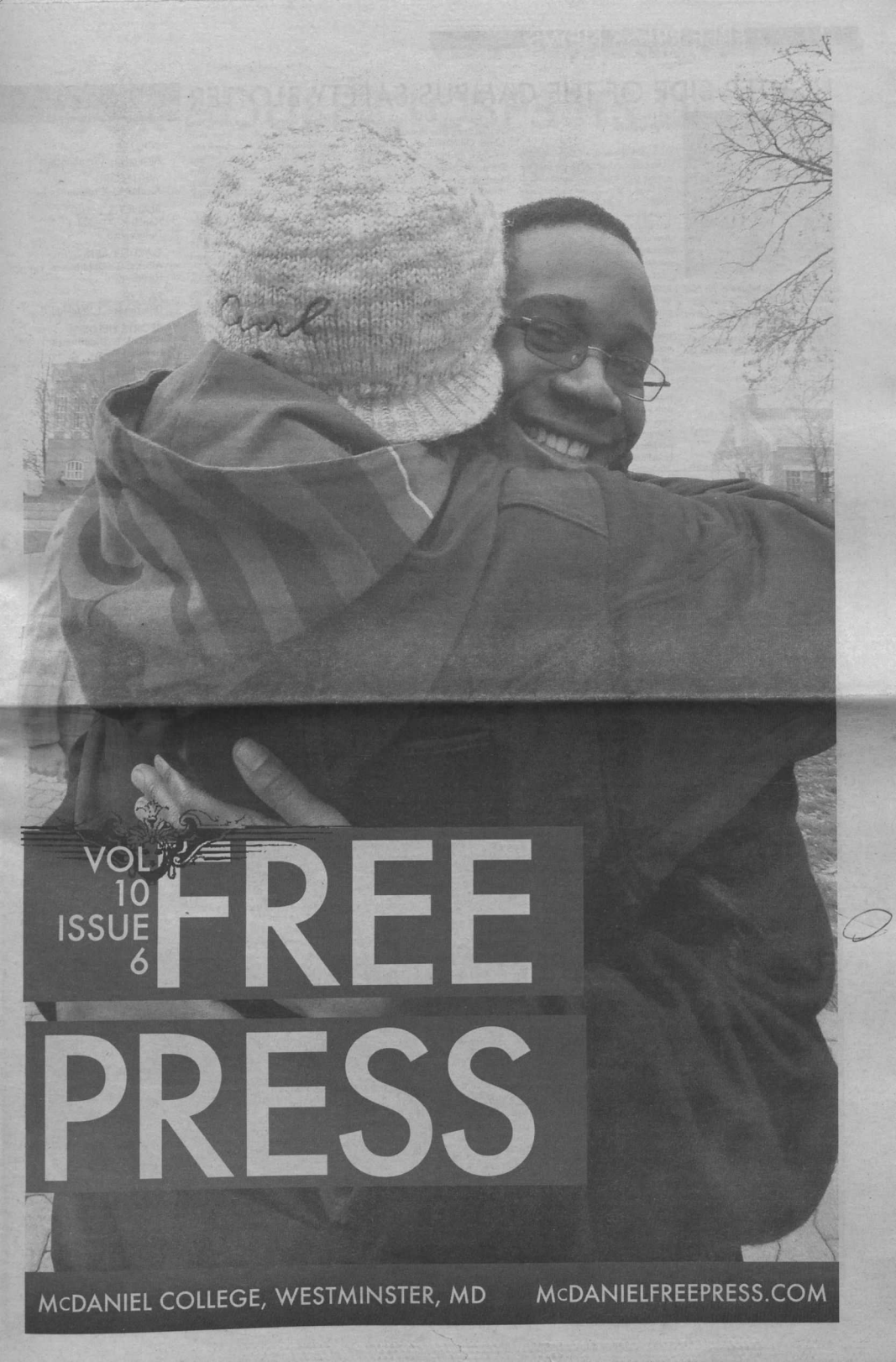
The team also has players like Brett Bonneville to help out, who was a

walk-on as a freshman last year. In addition, there are five current freshmen - Mitch Bellela, Tyler Tart, Devon Lesniak, Marcus Dyson, and Louis Sarris-Grau. These five guys are all competing well in practices, and a few them can expect playing time this year.

Coach Curley finishes with sage advice that could help any coach for any sport: "Our goal, our plan is to make the playoffs again, and we really hope to be there as a team. But the only way to be able to do that is to take it one day at a time." With Curley's cool, solid approach and with a wide array of skilled players, the men's basketball team will be a lot of fun to watch in the upcoming season.



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LIGHTER SIDE OF THE CAMPUS SAFETY BLOTTER

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Blotter by the numbers



JEN NOEL
Staff Reporter

As another semester is coming to a close here on the Hill, so too does the curtain fall on this year's installment of the Lighter Side. There were numerous memorable moments that filled the pages of the blotter, so memorable in fact that I decided to dedicate a portion of this week's Lighter Side to the Best and Brightest (more like the Most Foolish and Strangest) of 2008.

Let's never forget the soap and suds party in an Academic Hall bathroom or the Mission Impossible crew that scurried on top of Decker Center. The campus safety vehicle versus dump truck episode also makes it into the noteworthy category. The boulder bandit of Rouzer Hall undoubtedly flies to the top of the list.

However, the recipient of this year's numero uno position goes to the student who was able to effortlessly transform into Spiderman and scale an exterior wall of McDaniel Hall. This incident could easily become the newest definition of inane.

The past two weeks have also brought an interesting array of incidents to the blotter. On November 16, students in a Garden Apartment could not keep a keg party a secret. Apparently a new drinking game on campus involves throwing empty beer bottles from a window. Even if they thought chattering the bottles would elude Campus Safety, they now have to face the Green Terra gang for not recycling.

Also having to face the wrath of the avid recyclers on campus was a student who decided the Whiteford parking lot resembled a dumpster. On November 21, Campus Safety issued a citation to a student who dumped a pile of trash including banana peels, food containers, plastic bags, and other perishable goods out of their car door. Fall cleaning probably should have a week sooner and a few feet closer to a trash can for this litterbug.

On November 9, litter was at the bottom of the problem list for a student on Pennsylvania Avenue. An unsuspecting individual fell victim to one of the oldest college pranks in the book—furniture stacking.

Campus Safety received a report that a student was unable to leave their room because an unknown culprit barricaded their door shut with furniture. Someone obviously needs to think about picking up a few more credits if they have nothing better to do in their free time.

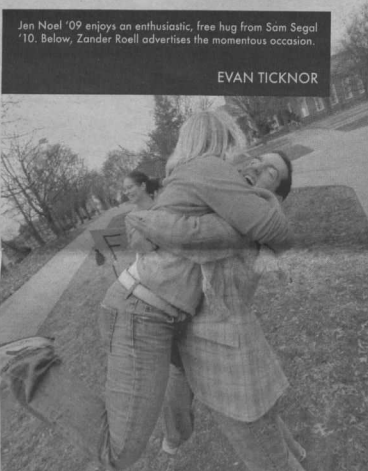
A final tale from Rouzer Hall is the only fitting way to end this column. A report was generated on November 13 that serious property damage occurred in the freshmen boys' dorm.

Campus Safety arrived at 12 a.m. to find over 20 ceiling tiles broken. Aside from someone using a pogo stick up and down the hall, I feel like this was definitely not an accidental occurrence. Perhaps a new year will also bring a wave of maturity for the youngest members of our community.

It has been an interesting ride through the pages of the blotter this semester, and fears of a lackluster week never crossed my mind. Try not to let the merriment of the holidays overcome you and farewell till next semester when the inane acts will abound again.

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(Editor's Note: This column by Jen Noel is dedicated to some of the most inane 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.)



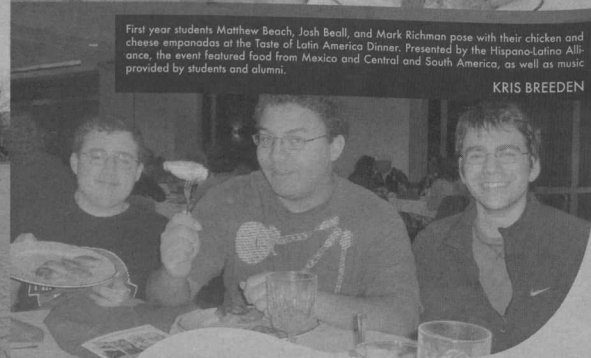
Jen Noel '09 enjoys an enthusiastic, free hug from Sam Segal '10. Below, Zander Roell advertises the momentous occasion.

EVAN TICKNOR



Spanish majors Rachel Pyles '09 and Laura Mitchell '10 enjoy the music and food at the Taste of Latin America Dinner. During the meal, they reminisced about their study abroad experiences.

KRIS BREEDEN



First year students Matthew Beach, Josh Beall, and Mark Richman pose with their chicken and cheese empanadas at the Taste of Latin America Dinner. Presented by the Hispano-Latino Alliance, the event featured food from Mexico and Central and South America, as well as music provided by students and alumni.

KRIS BREEDEN

ON THE COVER

Henry Amankwah gives a mighty hug to Omar Brown as part of a Free Hugs campaign organized by students who simply enjoy giving hugs. The event took place in Red Square.

PHOTO BY EVAN TICKNOR

TWO WEEKS IN PHOTOGRAPHS

POUR HOUSE CLOSES ITS DOORS

CASEY CROUGH
Staff Reporter

Patrons of the Pour House walked up to their familiar counter to find an unfamiliar sign that read: "We are very sorry to inform you that the Pour House Cafe will be closing its doors on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 until further notice. We wish to thank all of our patrons for your continued support and loyalty throughout the years."

Where will students call home now? The Pour House provided a haven for students to relax, work on homework, and enjoy various types of entertainment. Students and community members of Westminster gathered at the Pour House for an last cup of coffee and to have a final memory of the place they loved.

"Oh my gosh, around 6:30 on Tuesday the place was packed and busy—it was hard to find a table—students and people from the community were all there," said Tiffany Roberson '10.

"I am really saddened," said Roberson, "whenever I needed to get off campus I would go to the Pour House."

Janet Hollinger, the previous owner, opened the Pour House in June 2002, and sold the business in January 2008 to Laura Shultz.

According to the Carroll County Times, the most recent owner and the business partner of the shop were forced to close because of bad finances.

"My goal was to create a place where everyone felt welcome," said Hollinger. "Most of all I miss the customers—I miss winking to every man whether he was six or sixty-six—and I miss the warm smiles and customer exchange," said Hollinger. Adrienne Dulaj, alumni '07, worked at the Pour House for about four years.

"I will miss everything about the Pour House...that place put me through college."

I loved the artistic atmosphere, the friends I made over the years, and most importantly, the coffee!" said Dulaj.

The Pour House will be missed, but there was anything that could have saved the business?

"The poor economy tragically brought one of Westminster's favorite coffee shops to an end.

"The only real change that I saw that may have negatively affected the business was closing the place on Sundays. That was an affluent day for the pour house," said Dulaj.

Currently, Hollinger is working on creating a day spa called "Amazing Faces" in the Virginia Beach area. The spa will provide micro pigmentation, permanent makeup, laser hair removal, clay body wraps, an ion cleansing system, and many other fabulous services.

There is no doubt that the previous success Hollinger brought to the Pour House will carry over to her new calling. But, does Hollinger have any interest in buying the Pour House again?

"No," said Hollinger, "The bank had called Scott (her husband) and I to see if we wanted to purchase their portion, but we have a family here in Virginia Beach. I loved the Pour House when we had it."

But what will happen to our musicians who performed at the Pour House?

Keith Adams '10, guitar player of "Turtle Buddy," feels like it is a shame the Pour House is closing since they are such nice people.



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Much to the dismay of McDaniel students, the Pour House closed its doors on November 12 because of financial problems. They hope to sell it to someone who will reopen the cafe.

"It is a good place to play, but it is a rare find to have people who are so honest and caring about your music—they e-mailed us and asked to play, which doesn't always happen with other places," said Adams.

Hopefully someone will step up and continue the business, but until then customers will only have a memory. Patrons of all ages will miss the Pour House, but they will never forget the place that they used to call home.

FIRST SNOWFLAKES BRING FREEZING TEMPS TO CAMPUS

DANIELLE AZOULAY
Staff Reporter

The first snowflakes of winter thrilled students, putting smiles on the faces of many who are currently stressed over end of the semester projects and exams.

"I was so excited I ran outside and let the snow hit my face," said senior Lindsay Shive after the first flakes of the season fell on McDaniel College on Monday, November 17. "It was a nice break from studying."

"It was a nice surprise," said junior Terri Martin. "It's not often we get snow before Thanksgiving."

Friday, November 21, brought more snow—a thin blanket during the morning hours with forecasters calling for one to two inches later in the day.

Although students enjoyed the snow many are surprised by how cold it has become and even more so by how quickly the temperature dropped.

"I'm not that surprised it is cold outside, it is November," said Senior Stephanie Banik. "but it is amazing how suddenly it got freezing."

Temperatures were in the mid 60's

at homecoming and dropped to the upper twenties only a week and a half later.

"Winter has come fast," said Martin, who like many students now finds herself bundling up before heading to class unlike a couple of weeks ago when a hoodie would suffice.

Several students have found themselves unprepared for the sudden cold.

"I was going to have my parents bring my winter coat with them when they came down for homecoming, but it was so warm I figured that it could wait until I went home for Thanksgiving," said one student who preferred to remain anonymous. "It got so cold in the last week though that I had to go to Marshalls and buy a new coat in order to keep warm," she said.

Other students are wrapping themselves in extra layers and waiting until Thanksgiving break.

"I wasn't even planning on bringing my winter coat to school until after Thanksgiving. I wasn't expecting it to get this cold. I guess I'm just going to have to tough it out," said another student who also prefers to remain anonymous.

Looks like we could be in for a cold winter, and hopefully a bit more snow.



ASHLEIGH SMITH

The college saw its first flurries just before Thanksgiving week, which left a dusting of white all over campus. This winter should be a snowy one.

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JUNIOR INVITES CLUBS TO JOIN THE MCDANIEL JUSTICE LEAGUE

JULIANN GUIFFRE
Co-News Editor

Upon returning from abroad last spring, junior Claire Turpel sent out nine emails to presidents of eight student clubs, asking each to join her in forming what would be called the Justice League.

Justice League.

While at the University of Reading west of London, Turpel joined a group called the Campaigns Forum, an organization concerned with raising awareness of a variety of social justice issues. She was so inspired by it that she decided to create a club like the

Campaigns Forum here at McDaniel. "When you're at college, you get isolated from what's going on, and that's not necessarily anyone's fault," she said.

Turpel emailed the presidents of the McDaniel Democrats (Pat Johnson), College Republicans (Janice Wat-

son), Active Minds (Kate Maloney), Black Student Union (Lia Snow), Allies (Brittany Wells), Women's Issues Group (Laura Descher and Sil Hill), International Club (Salini Jayamuni), and Environmental Action Club (Ember Fleming). She herself was the president of Amnesty International.

She said they were all very willing and excited to be a part of the group she was forming. Fleming was particularly surprised, because she thought that "when people think of social justice they don't really think of the environment," she said. "So I was happy that Claire approached me, and I was really glad to have my club involved, because we have a great group of people this year."

Maloney said Turpel attended one of their meetings in order to talk about the Justice League, and that they joined because "we wanted to promote a cause and raise awareness. It's important to not only be aware but to take action."

After creating the League, Turpel planned a week of events, to take place November 10-14, to promote the group to the campus—complete with a kick-off party, tasting of locally-grown food, open-forum, a movie screening of Fern Gully and Dead Man Walking, recycle games, trash quest and tie-dye making and "social justice" trivia.

Different clubs sponsored certain events throughout the week. During the kick-off party, students could make friendship bracelets with Active Minds and cut out hands and write what you're most thankful for with the

Environmental Action Club (EAC). There was also a box to put questions or topics to raise in the open forum.

"I wanted to keep it really open, any issue that the clubs promote, human rights in China, recycling issues, Lesbian/Gay/Bi-sexual/Transsexual/Questioning alliance issues, anything" said Turpel.

That Wednesday night, Turpel kept the forum casual by having everyone introduce themselves and say their favorite ice cream. One newcomer responded with, "Mint-chocolate chip and Eric," and a girl looked up and said, "I'm eating Eric."

The group of students addressed such issues as "Did Sarah Palin do a disservice to women's issues?" and "Will racism dissolve now that Obama is our President?" and "Is helping the environment or the human race more important to you and why?"

Junior Stacey Kight thought the forum was "a fantastic opportunity for students to come and talk about things that are so much bigger than themselves."

Like Turpel, Kight feels that "it's essential for college students like us to get together and talk about these issues because it's so easy for us to get wrapped up in our own hectic schedules and inevitably disregard the big picture."

Snow, president of the Black Student Union, had an optimistic take on the state of our country concerning these issues. Conceding that awareness still needs to be raised, she exclaimed, "But there are people like us. There's hope!"



JULIANN GUIFFRE

In an activity sponsored by the EAC, Marybeth Bounds and Laura Descher, co-president of the Women's Issues Group, traced their hands, and wrote what they are most thankful for in the environment on the cutouts.

HOW MCDANIEL NAMES THESE HALLS OF IVY

COLLEEN MCCARRACK
Staff Reporter

McDaniel College students certainly have their own campus lingo. Glar equals cafeteria. Peterson equals art. Rouzer equals freshman boys. Gill equals gym and the list goes on and on. Students regularly use the names of the college campus buildings as a reference. But the real question is, do the students really know what the building names mean or represent?

Priscilla Ord, and adjunct lecturer for the English Department, helped her students find the answers to these questions. Ord assigned a unique project titled, "Naming the Halls of Ivy," to her freshman English class. Following a study of how college buildings and designated places were and are now named, students employed six types of expository writing to show what they have learned about McDaniel's history in general, including the specific history of some of the college's buildings.

Ord's students researched general back-

ground information on the naming of buildings, including the process involved in naming the buildings. Ord explained that the building's naming process first goes to the President's council followed by the Board of Trustees for approval.

The students' next step was to classify the buildings based on their function and compare and contrast the patterns of naming the buildings on campus. Students learned that buildings could be named after a college President, after a trustee, coach or donor in his honor of someone. Lastly, students were assigned a particular building on campus to research the history and name of that building.

Although the students seemed apprehensive at first, the project was eventually embraced with enthusiasm and interest. "It's a way of learning the history of the college," said Ord.

Ord, who is currently the First Vice President of the American Name Society, will be taking office in January as the President of the group. The American Name is a professional organization devoted to the study of names and

their role in society. Their mission is to find out what really is in a name, and to investigate cultural insights, settlement history, and linguistic characteristics revealed in names.

Ord has been a member of the AMS since the mid to late 1970's and she admits that "the names of things always have and always will fascinate me."

Each year, the American Name Society holds a conference in conjunction with the Linguistic Society of America, the American Dialect Society, and several other associations. This January, Ord will be traveling to San Francisco to take part in the two and a half days of overlapping panels and paper presentations at the conference. Ord's presentation will be based off her student's research and findings.

So next time you're walking to class, take a moment to think about where you're headed and the rich history behind the buildings. Here is what some of Ord's students discovered about McDaniel's buildings:

ENGLAR DINING HALL:

Englar, usually referred to as Glar, was constructed from 1965 to 1968 and was named for the Englar family, many of whom were alumni of McDaniel. In 1969, the students petitioned the food company for two main dishes at each screening meal in Englar cafeteria. However, the planned cafeteria strike in March 1970 failed. In 1993, the bread, deli bar, and salad bar selections were upgraded and vegan entrees became available, as well as pizza and hamburgers!

PETERSON HALL:

The Peterson Hall building was originally built in 1908 as the library and was later an art studio. In 1991 the building was renovated and named in appreciation for the \$1 million gift from a trustee emerita, Clementine Peterson. During the renovation, an elevator was installed, the classrooms were equipped with technology, the basement area was refitted for drawing studios, the offices were redesigned to be an art gallery and the ceiling was refitted with translucent and stained glass.

ROUZER HALL:

Rouzer was opened in 1968 as a men's dormitory. During the planned phase of this new dormitory, a third floor was added to accommodate an additional 56 men and to balance the male-female housing options. This hall was named for trustee E. McClure Rouzer, a '07 graduate of McDaniel. Rouzer and Whiteford were constructed at the same time.

GILL GYM:

The groundbreaking for the new Gill gymnasium was held in December 1938. The gym was named for Robert J. Gill, an outstanding athlete during his undergraduate years, a trustee from 1925-1983, and a significant leader in the fund-raising events for the facility. Gill also served as a general in the army and served at the Nuremberg trials in 1945. The gym's 80 by 115 foot playing floor was one of the finest in the East and the Gill gym, when it opened in 1939, was

the largest and best-equipped gym in Maryland!

EATON HALL:

Eaton Hall was completed in 1979, costing the college \$13.4 million dollars. Eaton Hall is an impressive 50,000 sq. ft. and six stories above ground. The most impressive feature of Eaton Hall is where the three stories convert from brick to glass as it connects to the Lewis Hall of Science. The building was named after Thomas and Katherine Eaton who, upon passing, donated \$8 million dollars to the college.

The building has already been given two awards: The 1999 Craftsmanship Award for mechanical pipe installation, awarded by the Building Congress, an Exchange of Metropolitan Baltimore, Inc., and the Regional Technology Award for System Design from the Baltimore Metropolitan Chapter of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers.

HARLOW POOL:

The Harlow pool was named after Richard C. "Dick" Harlow, a successful football coach at McDaniel from 1926 to 1934. The pool was dedicated and named after Coach Harlow in 1968. Unlike most pools, the Harlow Pool only has five lanes, which is atypical and often causes problems during swim competitions. The college considered constructing a new pool when the gym was built but because the current pool was already a large expense, they chose not to.

LEVINE HALL:

Levine Hall was named after James Levine Billingslea. His parents Dr. and Mrs. Charles Billingslea paid for the building and dedicated it to their son who died at a young age from measles. The building was built in 1891. Over the years, the building served as a preparatory school and men's dorm building. It was not until 1940 that it became the official building for the music department. It has been refurbished over the years and was rededicated in 2002.



EVAN TICKNOR

BACHELORS WIN EXAMINER'S TAILGATE OF THE WEEK AWARD

KATE DELENICK
Co-Editor in Chief

Who knew a role of duct tape, a 10x20 ft. tarp, and a PVC pipe would amount to the Baltimore Examiner's Tailgate of the Week honor? For the brothers of the Alpha Gamma Tau fraternity it was just another Homecoming on the Hill, but for alumni and football fans it was something more.

Over 75 current and former Bachelors marked their usual spot bright and early on Homecoming morning at Bair Stadium. Breakfast was served on their full size stainless steel grill around 8 am with a menu of eggs and sausage.

Alpha Gamma Tau President, Joe Delenick said the recognition wasn't expected but certainly a big honor.

Baltimore Examiner Photographer, Jon Clements approached the Alpha Gamma Tau tailgate and told the brothers he had been all around the stadium and felt they were the best in terms of "setup, food, and atmosphere."

Expected or not, the Bachelors believe the title was well deserved. Current Alpha Gamma Tau member, Ross Smith said, "Many organizations participate but the Bachelors take it a step further...we were the first ones on the Hill and the last ones to leave."

The brothers have a vested interest when it comes to tailgating at the stadium. Two of their own, Albert Leech and Ryan Blaser are also members of the Green Return Football Team and while it might seem like they missed out on the "Tailgate Of The Week" festivities they didn't think so.

Blaser said, "It's awesome to hear people cheering up on the hill...you can always tell where the cheers are coming from and who is having the best time up on the hill. Looking up and seeing that my brothers are having a good time is added incentive to play hard."

Along with being chosen as "Tailgate of the Week" winners the Bachelors are now in the running for the Examiner's "Tailgate of the Year." Although it is yet to be told whether the brothers will win, one thing is for certain for the next year The Alpha Gamma Tau Fraternity has tailgate bragging rights and around here, that's quite an honor.

Perhaps, Delenick says, it best, "we have more fun tailgating than anyone else here...the proof is in the award."



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Bachelor's President Joe Delenick runs the grill during the game.



PHOTO COURTESY JON CLEMENTS OF THE BALTIMORE EXAMINER
The Bachelors show off their letters posted on the field at Bair Stadium for the Homecoming game.

MCDANIEL'S GRADUATE PROGRAM MORE THAN DOUBLES UNDERGRAD

KRIS BREEDEN
Staff Reporter

McDaniel College's burgeoning graduate program has an enrollment that tops undergraduate enrollment — a little known fact among undergraduates.

McDaniel actually offers 16 different programs of graduate study, many of them revolving around education, including counselor education and teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL). Other programs include human resources development, exercise science, and gerontology.

In terms of student growth, during the 2007-2008 school years, 3,030 students were enrolled in graduate classes at McDaniel.

"This number dwarfs the approximate 1,700 students attending McDaniel as undergraduates."

"The graduate program has always been larger than the community in general realities," explains Dr. Henry Reiff, Acting Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies.

When Dr. Henry Reiff began working in the graduate office in 1989, he says the faculty meetings consisted of seven to eight people and everything was contained within Thompson Hall.

Now taking up the 2nd floor of Academic Hall, the Graduate programs hold faculty meetings of more than thirty people.

Reiff explains that Enrollment increased with the development of new programs, which started in the mid-1990s. First, a Human Resource program was developed with a cohort approach. Since then, McDaniel has added programs in BEST (Better Educators for the Students of Tomorrow), gerontology, and TESOL.

Another catalyst for growth was the expansion of programs off campus, which took off during the mid-90s.

"Half of the students at any one time,"

according to Reiff, "are not coming to campus for their classes."

Select McDaniel Graduate and Professional Studies classes are offered throughout Maryland, including Calvert, Cecil, Charles, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's County.

And there are more graduate developments in the works: an IT program for certification in online teaching and a program for Leadership in Global Enterprise.

One result of all the efforts made within the graduate program, says Reiff, has been a change in demographics. With the cohort and off-campus programs, the graduate school has a more diverse demographic than the undergraduates.

On campus, "it used to primarily be Carroll County teachers," Reiff explains.

Now, he says, McDaniel even attracts students from Pennsylvania, including Adams and York County.

"I knew a student who drove 75 miles each way," he states, "which I think is a testament to the quality of the programs here."

What does all this mean for the McDaniel undergrads?

The McDaniel graduate programs want to offer more to the undergraduate community.

"One of my goals of Graduate and Professional Studies," says Reiff, "is to increase the connectedness with the undergraduate programs."

Reiff would like to see an increase in internships offered to undergraduates within the graduate programs.

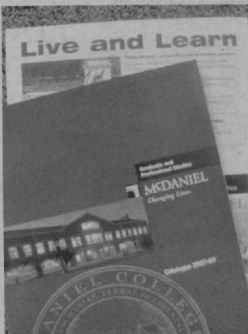
"One that jumps out is Gerontology," he says, "and the same with Human Resource Development. I think it would be a good way to get experience and help decide if you want to pursue that graduate degree."

Another measure the graduate school plans to take is offering more graduate classes to undergraduate students.

"We really have grown a long way, but there's tremendous potential for expansion and developing new programs," says Reiff.

"I really am excited," he explains, "by trying to build a better connection, awareness, and understanding between the graduate and undergraduate communities."

For specific information on Graduate Studies at McDaniel College, go to <http://www.mcdaniel.edu/126.htm> or stop by the Graduate and Professional Studies office on the 2nd floor of Academic Hall.



KRIS BREEDEN
McDaniel's grad program has been growing more than the undergraduate program.

JOURNALISM STUDENTS VISIT NEWSEUM IN D.C.

ROXANNE FLEISCHER
Staff Reporter

On Thursday November 20, as the bus pulled in front of a museum in Washington, D.C., 36 journalism students could see the first amendment etched into a 74-foot-cul marble wall. They were at the Newseum.

Professor Terry Dalton took his three journalism classes, (Media Ethics, Introduction to Journalism, and a FYS class, Journalism in the 21st century: the real story) to the Newseum that claims to be, "the world's most interactive museum, where five centuries of news history meets up-to-the-second technology on America's Main Street."

"It is a wonderful place for students and others to be informed, educated, and entertained about the news media, whether that means print, radio, television, or artifacts," said Dalton.

"The Newseum is a powerful reminder that while newspapers may not last forever, journalism will never disappear," Dalton said.

The Newseum has six different levels that hold 14 major galleries and 15 theaters. There is also a changing exhibits gallery that is currently, "G-Men and Journalists: Top News Stories of the FBI's First Century." Susie Riddle, who is the

ing two of Dalton's classes, said that the FBI exhibit was her favorite.

"I learned about the past of reporting and the extraordinary lengths reporters go to," she said.

When the students first arrived at the Newseum, they watched a short 4-D film that gave a short history on reporting. Jesse Paskowski, who is currently in Dalton's Introduction to Journalism Class, said that the films were, "educational and fun to watch...I was learning in a different way which made it more interesting than just reading out of a book."

Paskowski said her favorite exhibits were the 9-11 Pulitzer Prize Photographs galleries. "It was something emotional going through both exhibits and watching the videos," she said.

Dalton also commented on the photo gallery, adding that there were "some of the most powerful photography that you will see anywhere."

Overall, both students and Professor Dalton were pleased with the field trip. "I was hoping that they would appreciate the many great things about journalism in this country...I shudder to think of what this country would be like without journalists looking out for the public by being watchdogs of government, big business, and the powerful in general."

MCDANIEL TECH CRACKING DOWN ON ROGUE ROUTERS

KATELYN MCGINLEY
Staff Reporter

Beware all students who have been sneaking "contraband" routers onto campus — the McDaniel IT team is onto you, and the school is serious about getting rid of them.

Esther Iglich, the head of the McDaniel IT Team, explains that the reason for this crackdown comes from the problems caused by the routers.

"Misconfiguration," says Iglich, is one of the main issues. "A router is usually configured to support a household with a single DSL or cable uplink," which makes it fairly simple to connect the router in a way that it sees the rest of ResNet (the school's network) as the household it is meant to support.

"Once the router has declared itself as the central repository and authority for network configuration, other users on ResNet use that configuration," Iglich says. Since the configuration of the networks is wrong, the students cannot connect to the network properly, which is a problem that

is difficult for the IT team to diagnose and fix.

"Until we can find the offending piece of equipment," says Iglich, "many users are suffering from a lack of connectivity." This kind of problem can affect an entire hallway of a dorm hall.

Another problem, according to Iglich, is that of wireless interference, which has become a common issue with almost all routers.

"The chances are good that any routers brought on campus by students have wireless capabilities. Just by turning one of these routers on, there's a good chance it will be on one of the channels used by McDaniel's wireless network," says Iglich. This can interfere with radio reception on campus, and makes using the school's wireless network difficult for others.

"The problem with routers," explains Iglich, "is their effect on students...they can prevent them from getting online, often when they need it most." The analogy that Iglich thinks best fits the issue is that of one person blocking a staircase and preventing everyone else from getting to their destination.

SPECIAL AGENT IN THE MAKING

MCDANIEL STUDENT ACCEPTS INTERNSHIP TO WORK FOR THE FBI



COURTESY CODY CRUTCHLEY

Crutchley was awarded the opportunity to work with the FBI through an internship program over the summer.

"There were so many cool things," Crutchley said of his varied activities at the Academy. "I was just being a sponge, and learning as much as possible."

On one occasion Crutchley was invited to the firing range where he shot machine guns, and another instance had him role-playing in a hostage rescue exercise.

During a ten week training course designed for police officers, Crutchley met officers from all around the world. He quickly became fast friends with an officer from Japan whom he continues to stay in touch with.

At a luncheon, Crutchley met FBI Director Robert Mueller and other opportunities allowed him to meet special agents in charge of Saddam Hussein and the BTK killer.

"I was most grateful for the networking," Crutchley said of his time spent at the internship.

Since his internship wrapped, Crutchley received three interview opportunities for jobs with the Bureau including positions such as management program analyst, intelligence analyst, and investigative specialist.

As he looks to the future Crutchley would ultimately like to become a special agent and work for the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime.

"I'm looking forward to coming back and talking to McDaniel students about my experiences," Crutchley said.

Dr. Dundes of the Sociology Department is one of Crutchley's biggest supporters: "Over four years, I have never seen him be anything but upbeat about his various experiences. Cody is never too busy to take time to offer advice to other students when they learn of his positive experience with the FBI."

"I've always been interested in helping people," said Crutchley. "And the FBI is the perfect ally."

MICHELLE MENNER
Staff Reporter

Hooked up to several sensors of a polygraph and being interrogated was just the very intense beginning of Cody Crutchley's career with the FBI.

Crutchley '09, a Psychology and Sociology dual major, was awarded an honors internship with the Federal Bureau of Investigation this past summer and worked

at the Behavioral Sciences Unit located at the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA.

"I was really stoked to say the least," said Crutchley about the e-mail he received from Special Agent Recruiter John Sheridan informing him that he would be one of 200 honors interns.

While working at the Academy, Crutchley's unique experiences offered him valuable opportunities to learn and network.



BRENT LOWE
Staff Reporter

WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?



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TOM BOEHM
Sophomore



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STEPH THOMPSON
Freshman



"Socks..."
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SOUTH PARK JOINS CLASS CATALOG

SIS CLASS WILL USE SHOW TO EXPLORE CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ISSUES

KATE MALONEY
Staff Reporter

Coming to a classroom near you, *South Park: The Class* will premiere Fall 2009 at McDaniel. The hit TV show is the focus of a new sophomore interdisciplinary studies (SIS) course, which will be co-taught by Dr. Sara Raley, Assistant Professor of Sociology, and part-time faculty member, Josh Baron. Class filming and burping jokes aside, the class will delve into the highly relevant social and philosophical issues presented in *South Park* such as immigration, stereotypes, consumerism, ethics, and political and feminist philosophy.

South Park, which has aired over 180 episodes on Comedy Central since 1997, is now in its 12th season which ends this month and has at least 3 more seasons in the vaults to last until 2011. Known for its satirical parodies of pop culture and current events, the series has won multiple Emmys as well as the respect of many skeptical viewers and named one of the 100 best TV shows of all time by *Time* magazine. Created by Trey Parker and Matt Stone, the show chronicles the adventures of four boys and their friends in the fictional town of South Park, Colorado.

Raley says she recognized *South Park* as a useful learning tool and has wanted to teach a class like this ever since she started watching the show. Because the show takes a characteristically uncommittal and balanced approach to contemporary social issues, Raley believes the show's entertainment value is matched by its sophisticated references and deep insights. Baron agrees, "South Park takes such an interesting, albeit sometimes gross approach to analyzing and discussing many contemporary social issues."

The show's humor is predicted to enhance the quality of academic discussion rather than detract from it. As Baron says, "I'm really excited about exploring often controversial issues using *South Park* because humor often allows a greater freedom of dialogue. I think that just because something is funny, doesn't mean it cannot contain serious themes." Baron believes that in many ways *South Park* is a reflection of society, so using it in the classroom to analyze social issues seems completely natural.

However, students should not expect

the class to be a course in media analysis as it will not be geared towards *South Park*'s influence on society. Students will rather use the show as a springboard for studying the underlying issues' impact on society. While most of the class will be issue-oriented, it might also take on a theoretical approach at times focusing on whether or not an episode supports or refutes certain sociological and philosophical theories.

Raley and Baron envision a discussion-based class offered twice a week to allow time for viewing a full-episode of *South Park* followed by critical discussion of the subject at-hand. The class will be split into two sections capped at 20 students each; however, Raley and Baron plan to have the sections meet together for the entirety of the course. This will give the students the opportunity to hear not only from both instructors but also from all 40 of their peers. No official title, syllabus, or assignments for the course have been nailed down to the two professors plan to solidify details over Jan Term.

Dr. Raley says, "I think it's important to meet students where they are. They are in their dorms watching this show already, so why not use it in the classroom as a way to make learning fun?" She appears to be right: in an informal survey of the student body, only 9% indicated that they had never seen an episode of *South Park*. The other 81% have at least seen a couple episodes and 32% say they watch the show as often as they can. Not surprisingly, the interest in the class seems to be there as well. The majority of students said they would definitely want to take the class, at least if their schedule allowed it and 39% indicated that they would consider taking the class with either more information or if it counted towards their major or minor. Only 9% of students said they would definitely not consider taking a class focused on *South Park*.

Student reaction to the class however is varied. Kristen McGeeny '10 says, "South Park really does call into question a wide variety of social issues, and does so in a way that is engaging to college-age students." An anonymous student also thinks that's a good idea for a class: "I like the fact that a lot of the SIS courses are on subjects that aren't likely to be of-

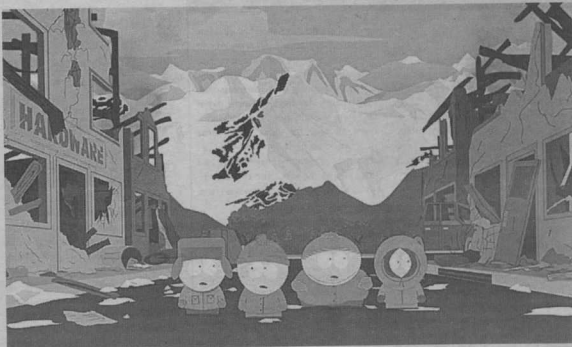


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In one episode of *South Park*, the characters find their town taken over by homeless people, and so they set out on a mission to rescue it and get rid of the homeless.

benefit in a regular class. I think *South Park* comments on a lot of different aspects of our society and it does it with humor, which is often a plus."

"While some students are definitely in favor of a class such as this, others are more unconvicted. One anonymous student who took the survey expressed mixed feelings by saying, "I think that *South Park* is an interesting subject for a class that takes it seriously, but also understands that it in and of itself [the show] is not a serious discussion of issues, nor is it an authority on any topics. *South Park* satirizes important issues, but often in a superficial way."

A few students said they would worry that the class would not look good on their transcript or would be concerned about telling their parents. An anonymous student said, "I think that if I told my parents I was going to be spending the hard earned money they pay for me to attend college on a class about the sociological impact of a cartoon that specializes in fart and masturbation jokes, they would probably be pretty pissed. That isn't to say that I don't think there is value in what the class has to teach, I just don't personally think that I would

benefit from it."

Because the show is hailed as one of the most popular animated comedies on television, Raley and Baron worry that students will not be able to get past being a fan and step into the role of an objective and critical observer. Baron says, "My biggest concern is that people will not take the class seriously."

Evan Ticknor '10 expressed similar hesitation saying, "I think that although there is a lot of good social commentary in *South Park*, we have watched an episode in my sociology class and too many people could not get over the humor and see what the episode was actually saying. With that said, I think that this could be a potential issue with the class, especially if people sign up for it intending on simply watching TV for class."

Both instructors are aware of the course's potential to be seen as "gimmicky" and Raley notes, "Even pitching it as a legitimate academic endeavor was

a tough sell to some of our other faculty members, while others embraced the concept wholeheartedly." Danielle Azoulay '09 was surprised that McDaniel even agreed to offer it. But, students should be warned that while the class will certainly be fun, it is also going to be a lot of serious work.

Many professors already show clips or episodes of *South Park* in their classes to incite student engagement and discussion. However, a class based exclusively on the show offers something unique that a class using it only tangentially cannot. That unique contribution is an opportunity to fully appreciate the breadth of issues *South Park* raises in a more in-depth, concentrated focus on this pop culture phenomenon. Instead of using the show to support an existing curriculum, Raley and Baron will create a wholly original curriculum around *South Park* that highlights the show's social and philosophical message.

FREE PRESS DORM DELICACIES

BRENT LOWE
Staff Reporter

Most college freshman came in thinking they wouldn't be able to cook the food they could make in their kitchens at home. They soon came to realize that was dumb; we are college students. We have microwaves; what else could we need?

In this section, you will find recipes for decent food for all students to enjoy in their rooms while spending very little money. This issue's recipe will be for a very classy tuna salad sandwich.

Ingredients:

- 2 pieces of bread (ask around people have it, or steal from Glar)
- 1 6oz can of tuna (can be bought at Little J's)
- two packets of mayo (can be stolen from Glar)
- one weak old bottle of apple juice (Again Little J's or vending machines).
- Fruit or onions (only if you want to get fancy)

- 1 Start by opening the can of tuna and draining out all the water.
- 2 Then mix the tuna together with the mayo, either in the tuna can (which will have more room in it now that the water's gone) or a small bowl.
- 3 Now here's the deal with the apple juice: if you opened a bottle of apple juice a week ago and took a couple of swigs out of it, don't throw it away. It can be used as an apple vinegar for this recipe. Add only a dash or two of the apple vinegar. A little goes a long way. After that week a lot can make you sick.
- 4 Mix the tuna, mayo and vinegar up and put it on the bread. Chop up onions or fruit and mix in if you want to get fancy.
- 5 Serve with potato chips for a classy meal in the comfort of your own dorm.

Helpful Hint: If you don't have enough room in your fridge for a big jug of juice, freeze some of it in the ice cub tray and add thoughts to a cup of the juice, it will cool it down and it won't get watery. This won't work forever though, juice goes bad when not refrigerated.



If you feel down...

"I find that I perform best when I'm focused on being useful as opposed to becoming something."

—Barack Obama

During the upcoming holiday season, redirect your energy into being useful. We've become so involved in what others are doing for us that we sometimes forget to give back. This time of year we have so many opportunities to donate and volunteer, don't let this year end without returning the favor.

—Torreka Jordan

...pick this up

MCDANIEL PROFESSOR LEAHY CAN DO IT ALL

DANIELLE SMITH
Staff Reporter

With 24 years of experience at McDaniel College, Dr. Christianna Leahy manages to not just juggle but to "hacky sack" her way through the constant challenge of being a single mother a college professor, the head of her department, an avid equestrian, and unfailing making herself available to her many students.

"She is a force of nature," academic secretary Elaine Barnard-Luce said when describing this political science professor who finds that every day presents a different obstacle course.

A typical day for Dr. Leahy begins before most people have even thought of hitting the snooze button. 5:45 a.m. starts the all-day marathon.

Besides getting herself ready, Leahy has to take care of her horse, Cheval de Reve (French for "horse of the dream"), and her dogs, Gramsci (a Labrador) and Whippersnapper (a Jack Russell "Terrier"). After tending to the horse dogs Leahy then enjoys preparing a large breakfast for her ten-year-old son, Roan.

"I am a firm believer that nutrition has an effect on learning," Leahy says as she describes how she makes sure her son has enough fuel in his stomach so he can concentrate on learning. Ironically enough, Leahy has yet to eat by 7:10 a.m. when the mother-son duo drive 20 minutes in the opposite direction of Westminster to make it to Roan's school, St. Paul's, on time.

Managing between stoplights to get her daily information fill from the New York Times, Leahy arrives at McDaniel by 8:00 a.m., 20 minutes before her 8:20 a.m. class and still with no food in her stomach.

After teaching for 90 minutes, things begin to open up. Administration work that comes along with being the department chair tends to occupy some of this time. But interaction with students is also a frequent occurrence. In fact, Leahy elaborates, "It's my favorite part of my day, other than seeing Roan."

Invested in providing the best education possible for her students, Leahy describes that after receiving her masters and from Georgetown University, she found herself teaching at Western Maryland College, now McDaniel. She figured she would teach at WMC until she finished her dissertation.

Surprisingly enough, Leahy found she actually liked it at the small liberal arts college. The small classes of 20 students proved a better fit for lecturing.

"I can see their faces and know if they are getting it or are lost," Leahy explains.

However, her day is not close to being over. Teaching at least another two classes of her own, Leahy also finds time to be a guest speaker in several other classes, go on business lunches with guest speak-

ers, then attend those speeches all before rushing to pick up her son at 4 p.m.

"The radio is not on during their car ride home; instead the car is filled with conversation. Hearing how Roan separates his academic day from his social day is far more entertaining than whatever nonsense is on the radio. Once home Roan works on his homework while Leahy allows her son his independence and rides Cheval de Reve. The two reunite for a candle-light dinner for two no later than 7 p.m.

"They are not distracted by the television, rather they 'relax and have real intellectual conversation,'" Leahy makes clear.

After a large dinner and a healthy serving of news, she either enjoys fun activities like rock climbing with Roan, reads, or grades papers. If she is lucky, an international conference call won't start at 9 p.m. since they tend to run at least two hours. Even so, Leahy enjoys ending her evening with reading something completely unrelated to political science, preferably some sort of poetry.

Having a daily routine as demanding as Leahy's is difficult, but she takes pride in her ability to "juggle 9,000 different things." Others, including students past and present, notice that skill too. They also notice that Leahy is more invested in her students and is completely willing to help them in any way possible.

"Leahy is really awesome," Theresa Stromberg, a current student of Leahy's, says with no hesitation. "She is so passionate about her subject that even though it is a lecture class, it makes it so much better because she is so passionate. You can ask her anything, even if it isn't about class and she is more than happy to talk to you about it. She is just awesome."

Lindsay Browning has taken two courses with Leahy and has her as an advisor. She says, "Dr. Leahy and I have very different view points but she is extremely helpful." Browning also comments on one of the many volunteer jobs Leahy is involved in.

"She is the advisor for the Model UN and she doesn't get paid for it. It is so cool she is willing to get involved outside of the classroom," says Browning.

Nothing but the utmost respect and admiration was heard when political science secretary Elaine Barnard-Luce spoke of Dr. Leahy. "She is extremely enthusiastic and passionate about her subject and it comes across in her everyday conversations. She is a force of nature and full of energy."

"This 'force of nature' chuckled as she elaborated on "growing old at McDaniel."

"It depends on this election. Roan wants to move to France if Obama doesn't win."

Luckily, McDaniel doesn't have to worry about losing Dr. Christianna Leahy any time soon.

JOURNALISM SKILLS HELP PR'S DAVIS WRITE ABOUT MCDANIEL

ROXANNE FLEISCHER
Staff Reporter

It all started with that soft bean bag chair, the one she says she was partial to in her elementary school library in Austin, Texas. Her love of reading started there, and ever since her childhood, she knew she wanted to be a writer.

And that is what she is. Gina Davis is the McDaniel College Associate Director of Media Relations. While part of her job is to be the media contact for local, regional, and national reporters to interest them in news about McDaniel, the other part is to write about the college in News @ McDaniel and The Hill publications.

But writing and reporting are no new tasks for Davis. Before coming to McDaniel she worked 15 years at The Baltimore Sun and a year each at the Morning Call in Allentown, Pa., and at Newsday in New York prior to coming to Baltimore.

"Everything I did at The Sun all comes together," Davis said. "All of my experiences prepared me for this job." And the transition from the newsroom to her office in Harrison House has been aided by the similarities in the two jobs: meeting people and learning their stories. "What I absolutely loved most about my job as a reporter was the privilege it gave me to make those 'people connections.' It's amazing the stories that people have to tell. And it was absolutely a privilege to be able to record those stories as a reporter."

Davis has one regret about her years as a reporter that she hadn't started earlier. She had spent her first two years at The Sun as a copy editor and the next nine working on design before she became a reporter, which she believes has helped her at her position here.

"Having been a reporter, I better understand the best way to approach reporters," she said. Davis still has her contacts and knows what sort of stories they are looking for.

Peggy Fodick, McDaniel's Director of Communications, has said that Davis made the transition from newsroom to McDaniel with ease. "It can be a difficult transition, but Gina understands the McDaniel mission as well as our marketing mission—and she integrates the two seamlessly."

At The Baltimore Sun, Davis was an education reporter so she was already familiar with McDaniel. She now has the position at McDaniel that was once held by a contact for her stories when she was at The Sun.

And this is the media relations part of her job. But she insists that it's not in her personality to be a spokesperson. "I am not just pushing a product. What's going on here at McDaniel is something I can be proud of," she said. "It makes my job meaningful."

But it's not only her job that brings her meaning, however. Outside of work, she enjoys reading and volunteers as secretary at her church. She and her husband also are taking care of their 4 year old niece, Melaina, while Melaina's mother, Davis' sister, finishes up a nursing program in Virginia. This leaves Davis with little free time outside of work.

Davis, who has only been at McDaniel since August, has already used her contacts to get McDaniel in several national and regional stories, including a piece on the Debate Fallacy Bingo in the Baltimore Sun.

"She's an exceptional writer," said Joyce Muller, the Associate Vice President of Communications and Marketing. "We are a stronger team for having her as a key player in marketing the college."

Fosdick agrees that Davis is a good addition. "Gina is great to work with. She's a pitch-perfect writer who knows how to pull readers into her stories and make them feel as though they experienced it themselves," she said.

"Gina is a focused and versatile journalist who laughs easily and works hard. She's a tremendous asset to the Communications and Marketing team."

Her 17 years experience with news reporting brings a lot to the department as Davis has a way of connecting with the people she interviews. When working for The Sun, she was able to talk to the mother and family of a marine killed in Iraq when the family had refused to talk to any media altogether.

Davis said she was able to convince the family that she only wanted to be able to write a story about the man and what he had meant to his family and the community. Although the mother called The Sun, "that liberal rag," it was only hours later that the family had invited Davis to eat dinner with them after their interview.

When a national group was protesting at the marine's funeral, the family called Davis to be sure she had a quote from them. Even after the articles were written, Davis stayed in contact with the family for a media relations, she said.

But now, as a same time director, Davis has the duty to keep the relationship between McDaniel and the community sound.

Because she was only recently part of the media, Davis knows the media's perspective of McDaniel, the college, is well respected, considered responsive and responsible, and the school has a lot to be proud about."

And she wants to keep this viewpoint intact: "I want to represent the best about McDaniel to the public with sincerity."

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COURTESY CHRISTIANNA LEAHY

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUZDZADINOWA BRINGS HER DIVERSE AND CULTURAL BACKGROUND TO MCDANIEL

NADIA ARTIOMENCO
Staff Reporter

Fidan Suzdadinowa, a girl with a last name that can hardly be pronounced by a native English speaker, is as multilingual and sophisticated as her background suggests. Although her family is originally from Baku, Azerbaijan, Fidan was born in Moscow and considers her mother language to be Russian. Fidan moved to Poland with her parents when she was three years old, only to leave for the United States at the age of 17.

The Cultural Exchange Program brought Fidan to the Hillcrest High School in Idaho Falls, Idaho where she studied for a year, which turned out to be life-changing for at least another four years.

Besides the successful completion of the twelfth grade and the momentous acceptance to McDaniel College with an encouraging scholarship, a year in Idaho led Fidan to several realizations about the United States. It turned out that not all places in the US are as vibrant and lively as Long Island, NY, Los Angeles, CA and Miami, FL, where Fidan traveled with her parents to visit relatives long before she came here to study.

"It was a striking experience," admits Fidan, "there were no people on the streets (of Idaho Falls)... You could say - it's quiet, but honestly, it was just boring."

Regardless of these frustrations Fidan was able to succeed in high school and

get herself comfortable with the culture of a country she chose to study in for four more years. Although cultural miscommunications have certainly taken place more than once, Fidan doesn't think that the differences are worth emphasizing more than the similarities.

One of her mottoes might have been "never say never" as she promotes assimilation, yet "be and stay yourself" would then be another one as she recognizes the importance of not losing one's identity in an attempt to adjust.

"I realized that becoming a part of a community without losing myself is so significant that I agree to spend some extra time on it," laughs Fidan. The hardest and most memorable compromise to Fidan was to react to the widely used "How are you?" as to a greeting, rather than as to a question. As insignificant as it might seem to a person who grew up in the United States, to Fidan an innocent "How are you?" dropped by someone without any intention to hear her answer, seemed unthinkable. "I wouldn't want to be overdramatic about this, but it could literally ruin my day back then," reveals Fidan. Although today she has overcome that reaction and her roommates in a North Village apartment Rachad '09 and Dajah '09 describe Fidan as "very open-minded, friendly, loveable and energetic," which certainly satisfies Fidan's first motto, she is concerned with following the second one: "I'm afraid of getting into a habit of doing things I really don't like."

Philosophy classes with Dr. Peter Bradley are certainly not one of those 'things' since she adores the classes where critical thinking is emphasized over pure memorization. It is no wonder then that she is majoring in Philosophy along with Political Science, where discussions are vital for understanding. Fidan's appreciation for the subject turns out to benefit the whole class as, according to Bradley, "she brings a different perspective and depth to the discussions in the classroom." Especially memorable to Bradley is the game where Fidan was assigned to defend the position of the old Marxist school in the frame of the course "Anarchy: Social and Political" and turned out to be a "brilliant choice" because of the depth and of knowledge Fidan was able to bring to the game.

Moreover, Fidan's willingness to contribute to and be an ardent part of the community is not restricted by the classroom walls. Although "not a fan of delineating 'skills' for the resume purposes", Fidan cannot deny that her cosmopolitan perspective was widely applicable while working for the International Programs Office (IPO) on campus. Helping the IPO Director Rose Falkner to guide the study abroad applicants through the process of getting ready to travel to the destination of their choice is not always easy, but the purpose is of great, sometimes even personal importance and the results are inspiring.

"It is nice to see that increasing number of students is eager to experience



COURTESY FIDAN SUZDADINOWA

Suzdadinowa was born in Russia, and has lived in Poland and the U.S., where she moved at 17. She now attends McDaniel.

living abroad for a semester or two," says Fidan. "I wish everyone courage and curiosity to take a chance and study abroad." And the former is certainly so, as Chin Chin '10 also an IPO assistant confirms, "the number of students going abroad is gradually increasing: around 50 students going abroad in the spring '09."

Fidan believes that "an opportunity to travel is one of the best ways to grow and appreciate complexity of life" but in her case every more or less long vacation implies traveling when she goes back home to Poland to visit her family and friends. Also language barrier is usually not a problem to her and it is hard to list the languages in which Fidan can communicate, without feeling envious.

"Although far from being fluent in all of them, I know I will have no problem with ordering a sandwich with cheese and a cup of coffee in Polish, Russian, English, Spanish or German."

So even though Fidan "phrases like 'motivated worker' or 'flexible learner', however necessary they may be, always resonate with fake generalizations" it would be hard to disprove that those two descriptions cannot be applied to her.

When talking about her future plans, Fidan's voice becomes less confident. However, there is no reason to think that her enthusiasm, thoughtfulness, decisiveness and open-mindedness won't find an application in today's world.

SHARPE'S 'BOOKS SANDWICHED IN' OFFERS READING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

ANGELA BALDWIN
Staff Reporter

"I didn't start out with 40 books, they just found me," Jane Sharpe, Associate Librarian, told a chuckling audience at her yearly event, Books Sandwiched In. Yes, this year, 40 books were on her list of great books for holiday gifts.

This annual event of holiday cheer started when, "Several years ago, we had different guests review a book for this program and I thought how about having someone review a few books for the holiday season, books for gifts," said Sharpe.

Sharpe herself took on this presentation and as time went on, decided to try and do the "books for holiday gifts program" annually. She volunteered herself to keep the program alive, and she has "been doing it ever since."

So, how does she go about choosing these books every year? Accord-

ing to Sharpe, she begins this process around August. She finds these selections in the bookstores, through magazines, newspapers and television.

In addition, Sharpe claims, "Sometimes the books that I find me—are sent to me or I keep seeing them again and again."

Though she begins in August and gets a few books in mind in September, she says, "By mid-October, I get serious."

Since there are so many books out in the world, Sharpe narrows it down by focusing on what she would buy for people on her list.

Next, she adds books of certain kinds, "like local history, local authors, biographies, board books," she said.

Sharpe also uses her locality to help choose her selection. She goes to her local bookstore, Locust Books, and she looks for books that "catch her eye" and that are recommended by the owner

Tim Bryson and staff.

This year was special because of a tragic event. A favorite author, Tasha Tudor, died this year. As a result, Sharpe has included one of her books, titled *A is for Annabelle: a Doll's Alphabet*. In addition, two of the books had anniversaries.

After she chooses her books, Sharpe recalls, "I look over and read most of the books, read the reviews and make notes." After that, is, of course the event itself, Books Sandwiched In, where she shares with the audience what she has found and read.



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WORDS OF WISDOM ON SURVIVING FINALS WEEK

CHRISTINA HINKLE
Staff Reporter

Finals week is the most stressful week of the semester, whether you're a freshman taking finals for the first time, or a senior looking forward to never having finals again after May.

Finals can be extremely stressful and everyone has their own studying techniques that help them get through that dreaded week each semester. If you're feeling extra stressed, here are a few techniques you can try to minimize the frustration and panic that come with taking exams:

TRY MAKING NOTE CARDS. IT'S THE BEST WAY TO MAKE LOTS OF WORK LOOK LESS OVERWHELMING AND IS A GREAT WAY TO MEMORIZE INFORMATION.

- ELLERY WYNN '09

I FIND THAT THE BEST WAY TO STUDY IS JUST TO GO BACK OVER ALL THE READINGS FROM THESEMESTER AND ALL OF MY NOTES.

- ANNA MOFFETT '10

I FIND A PLACE WHERE I CAN LEAVE ALL MY STUFF SET UP FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK. THIS WAY I CAN GET WORK DONE WHENEVER I HAVE A FEW MINUTES IN BETWEEN OTHER THINGS.

- AMANDA GUSHARD-EDWARDS '09

RE-COPYING NOTES THAT I'VE TAKEN THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER, AND LOTS OF CAFFEINE!

- CRISTINA CONE '09

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ON PAGE 15, we ran an article on Becky Martin which should have been credited to Jon Zimmerman.

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LOOKING ON THE ECONOMY'S BRIGHT SIDE

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If your parents are at all like mine, you have probably heard the same story any time you visit or call home: "The stock market sucks, we are losing tons of money!" Indeed, as I write this article, CNN.com is showing the Dow is down almost 60 points again after finishing below 8000. But while there are plenty of numbers to crunch and people to hear freak out, it is important to remember how the economy is actually affecting people out there. In my opinion, there are some bright spots that we may be overlooking.

For most people that I know, the recent downturn in the economy has not caused them to lose untold thousands in the stock market. Most people my age, myself included, do not have large amounts of money invested in the first place. Anything that was invested is either now already spent on college, or in safer types of accounts waiting to be spent on college. The main area where the poor economy can affect college students is in jobs and loans. With respect to loans, I cannot offer much comfort. The loan market is bad for just about

everyone right now, but colleges understand this and will hopefully do all they can to help people who are struggling.

As for jobs, those of us still in school probably do not have too much to worry about. With mostly menial jobs that will always be around (people will always have to go to the grocery store and will probably never stop dining in low-priced restaurants). Most of us do not have to support a family and can still get help from mom and dad if we really need it. For students about to graduate however, the picture may not be as cheerful, depending on what field they intend to go into. However, McDaniel's career services seems to still be going as strong as ever with job fairs, resume workshops and general advice to those preparing to enter the working world.

While the selling continues on Wall Street, it is important to remember the old law of supply and demand. As retailers have less buyer interest, they will be inclined to sell at a lower price. As for me, if I am feeling bad about the stock market, I can immediately cheer myself by driving along Route 140 and seeing all the gas stations with prices now under \$2 per gallon. Being college students

means we are the little guy in the economic world. We don't spend that much and we don't earn that much. Whenever the economy is good, it seems like the little guy gets burned on high prices and living costs. So maybe when the economy is bad, the little guy can get a break. After all, college and cheap stuff have gone hand in hand for years.

Finally, while many people seem focused on the economy, it is important for us to remember that money is not everything. While many economists predict the worst holiday spending in years this year, perhaps it is worth noting that the holidays are about more than spending or making money. As the holidays approach and the economy remains bad, it is time to actually put into practice what the cheery Christmas stories tell us every year. Maybe by being forced to be thrifty this Christmas, people will finally learn that our dependence on stuff is out of control. If that happens, if the bad economy can bring people together, perhaps we will look back on this year fondly. Maybe we will remember it not as the year when we lacked something that we wanted, but as the year that we found something we may not have realized we lost.

and Christmas music that can easily turn obnoxious after forty or fifty plays. There are upspades and downside to the holiday bonanza that happens all over the country. Junior Rachel Held mentioned "the pretty decorations."

Junior Michelle Kern however talked about the downsides of the constant Holiday fuss. "The holidays mean insanity to me. They mean going places you don't necessarily want to, listening to Christmas songs over and over and shopping with insane amounts of people. Its pretty much low-filled chaos."

Like most everything, American, the Holiday season means food, food and more food. Starting with the usual spread on Thanksgiving and going onto fudge and pies on Christmas and even the champagne on New Years. The holidays wouldn't be their Americanized

secular selves without the food we shove into our mouths at every corner. I, for one, am unshamed.

If nothing else, the holidays mean a time to rest after so much work of a long semester as Junior Britt Beachley mentioned. "The holidays mean I have time to sleep, eat turkey, sleep some more and spend time with my family."

Even over Thanksgiving when the semester isn't quite over there is still some refuge and a chance to catch up on some last minute papers as Held says. "We get a break. We get to see family. We get extra time to do work. It's a lot of fun."

Most importantly the Holidays are a time to have fun! Sophomore Laura Maron-Hey concentrates on that during her breaks: "The holidays for me are a time to get away from the regular routine, to just focus on having a good time."

JULI'S MOVIE REVIEWS

TOP 5 FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

JULIANN GUIFFRE
Co-News Editor

I feel the need to write a disclaimer at the beginning of this story, because I have never seen a certain movie I know to be many people's favorite—*A Christmas Story*. Blaphemy, I know. I'm in the process of finding time to watch it, until then, you'll simply have to do with my limited knowledge of the hundreds of Christmas tales out there. I also tried to steer clear of some that are a bit obvious (*The Nightmare Before Christmas* is a wonderful classic and yes, I know that *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* is hilarious).



1. THE SANTA CLAUSE: I won't sully this movie by mentioning its far inferior sequels; we can just act like they never happened. Tim Allen has made some pretty cheesy flicks (anyone see *The Shaggy Dog*? Or *Christmas with the Kranks*? Me either). But here, Tim Allen uses the comic talents he'll later perfect in *Toy Story*. Don't get me wrong, the movie has its share of cheesiness, but it's also so heartfelt and warming that you can't help but wish your Dad killed Santa Clause and had to take over his duties.



2. ELF: Some people won't agree with me on this, in favor of more traditional Christmas movies, yet I think this is Will Ferrell's most memorable role—even among such lovable goofos as Frank-the-tank and Ricky Bobby. Ferrel can do funny with his eyes closed, yet here he takes it one step further. Whether singing *Baby, It's Cold Outside* with Zooey Deschanel or proudly declaring "Santa! I know him!", he manages to make us laugh and touch our hearts at the same time.



3. IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: I just saw this 1946 classic for the first time a few weeks ago, and was dazzled by it. I've always had a soft spot for Jimmy Stewart, and he is just as wonderful here as ever. Now, I know, depression and suicide don't exactly go well with the cheery Christmas spirit, but this film resonates more than most because of its powerful message and poignant story.



4. HOME ALONE: Ok, so Macaulay Culkin may be slightly off his rocker these days (his last movie was named *Sex and Breakfast*...), but who doesn't remember the movie that made him the most popular child star of the 90s. Culkin was the eight year old we all wanted to be: fighting off two dimwitted burglars attempting to rob your house.



5. DIE HARD: Yes, yes, yes, I know *Die Hard* isn't exactly a Christmas movie. Hear me out: All it takes place on Christmas Eve, and B) its like...one of the best movies ever. Bruce Willis establishes himself (in my eyes, anyway) as one of the greatest action heroes of the century, and it's—for once—a smart action film: not just interested in guns and blowing things up. Alan Rickman is sheer genius as the villain, and the Christmas backdrop provides for nice holiday fun!

WHAT THE HOLIDAYS MEAN TO MCDANIEL STUDENTS

ELANOR NAGLE
Staff Reporter

It is often said that there is no place like home for the Holidays and that seems to be the general feeling of McDaniel students. Or at least, there seems to be a strong appreciation of the family aspect of the holiday season.

In fact every McDaniel student asked said that time with family and close friends is, in at least some ways, what makes up the meaning of the holidays to them. Friends and family certainly mean something to junior Lauren Lakey who said her perfect holidays meant, "Being with family and friends and sharing the holiday spirit."

Come the end of Thanksgiving through New Years day, the Holidays mean decorations everywhere, giant sales

MCDANIEL horoscopes

JEN NOEL AND KRIS BREEDEN
Staff Reporters

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): BROADEN YOUR HORIZONS. TRY SOME ETHNIC FOOD OR SLEEPING FACING THE OTHER DIRECTION.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): YOU HAVE A KIND SOUL. THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE APPRECIATE YOUR TEDDY BEAR-LIKE QUALITIES.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): DON'T STRESS OVER THE COCKTAIL OF EMOTIONS YOU'RE FEELING. EVERYTHING WILL WORK ITSELF OUT IN TIME.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20): GETTING THE BUG? DRINK SOME OJ AND YOU'LL FEEL LIKE A CHAMP.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 21): IF YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE GETTING A WEIRD VIBE FROM PEOPLE, MAYBE TRY TALKING TO YOURSELF LESS.

CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22): TRY NOT TO BE SO BITTER. SPREAD SOME ORANGE MARMALADE ON THE TOAST OF LIFE.

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WHAT NCAA BASKETBALL
TEAM IS THE TEAM TO BEAT
THIS SEASON?

THE EX: GURU:

Year after year, UCLA loses talent, and yet, they are still one of the most successful teams in the NCAA. This year, they will do it again, despite losing impact freshman Kevin Love. They still have the core of that team intact in guard Darren Collison, and they should still get rebounds from Josh Shipp. This team plays defense well, along with being a strong offensive team. Plus, something in the back of my mind says the PAC-10 may be a down conference this year. UCLA stays a strong team out west.

I would have to say UCONN. They have the depth necessary to win games. UNC is the obviously pick in this question, but I can see them falling to an opponent easily. There are questions with Hansbrough's health this season, and if he isn't playing 100%, this team will suffer. With UCONN, you have Thabees inside, powerful and a high-riser, and then you have Dyson bringing the ball down the floor. He's a great shooter and can work the ball around to where it needs to go. I'm saying UCONN, at least until the tournament.

ON THE NFL...

WEEK 13

With the NFL winding down rapidly, it's a foot race for those coveted wild card spots in both the AFC and NFC divisions. Week thirteen showcased four serious games that have real playoff implications. The teams that once were supposed to be the worst (Falcons and Dolphins) are doing well, and a big surprise. AFC East, AFC North, and the NFC East all bring a great game to this week. Here are my picks:

BALTIMORE 16 AT CINCINNATI 10 - This year the Ravens have been up and down both offensively and defensively. After giving up 30 against the Giants, the team should rebound both in week twelve and thirteen. This Cincinnati team is almost hopeless, even with the weaponry they have on offense. Take the Ravens

INDIANAPOLIS 24 AT CLEVELAND 13 - And speaking of an up and down team, the Colts are still in playoff contention even with the mediocre season they are having. Injuries on the offensive line have plagued the running and pass protection, but somehow, the Colts are finding ways to win. Peyton Manning, Canton-bound should take this game over. Quinn or Peyton? I'll take Peyton.

NY GIANTS 10 AT WASHINGTON 13 - The primary reason I am picking Washington here is the fact that the NFC East teams are notoriously known for splintering with each other throughout the season, no matter the strength of either team playing. Aside from that, this game will be close, and even though I am having flashbacks to two years ago when the Giants had a goal line stop on the Redskins to end their playoff hopes, I will take the Skins to get back on track at home.

PITTSBURGH 26 AT NEW ENGLAND 17 - After what I saw in the jets game, Matt Cassel is no joke, and can put the ball where he needs. Yes, that was the Jets defense, and they did end up losing the game, but still Cassel is no joke. And neither is the Steelers' defense. Cassel will get lost in the defense schemes and most importantly, 43's flowing fro. Take the Steelers.

FALL SPORTS FINISH TOUGH SEASON

RYAN CHELL
Staff Reporter

Winter is upon us, as some of us go to see a few sprinkles of snow. That seems like even more evidence that we are ready for basketball, track, and wrestling to move indoors. But before we do, here is a wrap-up of several of the sports that recently ended for the fall season.

CROSS COUNTRY: Points-wise, the men tallied a record of 81-61, while the women had a score of 86-58. The highlight of the season had to have been during the first weeks of September, where both the men and the women finished first in the events here in Westminster, and of the meet in York. The men will lose four top seniors in Kevin Bowman, Scott Pusateri, Dan White, and Cody Crutchley.

The women were led by an energetic youth movement, most notably Lindsay Wilson, who earned 2nd team All-Conference Honors. But they will still be saying goodbye to seniors Katie and Rachel Griffith, who Coach Douglas Renner said were "hard workers and inspiring teammates."

"When asked about the season as a whole, Renner had little to look down on. "I really had few disappointments this fall," he said. "Our men and women worked hard. The women were not the team we could have had due to illness and injury, but we got great effort every time our teams raced."

FIELD HOCKEY: The 2008 squad finished with a record of 8-11, but ultimately the team may be in the toughest conference in Division-III field hockey, with teams like Johns Hopkins, Gettysburg, and Ursinus all nationally-ranked. "I was pleased with the season, but some of the

girls were disappointed at the last team meeting. I think we could have done better," said their coach Melissa Miranda Jones.

The team finished 5-5 in this tough Centennial Conference schedule. Included in their schedule were two other ranked teams in Elizabethtown and Salisbury, and other top-caliber opponents in teams like Christopher Newport.

"That element of their schedule is something that actually Jones takes a lot of pride in, and something she uses as a recruiting tool. "I think that when the girls look at the schedule," Jones said, "it is something that I can offer that other schools cannot give them."

The Terror were ranked 30th nationally in strength of schedule, and were 4-0 in overtime games this year. And the seniors that Jones had really were the strength of this team, including Lindsay McDonald and Brooke Dixon.

Jones hopes that despite the loss of seven seniors from this year's squad, her talented juniors like Jessica Largent and the incoming freshmen will be able to fill that difficult void. And hopefully next year, the team will be able to solve the problem that many other schools are facing as well-the opportunity to play on turf all the time.

Jones said that was a major hurdle of both their season, and the recruiting process, and she hopes that some consistency on their playing surface will be decided soon.

GIRLS SOCCER: The Terror had a late slide to their season, as they finished up their season 1-7 since the start of October. It was something that really depressed this team as a whole. "We were able to make progress, but we are not satisfied with our

record or conference standing," said Coach Bryan Shumaker.

Included in the tough stretch of games was an 8-0 loss to Johns Hopkins, which really did not show the overall demeanor and play of the team. Brittany Baer emerged as a real leader and offensive threat on this team, and was named to the All-Conference Second Team.

Rachel Hurst was a freshman that really caught her coach's eye. This squad could look to be on the rise next year as they only lose two players. "We build around the nucleus we have," said Shumaker, "and look to bring in some new players willing to accept the challenge to compete for playing time immediately."

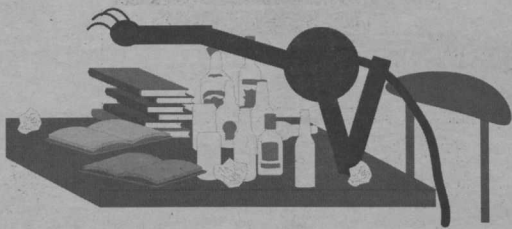
MEN'S SOCCER: Much like their female counterparts, the men finished the season with five straight losses. They finished the season 4-11-1, and only one of those wins came in the Centennial Conference. They had injuries earlier in the year, and had to move some people around.

The comfort level was off on the team, and unfortunately five seniors-four of them on the offensive side of the ball-will be graduating, and coach Jim Reigel may have to go back to the drawing board next fall, and hopefully will be granted a healthy, more experienced team next year.

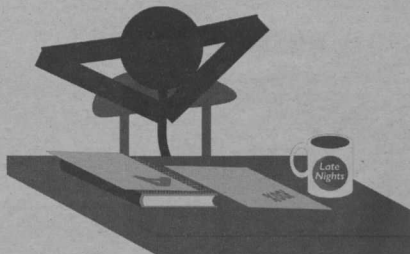
VOLLEYBALL: Head Coach Carole Molloy has boasted back-to-back winning seasons the past two years, but this year, the volleyball team fell four games below .500. The main problem with this team this year seemed to be consistency. They would win two games, and then lose three. Three seniors will be leaving, but junior Taylor Herrgott and her team-leading 383 kills will be returning for her senior season next year.

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TERROR SPORTS



EVAN TICKNOR
Senior Chad Arrington makes a slam dunk at Midnight Madness last week, which kicked off the basketball season this year.

WRESTLING HOPES FOR SUCCESSFUL SEASON

CHRIS FERRICK-MANLEY
Staff Reporter

The Green Terror wrestling team looks to recover from the lack of depth it had during the previous two seasons, and be able to compete at all ten weight classes during the 2008-2009 season.

Wrestling head coach Davey Blake said that in the previous two years, the team had suffered from "atrophy." According to Blake, in the past some weight classes would have to be forfeited because of people either being dismissed from the team, or because of injury issues. However, Blake does not believe that lack of experience should be a significant liability.

"We have the potential to be in every match that we wrestle with every kid, no real glaring weaknesses," said Blake. "This year, many underclassmen have filled the void, especially at the lower

weight classes. According to Blake, 7 out of the 10 starters at each weight class on the team are either freshmen or sophomores. Blake believes that getting this experience early on can only make them better in the long run.

"Really significant when 18 and 19 year olds wrestling 23-year old men," said Blake, who also noted that many wrestlers do not begin seeing significant action until well into their college careers.

* Among the weight classes that Blake expects to do particularly well in is heavyweight. The lone heavyweight on the Green Terror roster, Brock Gletofsky, is currently ranked #8 in the nation by DIIIwrestle.com.

"He killed the guy who got third," said senior 184/197 lbs wrestler Ferris Bond.

Blake expects Gletofsky, a sophomore, to be an All-American as well as contend

for a national title for the next three years.

"I can't say enough good things about him," said Blake.

According to 174 lb wrestler Courtney Nightengale, the Green Terror should be competitive at several other weight classes besides heavyweight. At 149 lbs, the Terror have Brent Lowe who has placed at both tournaments so far.

At 184 lbs, the Terror have Ryan Deiter who finished 3rd at the Messiah Invitational. At 165 lbs, the Terror have Zach Hetrick who is a returning conference placer. Blake also expects Nightengale at 174 to be in contention for the conference title.

"It wouldn't surprise me to have all 10 weight classes place at the conference," said Blake.

The Terror's next home meet is against Gettysburg on January 8 at 7pm.

TERROR SWIMMING GETS READY FOR SPRING SEASON

COURTNEY CHANG
Staff Reporter

TERROR PRIDE GETS ITS FEET WET

It is the sport that values both teamwork and individual successes, encompasses all forms of physical and mental strain, and both guys and girls practice together. The McDaniel Swimming team is a sport that is often shrouded under the carpet of football, soccer, and lacrosse, but it is one of the most grueling and tedious of any college offered sport. With practices including intense weight lifting, running, flexibility stretches, and not to mention miles upon miles of endurance swimming, the Green Terror Swim team shows an incredible amount of muscle.

Despite the three to four hour long practices, five days a week, the spirit of this team seems incredibly positive and inspiring. Sophomore swimmer Danielle Smith comments on how "The friendships and bonds that all of us make are by far my favorite part about being on the team. We are like a family because all of us are always together. We cut together, practice together, hang out together, ride the buses together, cheer for each other, and we have so many inside jokes."

Smith points out how "This is the only sport that practices co-ed, and the guys and girls might as well compete as one team. Everyone cheers for each other because we just want everyone to give it their best!" Senior Kacy Crittles adds, "My favorite part of swimming is hands down the team. During the season all of us get really close to each other, and we become like a second family and support team to each other, which is wonderful to having college. We help each other through the season."

Perhaps that is the key to what makes this sport so unique to all others, the closeness of the team, how both the individual and the team are pushed to their limits, but with everyone on the team wishing the success of everyone else, not only themselves.

In swimming, people are not discriminated against or shunned because of their sex or skill level, everyone seems content

to just cheer and give it their all. Freshman Caitlin Bowman offers insight into this unique bond that the McDaniel Swim team has formed. "What is so nice about this team, and in general the sport itself, is all of us get along really well. It is just the overall drive of the team to do well, but not leaving anyone behind. Everyone gets cheered for, no matter what your team rank is, as long as you're pushing yourself and doing your best that is all that matters in the end."

HEAD ABOVE WATER

Unfortunately, swimmers have not always been treated with the same respect that is often bestowed onto other athletes. "People have said to me that this isn't a real sport, and I ask them if their narrow definition of a sport is dripping with sweat and covered in grass stains, because swimming is a sport, and an intense one at that! It works all of your parts, and it requires endurance, strength, cardio, breathing, and muscles... swimming is a beast of sports, especially when you're competing at a college level," freshman Jason Hander venomously exclaims. "I really feel like I'm pushing myself a lot harder and my endurance and times have gotten a lot faster since being on college swim."

Like all true sports, swimming has countless perils associated with it. There are numerous hazards in swimming like slipping on a wet surface and breaking something on the hand, tile pool floors, turning wrong at the end of a lane can result in leg and foot injuries, and diving into too shallow water can result in neck and upper torso injuries. "The most common injury associated with this sport is definitely injury to the shoulders. There are about 17 people on the team currently who are swimming injured or something on a shoulder injury alone. People usually overextend or tear something."

The worst injury I've seen in swimming happened last year. A girl fell off the starter's block and broke her wrist! sophomore Morgan DeHart shudders. But despite the grueling practices, draining heats, and countless injuries, McDaniel's

Swim team still manages to keep a smile while always laughing out loud.

Some of the most memorable memories include the times when sophomore Brandon Campbell bear fellow swim member and freshman Erik Brennan at the 50 free. "It was my finest moment!" Campbell grins as Brennan rolls his eyes and laughs. Junior Chris Bosco recants another favorite swim memory that happened last season. "My teammates and I decided to play a joke on the women's team, so we put an inappropriate object in the pool, and when all of the girls came out of the locker room and walked over to the pool to dive into it, they saw it and all of them began cracking up. All of us got a great laugh out of the joke," Bosco loudly chuckles.

UPCOMING SPRING SEASON IS LOOKING BRIGHT

Head coach Kim Easterday and assistant coach Jeff Heistand have ambitious plans for this upcoming season, with their number one goal for the upcoming season being to move up in the team ranks at the Champion Conference at Franklin and Marshall, from February 20 till the 22.

Coach Heistand states, "I tell the swimmers to give it nothing less than your very best, it is all Kim [Coach Easterday] and I really want, besides everyone having fun while doing it."

"The coaches are aiming for improvement from top to bottom. "We want each individual to improve and this in turn will improve the team. Swimming has personal goals and team goals, and as coaches we try to get the swimmers to focus on how to obtain these goals. But in the end it is not so important as to if a swimmer obtains his or her goals, but it is how the person went about obtaining their goals. Swimming in a meet is like taking a test. If you do poorly in the meet, or get a bad grade on the test, you need to look at what you could improve on so you will succeed next time." Coach Easterday states.

When asked if she wanted to give a little shout out to the team, Coach

Easterday pauses to think, then philosophically phrases, "Have confidence in yourself, as cheesy as that sounds, it is the core essential to doing well. You need to believe in your training and keep your mind in the present. Take each race by itself, and once it is over move on, you did your best and it is now in the past."

Both coaches work extremely well together and this is one of the reasons why the McDaniel Swim team is so close and driven in everything they do. "We work very well together because we balance each other. Both of us care about the individual swimmer as a whole, and not just as a swimmer. We are quite the combination!" both coaches laugh.

"Swimming mirrors life. You can be given the best training, all of the top equipment, and the toughest coaches, but the only way you will become a great swimmer is if you use what you are given and you push yourself, if you have the willpower, determination, and dedication to do well, then you will. These principles are what we try to instill into our swimmers, but in the end it is all up to them to take what we give them and use it to the best of their abilities." Coach Easterday comments.

Sophomore Megan Giroux grins at the

potential this year's team holds. "The team definitely has a lot more depth, I think that once we really start the grind for our Championship Meet we are really going to surprise ourselves," Giroux mentions. "The overall attitude of the team is pretty positive, and even though all of us are really tired right now I think all of us are really looking forward to see how we measure up to other teams come spring."

Swimming is a sport that stands out from a lot of other sports. Apart from the unique physical demands that it requires, there are so many life lessons that a swimmer can take out of the pool with them: teamwork, time management, work ethics, interacting with different people, and the experience. Swimming can hurt a lot, both physically and mentally, and you have to sacrifice a lot of free time that could have otherwise been spent at parties, the library or with friends, but the rewards always outweigh the pain.

This sport is not only about a team working together to accomplish similar goals, but it is also about the personal satisfaction an individual gains from achieving their own personal goals. This sport is self dedication to the team and self-respect.



COURTNEY CHANG
While the swim team is working hard, they enjoy their time in the water.



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LIGHTER SIDE OF THE CAMPUS SAFETY BLOTTER

STUDENTS ARE LIVING THE 'HIGH LIFE' AT MCDANIEL



JEN NOEL
Staff Reporter

There are always the highs and lows in college life. Tough exams, cramped dorm rooms, and cafeteria food can become a real downer. It seems though, since returning to campus after the break, many of McDaniel's students are living the high life, literally.

In the three weeks since students have been on campus since the January term, Campus Safety has documented six incidents of possession of illegal substances. Possession was not the only problem; in almost every incident paraphernalia was also confiscated.

On February 1, one group of students thought they would risk discovery and have a 70's style party in Rouzer. When a suspicious odor was reported, Campus Safety didn't discover any wacky weed but did find the students decided to burn several candles and cover the smoke detector with a plastic bag. That's not suspicious at all; and some

say marijuana doesn't impair your judgment.

The Rouzer boys obviously couldn't manage to stick to their New Year's resolution and stay out of the blotter for at least a week. The freshmen pranksters hit campus running and strung together a series of incidents in the blotter.

On February 12, one student did not want to be part of the antics anymore. It was discovered that a culprit or culprits had made a buffet out of his room door. A smattering of food and popcorn was splattered from top to bottom: Was this a crime of passion or Chef Boy-R-Dee cooked just right?

The Whiteford girls must be spending too much time in Rouzer, because the mischievousness of the boys is rubbing off. Whiteford quickly became party central this round in the blotter, as several incidents were reported involving possession of alcohol.

On February 2, a group of students went 4-for-4 in the freshmen girls'

dorm. The under-aged quad squad was charged with possession of hard liquor, a multi-liter container and controlled substances. What a fun call home to the parents that must have been.

It seems that the underclassmen were not the only students "thirsty" after being away from campus for a month. The upperclassmen forgot to take some of the necessary precautions when hosting a party, like closing the blinds in a first floor apartment.

The students in Garden Apartments should have just waded and invited Campus Safety in to play a round, as the officer reported the party was disbanded because drinking games were seen through open blinds from the outside. Oops.

The campus is buzzing with activity as winter is turning into warmer days and many students are itching with cabin fever. The combination inevitably equals a busting campus blotter in the future.

QUICK LINK

Blotter by the numbers

- ROUZER
Alcohol-3 Disturbance-4
Theft-1 Drugs-2
- WHITEFORD
Alcohol-2 Drugs-2
Theft-3
- BLANCHE WARD
Health-2 Alcohol-1
Theft-1 Disturbance-1
- DMC
Theft-1
- ANW
Health-1
- McDaniel House
Alcohol-1 Violence-2
Theft-1 Disturbance-1
- GARDEN APTS
Alcohol-1
- PA AVE
Alcohol-1
- SPORTS FIELDS
Drugs-1
- DECKER CENTER
Theft-1

(Editor's Note: This column by Jen Noel 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.)



Kevin Powell spoke on February 2 at the MLK celebrations.

EVAN TICKNOR



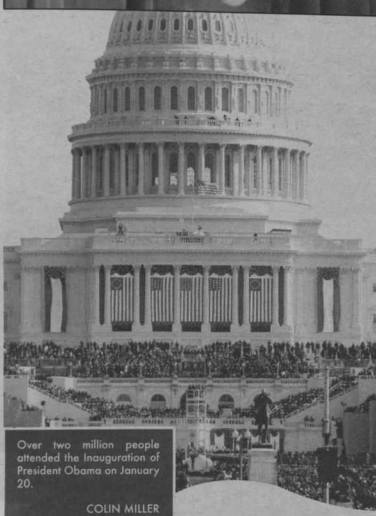
ON THE COVER

Sophomore Annie O'Grady enjoys the icy snow that fell on the campus, causing the college to cancel night classes twice during the first week. However, despite the hazardous conditions on campus, many students were required to attend classes.

IMAGE BY SAM SEGAL

Jacqueline Coult dances at the Martin Luther King event on February 2 in Alumni Hall.

EVAN TICKNOR



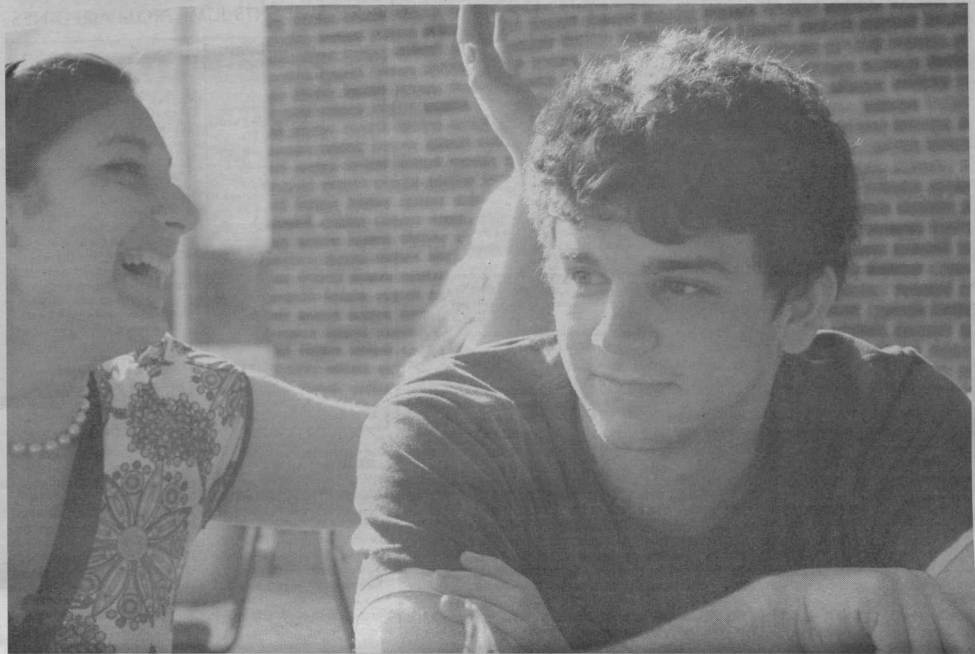
Observers watched the ceremonies from the Mall, which was outfitted with several mobile big-screen televisions.

COLIN MILLER

Over two million people attended the Inauguration of President Obama on January 20.

COLIN MILLER

TWO WEEKS IN PHOTOGRAPHS



THOMAS ROULEAU, 1989 - 2009

On Saturday, February 7, 2009, the campus community learned that we had lost one of our own, Thomas Rouleau, as the innocent victim of a reckless driving accident. He was pronounced dead at the scene in the company of friends, including his girlfriend, Nina Minadakis (pictured above). He was loved throughout the campus, and no one has gone untouched. We at the Free Press are not exempt. In our next issue, we would like to dedicate a section in celebration of his life. If you would like to contribute, please contact the Free Press at freepress@mcdaniel.edu or contact any member of our staff. Tom, you will be missed.

POLICE DEPT IDENTIFY HIT-AND-RUN SUSPECT

KATE DELENICK
Co Editor-in-Chief

The Westminster Police Department has identified 29 year-old, Shawn Gabriel Bibbs as the man responsible for the hit and run crash that resulted in the death of Thomas Rouleau, a sophomore at McDaniel College.

A warrant for Bibbs' arrest has been issued charging him with negligent manslaughter by auto, theft over \$500, unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, and unauthorized removal of property. He's also been charged with 6 counts of failure to remain at the scene of a collision involving injury/death, 6 counts of failure to give information and render aid, 2 counts of reckless driving and driving without a license.

All of those charges are added to the two standing warrants Bibbs had after failing to appear in The District Court for Baltimore City for possessing an open container and theft for less than \$500 both on February 12, 2007.

Students across campus are trying to cope with the loss of such a beloved friend and classmate, Susan Gloré, Dean of Student Affairs and Director of the Wellness Center said they have been operating with extended hours to help students cope. Gloré also said they sent out an information sheet to all campus buildings and dormitories on "dealing with grief and grieving in general it's a 1 page sheet-about the feelings you may have and what you can do to help."

Senior Leahanne Marino trained Rouleau at the campus phone center the day the accident occurred. "I trained him for like 2 hours that day and he just seemed really cool. It was a sick feeling when I heard that happened to him. This situation doesn't deserve to happen to anyone."

The police are offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to Bibbs' arrest. And anyone with information is being asked to call the Westminster Police TIPS Line at (410) 857-8477.

If you feel down. ↓

The things we truly love stay with us always, locked in our hearts as long as life remains.

-Josephine Baker

When we love without fault, without judgment and without fear; our heart can not help but to surrender. And yet, the mind never forgets the unconditional love we have for someone or something. Our prayers go out to the family and friends of Thomas Rouleau.

-Torreka Jordan

↑.pick this up

EMAIL SCAMS SCARING STUDENTS AND FACULTY

DANIELLE AZOULAY
Staff Reporter

"Please verify your mcdaniel.edu email account," is one of the various subject lines of several dangerous emails circulating around campus.

With sender addresses like "Admin Helpdesk" this email and several others like it have tricked McDaniel account users into relinquishing important and sensitive information including user name, password, date of birth, and country or territory of origin.

Senior Stephanie Abrams said, "I received one of them a while back, but I

knew that the school would never ask for my password, and that I should never give it out."

According to Network Communications Systems Administrator Chris Palgrove, these emails have been showing up over the past year, during which McDaniel has been updating its email system. Palgrove believes this is simply a coincidence, but says that the timing has caused several students and faculty to fall for the scam.

Last spring alone over 150 students and faculty surrendered their information, some more than once, and some offering up additional information in-

cluding student ID numbers, and the last four digits of their social security numbers, said Palgrove.

Once a student or faculty member's information has been received the sender then changes the name on the account and proceeds to send the email out to everyone in the accounts address book. The biggest problem with this is that major servers such as Yahoo, MSN, and Hotmail will then block all emails sent from a McDaniel account due to the large amount of spam received by them.

IT team members contacted and gave new passwords to those that have responded to the email, and for those who could not be reached their accounts had to be temporarily shut down said Palgrove.

So how do you avoid getting caught up in this hoax?

"I can not stress it enough," says Palgrove, "Never give out your password. Passwords are for the user only, not the bank, not Myspace, or Facebook. The school will never ask for your password."

Other ways to check if an email is legitimate is to be sure that the email address is a mcdaniel.edu account. Although the sender may be a mcdaniel.edu account, the reply address may not be. Anyone unsure of the legitimacy of an email can also postmaster@mcdaniel.edu for verification.



THOMAS DEMBECK

Senior Rob Silva checks his email while looking out for the recent scam emails to hit campus. Remember: never email your password to anyone asking for it.

CATS ADDS SHUTTLE STOP TO MCDANIEL



KATIE SMITH
Staff Reporter

Despite McDaniel's no-pet policy in the dorms, CATS can now be found on campus.

The Carroll Area Transit System (CATS) has added a stop to its shuttle route at McDaniel. The stop is located at the north parking lot outside the rear entrance of Gill gym. CATS shuttles operate Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. They stop at McDaniel at 8:43 a.m., 10:13 a.m., 11:43 a.m., 1:13 p.m., 2:43 p.m., and 4:13 p.m. The shuttle, normally one dollar per ride, is free to all McDaniel students with ID cards until March.

"It's a good thing because it helps include McDaniel in the community at large," Rachael Steyck, a senior, says of the new stop on campus.

Other CATS shuttle stops in the Westminster community include the

Carroll County government, College Square, Carroll Plaza, Cranberry Square, Crossroads Shopping Center, the post office on Main Street, Pennsylvania Avenue and Union Street, Target, TownMall, Wal-Mart, and the Westminster Shopping Center. Shuttles can also be taken from the Westminster Wal-Mart to Toneytown and Eldersburg and on-call transportation is available within Carroll County if CATS is notified at least 24 hours in advance.

Jim Mayola, Liaison for the Community Outreach Service, believes that the new shuttle stop on campus will be beneficial to many students. "I hear from students, especially freshmen, that they don't always have a way to get around... This allows students to get all around the town of Westminster," says Mayola.

"I hope students take advantage of it. It only costs a buck and it's a quick and easy way to get out," Mayola adds.

Some McDaniel students think the CATS shuttle stop at McDaniel will be beneficial to many students. Tara Russell, a senior, has a car on campus and does not plan on utilizing CATS.

However, she does believe that other students may benefit from it.

"I think it's great for freshmen, especially... It can be hard to find rides as freshmen," Russell says.

Allysa Barry, a sophomore, agrees and believes CATS could provide students without cars a safer alternative to walking. "That way they don't have to cross 140," she says.

Despite some positive outlooks from students, it may not always be a convenient transportation option for some students. With only six pick-up times each day during the week, students with tight schedules may find it difficult to find a pick-up time that works for them.

"It's a good idea for freshmen and others without cars, but it could be a problem if they can't go during the times [the shuttles come]," says Rachel Smitroldo.

Regardless, Steyck believes the addition of the CATS stop at McDaniel is something that will "add to the list of good things [about McDaniel] for potential students."

For more information about CATS, call 410-876-RIDE (7433) or visit the website at www.carrolltransit.org.



EVAN TICKNOR

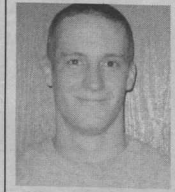
Sunita Pathik, Pam Knopp and Becky Carpenter address the crowd in Vagina Monologues, which ran the weekend of February 7. For more pictures, see page 6.

AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY

ROTC STUDENTS JUMP FROM AIRPLANES

"My name is John Lower and ROTC selected me to go to Fort Benning, Georgia for the weeks to learn how to jump out of a perfectly good airplane and survive. Although the training is not that strenuous, the heat is what bothers most people. On some days it gets to be 105 degrees with 70% humidity. Overall, it was the best experience of my life and I cannot wait to join an airborne unit once I commission."

-John Lower, sophomore



JOHN WAHMAN
Staff Reporter

Every summer several McDaniel Cadets step foot at Fort Benning, Georgia ready to take on the massive task of learning how to safely jump out of a perfectly good airplane and land on the ground in one piece.

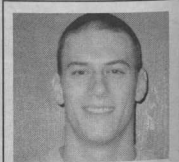
The experience is part of a U.S. Army program called Airborne. For over 50 years, McDaniel's ROTC program has participated.

"Airborne afforded me an insertion capability as a reconnaissance team member, which allowed me to get to areas within enemy held territory that would be difficult to do by any other means of insertion," said Captain Paul Gump, a military science instructor at McDaniel College.

"When people ask me what I did last summer, I tell them that I jumped out of a perfectly good airplane five times (twice in one day even, and once at night)," said Cadet Tom Boehm, a sophomore at McDaniel.

Now you may think, ph! I can do that, but when you factor in the excessive heat, extensive physical training received in the three week course at Benning, and then the fact that right before you jump the only thing between you and death is a few string in a piece of canopy, you may think twice.

"On some days it gets to be 105 degrees with 70% humidity," said



"When people ask me what I did last summer, I tell them that I jumped out of a perfectly good airplane five times (twice in one day even, and once at night). The three weeks I spent at Ft. Benning, GA, were hot, tiring, and alternated between extremely boring and even more exciting. But however hard or tedious it was at times, it was all worth the feeling of having your life literally hanging by a few strings attached to a thin canopy above your head as you walk into the ground. AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY!"

-Tom Boehm, sophomore

Cadet John Lower, also a sophomore at McDaniel.

So far, McDaniel cadets have had a 100% success rate here at McDaniel, and this year's '09 class is already intensely competing for their own slot to jump school.

"In the past we have enjoyed an outstanding graduation rate among cadets. This is due in no small part to the quality of cadets we have in our program," explained of the Captain Gump. "These are truly some of the most outstanding young men and women this generation has to offer. I am sure we will continue to enjoy future success in ROTC based upon the quality of student that McDaniel College draws to our ROTC program."

Only the top cadets get slots and there are not many available. Recipients of a slot are not only physically qualified, but also maintain strong GPAs and have no conduct issues. Once cadets graduate successfully from jump school, they receive a set of wings, which is pinned on their uniform on the left side of the chest.

"However hard or tedious it was at times, it was all worth the feeling," said Boehm.

If you see cadets walking around in uniform with a set of wings, go up and congratulate them; they have completed a rather awesome feat. I mean who doesn't want to jump out of a perfectly good airplane?



EVAN TICKNOR

Snow finally graced the McDaniel Campus the first week of classes. Despite the four inches of snow and quarter inch of ice, classes closed only for the evening.

NEED SOME CASH FAST? JUST PAWN YOUR STUFF



JEN NOEL

Pawn shops, such as the Carroll County Jewelry and Loan, are a great way to get cash for unused items.

JEN NOEL
Staff Reporter

Jewelry, iPods, guitars, laptops, power tools, cameras, amps, vacuums, televisions, and even sabers are just a few things you can find at Carroll County Jewelry and Loan.

Carroll County Jewelry and Loan is a local pawnshop located at 2 Bond Street that specializes in turning unwanted and useless goods in to a tidy profit for sellers. Buyers can also find a bargain on high price items that are out of budget for college students.

College students are notorious for being on the bottom of the salary chain with an endless amount of money leaving their pockets and little coming in. Dining on Ramen noodles on a weekly basis doesn't allow for a lot of extra cash to buy unnecessary commodities.

"The CC Jewelry and Loan makes it their business to make a turnover. "We're fair and honest," said owner Andrew Rowdon, 23. "We don't make you feel bad for coming in and wanting to get some cash for an item you're not sure has a lot of value."

Rowdon said the items that sell for the most money are jewelry, particularly gold. Even broken chains or fragments can sell for some profit. Although there are several other outlets for liquidating jewelry, pawning allows for immediate cash.

"I don't want to rip you off and hit a grand slam when you walk out the door," said Rowdon.

When looking to purchase an item from a pawnshop, Rowdon said the best form of payment is cash. He reiterated that with cash, everything is negotiable.

Rowdon's brother, Matthew, 24, expressed an understanding for many people's struggles given the current economy.

"A lot of people come in to borrow money against a personal belonging like a ring," said Matthew. "You want to borrow an amount against something you know you can pay back; sometimes that's tough."

Recently, senior Dave Robertson decided to pawn his rarely worn high school class ring. "It was a desperate attempt for gas money. I know I never wear it, so this was convenient and quick for me."

He received \$30, enough for a full tank.

CC Jewelry and Loan also keeps any item pawned for 18 days. Once they purchase an item it enters into a database connected to the Westminster City Police, who ensure the items aren't stolen goods.

"Sometimes when you go other places to sell, you get taken advantage of; you have to be a smart pawner," said Rowdon. "We always try to give the best deal possible."

To find out more information or the amount you might receive for some forgotten possessions call (410) 751-2111 or visit them online at www.carrollcountypawn.com.

STRING OF THEFTS HITS MCDANIEL BOOKSTORE

CHRISTINA HINKLE AND JEN NOEL
Features Editor and Staff Reporter

What initially seemed like a random theft from the college bookstore on January 28, 2009, is now connected to a series of thefts performed by a group of young suspects who have targeted college bookstores in this region.

Details about the theft ring were outlined in a September 2008 "Intelligence Bulletin" released by The College of Notre Dame (Maryland). The bulletin announced that the college bookstore had been hit "a group of individuals stealing expensive text books." The belief is that "the books are being sold online, to book exchange stores, and on other campuses" in exchange for money.

Because the investigation is ongoing, McDaniel College Bookstore Manager Kyle Meloche declined comment. Mike Webster, Director of Campus Safety, is also prohibited from detailed comment, but he cited information from the campus crime log.

"A suspect came in with an empty, orange backpack and had a conversation with the bookstore staff about a Linear Algebra book priced at \$194 a piece," said Webster.

"After the man left, the staff noticed that four copies of the textbook that he asked about were missing – which is worth approximately \$776," Webster added. "We called the College of Notre Dame and independently, their staff identified the same suspect Kyle identified from a photo lineup."

The case remains open, so photos and names of the suspects cannot be released.

Shortly after the robbery of The College of Notre Dame bookstore, two



THOMAS DEMBECK

The McDaniel College bookstore became the target of a string of thefts at the end of January.

people, who authorities deemed accountable, were arrested. But several more members of the group are still participating in the trend, according to the bulletin.

The bulletin released additional information about the group:

- They almost always operate with two or more people.
- An empty backpack or duffel bag will be worn into the bookstore.

- One suspect will occupy one display while the sales person while books are placed in a backpack by the other.

- High dollar books are targeted: Chemistry, Biology, etc.

- The suspects either pose as students of the school, or students at a Community College (Essex).

- Their vehicle will be parked close by. On several occasions, a driver has remained with the vehicle.

It is unknown how many colleges have been targeted by the group. However,

McDaniel, Towson, and Anne Arundel have been named with certainty. Information or questions may be directed to Campus Safety at ext. 2502.

McDaniel's CENTER FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH & SERVICE

has been established to enhance collaboration among students, faculty, and local community, supporting service-learning opportunities that reflect classroom theory, while addressing community needs.

To learn more, email Jim Mayola, Community Liaison, jimayola@mcDaniel.edu
Or find CCOS internship opportunities posted on the Career Services bulletin board located beside the mailboxes.

Earn credit for an **internship** or find eligible **work-study** sites.

Current internship opportunities:

- Bureau of Aging* – Tutor seniors to improve reading & computer skills. Develop physical education program or design PowerPoint to teach Kristal Bells to seniors.
- Department of Public Works* – Study recycling operations & "Swap Shop".
- Carroll County Food Sunday* – Develop marketing program for agency services.
- The Community Media Center (Channel 19)* – Create videos about local events.
- Human Services Program, Inc.* – Improve the lives of low-income local residents.
- Goodwill of Monocacy Valley* – Evaluate and report on retail marketing operation.
- Westminster Boys & Girls Club* – Tutor and mentor children ages 6-14.

How to get around? Use CATS (Carroll Area Transit System)
Pick-up at stop behind Gill: 8:43, 10:13, 11:43, 1:13, 2:43, 4:13

CATS runs Monday-Friday: 8am-6pm, Saturday: 10am-4pm
Visit: <http://www.carrolltransit.org/westminster.html>
for full schedule and stops (including Target and the mall).

Ride FREE in February with your student ID.



EVAN TICKNOR

Rob Holthouse enjoys the beautiful weather on Sunday, February 8. Temperatures soared into the 60's for the first week of the month.

VANCE VAULTS OBAMA TO WHITE HOUSE, AND RELISHES IN MANY INAUGURAL CELEBRATIONS



COURTESY AMELIA VANCE

Amelia Vance and Stephen Horby attended one of the Inaugural Balls. Vance worked with the election team for Obama.

KATE MALONEY Staff Reporter

Ten thousand people applied to become an Obama Organizing Fellow last spring. Three hundred were accepted — only 150 from Michigan. Our own Amelia Vance was one of them, a junior Political Science major from Michigan.

Walking in the steps of Obama who was once a Community Organizer, Obama Organizing Fellows served as the initial campaign staff in each state. From June to August 2008, Vance worked 30–40 hours a week in an unpaid internship in Macomb County, Michigan, contacting local political leaders, registering voters (Michigan doubled the number of registered voters), organizing political picnics, running meetings, knocking on doors, and making countless phone calls.

She was so well-respected among fellow staff members and volunteers that she was offered a formal job offer in mid-July for the position of Field Organizer in Clinton Township, where Vance calls home. Accepting the position meant missing a semester of college — a decision that came with sacrifices including dropping her theater minor, putting of a Washington semester at American University, pressure to complete graduation requirements on time, and the possibility of

losing all of her student loans if she didn't maintain a full-time student course load (12 credits at McDaniel). One thing she is sure of though — going to a college like McDaniel made it an easy decision to make.

Her professors were supportive, especially Dr. Christiana Leahy who was so enthusiastic about Vance's opportunity that she typed all of her e-mails in capital letters for the next two weeks after the offer. Vance says, "She was so encouraging and helped me figure out all the logistics of staying off-campus so that I wouldn't have to re-apply for my loans in these difficult economic times. I don't think this opportunity would have been as easy to take advantage of at a larger school."

As field organizer, Vance continued her recruiting and campaigning activities with increasing responsibilities and in addition started visiting local high schools talking to students about how they can become politically active and arranging house parties in the homes of supporters. She was working 60–80 hours a week, getting into the office around 9am and not leaving until 10pm, sometimes as late as 1am — 7 days a week with only 2 days off before the election. She says it was her full identity for several months — Amelia Vance, Field Organizer for Barack Obama's Campaign for Change.

"We were the faces of the campaign. We had daily goals of making so many phone calls, knocking on so many doors each day. We couldn't afford to ask for days off. It was so overwhelming. People were having panic attacks all around me and I thought about quitting every day." She says being in the position to inspire others kept her going — that and lots of coffee.

Vance and her team of volunteers didn't have a set in Clinton Township, but she says the area is "steeped in discreet racism." "People would give any excuse not to vote for a black man except 'because he's black'." The most common "excuse" was "so many people

that we talked to believed that he was or still is a Muslim which is just absolutely not true in any way," says Vance. Another popular reason Vance heard for opposing Obama's candidacy was the "celebrity factor" — the idea that he got to here was because of popularity and fame rather than well-deserved merit.

One of the highlights of her Field Organizer gig was when Michelle Obama visited a local high school in Vance's precinct. "I got to invite my top four volunteers, but I didn't get to personally meet her. I was too busy running the event and giving a speech on stage, but it was great to be able to recognize those working so hard under me." Vance did get to meet and shake Obama's hand when she volunteered at a rally in Detroit. "My impression meeting and hearing their talk was just how genuine they both are."

Halfway through October, Vance was asked to relocate to North Carolina to oversee 300 volunteers. She was given a day and a half to pack and train some body else to do her job. She drove down on a Thursday afternoon and started on a Friday night in Greensboro, NC where she would be working until Election Day — an area with a lot of support for Obama but with a population not known for actually getting out the vote. Vance got an entire office up and running in a matter of hours and went to work implementing weekly e-mails to local supporters recruiting new volunteers and letting people know how they could get involved. As she knows, she was the only one doing that in the country.

At the time, Vance was a victory party for North Carolina Senator, Kay Hagan. Vance's focus was not on the newly elected senator. Her eyes were glued to a jumbo TV screen watching the states' electoral votes come in one by one. Obama won Michigan, but it wasn't until California came in that the election was called. "That single moment made it all worth it. It made up for every second I wanted to scream and give up. We all had this shocked look on our face and everyone started crying. We actually did it. We did it. We did it. We had to keep telling ourselves that just so we would keep going."

Vance says that Obama ran an incredibly cheap campaign which she believes was brilliant but aggravating at times. She estimates she spent anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000 on office supplies that the campaign didn't provide. But they sure took good care of their staff when it was all said and done. They got to keep the laptops they were given and an extra month's

salary. Vance also found out right before Christmas that she would be receiving two tickets to the Inauguration as well as two tickets to the Staff Ball and the opportunity to purchase tickets to one of the other balls. She also got to volunteer in the tickered section of the star-studded opening concert the Sunday before the Inauguration, featuring music legends like Bruce Springsteen, Josh Groban, Beyonce, Usher, Bon Jovi, and U2.

On January 20, Vance was in D.C. and in line at the infamous purple gate (Google it) by 4:15am. After a jump to Starbucks for some caffeine, Vance found herself separated from her father whom she had given her second ticket by a mob blocking an entire intersection. Over 5 hours later, she finally made it back to the gate and realized that there was no way she was going to make it into the Inauguration. Her and her father made it back to the car in time to hear the swearing in over the radio. Vance says, "Compared to the campaign, Inauguration Day was horribly executed. But then again, the Senate organizes Inauguration Day. Had it been run by the Obama camp, I guarantee it would have gone a lot smoother."

That evening, Vance and her boyfriend, Stephen Hardy, attended the Eastern Inaugural Ball — one of the 10 official Inaugural Balls. After a long and exhausting day, they left at midnight before the first couple arrived for their last dance of the evening, but Vance describes the atmosphere as a "step back in time". The following day, the two went to the Staff Ball where Vance was reunited with her staff

"My greatest fear is that we have such a high opinion of the man. We have this idea that since he is president that everything is going to be all sunshine and rainbows, and that is just not the case. I am scared he is not going to live up to our expectations because the country has so many issues."

Kate Goeddel, who attended the opening concert the Sunday before the Inauguration.

from Michigan. There was an open bar and good food — Vance raves about the fried macaroni and cheese squares but — but, they weren't sure if they would get to hear from the newly elected Obama or not. But after a series of introductions — the band Arcade Fire introduced Jy-D, Biden — Joe Biden introduced David Plouffe, Obama's Chief Campaign Manager, and finally Plouffe introduced the President and First Lady.

"I just started crying. I hadn't seen him in person since June. He got up there and just talked off the cuff, thanking us for all of our hard work. He's so larger than life, but when you're in the room with him, it's like he's talking right to you." And the introductions weren't over yet — Obama introduced Jay-Z.

"Working on the campaign, I learned what I can handle and what I'm good at. I realized I could handle working in a high-pressure environment. I can plan events on a moment's notice, and I can pack and move to another state in under 48 hours." Vance is currently in the process of applying for a White House internship and plans to attend Law School after graduation.

60 SECONDS

THE FASTEST ARTICLE YOU'LL EVER READ.

ALEX ROMAN
Staff Reporter

WHAT WAS YOUR NEW
YEARS' RESOLUTION?
DID YOU KEEP IT?



"No Resolution."
DAVID GRIMES
Senior



"This year, I want not only to grow as a college student, but I also want to grow as an individual so that I can learn from my actions and pursue that fruitful future I've always dreamed of."
MELANIE DARLING
Freshman



"Quit chewing tobacco — didn't keep it."
IAN PROCTOR
Junior



"Do better in school — did it!"
JUSTIN SHIELDS
Junior



"To lose weight — did it!"
BRETT BONNEVILLE
Junior

I LUV U: TEXTING BECOMING A TECHNOLOGICAL COURTSHIP

SAMANTHA LAMBERT
Staff Reporter

It seems that there is a rising technological epidemic in the world today: text messaging. People, young and old, are using text messaging as an actual form of communication on a daily, even minute-by-minute basis. Not only is texting more convenient and more secretive than a phone call, texting is often a popular way to communicate with your significant other.

As seen in the current movie, "He's Just Not That Into You," texting is spreading as one of the many ways to pick-up, break-up, and just chat with your love interest.

People, especially teens are sending messages, like "brb," "i luv u" and "I

think we should bk up," instead of personal phone calls or even love notes.

Now I'm not trying to be a traitor to my generation, but I am a romantic and an English major. So, without saying I have some extreme views about texting, like how it is a passive form of communication because it is non-confrontational and that it butchers and destroys the English language, allowing students to forget simple spelling and grammar rules. Overall, it is instant gratification. Which is what I see our generation looking for everyday.

Teens don't want to spend the time to write love letters-mails to their partner, so they choose texting. But is texting really romantic? And does it really make a point in what you're saying?

Rob Dasher-Stewart '12' believes that texting is just a shorter and more instantaneous love letter, however he also agrees that "something still remains so mysteriously romantic and appealing about the traditional love letter or email."

From a female perspective, freshman Kaila Pearl is more realistic; saying that, "texting is a love letter, just broken down in several texts, the fact that it's instant is nice, it can cheer up your whole day."

So it seems that the verdict is in. Texting is love letter, evolving in a world of technology. Texting seems to be the main choice but not the only way to communicate; long phone conversations and e-mails are also highly acceptable in today's world of relationships.

CAMEROON SHIFTS STUDENTS' PERSPECTIVE ON AFRICA

CLAYTON ROSA
Staff Reporter

If the Africa we know comes from the representations streaming through our radios and news mediums, then Africa can be generalized in few words: famine, disease, war -- and the all encompassing -- genocide. However, for four African-American students, their experience shined a light upon the "dark continent" that is rarely reflected within the U.S. today.

Dr. Debora Johnson-Ross, Assistant Professor of Political Science, has organized three Jan Term trips to Cameroon; however, the latest trip had a makeup that was unlike previous trips, in regards to the fact that a majority of the students were African-American.

Johnson-Ross first traveled to Cameroon in 1995, where she

learned of herself in ways she never imagined. "The experience was life-changing," Johnson-Ross says, "however cliché that sounds." In organizing these trips, she desires to impart this experience onto McDaniel students.

LaShawntay Tinker '09 did not expect what is traditionally viewed as the willful of Africa but reinforced that, "I have to let my experience form my opinion."

Jennifer Beckwith '09 conveyed that Africa is generally portrayed "negatively, although I never personally believed that that is everything Africa has to offer." According to these students, Africa to them is more than gloomy portrayals, but rather a beautiful culture.

April Curley '09 first realized she made it to Africa when her eyes set on the landscape as their vehicle moved

farther away from the airport.

Beckwith and Genai Moore '09 discerned a feeling of belonging, of gazing into the crowds of people that resembled them and being immediately comforted.

The one memorable moment they shared was a service project with LINK UP, a NGO dedicated to the betterment of orphan children through education, where they delivered schoolbooks to students.

Curley described that, "to see them excited about books was amazing." They continued by detailing the eagerness to learn that the students embodied regardless of the limited resources.

In the end, gratefulness resonated within all four students. "I was humbled that these people had this peace even in what they didn't have," Curley said.



COURTESY CLAYTON ROSA

Students in a service project with LINK UP delivered schoolbooks to the children.

STUDY ABROAD SEES RECORD HIGH

"I WANT TO SEE AS MUCH OF THE WORLD AS POSSIBLE BEFORE I DIE"

CASEY CROUGH
Staff Reporter

"I want to see as much of the world as possible before I die," said Jason Norton '09, a senior who represents one of 20 students who have studied abroad in Budapest, Hungary.

According to Rose Falkner, the Director of International and Off Campus Study, a total of 40 students traveled abroad in the fall: 20 to Budapest (including two non-McDaniel students from Colby College and Antioch College), 18 to affiliated programs to England, South Africa, Hungary, Italy, Spain, Argentina, Germany, Costa Rica, Nepal, and Semester at Sea, and two to non-affiliated programs in Israel and Ecuador.

The Study Abroad program is a fairly recent endeavor. Falkner came to McDaniel in the fall of 2004 and became the college's first full-time Director of International and Off-Campus Study.

"Prior to 2004, there was no International Programs Office, and study abroad was handled part-time by various faculty members in the Foreign Language Dept.—they did not coordinate the Budapest program, and the Brussels Exchange Program was not established until spring 2007," explained Falkner.

Norton, who decided against traveling with a friend, has been interested in studying abroad since his freshman year.

In addition to living in Budapest, Norton also visited Dublin, Paris, Munich, Venice, and Vienna.

"Dublin was my favorite," said Norton, "the people were amazing." Another student who studied abroad, MJ Alexander '09 participated in the Semester at Sea program.

"We went to ten different countries, 14 ports in total," said Alexander.

When asked what his most surprising experience while abroad was, Norton surprisingly answered that it was observing the plight of the homeless. He explains that the experience of the homeless in the United States is nothing like in Budapest, said Norton. "One unpleasant experience this senior encountered was his roommate. "He won't be offended since he doesn't go to this school," Norton remarked, chuckling.

Even through there were some tough experiences, Norton not only learned in the classroom, but in the community.

Norton immersed himself in the culture by actively participating in the recent election.

Michel Simmons, a citizen of Budapest, held open off campus lectures about political issues and the government in Hungary.

Norton participated in the "Hungry for Obama" campaign, and blogged on blogspot.com, as well as on the McDaniel website.

Even though Norton was abroad, he was still able to celebrate the election.

"On election night we had a party at the Grand Corinthian Hotel," said Norton.

"It felt like New Year's Eve and everyone, liberal or conservative, was so respectful," said Norton.

Erika Clark '11, another student who studied abroad in Argentina in the fall, offered what she gained from being abroad while the election was taking place.

"I gained an Argentinean perspective on Obama and his speech on election night," said Clark.

Experiencing the election was one opportunity to experience a different

culture and new perspective, but how difficult was it to transfer back in the McDaniel community?

When questioned if the transition back to McDaniel had been a difficult one, Norton explained that he feels a little more introverted, and that he could explain himself and open up more in classes abroad.

Homelessness is a topic brought up often to students who have studied abroad.

"There were moments where I missed people, like on Facebook, or pictures from Homecoming, but I was in my own place, and happy where I was," said Norton.

For students interested in studying abroad, Norton offers this advice: "It comes down to the means to, the urge to, and the mind to go. It is easier to come up with reasons not to go. Students have to figure it out on their own, which is part of the experience."

"I would do it again, but I would do it on my own because I know I can do it now. I could definitely see myself living in four to five of the countries I traveled to," said Alexander.

In the fall of '09 a total of 51 students will be traveling abroad: 39 to Budapest (including three non-McDaniel students—two from Goucher College and one from U. of MD), ten to affiliated programs to China, France, South Africa, Australia, Ireland, Spain and Morocco, and two on the Brussels Exchange Program.

Interested about studying abroad?

Visit: www.mcdaniel.edu/studyabroad, www.mcdaniel.edu/budapest, or contact Rose Falkner (e-mail: ralfalkner@mcdaniel.edu), the Director of the International Programs Office in Hill Hall 105.



COURTESY CLAYTON ROSA

Africa is often portrayed as a place of violence and poverty in the U.S., but like all stereotypes, Africa is more.

SEVENTY STUDENTS TRANSFER TO MCDANIEL TO BE CLOSER TO HOME

ROSE ENY
Staff Reporter

It may come as a surprise to many McDaniel students that an average of 70 students per year transfer to our school. So why do they come in such large numbers? The most common answer is that they decided they wanted to be closer to home or that they wanted a smaller campus environment. In comparison to last semester's 58 students, this semester brought 24 new students to the hill, making a total of 82 new faces on campus this spring.

So what exactly does a college student have to do to transfer to McDaniel? Assistant Dean for First Year Students, Dr. Karen Violanti explains the process as being rather simple. Violanti started working with new students at McDaniel in the fall of 2008 and says that she loves "the experience of supporting students during this change in their lives."

She says that in order to transfer here, students must first submit an application to the Office of Admissions. Once a student is accepted they then meet with Admissions staff who review their transcripts and answer questions.

The next step for a new student is the Office of Academic Affairs where they receive all the information that new students need, such as facts about The Archway and Blackboard, health forms, etc. Violanti then meets with them for their first advising appointment in order to assist in picking classes. She makes sure they are connected to any offices they need for assistance (such as the Bursar's Office, Residence Life, etc.), and places them with an advisor in their major.

They also have access to a one day

transfer student orientation and as part of that orientation, a luncheon attended by offices from all over campus is held to help accommodate all the needs of new students.

Junior Andrew House says, "the transfer process was definitely very helpful to me." House hales from Reed College in Oregon and believes that McDaniel's staff was accommodating in every way possible. Freshman Sara Krome seconds House's notions. She had been accepted to McDaniel a year ago but decided to go to Washington College; Krome states that re-appearing was extremely quick and easy for her.

Not only is the application easy, so is existence on McDaniel's hilly campus. House, Krome, freshman Crissy Kluba (former student of Central Virginia Community College), and junior Melissa Borchers (former student of Stevenson University) all agree that McDaniel's atmosphere is one that creates a feeling of home through its friendly students, beautiful campus, diversity in organizations, and active student body.

Though they love the school, they still take issue with some of the problems that many students struggle with. Borchers says that some of the buildings on campus are old and poorly cared for. House and Krome are not thrilled with the dining options, and Kluba says mildly that Clean Access Agency can be a bit temperamental.

The 82 new students who now call McDaniel home not only had excellent support during the transfer process, they now have the resources of excellent teachers, friendly students, and an atmosphere that cannot be denied as being homey and welcoming.



COURTESY MJ ALEXANDER

MJ Alexander, who participated in the Semester at Sea program, visited India on her trip around the globe.



COURTESY JASON NORTON

Jason Norton spent a semester at the Budapest, Hungary campus, a program which is growing.

ACADEMY AWARDS: BEST PICTURE ROUND-UP 2008

KATELYNN MCGINLEY
Staff Reporter

The Academy Awards are just around the corner, in case you've forgotten that Brad Pitt has actually been doing things with his life other than raising a brood of ridiculously good looking children with Angelina Jolie. So whether you're shelling out the \$8-12 to see them in theaters, waiting to catch them on Netflix, or illegally downloading them (i.e., which the Free Press absolutely does not condone...), here's everything you need to know about the five films nominated for Best Picture this year.



THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON

This heartbreakingly gorgeous film, which spans from the close of World War I to the arrival of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, stars Brad Pitt as Benjamin, a man born old, who ages in reverse, becoming younger with the passage of time.

It is a bizarre concept, but it's also a fascinating one, and Benjamin Button draws you in from the very beginning. Benjamin's life, though extraordinary, is not dissimilar to any other life — there are moments of great happiness coupled with deep sorrows. Benjamin often feels lost and at odds with the world he lives in, and spends much time searching for *his own way to live life*. *Curious* is especially compelling in her role as Benjamin's childhood friend, Daisy, the love of Benjamin's life.

The supporting cast is equally wonderful. Taraji P. Henson (*Hustle and Flow*), who is nominated for Best Supporting Actress, turns in an incredibly heartfelt role as Benjamin's surrogate mother, Queenie, the only person in the world who seems to understand him and truly loves him from the very start of his life.

At 160 minutes, the movie is definitely quite an undertaking — but the lush cinematography and the excellent performances make it well worth your time.



FROST/NIXON

Three years after his resignation, disgraced former President Richard Nixon is a man desperate to save his legacy, and David Frost is a jet-setting television personality trying to make a name for himself in the world of journalism. In the summer of 1977, these two men come together in a collision of egos and wits, when Nixon agrees to one all-inclusive interview to answer the allegations about his time in office, and the Watergate scandal that ended his presidency. Nixon shocks everyone by selecting Frost as his elected confessor, intending to outfox the breezy British showboat and reclaim himself in the hearts of the American people. However, when the camera rolls, a legendary battle of wits between these two flawed, shrewd, and egotistical men begins.

An impeccably pedigreed cast and a pitch-perfect script are the strongest points of *Frost/Nixon*, which is based (very loosely) on a real interview that took place with Nixon. The strongest acting

accolades go to Frank Langella, who portrays the disgraced former president as more than a one dimensional villain. Langella brings depth and genuine emotion to the character of a deeply conflicted and complex man, who spent the rest of his life carrying the burden of his failures with him. The interview scenes between Langella and Michael Sheen, who plays David Frost, are impeccably timed and gripping to watch.



MILK

Sean Penn stars in the heart-wrenching, true life story of San Francisco's first openly gay public official, Harvey Milk, who was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1977. The following year, Milk and the city's mayor, George Moscone (Victor Garber), were both assassinated by former city supervisor, Dan White (Josh Brolin).

Milk is a strong movie with a powerful message about a man who unshakably broke down boundaries — and did so with a unique style and humor. Penn immerses himself completely in the role; and never tries to portray Milk as a saint — he is a real man with flaws of his own, trying to accomplish something against all odds. The movie is transcendent of societal standards — it is not about the dichotomy between gay and straight. It is a movie about everyone: every minority, anybody who has ever been bullied, or has been made to feel ashamed for

simply being themselves will relate to this movie. At the end of the day, Milk is about the ability of the human spirit to endure, and overcome.

The supporting cast is the perfect accent to Penn's tour de force performance. Emile Hirsch, Diego Luna, and especially James Franco, who plays Milk's lover, are all breathtaking in their respective roles.



SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE

Jamal (Dev Patel), an orphaned teen from the slums of Mumbai is a contestant on India's version of the television show "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?". After an extraordinary streak of correct answers, he is arrested under suspicion of cheating, and during his interrogation, events from his life history are revealed to show how he came to know the answers to the questions.

It's a fairy-tale, fantastical roller coaster of a story juxtaposed with the harsh realities of life in India. Alternately gut-wrenching and tender, *Slumdog* grabs hold of the viewer from the very first frame, and doesn't let go until the end. The weight of the film lies squarely on the two lead actors,

Patel and Frieda Pinto — who plays the love of Jamal's life, Latika — and they don't disappoint. Patel brings confidence and swagger to his character, as well as unashamedly showing his fears and insecurities — which the audience can completely relate to.

The movie moves along at a break-neck speed, and yet none of the movie's cinematic flair ever seems unnecessary. Every aspect of the movie makes sense, and there is no doubt that you will leave the theater feeling uplifted and inspired.

THE BEATLES' FIREMAN: PAUL MCCARTNEY

BRENT LOWE
Staff Reporter

Paul McCartney's new CD, "Electric Arguments" combines the ex-Beatles' classic style with more instrument heavy pieces that gives it an all new sound without losing that Beatles feel. "Picture it as a mix between Springsteen and U2," says freshman Kristen Houpt.

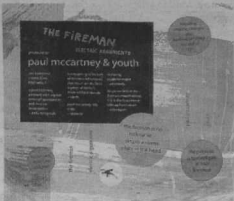
The album starts off with a very freaky melody that combines with two voices singing in unison. The weird thing is that they are both singing different words, giving the whole song a darker feel. This continues until about halfway through the song list, when it picks up a nature tone and carries that to a brighter part of the CD that gives the listener a feeling of summer, and a sense of warmth (the double voice thing only appears on two songs). The

bright nature area of the album then gives way to a very hazy and "artistic" set of songs that brings the CD to an end, and makes you think that Paul probably still does a lot of drugs. The entire album has numerous references to God and heavenly spirits along with many nature references, which give the CD a spiritual tone.

Every one of the thirteen songs on "Electric Arguments" was recorded in one day over the course of a year. They were probably edited after that, but the actual recording was done in a single day for each song. The title of the CD was taken from a poem by Allen Ginsburg, which has many Beatles references that are then clear in

the CD. The poem talks about a car (a VW Beetle) driving down the highway and the album reflects this with the song "Highway".

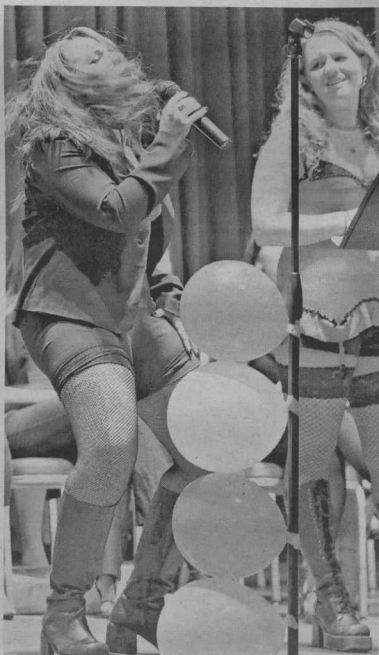
Overall, I give the CD an 8 out of 10.



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Carla Schwagger, Naomi Raphael, and Leah Beck participated in this year's Vagina Monologues production, which raised money to help women in need.



Carla Schwagger and Leah Beck, this year's moaners, scream their stuff at the Vagina Monologues.

ANDREW CARPENTER

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FROM LIFE OF THE PARTY TO BARELY CLINGING TO LIFE



JOEY STEINBERG
Staff Reporter

It's a Saturday night and you decide you are going to go to a party. The drinks are free so you try to get as much as you can. You don't care whether it's Keystone or Steel Reserve because you are drinking it anyway.

Suddenly, you wake up and you feel something in your mouth, there's a steady beep and you see nurses rushing around. You blacked out and you're in the hospital. Your parents who live far away are there; you realize just how serious this is. Finally, someone tells you that you've made it to the hospital because you drank too much.

That is what happened to me. I chugged 40 ounces of vodka in less than five minutes. I blacked out, went to the hospital, died, got resuscitated, ended up in a coma, and went on a breathing machine. My dad left work early after the terrifying call from my mom: "Joey's in bad shape, he's in a coma." Mom drove up from South Carolina after doctors told her I "was not going to survive the night."

My blood alcohol content (BAC) that night was a [.47]. Fifty percent of people die with BAC's of .4 and higher according to a study done by Virginia Tech. I missed the first day of classes because I was still in the

hospital. Can you imagine having your mom or dad getting a telephone call saying "Your child was an idiot and you probably won't talk to them ever again?" Do you want your parents getting that call? As a college, we need to look out for everyone at these parties.

If it weren't for my friend who took me to the hospital I would be dead. And, so you could never read this article.

Dead, like I never graduate college. My friend said he almost wasn't going to take me because he "didn't want to get into trouble." If he didn't take me, I would have been dead, and a death is a lot more serious of a crime than underage drinking.

Most people end up binge drinking because of bets and dares. That's why I drank the vodka that night. I won, but in the end I guess I really ended up losing. My life has completely changed since that night. I don't go

out and party now because it is not worth losing my life. It is not worth my dad and mom wondering whether they told me they loved me last or not; it is not worth the bills it cost to have your life saved.

So for those of us who don't want to get caught up in drinking at parties there are a few ways to make it known. Try simple statements like, "I really can't. I have a huge test tomorrow," or "if you would have seen me last night, you would know why I'm not drinking now."

And for those people reading this article thinking, "this won't happen to me" — what the hell do you think I used to think.

A week after my incident there was another student who drank too much and got poisoned. He never thought that would happen to him, until he was in the hospital with family and friends.

A study done by USA Today showed that freshmen account for 33 percent of deaths in college students, and they

only make up about 24 percent of the college population. Freshmen are at a much higher risk because the freedoms they get from being at home.

Here are some examples from the USA Today article with some freshmen who never made it to sophomore status because of alcohol. Jonathan Thielen was a freshman at the University of Minnesota; he fell of a bunk bed and told his friends he would be okay. They gave him a pillow and a few hours later he died of serious brain injury. Brett Griffin, a freshman at the University of Delaware died November 8, three months ago, at a fraternity party he was looking at pledging.

Two different places, two different injuries, both with the same outcome of death.

If you don't want to wake up to that steady beep, the nurses rushing around and your dad telling you "it'll be okay, just relax," be smart about your drinking.

MEET THE FREE PRESS, 2008

Every semester, new students get the chance to call themselves section editors. Here are this semester's lucky bunch:



NAME: Katelynn McGinley

MAJOR: Political Science

YEAR: Junior

FAVORITE BOOK: "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" — Jonathan Safran-Foer

FAVORITE MOVIE: Kill Bill, Newsies, and Casablanca.

WHY THE FREE PRESS ROCKS: The Free Press is all about making sure that the voices of the students are heard. Plus, if you're on the staff you get Lisa Breslin's cell number.



NAME: Nathan Wuertenberg

YEAR: Freshman

MAJOR: Double Major Spanish and History with a Minor in Education

FAVORITE MUSIC: Acoustic and Alternative Rock

FAVORITE MOVIE: Cool Hand Luke

WHY THE FREE PRESS ROCKS: McDaniel Free Press rocks because it gives college students like me and everyone else on campus a voice when we normally wouldn't have one.



NAME: Rose Eny

YEAR: ?

MAJOR: Communication with minors in Journalism and Sociology.

FAVORITE BOOK: I am currently obsessed with the Twilight series.

Favorite Music: I like a little bit of everything.

WHY THE FREE PRESS ROCKS: I believe that the Free Press gives everyone at McDaniel the opportunity to have their voices heard. We publish a very well-balanced set of stories which are both accurate and relevant.

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NOT-SO-ASTROLOGICALLY-INSPIRED HOROSCOPES

JEN NOEL AND KRIS BREEDEN
Staff Reporters

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU...

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): YOU ARE A DEAR SOUL. YOU PUT UP WITH A LOT. KEEP ON CHUGGIN'.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): HATE YOUR JOB? LOOK AT THE POSITIVE; YOU WON'T BE THERE FOREVER.

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VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU IGNORE OTHERS, EVEN IF IT'S JUST A PHONE CALL. YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU MIGHT NEED THEM.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 23): FEELING SAD? ENJOY A TASTY TREAT, AND EVERYTHING WILL BE BETTER.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 21): THOUGH YOU MAY BE MISSING SOMEONE, DON'T WORRY. THEY'RE MISSING YOU TOO.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): PUT ON YOUR FAVORITE BOOTSIES. MAYBE YOU COULD EVEN ROUNDHOUSE KICK SOMEONE TO THE FACE WITH THEM.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): ON A SCALE OF ONE TO TEN, YOU'RE AT ABOUT AN EIGHT. DON'T FALL OFF THE WAGON.

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CAN'T GO ABROAD? ON-CAMPUS JANTERM WORTHWHILE, TOO

ANDREW VELNOSKY
Staff Reporter

Jan Term is a special time at McDaniel College. It allows students to explore things outside what regular semester classes teach. This year, the school offered an assortment of on-campus classes, plus opportunities to go abroad to such places as China and Europe. For those who do not take classes, Jan Term can be a time for employment or just relaxing.

The people that I talked to all decided to stay on campus for Jan Term, and were here to do very different things. All enjoyed their Jan Term time, both for the classes that they took, and the more relaxed atmosphere that taking just one class created. Junior Ryan Hahn said, "I liked Jan Term because I only took one

class. So it was easy to focus on the class material. I also enjoyed it because it gave me free time to work out at the gym or do other things around campus." Here is what some other people had to say about their Jan Term:

Senior Denise Adams took the Hap Ki Do class saying, "It was a lot of fun, and I would definitely recommend it to others. I can't say I've put it to much practical use, but the defense moves have greatly come in handy during tinkle fights with my boyfriend."

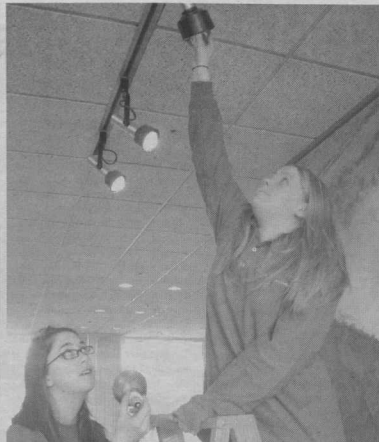
Senior Stacy Knight took "Latinos in Hollywood" saying, "It was a film class that looked at how Latinos are cast in films, stereotyping, and also as films that were directed and produced by Mexican and Anglo crews." Stacy also said that she enjoyed going to the men's and women's basketball games

for fun, and spent time on duty as an RA.

Junior Tiffany Roberson took the class "Images of Women in Law Enforcement," taught by a former FBI agent who was one of the first female agents. Tiffany added, "Jan Term gave me the opportunity to catch up with friends, especially those who I wasn't able to see during the past semester because we were all so busy. We went to Basketball games, saw a few movies, and went shopping. Unfortunately, I'm a broke college kid, so I still had to work."

Junior Val Hudson spent her Jan Term doing an internship at the Unsed School in Baltimore. She said, "There were eight of us who went down to the school every day for the three weeks and spent time getting to know the school and its amazing students. I think that we were all sad to leave."

While Jan term is often seen as a time where it is best to get off campus or just extend winter break, these stories show that McDaniel offers very interesting Jan Term programs right here in Westminster.



JEN NOEL
Allie Southwick '11 (on ladder) and Laura Foley '10 (assisting) can now answer the proverbial question, how many students does it take to change a light bulb? As employees at the Information Desk, their chores are many but their uniforms are few.

MCCRIBS

THE BEST AND WORST OF DORM LIFE

NICK BRUNNER
Staff Reporter

For years, hearing Blanche Ward Hall called at the annual housing lottery sent shivers down the spines of students. The thought alone brought to mind images of cold floors, bare, ugly walls, and small, uncomfortable beds.

However, now that the renovation is nearing completion, many students are beginning to take a fond liking to the once dreaded dormitory. In fact, according to sophomore Emily Harman, some students have even begun referring to the building as "Hotel le Blanche."

If in fact Blanche has become a lavish and luxurious hideaway, then this week's edition of McCribs is about to unveil one of its finest and most elegant treasures. This week I got an up close look inside one of the newly renovated, and I must say gorgeously decorated, rooms located amidst the Phi Sigma Sigma sector of Blanch Ward Hall. It was here where sophomore Caitlin Daniels was kind enough to show me around her rather unique "crib."

The first thing that immediately grabbed my attention as we walked through the door was a bed that looked big and comfortable enough for a princess or even, a queen. Caitlin explained that since her roommate moved out, she thought it would be a good idea to put both beds together and make one sumptuous sleeping paradise.

Complete with a plethora of pillows, dual color coded comforters, and of course two fluffy friends to keep her company, this beauty of a bed surely rivals any bed on this, or any campus for that matter. Accompanied by a stylish floor lamp wound with red roses, and a grass woven trunk, the bed is not only ideal for sleeping but was also a treat for

the eyes during the day.

As I looked around the room I couldn't help but notice how neat and organized everything appeared. The organization really exuded an overall homey feel throughout the room. Everything down to the smallest detail was in place and in order.

The windows were drawn by home made curtains which Caitlin made herself, while the sill was covered by a blossoming green plant. The walls were filled with pictures, wall hangings, a giant mirror, and were topped with large white Christmas baubles that soothed and set the mood all year round.

Caitlin proudly displays a large, colorful drawing of a giant fish near the center of her room. The picture has a special place not only in her room but also in her heart because it was drawn by her brother.

While Caitlin's room is a token of style and elegance, when it comes to modern entertainment and leisure options, she leaves very little to be desired. Her desk sports a stylish 27 inch Sony LCD TV, a matching DVD player, and a TV shaped fish haven for her beta fish. She also boasts another desk for her computer, fully equipped with speakers and a subwoofer, and an array of books ranging from the Bible to her Finite Math book.

What girls room would be complete without two distinctively arranged walk-in closets with stick-up trunk lighters? Each fully stocked with clothes, and of course, shoes, shoes, and more shoes.

I would like to give a special thanks to Caitlin for taking the time to show us around her room and making this edition of McCribs possible. If you think your room has what it takes to be featured in a future edition of McCribs, contact the McDaniel Free Press and let us know why the place you call home is in a league of its own.

ANGELA BALDWIN
Staff Reporter

President Barack Obama's Inauguration was a historical moment in history that I was glad to have witnessed. I'll admit I was curious to see what he was going to do as president. I'll admit that I did not vote for him— all the same it was a historical moment.

Unfortunately, I have not been pleased with what he has done so far. First of all the Guantanamo Bay situation. I am all for ending the torture methods being used; I'm just concerned about doing it down. I think it is rash to say that the prison will be closed in a year and yet not know what to do with the prisoners first, but that's just me. I know that their will have trials, but if the prison is closed, where will they be in the meantime? If they are convicted, then where will they go?

We need to place them somewhere that is not on American soil which Guantanamo Bay fits. If we place these suspected terrorists in a regular prison in America, we would possibly endanger Americans

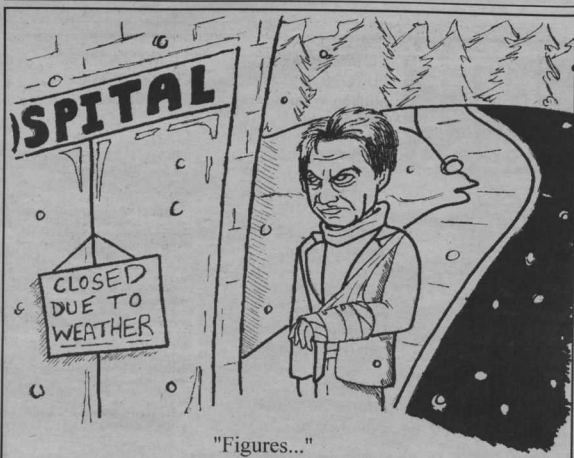
in close proximity. I do not believe we need to give up our basic safety to make sure suspected terrorists are comfortable! In addition, I fear that some of these suspects are acquitted. According to CNN, "18 former detainees are confirmed to have participated in attacks, and 43 are suspected to have been involved in attacks." Though not a huge number, it shows some of them are dangerous.

The next issue I have a problem with is the bill that has taxpayers funding international abortions. Now, I'm not preaching pro-life to anyone, but I don't feel it is right to force people who are pro-life, like me, to pay for something they are morally against. If anything, the president should have charities where people can volunteer to support abortions. Lastly I find it odd that the president is so concerned about America giving suspected terrorists' rights but is willing to have the same America fund the murder of millions of innocent, unborn babies overseas.

One issue that is on everyone's minds is the economy and the stimulus bill. I dislike how the president is trying to rush

the bill through. A bill of this magnitude should take a few weeks to ponder. I'm concerned about where the money is coming from, we are in so much debt already; can we afford this? It is a decent plan though, since they cut out all the unnecessary add-on programs. I trust in Americans—and not the government with its programs to spend the money in the way they feel they need to. There are still programs, like rebuilding schools, which money is funding. These programs can wait until we get out of this crisis. I'm not going to be concerned with school if I can't afford shelter. I am glad that the bill, while still expensive has been cut to 790 billion instead of the original over 800 billion. (According to CNN.com)

I agree with the president on a few things. He is trying to find Al Qaeda by increasing troops in Afghanistan. He also is reducing troops in Iraq. I'm happy. I believe we should have left Iraq alone and gone to Afghanistan from the start. No matter what happens though, I will always support our troops. I hope that the president keeps up his work here, for I actually agree with this.



"Figures..."



Caitlin Daniels shows off her room, decked out in white and pink, for McCribs.

NICK BRUNNER

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OF THE MAJOR NAMES IN THE 'STERIOD ERA', WHO HAS THE BEST CHANCE OF MAKING THE HALL OF FAME?

THE EX: GURU:

Despite what has gone on in Capitol Hill, ESPN, and some other legal arenas, and that this much image is now severely tarnished by allegations from steroids, I think that you cannot leave Roger Clemens out of the Hall of Fame. There is no way that you can leave a 7-time Cy Young Award Winner, an 11-time All-Star Selection, 2-time World Series Champion, and 1986 MVP an award usually given to hitters) out of Cooperstown. As evidenced by that, the steroid allegations did not occur until his season in 1998, and Clemens was a great pitcher before steroids. He is third in the history of major league baseball in strikeouts, a heralded member of the 300-win club, which he is ninth all-time in. And with everyone else he was throwing against popping roids, he still was a dominant pitcher. And with steroids, I don't think they give pitchers the advantage the hitters do. "You can get as big as you want, but if you don't know how to pitch, and you can't put the ball over the plate where the hitter can't hit it, you're not going to last in this league," and Clemens knew how to pitch. While I don't respect Clemens as much as I used to (better yet did I ever), he is too good a pitcher-steroid or not-to be out of the Hall of Fame.

Out of the big names that you have to consider for a future Hall of Fame induction, Alex Rodriguez is the name that has the most chances of the possible candidates. Think about this, he is the only two players who can make the claim that steroids and performance-enhancement have helped for only a couple years. Bonds? Breaks Hank Aaron's record recently, and the main reason for doing this is thanks to the juice. He would have had to enhance himself over a large amount of time. Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa? The race between the two in one season which some claim saved baseball, is just one of a long string of years of high performance. Clemens? Has been dominant for many years, but like the previously noted names, has not come clean (pun intended) on his involvement, drawing it out. A-Rod has admitted wrongdoing in 2003, a year that he performed the best, but if you notice, his numbers aren't as great. It is obvious those who use for one year- Brady Anderson, etc. A-Rod has the best shot, in my mind going off 2-1 to make the Hall of Fame.

ON THE NFL...

HOW SUPER WAS THIS YEAR'S BOWL?

GARRETT 'GURU' EAGAN
Sports Editor

On paper, this year's Super Bowl seemed to be a let-down waiting to happen. Sixty minutes later, Super Bowl XLIII was hailed as one of the greatest Super Bowls of all time. But where does it stand in regards to the other previously noted Super Bowls that were listed as great? Here's my three Super Bowls from my lifetime:

- 1. Super Bowl XLIII (Patriots vs. Giants) - The pursuit of the perfect season versus an underrated team that was unconscious on the road. The 1972 Dolphins were a let-down after this this one, capped off from most likely the greatest play in a Super Bowl - the bomb to David Tyree that kept the Giants alive in the fourth quarter. Based on the storyline, I'd put it at the top spot.
- 2. Super Bowl XLIII (Steelers vs. Cardinals) - It seems cliché that the two top Super Bowls are back to back, but think about this. Both teams fought through Hell to get to this point, and had every reason to win. Back and forth throughout the whole game, and taking into account a play that rivals the David Tyree play-James Harrison's 100 yard interception return (which looked like something from a movie). With 0:46 left on the clock, Rothenberger throws an absolute laser to Santonio Holmes (MVP) for the win. Definitely, number two on my list.
- 3. Super Bowl XXXIV (Rams vs. Titans) - A team dubbed "The Greatest Show on Turf" goes toe to toe with a Steve McNair (in his prime) Titans team. This Super Bowl is on this list thanks to the last play where the Titans came up ONE YARD short. That kind of ending makes it a great Super Bowl, and my third choice.

MEAN AND GREEN

CAITLYN FLYNN
Staff Reporter

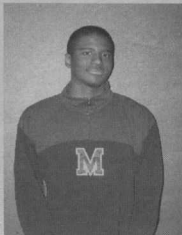


LAUREN WYBLE

This year's women's basketball season has been lead by senior post player Lauren Wyble, who has had high rebounds in several of her games. Wyble averages According to Wyble, her proudest moment of the season is her team's loss against Muhlenberg, which she points out, was the first time the girls came together and played as a team. Her main source of support comes from her team. Wyble points out the fact that it's hard to see the season come to an end not only being a senior, but also because she believes that the team has the potential to do a lot better. However, the team's season is still going strong, and with their win over Dickinson late in the season, is still in the race for the playoffs.

KEVIN HENRY

A sophomore guard on the McDaniel Basketball team, Henry has had an impressive season, averaging about 10 points in 29 minutes per game. According to Henry, the proudest moment of the seasons has been at Ursinus- a huge win in which they defeated the ranked opponent by a 12 point margin. Henry has received a lot of support from both his coaches and teammates this season, specifically referring to the time when he went through what he calls a "slump" mid-season. Henry, who had high points in five games this season, says that he does not want to do well for himself, but for the seniors so they are able to end the season on a positive note.



WINTER SPORTS WRAP-UP

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Chad Arrington.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Senior Chad Arrington "This season has been nothing short than historic. Many people assume last year was a fluke so we came on the scene once again underrated and respected. We've proven to the doubters as well as ourselves that McDaniel is an up and coming program and will continue to make strides. We go into the playoffs confident we can beat any team and that this year will be one to remember."

McDaniel Men's Basketball has two remaining regular season games at Johns Hopkins on February 18 and at Gettysburg on February 21. Centennial Conference Semifinals are February 28.

Men's Conference Standings:

- 1- F&M 2- McDaniel 3- Muhlenberg 4- Gettysburg

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Senior Captain Kim Staub. "We started to peak at the right time after struggling a little and are working on heading into Conferences. If we keep playing the way we have, we have a shot at anything."

McDaniel Women's Basketball has two remaining regular season games at Goucher on February 19 and at Gettysburg on February 21.

Women's Conference Standings:

- 1- Muhlenberg 2- McDaniel
- 3- Dickinson 4- F&M



Kim Staub.

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LAURA HUTTON
Alyssa Rosasco (right) and Andrea Mills (left).

SWIMMING

Junior Captain Alyssa Rosasco. "The swim team has had another fun season. We have been really focused in practice, and it has shown in our meets. These last few weeks of the season are the most difficult, as everyone is anxious to unleash all of their hard work in their final races at the Centennial Conference Championships. I hope for everyone to trust the effort and time they have put into the season and really take a chance, a risk, in their swims. I know we are going to have some tough and exciting races with numerous personal best times. We are ready, individually and as a team." McDaniel Swimming has Conference Championships at F&M February 20-22.

INDOOR TRACK

Senior Cody Crutchley. "The team unfortunately is seeing a lot of injuries but we are working well with the able runners we have. We hope to get back people recovering from injury soon and with two more meets to go."

McDaniel Indoor Track has two remaining meets at Susquehanna on February 21 then Conference Championships at Ursinus February 28 and March 1.

After injuring his left knee at the start of the indoor season, senior Scott Pusateri has been working his hardest to stay in shape as he heals. Through swimming, strength and core training, aqua jogging, and stationary biking Pusateri is determined to be ready once his knee is healthy for running again.

"Even though the injury has been frustrating, especially since it is my senior year, I have been staying positive and taking it one day at a time," explains Pusateri.



KEVIN GILL

Cody Crutchley.

TERROR SPORTS

MEN'S BBALL IS 'READY TO GO' FOR PLAYOFFS

RYAN CHELL
Staff Reporter

This year's McDaniel men's basketball team has had the marks of a great season on the hardwood, as evidenced by several milestones in the program's history, and it could become even more special as the season comes to a close.

After last Wednesday's 69-55 win against Dickinson, the Terror have positioned themselves in second place in the Centennial Conference with a 12-3 conference record, and are 17-5 overall. That 17th win is very special because it marks a plateau in wins in a single season for the Terror, and look to build on that mark with three more road games to go.

McDaniel forward Josh McKay recorded a double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds while T.J. Odunlami added 15 points. They especially did a great job defending guys like Dickinson's Kizhmar Grel, who almost single-handedly ousted the Terror from the playoffs last year.

The win also guarantees a spot in the upcoming Centennial Conference Tournament, and in those same playoffs, they made sure they will be able to rest as they earned one of the top three seeds and a first-round bye.

"The ideal situation for us is to win that conference tournament and make it to the NCAA tournament. But the key thing is that we continue to play well." And playing well is what the Terror have been doing all season long. The Terror opened up their 2008 campaign with eight straight wins, and tied a record set by their Western Maryland predecessors 44 years ago for consecutive wins. In that stretch, the Terror went 6-0 against their Centennial Conference opponents, including road wins against Muhlenberg, then #21 Utopia, and the top team in the conference at this point, the Franklin and Marshall Diplomats.

The midseason success really was a big confidence boost to the squad and led to a lot of good things happening for the team. "It's always great to have that kind of

success, instead of going the other way," Curley laughed.

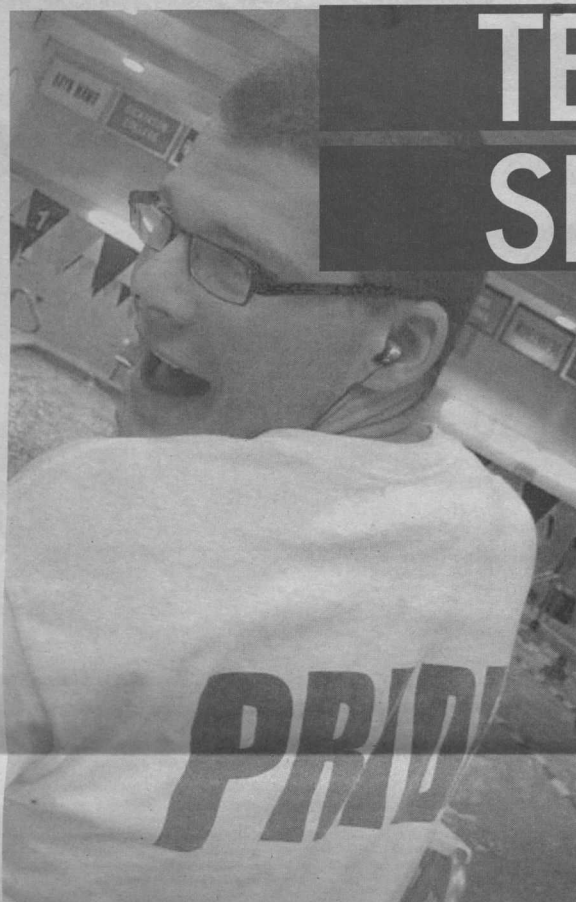
A lot of credit should be passed around to all parts of this squad. Curley avoided the sophomore slump and went above and beyond the expectations he set in last year's campaign. He took a team that lost two of its top scorers in Chris Prior and Brett Foelber, and filled those holes with guys who have been a presence on this team for years. From day one that Curley arrived, it was his way of doing things and so far, they have produced results. Prior even remained with Curley after this playing days were over, as he spent this year helping his former coach on the sidelines.

"Chris brings a lot of positive experience," Curley said. "He can relate to players, and he really gives me a sense of where the team is and how they're doing."

And that's where the players should deserve the credit. And those seven seniors really received it from the McDaniel faithful on Wednesday night as they played in their final home game. The Green Terror have seven players who average more than seven points per game, and Curley really likes the fact that there is a lot of diversity when it comes to their offensive attack. And on the defensive end of the court, Chad Arrington and Josh McKay combine for about 14 rebounds per game.

All the players on this squad, especially the seniors, have really set the trend for basketball to be played here in Westminster for years to come, and Curley knows that they will be ready to finish the building process when playoff time comes around, and it began with the win Thursday night against Dickinson. As evidenced by their reactions last night, and even some reactions from guys like Curley after he walked off the court gesturing to the crowd with a huge grin on his face after the January 28th victory over Gettysburg, their coach knows that he and his team are ready to go.

"They're real excited and have put a lot of time and effort into where we are. I know they are looking forward to it."



LAURA HUTTON

Before warming up at the home meet versus Dickinson College on January 17, Freshman Jason Harder shows his team pride. Before each meet, the team collectively yells "pride," this swimmer tradition symbolizes the pride each swimmer has for themselves and their team. It is something that binds all 23 McDaniel swimmers to their sport and their team.

BBALL WOMEN PRESS AHEAD IN PLAYOFFS

CHRIS FERRICK-MANLEY
Staff Reporter

The Green Terror Women's basketball team (13-10, 11-6 in Centennial Conference play) will extend their conference leading streak of playoff appearances to eight with a win at Gettysburg on Saturday.

"Any time you have the opportunity to get into postseason play you have to be pleased," said head women's basketball coach Becky Martin. "It's an honor."

Martin is very pleased with the progress of her team this season, a team that has several underclassmen see significant minutes on the court. They have been bitten by the injury bug however. According to junior guard Sally Grace, the team had one practice where only ten players dressed because of health issues. Among the injured this season has been senior Danny Fraider, freshmen

Meg Biggart, and freshmen Katherine Restrepo.

"It's the time of attrition where the strong survive," said Martin regarding the end of the season.

Senior Kim Staub, who recently had her first three game streak of 10 point games, notes that the team still has some consistency issues to work out.

"We need to become a playoff team," said Staub. "We have these five minute lapses that really hurt us."

Playing to the level of the opponent and losing focus may also be concerns, according to Staub.

"Certain games we'll play amazing, other games we won't play as well as we should," said junior Catherine Mills, a transfer from Salisbury and Frederick Community College.

Mills does believe that the team has a lot of potential and the ability to live up to it however.

"We need to be consistent and

confident," said Mills.

According to Sally Grace, the inconsistency that has plagued the Terror may be a product of trying to find the right lineups.

"Especially our young players show flashes of what they can do but struggle the next game," said Grace, "all have played well at times."

Most importantly to Grace and her teammates is seeing the streak of consecutive playoff appearances continue.

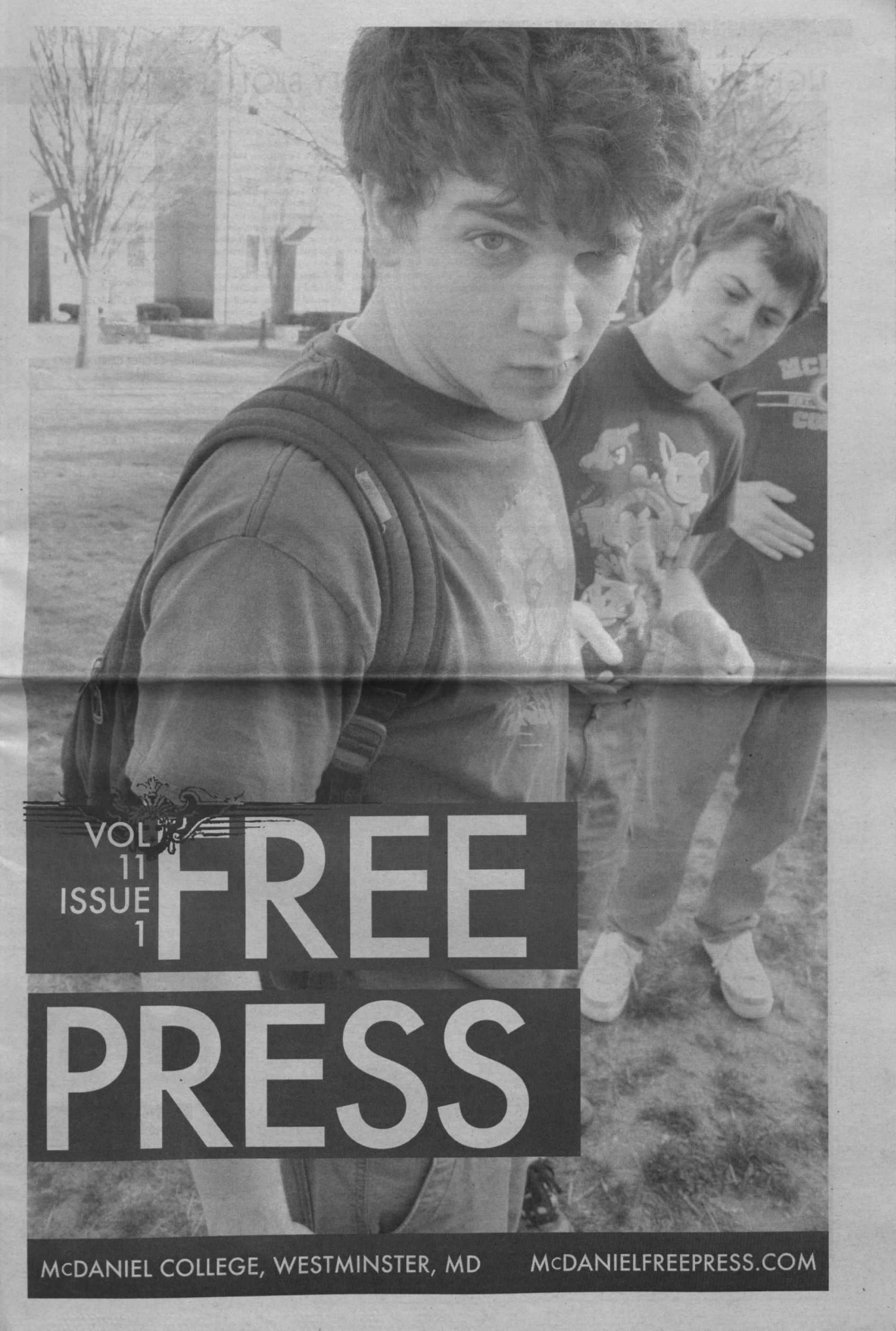
"None of us want to see that streak end," said Grace.

The final two games for the Green Terror women are on the road. They will play Thursday, February 19, at Goucher in a non-conference game at 7 pm and then play again Saturday, February 21, against the Gettysburg Bulldogs at 4 pm in a crucial Centennial Conference game. The Centennial Tournament will be held at Muhlenberg.



LAURA HUTTON

Katie Dorion, Laura Hutton, Stefanie McCole, and Kacy Cribbs with Coach Kim Easterday.



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LIGHTER SIDE OF THE CAMPUS SAFETY BLOTTER

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Blotter by the numbers



JEN NOEL
Staff Reporter

The unpredictable weather of the past two weeks or perhaps a series of good television shows must have been keeping the students on campus occupied because this week's blotter was definitely on the "lighter side." The fact that students have been on their better behavior makes a good day for Campus Safety, but makes my job more difficult. But we have no fear, no one is perfect, and the blotter still had plenty of mishaps.

In the weeks since returning to campus, there have been 99 documented incidents in the blotter, a number that is pretty high according to Mike Webster. A string of vehicle related incidents made up the latter part of that 99 this round.

On February 21, officers responded to a call that three cats had been gotten

the North Village parking lot. The cars appeared to have no apparent connection to one another, but one thing's for sure; someone on campus has a real aversion to omiclets. The only tangible explanation for this incident is they must be trying to relive their high school days. I bet they went cow tipping afterwards.

Another student was also unfortunate enough to find an unwanted gift left on their car. On February 24, a student reported going to his car and discovering that someone had thrown up on his vehicle. Nothing like seeing that someone else had a better dinner in GLAR last night than you did. Clean up in aisle seven.

On February 15, I was a first hand witness to a report that Campus Safety filed in Hill Hall. A student must have forgotten that there is no bathroom on the first floor of the building as fecal matter was discovered in the hallway. Students

using the computer lab were approached by the officer on duty and asked if they had posted the sign or knew anything about the incident.

Being a true reporter, I checked out the scene. It was disgusting, but it also proved that there are some considerable students on campus. After stepping in the remnants left behind by the poo bandit, someone posted a sign to beware of the droppings on the other side of the door. The cleaning staff really needs to get paid overtime for these past two weeks.

Of course the pages of the blotter were also filled with the expected incidents of alcohol violations and disturbances around campus; some just never learn from the mistakes of others.

If nothing else, a moral emerges from this week's blotter: no place is safe from the sordid activities of students, so watch where you're walking.

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Drugs-1
- WHITEFORD**
Alcohol-1 Disturbance-5
Health-1 Violence-1
- ANW**
Health-1
- GARDEN APTS**
Disturbance-1
- PA AVE**
Alcohol-1 Health-1
Disturbance-2
- NORTH VILLAGE**
Disturbance-1 Health-1
- HILL HALL**
Drugs-1
- DECKER CENTER**
Theft-1

(Editor's Note: This column by Jen Noel 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.)

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MYSPACE PROFILES SUBJECT OF NEW RESEARCH

A student-faculty research project that taps into the growing interest in social networking sites is an example of the unique collaborations that provide the chance to delve into a myriad of subjects and questions, including matters of the heart.

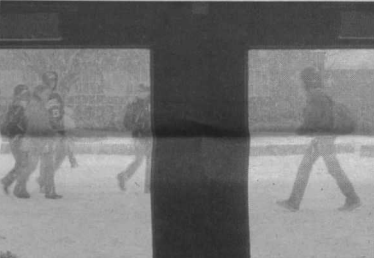
SENIORS WILL GIVE BACK THROUGH TEACH FOR AMERICA

Seniors April Curley and Jennifer Beckwith have been best friends since sixth grade. This summer, they will add the prestigious Teach For America corps to the long list of activities, accomplishments and life-changing experiences they've shared.

BABIES BRING TEXTBOOKS TO LIFE

For the nearly two dozen students in Professor Stephanie Madsen's Child and Adolescent Development class, words and phrases pulled from their textbooks such as "early friendships," "emotions/social referencing," and "motor skills" - and scribbled on the chalkboard before a recent session - sprang to life in a fascinating, meaningful and tangible way.

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This winter temperatures roller coasterd from the teens to the balmy '50s. At the end of February, an afternoon snow surprised many. Flakes were bigger than the hand cut paper flakes on the office windows in Hill Hall (and those are big). Snow hit again at the beginning of March.
MAX ROBINSON



Belgian student Fanny Cool (standing), Anika Sharma (from Germany) and Pauline Jeumont (France) celebrate Mardi Gras by offering candy and beads. All three students are members of the college's French Club.
KIM STAUB

ON THE COVER

Tom Rouleau, remembered for his humor and light-heartedness, hangs out on campus. In honor of his memory, the Free Press dedicated pages 6 and 7 of this issue to his life.

SAM SEGAL



Kristen Lamb '09 (left) and Rachel Pyles '09 decorate masks at the Ultimate Frisbee Club's Mardi Gras table. The club set up the table on Tuesday, Feb. 24.
KIM STAUB

Members of the Catholic Campus Ministries, Laura Manos-Hey '11, Ted Kunkel '10 and Matt Crill '12, offered free donuts and literature offered lent in Essor Lounge on Tuesday, Feb. 24.
KIM STAUB

TWO WEEKS IN PHOTOGRAPHS

RECESSION REACHES THE HILL

KATE SMITH
Staff Reporter

Like colleges across the country, McDaniel is feeling the effects of the economic recession. Fortunately, McDaniel students will likely be shielded from the full force of these effects.

The economic recession has left its mark on McDaniel. The college's endowment declined about 25 percent, state funding was cut twice this year, and donors are more cautious about giving, according to Dr. Ehan Seidel, vice president for Administration and Finance. At the same time, students need more financial aid, so the college spent \$1.2 million over budget this year, according to a letter from President Coley to the McDaniel community in December 2008. Despite economic challenges, McDaniel remains committed to staying affordable for students.

"The college is wholly committed to providing the financial aid needed to help attract students and to keep our students here. The college has cut costs in all areas, except financial aid," says Patricia Williams, director of Financial Aid. Currently, 80 percent of students receive some form of financial aid, according to Williams.

Seidel confirms the college's commitment to providing students with financial aid. With more students likely to face financial challenges in the coming ac-

ademic year, Seidel says that financial aid is a "certainty." He says that maintaining financial aid is a top priority of the college, and he assures that there will be an increase in financial aid next year.

"One thing we are staying committed to is staying affordable... I think if anything is maintained, it is going to be financial aid, absolutely," Seidel says.

Along with an increase in financial aid, the college is also attempting to avoid a spike in the cost of tuition. However, according to President John Coley, an increase in tuition is unavoidable due to decreases in income elsewhere, but the increase is relatively minor.

"Because of our rising prices, we have raised tuition for next year, but it is the smallest increase in recent memory," Coley says.

The current academic year's tuition, including room and board based on a double dorm and 210 meal plan, is \$36,880.00. Williams says this year's tuition increased by about four or five percent from last year's tuition. Tuition for the 2009-2010 academic year will be \$38,600.00, an increase of just under four percent, according to Williams.

Remaining affordable will certainly be a challenge in this economic environment. Aid from the state has been cut twice this year, resulting in a reduction of over half a million dollars. In the past, much of that

money has been used for financial aid.

The college's endowment has declined approximately 25 percent as a result of the stock market, according to Seidel. As of June 2007, the endowment was \$89,697,000. Now, Seidel estimates that it is approximately \$65 million. According to Richard Kief, vice president for Institutional Advancement, each year, five percent of a three year average of the endowment is drawn to support the operating budget. When the endowment is smaller, as it is this year, "we draw five percent of a smaller number," says Kief.

The McDaniel Annual Fund may or may not suffer this year, but Kief says that if it does turn out to be down this year on top of the decline in the endowment, it will be even more difficult to maintain a balanced budget.

The McDaniel Annual Fund is financed by financial gifts that go into the college's operating budget.

"Right now, we're ahead on pledges and behind on cash. I can't tell you if we're going to end up where the pledges are or if we'll end up where the cash is," says Kief. But along with the others, Kief says the college is committed to meeting the financial needs of students regardless.

Fundraising has slowed down in general, not only for the McDaniel Annual Fund. Brenda Dombroski, associate director of Major Gifts, says that monetary gifts

to the college have slowed down. While Dombroski says the college still has some generous donors, many are more cautious to immediately say yes to giving.

Kief says that last year, the college raised \$15 million, and the year before \$16 million. "The outlook for this year is going to be less," he says. Exactly how much less is yet to be determined. He says they are currently in discussion with people who could make significant gifts, but he will not know until they make their decisions.

"I really think that next year's budget is going to see more of the impact than this year's budget," Seidel says.

No matter what the future holds, it is clear that McDaniel is not the only college facing financial challenges. "McDaniel is in a club with 100 percent membership," says Dr. Kevin McIntyre, an economics professor and a faculty representative to the Budget Committee.

Despite the challenges, Seidel remains optimistic about McDaniel's ability to withstand the recession.

"We're not going to escape unscathed, but at the same time we'll come through it and be okay in the end," he says.

SOME FAST FACTS ABOUT MCDANIEL COLLEGE'S CASH

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2008-2009 ACADEMIC YEAR: Approximately \$55 million. This year saw a \$1.5 million shortfall

ENDOWMENT: Approximate decline of 25%. Went from close to \$90 million a couple years ago to approximately \$65 million currently.

REDUCTION IN STATE SUPPORT: Cut twice this year by more than \$5 million. State support is about 6% of the college's budget.

FINANCIAL AID: \$1.2 million over budget this academic year. Financial aid is likely to increase next year.

HIT AND RUN SUSPECT STILL AT LARGE

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It has been just over month since the hit and run crash that killed McDaniel Sophomore, Thomas Rouleau. While family, friends, and the local police are still searching for Shawn Gabriel Bibbs, the man police identified as responsible for the fatal crash. Westminster City Police Detective

Jeff Schuster said the department is "currently working with all leads" in the search for Bibbs but was "not at liberty to say" when asked whether he believed Bibbs was still in the Westminster or Baltimore Area.

A \$1000 reward is being offered for information about Bibbs and anyone with information should call the Westminster Police Department at 410-848-4646. The last known address for Bibbs is: 9 Gloucester Rd., Reisterstown, Md.

UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY RESULTS IN CAUTIONARY MESSAGE

JEN NOEL
Staff Reporter

On February 26, 2009, a homeless man was apprehended by Campus Safety officers after entering the unlocked back door of a Pennsylvania Avenue house. The man in custody was later criminally charged by the state with trespassing. As a result of this, a man was seen trying to enter the front doors of Docket Center. After watching the man, who was unfamiliar with the college, struggle with the locked doors, Campus Safety told him to leave the premises.

The perpetrator then walked down to

ward the Pennsylvania Avenue houses and tried to enter house where the back door was locked. He moved to the house next door, and found the door unlocked, and entered the residence. Campus Safety immediately took the man into custody.

This incident has sparked a cautionary message from Mike Webster, Director of

"Each year we account for hundreds of incidents where we have to remove people holding doors open in residence halls," said Webster. "I am certain that at least one third of Pennsylvania Avenue houses also leave their doors unlocked."

According to the Office of Postsecond-

ary Education, since 2005, McDaniel College has had 2 robberies and 16 burglaries on campus, and 16 burglaries in residence halls alone. In the year 2007, all 3 burglaries that occurred were without forced entry.

Although the incident that occurred this time did not end in theft, Webster warned that the necessary to take precautions and lock doors when leaving a building.

"This is not a matter to take lightly," commented Webster. "We need to be proactive in these situations, many times an incident like this could be prevented if doors remain locked."

CAREER SERVICES AIDS JOB SEARCH IN DOWN ECONOMY

ANGELA BALDWIN
Staff Reporter

As the class of 2009 prepares to graduate in mere months, the need to find a job in this tough economy looms ahead. Fortunately there is help through the tools and events McDaniel Career Services is providing.

One of the major events provided by Career Services is the Job Search Boot Camp. This event which was on February 28, provided assistance with creating a resume, finding employment, networking and interviewing. "This event provided all the tools that one needs to successfully navigate their way through the job search process," April Johnson, Director of Career Services mentioned.

The job search process has always been important to learn but it is extremely important in this tough economy. Students are eager to land a job sometime soon after graduation. Johnson advises, "If you haven't begun the job search process... then you need to visit Career Services immediately." "We're facing tough times and it's something that cannot be put on the backburner any longer. It's serious out there."

Other tools that have been provided for students and alumni include: expansion of the Career Corner monthly newsletter to reflect information about the current economy, such as job market information and lists of companies that are still hiring despite the state of the economy. CS increased its number of appointments available to students and also offers appointments via email and telephone. A Job Search Club will be started that will allow fellow job seekers a way to communicate with each other. Career Services

has purchased subscriptions to 4 online internship and job databases which are completely free to students and alumni. Internships have always been important in increasing one's chances of getting a job but now in this economy, they are more important than ever. "Our students have got to consider doing internships, it's one of the ways it will make them more marketable, especially since they are competing with people who have been laid off and have years of experience, as well as other recent college grads worldwide," Johnson said.

In getting an internship, all it takes is a trip down to Smith House. Career Services offers many resources to help students find internships, such as the GJTC database which, according to Johnson, has more than 250 internships listed. "And that's just the ones that employers have posted to our school. The database also lists opportunities that have been posted to the vendor's database, which is more than 80,000," Johnson stated.

In addition, the two databases Internships.com and Internships-USA.com are provided for student use. So Career Services is doing its part in providing tools to students, the only part left is for the students to use these tools! Johnson mentioned, "We've already done the leg work...we've prepared the meal...they just need to eat."

Unfortunately Career Services was not used much before this economy, but now more students are using the help. "We've already seen an increase in our appointments and walk-ins. We've even seen an increase in the number of alumni who are returning to use our services. And we love it! That's what we are here for...to help!"

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MCDANIEL STUDENTS TRAVEL TO ANNAPOLIS FOR MICUA DAY

LAURA HUTTON
Co Editor-in-Chief

MCDaniel students joined their peers from Maryland's independent colleges and universities on February 12 in Annapolis to save state funding of their institutions.

The Sellinger State Aid Program, named for Reverend Joseph A. Sellinger, a former President of Loyola College for nearly 30 years, has provided funds from the state of Maryland to students attending its private institutions since the 1970s. In the current economic climate, it has been subject to cuts and more could be on the way.

To save this funding, students from Maryland's 18 independent institutions attended MICUA Day (Maryland Independent College and University Association) to lobby state representatives in their respective districts.

Throughout the day, students attended meetings with their representatives and were able to express how the Sellinger program has been personally important to them in their college careers. The students conveyed their determination to protect the state funding by sharing the impact of Sellinger on their college career, thanking legislators for support, and encouraging their continued maintenance of the program.

Senior Stuart Clarke explains, "the majority of Sellinger funds received by MCDaniel go to scholarships, and I am here on a scholarship, otherwise I wouldn't be able to attend a private college. I'm starting law school in the fall, an opportunity I only have because of the MCDaniel education I received thanks to the Sellinger formula."

Clarke attended MICUA Day in 2008 and 2009. His dedication branches from the fact that he is only able to at-

tend MCDaniel College because of the Sellinger program. "Largely because of misconceptions about private colleges, there tends to be the idea that students attending private colleges come from wealthy families, and that's not true at all. However, if one accepts that premise, they're going to be much less likely to support funding private schools, especially during a recession with a budget deficit," observes Clarke.

Thus, by talking to their legislators, students are able to relay how important it is for students to have the option of attending a private school and show the importance of supporting Sellinger.

Established in 1971, MICUA's goal was to make private education more affordable to students and their families. These funds were acquired through the Sellinger formula and continue to be of high importance to students today as over 15,000 grants use its funds to provide support to students, according to "The Faces of Sellinger 2009."

"Tina (Bajarekull, president of MICUA) often observes that the primary purpose of MICUA Day is to put human faces on the Sellinger Formula and academic building bond bill ... and legislators are there to serve their constituents. MICUA Day and responsive democracy go together," explains Dr. Herbert Smith, political science professor.

Supporting Sellinger is more cost efficient to the state than providing aid to public institutions. Reducing the funds independent schools receive would cause cuts to other projects on campus.

"If we did not get this money from the state, we would need an enormous amount more in our endowment to generate the amount of money we get from Sellinger. The college would try

to make up the difference in financial aid between the amount we would lose from Sellinger, but that would mean that some of our other priorities would slow down, like our residence hall renovation and our hope to renovate Decker in the near future," said President Joan Coley.

Although students in previous years had received mixed feedback, Clarke was pleased to report that the legislators seemed to understand the importance of Sellinger and he feels more confident in their support.

Smith explains, "It's been my experience after almost four years in Maryland politics, that members of the General Assembly are generally extroverted 'people' persons. They enjoy meeting and talking with voters ... that's the inescapable essence of politics in its purest sense."

MCDaniel College attended the event with 6 students, 2 professors Smith and Dr. Gretchen McKay, associate professor of art history and assistant to the president for special projects, and President Coley.

"MICUA Day will be one of my most

memorable experiences I had here at MCDaniel College, not just because of the experience with my Senator and District Delegate but because I sent the majority of the day with President Coley, which was a great honor," explains senior Torrella Jordan.

MICUA Day itself has been held for about 10 years, according to Smith. MCDaniel has been in attendance from the start and showing nothing but growing support for a program that allows students a range of educational options through state funds.

CHANGES COMING TO SGA

ANDREW VELNOSKY
Staff Reporter

rent system where many people have little communication with their representative.

The SGA has begun making changes to its structure that will be implemented in time for next school year. These changes are being made in an effort to better represent the MCDaniel student body and to get more students involved. I sat down with SGA Vice President Ben Cowman to discuss the changes:

In order to make SGA membership more representative of the entire student body, the assembly will be abandoning the by-class representation. This means that there will no longer be class presidents, etc. In their place will be community representatives, elected to represent the various residence areas on campus. There will be representatives from Rouzer, Whitford, North Village, Garden Apartments, and so forth. There will also be a commuter representative. This way, everyone will be sure to know who their representative is and where he or she can be found; instead of the cur-

There will also be an executive board consisting of the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The board will also include a cabinet of committee chairs, labeled vice presidents, representing the committees. The committees are: SGA Affairs, Academic Affairs, Finance, Communications, College Services, Athletics, and College Activities (which will work closely with CAPBoard).

The other major change to the SGA is the creation of the Organizations Council. The purpose of the council will be to gather representatives from all college organizations together in one place for the planning of campus events, discussion of problems, and sharing of ideas. In this way, organizations can eliminate some of the communication problems that exist with so many clubs and organizations on campus. SGA president Dave Castle and VP Cowman have been visiting all campus clubs and organizations

recently to discuss formation of the council, which has its first meeting on March 30 and will meet once a month after that. The SGA will mandate that the organizations send a representative to the council in order to receive SGA funding, funding that is especially important for small organizations. Organization representatives will be members of the SGA themselves and can serve on the committees.

The council will also be working on a master calendar—something that currently does not exist. This calendar will be a comprehensive schedule of all campus events and will be created with input from every campus organization. Vice President Cowman also said that he would like to eventually see the calendar posted on the new student intranet so that students could have access to it at their fingertips. With new and very innovative changes on the way, the future looks bright for the SGA. As always, SGA members are willing to talk with anyone who is concerned about the changes or is interested in becoming involved.

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OMS IN TRANSITION SINCE BRYANT LEFT

CLAYTON ROSA
Staff Reporter

Tucked away in the basement of Rouzer, across the Minute Maid vending machine, is an office that houses one interim director, one secretary, and four part-time student workers.

The Office of Multicultural Services (OMS) has been in transition since Ms. Zephia Bryant, now Director of the Multicultural Center at Indiana University-Bloomington, left McDaniel College.

Bryant worked as the Director of Multicultural Services for six years. During her time here, she helped increase diversity and awareness on campus through a variety of programs, including the Sankofa Mentoring Program, the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, Multicultural Student Weekend, and Diversity Week, as well as support for umbrella organizations like Black Student Union, Hispano-Latino Alliance, and the Women's Issues Group.

"It was a very pivotal time for me," says Bryant regarding her time at McDaniel. "McDaniel helped me learn the underpinnings of the institution." Bryant applauded McDaniel's commitment to diversity "but over time came challenges" as available resources dwindled.

"When I began, there was myself and a graduate assistant, with time an additional graduate assistant came and a part-time administrative support person — then a full-time one." Bryant says that it is essential for OMS to provide different services for the campus community.

"There is only so much that one person can do," she said in regards to the lack of full-time staff members in OMS. Nonetheless, many faculty and staff members committed to the office and to supporting the students. "But when faculty and staff are pulled in other directions, you lose critical people that normally support these efforts," she stated.

Bryant conveyed that, "there is a large contingent of students who may

have not seen OMS as a resource for them and then there are faculty members who may not have realized the relevance of OMS to their curriculum or department."

The challenge, according to Bryant, is getting everyone on campus — students, staff, and faculty — to understand that OMS is relevant for everyone and, therefore, can be a tool for everyone.

There are currently increased efforts underway to widen the scope and visibility of OMS. One of the initiatives is a Campus Diversity Council composed of students, faculty, staff, and administrators, and will serve as an advisory board for the incoming Director of OMS, an office that will be renamed to the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs (ODMA).

Bryant commends the creation of the council in that, "diversity has to be institutionalized and systemic. The council can look at diversity across campus." Bryant continues, "But hopefully the council will not only be tasked with

making recommendations but implementing them as well."

Dr. Debora Johnson-Ross, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, is the chair for the search committee and confirmed that there are over seventy applicants for the position. Application

reviews begin March 16, 2009 and will continue until the position is filled.

Bryant praises McDaniel for strongly examining diversity on campus. She concluded, "I challenge the institution to look critically at diversity and moving the efforts forward."



EVAN TICKNOR

Keith Adams of Turtle Buddy practices in Red Square.

MCDANIEL FACULTY AND STAFF JOIN THE OFF TRACK ART CO-OP

SAMANTHA LAMBERT
Staff Reporter

The opening night of local art gallery Off Track Art last month was a huge success. The parking lot was packed while people waited outside to gain entrance into this quaint, yet welcoming, bohemian gallery.

"But what is so special about this show is that some of the artists displaying their work are McDaniel faculty and staff."

"It seems that our time has come," said Linda Van Hart, an art and art history lecturer and one of the featured artists. "It was just so wonderful, 20 enthusiastic artists, family, friends and neighbors...all coming together, saying that art matters to us."

The number of people present at the opening shocked Van Hart and other participating artists, since the PR for the event was all done by word of mouth.

The gallery features interesting and elaborate works range from mix media collage, jewelry, photography, painting, sculpture and metal crafting.

Another featured artist who was working the front desk was Susan Williamson, who explained that each artist pays only \$25 a month to have art shown in the gallery.

Considering the current state of the economy, Williamson says that "this is a great way to share art with like minded artists."

Both Williamson and Van Hart, who are close friends, want to inspire others to create art themselves no matter what their profession is.

"Not only does this show feature obvious artists, but there are nurses, a consultant, and other professionals that you would not necessarily link to art," Van Hart said. "The future challenge is to keep the momentum going."

Both artists feel that Westminster is an up and coming town when it comes to art and hope that more college students will be interested to start art as well.

"Get a group of friends and take a vacant space and turn it into a cooperative composition anywhere," Williamson advises.

Off Track Art is located on Liberty Street in Westminster, and is open from 12 - 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 12 p.m. - 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday; and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

on Saturday.

Participating artists include Vestal Abbot, Sarah Abel-DeLuca, Melinda Byrd, Christina Collins-Smith, Kevin Dayhoff, Mary Decker, Gail Elwell, Judy Goodyear, Charlotte

Laslo, Beck Maurio, Wasy Palijczuk, Howard Riopelle, Cathy Sawdye, Bob Sapor, Gordon Wickes, Vladimir Tzenov, Linda Van Hart, Robert Waddell, Susan Williamson and Pam Zappardino.



PAM ZAPPARDINO

Wasy Palijczuk and Linda Van Hart chat during the opening of Off Track Art, a new co-op that features the works of 20 artists, including these friends.

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THIS JUST IN: ROUZER STILL DISGUSTING

ALEX ROMAN
Staff Reporter

Words like dirty, grimy, vomit-filled, and stinky are often used to describe the infamous boys dorm, Rouzer. However freshmen Kevin Wright, Chris Michell, Nick Sicuranza, and Ty Wittelsberg try to make the best out of these "horrific" living

"The second floor 'quad' poses as a movie theater, locker room, lounge area, bedroom, as well as party central for the typical freshman boy.

As I timidly walked in I was immediately struck by the smell of burnt popcorn and smelly gym shorts. The plain white walls were spotted with random posters, the bunk beds rested against two of the four walls and dressers, desks, and drawers lined the others.

My eyes were immediately drawn to the center of the room where two large couches are arranged so that the viewer can watch two TVs at the same time—typical boys. Stacks and stacks of DVDs and X-Box games cover the top of tree dressers. Kevin told me they roughly have 200 DVDs.

I must admit it was difficult wading through all the clothes, trash, junk food, and lacrosse equipment that littered the brown rug, but when I reached the far side, I saw a bag of new mousetraps laying on one of the desks.

They told me that recently they started having mouse problems.

I wonder why.

If your room is unique, or you just think there is something wrong with yours, email traepens@mcdaniel.edu.



ALEX ROMAN

Who's Got Your Back?



Late Nights

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Late Nights

TOM, YOU WILL BE MISSED.

I attended the memorial service that was held for Thomas Rouleau a few weeks ago. It is hard for me to express just how moved I was by everything that was said by both Tom's friends and family, and also how in awe I was of his brilliant and creative artwork that was displayed throughout the forum. Sure tears were rolling down the faces of many throughout the memorial but smiles and laughs were also seen and heard.

Though lots of us are still dealing with the sudden loss of Tom I was reassured that particular Sunday night that he would want us to continue to stick together during this difficult time and remember it is okay to laugh again. We lost not just a McDaniel Student, but a best friend, a boyfriend, a brother, a son, and the list could continue for lines and lines.

But I learned so many valuable lessons at that memorial service that will stick with me forever. One very important thing that Tom's mother, Mary, pointed out to all of us is that we must live our lives the best way we know how and not waste time doing things we do not enjoy. That is the way Tom lived his life and we must emulate his attitude. We must continue to laugh often and spend time with the people we love most. Nothing in life is certain and we must live, as Tom did, to the fullest every day. We must remain optimistic. Remain spontaneous. Remain hopeful. Remain caring and loving towards others.

As I strive to keep a smile on my face every day and even laugh too hard at a bad joke that's not even funny I will think of you Tom. I know your spirit will reside in me forever. Rest in Peace.

KATE DELENICK
Co Editor-in-Chief

“ I will love you forever, Tom. I learned more from you than you could ever know. You made me laugh and look at the world in a different light. I am proud to call you my friend and I am a better person because I knew you, you were the most genuine and honest guy I've ever met. It wasn't always what we wanted but you gave it to us straight haha I'll never forget you. Thanks for all the random stupid shit you made all of us do, you made us step outside of the box. yea, just thanks dude. ”

Kate Johansen

“ Tom I met you through roommates, bizarre I know. We saw each other around and you were you cool kid. I never forget you and our passing moments together. My heart goes out to you and to your loved ones. ”

Holly Hutton

“ Missed out on having classes with you this year, wish I could have! You were a funny guy, God bless... ”

Jessica Coppens

“ And how exactly am I supposed to live without you, Tom Pom? ”

Mike Pfeiffer

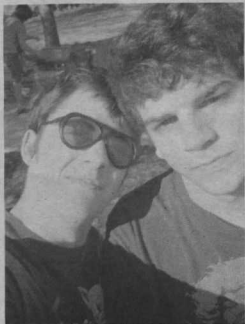
Tom Rouleau left a smile and a laugh with every person he met, whether it was the first time or the fiftieth. He was well-known on campus, involved in art and theatre, and he was an outgoing, friendly person who made sure we could never forget him.

In the last month, friends and students struggled with the sudden loss of Tom, and with how to say good-bye.

Here you will find some of the messages left for Tom on his Facebook wall. Though he will never respond, these posts will endure the test of time in the digital world, and in our memories.

“ it sucks we really only started hanging out this year. you became a good friend fast and i'm going to miss the shit out of you. this is the second time i've had to do this this year and it never gets easier. wherever you are, whatever you are doing, i know you are the voice of reason and are still kickin it the way only tom rouleau can kick it. i wish we could of had more time. just sprinkle some voodoo magic on it. ”

Jamie de Atley

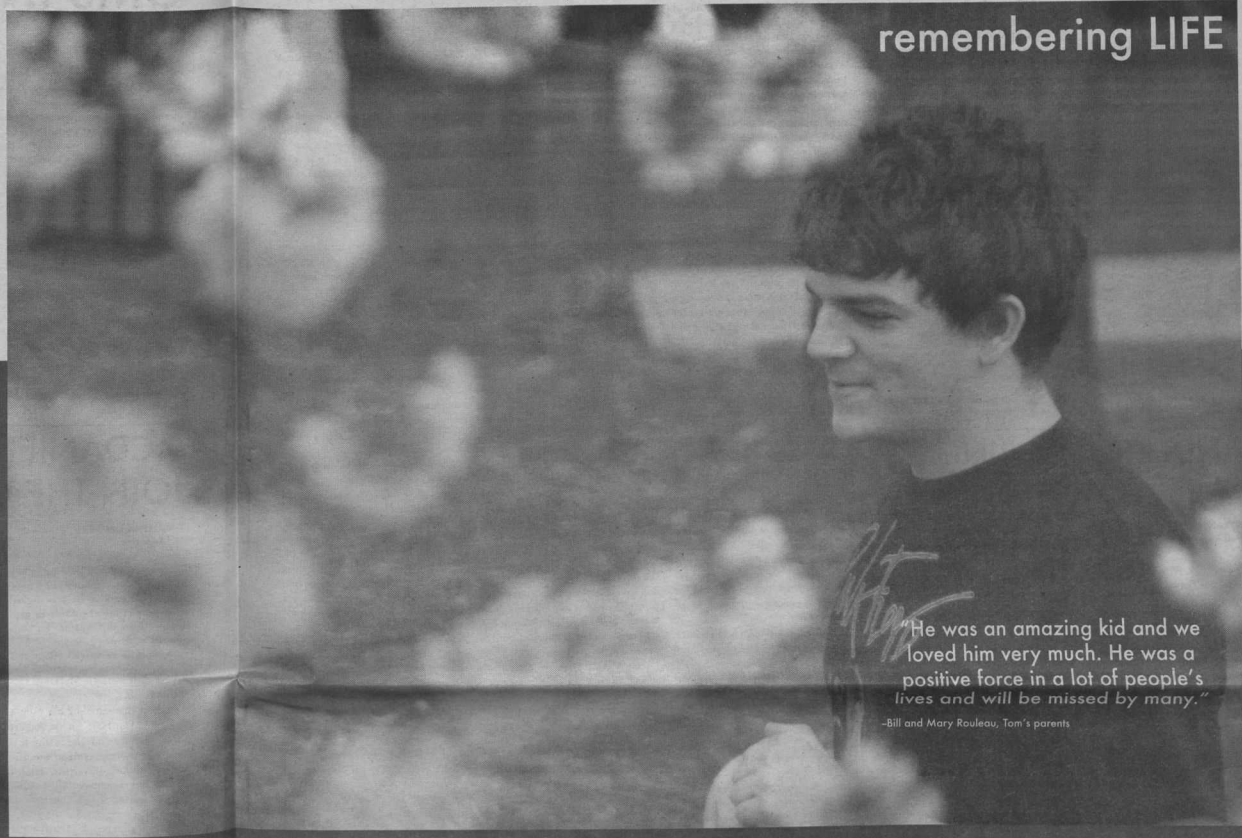


August Sangster and Tom Rouleau relax on a sunny day.



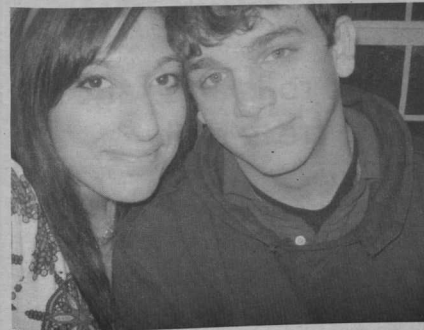
Rouleau participated in Cocktales with fellow students to raise awareness for both male and female issues. This year, the proceeds will go to Mothers Against Drunk Driving in honor of Rouleau and his family.

remembering LIFE



“ He was an amazing kid and we loved him very much. He was a positive force in a lot of people's lives and will be missed by many. ”

-Bill and Mary Rouleau, Tom's parents



Rouleau and Nina Minadakis, his girlfriend, were together the night of the accident.



Rouleau was known for his welcoming personality and his ability to bring humor to almost any situation.

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ALBRIGHT TAKES PRIDE IN ADMISSIONS

LAUREN LAKER
Staff Reporter

Working two jobs, taking calls from angry parents and tolerating co-workers while raising a family may seem like quite a challenging feat for some, but not for this phenomenal woman at McDan-

iel. Sherry Albright, the coordinator and receptionist at Admissions, is an engaging wife, mom, friend and co-worker who takes pride in what she does.

Juggling two jobs and a family is no drawback for Albright. Between her husband, Rich Albright, who works for the Department of Defense and their

10-year-old daughter, Morgan, Albright is able to work two jobs, take care of her family, and even go to school part time. Jake Doll, director of admissions describes Albright as, "friendly, caring, very personal, and willing to share her opinion and perspective."

Albright has been working at Admissions for almost two and a half years now and has become acquainted with many types of people. She takes calls from prospective students, and sets up tours and interviews for counselors. She is often the first voice you hear when you call McDaniel College.

"Being the secretary at Admissions is one of the most important jobs on campus; they are often the first face a family meets when they arrive and it takes someone who is generally excited about life and McDaniel, someone who adapts easily to a changing environment, can think on their feet and is generally a kind soul," said Admissions Counselor Betsy Beveridge.

Albright is constantly greeting students, faculty and parents with a big smile on her face. She talks to all the potential students waiting for a tour or an admissions counselor and makes them feel welcome here at McDaniel College. As Beveridge describes her, "She's a bright and shiny sun on a cloudy day."

Even though sometimes the workers in admissions are not flexible, they work together and get done what needs to be done with the help of Albright. She often gets to do the so-called "dirty work" of walking all over campus to help out anyone in any way. She frequently drops off tuition payments for a co-worker at her part-time job along with payroll to the Bursar's Office.

"I don't mind it though because I like to get the fresh air and see the students," said Albright.

Harshah Markuson, a sophomore tour guide said, "She does the 'dirty work"

for the tour guides, she sets up the tours, makes our business cards to give to the families, and most importantly calls us on Friday nights to remind us of our tours on Saturday."

"There are over 40 tour guides and Albright has taken it upon herself to get to know all their names and at least something about them. Markuson said, "She's always looking after every kid she knows and loves to know the things that are going on in our lives."

She even takes it one step further by stepping out of the box and opening up to the students to let them know she is there for them. Albright adds, "What is said between us stays between us, trust and respect are a big part of my job."

Beveridge adds, "As a student I was impressed by her positive attitude, and desire to learn more about what it was like to be a student here. Now that we work together our friendship has certainly grown, as has our respect for one another."

Albright said, "Working with the tour guides and the young people is the best part of my job." Albright adds, "If it wasn't for the tour guides I would not stay because the job would get boring, the tour guides are what make me feel needed and wanted at my job."

Over the Jan Term period Albright even took the initiative to learn the new tour guide program on Blackboard. She is now an expert on Blackboard and is able to use it to help the tour guides improve on their tours.

Albright takes on one of the most difficult services at McDaniel when having to deal with taking calls from a demanding parent. "I try to be as cordial and polite as possible," she said. "I try to be the bigger person because I want McDaniel to come off as the good guy."

Albright explains one of the times a difficult parent called: "The mother of a prospective student called and Albright

asked what two fields her daughter would be interested in. The mother did not understand, so Albright read off the full list of academic fields we offer here at the college and proceed to ask the mother again what she thought her daughter would be interested in.

The mother still did not understand. Albright tried to let her best ability while keeping composed to help this mother. The mother was so frustrated that out of no where she hung up and called to talk to Albright's supervisors. The supervisors couldn't even please her; they set up a time for her to come to visit, but she never came.

Albright wants the best for all students who come through the admissions process. Albright, without even knowing these students, already feels as if they should get a chance even without great test scores.

Even though she may not agree with everything the college is doing, the still has a mindset to present the college the best way she can. Albright believes the SAT scores are concentrated on too much and wishes she could convince admissions to give a couple more opportunities for the students who are just poor test takers.

She notes how much harder it is becoming to enter McDaniel and just wish-charge. However, she gives her heart and soul into the College by being able to make the McDaniel campus community look as good as it sounds.

Her positive effect on the college along with the help of the tour guides and prospective students has given admissions the spice it needs. Albright deserves more recognition than she receives. She is a vital part of the campus and continues to give McDaniel a good name to all prospective students. Albright has and will continue to maintain her position well through her years here.



LAUREN LAKER

Sherry Albright is surrounded by some of the tour guides, left to right, Janice Watson, Stacey Kight, Katelyn Brown, Lauren DiNatale, and Jessie Dunn.

ANDERSON BRINGS A SMILE TO ENGLISH DEPT

ROXANNE FLEISCHER
Staff Reporter

Twenty-three years at McDaniel must mean that Bobby Anderson enjoys her job.

She spent 10 years in the Registrar's office before becoming the secretary of the English department in 1996. "As far as I'm concerned," she said, "the English department is *the* best one on campus. I wouldn't want to work for any other department."

Anderson, originally from Superior, Wisconsin, likes to stay busy outside of work with her three children and five grandchildren, including one at Fort Bragg who she will visit over Spring Break. She will be married to her husband, Earl, for 43 years this summer. Anderson also enjoys going to her beach place in Long Neck, Delaware, walking, and reading mysteries and love stories.

And although she has plenty to keep her busy at work, her days are never set in stone. "That's what's interesting. Things that are scheduled I sometimes don't get to," she said.

Her job consists of working on the budget, setting up department lunch meetings, getting the speakers and menu in order for the English department lectures, making copies for the professors, and looking up information for reports.

"Most of her work is not seen by the general public or most of the college," said Dr. Mary Bendel-Simso, an English professor who has known Anderson for over 13 years. "But if she didn't do it, it would be very obvious."

Bendel-Simso has previously been in charge of the First Year Seminar pro-

gram. "When you are in charge of [a program]," she said, "your secretary is in charge of it too."

But Anderson doesn't complain. She doesn't have a least favorite part of her job, only a least favorite part of the year. While most people think the start of the fall semester is the worst time, Anderson said she would take it over the end of the school year because "of all the crazies that happens from Spring Break on onward commencement. There is so much going on."

In the busiest times, however, professors like LeRoy Panek know how much she does. "She runs the department. We are the luckiest people on campus," he insists.

In 2003, Anderson won the Phenomenal Woman Award which is given yearly to McDaniel women for their achievement, strength, and service. She is modest about it, however, saying simply that it was a surprise that she appreciated.

"She's our colleague, she's our friend. It becomes like a family up here. She's just like the rest of us, only smarter and more efficient," said Panek, who has known Anderson longer than she has worked in the English department. Before McDaniel, she was a teacher's assistant at a local Christian preschool for five years and taught Dr. Panek's daughter.

Students have been a common theme for Anderson during her careers. "I love the students," she said. "That's what keeps me going...I've made some good friends here, also."

Brittany Cooper, a junior, has been working as a work-study student under Anderson for two years. To her, Anderson is more than just a boss. "She's a wonderful woman who has done so many little things for me."

Anderson, who has given and lent many books to Cooper, has also become a good person for her to talk to about everything from family problems to childhood memories. Anderson even bought Cooper a gift certificate to Olive Garden because she remembered that her brother works there.

"She's accommodating, compassionate, and understanding to people that come in here," said Cooper.

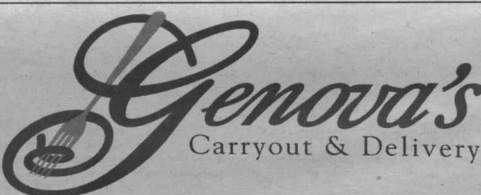
Bendel-Simso recalls the times Anderson went out of her way to be nice to her children, remember them and ask about them. Anderson is always more than willing to give rides to anyone who needs one and has let Bendel-Simso borrow her minivan as well.

"We don't want her to ever retire," Bendel-Simso said. "That is our biggest fear."



ROXANNE FLEISCHER

Bobby Anderson has been the secretary for the English department for over ten years.



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SOUND ON, SOUND OFF: ROTC CADENCES SILENCED IN HONOR OF THE COLLEGE'S QUIET HOURS POLICY

JOEY STEINBERG
Staff Reporter

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday the R.O.T.C. cadets of McDaniel College have Physical Training. Most of us wake up between 5:30 and 6:00 in the morning to get ready. After an intensive workout we usually run.

We run on the track.

We run around the school.

We run around town.

We run, but we don't talk.

As some of you remember, at the beginning of the year we used to sing. In the Army, we call these cadences. These cadences are meant to motivate us to what to keep working out and getting in better shape. They build camaraderie and teamwork, which is extremely important in the Army.

With titles like "Me and Superman Go into a Fight" or "Down By The River," these cadences have motivated ROTC's runners since the program came to campus in 1919, according to the Battalion Overview on the college's website.

Each cadence has a different theme. Some themes are nice to make us laugh.

Some themes are meant to make us proud.

Most people don't appreciate being woken up to the beautiful voices of our cadets. Complainers rolled in for years: complaints to ROTC leaders, complaints to the college president, complaints to Campus Safety. There have been stories told of water balloons being rocketed towards our cadets.

This year students took the defense a little more democratically and wrote letters.

Quiet hours on campus, according to the college handbook, fall between 10 p.m. through 10 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 1:00 a.m. through 10 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Many ROTC runs fell into those hours.

"We're not in the business of irritating folks and we were getting a lot of calls," explained Professor William "Sean" Schumaker, military science chair.

Last semester the cadence tradition ended when President John Develin Coley notified Schumaker that ROTC cadences had to end because they conflicted with the college's policy about quiet hours.

The college has asked R.O.T.C. to stop the singing.

And stopped they have.

Spencer Brown, a freshmen cadet, explained to me how "boying" the runs have become. He states that the cadences made the morning runs "fun."

"It's less motivating when we run," Schumaker said. "But the cadences were not in line with the college policy. President Coley had been turning a blind eye — we understand the college's policy."

"Cadences are part of the army lifestyle and we miss them," said Jose Flores, chief instructor, Military Science. "But we understand why the change happened. We are essentially visitors here on campus, so we oblige."

Maybe it's just me, but I think the cadets deserve the right to sing their cadences. I think the cadets should enjoy morning runs. I think the cadets should be able to shower the campus in pride for what they are doing.

After all, Greek life breaks the policy as well. They march around singing their cadences to show pride in the Sororities. The policy should be equal for all right now it is not. Whether at 6 in the morning or 12 at night, it's Quiet

Hours here on campus for all.

The next time you are up at 6 in the morning finding the strength to get out of bed, think about the cadets who are

finding the strength to take the next step — without cadences to move them.

(Writer's note: I am a rookie reporter and I co-wrote this piece with Lisa Breslin.)

an ARMY cadence

Can't You See

Mama, Mama can't you see
What the Army's done to me
They sat me down in the barber's chair
Spun me around and I had no hair
Now I'm wearing Army greens
Used to wear my faded jeans
Now I'm wearing Army greens
Used to drive a Cadillac
Now I bump it on my back
But it won't be long
'Till I get on back home

Used to wear my faded jeans
Now I'm wearing Army greens
Used to wear my faded jeans
Now I'm wearing Army greens
Used to drive a Chevrolet
Now I'm marching everyday
Used to drive a Chevrolet
Now I'm marching everyday
Mama, Mama can't you see
What the CO's done to me
He made me march real in his car
Till I get on back home

Used to wear my faded jeans
Now I'm marching everyday
Used to drive a Chevrolet
Now I'm marching everyday
Mama, Mama can't you see
What the CO's done to me
He made me march real in his car
Till I get on back home

Mama, Mama can't you see
What the CO's done to me
He made me march real in his car
Till I get on back home

I don't know why I left
But I know I was wrong
But it won't be long
'Till I get on back home

Got a letter in the mail,
Said go to war or go to jail
But it won't be long
'Till I get on back home

Slapped me down in a barber's chair
Spun me around, I had no hair
But it won't be long
'Till I get on back home
Used to drive a Cadillac
Now I bump it on my back
But it won't be long
'Till I get on back home

Used to be a high school stud
Now I'm marching in the mud
But it won't be long
'Till I get on back home

Used to wear my faded jeans
Now I'm wearing Army greens
Now I'm marching everyday
Used to drive a Chevrolet
Now I'm marching everyday
Mama, Mama can't you see
What the CO's done to me
He made me march real in his car
Till I get on back home

Used to date a beauty queen
Now I love my M16
But it won't be long
'Till I get on back home

Mama, mama don't you cry
Your little boy ain't gonna die
Cause it won't be long
'Till I get on back home

AMADEUS: THE LIVES OF MOZART AND SALIERI

CASEY CROUGH
Staff Reporter

Want to enjoy a night of tragedy and drama? Or just escape reality for a few hours?

Amadeus, which is currently running at Alumni Hall until this Saturday, March 7th, is sure to impress students and the community with incredible talent, and present the tragic story of how jealousy can engulf and conquer the actions of a human being.

Amadeus is a tragedy written in 1979 by Peter Shaffer, which is based on the lives of the composers Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Antonio Salieri.

Students may be familiar with the film that was released in 1984, but should be weary of the differences between the play and the film.

Julia Williams '11, who is the stage manager of the production, offers this insight on the show.

"This production offers a great story, and although it may not be historically accurate, it shows a story of how Salieri grapples with jealousy and the love of God, and how far someone can go with love and hate," said Williams.

In addition to an awe-inspiring night of theatre, students will get the chance to see incredible costumes and experience some of the music of the era, Williams commented.

Gene Fouché, the director of this production, has been involved with theatre and directing for over 30 years, and has been a professor at McDaniel for about 20 years.

"Students should always take any opportunity to see theatre," said Fouché. Fouché commented that Amadeus is a classic and contemporary piece of theatre, and that although there have been challenges for the actors in the larger roles, the actors have done a phenomenal job.

This McDaniel production stars Andrew Tucker '10, Andy Fleming '10 and Sidney Thro '11, and has an extremely talented cast of supporting actors.

Andrew Tucker '10, who mostly recently played Prince Clarining in "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves," plays the role of Salieri and is on the stage for the entirety of the show, portrays the jealous composer who supposedly murdered Mozart.

"Students should see this production since it is grand, intense, and thrilling;

I think it will definitely reach them emotionally since there are emotions everyone feels," said Tucker.

Andy Fleming '10, who plays the role of the crude but genius Mozart, thinks that students should see this production since it is an interesting show, and that it is not a story that people know. As the sole female lead, Sidney Thro, who most recently played the role of Snow White in "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves," feels that she has a lot to live up to.

"I feel there is a little bit of pressure to prove myself (as a female actor)," commented Thro.

"The story is really well written, and seeing a live show is so much better since it is a cool experience to watch theatre," added Thro.

The actors of this production have only been rehearsing for five weeks, and have culminated a fantastic performance that is sure to impress.

Tickets for students are \$5.00; seniors and adults are \$7.00.

Students who want to see the production can buy tickets at the box office in Alumni Hall prior to the production, but should be aware that seating is limited to about 200 seats.



ALEX ROMAN
Staff Reporter

WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS TO STUDY AND RELAX?



"I like to study in the common room of the library, and I like to relax and hang out in the game room."
DAVID OLURUNFEMI '10



"I try to find a group study room preferably on the basement floor of the library to study, and if not there outside I like to relax in the Quad."
WHITNEY SCHIEREN '11



"I enjoy studying in Budapest Cafe or in an empty classroom, and when the weather is good you can find me relaxing in a tree usually in Red Square."
NAOMI RAPHAEL '10



"If it is nice enough outside I like to study in the rock garden next to the library, and I like to relax in Red Square."
SUNITA PATHIK '11



"I like to find a quiet nook in the library to study, and I hang out anywhere peeps are gathering."
EVAN TICKNOR '11

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BUDGETING AS A COLLEGE STUDENT

ROSE ENY
Commentary Editor

College students are mostly always stereotyped as being "poor," whether they're actually poor or not. One of the biggest reasons that we tend to lack money is that, in general, we do

not know how to budget; this can be a big problem during today's economic meltdown.

Junior Fernando Gomes says that when he was studying in Budapest he learned that he was not much good at budgeting. "I went broke a few times, and since I really did have a limited

amount of money, I would always be waiting for my mom to deposit more money into my account," says Gomes. His tale is one that many college students can repeat.

As a senior, I can say that I have never worked during the school year. I work during breaks and save up money to get

me through the semester. Though part of McDaniel's population can say the same thing, some do not have the luxury of being idle during the semester.

Junior Abby Walker believes that the best advice for working college students is to set aside a certain amount of money from each paycheck for emergencies or savings. She goes on to say that if you do not have a job you're spending on, or you'll end up with no job or money."

As for those who do not work while taking on the task of being a student, sophomore Kaitlyn Thomas has the best advice for them. She believes that using materials, such as the dining hall, the pub and Sandella's, provided by the school is the best way to get around spending money.

"Going out to eat all the time is a quick way to waste all of the money you saved up from working over break," says Thomas.

Regardless of working status, what are some ways that students can become more budget conscious? About.com's financial planning section says that the basics of budgeting are relatively easy.

One must first list all the sources of their income, and then list all their sources of expense. Federal Student Aid's website even has a budget cal-

culator that is easily used to total up income and expenses (<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSAP/DirectLoan/BudgetCalc/budget.html>).

Senior John Kelley says that another part of good budgeting is to create lists for shopping. He says that, "the only way to avoid buying a lot of stuff that you don't need is to create lists and do your shopping at once." Kelley adds that this aids in preventing buying unneeded items between shopping trips.

If creating lists doesn't work for you, incomes has one final piece of advice to offer: "what works for me in terms of budgeting is monitoring my account. I constantly check my account online."

Though many students have good intentions of sticking to their budget at the beginning of each semester, there are always weak moments. I am no genius in the art of budgeting, and have easily failed my original plan to spend \$20 a week this year.

However, some simple tips on how to stick to your budget are: don't spend a lot of money going out to eat, always be conscious of how much money you have in your account, buy only what you need, and be a little creative when you must; hey, maybe your friend will like Glar's cake for her birthday.



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Money is a rare commodity in this tough economy, but cutting costs can make any college student's budget work.

STUDENTS SPRING BREAK DESPITE RECESSION

LAUREN LAKER
Staff reporter

Warm sun, cold drinks, and sandy beaches are still right around the corner for some spring breakers. Money is the least of worries for these college students already planning their trips for break. It seems as if the recession has not stopped students at McDaniel College from still traveling on yet another adventure.

"There is a slight decrease in the trips planned with college students, but they are more likely to still go on trips compared to families who may take a shorter trip or not go at all," explains Linda Redding, the owner of Travel Network located in Westminster.

The recession has not phased students at McDaniel much; they have already booked trips and are ready to explore. Even if they are staying at home on campus, the students have chosen to do so not because of an economic concern, but because it was the choice they made.

The money issue does not seem to get in the way of Justin Silberman, a senior at McDaniel, and his friends. Silberman said, "We saw a poster on a wall at the bar that said 'St. Patrick's Dublin Celebration' and decided we should do that." So Silberman and his friends decided to backpack through Europe for ten days.

The group of three friends includes seniors, Silberman, Adam Dwooskin and Matt Ward. They are starting out in London, traveling to Dublin Ireland to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in a pub and then heading to see a Premier league soccer game. The group plans on staying in hostels and above the pub for just \$20 a night. They did cut cost of hotels and airfare by choosing this route of travel, but it is something they are excited to do.

Since Silberman, Dwooskin and Ward have jobs after graduation, they did not hesitate to book this trip as soon as possible. Sophomores Kelly Schaub and Paris Fossa are planning on traveling to West Palm Beach for their spring break get away. Their

flight comes to \$200 for a round trip from New York to Florida and staying at Paris' aunt's beach house for five days.

"It's a good get away, perfect timing and nice place to stay. If it wasn't for being able to stay Paris' aunt's house I probably wouldn't be going, its going to be a lot of fun though," said Schaub.

Dr. Brain Wladkowski, a chemistry professor, and Dr. Herb Smith, a political science professor, are also planning a trip: fishing in the Florida Keys. It seems to be a popular trip every year. The trip is for a total of seven days costing \$1100 for everything except for most meals. The goal of the trip is to catch as many different species of fish as they can.

Wladkowski says, "We have a group of six students. Normally we have 12-14. The trip won't be altered much. We are still going for a week. It may turn out to be a better experience for those that are going, because they will get more fishing time." Because of the recession the group has been able to get

better deals on boats, housing and airfare compared to last year.

As for Mike Radcliffe, a senior here at McDaniel, going on a trip is not an option because of his job. He said he would love to be able to go somewhere, but unfortunately he has to stay here because of student teaching. He said he only gets off when the school gets his break. It's not a money issue for him, he said, "I would definitely think about going somewhere in the U.S. for spring break if I didn't have this job."

The Women's Lacrosse team has decided to stay on campus this year. However, they are still doing a dinner in Baltimore and getting warm-ups for the team along with doing other activities planned by their coaches. Brittany Lines, a sophomore lacrosse player explains "We took this spring break off to have more money for next Spring Break, the whole team voted on staying here."

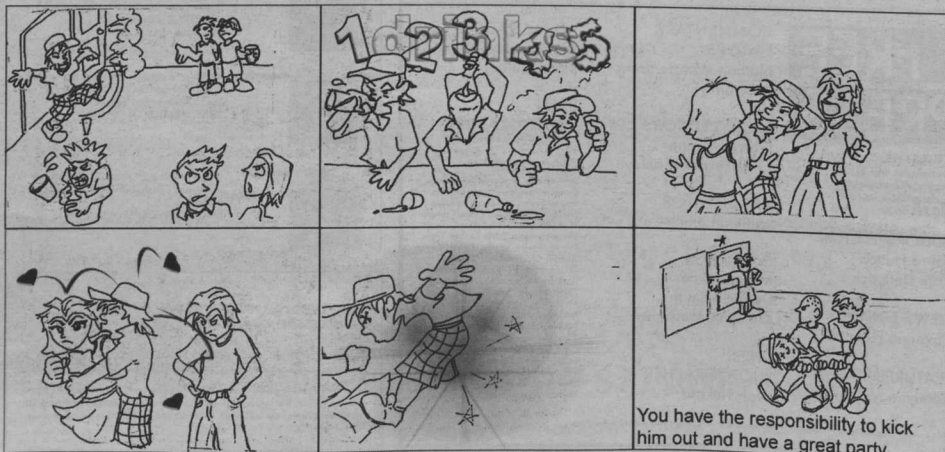
As far as staying on campus the team seems to be excited because they are together and that's all that really mat-

ters. Erin McDonnell, a sophomore on the lacrosse team says, "It's still fun hanging out with the team and being able to set up fun things to do like laser tag, dinner and other fun activities." Even though the team is not going to Florida this year they do not seem to be bummed about it, after all they voted on it and decided to stay.

Even the students who decide to stay at home and hang out with friends, do it because it appeals to them, not because they do not have the money to go anywhere else. Junior Ryan Blaser said, "I am going home and going to the bars with friends, it has nothing to do with having financial problems, that's just what I decided I would do on Spring Break."

Spring Break is once again going to be a good time had by many students here at McDaniel. No matter if it is going somewhere or just going home to relax, who doesn't like Spring Break?

We look forward to hearing all about the students' trips upon their return.



You have the responsibility to kick him out and have a great party.

A CHAMPION, ON AND OFF THE MAT

NICK BRUNNER
Staff Reporter

An action packed day at the Gill Center, home to the 2009 Centennial Conference wrestling championships, was coming to a close. However, as the final match of the long day grew nerver the energy and anxious anticipation within the arena seemed to be growing stronger. The heavyweight bout was looming ever closer and with it McDaniel's chance at a conference champion. In what had been a great year for the McDaniel wrestling team, the Green Terror still had one chance, one hope for a conference champion.

Brock Gloferty had been the anchor of the Green Terror squad all year. He had dominated opponents all year long and the first two rounds of the conference championships were no different. Pinning his first opponents, Fernando Jones of Ursinus in the first three minutes and then John Christopher of Washington and Lee within the first two, Brock was showing why he was ranked in the top eight of the National Wrestling Coaches Association Division III Brute-Adidas Rankings as of February 10.

With the final match only moments away, Brock, who had been a spectator for the last hour or so, began to get "in the zone." With a few stretches and a series of brisk jugs, Brock began to visualize the upcoming match. No music was playing in his ears; a stern look of intense concentration now came over his face. He puts on his helmet, does a few hip pivots and practice moves, then it's finally here. After taking a final swig of Gatorade, he began to pace back and forth like the heavyweight champion he was about to become.

The two fighters put on their respective ankle scoring bracelets and take their positions. The mats begins, both wrestlers slow playing and getting a feel for each other for the first minute. A little after a minute into the first round, Brock attacks and slams his opponent to the mat; he maintains in control for the rest of the first round, holding his opponent seemingly lifeless on the mat. The whistle blows and the second round begins. Both men square up and circle around like two powerful lions waiting for the right time to pounce. In third and final round Brock looked in control throughout until unexpectedly with less than ten seconds to go he has his taken down, seeming to tie the match and the crowd goes silent for a second. However, Brock had amassed more than one minute of advantage time so he had done it, he was the Centennial Conference Champion. Brock's victory cemented McDaniel into third place, capping a great season for the entire squad. But for Brock, the incredible season was far from over. By winning the conference championship, he had qualified for the National Wrestling Championships in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

What Brock has been accomplishing throughout the year may come as a surprise to the casual fan, but Head Wrestling Coach Davey Blake, it was the hard work of a special student-athlete being rewarded with success on the mat. Coach Blake explained, "He is a heavyweight, but he eats healthy, lifts weights hard, and pushes his cardio to his max. He tries to improve his wrestling on a daily basis and never wastes a second in the practice room." Brock's hard work had definitely been evident throughout the

year as he amassed over thirty wins, majority of which have been pins, but only one loss.

Brock is obviously a very special performer on the mat, however when I asked Coach Blake about Brock he couldn't say enough about how special of a person Brock was off the mat. The asked about Brock, the first thing Coach Blake had to say went far beyond his accomplishments in the ring. His first line was, "Brock is one of those guys who does everything the right way. He is a great competitor, but also has a GPA of over 3.5." After sitting down for just a few minutes with Brock, it was easy to see what Coach Blake was talking about. When I asked Brock if there was anything in particular he wanted to say about the great season he was having without hesitation he began to talk to me about how he has the best coaches and the best practice partners anyone could ask for. Brock told me how one teammate in particular, junior Will Yoo, is the guy who pushes him the hardest everyday in practice. With a smile on his face, Brock let me in on how Will has been trying to take him down in practice all year long. His smile got bigger as he explained how the one time that Will did take him down, was on a "questionable call."

Brock began wrestling when he was in second grade. When he was young his parents used to take him to high school wrestling matches in Garrett County. Brock played sports his entire life, including baseball, football and of course wrestling in high school. He says his proudest moment as a wrestler came his senior year in high school when, after reaching the finals and losing his first three years, he finally won the state championship. Brock's favorite athlete is Cael Sanderson. Cael is an Olympic gold medalist and the only four time, undefeated NCAA champion. Brock believes that the astonishing 159-0 record is the greatest feat in sports.

When Brock is not wrestling he is pursuing a major in Exercise Science

with a minor in elementary education. Brock intends on becoming an elementary school teacher after his days at McDaniel are through. Brock is in a teaching practicum and was amazed how well the little kids could pronounce his last name (probably better than most of the announcers who butcher it during the wrestling matches).

Just for fun, expecting to hear a list of expensive cars, houses, or vacation destinations, I asked Brock what he would do if won \$10 million. But instead, he gave me probably the best answer I have ever heard to that question. He said first of all he would continue his education here at McDaniel and graduate, but also he would start a youth wrestling program in an area where they did not have in order to help young kids. This selfless and humble response pretty well summed up my entire conversation with this true giant on and off the mat.

At a time when his hard turn on ESPN or flip through the sports section of a newspaper without seeing something about a star athlete who is using steroids, getting in trouble with the law, or bad mouthing his coaches or teammates, it is nice to know that there is at least one superstar right here at McDaniel College who does it the right way.

In case you were wondering, the one blemish on Brock's record came at the hands of Delaware Valley College senior Kyle Bilquist, who as of February 10 was the top rated heavyweight in Division III. It was a close match with Bilquist taking the 6-3 decision. Now better believe that Brock will have a little extra motivation if he gets the chance for a rematch, as both heavyweight champions will be among the finalists waiting to do battle in U.S. Cellular Center for the 2009 National Wrestling Championships March 6th and 7th. On behalf of the entire Free Press staff I'd like to wish Brock the best of luck at the Championships. We'd be hard pressed to find a better person to represent McDaniel College.

EX-Editor



RYAN CHEELL
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Sports Editor

Guru

OF THE TEAMS THAT HAD GOOD OFF-SEASON TRANSACTIONS, WHO WILL PRODUCE AND WHO WILL FLOP? THE EX: GURU:

As much as I hate to say this as an Orioles fan, despite what they are doing in free agency, another losing season is in their future. And it's not necessarily their fault either. They just do not have the pitching to compete against the top notch offenses of the AL East, especially with the Yankees spending that much money in the off-season. It was a real shame they could not bring in Mark Teixeira to be the local, hometown hero, and despite them locking up Brian Roberts and Nick Markakis, along with bringing in Koji Uehara from Japan, Rich Hill, and Mark Hendrickson to hopefully eat up innings until Brian Matusz and Chris Tillman are ready to step into the starting rotation they are a few years away. While I did not like the fact that they traded Ramon Hernandez, I like the pickups of Ryan Freel (who is a 25-25 guy) and Ty Wigington too. Still, it looks to be another long year for O's fans (hopefully Matt Winters will bring some hope for the future).

Keeping with the whole local team vibe, it's going to be another long season for the Pittsburgh Pirates. How I am a fan, don't ask mainly the only think in Pittsburgh I like. In the off-season, they made some moves, like keeping Jack Wilson, Ryan Doumit and Nate McClouth- their main offensive guys. Add Andy Phillips formerly of the Yankees (1B role player) to that, Adam Laroche along with Freddie Sanchez and it looks like they have it made right? Wrong. The NL Central has the Cubs, the Brewers (w/o C.C.), and the Cardinals- literally a hot bed of losses if the Pirates pitching cannot muster something short of a miracle. Their pitchers are somewhat decent, but it is going to take some strong play from their prospects that they are bringing up from the leg leagues to get the job done this season. Remember this name- Shelby Ford. Another losing season, I am afraid.

GURU'S THOUGHTS

TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT MY BRACKET? I THINK NOT.

GARRETT 'GURU' EAGAN
Sports Editor

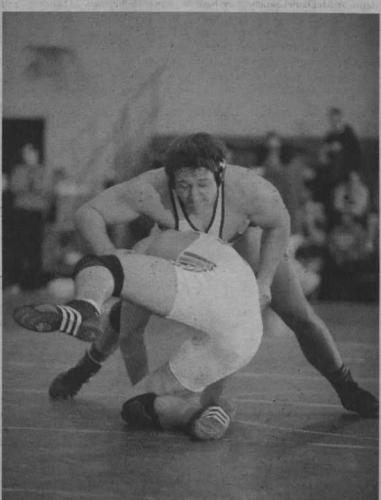
The 2009 NCAA season is winding down looking toward conference championships and the NCAA tournament coming ahead. Apart from our own team coached by the CC Coach of the Year, I am thinking of my bracket, in the hopes of filling out a perfect one. Maybe I should wish for the lottery winner instead. Anyway, here are my four teams that I am putting my reputation as the Guru on (AT THIS MOMENT) to fly, and flop.

■ UConn - Last semester in our Ex-Editor v. Guru section, we picked an early season stud that we like this season. I picked UConn, and I still am sticking with them. Back in the top spot, you have to like their chances with "Blake" aka "The Chairman of the Boards" and outside shooting of AJ. Price. Depending on the match-up scheme we will see them in the Final Four. With Calhoun fired up thanks to locking up his 800th career win and demoralizing nokie journalists, UConn has the momentum necessary heading into the tournament (barring anything groundbreaking).

■ Wake Forest - Call me crazy, but wasn't this team #1 at one point this season? Didn't they rest run through Duke and UNC within a month of each other? More recently, Wake has cooled off with losses to Miami, Georgia Tech, and NC State. But the hunger is still there. If they can get something going late in the season, they will be able to ride the wave into the tourney.

■ Clemson - What the hell is this team's problem? They continue to get upset, and even with the great outside shooting of Terrence Olesby and the inside presence of Trevor Booker. With losses to Virginia, Florida State, and Vtech, how can you expect anything other than heartbreak from this team? People like Clemson to right the ship, I however do not.

■ UCLA - When you think of UCLA, you think of John Wooden, 84 straight wins with names like Bill Walton "The Redhead Deadhead" and company. However, with the departure of Kevin Love last season for the league, things don't seem to after the departure of Kevin Love last season for the league, things don't seem to be the same. They still have Gillson and an all-around good team, but from what I have seen this season against Arizona State, you can't expect a lot from this team. [ALERT: They way the tournament sections are set-up, UCLA does not have to travel far at all for a huge part of the tourney so keep that in mind.]



COURTESY LUKE STILLSON

Brock Gloferty, a heavyweight on the McDaniel Wrestling team, will be attending the National Wrestling Championships the weekend of March 6.

TERROR SPORTS

WOMEN DEFEATED IN PLAYOFFS AFTER LONG STRUGGLE

CHRIS FERRICK-MANLEY
Staff Reporter

Becky Martin and her team backed up her "cautiously optimistic" prediction that the Green Terror would defeat Dickinson's 1st Round game, defeating the Red Devils 59-58. The team however, was defeated by Muhlenberg 67-51 in the Semifinals. According to Martin, the parity among teams in the Centennial Conference has never been higher than. This year, five teams finished tied at 11-7 in conference play. The Green Terror were still able to earn their eighth straight trip to the Centennial tournament however.

"It says a lot about the program and the kids to keep the tradition alive," said Martin, "the goal for any coach and program is to excel and always get to the postseason."

Martin also stressed how fortunate any team is to still be playing after the regular season has been completed.

"At this stage of the game, over 50 percent of schools in the country are finished and we're still playing," said Martin.

Junior guard Sally Grace was spot on in her prediction of the Dickinson first round game as well.

"I don't think we'll come in and beat them by 20 like we did last time, I think it will be a good game," said Grace.

To beat Dickinson, the Green Terror needed to score a 2-point bucket from Ali Moreland with eight seconds left to go, and then prevent the Red Devils from scoring.

"They're scrappy," said Grace. According to Moreland, the Terror were successful in the later part of the second half when they stopped just reacting to Dickinson, and attempted to play their own game. Many of the Dickinson players were visibly upset after suffering the heart-breaking loss.

"90 percent of their team was crying, which is a good feeling because it could have been the other way around," said Moreland, "you can't feel guilty about it because they won't."

The loss to Muhlenberg was the final game for Green Terror seniors Lauren Wible, Danny Fraider, and Kim Staub.



TAYLOR HERRGOTT

The McDaniel Green Terror Men's Basketball team had a very successful season by reaching the playoffs, but were disappointed when they lost in the semi-final to Gettysburg.

MEN'S BBALL LOSES SEMI-FINAL

RYAN CHELL
Staff Reporter

All good things must come to an end.

And on Saturday, McDaniel's historic season came to an end, as the Terror dropped its Centennial Conference semi-final matchup against the Gettysburg Bullets, 79-58, at Franklin and Marshall last Saturday.

The Terror (18-8, 13-6 CC) had four players in double-figures, most notably TJ Odunlami and Chad Arrington, who were playing in their final games at McDaniel. However, the Gettysburg trio of Andrew Powers, Corey Dorsey, and Dan Capkin combined for 59 of the Bullets' 79 points, and helped their team gain a 30-point advantage midway through the second half, and advanced to play the winner of F&M and Muhlenberg.

It was the biggest loss Coach Kevin Curley's squad has suffered this year, and is the second time McDaniel has lost to Gettysburg in as many games. They lost to the Bullets 53-48 in their regular season finale, which put the Terror as the #2 seed in these playoffs.

Curley knew that this game was going to be no easy task, and he

knew that Gettysburg was going to "bring it" in the playoff game.

"I think we're ready to play," Curley said last Thursday. "It was a tough game last Saturday, and I think it's going to be another tough game this Saturday."

And to anyone who might think that the Terror were looking ahead to the game on Sunday, and wanting that opponent to be top-seeded Franklin and Marshall, Curley had this to say regarding the even-play of the two teams on the other side of the bracket. "We'll play whoever is there. I think anybody can win. Certainly, we would like a chance to play in the championship game."

But there would be no opportunity for the Terror because they couldn't take care of their own business. But that does not mean this season was a failure by any sense of the word, and recognition did come toward the team's efforts in the regular season. And while a conference trophy will not be in Gill this year, several other awards were handed to several members of this year's squad.

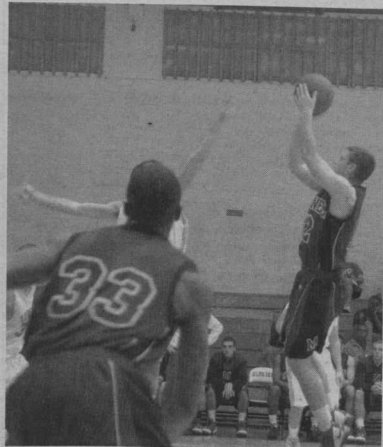
Curley, in only his second year on the sidelines, was recognized by the entire Centennial Conference for his success this year, as he was

named the 2008-2009 Coach of the Year. Curley guided the McDaniel squad to a team-record 18 wins, and yet another chance at the conference title, which seemed to elude this program for decades.

"It's a nice honor, and I'm happy about it," Curley said. Over the past week, he has received a lot of phone calls and congratulations from students, his players, and coaches from many of his Centennial Conference brethren.

Also receiving honors were upper classmen Josh McKay, a fifth-year senior, and junior guard Miguel Jones, who were both named to the Centennial Conference 2nd team. McKay led the team in scoring with 10.6 ppg, while Jones was right behind McKay with 9.4 ppg. Curley loved the way these two players played for him this year, and said that a lot of other guys on his team could have gotten recognition as well.

Curley talked about how excited his team would be to win the conference title, and to get an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. Hopefully, with Curley not experiencing a sophomore slump this year, it may be in the cards for this team next year.



TAYLOR HERRGOTT

The game against Gettysburg put McDaniel in an underdog position in the regular season as well, when a loss to the Bullets put the Terror at #2.

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RELAY FOR LIFE APPROACHES

Jen Noel

Relay For Life is celebrating its 5th anniversary at McDaniel on May 1 and 2, while the American Cancer Society's Relay celebrates their 25th. Participants can register up until the night of Relay, but all can attend and enjoy the activities.

Relay for Life representative for McDaniel, Bianca Rieti, hopes to gather 555 participants, 30 survivors, and raise \$38,000 for the cause.

"I hope that Relay can be a successful event that McDaniel College can be proud of and respect," said Rieti.

Relay will be holding a fundraiser at the Greene Turtle on

Tuesday, April 14 from open to close to raise money during their March Madness donation drive. Greene Turtle will give 10 percent of their total proceeds for the day.

A carnival theme is this year's inspiration behind the various events that will be on-site at Relay, including face painting, a trivia contest, and variety of entertaining games.

Any questions about Relay for Life can be directed to Bianca Rieti at bar002@mcdaniel.edu.

FACULTY MEMBER WINS UP 'TIL DAWN COW DROP

Staff Report

Pat Holford, Academic Secretary for Economics & Business Administration, won money for picking the right square during the Cow Drop last week. Pat selected Square # 30. Judy, the 3-week-old female calf, made Pat a winner at about 12:45 p.m.

Many thanks to those who participated and supported the Up 'til Dawn program. The Up 'til Dawn program is the collegiate fund raising program that benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amanda Rose at <arose@mcdaniel.edu>.

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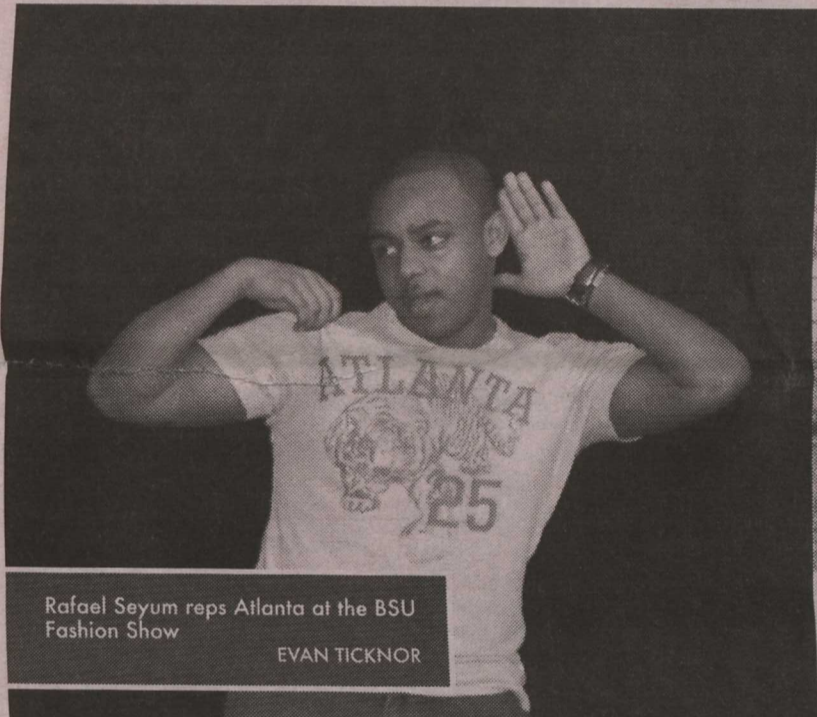
Turtle Buddy played the 3 am spot during the Up 'Til Dawn Celebration on Friday, March 27. The program, in its first year at McDaniel, raised over \$33,000, beating out larger schools such as Virginia Tech. The money goes to St. Jude and will support families with children in need of medical care.

EVAN TICKNOR



Members of the Phi Kaps hang out and watch the cow drop. Money from the tickets benefited the Up 'Til Dawn program.

EVAN TICKNOR



Rafael Seyum reps Atlanta at the BSU Fashion Show

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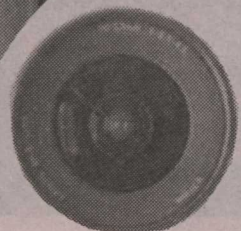
Mike Pfeiffer performed at this year's Cocktales. The proceeds went to Mothers Against Drunk Driving in honor of Thomas Rouleau.

SAM SEGAL



The intro scene for the Annual BSU Fashion Show, which was held on Saturday, March 28, lived up to the BSU reputation.

EVAN TICKNOR



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Helen Thomas vows to 'Die with Boots On'

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JEN NOEL
Staff Reporter

For decades, she has been recognized as the front row reporter of the White House Press Corps who never backs down. Presidents since John F. Kennedy have dreaded her questions and even moved her to the back of the press-room in hopes of avoiding her.

She is a journalist, a watchdog, and some may even say an antagonist. For whatever she is known, Helen Thomas continues to tout the importance of her duty, and all journalists' duty, to report the facts to the American public.

During a phone interview on March 11, Thomas revisited many of the messages she delivered during an April 12, 2007 lecture to the McDaniel College community. She talked about press conferences with President Barack Obama, the future of print media and the need for the media to remain vigilant even though vigilance often comes with more hurdles and at more expense.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

On February 9, President Obama held his first live press conference, and Thomas was stationed in her usual front line position.

"Alright, Helen. This is my inaugural moment here," Obama joked. "I'm really excited."

Thomas returned the President's comment with no banter; immediately, she put him in the hot seat: "Mr. President, do you think that Pakistan are maintaining the safe havens in Afghanistan for these so-called terrorists," asked Thomas. "And also, do you know of any country in the Middle East that has nuclear weapons?"

In retrospect, and a few press conferences later, Thomas said she approves of the tenth President she has covered with the Corps, but she's hesitant about the newly-in-

augurated administration's declared focus, on transparency.

"They are trying to be transparent, but are quickly going back to the old ways of State Secret Acts and trying to hold important details," said Thomas.

With the economy on a continual roller coaster, Americans look to the President for guidance and his plans to turn the financial crisis around. Thomas recognizes the challenges that Obama is facing and feels he is making progress.

"I think he is retaining his popularity; he is very sincere and is on the right track in trying to turn our economy around and restore jobs to all the unemployed," stated Thomas.

Although Thomas appreciates President Obama's ease and control when speaking to the press, she is critical of his stance on several issues concerning decisions about the troops in Iraq as well as Afghanistan.

On Thomas' April 12 address to the college community, she openly criticized the media for not being vigilant when it came to asking the president the difficult questions and reporting the hard news to the public.

With the ushering in of a new administration, change has also occurred in the media from Thomas' veteran standpoint.

"The media is trying to very hard to be more vigilant," commented Thomas. "I'll see if they continue on the same path especially with the building of troops in Afghanistan and ask the tough questions about the Middle East. I want to see if this is a short-lived burst for them."

Mirroring the stance that many Americans take concerning troops remaining in Iraq, Thomas emphasized "if the US leaves 50,000 troops in Iraq, the country is still in Iraq—it's time to move on." Thomas rebuffed Obama for his unwillingness to "defy the gods and not worry about making enemies."

"He is more comfortable than Bush, but he [Obama] dances on the head of a pin like all the others," said Thomas. "He dives

and ducks on questions concerning National Security measures; I haven't seen too many strong convictions from him."

Although she feels the White House Press Corp has rallied its efforts to ask the questions that need to be asked of the President, she still is determined there is room for change within the Corps.

"We can't filibuster, we are the only transmission for the President's views. He has the power over us." Thomas stressed. "Keep his feet to the fire always."

THE FUTURE OF NEWSPAPERS IN AMERICA

Within the past ten years, the newspaper industry (print and digital) has experienced a serious decline in readership. Major cities are dropping their dailies because of lack of advertising and circulation; small town papers are downsizing staffs, outsourcing production to save money and often cutting back to weekly publication, but owners remain far from optimistic about their livelihood.

Thomas considers newspapers' contribution to American society and democracy "invaluable." The Internet and computers won't save the industry, she said.

"It would be a tragedy for this country not to have newspapers. The five W's have to be reported. I know newspapers are headed down hill, but you can't replace them," Thomas added.

"We don't have a real Democracy without newspapers," she insisted. "We inform people of everything that is happening — you can't have a Democracy without an informed people."

Future journalists should know that they "could be part of the greatest profession in the world," Thomas explained. "Journalism is an education, you are always learning. We need journalists to tell the whole story. Who else will?"

As for Thomas' future, she stated firmly, "I am going to die with my boots on."



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Helen Thomas is known for her ability to call out presidents on their issues, president after president. She has earned the title the "First Lady of the Press."

LIGHTER SIDE OF THE CAMPUS SAFETY BLOTTER

QUICK VIEW Blotter by the numbers

Warmer weather brings spring fever to the Blotter



JEN NOEL
Staff Reporter

Ah, spring is in the air. Flowers are blossoming, the weather is warmer, the days are longer, and many of us are naturally hearing the call of the great out-

doors. It's the time of year to get up and go—shake off winter and get some fresh air. The campus blotter was filled with student responding to "the call" this week.

The popular cliché "when nature calls" has taken on a whole new meaning for students on the Hill. Campus Safety has had their hands full with students who think nature is a public restroom.

On March 8, a student was caught urinating in public. Instead of admitting that he or she couldn't make it up the flight of stairs in DMC to the bathroom, the culprit took off at an excessive speed in their vehicle. Way to sneak away, I'm sure burning out of the parking lot didn't call any attention to yourself.

On the same night, a student was caught in the act of using the exterior wall of Harlow Pool as a jiffy-john. Perhaps the dormitories bathrooms are closed on Sundays or maybe the pending full

moon had something to do with this primitive instinct.

A report to Campus Safety has also confirmed that the poo bandit is still on the loose. Two cases of fecal matter being found in a location other than a toilet should have students watching carefully where they are about to step.

On March 13, poop was discovered in a pencil cup in Academic Hall. I think you can imagine this one for yourselves; it needs no commentary.

"Number 2" was also found outside a door in McDaniel Hall on March 25. I am curious what the thrill of pooing in public is; I thought bathroom protocol was learned somewhere around the age of two. Health Services should consider placing a box of free Pampers in the office.

There are also some budding artists on campus, as reports of academic halls being ransacked with toilet paper and furniture and walls being used as a canvas for profane drawings filled the blotter.

On March 10, graffiti was spotted on furniture in a common area of Lewis Hall. Lewis was the site of more vandalism on March 15. Some students must have a real issue with the scientific side of campus. These artists discovered their calling just in time for Admitted Students' week-

end—I am sure the youngsters enjoyed the obscene sketches around campus.

There couldn't be an installment of the Lighter Side without writing about the boys in Rouzer. They are known for letting their male testosterone make their decisions, but it seems that they have started to try to organize the chaos.

On March 10, Campus Safety responded to a call about a boxing match in a common area of the freshmen boys' dorm.

"We have a perfectly good wrestling room with padded walls," commented Webster. "I'm not sure why the boys don't just go there—it must be about convenience."

The change in seasons has sparked a frenzy on campus just as I predicted. I am no oracle but with Spring Break behind us and the end of the semester on the horizon, I advise Campus Safety to call in for some backup.

(Editor's Note: This column by Jen Noel is dedicated to some of the most inane 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).

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NON-PROFITS PARTNER WITH COLLEGE; OFFER INTERNSHIPS



ASHLEIGH SMITH

(Left to Right) Jacob Raymond Curry '09, Jim Dyson '09, Brittany Wells '10, and Greg Pfeiffer '09 work on a poster in Jasken's Writing for Non-Profits class. Through the class, these students have had the opportunity to work with organizations like the Literacy Council, Marriage Resource Center, Habitat for Humanity, Assigned Catastrophic Health Planners, Appalachian Poverty Project, and Common Ground on the Hill.

KATIE SMITH
Staff Reporter

Students are stepping off the Hill this semester to bridge the gap between McDaniel and the Westminster community.

Several courses offered this spring allow students to take what they learn in the classroom and use it to serve local organizations. Approximately 40 students volunteer or intern for local organizations as a part of the new initiative to infuse service with education, according to Jim Mayola, liaison for McDaniel's Center for Community Outreach and Service.

The organizations served include the Boys and Girls Club, the Cold Weather Shelter, Mission of Mercy, Rape Crisis Center, and the Marriage Resource Center.

"I think this program is essential to help

build a bridge between the college and the community," Amy Gilford, associate director of the Marriage Resource Center, says of the new service-learning initiative. Gilford describes the program as "wonderful" and "long overdue."

According to Sarah Stokely, associate dean of Student Academic Life, Dr. Julia Jasken's Writing for Nonprofit Organizations class is the first official service-learning class at McDaniel, as it requires that each student intern for a Carroll County nonprofit. Her students, Jasken says, are learning "what it takes to work for (or run) a nonprofit."

Jasken implemented service-learning into her Writing for Nonprofit Organizations class after observing a trend with her students. "When I created assignments where students produced texts for a clearly identified audience outside their professor, they enjoyed the assignments more and their work was of

much better quality," she says.

Mayola believes college students can greatly benefit the organizations they serve. "They bring new ideas and keep an organization fresh," he says.

Jasken's students are providing valuable services to their respective nonprofits, including grant writing, brochure design, and event planning.

The organizations are not the only ones benefiting—there are benefits for the students as well. The work these students do looks good on a resume and gives students connections to important players in the community, Mayola says. He also believes service-learning allows students to connect course material with real-life experiences.

"In the classroom, you learn theory. When you work, you learn how the theory is applied," Mayola says.

Dr. Stephanie Madsen's Adolescence

class incorporates service as well, but on a voluntary basis. Students from this psychology class volunteer at Westminster's Boys and Girls Club. They work mostly with teenagers at the Club's after-school program, helping them with homework, planning activities, and "hanging out" with them, according to Abby Walker, a volunteer from Madsen's class.

For Walker, volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club has increased her desire to continue volunteer work after the semester is over. "This experience makes me want to continue that work next year here, and at home," she says.

Walker's experience would surely encourage Stokely, who hopes that such service while at McDaniel is a trend that continues on in all students' lives beyond college.

"All of us are hoping the college is producing engaged citizens," Stokely says.

MCDANIEL ALUM FOLLOWS VOICE TO CHICAGO, IL

After CD release, '08 grad looks to big time

CLAYTON ROSA
Staff Reporter

Maybe you are ordering a caramel macchiato from Westminster Station, or buying a book from the College Bookstore. Either way, if your eyes are wandering the counter, then you may come across Blind Man Leading's debut CD, "Fire/Escape."

Dave Wentz, '08, will be moving to Chicago permanently to pursue his music. Wentz began songwriting after an initial stint in poetry at 13 years old.

"I would fill up these notebooks with poems, or what I thought was good poetry," Wentz said.

Shortly thereafter, Wentz learned how to play guitar and realized many popular songs were simple in nature. "I tried writing songs, the first songs I wrote were bad but they taught me my limitations and the ways I needed to grow if I pursued this type of expression," Wentz says.

Wentz, a music history major with a minor in jazz studies, describes the music of Blind Man

Leading as "acoustic, indie, folk, and rock with a twist of jazz in it. The jazz comes from studying that music form at McDaniel."

"I tend to gravitate towards darker lyrics but I try to differentiate between happy and sad melodies so that there is a wide spectrum of tempos and feels for the music," Wentz says.

This transition from Westminster to Chicago, for Wentz, is influenced by a variety of components: "I wanted to get into a big urban community, I loved going abroad to Budapest and I went to Chicago recently for four days and fell in love with the city."

"I feel like it's time for a change of scene after graduating McDaniel College," Wentz said. "And I'd like to move on from somewhere like Carroll County where for my purposes it may not be the best place to flourish in my art form and what I'd like to do."

Blind Man Leading has performed at Recher Theater, Penguins down in the iGloo, and several other venues across Baltimore as well as local venues such as Westminster Station.

Blind Man Leading's CD is available in the College Bookstore or online at: www.cdbaby.com/blindmanleading.

HIT-AND-RUN SUSPECT CAUGHT

KATE DELENICK
Co-Editor in Chief

Shawron Bibbs, 29, the driver allegedly behind the February 6, hit and run crash that killed McDaniel student Thomas Rouleau, has been caught by authorities.

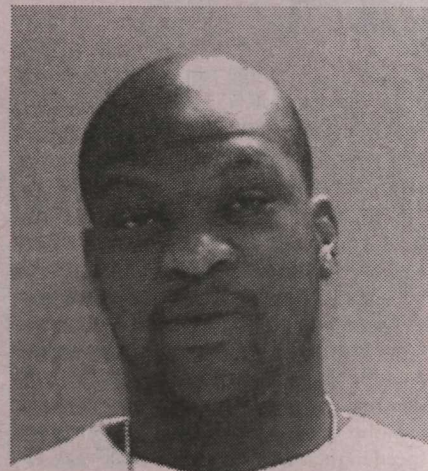
Detectives from the Hempstead, New York Police Department arrested Bibbs without incident a few weeks ago. He is currently being held in the Nassau Correctional Center without bond as a Fugitive from Justice. The extradition hearing scheduled for Bibbs was originally set for March 25 but was rescheduled for Monday, March 30.

Though the arrest takes a wanted man off the streets it doesn't make dealing with the loss of a son or friend any easier. "It brings relief to us that he's off the road, but it truly doesn't help cope with the loss of our son," Tom's mother, Mary Rouleau said. "The loss is enormous and we don't want him [Bibbs] to do this to anyone else."

Bibbs is facing felony charges of negligent manslaughter by auto, theft of more than \$500 and unlawful taking of a motor vehicle; along with over a dozen misdemeanor counts.

As this ordeal continues we should grant the wishes of Tom's parents to "remember him everyday" and remain supportive of each other.

Check out future issues of the Free Press for the latest on this story.

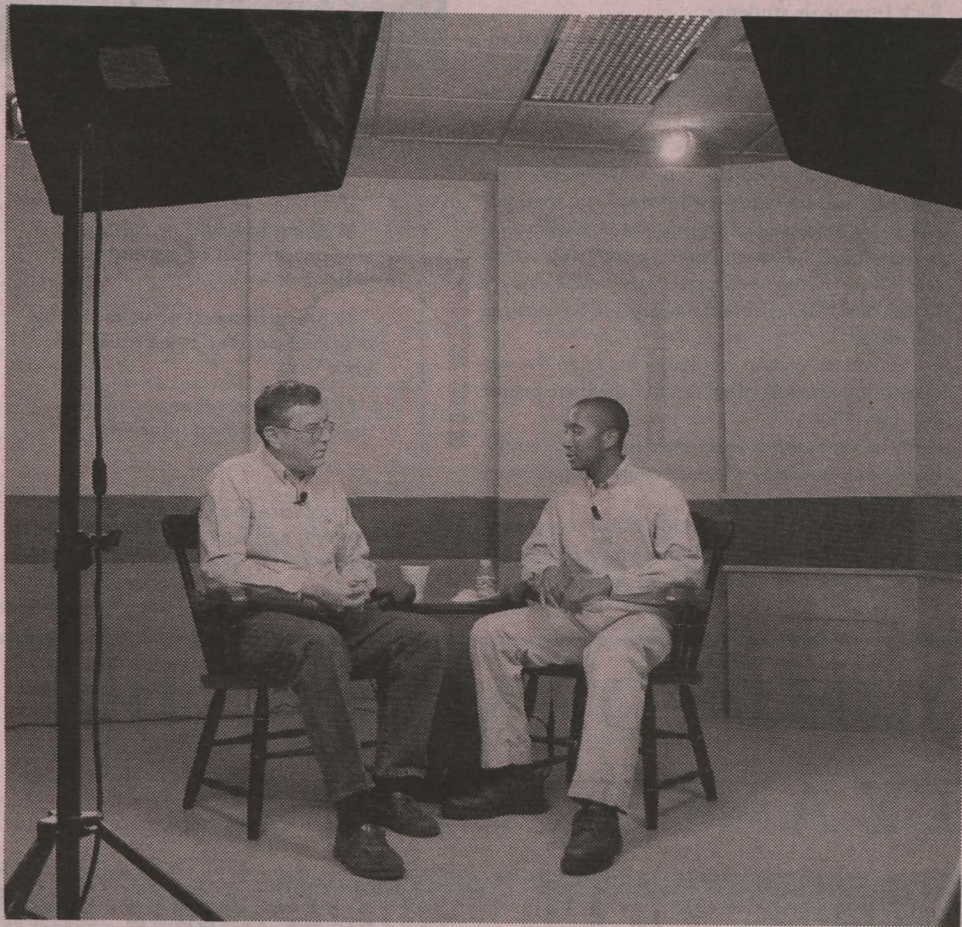


COURTESY WESTMINSTER POLICE

Bibbs was finally captured in New York. He will soon be extradited to Carroll County to be tried in the death of Thomas Rouleau.

PROFESSORS ON FILM:

Students Investigate Distinguished Professors in Class Documentary



EVAN TICKNOR

Students from Dr. Lemieux's class interviewed some recipients of the Distinguished Professor's Award for a documentary. The recipients are honored in the hallway in Elderdice.

CASEY CROUGH
Staff Reporter

Students in a class taught by Dr. Robert Lemieux are documenting the distinguished work of eleven college professors.

The photos of 18 college professors deck the halls outside the Registrar's Office – each professor's work in the classroom and beyond earned him or her the Distinguished Professor Award, one of the most prestigious awards a college professor may receive for their contribution to academics and student life.

Eleven of these professors will be featured in a video documentary linked to Lemieux's class, which was inspired by Bravo network's show, "Inside the Actors Studio."

"This course is documenting social, cultural, and institutional history," said Lemieux. Lemieux also added that, "the class is creating an artifact created in the 21st century."

Although Lemieux leads the students in class, Professor Jonathon Slade also collaborates on this documentary project.

Slade assists the students in the production of the documentary by offering advice for different camera angles and sound techniques.

"This class has been beneficial since I've learned a lot of interviewing skills. It's intimidating at first, but you build a friendship with the professor," explained senior Rob Silva, who conducted his interview with Rick Smith in the chemistry department.

The 11 professors that will be featured include: Skip Fennell, Deb Lemke, Julia Orza, LeRoy Panek, Mohamed Esa, Christianna Leahy, Margie Boudreaux, Rick Smith, Jeff Marx, Michael Losch, and Lauren Dundes.

Professors not featured, Slade noted with regret, have retired or on sabbatical. Slade hopes that additional interviews can be conducted in a follow up course.

Through the Distinguished Professors course, students have perfected the art of the interview, and although there have been some challenges, the students have been doing very well, according to Lemieux.

"Meeting all of the teachers has been by favorite part of the class," said Ellen Tuesday Shank, a freshman. The only challenge Shank has come across has been stage fright in front of the camera.

"My favorite part of the course is dealing with Slade's antics," joked junior Greg Boyd, who is another student in the class.

"Editing for a job and the behind the scenes work are good skills to learn," said Tim Sieger, class of 2009.

Each of the interviews will be part of what students and professors hope will be a polished 45-minute video, which will debut Thursday, May 7. Exact time and place of that screening will be announced at a later date.

Ultimately, the video may be used by Admissions and then placed in the college archives.

"It'll be an honor to be in the archives if they use the final product," said Boyd.

FLIP TOURS: ADMISSIONS TAKES CREATIVE STRIDES FOR RECRUITMENT

CAITLYNN FLYNN
Staff Reporter

The McDaniel College Admissions web site was officially updated this past October, and the office continues to incorporate innovative strategies to connect prospective students to the college community.

The most recent strategy involves the use of Flip video camcorder – which essentially yields informal film footage created by students using small video recorders.

"It's a way for students to see McDaniel in a way that they might not see on a tour," said Senior Jennifer Sandler, who works for Admissions and has created Flip footage. "The film is pretty raw, but it is a creative way to convey 'this is where I hang out with my friends,' or 'this is where I study.' We filmed a snowball fight once."

Sandler is one of several Student Ambassadors who have used the Flip to create short snippets about campus life, according to Gina Rende King, admissions director. Their footage is posted on the website and ultimately serves as a way for

prospective students to have a first person point of view of the McDaniel campus.

Although "mini-videos" are far from professional, they are exceedingly informative, King and Sandler said. There are a total of 29 videos currently posted on the site, with more to come.

Flips and the new web site help students from out of state who can't visit campus as often, if at all. "We will bring our community to them," King says, "And this is the way to do it."

When accepted, the prospective student can log onto the site and see who else has been accepted from their area. Students can also create

a profile and chat with other accepted students, which is somewhat similar to the Facebook application online.

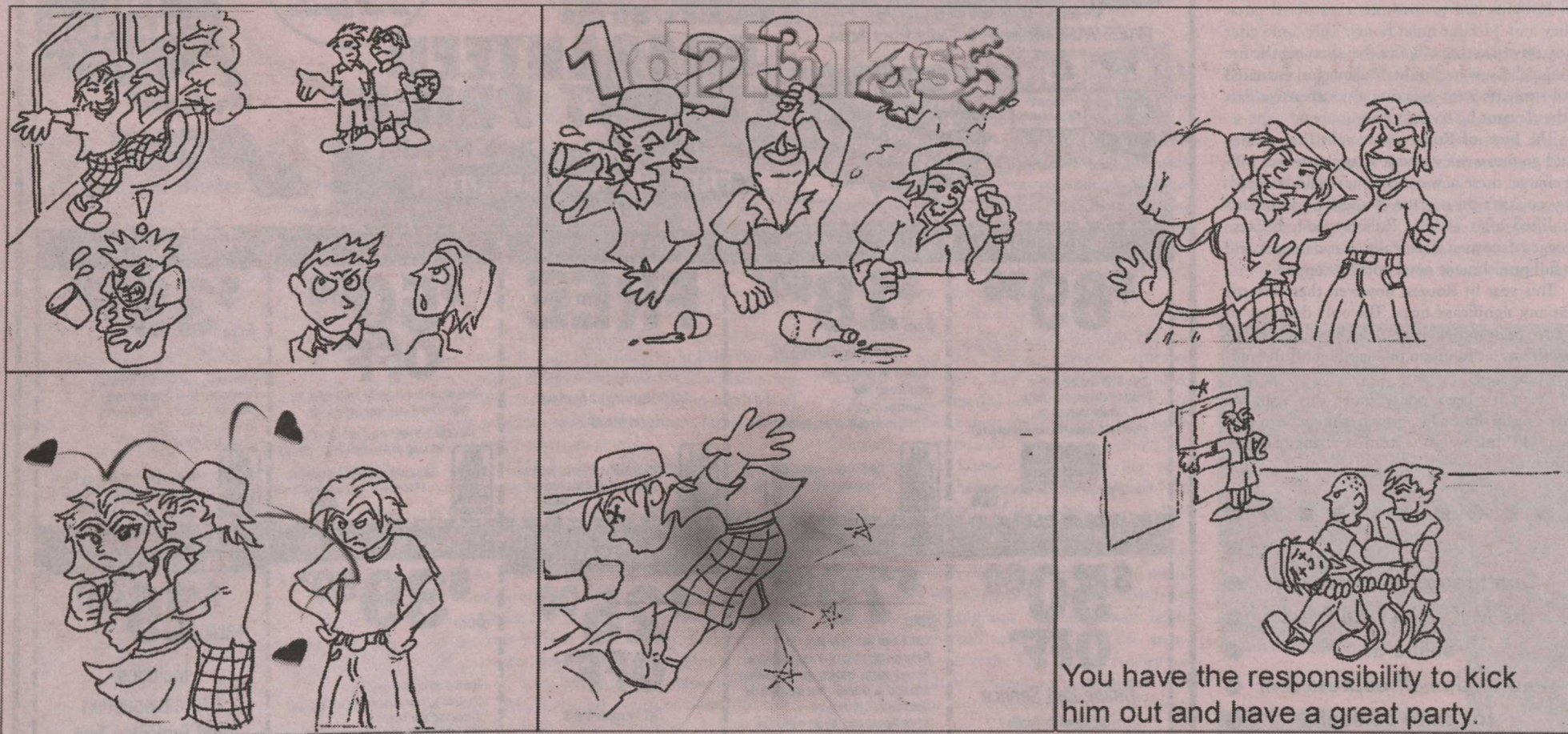
Approximately 70% of McDaniel's accepted applicants have logged onto the web site to view videos and create their own profile, according to King.

The site is managed and hosted by the Internet marketing company James Towers, which is also the creator of the Red Dot program used on campus.

The printing and postage budgets for the school have been cut 20-25% this year, and the cost-benefit of the web site has ultimately paid for itself, King said.

Late Nights - Dew Shabag

Illustrated by Mike Lueras-James



You have the responsibility to kick him out and have a great party.

Late Nights requests your short stories, poems, and reflections to present your ideas and experiences on alcohol and McDaniel College for a display in Decker Center. Submission deadline: April 15th. Email your work to latenights@mcdaniel.edu. For questions, call x3123. \$ to Top 4 entries. Speak Out!

SEXUAL ASSAULTS: NOT JUST FOR THE FAMOUS

Recent celebrity news sheds light on the problems of abuse

KATELYNN MCGINLEY
Features Editor

When baby-faced performer Chris Brown was accused of physically assaulting his girlfriend, multi-platinum recording artist, Rihanna, the story stunned millions of fans and made headlines around the world. This incident, while tragic, is unfortunately not only limited to celebrities – it can happen anywhere, to anyone, even students here at McDaniel College.

Last year at McDaniel College there were at least two reported cases of alleged sexual and physical assault against females, though both females in question eventually declined to press charges. Last month, three McDaniel students (one of them a female alumnus who came to the defense of the alleged victim) were involved in an altercation that took place at a party on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Director of Campus Safety, Mike Webster, assures students that in these kinds of situations that Campus Safety has “a specific protocol it follows, and a pattern of investigation that is ex-

remely thorough” he says that he “does not see domestic violence as a huge problem” at McDaniel. “Campus Safety usually investigates about one or two of these stories a year.” Says Webster.

According to Sarah Hund-Brown, the Community Educator for the Carroll County Rape Crisis Center, alcohol is oftentimes “the number one” drug that facilitates many of the domestic and sexual assaults that the center sees every year.

Lauren Fischetti, '11, explains that there is a specific facet of RA training called “Behind Closed Doors” that deals with issues pertaining to domestic violence. “The senior RAs role plays a situation for us where a couple is fighting and the girl is maybe like, crying in the corner and unwilling to talk to us.”

The procedure, Fischetti says, is to try and separate the couple and talk to each of them individually to try and determine what happened. “If we think that it’s necessary, we do get Campus Safety involved, and they use their discretion in terms of notifying the Westminster police if an assault can be verified and one of the parties wants to press charges.”

Fischetti admits that as a female authority figure on campus, that she will occasionally catch flack from male students.

“I’ve been called a bitch a lot,” Fischetti admits. “Or I have guys who think if they flirt with me I won’t write them up for being loud or having alcohol or whatever. Stuff like that.”

Hund-Brown discloses that many of the women that come to the center are in their late twenties and upwards, and points out that sexual and domestic violence is not limited to females alone. “Men are even more reluctant to talk about being victimized, and they carry a higher level of self-blame and guilt concerning the attack.”

If you or anyone you know has been the victim of domestic or sexual assault, there are people you can talk to.

The on-campus extension for the Counseling Center is 2243, and free counseling is available to all students.

The Carroll County Rape Crisis Center’s is open from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, or you can call their 24 hour hotline at 410-857-7322.

SEXUAL ASSAULTS AREN'T JUST SEX

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- Being called a sexual name.
- Being touched or rubbed inappropriately or against your will.
- Being berated or yelled at by a sexual partner or because of your sex.
- Rape and other sexual acts that occur against your will.

If you are the victim of sexual assault, call Campus Safety immediately at x2202.

Floor Fines are on the decrease

BRENT LOWE
Staff Reporter

“Common Area Billings,” or floor fines are not as high as they have been in years past, but students are still paying them.

“They aren’t actually fines tacked on as punishment like most people think,” says Mike Robbins Director of Resident Life. “We just charge the cost to fix or clean what was damaged.”

In fact, last semester the highest fine out of any dorm was \$9.61. It was charged to a person who tried (unsuccessfully) to flush a wig down the toilet. Contractors had to be called to fix the damage, Robbins said.

In Blanche, a fine was assessed to one hall, home of three sororities, to replace a door someone kicked in. North Village has had some door problems as well; to enter, many students had been pulling the doors open. Door handles were replaced by smaller ones, smaller ones that break off when they’re pulled too hard. People have pulled too hard – creating more common fines.

Rouzer is usually the dorm with the highest fines (the wig thing this semester threw off the numbers). Two years ago, it got so bad that Dave Dahlberg, residence life area coordinator, and Robbins had to institute a restricted guest policy and 24-hour quiet hours. This came after many tiny irritating offenses (i.e. spraying the fire extinguishers, water fountain damages) escalated until students were breaking any expensive part in the elevator by trying to pry it open.

The boys of Rouzer were told that if they could go one week without a common area billing charge, these new conditions would be lifted. They couldn’t do it. One of these punishments was lifted after awhile, Robbins said, because damages decreased drastically. But damages and the full punishment never totally stopped.

This year in Rouzer, however, there haven’t been any significant fines. The only damages so far have been minor things, like breaking ceiling tiles, the water fountain or snapping off the railing on the stairs.

“Yeah it’s been pretty quiet this year, we haven’t really done a lot,” says freshman Sean McGarry. “I think everyone just likes hangin’ out in Whiteford.”

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'MISS CEIL' CAPTURES (AND SAVES) HEARTS OF COLLEGE COMMUNITY

MATT DeFONZO
Staff Reporter

Most of the people that we call "unsung heroes" have never saved someone's life. However, if someone said such a thing about Ceil Bowens, that person might want to recheck his sources.

Bowens, who swipes cards at the entrance to Englar Dining Hall from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. each weekday, played a critical role in helping co-worker Helen Barrick who suffered a heart attack on January 25, 2007.

Upon reporting to work that morning, Barrick came out of the back area of Glar and sat down at one of the tables in the dining hall because she did not feel well. She then got up to use the bathroom, but did not return for a long period of time, so Bowens went into the bathroom to check on her, then called the manager when she found Barrick was very sick. Barrick believes she suffered the heart attack sometime between sitting at the table in the dining hall and her time in the bathroom.

Aside from responding to concerns about people's physical health, Bowens is also apt to help students who are having problems, according to Administrative Assistant Karamae McCauley. McCauley said some students adore Bowens so much they will bring their parents in to meet her. Others will even bring their own sons or daughters in to meet her, once they have gotten married and had children.

Barrick echoed that sentiment, saying that Bowens, who is known to most by the name of Ms. Ceil, will "...go out of her way to help anyone."

Jake McCurry, a senior English major, said that when he is in a bad mood, Bowens says something to make him feel better.

Asked what Bowens does to cheer him up, McCurry replied, "Sing me a song." He explained that Bowens sings religious songs, such as "Shine Jesus, Shine," to him and that because he is very religious, the songs make him feel better.

McCurry said that sometimes Bowens

will tell him a joke to put him in a better mood.

Bowens also commented on her ability to help people.

"I don't even like the break. I just like takin' care of you guys," she said when asked how many breaks she receives during the day.

Bowens does not even become angry when a student is impolite or impatient with her.

"When somebody get mean I just tune it out," she remarked. She added that if a student does say something "wrong," they will usually return later and apologize to her.

Clearly, Bowens enjoys her job a great deal. Asked what her favorite part of working at McDaniel is, Bowens replied, "Dealing with you guys."

"I don't know what it is," she admitted. "I love being out here with y'all..."

Bowens enjoys her job so much that at the end of the fall semester in 2008, she wanted to be working in the dining hall, not taking time off, according to Glar employee Robert Neuberth.

After all that, it should come as no surprise that Bowens is generally considered a nice person.

"Oh, she'd go out of her way to be polite..." said Barrick of Bowens' days as a server, one of the jobs she performed prior to swiping cards.

McCurry described Bowens as "kind," "gentle," and always prepared to listen. He said that Bowens is like a second mom.

McCurry confided that he and his friends gave her a nickname.

"Some people I know, we call her 'Momma C,'" he said. According to McCurry, "Momma C" stands for "Momma Ceil."

Bowens, who was born in Frederick and raised in Westminster, has had a lengthy tenure at McDaniel. She began working on "The Hill" at age 16. She has worked here ever since, with her total number of years on the job currently at 43.

During her time at McDaniel, she not



MATT DEFONZO

Ceil Bowens works at Glar swiping students into breakfast and lunch. She is always friendly and welcoming, but most students don't know how dedicated she is to the school.

only performed other duties in the cafeteria, such as serving food, but also worked other jobs on campus, including maintenance duties.

"Whatever it was, I did it. A little bit of everything," Bowens said of her varying jobs.

Bowens, whose official title is supervisor, now swipes students' cards, a job she gets

up extraordinarily early to do, rising at 2 or 3 a.m.

"It's a habit. I've been doin' it for years," Bowens said of her sleep patterns.

To top everything off, she is also a humble person. Asked if she considers herself an "unsung hero," Bowens said no. Asked why she felt that way, Bowens said, "I just don't I guess."

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE ABOUT THE Y?

MEGAN ROBINSON
Staff Reporter

It's much more than a catchy song and dance, the YMCA is an organization focused on improving the community individual by individual. The YMCA has played a part in developing the lives of many students at McDaniel. Daniel Green recalls how participating in a group called the Indian Guides with his father brought them closer together. Megan McCole remembers spending many afternoons there while her mother worked in the daycare center. She said it gave her the opportunity to meet kids she otherwise wouldn't have had the chance to meet. Alex Spivack even first learned her days of the week at a YMCA preschool program.

The YMCA has had a personal impact on my life as well. I spent many summers and weekends there with my three older siblings. When I was older I became a volunteer. When I needed a job the YMCA found me one. Then when I needed money for college the YMCA gave me a scholarship. The YMCA played a part in mine and other McDaniel Students' lives, but those experiences were only the beginning of what the YMCA has to offer individuals. It offers many opportunities to those who seek them. So why should you care about the Y? because it cares about you.

Just as it helped to enrich the lives of some of our students, its programs continue to inspire a new generation, and enrich our society today. Mike Walters, the center director at the Carroll County YMCA, discussed some programs the local YMCA and YMCA's nationwide offer.

The YMCA helps teach leadership skills to older kids through their Youth and Government Programs, Yo! Baltimore Program, and Urban Debate team; 6000 teens participate in these programs in central Maryland. Walters feels these programs "opens their eyes to the government" and offers a place to "get their ideas heard." He spoke about one former participant in the program, Aaron Luce, a student at American University. His participation in the program led him to an interest in politics, and he recently worked on Senator Ben Cardin's campaign for office.

The YMCA also offers many programs for young children. It has children's sports leagues that not only help children stay healthy but also teach young children teamwork and socialization skills. Walters believes so strongly in the YMCA sports program that his daughter played on the soccer and basketball teams.

The YMCA also offers before and after school programs, with discounts available for low income families. In fact, of the 900 children that participated in the YMCA's Head Start program 90% of them were below poverty level. The YMCAs offer summer camps with curriculums certified through the American Camping Association. About 160 children a week attend the Carroll County YMCA camp. Walters said the camps aid character development and provide a place for kids to "have fun in a safe environment."

The YMCA also offers fitness classes for children and adults with disabilities. A YMCA in Bloomington, Indiana offers an adapted martial arts class for children with disabilities that has been especially successful with Autistic kids. These classes help the students improve their so-

cial skills and information processing.

The YMCA also offers some excellent immigrant outreach programs. Some YMCAs offer English as a Second Language Classes, and Spanish classes, for people who want to communicate with the growing Hispanic community. Additionally, the YMCA has started a nationwide program called the International Leadership Institute where facility directors travel to Hispanic countries to better understand the Hispanic culture. These trips allow them to better serve the Hispanic community, which have been growing.

Rick Reigner, the director of a YMCA in the Chicago area, went on one of these trips. He said before his trip the Hispanic parents expressed concern that "while they wanted their children to grow up in America and succeed, they didn't want them to lose their traditional values"; upon Reigner's return he said "I was able to make the connection and know exactly what they were talking about." These programs help the YMCA to serve all members of the community as best possible.

The Carroll County YMCA has a large impact on the community. It has nearly 5,200 members, some of whom participate in their adult fitness and sports programs. It offers a swim team, and adult basketball team. Many of the members also volunteer at the YMCA. The facility has nearly 275 volunteers, but only about ten year round full-time employees, according to Walters "volunteers are the YMCA's foundation." The YMCA offers many employment opportunities in the summer, when it takes on more staff. The Central Maryland YMCA even offers a scholarship to YMCA employees.

Additionally, the YMCA has some free special events open to all community members, such as Healthy Kids Day on April 18, Family Night on May 16, and in the Fall, Halloween Extravaganza. So the next time you hear that familiar song, perhaps you'll think of more than just a cop, a fireman and an Indian.

If you have any questions about employment or volunteer opportunities at the Carroll County YMCA contact Mike Walters at 410-848-3660, or visit the YMCA website at www.ymaryland.org.

YMCA IN HISTORY

- Offered 90% of the welfare aid to troops in World War I
- Founder of the USO in World War II
- Founded Boy Scouts
- Created first lifeguard certification program
- Jackie Robinson taught baseball lessons in its gym

Upcoming Events

Upcoming YMCA Events

- Healthy Kids Day- April 18
- Family Night- May 16

EQUIPMENT MANAGER HELPS SPORTS AND STUDENTS

MEGAN HILDEBRAND
Staff Reporter

Have you ever been to a McDaniel sporting event and thought to yourself, "Wow this field is set up perfectly." If not, you should.

There are many people on the McDaniel campus that have thankless jobs; one of them is Equipment Manager Ken Nunnelee.

Even though Nunnelee may not think of himself as an unsung hero, there are plenty of people who will tell you otherwise. Jamie Smith, athletic director at McDaniel, works closely with Nunnelee and feels that he, "helps our programs immensely, but doesn't get public accolades for his efforts."

Mary Grace Gonzalez, a junior and team manager for two McDaniel sports, believes that Nunnelee is an unsung hero because "his job requires a lot more work than people think. He [is] responsible for distributing uniforms; he also washes the athletes' practice clothes each day."

But that does not fully encompass what Nunnelee does for McDaniel's student-athletes. Assistant Equipment Manager Tony Cichetti says, "[Nunnelee] tries to help athletes for life,"

and that he wants to help all of the student-athletes in any way possible.

Junior football player Aaron Slaughter says that Nunnelee has given him advice that he will use for the rest of his life. Slaughter says Nunnelee has given him advice on academics, relationships, and finance. "We talk about everything down there [in the Equipment Room]," he said.

This is one of the reasons why Nunnelee says he loves his job. "I just want to help give advice to the athletes and help them through anything," says Nunnelee.

Most people might think that the only time Nunnelee has to be at McDaniel is during the school year when the college's athletes are here. That just isn't the case. Nunnelee helps with the fields and equipment for the numerous camps that take place on the McDaniel campus during the summer. "It's a twelve-month job," says Nunnelee.

Nunnelee said the busiest time for him is during the fall when there are not only the five fall sports but also the pre-season practices and games for spring sports adding up to nine sports at once. With that many sports to be aware of Nunnelee must also be very careful about the fields. If he sets up a field and it does not meet

NCAA regulations McDaniel must forfeit that game. In the 16 years Nunnelee has been at McDaniel College there has never been a forfeit for that reason, said Nunnelee.

The only time that Nunnelee feels pressure is when there is inclement weather and you have to get the fields ready for the game the next day. One example is when it rains the day before a football game; the field has to be ready for the 1 p.m. game. The field has to be completely finished before the two teams start warming up. Nunnelee says if it's raining they just look for a window of time where it isn't raining too hard because, "you have to get it done."

Nunnelee grew up on a farm in Tyler, Texas, where he played both baseball and football in high school. After one year at Tyler Junior College in Texas Nunnelee decided to serve his country and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. While stationed in California Nunnelee met his wife and the two got married in 1970. In 1972 Nunnelee and his wife moved to Maryland to be with family while expecting their first child.

Since then Nunnelee has worked as a supervisor for Amtrak, and was in charge of the territory from Washington, DC to Wilmington,

DE. After working at McDaniel College for the last 16 years Nunnelee finds this job the one he was meant to do.

"My job here is not your typical job. I get to help some of the students here, and my job is a calling," says Nunnelee. In his other jobs Nunnelee felt that he was working above people and while he has about 14 students who technically work for him Nunnelee feels they work with him rather than under him.

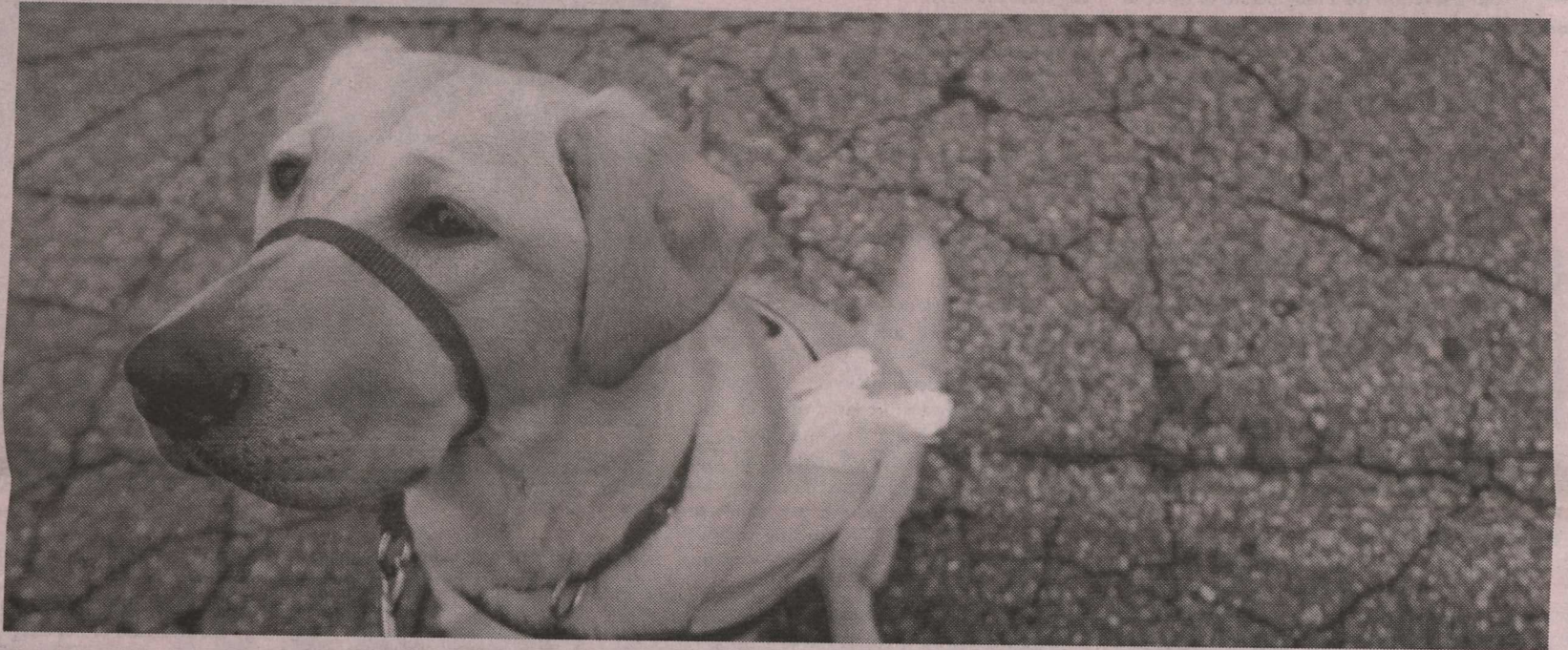
Morgan Brooks, who works in the equipment room and plays for the McDaniel football team, does not think one word is sufficient to describe how helpful and caring Ken is but if he had to choose one word Brooks says, "I guess I would say friend."

When he is not at McDaniel, Nunnelee likes to spend time with his family, but he says that his job really is his hobby.

"It fulfills my life; I get to be around kids and sports," says Nunnelee.

Nunnelee believes in the Marine motto, "Semper Fidelis," which means "always faithful" and staying faithful to yourself, your God and your country. With all the things he has lived through and experienced if he can just give a little back to the community he has done his job.

Kaya, the service dog, is growing quickly. She has been living on campus this semester getting training to eventually work with an owner with a disability.



SAM SEGAL

If you feel down...

With the advent of spring and beginning of the new harvest season, the creators of abundance come out to the fields to sow with good aspirations and hopes.

Islom Karimov

With the spring semester underway, make the choice to plant good seeds of diligence, hard work and accountability today. Your hopes for a great year begins by taking advantage of opportunities early on.

- Torreka Jordan

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Finding yourself in writing:

MCDANIEL STUDENT TO JOIN RANKS OF PUBLISHED

ASHLEIGH SMITH
Art Director

Junior Katelyn Brawn has never enjoyed rejection, but when she received her first rejection letter, she had it framed.

"You're not a good writer unless you've been rejected," explains Brawn, who was just as excited to get her first acceptance letter, too. "It only takes one," she adds.

Brawn, who recently turned 21, is in the process of publishing her own novel, called *Her Hair*, a title which comes from a tradition of the culture created for Brawn's story.

Brawn is thoroughly excited to have the opportunity to be published. "It's surreal," says Brawn. "It's crazy, but I love it."

She began writing the story about four years ago, working on and off, though she has always been a writer. Brawn, from Baltimore County, notes that her family and friends have always been there to support her writing, even when she was a young girl just beginning to dabble.

Brawn says that things "would have been hard without a support system." Many of the people in her life have not only supported her, but inspired her characters.

Following the old adage, Brawn says she learned "write what you know."

"I took from the people I knew," she says. Her main character was inspired by the women in her family, her mother and her grandmothers.

Brawn says she received a lot of support from her friends Beth Corrigan, a childhood friend, and Kate Goeddel, a McDaniel junior and Phi Mu sister with Brawn.

Goeddel is one of the few who read the

story in its working stage, and she convinced Brawn to change the original ending.

"I told her it was way too depressing," says Goeddel, "that it can't happen. It was too Shakespeare tragedy—where everyone dies."

Even with a new ending, Brawn describes *Her Hair* as a story about "the constant battle between head and heart, [...] about choosing not what's best for you but for everyone."

Goeddel describes the novel as a fusion of two versions of the same story, both of which are romances, but more realistic. "She's a very realistic person," Goeddel says, "yet there's an aspect of fairy tale. It blends reality and fantasy well."

Brawn is the author of two other unpublished books, which she calls "practice runs." She has always hoped to be published, but this is her first attempt.

Brawn sent query letters to about 70 different publishing houses "anywhere and everywhere" before receiving an acceptance letter from Author House in Indiana, but "it made it all worth it," says Brawn.

Though only about half responded, they were quick. Brawn started sending letters in August of 2008, then started working with Author House by the end of the year.

As soon as she accepted the contract with Author House, they set her up with a one-on-one consultant, who has served as a liaison between Brawn and the publishers.

"He's been fantastic," says Brawn. "He's literally held my hand through everything." She says the publishing process is a lot more complex than she realized, and that she had fears that the publisher would not work so closely with her, or that they would allow her no input.



ASHLEIGH SMITH

Katelyn Brawn is in the editing process of getting her novel published. The book, which took her four years to write, should be on shelves and online stores in August.

"This company lets the author control a lot," says Brawn, but the consultant has been able to guide her through everything.

Brawn's novel is about half-way to bookstore shelves. She recently started the editing process, reviewing the 300+ pages of her novel, which was one of her least-favorite steps.

Currently, the publisher's designers are working on her book cover and will soon start work on her website. The publisher will also

work with Brawn to advertise her book before it hits stores, which is scheduled for August 2009. However, Brawn adds that date is always changing.

The price is tentatively settled for \$14, allowing Brawn about \$5 in royalties for each copy sold. Brawn says that her dad helped her with the pricing. "Numbers were not always my strong suit," she admitted.

Goeddel adds, "It'll be cool to see it on Amazon."

Cultural Calendar of Events

ART EXHIBITS

THE KATHRYN E. WENTZ JURIED UNDERGRADUATE ART EXHIBITION

April 7-17 in the Esther Prangley Rice Gallery in Peterson Hall

Opening reception 7-9 p.m. April 7; For gallery hours, call 410-857-2595

Freshmen, sophomores and juniors compete in this juried show featuring sculpture, printmaking, drawing, photography, painting, computer graphics and other media.

SENIOR CAPSTONE EXHIBITIONS:

"10 TICKETS TO THE GUN SHOW"

April 21-May 1 in the Esther Prangley Rice Gallery in Peterson Hall

Opening reception 7-9 p.m. April 21; For gallery hours, call 410-857-2595

Featuring students Emily Biondo, Amanda Beck, Alicia Ciatto, Bobby Coleman, Laura Cox, Danielle Gagliardi, Amber Maurer, Tara Russell, Chase Wolf and Adam Shaw

"ACT NORMAL, AND THAT'S CRAZY ENOUGH"

May 5-May 15 in the Esther Prangley Rice Gallery in Peterson Hall

Opening reception 7-9 p.m. May 5; For gallery hours, call 410-857-2595

Featuring students Michelle Alexander, Rachel Bishop, Tara Coleman, Don Dorsey, Nadezhda Frolova, Samantha Lucas, Kelsea McDermott, Emily Peltier, Melissa Robertson, Lindsey Shue and LaShawntay Tinker

THEATRE:

To contact the box office, call 410-857-2448.

"RECKLESS"

April 22-25 at 7:30 p.m. in WMC Alumni Hall

Tickets: \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students

It's Christmas Eve and all through Tom's house not a creature is stirring... except for the hit man Tom has hired to bump off Rachel, his spouse.

When Tom changes his mind and helps Rachel escape through the bedroom window, she begins a years-long journey of darkly comic misadventures that test her, teach her, and transform her. This dark dream-like comedy by Craig Lucas was a hit both on- and off-Broadway.

MUSIC:

For additional information about these events, call 410-857-2599.

STUDENT JAZZ GUITAR TRIO

7 p.m. April 14 in Baker Chapel

The trio consists of Keith Adams, Jon Langdon-Gore and Dan Parsons. The ensemble will perform, "Chitlins con Carne" by Kenny Burrell, "The Sky is Falling" by Keith Adams, "Nostalgia in Times Square" by Charles Mingus, "Untitled" by Dan Parsons and "Last Train Home" by Pat Metheny.

STUDENT PIANO RECITAL

7:30 p.m. April 17 in Levine Recital Hall

The piano students of David Kreider will perform a variety of music.

CHAMBER MUSIC ON THE HILL

"... But His Memory Lingers On"

3 p.m. April 19 at Scott Center at Carroll Community College

Tickets: \$15 for adults and \$8 for seniors; students free with ID

In celebration of Franz Joseph Haydn, the Azimuth Quartet will perform one of his most beloved works, the String Quartet Op. 77, No. 1 (Hob 111:81) in G Major (1799); Haydn's Cello Concerto No. 1 in C Major (-1761-1765), presumed lost until 1961 when a copy of the score was discovered in Prague; and Haydn's opera, *Armida*, which was performed more than 50 times from 1784-1788 then disappeared until its revival in 1968. This concert is scheduled to feature Car-

roll County high school students recommended by their teachers for outstanding playing ability at the professional level.

STUDENT CLARINET AND SAXOPHONE ENSEMBLES

7:30 p.m. April 24th at Levine Recital Hall

Clarinet and saxophone ensembles will perform under the direction of Adjunct Music Lecturer David Duree, who says that, "Over the years, the proficiency level of the ensembles has climbed to a high level. The music for this concert is especially challenging and exciting for both the listener and the performer."

COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT

"Wisdom"

7 p.m. April 26 in Baker Memorial Chapel

Under the direction of Music Professor Margaret Boudreaux, featured works will include "In time of" by Steven Sametz, sung with the Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County, selected singers from Francis Scott Key High School and chamber orchestra, including strings, harp and organ.

THE MCDANIEL BRASS ENSEMBLE

7 p.m. April 27 in Baker Memorial Chapel

The ensemble will perform traditional and modern selections under the direction of Adjunct Music Lecturer Glen Johnson.

STUDENT CHAMBER MUSIC ENSEMBLES

7 p.m. April 28 in Baker Chapel

The McDaniel College Flute Choir, Flute Quartet and Woodwind Quintet, under the direction of Senior Music Lecturer Linda Kirkpatrick, will perform. The Flute Choir will premiere a work commissioned by the Music Department. The composer, Jonathan Cohen, will perform with them. The work, "Corbit's Charge," depicts Westminster's involvement in the Civil War.

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BEST BETS AROUND WESTMINSTER

SAMANTHA LAMBERT
Staff Reporter

Students tend to drive all the way to Baltimore or Annapolis for things to do in their free time, but why waste gas and time when there are so many quaint stores and fun things to do just down the block in Westminster?

Main Street offers an array of little shops, each one offering something different, and a staff welcoming to McDaniel students. Some of these stores include:

POTTERY PLACE:

This store lets you choose from cute pieces of pottery for decoration. After you have selected your piece you can paint and decorate it however you want.

These pieces make great gifts for birthdays, Mother's Day or the upcoming Easter holiday.

Closed Mondays

Tuesday: 11am-5pm

Wednesday-Saturday: 11am-9pm



MEXICAN MARKET:

This little store has everything from toiletries, Hispanic CD's, to authentic Hispanic spices, staple foods, and drinks. They also hold beautiful pictures of the Virgin Mary and sell cowboy boots! Plus, they have the biggest cookies and pastries in town!

Open 10 am-10pm everyday



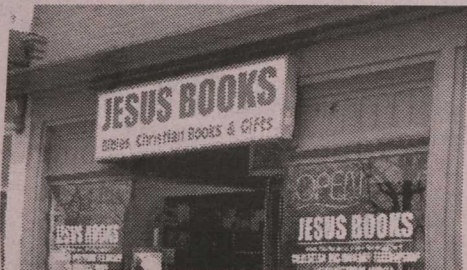
JESUS BOOKS:

This store includes not only Bibles but many other religious texts as well. The store is owned by the Christian Missionary Fellowship International Organization, and run by members of the Rescue Mission Chapel. They sell books on Christian living, spiritual power, church history, coping with grief, and a whole section about women in the service.

Monday: 10am-3pm

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CAITLYN FLYNN
Staff Reporter

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR DREAM SPRING BREAK VACATION AND WHY?



"I'd like to go to Key West with my friends and rent a boat. Even though I've never been there, I hear it's beautiful. The warm weather doesn't hurt, either!"
JESSICA OROS
Freshman



"Definitely Disney World with all of my friends, because it's the best place on earth and I love the weather."
KAITLIN BOERMAN
Sophomore



"I would want to go to Arizona because it's where all the baseball teams have spring training, and it'd be cool to see it."
RYAN GRAVES
Senior



"I would definitely stay in Westminster, because the locals really know how to have a good time."
STEVE WILSON
Senior



"I'd love to visit Cliff Mountain Munion with my two best friends Steve and Tim on the West Coast, because I hear it has the best sunset."
RICHARD "BUGGY" BARRY
Senior

TO LIVE ON CAMPUS OR OFF: THAT IS THE QUESTION

DAVE CASTLE
Staff Reporter

"Where am I going to live next year?" is a big question that every McDaniel student asks his or herself around this time of year, especially the Upperclassmen who have the largest variety of options. Before deciding precisely where to live, there is a decision within the decision that needs to be made: Should I live On Campus, or Off?

There are many pros and cons when weighing the two options. Leah Beck '09, who is living off campus for her first time in her four years at McDaniel, has found the absence of late night dorm noise and bustle beneficial on weeknights when she has to check in early in order to wake up on time for her student teaching internship. Although she admits that living off campus can at times put her out of the loop, the social accountability provided by her sorority sisters has prevented her from feeling ostracized from the on campus community.

Although students can often save money by moving off campus and cutting out the room and board fee from their tuitions, many find the money saved not worth the headache involved with securing a place, managing the upkeep, and paying monthly utility costs which have steeply risen in the past three years. When considering how many battles have been fought in the Residence Life Office by underclassmen trying desperately to obtain off campus status, many will find it ironic that after being granted permission to move off, Maggie Kirwan '10, found herself fighting to redeem her on campus status. The issue has since been resolved, but when a lease she intended to sign fell through, Maggie found herself without a campus housing deposit turned in and for a time it looked as though she would be homeless for the '09-'10 school year.

As mentioned before, many underclassmen find themselves frustrated when denied permission to move off campus. When I spoke with Dean Mellar '11 about his request's denial he compared my reminding him to salt being

poured on a wound. He was looking forward to moving into an off campus house on Main St. next year, however due to these tough economic times and the College's uncertainty as to the size of next year's incoming Freshman class the school has determined the task of filling every room on campus next year top priority.

Moving off campus is not the prerogative of every McDaniel student. Brian Compher '09 is a seasoned dorm life veteran. After a year in Rouzer, and a two year stint in Blanche, Brian finds himself relieved to wake up every morning in his North Village apartment. Seeing as how he will be paying cable and electric bills for the rest of his life, Brian would much rather dedicate his budget to the demands of fine collegiate living and put off the responsibility of utility fees for one more year.

One happy home off campus is inhabited by three students who consider themselves more of a family than anything else. Bill Warner '08, a graduate student, has stuck around McDaniel to play lacrosse, receive his masters, and also to live one more year with Chris Gore '10 and Gibbs Preston '10. This is his second year living with Preston, and third with Gore, whom by graduation will have lived off campus all four years here at McDaniel. The trio feels has remained well connected with the on campus community however they do enjoy the independence that comes along with living off campus. In celebration of that independence, last year the three gentlemen decided to adopt a kitten. Spike Jones, whom they have raised and watched grow into a fine young cat. Although Warner will be missed next semester, Preston, Gore, and Jones are looking forward to keeping the same house and filling it with another year's worth of fond memories.

There are many differing opinions on the issue of on vs. off campus living. However, the general consensus seems to feel that the real question isn't where to live, but rather who to live with. As Chris Gore so eloquently put it, "it's not so much where you are coming home to after class, but more importantly who you are coming home to, and at the end of the day that's what really matters."

Winning the Battle of the Bulge...

HEALTHY FOOD CHOICES CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE

JOHN WAHMAN
Staff Reporter

In today's society we are faced with obesity more than ever and the problem is still growing. Obesity has been connected with higher rates of depression as well as a lack of motivation. It is a fact, being obese in today's society is not an easy thing to be faced with.

This then presents the question; What do I do? I cannot be the answer to that question for all Americans, however; I can provide some support for the students of McDaniel.

I first will address the pub, and I will do so in regards to the rather unhealthy food they offer. It may be tasty because we cannot deny it is full of grease and fatty flavor, something every American has a soft spot for. Let us be honest though, eating that lovely tasting greasy food three or four nights a week is certainly a way to pack on the pounds.

How many times have you gone to the pub and ordered the salad of the day, or a healthy sandwich? Have you ever gotten fruit instead of fries, or how about water instead of your favorite soda? Now, I am not saying you have to give up everything you

love and suffer through every meal. Everyone has an evil for every good, but if your evils start outweighing your good then you have a problem and that is when you begin to see negative results.

Next time you are in the pub order something healthy, and trade fries for a fruit or pretzels. You will not only be surprised with the physical change in your body after a few months, but also with the mental change; eating healthy generates positive mental energy and allows your body to function more efficiently.

Another often-challenging task is finding something healthy to eat at Glar. The majority of the time the hot side, although not always desirable taste wise, is rather healthy for you. If for some reason though, you do not like what they have on the hot side, there is almost always pasta, which is full of carbohydrates and although it is said carbohydrates pack on weight, in moderation they give you positive energy that will not cause you to crash.

Also on the hot side, you have a few lovely ladies always willing to provide you with an array of specialty pastas, as well as a taco salad, which when enhanced with the available vegetables is a healthy choice.

Glar pizza is sometimes extremely tasty, and sometimes not so much, however, no matter the taste you should eat pizza sparingly. The excess grease and calories in pizza not only help pack on the pounds but it causes acne and other undesirable consequences. I am not saying avoid it all together, but if you are looking to lose weight and get in shape, eat it in moderation.

Moving to the salad and sandwich side, we encounter out most healthy options. We all know the wonderful salads we can get from Bobbie are full of vitamins and low on calories, an awesome meal!

Further down in the sandwich line you can chose from a variety of breads and meats to produce a healthy sandwich. Again, if you are looking to lose weight and get in shape look to the multigrain bread and lay off the mayonnaise as much as possible.

There are tons of healthy choices you may not be aware of and again don't be afraid to ask around and change out some of your bad food choices for better ones. All it takes is a true commitment and you are surrounded with everything you need to change your life.

HOW TO KEEP YOUR WEIGHT AT BAY WHILE ON THE HILL

GARRETT EAGAN
Sports Editor

Between eating at Glar without the use of nutritional facts, eating at the pub late, and the ability to order in several "healthy" menu items, losing weight in college is tough. However, in something slightly short of a miracle, I was able to drop over 65 pounds since November. I didn't employ the Jared diet, or a south beach diet, or a crash diet or whatever else people want you to buy, I did it on my own. And this is how I did it:

First and foremost, you have to WANT to do it, and you have to stick with it. Yes, it is going to be hard, but you will see results and then you know it will be worth all the hassle. It's not about anything other than being committed to your workouts, persistent in them, and having the will to stay faithful to yourself. Personally, the things that helped me gain weight throughout college were heavy drinking, drunk eating, and eating late without any exercise. Sitting around doesn't help anything and it's the implementation of exercise that really help move me to losing the weight.

On the subject of eating, campus is really a mine-field of junk, monstrous portions, and late-night options that can add unwanted weight. You have an all-you-can eat Glar atmosphere, the greasy but delicious pub menu, and even a short hop skip and jump to Wawa, Sheetz, Dennys and numerous pizza joints. Personally, I make sure I eat healthier both at lunch and dinner, but also late at night. With eating at lunch and dinner, I cut down the huge portions of slop to a mild sandwich and salad, washed down by water and milk. I totally nuked the idea of eating after 8pm, mainly due to the limited amount of exercise I can do after that time.

With exercise, it all depends on the person. For myself, I started out biking for around 20 minutes, then moved to the elliptical and treadmill options for cardio. It was almost humorous to see people's reaction in my large frame, in a drenched hoody running on a treadmill or huffing and puffing on a elliptical machine. What can I say; I'm out here just trying. More recently I have been working in amounts of weight lifting to add to calorie-burning. I am not really sure where I want to go next, but my workouts usu-

ally run around an hour to an hour and a half. If anything, you should start out light and work your way up. Believe me, you won't be able to go as long as you want the first time you work out. You have to work your way up and you have to start somewhere.

The thing that you should take away from this is? Anyone can get to where they want to be or look. It's not about quick gimmicks or cutting corners, or even starving yourself. It is about commitment and determination. Both of which will help you maintain how you want to look in the long run. And when anyone asks me what the hell I am doing at the gym? I'm Perkisizing.

THE BAILOUT:

AMERICA'S APRIL FOOLS JOKE

KATELYNN MCGINLEY
Features Editor

Right now, A.I.G. is the company that America loves to hate. Since the September bailout plan was set into motion, the insurance company has taken upwards of \$170 billion in bailout money from U.S. taxpayers and keeps coming back for more. Just where is this staggering amount of money going, exactly?

Well, about \$165 million of it is going to retention bonuses for A.I.G. executives.

Seriously? I'd like for you to think about that for a second. Your tax dollars are being used to reward the executives of this company for sucking so badly at their jobs that their company was on the verge of collapsing completely. Not only reward them - retention bonuses imply that they are preventing these executives from quitting and moving on to more lucrative careers, shilling Domino's BAILOUT PIZZA DEALS, or something. Because, after all, nothing sells pizza like an economy that's in the toilet.

There are viable reasons that economists, former President Bush, current President Obama, and countless other members of Congress from both parties can argue for the bailout of insurance companies like A.I.G., the automobile industry, and home ownership corporations like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. However, the bailout saga took a bizarre turn this week when Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt and Girls Gone Wild creator Joe Francis made a - serious - petition to Congress asking for a \$5 billion bailout for the adult entertainment industry.

"The government is handing out money to the auto industry," Francis said, "why shouldn't it hand some to an industry the nation could not live without?"

Uh, all due respect, but I can think of several things off the top of my head in this country that should take precedence over the adult entertainment industry. College students thinking of selling a kidney for a chemistry textbook, or teachers and doctors working in underfunded, inner city establishments, for example, are probably a little more deserving of some of that \$5 billion pocket change.

Get your priorities straight, America.

RETURN VISIT: COMING HOME TO MCDANIEL

Return
Visit

Alumna, class of '07, returns to campus; relives memories

MAARET KLABER
Contributor

I recently came back to the McDaniel campus for the first time, while classes were in session, since my graduation.

I first surprised the swim team (which I was a part of for all four years) by showing up at the Centennial Conference Championships in Lancaster. Then I showed up on campus having only told two people (one student, and one teacher) that I was coming.

I don't recommend it - if you want to see people they should know you are coming, but it was necessary to be secretive if I was going to surprise the team. It was nice to walk around campus, to wander around visiting professors.

One thing about coming back, those students I did know have changed; they are not sophomores or freshmen anymore - no matter how much I might want to still be a senior.

If you have built up as good a connection with your teachers as I did, then they will be there to go back to, to talk to, to get advice from, and to remember with. For the most part they will definitely be there; professors are less likely to leave, especially with the current economy.

Coming back was overwhelming; in two days I saw at least ten professors/staff and there were even others I did not have time to talk to

or were away at conferences. It was hard seeing how connected I was and still am at McDaniel.

In my life right now, I am living in the Netherlands (Holland) and have been there for almost a year and a half. After graduation I stayed in New York a few months and worked as a Lifeguard and Swim Instructor, and then I went to the Netherlands and worked as an Au Pair.

Working as an Au Pair really expanded my understanding of people, and different lifestyles. I have been busy taking Conflict Studies classes at Utrecht University, working at the local pool and learning to play water polo, learning a lot and remembering that my ability to understand and appreciate my classes is based on the things that I learned at McDaniel.


I miss signing - American Sign Language is not the same as Dutch sign language (NGT). I would recommend students to connect with professors at McDaniel, the connection can always be rewarding.

Graduating from college is not easy - your friends are not going to live in the same building as you, but remember, the learning never ends.

Editor's Note: It is not uncommon for McDaniel alums to journey back to The Hill to visit professors and old friends. Return Visit is a column that allows these returning students to let the college community know how they are doing, what they are doing and what the college did for them.

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LESS NEWSPAPERS, MORE IGNORANCE

As more newspapers fall to the economy and disinterest, the tragedy grows

ANGELA BALDWIN
Staff Reporter

Cutting down employees, less home delivery, fewer pages, less types of stories and even shutting completely down; this is what has been happening to America's newspapers. If this trend keeps going there will be some unforeseen consequences for our society and our day-to-day lives.

Newspapers have been one of the tools that we the people have used to make sure our government, federal and local, are acting in an uncorrupt manner. If many of these smaller town newspapers go under, how are the people of that town going to find out about local affairs?

I know that I would want to have the ability to find out what my mayor is doing. Without these newspapers keeping an eye on things, the government inadvertently gets more power because they do not have to worry so much about being covered by local media. As a result, they could easily take corrupt action without being caught.

Another scary prospect of financially struggling newspapers is the cutting down of foreign affairs coverage. According to Paul Starr of the New Republic, "At many papers, foreign coverage was one of the first things to go," and that "the number of American newspaper correspondents abroad dropped 30 percent between 2002-2006." I cannot even imagine what the numbers are now with the

recession!

This lack of foreign coverage scares me because the world is filled with uncertainty with the problems of the Middle East, etc. I want to know what is going on internationally, and as the amount of American coverage of these affairs decreases, I get scared. I don't want to be in a state where I am not sure of what is going on in the world.

Coverage of Washington is being cut down; this causes trouble because Congress and other areas of government will not be as closely monitored (New Republic). It will be easier for them to pass bills that we won't immediately know about.

The breadth of stories is disappearing; features like book reviews are being cut. This is sad because what I always liked about newspapers is the variety inside; there is something for everyone. Broadcast news only covers a few topics in one segment, but the newspapers have a huge bundle of material (New Republic).

Now I know that the current recession has been playing a large role in this disaster but even before then, newspapers were going along the Internet route. To me, as the web news becomes easier to access by a wide range of people, the reading of print newspapers is going to drop even lower.

Even though the web may be easier, it can have consequences for the papers. First of all if they don't charge to read the online paper and they are losing revenue for their print paper, how could the journal-

ists make money? It would probably fail because journalists need a job that pays. If they start charging online reading, then people could easily just go onto websites such as CNN.com that do not charge, and the newspapers would just lose readership (New Republic).

Lastly, the web versions of papers end up severely dividing the news readers and the non-news readers (New Republic). These are the people who only would look at the comics or puzzles in newspapers but

still would see what is going on news wise; now they can completely avoid news on the web. As a result, their knowledge of politics and world affairs is very low. Print newspapers seemed to help even the apathetic know what was going on in the world.

Not only will the apathetic have lowered world-awareness from the disappearance of print news, ignorance of politics on the local, national, and international levels will affect everyone—even die-hard newspaper readers.



ASHLEIGH SMITH

What are your weaknesses? And other tough questions... HOW TO PREPARE FOR A SUCCESSFUL INTERVIEW

Top Interview Questions:

- How would your best friend describe you?
- What would you say are your 2 greatest weaknesses?
- How do you alleviate stress?
- What are your short and long term goals?
- What type of work environment do you prefer?
- What is your typical way of dealing with a conflict?
- What tools or habits do you use to keep organized?
- Tell me about a time when you had to go above and beyond to get the job done?
- Tell me about two memorable projects, one a success and one a failure. To what do you attribute the success and failure?
- What unique experience or qualifications separates you from other candidates?
- Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

Courtesy of careerbuilder.com

ROSE ENY
Co-Commentary Editor

Have you ever been asked the following question: "If you were a brick in a wall, which one would you be?"

That is one of the questions that senior Josh Smith was asked while on a job interview. It isn't always easy to anticipate what an interviewer will ask, but if you know how to prepare for an interview then it is easy to be successful.

Assistant Director of Career Services Amanda Blankenship says, "the best way to have a successful interview is to prepare. This is not a simple step and encompasses many different things."

Blankenship goes on to say that necessary preparation includes things like: learning to articulate one's strengths to an employer, using appropriate examples to illustrate those strengths, researching the employer, asking questions, and realizing that first impressions really do count.

In addition to this advice, Career Services has many online guides and tutorials to help students prepare. These guides cover the multiple components of an interview as well as how to research employers.

The office will even work one-on-one with students through mock interviews and coaching. Last but not least, students can go to Smith House to view free professional business attire which has been donated by the campus and community.

These resources are incredibly helpful in preparing students to go on that first big job interview. However, many students refrain from using Career Services to its full potential.

I've found that even if the office does not have exactly the information one is looking for, they are ready and willing to point students in the right direction. It is definitely advisable for students (of any year) to begin checking out what Career Services has to offer. Even sending in a first draft of a résumé can help.

So what words of advice do students have to offer? Senior Alex Hussein mimics Blankenship's advice on being overly prepared. However, she has one more piece of advice to offer: "regardless of the questions an interviewer may ask, always remember the message you want to convey and creatively incorporate the

message into your response."

Class of 2008 alumnus Brad Behles believes that the worst things you can possibly do as an interviewee are: being late, dressing inappropriately for the situation, not making eye contact, and projecting a lack of confidence.

Though you may have done all the necessary preparation, interviews can always throw you for a loop. Though Behles knows how to be successful, he was still caught unaware by an unnamed company whose marketing techniques seemed like a live infomercial.

He interviewed for them and quickly found that they were trying to con him into being stuck working for them for five years, on commission based pay, trying to sell "pack-

age deals."

Though a company may seem credible, a good interviewee must always be aware of what a position offers.

So do your homework, learn how to be successful, and overall—be prepared!

"The best way to have a successful interview is to prepare."

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IRAQ WAR: FINALLY AN END IN SIGHT?

ANDREW VELNOSKEY
Staff Reporter

George Bush would always tell us we were winning the war. He would say that all we need is more time and more money. He would tell us that setting up a timetable for withdrawal would lead to disaster (as if his plan was leading to success). We had all grown sick of the usual George Bush rhetoric on Iraq, and most voters appreciated Barack Obama's willingness to admit the truth: the war was a failure and something had to be done. Obama campaigned with a promise to end the war. But can he do it?

Obama's plan for Iraq is for all U.S. combat troops to withdraw by August 2010, with about 50,000 soldiers staying behind to assist and train Iraqi forces. The remaining U.S. troops are sched-

uled to be removed by 2012. The current number of U.S. military in Iraq is over 135,000.

On March 25, 2009 a spokesman for the military stated that the number of attacks on both U.S. and Iraqi forces has fallen to its lowest level since August 2003. While that was not exactly a time of peace and harmony in Iraq, it did not see the violence that came later on after the country had been overrun by the insurgency and plunged into social unrest. According to the military, in the first two months of 2008, 148 U.S. soldiers were killed in Iraq. In the first two months of 2009, that number is only 19. The military credits aggressive joint U.S. and Iraqi efforts for the decrease. These efforts targeted and disrupted insurgent recruitment and financing.

Still, violence remains a common and grisly occurrence in Iraq. On March 26, 2009 a bomb

exploded in Baghdad killing 16 people. This follows an attack on March 23 that killed nine, and three separate small scale attacks on March 25 that left several people wounded. While the numbers clearly show that overall violence in Iraq is down for the moment, it will have to stay at a low level for Obama's plan to succeed. This week is an example of how quickly a few weeks of relative peace can be shattered by renewed attacks.

As Iraq continues moving toward a more democratic system, one cannot help but wonder if future elections and the removal of much of the U.S. presence will trigger more violence. It is good to know that we finally have a president with a plan. However, it is also clear that the plan is based on the fragile hope that the worst days of violence in Iraq are in the past. Only time will tell.

"Bar Fight with a Ball"

WELCOME TO MCDANIEL'S RUGBY CLUB



COURTESY ROB SILVA

Members of McDaniel's new rugby club practice just off campus. Interested students are encouraged to contact the team or join them for a practice. The team meets every Tuesday and Thursday, and will soon play a game against Gettysburg.

JOEY STEINBERG
Staff Reporter

Every Tuesday and Thursday a select few of McDaniel's community goes across Route 31 to a small field. These men engage in the most fierce sport. It is the sport of rugby.

This is a new club to the McDaniel College campus, and it is starting to pick up some speed. The club is registered with USA Rugby and is a part of the Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union. Our rugby team is a part of the social union. This means we play for fun and not trophies.

The club was started by senior Ben Cockshot. Cockshot says he started the club because he played it on the beach one day and that he "wanted to be able to play something else besides baseball." The club has moved forward. But it hopes that it can get more and more support. The more support it can gain the more potential it will have to move into tournament play.

Rob Silva is currently the president of the club and hopes to get more committed players who want to have fun play. He says that over the past two years the improvement is noticeable.

"We are looking at building for the future" and "getting a stronger team," Silva said.

One of the problems is the team is so small. Imagine playing football where all the linemen are the size of receivers. But Silva notes that he would rather have "a small guy with a big heart" than a "big guy with no love for the game."

A returning player Turner Hirsch starting playing rugby because he wanted to get into a sport. He never played in any sports in high school and now he loves rugby. He likes the directions the team is going, but says we still need committed players. Players who will show up to practices.

Last year's teams had about 18-20 players. Many of them were experienced in the sport. This year's team, although it has many returning players, also has many new players with no experience. The team is always looking for numbers and motivated people who want to come onto the pitch (which is what the playing field is called). The team wants players who want to run around and have fun.

A lot of people get worried about injuries. So far this year, the team members have had no serious injuries. There have been a lot of bumps and bruises along the way, but it is definitely rewarding, team members said.

Because the club is so young, everyone really gets an opportunity. There is no food chain or particular pecking order, Silva and others said. If you show up to practices you get a shot at glory.

Alex Diely is a new player. He decided to play rugby for a few reasons, including the fact that he was able to escape the "everyday stress of college life." He knew he would fall in love with it after the first practice. And he has. He likes the team's leadership and said, "Thankfully, older veterans who have played multiple seasons with the team have been more than supportive with showing us how things are done."

Diely is very happy with the team and the sport: "Sacrificing your body is just part of the reason it's so exhilarating."

So if you think you have what it takes, which is really only heart, go out to a practice. Even if you just want to see if you might like it, Silva said.

Practices run from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays right behind Baugher's restaurant. Cost is free; all you need is a mouthpiece and some rubber tipped cleats would be helpful. Mike Gallagher, a former Campus Safety Officer who has been playing rugby for most of his life, is the coach.

McDaniel Rugby will take on Gettysburg College on April 4. To find out more: Visit the Facebook group called McDaniel Rugby, or call (410) 259-1307.

MCDANIEL COLLEGE



RUGBY

RENOVATIONS COMING TO BAIR STADIUM

HEATHER GORSUCH
Staff Reporter

This isn't your typical renovation. With the state of our current economy, trustees and alumni have set up a fundraising committee to raise money to renovate Bair Stadium and have raised \$6.2 million in commitments and \$3.8 million in cash.

The process of constructing this new state-of-the-art facility is long and tedious, but here is how it all began: A 15-year Master Plan designed to take a look at building plans for future facilities on campus was created in 2002 by the firm of Derck & Edson from Lititz, Pa.

"We really like using Derck & Edson because they work with colleges all over, both small and large," said Vice President of Administration and Finance Dr. Ethan Seidel. Within the plan it was stated that Bair Stadium is in need of a serious makeover.

According to the master planners, "The field and stadium, while holding a strong sense of history and memories for the college, is in need of improvement." According to Seidel, Bair Stadium is not the campus's top priority; Decker Center is also in need of a renovation. Although McDaniel is able to borrow additional funding, the school does not wish to, according to Seidel. In 2006, the school marketed a \$20 million bond, issued to renovate resident buildings, Blanche

Ward Hall, the Garden Apartments, the second phase of North Village, and Gill center as part of the plan.

Therefore, when Ken Gill, class of 1961 but no relation to Gill Center, heard about the idea of a possible renovation at Bair, "he pushed for us to look at it and spearheaded it from a volunteer level to begin raising funds," said Vice President of Institutional Advancement Richard Kief. So where will the money come from?

"The money is not coming out of the operating budget, not one cent," insisted Dr. Seidel.

According to Seidel, the New Stadium Project committee has already raised enough money to begin hiring architects, Marshall Craft & Associates, to start designing the new stadium. "I think we have made some really good progress in the design process, but we still don't have a final design," said Seidel.

Since the design plans are not definite or finalized, the estimated completion date of the stadium is unknown. "We are well into our discussion, but we are still discussing," said Seidel.

The committee will not know how much money to raise without knowing the exact renovations that will be done. The architects are meeting with coaches, equipment managers, and trainers to determine what they would like to see in a new stadium. Unfortunately, Head Football Coach Tim Keating was unable to comment.

According to Athletic Director Jamie Smith,

locker rooms, game-day operations, and storage units would be essential improvements to the stadium. "I think the [new] stadium will have a positive aesthetic affect on the campus," said Smith.

Although there is a small building under the current stands for halftime locker rooms, the room is too small. Kief said another reason why designs have not been finalized is because athletic officials need to take a look at the locker rooms in Gill to see how much additional space under the stadium is needed. This will also help the architects determine the size of the new home stands, concessions, and bathrooms, according to Kief.

According to Seidel and Kief the renovation will cost broadly \$6-\$8 million. Kief stated that once they have a finalized design the next step is to create construction documents in order to solicit bids from contractors. From this process actual costs will be determined. There are several design ideas suggested by the master planners.

According to the Master Plan "the following issues, if addressed, would allow the stadium to be both a sense of pride for the college and a recruiting tool:"

□ New seating, especially for the visiting team, press box, stadium fencing, halftime locker rooms beneath the stadium, concessions, bathrooms, and equipment storage will "enhance the team and spectator experience, as well as address current code issues at the stands," stated the plan.

□ Improved parking including VIP parking and accessible parking

□ Better lighting "to allow greater use of the stadium, especially during the late fall and early spring," according to the plan.

□ Additional planting and landscaping to "accentuate key entrance points to the stadium and create a clear edge to this area," stated the master plan.

□ The plan also stated that, "additional pedestrian connections to the stadium from the parking and the campus" including a pedestrian bridge through the stadium that leads to a terrace with tables and chairs, and a walk way around the hill constructed in the middle of the hill is needed.

The stadium is not anywhere near completion, but plans are underway. "It's been announced; it is no secret. If it is successful, it will be created," said Seidel.

Sophomore Linebacker Paul Smith believes that having larger locker rooms under the stands will be a huge benefit for the team. The team will have more time to talk during halftime, and will spend less time walking from Gill to the stadium.

"Although the stadium will not be renovated until after I graduate, I'm excited to come back as an alumni for homecoming and see the new stadium," said Smith.

GREEN TERROR LACROSSE

MEN BACK TO WINNING WAYS THIS SEASON

RYAN CHELL
Staff Reporter

It's always nice to be able to start your season out on a good note.

And that is exactly what has happened to the 2009 McDaniel Men's Lacrosse Team, as they are off to a 5-2 start before they begin their Centennial Conference schedule in the next several weeks.

The team jumped out to a 3-0 record with wins over Moravian back in February (where they scored a team-record 19 goals), Widener (10-7 win), and Virginia Wesleyan, in which the squad scored 18 goals. They faced their first big test of the season back on March 21st as they went up against the 9th ranked team in the country in DIII lacrosse in the Washington Shoreman. The Terror fought hard, but dropped their eighth consecutive contest against their opponent, as they lost a heart-breaker in overtime, 9-8.

But despite the loss, there is a lot of confidence on this squad at this point in the season.

"I would say that having 5 wins at this point in the season is a heck of a lot better than having five wins at the end of the season like we did last year," coach Matt Hatton said. "The hope and plan would be to continue to keep it rolling and get back on track [against Ursinus]."

The formula to their success so far, at least in the box score has been their offense. The Terror have outscored their opponents 82-47, and have averaged almost 12 goals per contest. They connect on almost 35 percent of their shots, and convert their advantages, as they score of 58 percent of those opportunities.

Junior attack Gibbs Preston leads the team in goals with 19, as well as assists with 12. Mike Hatton, Matt's brother, is right there with his fellow teammate (15g, 10a), as he and DJ Rickels (10g, 3a) are the other players on the Terror in double-figures.

While Hatton likes the play of his team on the field, he also is impressed with the way they carry themselves in practice and the leadership his upperclassmen bring to the team day in and day out.



SPORTS FILE PHOTO

A New Outlook. Gibbs Preston eyes the net during conference play. Preston is adding considerable weight towards a new productive season for men's lax on the Hill.

"I think that we have been fortunate at this point to have some senior leadership from our seniors and upperclassmen. Leadership, both on and off the field, has been our Achilles Heel during my tenure here at McDaniel and I hope that we are turning the corner with that now," Hatton replied.

Another added bonus for Hatton has been the ability to coach and see his brother, not only play, but play well.

"We are very close," the coach said. "Taking a step back from my coaching responsibilities, I am really enjoying watching Mike succeed and have fun out there on the field."

Starting with Saturday's contest against Ursinus, the Terror will have 7 of their final 8 games against Centennial Conference opponents, with four of them coming on the road. This is where the real test begins to see how good this squad really can be, Hatton thinks.

"I certainly hope that we are more prepared for our CC games this year than we have in year's past. Our conference is brutal, but anyone can beat anyone whenever they play."

"The truth of the matter is that we are 0-1 in conference play and we really need to get going. Saturday is a perfect opportunity for us to get back out there and compete."

WOMEN COUNT ON LEADERSHIP, TEAMWORK



SPORTS FILE PHOTO

Leadership. Senior Lindsay McDonald strikes towards the goal during battle. The Terror 5-2 (1-0 CC) are gearing up for a run into the conference playoffs this season.

CAITLIN FLYNN
Staff Reporter

The McDaniel women's lacrosse team is off to a strong start this year, with a record of 5-2 overall, 1-0 in conference play.

Head coach Muffy Bliss said that the team's biggest accomplishment thus far is their first conference win over Ursinus on March 21st due to their extremely team-oriented team play. Bliss also commented on the leadership on the team this season. Her eight seniors "already exhibit great leadership through their words, actions, and play," said Bliss. This, she thinks, will certainly work to their advantage this season. There are positive hopes for the season amongst the team as a whole.

"We practice hard every day, and it definitely pays off," says senior midfielder Erinn Hopkins. She believes that this might be one of their strongest seasons because of the talent they have on the team, and eventually sees the

team winning the conference championship and making it to the NCAA tournament.

Sophomore attack player Kelly Scheler also sees a bright future for the women's lacrosse team. "Our team definitely has a lot of potential because we have an extremely talented group of upperclassmen," she added. Scheler, a sophomore with 14 goals and 2 assists through a substantial amount of playing time this season will definitely serve as an asset to the team in many ways.

Captain and senior midfielder Stephanie Sudbrook has many positive things to say about the season as well, and believes that staying positive and motivating the team to play their best is the key to having a great season, which they have certainly done so far.

Sudbrook, looking towards the rest of her senior season commented, "When we work together as a team, we play amazing. Everyone has specific strengths that works together to get the win." The team's next home game is Tuesday, March 31st against Centennial foe Gettysburg.

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EX-Editor



Guru

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GARRETT 'GURU' EAGAN
Sports Editor

WHO IS YOUR BREAKOUT TEAM
THIS SEASON IN THE MLB?

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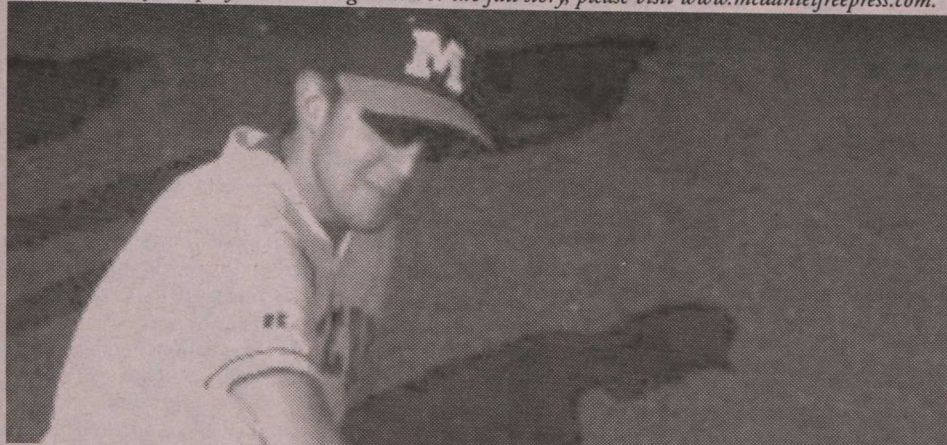
I certainly think that the St. Louis Cardinals could make an impact in the tough division that they're in and make it harder for teams like the Cubs to run away with the division. They are of course going to go as far as their offense takes them, and they are of course led by Albert Pujols, who right now is the best, cleanest hitter of our generation. They found a gem last year in Ryan Ludwick, who they can platoon him in the outfield along with fellow outfielder Rick Ankiel, who plays with a lot of energy. Troy Glaus is a stud if he stays healthy. And speaking of healthy, Chris Carpenter can put together a Cy-Young like season because he is finally healthy after two years, and combine him with Adam Wainwright and Kyle Lohse atop the rotation. And Chris Perez (42 strikeouts in 41 innings last year), who filled in for an injured Jason Isringhausen at the end of the year as a closer, should be ready to step into the role permanently this year. Making an impact in the NL Central is in the Cards this year.

After getting their stud back in what seemed to be a long off-season, I am pulling toward the Los Angeles Dodgers. After their playoff appearance last season, they can only get stronger. Think of it this way- they only had Manny Ramirez (the best hitter of our generation) for the latter part of the season. He batted over .300 for them and really pushed them towards the playoffs. They have him back, along with Ethier, Furcal, Loretta and Kemp. Add in their solid core of pitchers and you have another playoff scenario this season. Hopefully, they will be able to represent the NL and get past the defending champions, if they get there.

TERROR SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: MEET the GREEN

CHRIS FERRICK-MANLEY
Staff Reporter

As part of an ongoing series in the McDaniel Free Press, we will profile two interesting student-athletes; their lives on and off the field, their hobbies, and their interests. This issue we feature baseball player Brent Toms and volleyball player Katie Ferguson. For the full story, please visit www.mcdanielfreepress.com.



CHRIS FERRICK-MANLEY

Toms, known as "BT" to his friends, is from Hagerstown, MD and is a senior. In high school, Toms played both football and baseball for four years. As the kicker for his high school team, he tied a 75-year old state record, kicking 11 extra points in a single game.



CHRIS FERRICK-MANLEY

Ferguson is from Dover, PA and is a sophomore. In high school she played volleyball, basketball, and softball all for four years. She was all-district in softball, and team captain for volleyball and softball for two years. She is a distant relative of NFL Hall of Famer Jack Lambert and has Cherokee blood in her.

THE GURU'S SPORTS THOUGHTS

GARRETT EAGEN
Sports Editor

Baseball: The Centennial this year, and McDaniel's chances to get it done right

With the 2009 season already underway, McDaniel was projected to finish 7th in the Centennial Conference. Based on years past, this seems fair right? If you are shaking your head yes, it's time to wake up. Here are my rankings for the Centennial in 2009:

1. Johns Hopkins
2. Franklin & Marshall
3. Muhlenberg
4. McDaniel

MY TAKE:

When you look at the standings I have compiled, all four of my projected top teams are capable of being in any of the four slots. Johns Hopkins is always the team to beat. Other conference teams have to rebuild-Hopkins reloads. Already they have several players batting over .400 with one batting .609. Ouch. F&M is the returning conference champion, and even though they lost a hefty part of last year's team, they have the means necessary to make another run this season. Muhlenberg? Christian Conti, enough said.

But what about McDaniel? Seems ballsy that I included a 13-19 team last season as a top team this year. But look at it this way- the team is loaded and HUNGRY- a dangerous combination. You take a solid pitching core with Persun, Graves (already named CC Pitcher of the Week), Rosato, Dronzsc, and even freshman additions and add it to the offensive potency of Baines Jr., Tipton, Croft, and Coover and you have a serious contender. In addition, the infield is also pulling their weight as Nieto, Zimmerman and Worm are adding hits and runs. However, not all things are green meadows and blue skies. The team needs work, and can improve both defensively and offensively.

McDaniel finishing 7th? Doubtful in my opinion and only time will tell. Rough roads await the Terror who have a mine-field of opponents ahead. Yet, a strong team chemistry and "never say die" attitude will prove useful in attacking these foes one at a time. My message to the team? Prove them all wrong.



SPORTS FILE PHOTO

One game at a time. Ryan Graves (left) and Shortstop Sergio Nieto (right) are making the 2009 season interesting already as McDaniel eyes fruit that hasn't been tasted since 2003- Centennial Playoffs.

LOOKING TO THE MLB

The Free Press' Predictions for this Baseball Season

NICK BRUNNER
Staff Reporter

The game's biggest star admits to using steroids, a leftfielder who jumps into the stands to slap give high fives signs a \$45 million contract, and Baltimore gets out bid for their prize free agent by New York. It can only mean one thing: It must be baseball season.

Another off season of outrageous spending by seemingly everyone but the hometown Orioles is over and the season is amongst us. Through the next several issues, I will examine several teams and shed light on possible names to add to your fantasy baseball teams that may be lingering on waivers.

TAMPA BAY RAYS. The Rays surprised the baseball world last year when they topped not only the Yankees and Red Sox, but the entire American League on their way to the World Series. The Rays made a splash thanks to a young nucleus of talented players who have developed through their farm system. Being a small market team, they have to spend their limited budget wisely and develop their young players in order to be successful. Their success last year, as well as the key to this year and the foreseeable future, was hinged on the success of young starting pitchers. A staff anchored by James Shields, Scott Kazmir, Matt Garza led the team by holding opponents down while their young offensive counterparts continued to develop confidence throughout the year. During the second half of last season rookie phenom Evan Longoria burst onto the major league scene and cemented himself as the franchise third baseman for a long time. The Rays biggest move of the off season was signing free agent slugger Pat Burrell. Burrell helped the Phillies end the Rays storybook season in the World Series last year. "Pat the bat" will bring more than offensive

firepower to the club. His veteran leadership and experience will be very beneficial to his young teammates. If the young players continue to grow and develop chemistry with the veterans, this young team could be a force to be reckoned with once again this season. However, this year they won't have the element of surprise on their side.

BOSTON RED SOX finished 2008 with a 95-67 record and secured the AL Wild Card playoff spot

The Red Sox have the best combination of experienced leaders, young established players, and young developing talent of anyone in the division. Their strength will be their dominating pitching staff which consists of bonafide studs like Josh Beckett, Daisuke Matsuzaka, Jon Lester, and closer Jonathan Papelbon. Along with newly acquired stars Brad Penny, John Smoltz, and Takashi Saito, the Sox have compiled a staff that rivals any other in baseball. In a division where dominating pitching is king, the Sox will still have their hands full if their hitters do not step up and provide this staff with consistent run support. On paper, the Red Sox have no real weakness in their lineup at all. Speedster Jacoby Ellsburry and reigning MVP Dustin Pedroia set the table for bombers like David Ortiz, Jason Bay, Kevin Youkilis, and Mike Lowell, and then the captain Jason Varitek, JD Drew, and top prospect Jed Lowrie turn the order back over to the top. But everyone knows this game doesn't play out on paper, and many of the big stars the Sox will be counting on to come up big this year like "Big Papi" Ortiz and Mike Lowell are coming off of injury plagued seasons from a year ago. If the young guys play up to their potential and the veterans can return to form, coupled with the quality pitching the Sox will be able to throw out on the mound every day, opponents will have to bring their A game every night in order to compete with the boys from Boston. **NEXT ISSUE:** The Yanks, Jays and O's.

Brackets Upon Brackets: How did 'The Guru' do this year?

Through ESPN and the old-fashioned click and print, I managed to fill out five brackets. To those reading this and not familiar with March Madness, this may seem like a lot. However, I personally know one person who fills out 10-15 brackets per year. The reason? To achieve the Holy Grail of NCAA basketball bragging rights- filling out a perfect bracket. The odds of completing such a task are 150 million to 1. So this season, I gritted my teeth and filled out five brackets assuming that this would be the year I filled out a perfect bracket. It wasn't, but so far I am happy with my brackets. Here are some of the picks I am proud of, and some that I blame bad coaching instead of my assessment:

GOOD:

ARIZONA (12 SEED) - Coming into the first round, this Arizona team barely squeaked into the tournament. Armed with one of the best zone defenses in the tournament, many people dismissed their chances in the first round against Utah (5 seed) let alone whoever they would have to play if they "lucked out." Two rounds later they had defeated Utah and Cleveland St. I had picked them to beat Utah and Wake Forest, a weak team if you remember I highlighted last issue. All hail that zone defense and great outside shooting- produces a SWEET outcome.

MICHIGAN (10 SEED) - If you remember correctly, last issue of the Free Press I highlighted Clemson as a team to save your bank on. And, just as I expected, they let down a lot of people. Coming into the tournament as a 60-1 shot to win it all, it was the perfect bet to make- bet \$3.50 to win \$200. Yet, I will keep my \$3.50 and buy a new pair of gym socks. They were a weak team in the second half of the season, and they allowed Michigan to prove me right. I agree Michigan, I agree whole-heartedly.

BAD:

OKLAHOMA STATE (7 SEED) - Matching up against a tough Tennessee team in the first round, many people went with Tennessee, however, I enjoyed OK State riding momentum from the end of the regular season and winning two games- Tennessee and Pittsburgh. No, I am not joking. And I wasn't too far off. Deep into the second half of the Pitt game they were winning and had the game in control. However, they basically gave the game away. When I choose a team, especially a 7-1 upset in the second round, I expect performance. I got none in the second part of the second half and Pitt moved on. Unreal.

WESTERN KENTUCKY (12 SEED) - Coming into the first round again this season as a 12 seed, it was not a stretch to see this team do the unthinkable again- winning two games in the tournament. I had them winning two games- Illinois and Gonzaga. They got the first done, outshooting a very weak Illinois team that was beaten by Penn State in the regular season (maybe more deserving of a tourney bid than most). Mendez-Valdez, point-guard for WKU shot well, and the team was able to move on against Gonzaga. I had them winning that game, but after tying the game with 7 seconds left, WKU failed to play defense and let a Zag run the length of the floor and scored unattested with only 0.6 left. Unacceptable.

TERROR SPORTS

MCDANIEL GOLF ALUMNUS LIVES ON THROUGH TEAM

RYAN CHELL
Staff Reporter

When Dan Waeger was diagnosed with lung cancer a few years ago, he faced that adversity in his life the same way he faced challenges on the golf course.

Waeger, a 2004 alumni and former member of the McDaniel golf team, passed away on March 16, at his home in Bethesda, Maryland, while the McDaniel golf team was on spring break. He was diagnosed with cancer in 2005, and fought the disease for four long years. He is survived by his fiancée, Meg Rodgers.

The news was broken to McDaniel golf coach Scott Boyer and the 2009 McDaniel Golf team, who were down in Myrtle Beach for spring break to play in a tournament. The news was devastating because Waeger had been a big part of McDaniel golf even after he graduated. Faced with the issue of traveling back to attend a funeral and forfeit their chance at playing for an NCAA Championship, the members of the team decided that they wanted to honor Dan in another way.

Despite graduating in 2004, Waeger was still a presence around the golf team even after his departure from McDaniel. He came down often to teach the team, play in some of the charity tournaments the team sponsored, and the team even returned the offer by playing in one of his tournaments to benefit his cancer foundation he founded after his diagnosis, called the Waeger Cup.

"I only met him three or four times," said McDaniel golfer Paul Kovalchek. "But you can tell just from meeting him that how nice and genuine a guy he was. Even when he was dying with cancer, his focus was helping others in need."

Before they left for Myrtle Beach, they had a get-together at Timeout Sports Grille in Westminster to honor Dan and raise money for his foundation, and many of the athletes on the golf teams went out of their way to raise and donate money to Dan's cause.

They decided as a team that they were going to win their tournament down in Myrtle Beach on March 24th for Dan. While they did not win the tournament, they came in second place out of seven teams, and the team they lost to, the second-ranked Junior-college team in the country, by two shots.

However, when they returned to McDaniel, they won a week later at the Gettysburg Invitational, where they finished first out of 12 teams.

"We wanted to win that tournament down in Myrtle Beach and our recent win the other day to Waeger because of how much he did for everyone else," Kovalchek said.

The two tournaments also had another meaning for Kovalchek, who hours before the news of Waeger's passing came the news that his grandfather had passed as well. The rest of the team responded to honor them both.

Already having green bracelets that said "Wae-

ger Will Win", they put Dan's and Paul's grandfather's initials on their golf balls and gloves. Certainly over those two weeks, they put them to good use.

Waeger put the last three years to good use. After being diagnosed with the disease, Dan did not want people feeling sorry for him. He did not want any help. In fact, he was the one who felt sorry for others in his situation, and he decided to take the helm in helping to fight the disease on a large scale.

Waeger established a foundation called the National Collegiate Cancer Foundation, whose mission is to help young adults diagnosed with cancer by offering services and support to their efforts to fight a terrible disease like cancer. It adapts the same message that was on the arm bands, to get cancer victims to adapt that "Will Win" attitude that Dan had. Dan actually was ecstatic not that long ago, while he still had cancer, just because his foundation was allowed to be tax-exempt. Dan's overall sense of happiness was sometimes a bit of a mystery given his circumstances.

"Without the loss of his hair, you wouldn't even know that he had cancer. He didn't let it bother him. He was always very positive, and he knew that he was going to kick it."

His coach remembered an experience that he had with Dan when he was a golfer that really represented his fight with cancer.

"A few years ago, he had a chance to win a tournament one time, and he had a few holes to go. Now, we call those last couple of holes a walk-you," Boyer said. He described the process where the rest of the team goes with the player through those remaining holes as a kind of support group.

"One time he did it and he finished second, but a few weeks later at the Hershey Country Club, he had another chance," Moyer said. "He wanted to do it by himself, and he won the tournament. Sometimes, it just doesn't work out the first time."

Dan had a big love for golf. His favorite golfer was Phil Mickelson, but he still had a love for other sports as well. He wrote on his blog that he would rather have won the Super Bowl than the Masters.

"He always loved golf," Moyer said. "He was a golf-aholic."

Despite Dan's passing, it is clearly obvious that he and the work he put into his foundation will live on. Dan's work will continue to help and provide relief for not only the men and women on the golf team, but those who also suffer from cancer. Dan wanted those who were affected by his disease to develop a winning attitude like he did on the golf course and in the hospital.

"It is tough dealing with Dan's passing," said KJ Mazurek, one of the captains of the golf team. "But we know that he will be with us every step of our journey. And even when he was battling cancer, he never hesitated to help another who was in pain. That is what made Dan so special in everyone's heart."



SPORTS FILE PHOTO

KJ Mazurek carded a 75 to finish tied for second overall and lead McDaniel to a second-place finish at the Myrtle Beach Shootout in men's golf action on Tuesday. The meet was dedicated to Dan Waeger, a McDaniel golf team alum, who recently died of cancer.

Softball Team Prepared to Do the Unexpected

CHRIS FERRICK-MANLEY
Staff Reporter

The McDaniel Green Terror Softball team (9-6, 0-0 Centennial Conference) aspires to get back into the conference playoffs after falling short each of the last two years.

Head Coach Phil Smith has a young team that graduated four "top notch" seniors after last season. According to Smith, this year's version will rely heavily on freshmen and sophomores.

"I think they're so young that they don't know any better," said Smith, "when you get an older team they start thinking too much."

Smith believes that the first part of the season, before conference play, is especially crucial to transitioning a young team to the speed of college play. He also believes that the pitching and defense should be stronger this year than in last season.

"The goal is to into the Centennial Conference playoffs and let things shake out from there," said Smith, "I think the seniors are a little bit hungry because the seniors have been there before."

The Terror will have a tough road to the Centennial playoffs. According to Smith, the CC is one of the toughest DIII softball conferences in the nation. Among the players who Smith is counting on this season are junior pitcher Christy Morley, who "matured a lot over the last two seasons", according to Smith, Junior 2B/SS Lauren Toomey, and Senior OF Kelli Workmeister.

"In years past we've had four or five people be key players but this year we have more all around

players," said Toomey.

The Green Terror was ranked sixth in the preseason coaches poll. According to Toomey however, the preseason ranking does not tell the truth about how good the team really is. Toomey believes that that they will finish in the top four in the conference and return to the conference tournament.

"No ones expecting us to do anything so I think that will come back to hurt everyone in our conference," said Workmeister.

Teams expected to be near the top of the Centennial standings this year include Haverford, and Gettysburg, and defending champion Ursinus. According to Workmeister, every team in the conference is good enough that the Terror can not afford to have off days.

"We can't ever go into a game lightly," said Toomey.

Sam Reigel, a pitcher on the softball team, believes that the Terror will have the ability to be competitive against all of the top teams in the CC.

"We will hold our own against the tougher teams," said Reigel, "Coach Phil has a lot of confidence in us, we need to sacrifice time to fulfill potential."

Reigel credits the team's early success; they finished last season in 5th place (13-23, 7-9 CC) but well behind 4th place, to a better team attitude.

"By staying positive you have more fun too," said Reigel.

The next home game for the Green Terror is April 14 against the Dickinson Red Devils. Game time is 3:30pm.



SPORTS FILE PHOTO

Eye on the Prize. Junior Lauren Toomey keys a brilliant piece of hitting during a game. McDaniel 9-6 (0-0) is ready to shock the Centennial this season.



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JASKEN'S CLASS COLLECTS SOME FANCY FASHIONS TO HELP OTHERS ENJOY THEIR PROM NIGHT, TOO

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PRESIDENT COLEY ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT PLANS

On Saturday, April 18, President Joan Develin Coley announced to the Board of Trustees that she will retire at the end of June 2010. She will have served as president of the college for over ten years. Coley says her retirement marks the success of her two goals of advancement for McDaniel.

ART DEPARTMENT CAPSTONES OPEN THROUGH MAY 1

The art capstone projects of majors Emily Biondo, Amanda Beck, Alicia Ciatto, Bobby Coleman, Laura Cox, Danielle Gagliardi, Amber Maurer, Tara Russell, Chase Wolf and Adam Shaw will be on exhibit in Rice Gallery in Peterson Hall through the end of the month. The opening was Tuesday, April 21.

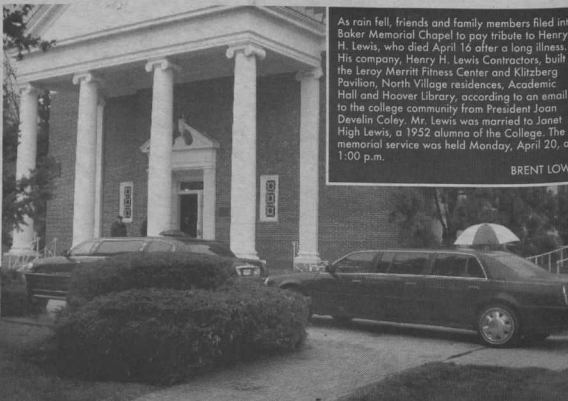
GUEST SPEAKER TALKS DIVERSITY

Matt Lenno of the University of Delaware came to campus on Sunday, April 19, to talk about the importance of diversity and understanding. Though all members of the Greek community were required to attend, others were welcome at the event. Lenno is the adviser to the University of Delaware Greek system.

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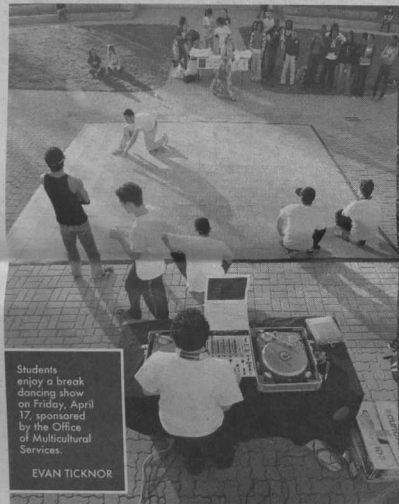
Adam Dellinger of Phi Delta Theta enjoys the sweeter side of Greek Games. The games were held the week of April 13 through April 17. The fraternity winner was Alpha Sigma Phi and Alpha Nu Omega took the title for the sororities. For more information, see page 6.

EVAN TICKNOR



As rain fell, friends and family members filed into Baker Memorial Chapel to pay tribute to Henry H. Lewis, who died April 16 after a long illness. His company, Henry H. Lewis Contractors, built the Leroy Merritt Fitness Center and Klitzberg Pavilion, North Village residences, Academic Hall and Hoover Library, according to an email to the college community from President Joan Develin Coley. Mr. Lewis was married to Janet High Lewis, a 1952 alumna of the College. The memorial service was held Monday, April 20, at 1:00 p.m.

BRENT LOWE



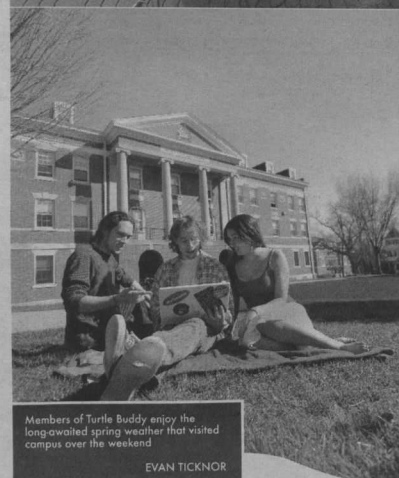
Students enjoy a break dancing show on Friday, April 17, sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Services.

EVAN TICKNOR



Break Dancers show off in Red Square during the beautiful spring weather.

EVAN TICKNOR



Members of Turtle Buddy enjoy the long-awaited spring weather that visited campus over the weekend.

EVAN TICKNOR



TWO WEEKS IN PHOTOGRAPHS

Operation Prom Dress

Students Fight Appalachian Poverty With Fashion



Professor Jasken hands a flyer to Tom Nelson advertising for students to donate from attire.

EVAN TICKNOR

CATLIN FLYNN
Staff Reporter

Professor Julia Jasken of the English department is giving her students a little more than an English lesson this semester, one which will not only show her students experience with planning and promoting events as well as creating them, but will also help them recognize how they can make a difference in the community.

"Operation Prom Dress" is a dress drive that was started by an organization known as the Appalachian Poverty Project. The purpose of the drive is to collect donated, lightly used prom dresses and give them to young girls in Appalachia to wear to their prom, since many of the girls in that area do not have enough money to purchase their own. The project's hope is to give the girls something to look forward to in school, which will hopefully decrease dropout rate in that area, which is currently over 75 percent.

Jasken's class is called Writing for Non-profit Organizations, where the students work and write for an area nonprofit organization. They learn skills such as developing letters, grants, brochures, press releases as well as creating other public relations material.

"They were informed of Operation Prom Dress" through Leslie Shaub, who runs the Appalachian Poverty Project, at a community meeting at the nonprofit center located on Clifton Boulevard. Shaub mentioned his need for donations at the meeting, and the students were immediately influenced by his request.

"We happened to be reading about special events in the class, so there was a natural connection for us," said Jasken.

The students in Jasken's class figured it would be relatively easy to round up participants here on campus, since a lot of girls probably still have their prom dresses from high school and do not plan on wearing them again.

Jen Noel, a student in Jasken's class pointed out that by participating in the dress drive, they are "trying to shine a little light in such a dismal area."

A little light, to say the least.

The class began promoting the event by sending a notification to the college events board to be placed on the college activities arch as well as printing out a message. Students sent email to students to inform them about the dress drive. The class also split up and hung 150 flyers, and even held a PR stunt outside of Glar on Monday, April 13. The students spent their lunch hour dressed in prom dresses and suits and stood outside of Glar handing out flyers to promote the drive.

The dresses will be dropped off in the English Department office on the second floor of Hill Hall and will be accepted until May 8. From there, they will be sent to the young girls in McDowell County.

Laura Garrison, a student in Jasken's Writing for Nonprofit Organizations class has a lot of positive things to say about the

drive. "It's been fun working with everyone in the class to pull it together as a campus event. It really hasn't taken as much effort as I would have expected, so it's especially exciting to see the results," said Garrison.

Although the drive will most certainly be a big success, Jasken points out that the class's biggest obstacle will be the timing. "Since they had to quickly promote the event and gather flyers up, however, she points out that the sooner they are able to get the dresses, the sooner they can get them to the girls."

"I think it's important for all of us to recognize that there is a lot we can do in our communities, even if we don't have much money," said Jasken. "There are always people in need and always ways we can help."

Garrison definitely feels that the dress drive was a great opportunity for their class as well. "It's easy to fall into the mentality that Third World poverty is something that only exists in faraway places," said Garrison, "when really it exists just one state over from us."

LIGHTER SIDE OF THE CAMPUS SAFETY BLOTTER

Spring sparks are flying, from fender benders to fire mishaps

JEN NOEL
Staff Reporter

The calm before the storm. The old adage must be the explanation for the lack of activity in the blotter this week. Campus Safety must be loving the down time,

relaxing, just strolling through campus. One thing the blotter does show this time is that students just can't seem to learn their lessons.

Several incidents reported in the blotter dealt with underage possession of alcohol. On April 4, a student was seen outside Rouzer with an open container. Its one thing to hide the fact you are drinking and aren't 21, but a stroke of brilliance must be the only explanation for standing outside and drinking from a bright, red solo cup. That's not obvious in the least bit.

Another trend this week was a string of vehicle related accidents spread across campus. From the water tower to the stadium lot students were driving into parked cars left and right. I guess sometimes when you hit a car, you hope you can sneak away because the damage really isn't that noticeable.

However, on April 14, it was reported that a student struck mirrors with another car and fled the scene. I am confident that when getting into their car, the owner noticed their rearview mirror hanging on by a thread.

Even I fell victim to a careless driver who put a noticeable dent in the front of my car and then took off. I kept my unfortunate incident from the pages of the blotter, because the reporter never wants to be the one reported on.

With the warm weather also comes grilling season. Students must have forgotten, however, when food burns there is smoke and smokes sends the smoke detectors blaring.

Campus Safety noted six separate occurrences of fire alarms being triggered in residences by cooking related smoke. In the past few weeks students must have been dining on burnt toast and Cajun style chicken. I don't think that's the way Martha Stewart intended.

On April 7, Campus Safety responded to a match fire outside a residence. Either a student's grilling quickly turned into a bonfire or the group just wanted to perform a home rendition of Myth Busters, but no matter what the cause all of us missed a good chance to roast some marshmallows.

A final entry this week for the Lighter Side is more like a plea than a report. The perpetrator I have deemed the "phallic fanatic" is still on the loose. On April 12, a student reported a floor in ANW residence hall was vandalized. An unnamed source told me that the vandal in fact drew a several pictures of the male anatomy on the walls of the dormitory floor.

I cannot confirm that this wanna-be artist is the same person that left their trade mark drawing throughout Hill Hall, but I am asking you please, if you want to express yourself get a sketchbook. None of us want to witness your renditions anymore.

The next issue of the Free Press will feature my final installment of the Lighter Side. I can only imagine what the upcoming weeks will have in store.

(Editor's Note: This column by Jen Noel is dedicated to some of the most inane 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

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WHITEFORD
Alcohol-2 Health-1

BLANCHE WARD
Violence-1 Alcohol-1

ANW
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NORTH VILLAGE
Vandalism-2

DECKER CENTER
Vandalism-1

STUDENTS HONOR MISSION OF MERCY

PRESS RELEASE
for McDaniel Free Press

A group of McDaniel College students hosted a celebration/awareness event on campus Monday, April 20, to honor Mission of Mercy for meeting the healthcare needs of Carroll County's uninsured for 15 years. The all-day event featured a visual display in Red Square that represented the 8,200 patient visits that have been performed by Mission of Mercy in Carroll County since the organization began serving the community in 1994. In addition, Mission of Mercy volunteers offered free blood pressure screenings and tours of the 29-foot mobile clinic.

The Mission of Mercy celebration is part of McDaniel College's continued efforts to offer more service learning opportunities for students. Christy Beatty, a 2009 Social Work major, and Mary Beth Bounds, a 2009 Political Science major, organized the event as part of their internship with Mission of Mercy through Professor Julia Jaksick's Writing for Nonprofit Organizations class.

"Aside from wanting to publicly acknowledge Mission of Mercy for their commendable

service to our community, I feel it's important for college students to have a thorough understanding of how many uninsured people there actually are here in Carroll County," says Beatty. "Additionally, I think it's important that we promote awareness of this problem among the student body because this will be something that they could possibly be dealing with after graduation."

Bounds also adds that most students remain isolated on campus and rarely see what is going on in the local Carroll community.

Mission of Mercy is a medical nonprofit organization that operates a free mobile clinic at seven sites in Maryland: Brunswick, Frederick, Mt. Airy, Reisterstown, Taneytown, Thurmont, and Westminster; and at two sites in Pennsylvania: Gettysburg and Harrisburg.

The mobile clinic operates with the support of more than 250 volunteers and relies entirely on private financial donations from individuals, foundations and corporations to provide these services. All gifts are deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

(Editor's Note: This Press Release was prepared by Christy Beatty).



(Left to right) Mary Beth Bounds '09, Christy Beatty '09, and Executive Director Linda Ryan sit at a table in Ensor Lounge to spread awareness of Mission of Mercy. SAM SEGAL

RELAY FOR LIFE: "CELEBRATE, REMEMBER, FIGHT BACK"

CAITLIN DANIELS
Staff Reporter

This May, McDaniel will host its fifth annual Relay for Life fundraiser. The event is held globally, in twenty different countries and across the United States. Proceeds go to cancer research and to the American Cancer Society to create programs for cancer patients and survivors.

The campaign slogan is "Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back." Many participants come to celebrate those who have overcome the disease; cancer, others are there to remember those who were unable to overcome the disease, and all are there fighting back by raising money in hopes of finding a cure.

"Relay," as those involved refer to it as, will start at 6 p.m. on May 1st at Bair Stadium and will continue through the night ending at 6 a.m. Beyond promoting such a positive cause, the event is turned into a huge party. Entertainment promoting this year's carnival theme will include blow up games, raffles, quizzes, carnival games, trivia contests, root beer pong tournament, balloon animals, a cake to commemorate the 5 year milestone, a DJ, and more to occupy participants throughout the evening and into the wee hours of the morning.

With a goal of raising awareness throughout the McDaniel community, including people who live in Westminster. Past participants include campus clubs and organizations, college staff, fraternities, sororities, professors of the college,

groups of friends, local high school organizations, McDaniel sports teams, sports teams from local high schools, and community teams.

Each year new goals are set. Last year's goal was surpassed with over \$36,000 raised, over 500 participants, and 25 survivors in attendance. Despite the poor economy, Bianca Rieti, president and chair of Relay for Life at McDaniel, said that this year's earnings had already exceeded last year's earnings reached before the event. With April being the biggest fundraising month, exceeding this year's goal is promising.

"Being over this obstacle Relay is potentially being unsuccessful because as long as there are people at the event and we are raising money, I

know we are doing a good thing," Rieti said.

Members of the Relay for Life committee at McDaniel College include Jodi Feehan, Lauren Wyble, Kim Staub, Alison Rose, Chris Zimmerman, Nicole Harris, Jessie Dunn, Kristen McGeeny, BethAnn Turner, Hayley Grist, Emily Reed, and Marilyn Topper.

Interested in participating? It's not too late! Log on to www.relayforlife.org/mcdaniel for online registration or send Rieti an email at the following address. Registration is even available at the stadium on May 1 when the event begins. For more information or if there are any questions, please feel free to contact Rieti at bar2002@mcdaniel.edu.

STUDENTS DO SERVICE HOURS AS PUNISHMENT

DANIELLE AZOULAY
Staff Reporter

The punishment should fit the crime.

For a several years now the school has been using community service or "service hours" as Dean Elizabeth Towle prefers to call them, as punishment for various offenses committed by students.

Dean Towle says, "We specifically stay away from the term 'community service' because I believe philosophically that community service is an individual choice somebody makes to contribute in some way to a group, community or cause. So, when I'm telling you that you need to complete a certain number of hours on the campus because of your actions, I don't feel like that is community service."

Usually service hours are assigned when a student vandalizes campus property in some way or there offense directly affects a particular campus department. For example if a student kicks over a trash can they are assigned to work with house keeping, or if they destroy the plants they work with the grounds crew.

Typically service hours are not given to students who have been given alcohol citations, however if a student explains that paying their fine is too expensive for them they are given the option

to do an equivalent number of service hours.

Sophomore Matt Mummert, who was written up last year for having his girlfriend over during the "Rouzer lockdown," was assigned 10 service hours to be completed with the house keeping staff.

According to Mummert he went around in the morning with the custodians and helped them take out the trash, sweep, mop, and vacuum.

"I thought the punishment was a little steep," said Mummert, "it wasn't like we were doing anything crazy. We were just watching a movie."

During the "Rouzer lockdown," which Mummert believes was a result of the excessive damage done to Rouzer by students, the residents were not allowed to have guests.


Although Mummert thought his punishment didn't fit the crime, he does still like the idea of using service hours as punishment when appropriate.

Dean Towle says, "I hope students learn from the experience that there are people on this campus that work hard everyday... and when students make different decisions to detract from the campus it creates more work for other people." It is also her hope that students now stop and think before they act because now there is a face on who they are hurting.

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What's Your Post Secret?

ACTIVE MINDS BRINGS POST SECRET PROJECT TO MCDANIEL

KATELYNN MCGINLEY
Staff Reporter

They make look like nothing more than a collection of handmade postcards, but a closer look reveals a much deeper meaning.

Some are funny; I fantasize about pushing Miley Cyrus off a cliff.

Some are confessions: I watch you in GLAR and get ketchup when you do.

Some are heartbreaking: I can't wait until my clothes start falling off and I can count my ribs like an abacus. What have I become?

Whatever they say, they all have one thing in common — they are the secrets of McDaniel.

In a campus wide event sponsored by Active Minds, McDaniel students, staff, and faculty were encouraged to design and anonymously mail in "a regret, fear, desire, talent, betrayal or confession" on a 4x6 note card. The event, a personalized and local take on the wildly popular Post Secret series, started by Frank Warren in 2005, was sponsored by the Active Minds group in an attempt to raise awareness about mental illness.

"[These are] the secrets of people we pass in Red Square, sit beside in class, stand beside in GLAR," explains Kate Maloney '09, a member of Active Minds, adding that the event shows that "we have no idea what each of us are dealing with inside."

The exhibit will be contextualized by displaying the secrets alongside mental health statistics and where to get help if needed, says Maloney.

While some of the secrets might be silly (a picture of a penguin behind a crouching female labeled I'm sad when I see missed opportunities for butt-sex, for example) many of them deal with what Maloney terms the "universal problems" that many college students face on a daily basis. This includes:

Depression: I am spiraling downward on a daily basis.

Loneliness: I asked to use your printer so I could spread all these flowcharts across from one lonely appearance. Thank you.

Concerns about sexuality: When I had a sexual experience with another girl. I've been afraid that automatically makes me a lesbian ever since.

Body image issues: Sometimes I think about overdosing so I can have my stomach pumped and lose weight the easy way.

Domestic violence: I pretend my vagina is bubble wrap so he won't hurt me.

Abuse: I was 5 and you were my dad — how could you molest me?

Problems with drugs and alcohol: My addiction is DEEP. I want to/will drink everyday/gain...and you will never know.

The response to the Post Secret event has been, according to Kaitlin Cutter, '10 another member of Active Minds, "overwhelming." The group estimates that they have received over 200 postcards mailed in from faculty, students, and staff, all of them eager to participate in what Maloney terms a "cathartic experience."

"I think it's comforting for people to read these secrets," says Jaki Sipes, '10, "it makes people feel like there's someone else going through the same things that they are."

And that, according to Maloney, is one of the reasons Active Minds chose this project. The goal of Active Minds, Cutter and Maloney explain, is to not only "open people's minds to the realities of mental illness," but also to normalize and reduce the isolation that oftentimes surrounds these issues.

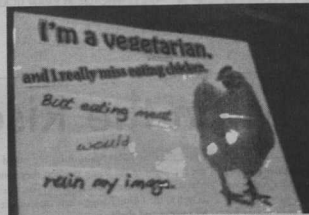
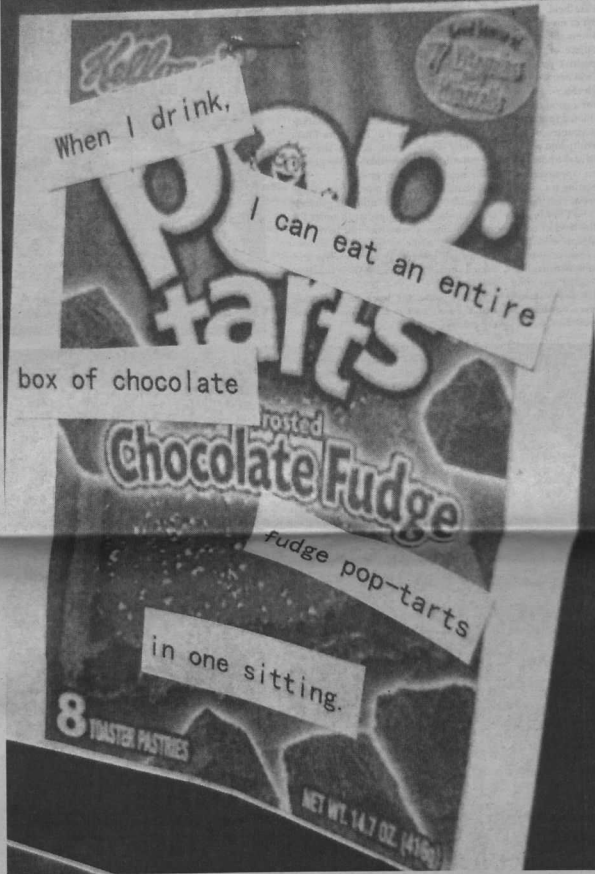
"We want people know that they don't have to suffer alone," says Maloney.

The exhibit drew crowds of students on its opening night when it was displayed on the upper level of Decker, and continued to pique student's interest once it was moved to the display case on the second floor.

Whether students were laughing and pointing at some of the more ridiculous secrets, or shaking their heads at the sadder ones, the important thing to the members of Active Minds is that they were paying attention.

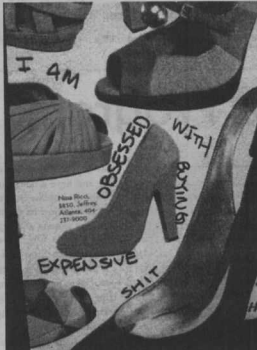
"The best outcome would be if even one person decides to seek help for a problem as a result of this project," says Maloney, who hopes that Post Secret at McDaniel will become an annual event that will "positively affect how we interact with one another, and [make us] more sensitive to the private struggles those around might be dealing with."

Though the secrets are no longer on display, Active Minds is considering turning the secrets received into a book that would be sold on campus.



PHOTOS BY KATELYNN MCGINLEY

Active Minds collected post cards covered with secrets of McDaniel students, faculty, and staff and posted them last week. The secrets ranged from the light and airy to the serious and scary. The project aims to show that no one is alone in mental illness, and that secrets can be dangerous if kept. They hope that students will be more likely to seek counseling because of raised awareness.



GREEK WEEK: COMPETITION, UNITY

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Co-Commentary Editor

An annual tradition that is full of rivalry, competition, and, well, Jell-O eating descended upon McDaniel last week.

That's right, Greek Week's battles were fought well, but only one fraternity and one sorority claimed victories: Alpha Sigma Phi and Alpha Nu Omega.

When asked who would win the games, junior, and member of Alpha Nu Omega sorority, Jessica Gelber predicted her group's win by saying, "Obviously, Alpha Nu Omega. We are just that amazing."

Sororities and fraternities have competed in Greek Week for decades and they've battled each other in categories such as the tug-o-war, jeopardy, human pyramid challenge, and the skit/song challenge. Gelber says that the variety of activities give every member of each organization a chance to participate.

According to Amanda Rose, Assistant Director of College Activities, the groups are scored by increments of ten: first place in each challenge for fraternities receives 50 points, and first place in each challenge for sororities receives 30 points.

Rose further explained that this is because there are five fraternities and three

sororities and they must be awarded points accordingly. She also added that if a group is disqualified or does not compete in an event then they receive zero points.

Aside from shoving Jell-O in their faces or competing in dress-up torture challenges, another huge event is part of Greek Week: penny wars.

Penny wars takes place the week before the actual games are held, and is something that breeds just as much competition as any other contest the groups take part in. The only piece of money that will earn a group positive points is the penny; anything else will detract from their overall total. Though this rivalry exists, this competition is for a good cause.

All of the money gathered in the big blue jugs outside Glar is counted at the end, and whichever fraternity and sorority have the most points have the honor of splitting the money in half (approximately \$930 this year) and donating it to their charity of choice. This year, that honor goes to Alpha Sigma Phi and Phi Mu.

When asked about the level of competitiveness and sportsmanship, Rose said that she felt the week is positive overall. She acknowledged that unsportsmanlike qualities can sometimes come out, but fortunately Greek Week has a sportsmanship clause. Groups are given warnings if their behavior becomes over-the-top.

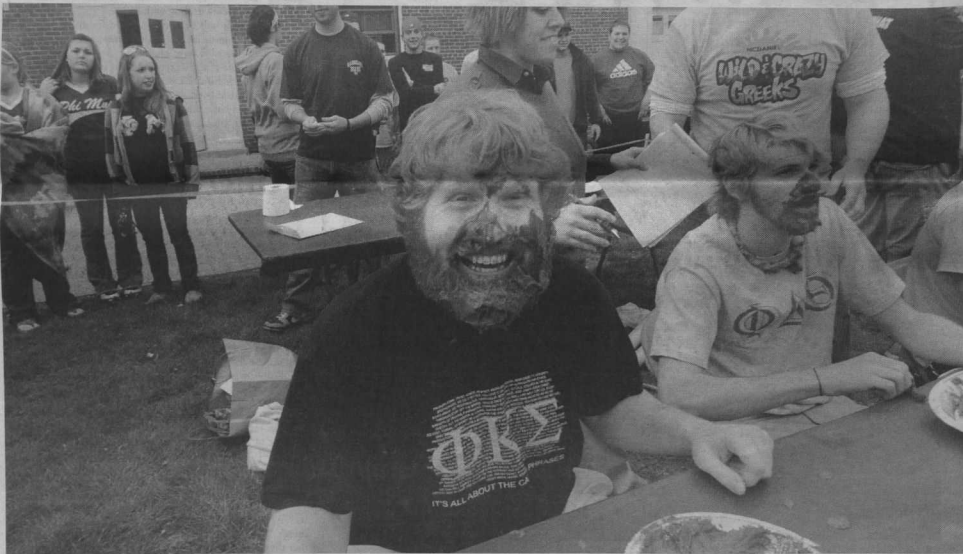
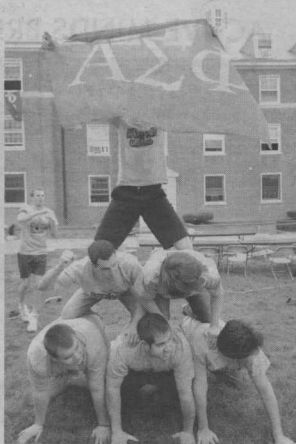
Gelber acknowledged the existence of tension by saying, "Although the games create a great deal of competitiveness between different organizations, they also generate a great deal of pride and team spirit within everyone's organization."

Sophomore, and member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, David Sparby said, "I personally enjoy participating in Greek Games because it gives me the opportunity to have some fun and to find out where our fraternity ranks among the others on campus." As a first-time participant in the games, he also believes that the games also give him a chance to bond further with his fraternity brothers.

Though each member of the groups has something they like about Greek Week, junior member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity Matt Crowe echoes the one overall dislike from this year's games: "The weather has been gross."

Nasty weather and some competitiveness aside, the whole point of the games is to bring the groups together in order for them to enjoy themselves and have fun. That point seems to have been accomplished; all have enjoyed themselves and forged further bonds with their brothers and sisters.

Rose sums the week up by saying that the best part is truly "the unity of the groups."



PHOTOS BY EVAN TICKNOR

ABOVE: Alpha Sigma Phi wins the human pyramid competition on Monday, April 13 for Greek Games. Their hard work put them on top of the five fraternities of McDaniel.

BELOW: Phi Kappa Sigma participates in the Pudding Worm Hunt competition on Monday, getting a little messy in the process.

Forensic Science Programs Are on the Rise

ALEX ROMAN
Staff Reporter

The growing interest in forensic science, sparked by shows such as CSI, Law and Order, and Bones, have become a very popular field of study in colleges across the United States.

Even students in high school are enrolling in classes such as Fingerprinting and Intro. to Forensic Science.

Two McDaniel professors and about 60 science teachers from across the state gathered on April 2 for a MAST (Maryland Association of Science Teachers) meeting to discuss the future of forensic science in the school system.

McDaniel Professor Dr. Jeffrey D. Marx of the Physics department and Dr. Brian D. Wladkowski of the Chemistry department are mentoring high school science teachers in ways of incorporating "cool" forensic experiments into their everyday labs.

According to <http://www.christianet.com>, "Forensic science degrees have become popular from the entertainment industry's growing production of many crime-solving television programs that dramatically use forensic evidence to convict criminals."

These highly watched television series have spurred interest among the younger generation in crime-solving techniques portraying the "good guys" in white coats rather than blue uniforms.

More students are enrolling in universities that offer a forensic science degree than ever before and have a new found sense of admiration for the area of law enforcement.

In addition to sharing their enthusiasm for forensics among the teaching community, Dr. Marx and Dr. Wladkowski direct a Forensic Science summer camp held here on campus.

During the five-week long sessions, campers participate in labs, group discussions, and field trips. Campers learn about fingerprinting, crime scene analysis, DNA, analysis of hair and fibers, as well as ballistics.

Dr. Marx said that usually ten to twelve students from a variety of different backgrounds and settings travel to Westminster; some students

travel from as far as California. He noted that the highlight of the camp is when they visit the Maryland State Trooper Crime and Forensic Lab, as well as the Firing Range where they collect bullet casings and shells.

To students who are interested in a forensic science career, Marx offers three words: "Science, Science, Science."

He noted that students need a lot of science and an advanced degree to make it out in the field.

"It's hard to get those jobs because of the growing popularity," he said. "Requirements and expectations have been raised."

For more information about the In Forensic Science Camp visit the McDaniel College website.

Arabic Language Students Petition for a Minor

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News Editor

At a meeting with Provost Thomas Falkner on Friday April 16, students handed him a petition asking for an Arabic Language minor at McDaniel. To fulfill the requirements of the proposed minor, only one more class needs to be offered: one 3000 level course.

"It would be a shame if they could not continue [with the language]," said Dr. Esa, the Foreign Language department chair. But Esa understands the reasons if the proposal for the minor would be rejected. "The college would support the minor if we had the resources."

The two main reasons for not adding the additional class, would be money and the fact that "the college will not start a program with just an adjunct," according to Esa.

The adjunct teacher, Carol Zaru, currently teaches all of the Arabic language classes, two per semester, and co-teaches the Arab World class with Dr. Esa.

"Carol is an awesome, true human being. She's an incredible natural born teacher," said Esa. He said that Zaru prepares her own curriculum and makes her own tests. "This is unique," he said, "you will not find this with all adjuncts."

Zaru, who has been working at McDaniel since the fall of 2007, moved from Palestine in 2001. She is a native speaker of Arabic but had been taught English simultaneously with Arabic from kindergarten. Before she came to McDaniel, there had only been two Arabic classes offered.

The third and fourth classes were approved after proposals made, and the quota of at least six students was surpassed; there were 12 students in the third class and there are currently eight in the fourth class. This is the first semester that the fourth class is being offered.

"Students just began to love it, and see it as a beautiful language," Zaru said. "It makes me feel good that they get that. It is not as difficult as it looks."

Currently in the Arabic program, there are four classes: two 1000 level classes and two of the 2000 level. With these four classes and three Arabic culture classes, students can get a self-designed Arabic Studies minor, which two current seniors have been approved for.

But, for the students of the Arabic language classes, an Arabic Studies minor is not enough.

"I just think it's absurd if they won't offer it," said Emily Hajjar, a junior who is in the fourth Arabic class and signed the petition. "There are 6 of us or more asking the college to offer a class that a teacher is willing to teach... it's kinda frustrating."

Sophomore Jake Friedman, also in the fourth Arabic class, requested the meeting with Falkner. He wants to have the language minor so that he can continue to speak it with other students. "It's beautiful, challenging, and very poetic," he said of the language. He feels "stuck" that he may not be able to continue with the language.

The options that will remain for students like Friedman and Hajjar is to get the self-designed Arabic Studies minor, or to try and

get approval on an independent study for the 3000 level class needed for the Arabic Language minor.

But these are not the best options. "Independent study doesn't work for language, said Friedman. "I need some kind of environment where I can speak it."

The advantages of learning the Arabic language, is evident to all Zaru's students, including sophomore Tim Batts, a member of the ROTC program. "It's not any secret that a lot of things have to do with the Middle East," said Batts, who is considering either going into the military or working for the government.

"Besides the language, I've learned tons about culture and religion, about average way of life and how things are in the Middle East," Batts said.

Zaru agrees that the language is "absolutely beneficial for her students. "I think this is a language increasingly in demand in the U.S. and the world," she said.

Of the Centennial Conference schools, only Swarthmore offers a "Special Major in Interdisciplinary Arabic Language and Literature" as well as Arab Language minor. Other conference schools, like Gettysburg and Franklin and Marshall, also offered classes in Arabic, like McDaniel, but do

not have a minor.

"Arabic is an upcoming language that not many colleges offer. It would benefit the college to offer [the minor]," said Hajjar, whose favorite things about the class are when Zaru brings in news clippings in Arabic, and the students are successful in reading them.

"The classes are interactive, not just a straight lecture, very demanding but in a good way," said Hajjar. "She expects a lot out of her students."

Hajjar went on to describe Zaru as "like a mom" who even invited all of her students to her house so they could taste the different Arabic foods. She has also brought in her children and nephew to speak to the class so the students could hear different voices speaking the language.

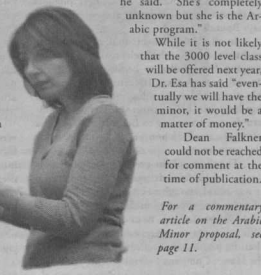
Friedman agrees. "[Carol] works way too hard... it would be super nice [for her] to get that return from the college."

He said, "She's completely unknown but she is the Arabic program."

While it is not likely that the 3000 level class will be offered next year, Dr. Esa has said "eventually we will have the minor, it would be a matter of money."

Dean Falkner could not be reached for comment at the time of publication.

For a commentary article on the Arabic Minor proposal, see page 11.



JEN NOEL

"Students just began to love it, and see it as a beautiful language."

Carol Zaru, Adjunct Lecturer of Arabic

Daniels Follows the Call of God to Westminster

CLAYTON ROSA
Staff Reporter

"The call of God," responds Pastor Philip U. Daniels when asked what led him to the creation of Agape Ministries C.O.G.I.C. (Church of God in Christ). "I was in church one Sunday morning about eight years ago, and I heard the Lord say that there are sheep in need of a shepherd. I prayed about it and kept it in my heart."

Agape Ministries C.O.G.I.C., which holds Sunday service at 11 a.m. in the Westminster Community Center and bible study every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Student Union clubroom at McDaniel College, officially began holding service on January 4, 2009, and bible study on July 3, 2008, in the Carroll County Public Library.

Nonetheless, the road was not as straightforward as Daniels had envisioned. Daniels originally wanted to minister in Downtown Baltimore where he grew up as a teenager.

"I wanted to minister to young Black men in the community," said Daniels, "but things started happening."

Daniels received his, as he calls it, Macedonian call: "In the book of Acts, when Paul and his people were expected to go to one place, Paul had a dream and ended up going to Macedonia to minister, instead of the original location," said Daniels.

Daniels then, after consulting with his pastor and wife, and after praying over it, began his ministry work in Westminster.

Daniels describes Agape as a church built on principles of evangelism and outreach. "When I was younger, there was a church less than fifty yards from my house and I do not recall them ever knocking on my door, sharing the gospel, or serving the community," said Daniels.

"However, we hope to meet the basic needs of those in the shelter and the homeless in the community. We are making monthly donations in support of the shelters run by the Human Services Program of Carroll County, Inc."

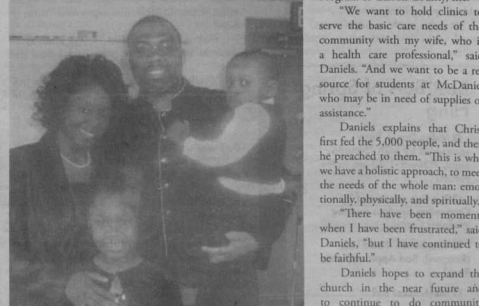
"We want to hold clinics to serve the basic care needs of the community with my wife, who is a health care professional," said Daniels. "And we want to be a resource for students at McDaniel who may be in need of supplies or assistance."

Daniels explains that Christ first fed the 5,000 people, and then he preached to them. "This is why we have a holistic approach, to meet the needs of the whole man: emotionally, physically, and spiritually."

"There have been moments when I have been frustrated," said Daniels, "but I have continued to be faithful."

Daniels hopes to expand the church in the near future and to continue to do community outreach.

"We want to be a resource for the community," said Daniels.



COURTESY PHILIP DANIELS

Daniels, with the help of his family, is working not just to spread his message, but to bring help to the needy.



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Westminster, MD 21158**

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Jesus said unto him,
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**Elder Philip U. Daniels III, Pastor
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Dance Company Performs Annual Recital

KATIE SMITH
Staff Reporter

The dancers moved to the steady tempo of a guitar, drawing out every movement as they expressed themselves to their audience.

As part of the McDaniel Dance Company's annual spring performance on Saturday, April 4th, seven dancers performed an ensemble to live music playing the song "Stay or Leave" by the Dave Matthews Band. After frustration over problems with the sound system and exhaustion from rigorous performances prior to "Stay or Leave," this piece invigorated the dancers, according to Mary Beth Bounds, the Dance Company's president and a dancer in the ensemble. Megan Roach, another dancer, describes it as "electrifying."

"It was a dialogue between the live music, the dancers, and the audience.... Everyone was on the same page artistically and emotionally," says Bounds.

In all, twelve dancers took the stage that night to express themselves through styles ranging from ballet to break dance for the annual performance. It featured ten ensemble pieces and eight solos, and saw freestyle, hip-hop, jazz, ballet, contemporary, and modern dances, according to Bounds. The dancers often practiced ten hours a week to prepare for the performance.

The theme of the evening was "body language," which Bounds says was chosen because it was broad enough to encompass the variety of styles that appeared in the production.

"We wanted it to be as open as possible to different types of expression," says Bounds, so that the performance reflected the diversity of the Dance Company's members this year.

Such diversity in dance styles has not always been present in the Dance Company. Bounds, now a senior, joined the Dance Company her freshman year. She says the company was just starting back up after having been inactive, and had about six to eight members

with only one guy. Since then, the company has grown to twenty members, including three guys.

While the diversity in this year's performance reflected the diversity of the company's members, not all of the dancers were members of the company. Eric Tunder, a freshman, has worked with the company this year as a b-boy, the term for a person who breakdances. While not a member of the company, Tunder "b-boyed" in the opening piece to Lady Gaga's song "Just Dance." To his knowledge, Tunder says he is the only b-boy at the college.

"It was fun to bring in something we don't normally do," says Megan Roach of Tunder's inclusion in the performance.

While the Dance Company's annual spring performance is the culmination of the dancers' work from the entire school year, it is not the company's only performance this year. Bounds says the company performed at two charity events this year: the Vagina Monologues and the Up 'til Dawn event benefiting St. Jude's.

Though the Dance Company put on several performances this year, the company is about more than just performing. "Dance Company is a network for dancers on campus. It's an artistic venue and we accept anyone with or without a dance background," says Bounds.

The fact that the company is an artistic venue can be seen not only in the dancers' performances but also in the work that goes on behind the scenes. As a student-led organization, everything that comes out of the company, including the choreography, is a product of the hard work of students involved.

The hard work required to keep the Dance Company running is certainly worth it, if nothing else for the feeling one has when dancing.

"It's kind of like a euphoria.... I'm 100 percent happy when I'm dancing," Tunder says.

Anyone interested in becoming involved with the Dance Company next year can contact Anna Beers (aeb008@mcDaniel.edu) or Terre Martin (trm004@mcDaniel.edu).



COURTESY DANCE COMPANY

The McDaniel Dance Company puts in hard work, but enjoys the opportunity to dance. They encourage anyone interested to contact them to get involved.

SPRING FLING FESTIVITIES ARE A LONG CAMPUS TRADITION

CASEY CROUGH
Staff Reporter

It takes a staggering \$25,000 to put on Spring Fling, where the students are staggering as well.

On April 25, 2009 the campus will be celebrating Spring Fling, a campus and CAPboard sponsored event of a day of outdoor fun in the Quad.

"Spring Fling is an outdoor festival that signifies the end of the semester, welcoming weather, and the kickoff of summer," said Amanda Rose, who is the co-advisor with Mitch Alexander of CAPboard.

According to Alexander, Spring Fling was originally organized by Joanne Nixon, and was called "May Day." At some point, the event changed to April, with the hopes of better weather, commented Alexander.

Then, when Kathy Dawkins entered the college activities scene in 1984, the event was dubbed Spring Fling.

Yet with such a huge event, there are bound to be hits and misses, successes and challenges.

Best Bets of Spring Fling

□ Video Dance Party sponsored by SGA (Saturday night, 9:30pm-1:30 am, in the Forum)

□ Tye Dye sponsored by Counseling Services and the Wellness Center

□ Two Bands: Yawd Link (Reggae), Bad Apples (Classic Rock)

□ Mechanical Bull

□ New Inflatables (obstacle course, wrecking ball, castle bounce)

Students of McDaniel College, the mechanical bull is coming back.

"Everyone loves the mechanical bull," laughed Rose, "the free giveaways are always a success."

But with every success, a challenge lurks. "One of our challenges is making sure we have new and different things for students. Of course, there is always the challenge that students believe that Spring Fling equals drinking," explained Rose.

With this altered interpretation students have on Spring Fling, what is McDaniel's perspective on student drinking?

"I am not a prohibitionist, but I am very into responsible drinking. Most college students do not know their limits. I see nothing wrong with having a beer to relax, but people forget why they are there," explained Alexander.

"Talking on everything we want is a challenge," continued Alexander, "and taking in mind alcohol, McDaniel somewhat turns a blind eye."

Even if McDaniel does "turn a blind eye," students should still be wary and follow the rules.

"Students do get in trouble; it is not a free for all, it is a campus controlled event," said Rose.

The older students who are the veterans of Spring Fling are prepared, but what about our first year students?

Chris Molly '10, who will be experiencing his first Spring Fling this year, has these expectations: "a carnival like atmosphere blended with mischief and a shot of 80 Proof happiness."

Another student, Courtney Zimmerman '12 has "no idea. I heard there is a dance, laser tag, an outside thing; I've heard the weekend is a big drinkfest."

So students of McDaniel College, get ready for Spring Fling 2009. Let us educate our freshmen friends on the etiquette of this awesome event. Remember to stay hydrated, to enjoy the real reason for the event, grab a closed container, and have a blast!

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ALEX ROMAN
Staff Reporter

WHAT IS YOUR BEST SPRING FLING ADVICE?



"Have fun and don't do anything ridiculously stupid that will get you in trouble. Stay hydrated, drink lots of water; if all you drink is beer and you're out in the sun all day, you'll get dehydrated."

ALEX DENNIS
Senior



"Start hydrating early and often and take a nap before round two."

ROB HOLT
Senior



Be responsible and know your limits. It's really not worth it in the end; it's kind of like taking personal responsibility for yourself, so know what you can handle."

STACEY BAUGHER
Senior



"If you know you have something going on that night, like a performance, don't go crazy that day. Take advantage of dye dying and moon bounces—never feel too lame to tye dye. People should also bring their own white shirts to tye dye if they want to do it!"

JULIA WILLIAMS
Junior

Freshman Rises to Challenge of Leadership

From Freshman Class SGA President to BSU Activist, Berube Gets Involved

MEGAN ROBINSON
Staff Reporter

Opportunities and friendships, these are what freshmen political science major Matthew Berube feels McDaniel offers to him. It's hard to imagine that he called his first day here in "the worst day of [his] life." This freshman better known as Boobie ("it's a stupid nickname and a long story," said Berube) has since made a name for himself, serving as Student Government Assembly freshman class president and a member of Black Student Union.

Berube's election for freshman class president made as big an impression as his time on SGA. After announcing a three-way tie among Berube and fellow freshmen Erica Emmelhainz and Joey Steinberg, SGA discovered the election had been flawed. SGA scrambled to add two more days of voting to meet the constitution's guidelines which secured Berube's place as freshman class president.

Dave Castle, president of SGA, spoke about his first meeting with Berube. Castle first met him at the polls for class officer elections, where an excited Berube slapped his ballot down on the poll table. Castle asked him who he was, and Berube's response "I'm Matt Berube a.k.a. Boobie, and I'm gonna win this election."

Since his first encounter Berube's made quite an impression on Castle. He described Berube as responsible and impressive. "He sees where things need changing, and changes them," according to Castle. "He pushes the envelope."

Castle shared a time when Berube may have pushed the envelope too far. Berube had requested to go on a ride along with a Campus Safety officer. Berube told Castle he wanted to have a better understanding of what an officer's job entailed in order to better communicate about Campus Safety to the student body. Campus Safety apparently didn't feel it was such a good idea, as Castle found out when he got a call from Dean Gerl.

However, this negative incident doesn't mean Dean Gerl or the administration have a bad relationship with Berube. In fact, Berube serves as not only freshman class president, but also as SGA president of college services. He works as the liaison between the student government and the administration.

This position was created under the new SGA constitution, which Berube helped create. Castle, Berube, and other SGA officers Ben Cowman, Scott Camuto, and Yemi Kadji worked on the constitution throughout the school year which was adopted in mid February. According to Castle, Berube was a big part of rewriting the constitution.

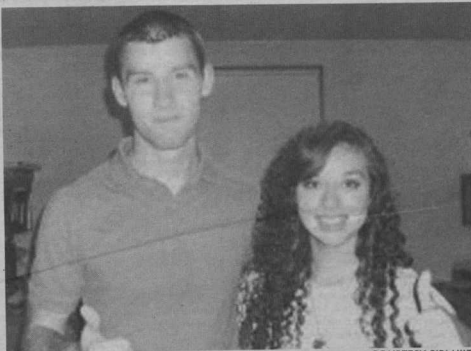
Berube has made a similar impression on the BSU; he's far from your typical member. BSU president Lia Snow talked about her first encounter with Berube at a BSU meeting. She said he stuck out as "one of only three white people in a sea of African American students."

Berube said BSU made quite a first impression on him too. He said he first started attending with an African American friend, who later stopped going. However, he continued going because he was impressed by how accepting they were of him, despite his Caucasian ethnicity and they struck him as loving people.

Snow said he was very active member of BSU, even participating in the BSU fashion show as a model. She said he was a big hit, especially among the ladies.

This isn't too surprising considering his past modeling experience. Berube revealed that he modeled for a Sears in Exton, PA. According to his girlfriend, Megan Jennings, his photos are still on display at the photo department of the Sears at Exton Mall. However, Berube contributes more than his modeling expertise to the BSU. According to Snow he also brings his excitement and confidence.

These were traits he most likely learned in his hometown, Honey Brook, PA. His mother, Kathleen Berube, talked about his involvement in



Berube (left) and Megan Robinson, who ran against each other in the race for freshman class president

school activities in primary and high school. She said he was always active in sports, especially football, and that he was also in student council, history club, lions club, and some theater.

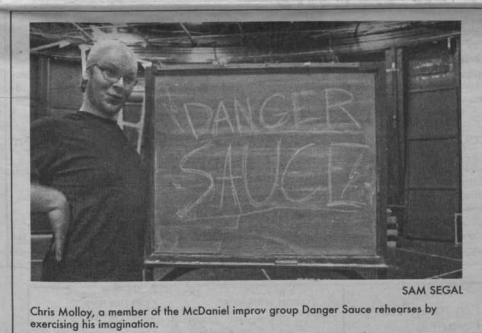
His mother described Berube as outgoing, quiet, and very kind. She recounted a time when Berube was about four years old, and accidentally stepped on a frog and killed it. He was so upset that he and his family had a funeral for the frog.

She thinks his involvement in school activities has to do with his upbringing. His mother emphasized the importance of helping others. Berube described his mother as always willing to help anyone, and said she had an extremely hard work ethic.

He also described his father as a gentleman, but troublemaker at heart. Kathleen Berube said that Berube probably did get into trouble in Honey Brook, but she didn't hear about it.

Berube revealed his greatest fear is to disappoint his parents. He certainly hasn't disappointed his mother. Near tears, she spoke about Berube moving to McDaniel. She said it was very hard to move to a new place, and she was very proud of the good things he's done at McDaniel so far.

It seems Berube certainly has done many good things so far at McDaniel, and he may have more good things ahead of him if his closing statement is any indication: "Berube for President (of the United States) 2036."



Chris Molloy, a member of the McDaniel improv group Danger Sauce rehearses by exercising his imagination.

SAM SEGAL

RETURN VISIT: COMING HOME TO MCDANIEL

Graduate of 2004 remembers happy times on the Hill



KATHLEEN MILLER
Contributor

Oddly enough, while on spring break from the University of Delaware, I decided to cut my vacation from classes, professors, and homework short and go back to school. I revisited my alma mater, McDaniel College.

Since my 2004 graduation, I completed my Masters degree and am currently a Ph.D. candidate in English. I credit McDaniel with much of this achievement—the curriculum encouraged hard work; dedicated professors improved my critical skills; and the English department's unflinching support guided me through the graduate school application ordeal. But perhaps most importantly, my experiences at McDaniel taught me the merits of being a member of a fine academic community and inspired me to pursue a career in academia.

My two day journey to the Hill was a very special experience. I was completely re-taken with the friendliness and beauty of the campus. My first stop, Lisa Breslin's office, had been emptied of all its contents as an April Fool's joke (kudos, tutors). As I watched her recount the story with humor and warmth, I recalled fondly the fun and excitement of my time tutoring in the Writing Center. I continued to see the same enthusiasm and good-nature across cam-

pus—from the helpful campus safety worker who helped me negotiate the new visitor parking lots, to pub workers (who still remembered me 5 years later!). I was reminded afresh of McDaniel's sense of camaraderie and community. Perhaps, though, my most significant legacy from McDaniel was its fine teaching and mentorship. As I sat in on two courses in the new (gorgeous) Academic Hall, I was struck with the inviting, engaging, and technologically savvy learning environment. I was impressed yet again with the high caliber of students, classroom energy, and gifted, innovative teachers. McDaniel taught me what to expect from a fine instructor and it continues to inspire my own teaching, as I strive to implement these same skills in my classroom.

My five year reunion from McDaniel College will occur in May 2009. Unfortunately, I will be at a conference that weekend and won't be able to attend. But I'm content knowing I experienced my own reunion with many of my fondest McDaniel memories. As a future college professor, someday I hope to return to an institution like McDaniel College.

Editor's Note: It is not uncommon for McDaniel alumni to journey back to The Hill to visit professors and old friends. Return Visit is a column that allows these returning students to let the college community know how they are doing, what they are doing and what the college did for them.

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Housekeeper Brings a Little Bit of Home to ANW

ASHLEIGH SMITH
Art Director

It's 5 a.m. You're sound asleep, warm in your sweats and wrapped in a fleece blanket. You won't be heading to physics class for another five hours. But somewhere in Lewis Hall, third floor, Pam Brooks is busy cleaning your classroom for the coming day.

Your alarm hits 9:30, and as you wander to the bathroom, Brooks is cleaning the mirror, putting the finishing touches on her sweat-free skin. She smiles as you walk in, offers a "Good Morning," and asks you how your night was.

At 1 p.m., long after you've gone to class, after the last bits of toothpaste and crumbs are gone, Brooks finally heads home.

Brooks is a member of the McDaniel housekeeping staff who not only takes care of her buildings but takes care of the students in them. She calls it "mom advice," adding that "everyone needs it once in a while.

"I ask how their day is going. If there's bad weather out I warn them," says Brooks. "If they have a sad look on their face, I try to cheer them up. Lots of students open up to me very easily," she adds. "I start talking like they're my kids."

"She's always taking care of us. She's more than a custodian. One time we left our door open and she talked to us for like 20 minutes," says Sophomore Rachel Smiolnicko. "You can talk to her about anything. I'll be sad if she ever leaves."

Smiolnicko adds, "She's kind of mom-like." "Pam enjoys being the mom away from home," says her friend and supervisor, Kay Jones. "If it's icy out, she'll tell them to be careful. If it's freezing out, she tells them to bundle up."

Brooks is known not only for her friendly demeanor, but she is always trying to reach out to students by helping them feel comfortable in their dorm.

"I try to do little things for everybody. Last year I put out bathroom rugs," says Brooks. "To

give it that 'home away from home' feel."

Some residents recall how Brooks left them a present just before winter break. "She asked us to leave our favorite kind of soap," says Sophomore Colleen McLaughlin, who resides on the third floor, "and she'd make it into detergent for us. Even the girls who didn't leave her soap, she made us detergent anyway."

Jones says, "Pam treats the students the same way she would want her own kids treated away at college. Pam's attitude at work is great, friendly," adds Jones.

Brooks says their enjoys getting to meet and to talk to the students. "It's been a lot of fun," she says. "I've met a lot of nice kids and a lot of nice adults. You're still all kids to me."

Brooks also admits what the campus all knows: being housekeeper for a dorm full of college students is not always glamorous.

"Some of those rooms are disasters," she says. Brooks recalls when a student in Garden Apartments left food in the fridge at the end of the year and unplugged it. "We thought something died!" she exclaimed.

She has also encountered the classics: used condoms, moldy food, messy toilets and showers, and other "lovely gross stuff."

Brooks, however, is no stranger to bodily fluids. She has been a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and firefighter with the local fire department for about 13 years. Brooks volunteers in her spare time, which is during the evenings and the weekends, by monitoring her scanner for 911 calls.

Her experiences have ranged from cuts and bruises to heart attacks, where she finds herself "doing chest compressions all the way to the hospital." Brooks has also been present for car accidents when they have cut victims out of their cars.

It can be pretty nerve-wracking to have to be cut out of your car. "I find in those situations," says Brooks, "a woman's voice is more soothing than a man's, especially if it's a child."

One of her most important pastimes, however, is spending time with her family. A resident of Sandytown, Brooks is the mother of three children, ranging in age from 15 to 23. Currently divorced, she also shares two others with her boyfriend.

Brooks started her job here after she left the Westminster Rescue Mission. Jones, who had known her for over four years, encouraged her to apply, and she has been here since. She currently plans to remain long enough to send her youngest to McDaniel.

Brooks says she finds her housekeeping hours convenient for balancing family life. "I'm home when everyone else gets home."

After work, Brooks likes to "go home and take a nap," but then she does laundry, makes dinner, or works around the house, doing much of what she does in ANW.

She says she grew up knowing she wanted to be a "housewife and a mom."

To Brooks, the residents of ANW are just an extension of her family. "I always wanted six kids," says Brooks. "Now I have a whole building."



ASHLEIGH SMITH
Pam Brooks is a housekeeper in ANW who reaches out to the students with her friendly and motherly demeanor. She says she enjoys taking care of them as though they were her own children.

Cultural Calendar of Events

MUSICAL THEATRE/OPERA WORKSHOP
7 p.m. May 3 in WMC Alumni Hall Studio Theatre

Under the direction of Senior Music Lecturer Kyle Engler, students in the Musical Theatre/Opera Workshop class will perform "Gallantry," a one-act opera by Douglas Moore. The group also will perform opera scenes from Handel's "Orlando" and Mozart's "La Clemenza di Tito," and a musical theatre scene from "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change."

AN EVENING OF MADRIGALS

7:30 p.m. May 4 in Baker Chapel
A concert that celebrates a cappella singing as well as pieces with guitar accompaniment, and a smattering of audience participation. According to director Margaret Boudreaux, professor of Music,

"just about everyone in the ensemble has a solo at one point or another in the program. The theme is, as our theme song 'Pastime with Good Company' suggests, passing time in the best company imaginable—and that includes the audience as well!"

STUDENT SOLO RECITAL

7 p.m. May 5 in McDaniel Lounge
A performance featuring a selection of vocal and instrumental solos who will present music ranging from classical to contemporary pieces.

JAZZ NIGHT

8 p.m. May 7 in Decker Center Forum
The Department of Music's traditional end-of-semester celebration of all things jazz includes performances from three classes and members of

the Department's voice studio, all directed by Bo Eckard.

Ensembles include the 18-piece Thursday Jazz Ensemble, the 19-piece Monday Jazz Ensemble, and the five-piece Jazz Combo, with vocalists Lia Snow, Amelita Vance and Casey Crough. Styles of jazz represented include classic big band swing, bebop, Latin, Funk, Jazz-rock and Tin Pan Alley.

COLLEGE BAND CONCERT

8 p.m. on May 8 in WMC Alumni Hall
Under the direction of Senior Music Lecturer Linda Kirkpatrick, about 40 McDaniel students will perform along with faculty members and community musicians. McDaniel music student Joshua Vyskocil's march "American Glory" will receive its premiere performance, with Vyskocil conducting the piece.

MCDANIEL COLLEGE GOSPEL CHOIR 15TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT: 15 YEARS OF GOOD NEWS

7:30 p.m. May 9 at Westminster High School, 1225 Washington Road, Westminster. For directions, call 410-751-3630. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door. Free admission for McDaniel College Community.

THE WESTMINSTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

7:30 p.m. May 9 in the Scott Center at Carroll Community College

Masterworks Choral of Carroll County
7 p.m. May 11 in Baker Memorial Chapel
For information and ticket prices, call 410-871-3371.

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Late Nights

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She doesn't even have any money!

Your food can be free... if you show me your Struffins!

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Demand for Arabic Minor Justified

BRENT LOWE
Staff Reporter

One of the most valuable minors on campus right now could land you a job right out of college, a very stable career in the military and impress just about everyone you know. The teacher is a hard worker and she's there for you whenever you need help.

The minor is Arabic, and it doesn't exist, not yet anyway. In recent days McDaniel College students have realized that if one more class was available on this campus, they could have a minor in the Arabic language.

It turns out that a college loaded up with ROTC students that may one day be shipped to the Middle East has a pretty heavy demand for Arabic and it's been growing faster than the administration had prepared for. Even regular students decided it was worth a look and signed up.

And now, some of these students have completed all of the four of the classes that were offered,

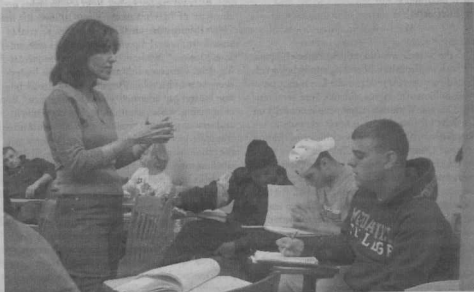
but they want more, they want a minor. "It's more about giving students as much help as they can get," says minor hopeful Jake Friedman, "Arabic is a desirable language."

To make Arabic a minor, McDaniel would have to add a 3000 level class and the school says they don't have the money. They don't have the money for one class.

Besides the hard work of the students that have already taken the classes they need, there are a lot of benefits to having an Arabic Minor.

Many colleges offer Arabic as a class, but what would set McDaniel apart from the rest IS THE MINOR. Even Towson University, the second largest college in Maryland, hasn't made a program would look great after the military sees that a bunch of the kids they pay to go here also got a minor in Arabic.

The current conflicts in the Middle East make anyone with Arabic experience an invaluable tool. There are over 65 minors on campus including 5 in languages (Latin?); how much could one more hurt?



JEN NOEL
Professor Carol Zaru, known as Carol to her students, helps minor hopeful Spencer Brown, '12. Though student has expressed interest in an Arabic minor, the school says the budget will not allow for a 3000-level class.

WHEN IT COMES TO PETS, THINK BEFORE YOU BUY

WHITNEY SCHIERER
Staff Reporter

With the recent decline in the economy more people have been under pressure to find ways to make ends meet. This has resulted in the inability of many to care for their own animals. Nicky Ratliff, Executive Director of the Carroll County Humane Society, said that this was evident by the number of animals being brought into the shelter this year, which has increased by at least 20 months.

Just last year alone five thousand animals, including cats, dogs, and other miscellaneous animals, were brought into the shelter in Carroll County.

There are many different reasons animals are brought to the Humane Society. For example, 788 dogs were brought in because they were lost. However, of these lost animals, approximately 50% were returned to their owners. Another 699 dogs were brought in because they were found meandering around or because they were not wanted.

As for the felines, 2,375 stray cats were brought in, and 1,117 came in that belonged to someone who did not want them. Last of all were the 433 miscellaneous critters brought in for various reasons.

It is important with a topic such as this to obtain a better understanding of the difference between unwanted and abandoned animals. Animals that are purposely placed in back yards, parking lots, etc. are considered abandoned. Although this act of dropping animals off somewhere and leaving them there is illegal, it is hard to catch someone in the act.

Unwanted animals are brought into shelters, like the Humane Society usually because the owners cannot care for them and therefore want to make sure they are taken care of. It is easy to see which of these two options is best. If people can no longer care for their animals, it is their duty and responsibility to give them to someone, or take them somewhere that is able to take them in.

For those who do not involve the Humane Society evaluates the animals that are brought in, in order to find the best placement for them and their possible adoptive parents. From their evaluations they are able to decide whether or not an animal would be a good pet or not.

Many precautions are taken before putting these unwanted animals up for adoption. Not only do they want to make sure that the animals are friendly, but they also evaluate people who are interested in adopting to make sure they are able to

take care of an animal.

The Humane Society wants to be assured that the people considering an adoption will provide a suitable environment where an animal can live peacefully.

According to Ratliff's statistics for this year, 1,201 animals were adopted of the 5,000 that were brought in. Of this 1,201, 527 were dogs, 412 were cats, and 262 were miscellaneous critters. Although they are finding good homes for these animals, there are still a considerable percentage of animals left in the shelter.

"We are lucky because we don't have as many animals being brought in as Humane Societies in other areas," Ratliff stated.

Since the cost of living has increased, the number of animals being brought in are constantly increasing as well.

Danielle Smith, a sophomore at McDaniel College, has rescued two puppies. She stated, "There are so many animals that need good homes and it makes you feel really good to know that you are saving a life. It is a great idea to adopt or rescue an animal especially if you have the financial means to support it."

It is important that people think before they purchase an animal, and consider all the long term

responsibilities. It is reasonable to infer that the vast number of abandoned and unwanted animals result from individuals who are interested in short term pleasures and do not account for the long term responsibilities of animal care.

Make sure you do your duty to take care of your animal.

This can be done in many different ways from simply bringing your pet to a shelter if you're no longer to take care of them, or finding someone responsible who can take care of your pet. According to the AnimalWorldNetwork.com, it is also important to get your pet spayed or neutered to prevent unplanned pregnancies, which only add to the already booming number of animals that are abandoned or unwanted. The website further states, "There are many non-profit organizations that offer low-cost spaying/neutering programs if you need financial assistance."

So before you decided to adopt, buy, abandon, or sell your animal, think first what is in their best interest. Can you afford to take care of an animal? Will they be better off somewhere else? Is there somewhere you can take them instead of abandoning them?

It is important to make the best decision not only for you, but for your pet too.

Letters to the Free Press Editors

The McDaniel College Community Responds to the Free Press

The Editors of the Free Press encourage the community at large to send their comments and concerns to the Free Press. While your letter may not be printed, we appreciate and respect involvement in the media. The news does not belong to the Free Press, but to the entire campus.

A RESPONSE TO KATELYNN MCGINLEY'S BALLOUT PLAN EDITORIAL

Max Robinson

Katelynn McGinley's editorial in the last issue of the Free Press bothered me for a few reasons, and none of them political. My one major criticism of the Free Press is that many of its editorials can be unpolished or overly simplistic; "The Bailout: America's April Fools' joke" is really a perfect example.

McGinley's editorial needed serious revision before publication and as a section editor for the Free Press, she really ought to know better. Ultimately, the editorial has two major flaws.

First, McGinley, in writing an editorial about A.I.G. and the controversy surrounding their retention bonuses, reduces a fairly complex situation into "Your tax dollars are being used to reward executives of this company for sucking..." Obviously McGinley isn't supposed to be impartial, but the editorial barely defines the thing it's angry about before it goes straight into a fall-on rant.

There is no attempt to explain specifically how A.I.G. executives "sucked" or even why she thinks they're being rewarded.

Then the editorial takes its first complete out-of-left-field turn and McGinley goes on about "Domino's Bailout Pizza deals," adding, "Nothing sells pizza like an economy that's in the toilet."

It's this line that brings us to the other real problem of

McGinley's editorial, which is that it goes off on tangents that have almost nothing to do with the topic at hand. What does a promotional campaign for pizza have to do, at all, with A.I.G. or the bailout plan on any kind of substantive level?

It has nothing to do with either of them, but there it sits, awkwardly at the center of the editorial. The closest analogy I can think of is if President Obama decided to throw in a cheer to hating Geico commercials in a speech about healthcare reform. It's completely out of place and I can't be the only person left scratching their head about this.

I went into the next paragraph optimistic; it starts off discussing how there are viable reasons for bailing out major corporations, but all that hope disappeared when I discovered that instead of some actual insight into this, McGinley decided to devote the second half of her editorial to the porn industry's plea to Congress for bailout money.

This leads into rant number two where she decided this had a remote possibility of even being considered by politicians, and explains how college kids, doctors and teachers need that money too. Miss McGinley is certainly welcome to her opinion, but once again I have no clue what this has to do with the real issues at hand.

Even if this isn't a publically stoned by the porn industry, which I have to believe it is, the actual specifics of the bailout plan itself, or even the topic of executive bonuses that she began the editorial with would've made for better topics to discuss in her editorial with college kids, doctors and teachers need that money too. McGinley ends her editorial with a stern "Get your priorities straight, America". I would argue that her editorial needs to do the same.

FREE PRESS ARTICLE 'PROFESSORS ON FILM' FAVORS WORDS TO IMAGES

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I applaud the Free Press for highlighting a Communication Department course on interpersonal interviewing and documentary filmmaking ("Professors on Film," Free Press, Vol. 11, Issue 3, p. 4) that combines the expertise of Robert Lemieux in interpersonal theory and of Jonathan Slade in media theory. Although I appreciate the attention drawn to a departmental offering, I must comment on a bias the article displays.

In the eyes of this department as well as the administration, Slade and Lemieux are co-instructors who equally share teaching responsibilities in the course. However, reporter Casey Crough privileges the verbal (Lemieux "teaches" and "leads" in "his" class) over the visual (Slade "assists," "collaborates," and "offers advice"), a common prejudice among the public, especially those who are weak in their media literacy skills. In television and film, the image almost always trumps the word; how shots are framed, lit, and edited greatly influences how a viewer perceives the spoken word.

I encourage Free Press journalists to continue to improve your media literacy skills as you enter a world where news is increasingly moving off paper and onto video, film and the internet.

Mitt Romney 2012: Save America! The Collective Piggy Bank is Running Short on Funds

NICK BRUNNER
Staff Reporter

With the historic win of President Barack Obama, still fresh on the minds of and rightfully being celebrated by many Americans, the fact is that nearly 60 million Americans did not vote for President Obama. With that many people not fully on board the Obama train, it is never too early to ask the question: Who has the best chance of beating President Obama in the 2012 election?

Like any American in his or her right mind, I hope and pray that the President makes the right decisions to better our nation in need of, for lack of a better term, a "kick in the butt." I also realize that if President Obama and his administration deliver this needed kick, then he will almost certainly defeat any challenger in 2012 and secure a second term. However, after what has transpired over these first few months, many are beginning to think that this may not be the case. Between the "creative" cabinet choices, talks of furling around with the census, funding of overseas abortions, and most notably the nearly one trillion dollar spending bill, this may not be the change that America has been calling for.

In these tough economic times, it is imperative that America has a leader who is not only familiar with classroom economic theories and concepts, but a leader who has been able to successfully apply such knowledge under pressure on the world stage. Given the magnitude of America's current economic situation, the best choice in 2012 to take on the nation's problems would be Mitt Romney.

At a time when America is in need of it most, Mitt Romney's economic prowess is second to none. He received his B.A. with Highest Honors from BYU and then continued his education in Boston at Harvard Business School where he received his MBA and was named a Baker Scholar to go along with a J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School. Romney has put his education to good use both in the private business sector as well as for the good of the public. Mitt spent a few years working at Bain & Company, Inc., a leading management consulting firm before founding Bain Capital, which has become one of the nation's most successful venture capital and investment companies.

Mitt's big break into the public spotlight came when the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, chock-full of controversy and facing a staggering financial crisis. Romney left behind a substantial career as an entrepreneur, and with it a substantial sum of personal income potential, to take over as President and CEO of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee. In his three years at the helm in Salt Lake, Romney erased a \$379 million operating deficit, organized 23,000 volunteers, galvanized community spirit and oversaw an unprecedented security mobilization just months after the September 11th terrorist attacks, leading to one of the most successful Olympics in our country's history.*

A New "Wonder Bra" Can Save Your Life?

ANGELA BALDWIN
Staff Reporter

If massaging your lymph nodes to drain away toxins, it has cushions embedded on its sides, is created by Intimate Health, was sold for \$9 dollars, and it recently stopped being manufactured for possibly being in scam. What could this possibly be? Look no further; this describes the controversial Brassage Bra, a self-massaging bra that has claimed to prevent breast cancer.

Now every female student, including me, might wonder how this bra of all things might prevent cancer. Well, Intimate Health's website claims that massaging the lymph nodes helps to "stimulate lymphatic flow, promoting healthy breast tissue." It claims that by stimulation of lymph nodes, toxins will drain away from those same lymph nodes. How does this happen? Little cushions are sewn into the sides of the bra and massage as one moves around.

Regular bras are even under attack by the claims of this bra called, "Wonder Bra." The makers of this bra claim that since regular bras don't massage, toxins are allowed to build up in the breast. There has been absolutely no scientific data provided to prove this fact. Rest easy fellow female students; we might just still be healthy!

After saving the games, Mitt set his sights on the state of Massachusetts. Elected Governor in 2002, Romney presided over a dramatic reversal of state fortunes and a period of sustained economic expansion.* Without raising taxes or increasing debt, Governor Romney balanced the budget every year of his administration, closing a \$3 billion budget gap inherited when he took office.* By eliminating waste, streamlining the government, and enacting comprehensive economic reforms to stimulate growth in Massachusetts, Romney got the economy moving again and transformed deficits into surpluses.*

Mitt Romney believes in financial responsibility. Whether it is individuals, corporations, state, or federal governments, the key ingredient to get America back on track is living within your reasonable means. Spending money that we don't have is what has gotten many Americans, our corporations, and our government into this current predicament. Now, it seems as though the President and his regime plan to reconcile the problem by drastically increasing this same sort of behavior, only this time the tab will be picked up by the American taxpayers. It is not the government's job (or rather the taxpayers' job) to bail out all those who fail. As colorful talk show host Dennis Miller put it, "I love to help the helpless; I don't care about the clueless. We're helping too many of the clueless these days."

As thousands upon thousands of Americans everywhere just last week made clear, the federal government is beginning to forget their place. On April 15th American taxpayers either pay their taxes or they go to prison (unless you have been nominated for an executive position, but that's a separate issue). This past week, however many Americans united to make a collective statement, that they have had enough. While many of the main stream media outlets either frowned upon or simply did not mention these "tea parties" the fact of the matter is that this is a real issue and American taxpayers are fed up with the nonsense and pork-barrel spending. We can not just continue to sweep these issues under the rug because if there comes a day when they all finally snap and refuse to pay, chaos and frenzy will be forced to make all of the headlines.

The government is becoming too big for its own good and too powerful for the good of "We the people of the United States of America." Although this problem has been around for a while, long before President Obama took office, the recent acts of his administration have only exemplified the problem. These "tea parties" are just another cry from the people to their government to wake up and remember that the money they are carelessly flinging around is that of hard working, American people.

A lot of young people were indoctrinated to vote in this past election, marking the highest youth turnout in recent history. Hopefully, amid the current societal conditions, they can keep that enthusiasm up into the future. But this go around, hopefully they actually take the time to study the

candidates and make an informed decision for themselves, based on the actual qualities and credentials of the candidates, not just the ones portrayed on TV by the media.

If all Americans do just that and thoroughly examine the candidates, the majority will see

that Mitt Romney is the extremely smart, well spoken, and successful leader that America needs in its President to get back on track.

*Mitt Romney biographical information courtesy of www.freestrongamerica.com



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Romney presents at a rally on the campaign trail.

MCDANIEL horoscopes

NOT-SO-ASTROLOGICALLY-INSPIRED HOROSCOPES

JEN NOEL AND KIM STAUB
Staff Reporters

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): MAKE TONIGHT A SPECIAL NIGHT WITH FRIENDS. GET SOME HALF-PRICE APPETIZERS.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): SOMETIMES YOU RUB PEOPLE THE WRONG WAY. WORK ON THAT.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): THERE IS NO NEED TO BE SNIPPY WHEN OTHERS ARE JUST TRYING TO HELP YOU OUT. TAKE A CHILL PILL.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20): WAY TO GET BACK IN THE GAME. I BET YOU ARE RIDING ON YOUR HIGH HORSE NOW.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 21): DON'T MAKE APPOINTMENTS YOU CAN'T KEEP, IT'S NOT GOOD FOR YOUR REPUTATION.

CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22): MILKSHAKES MAKE THE WORLD GO ROUND. TOP YOURS OFF WITH AN EXTRA CREAMY.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22): SOMETIMES THE LAZY BUG BITES ALL OF US. GET SOME BUG SPRAY AND DO YOUR JOB.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): CHEER UP, IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT. MAYBE MAKE YOUR OWN MARDI GRAS AND GET SOME BEADS.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 23): BATHING SUIT SEASON IS ARRIVING, DON'T WORRY, YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL JUST THE WAY YOU ARE.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 21): YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. SHINE ON.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): GRAB SOME CHINESE TAKEOUT, YOUR FORTUNE WAITS YOU.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): DON'T THINK TWICE ABOUT WINKING AT THE CUTE BOY NEXT TO YOU, HE'S THINKING THE SAME THING.

PHYSICAL PLANT ARE WORKING CLASS HEROES

KATIE LAWSON
Contributor

It was nearly five years ago, but I clearly remember my first tour of the Hill. It was immediately drawn in by the look and feel of this campus, by its landscape and scenery. Without a doubt, the people responsible for making our campus so attractive is the physical plant crew. Influenced my decision to choose McDaniel over other schools.

On several occasions over the course of my four years here, I have seen students working side by side with physical plant staff members. This "work assignment," as it is called by the student handbook, is considered a "sanction for student misconduct."

To put it in another way, students caught in violation of campus rules are sometimes punished by being sent to work with the maintenance, grounds, or housekeeping crew.

It is time to stop and think about the message this policy sends to both workers and students. To students, it promotes the elitist idea that we are superior to someone who mops floors or spreads mulch. It is as if to say that one only ends up with these types of jobs because he or she has done something wrong.

The message this policy sends to the physical plant crew is even worse. As one anonymous worker put it, "You get punished, so they send you out here with us. What does that mean we do?"

"That's kind of messed up that it's a punishment. It's not like anybody else is going to do what we do," adds another worker.

The work done by maintenance, grounds, and housekeeping workers is important and dignified, not punishment. To make their honest labor into the equivalent of punishment is immoral, arrogant, and insulting.

One worker told me, "We feel like we're not even part of the campus. We don't feel included; we feel looked down upon. We don't feel included." These thoughts were echoed by several coworkers. Some insight into why they feel this way can be found by looking at their unsuitable work space and old equipment.

A long list of grievances, of which the "work assignment" policy is only one part, breeds these feelings of indignation. Changing this policy would be just one of the ways to show our physical plant staff that we respect them and appreciate their skills and hard work.

Last semester, I sent an email to Dean Towle criticizing this policy. She invited me to her office where we talked for quite some time. Within the first minute of our meeting, it became clear

to me that Dean Towle had never thought about the negative message this policy sends to students and the physical plant staff.

To her credit, Dean Towle mentioned that (after receiving my email) she had asked someone at physical plant if the workers viewed this policy as insulting. She was told that they do not. While I certainly can't speak for everyone who works at physical plant, my own interviews revealed that some workers are offended by this policy.

Let me be clear: I mean no personal disrespect toward Dean Towle or any other student or faculty member of the McDaniel Honor & Conduct Board. The fact that the morality of the school's punishment system has never been questioned is simply emblematic of a much larger problem that is not unique to this college.

A general disrespect for working class people has been developed by our economic system and is perpetuated by the culture this system has created.

We value lawyers in urban office buildings, but how often do we think about the transit workers who keep cities moving by operating subways and buses? Why, as a society, do we tell our kids to grow up to be doctors and businessmen, but when it is there something wrong with being a haidreamer or a carpenter?

Working class people do the jobs required to keep society functioning. The world would not

stop turning if nobody showed up to the New York Stock Exchange tomorrow. But what if the people who build bridges and pave roads stopped doing their jobs? Then what?

I am not asking McDaniel College to change the way the whole country views work. I am simply asking them to reject a values system which promotes inequality, prejudice, and classism.

I have asked friends at other colleges and universities, including Boston University, Duquesne University, Smith College, Rider University, The College of New Jersey, Stockton College, Knox College, Ramapo College, and the University of New England. To the best of their knowledge, none of these schools have a policy like McDaniel's "work assignment."

Stricter fines, mandatory alcohol education classes, and loss of campus housing are some of the punishments used on other campuses. Or, as one worker put it, it could "send them over to the hospital" to do real community service.

McDaniel already uses some of these methods in some cases, so it would not be too difficult to transition away from "work assignments."

Our maintenance staff and all other workers deserve respect. It is time for the college to adopt a new discipline policy that does not degrade anyone, especially members of our own community.

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LOOKING TO THE MLB CONTINUED

The Free Press' Predictions for this Baseball Season

NICK BRUNNER
Staff Reporter

NEW YORK YANKEES finished 89-72 and missed the playoffs for the first time in over a decade.

After a relatively quiet off season last year, the Evil Empire held nothing back this year. After trading in Mark Teixeira, the most prized free agent fish in the sea, the Yankees starting infield is scheduled to make more money than some entire teams. Big Tex joins Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez, and Robinson Cano on the infield that will anchor the Yankee offense all year long. The spending, however, did not stop there. Problem: the Yanks were plagued all year by injury and inconsistency on the mound. Solution: they go out and sign the two best pitchers on the market in CC Sabathia and A.J. Burnett.

They also convinced veteran Andy Pettite to return for another season and will get last years ace Chen Ming Wang back healthy and ready to go. Flame throwing youngster Joba Chamberland will round out a starting five that may be the best in baseball. Hall of Fame closer Mariano Rivera will be waiting in the bullpen to close out games like he has been doing for years in the Bronx.

There are some major questions left to be answered before the Yankees can stake claim to their 27th World Series Championship. One question will be the health and productivity of catcher Jorge Posada who missed significant time due to injury in 2008.

Also, it will be interesting to how the outfield takes shape as the season progresses. The Bronx Bombers have a lot of talent in veterans Xavier Nady, Johnny Damon, Nick

Swisher, and Hideki Matsui. They also have youngsters Brett Gardner and Melky Cabrera. The six will likely battle for four spots all season long and how this situation plays out could ultimately decide the fate of the Yanks in '09.

The bullpen leading up to The Sandman (Rivera) is rather shaky and unproven and if something were to happen to one of their starting pitchers, it could be another disappointing season in the Bronx. However, with all the money that has already been invested by the club into this season, if an issue arises throughout the course of the season you can bet that The Boss and company will be waiting with open arms to spend whatever it takes to put a highly competitive team out on the field. With the billion dollar new Yankee Stadium set to open, Yankee fans expect to see a show every time this team steps on the field.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS came on strong at the end of 2008 and finished 86-76.

The Blue Jays are the team that no one talks about but somehow always finishes above five hundred. They are led by their stud ace Roy Halladay who has been as good as any pitcher, anywhere throughout his career. He has the unique ability of going out every fifth day and giving his team a chance to win, often going the entire nine innings on his own without relief. Halladay sets the tone for the Jays, a team of individuals who go out and leave everything they have on the field night in and night out. All-Stars Alex Rios and Vernon Wells bowtie their outfield as well as provide firepower to ignite the Jays offense.

B.J. Ryan, who missed some significant

time last year is back and ready to turn the lights out on opponents in the ninth inning. Ryan is a dominant closer at the back of a very strong Blue Jay bullpen. They Jays signed also signed Kevin Millar. The professional hitter and clubhouse and fan favorite will bring with him a new zax to Toronto. If he and former elite third baseman Scott Rolen can produce at the plate, the Jays could surprise a lot of people this season. They have enough young talent following Halladay in the rotation and play good defense behind their pitchers. While they might not have made a big splash in the off season, the Blue Jays could surely turn some heads in 2009.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES finished in the cellar of the AL East with a record of 68-93.

While many fans were to busy complaining about the O's inability to land Maryland native Mark Teixeira or slugger Adam Dunn, the Birds quietly put together a pretty successful off season campaign. The club took significant strides in its effort to stockpile young talent and build for the future. One such example was trading with the Cubs for youngster Felix Pie, a freakishly raw talented player who possesses all the skills of a five tool star. If he is able to harness this talent and display it on the major league level, the sky is the limit for this young Orioles outfield. Pie will join Adam Jones and Nick Markakis two youngsters with no ceiling and potential that is about to take off.

The O's are excited to watch how this young outfield as well as top catching prospect Matt Wieters develop at the major league level throughout the season. The

club also signed Cesar Izturis a sure fielding shortstop who will bring stability to a position that plagued the club all last year. Baltimore also imported Koji Uehara a Japanese pitcher who has impressed in spring training. Veterans Brian Roberts, Melvin Mora, Luke Scott, and Aubrey Huff bring balance to the young squad. After a surprisingly successful season last year George Sherrill leads strong O's pen that will also get fireballer Chris Ray back from injury. The thing that will probably hold the birds back this year will be its starting rotation. Ace Jeremy Guthrie is a fine pitcher, but would have to fight to be the number three starter on any other team in the division. The young talent that the O's have is clearly evident and it is not a matter of if but when it fully develops and translates into victories.

FIFTEEN GUYS THAT MAY SURPRISE

Luke Scott, Jorge Posada, Robinson Cano, Rich Hill, Jed Lowrie, Vernon Wells, Chen Ming Wang, Adam Jones, Matt Wieters, Nick Swisher, Hideki Matsui, Mike Lowell, Carlos Pena, Scott Rolen, and Brad Penny

PREDICTION

It is a highly contested division all year but A-Rod gets back in May and explodes. He leads the Yankees to the playoffs with a bounce back year for their veterans and a strong season by their pitchers. The Red Sox battle all year and top the Rays with their steady pitching and win the AL Wild Card. The Orioles surprise and finish above the Blue Jays who finish right around five hundred once again.

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The McDaniel Women's softball team has had a disappointing record so far this year, with a run of four shut-outs in the middle of April. They will play Gettysburg next. TAYLOR HERRGOTT

TERROR SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: MEET the GREEN



SPORTS FILE PHOTO

Sally Grace came to McDaniel so that she could play basketball for the Terror Women's team. She also enjoys cross country and lacrosse, both of which she played in high school.

CHRIS FERRICK-MANLEY
Staff Reporter

In this issue of Meet the Green we profile Green Terror basketball player Sally Grace.

Sally Grace is from Catonsville, MD and was a three sport athlete in cross country, basketball, and lacrosse in high school for all four years. She captured the all three sports champion year and earned all-county honors in basketball senior year. Coming from an athletic family, her older brother Tommy played basketball at Villanova from 2001-2002 to 2004-2005 and her sister also played lacrosse for the Wildcats.

Grace chose McDaniel over Johns Hopkins and Villanova because she wanted to play basketball at the collegiate level.

"I wanted to play at a good program," said Grace.

At McDaniel Grace majors in Business Administration and plans to graduate this year. However, she plans on taking graduate courses at McDaniel so she can play our her basketball eligibility. After school, she is interested in entering law, athletic coaching, or sports marketing.

Making the NCAA Tourney in her freshman season with McDaniel still ranks as her greatest athletic accomplishment to date. She considers her greatest individual athletic accomplishment to be hitting two free throws with 02 left on the clock to beat a rival high school that was ranked in Baltimore.

On the other hand, she considers her most embarrassing sports experience to have occurred during cross country practice in 10th grade. She got her shorts pulled down in front of 30 college guys.

"That takes the cake," said Grace.

Off the court, Grace enjoys pleasure reading, particularly mysteries, and watching television with her roommates.

"Me and my roommate watch a lot of Food Network too, and sports center of course," said Grace.

Her family are Ravens season ticket holders, holding tickets on the 35-yard line on the opponents sideline. Other spectator sports she enjoys include tennis, baseball, and of course, basketball.

"During the basketball season I mostly watch college basketball," said Grace, who attended three of Villanova's NCAA tournament games this previous season.

GREEN TERROR BASEBALL: STRONGEST SEASON IN RECENT MEMORY

CHRIS FERRICK-MANLEY
Staff Reporter

Despite being swept by Ursinus this past Saturday, the McDaniel baseball team (14-10, 7-6 Centennial Conference) has already put together one of its strongest seasons in recent memory, and remains in contention for a playoff spot.

Dave Seibert, the manager of the Green Terror, believes that the team's strong run to end last season has given them confidence heading into this season. In a league where Seibert believes any team can beat any other.

According to Seibert, the strength of the team this year has been its hitting. As a team, the Green Terror are hitting .324 with 10 home runs and 169 RBIs.

"Clearly, statistically, hitting has been our strength," said Seibert.

On the other hand however, the pitching for the team has been less strong than the hitting, with a 5.67 team ERA. According to Seibert, the opposing teams have been doing a good job of situational hitting against the Green Terror this season.

"You always strive to have good pitching and defense and that will keep you in every game," said Seibert.

One factor that has affected pitching this season for the team is the unusually high amount of rainouts. To this date, there have been five rainouts. This includes two doubleheaders in one weekend, twice. According to Seibert, every team in the conference is struggling with the same effects of the weather, but he has not had a chance to use the pitching rotation he had planned because of the rain.

"Some guys had too much rest, some guys too little rest," said Seibert.

According to senior pitcher Chase Wolf, the pitching staff has held up remarkably well

given its relative inexperience. The majority of the innings thrown by McDaniel pitchers this season have been thrown by underclassmen or pitchers returning from season ending injuries last year.

"We've been putting our guys under a lot of pressure," said Wolf, "I give those guys a lot of props."

Already this year, the Green Terror have won more games than they had in any of their previous three seasons, and as of April 19 are only half a game out of the final playoff spot. With a dozen seniors on the team, this is their best shot yet at making the playoffs.

"If we don't win there are a lot of questions about why the talent didn't get you there," said Wolf. "I think we're capable of beating anyone in the conference."

Senior centerfielder Zach Croft believes the success of this season could be chalked up to a better attitude that did not exist in years past.

"In past seasons we were in the game for the first four or five innings," said Croft "now the team doesn't give up."

In the team's first doubleheader against Scranton, they twice won on walkoffs and more recently overcame a 7-0 deficit to beat Gettysburg 14-13.

According to Croft, in past years seniors did not get along well with the freshmen on the team. Now people are treated as equals which has created a better overall attitude conducive to winning. However, Croft sees a potential rebuilding year for the team next year with the departure of so many seniors.

"It's been a rough three years and we want to finish on a high note," said Croft. "This is the best chance we've had in five years now."

The final home doubleheader for the Green Terror is this Saturday on Spring Fling. Game time is 12:30 pm.

THE GURU'S SPORTS THOUGHTS

The Playoffs: NBA versus NHL

GARRETT 'GURU' EAGAN
Sports Editor

The grass is freshly cut (and in Carroll County fertilized often) and the skies are blue. It's spring time and you know what that means- the beginning of a baseball season and the end of two others. The NBA and the NHL are dialing up the beginning of the end of their respective seasons and there are some key match ups and things to look for.

[NBA] First, it's pretty clear that without KG the Celtics will rely heavily on the guard play of Rondo and Allen aka 'Jesus Shuttlesworth.' But Pierce obviously needs repeat performances defensively as he did last postseason. Dare I say the Bulls will shock the world? I won't say it, but now the thought is at least lingering in your mind. If there was a year for the Cavaliers and LeBron to get a taste of the Finals- it's this year. They are a strong team, but they rely heavily on one person too much. Across the nation in the west are the defending, first place losers of last season- the Lakers. They happen to be my favorite to refill the ring in the NBA Finals. Kobe has not won a West without a big man like Shaq in town. Gasol? We will have to see, especially after he got the laxative treatment last year in the Finals. How-

ever, even without Manu the Spurs could make a play at the West- especially with Popovich at the helm. It's up in the air, but I'll stick to my original thought of Lakers hoisting the gold in 5 against the Cavaliers.

[NHL] It's not on ESPN anymore, but Comcast and VS. keeps NHL playoffs well stocked. My two teams: Red Wings [West] and the Capitals [East] are seated in the playoffs with some competition early. San Jose the high seed in the West are favorites to make the Stanley Cup. Yet, both the Wings and Caps have a loaded roster to counter the argument. In the east, you have an absolute minefield of talented clubs- Washington, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and the Bruins. Washington stocked with Ovechkin and Semin as well as Fedorov (former Wing in the 90's) with a strengthened (hopefully) Theodore can put the Caps in the Cup. Yet, the thing that kills the Caps is penalties and a weakness defensively. The West teams who are used to competing with one another in the West. Detroit, in recent years known for an incredible farm system with a veteran core and returning champions, are always getting good odds to repeat. Osgood FTW. My dream Stanley Cup would obviously be the Wings and Capitals. But I'll keep it centered and predict the Wings and the Bruins. Wings repeat in 6.

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Sports Editor

WHO GOT YOU IN THE NBA FINALS? ANY SURPRISES?

THE EX: GURU:

I think with Doc Rivers' announcement today that Kevin Garnett may miss the entire 2009 playoffs, I think the balance of power has shifted toward the Cleveland Cavaliers (if it hadn't already before that). In the West, I do like the Lakers obviously. Kobe, Gasol, and the addition of Bynum back in the lineup to an already dominant team should get them to the Finals as well, despite the West probably being harder to go through than the East. Surprises? Based on this, I don't see too many, but I'll give you two for thought. It's hard to think of them as a surprise team but they often are overlooked by Boston and Cleveland: the Orlando Magic in the East. And I'm sorry-despite Manu Ginobili being done for the year, Gregg Popovich and the Spurs live for this time in the playoffs. There are few guarantees in this world except death, taxes, and the Spurs making an impact in the Western Conference Playoffs.

Obviously with a lot of questions in the injury department, I have to count out the Celtics. Of course, if watching years of sports has taught me anything, it's to not count out the returning champion. I am going to go with LeBron and the Cavs from the east, mainly due to the fact they just soil opponents with ease on any given night. Their pre-game shenanigans- irrelevant. They understand the severity of the playoffs. And with home court advantage they might have gone all the way last year. I like Kobe and his supporting cast out of the west this season, with the addition of Morrison. Hopefully Phil Jackson won't have to administer the Heimlich to Lamar Odom in the playoffs and he can dump considerable help deep into the series. Surprise team? Depending on the seeding, the Bulls have enough talent to make a small run.

TERROR SPORTS



TAYLOR HERRGOTT

Junior and Captain Lauren Toomey of the Women's Softball team waits on deck before she goes to bat at the game against Haverford. The Terror Women's Softball team did not put up a good fight despite the opposition. The double header was lost 10-0 and then 3-1.

ROTC STUDENTS FIGHT THEIR STRESS OUT IN MMA BOUTS

DANIELLE AZOULAY
Staff Reporter

Fight until you drop. It is the fundamental idea behind Mixed Martial Arts, otherwise known as MMA, and what four McDaniel ROTC students find themselves doing three days a week.

"MMA is basically where a bunch of guys come together with a bunch of different art forms and fight," said freshman John Wahman. According to Wahman a fight generally lasts three rounds and a winner is declared by knockout or by submission. Submission occurs when arms or legs are broken, or when an opponent is about to have a bone break and gives up.

Wahman said the worst injury he has seen during training was a severely broken nose with a fountain of blood pouring out. He himself says his worst was a severely injured neck which caused him to be unable to turn his head for several days.

So why do they do it?
Sophomore John Lower says, "We actually hit each other, it is a lot of fun, and a great stress reliever."

Along with Wahman and Lower, Freshmen Joey Buttrum and Zach Morris also participate in MMA.

In order to avoid injury Buttrum says, "I never let my ego get in the way, it is not worth it. If they have the move I'll give it to them."

According to Buttrum the only protective gear worn are gloves, shin pads, mouth guard, and a cup. Headgear is optional.

Lower said that a basic day of training consists of bag work, a stand up sparring session where they rotate between three or four different partners, and a thirty minute grappling session.

None of the four students have had a fight yet. They all wish to gain a little more experience before scheduling their first one.

Lower, with a background in Jiu Jitsu feels that his grappling is pretty good but would like to improve his boxing before scheduling a fight. At this point in time "I would get destroyed. I don't want to commit suicide," he said. He does however see himself scheduling his first fight around this time next year.

So far Lower says that the coolest boxing move he has learned is the "Superman Punch," which is when you fake a kick and then jump up and punch your opponent at the same time. Where as Buttrum says that one of his favorite moves so far is a spinning back fist.

The four students currently train at Carroll County Kenpo, which is only a short distance from McDaniel, located off of Route 97. The college used to have an MMA club, but once the students who ran it graduated, it fell apart.

Lower says, "Once I get a little more experience under my belt I would like to reinstate the club."

MCDANIEL COMMUNITY HOLDS TOURNEY FOR LOCAL CHILDREN

KATE DELENICK
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Senior Amy Tignanello and junior Will Hopkins worked with McDaniel Professor Dr. Hoffman and Director of Events Jim Bullock since early November to put together a day where in each competition every child wins.

"The Tournament of Champions" was held on April 2nd in Gill Gymnasium. It is a day where developmentally delayed children from all over Carroll and surrounding counties can come in and compete at the athletes with the help of McDaniel's own students and athletes.

Smiles were seen across a large crowd who were all there to support the athletes on this special day. Students from McDaniel, including those in Janet Medina's "Teaching in a Diverse Society" class and Hoffman's PE classes, along with athletes ranging from the basketball teams to the softball and lacrosse teams all were out to help with the 14 different stations set-up; or to be a "buddy" to one of the almost 70 kids participating.

This day is held for no one but the kids involved and they look forward to it year after

year. Hopkins spoke about a conversation he had with one of the athletes earlier that morning. "He told me he couldn't sleep the night before because he was so excited for today. It's great to hear the kids say that, they're reason I do it...they're the reason we're all here."

It's an early morning for most buddies, with registration for the athletes starting at 8am and co-chairs Tignanello and Hopkins were up since 6:30, but it's a sacrifice many were more than happy to make. Hoffman says she believes at first many of McDaniel's athletes are hesitant to get involved if they themselves are not close with a developmentally delayed or handicapped child. "It's a day of growth for McDaniel's athletes," she said.

Games have been played in Gill Gymnasium for years, some conference games, some non-conference, some for championships, some just pre-season scrimmages; from volleyball games to indoor football practices, thousands of McDaniel athletes have played in the gym but on April 2 Gill was host to a whole new spectrum of athletes. Each of the kids went home with a certificate and a medal but more importantly each went home a champion.



TAYLOR HERRGOTT

Attendees of the Tournament of Champions cheer for Catherine Gardner, one of the children who competed.

Upcoming Terror Sports

FRIDAY, APR 24

Men's Golf

Centennial Conference Championship at The Bridges; (A)

Men's Lacrosse

Dickinson: 7:00 P (A)

SATURDAY, APR 25

Women's Golf

Centennial Conference Championships; (A)

Outdoor Track

Paul Kaiser Classic at Shippensburg; (A)

Baseball

Franklin & Marshall (DH); 12:30 P (H)

Softball

Gettysburg: 1:00 P (A)

Men's Tennis

Ursinus: 1:00 P (H)

Women's Tennis

Ursinus: 1:00 P (H)

SUNDAY, APR 26

Softball

Swarthmore: 1:00 P (A)



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McDaniel Memories... what the seniors have to say

Each of us remembers our first moment on the Hill, ringing the bell in Red Square, watching out parents reluctantly leave us to weather freshman orientation on our own. And at some level, we were scared of being alone at school... Until we discovered what it was all about. Then, four years later, we'd do anything to stay.

The next six pages are filled with the best, worst, and most interesting members of this year's graduating class. They offer us their experiences and insight, which made their four years at McDaniel the most exciting, memorable time it could be.



Left to right: senior Kevin Bowman, junior Rob Kalvey, senior Cody Crutchley, and senior Dan White at a McDaniel track meet.

Justine "Jussie" Koontz

music theory and composition major

Q: What is your favorite thing about McDaniel?

A: I have greatly appreciated the people that McDaniel has brought into my life, especially in the creative departments on campus, where people are willing to accept my creative insights and my sometimes strange behavior.

Q: What is your least favorite thing about McDaniel?

A: I still have to go off campus to find decent food.

Q: What is your most embarrassing moment at McDaniel?

A: My first time playing classical guitar solo in front of an audience--that's a memory I still try to repress.

Q: What, if anything, do you wish you could redo during your time here?

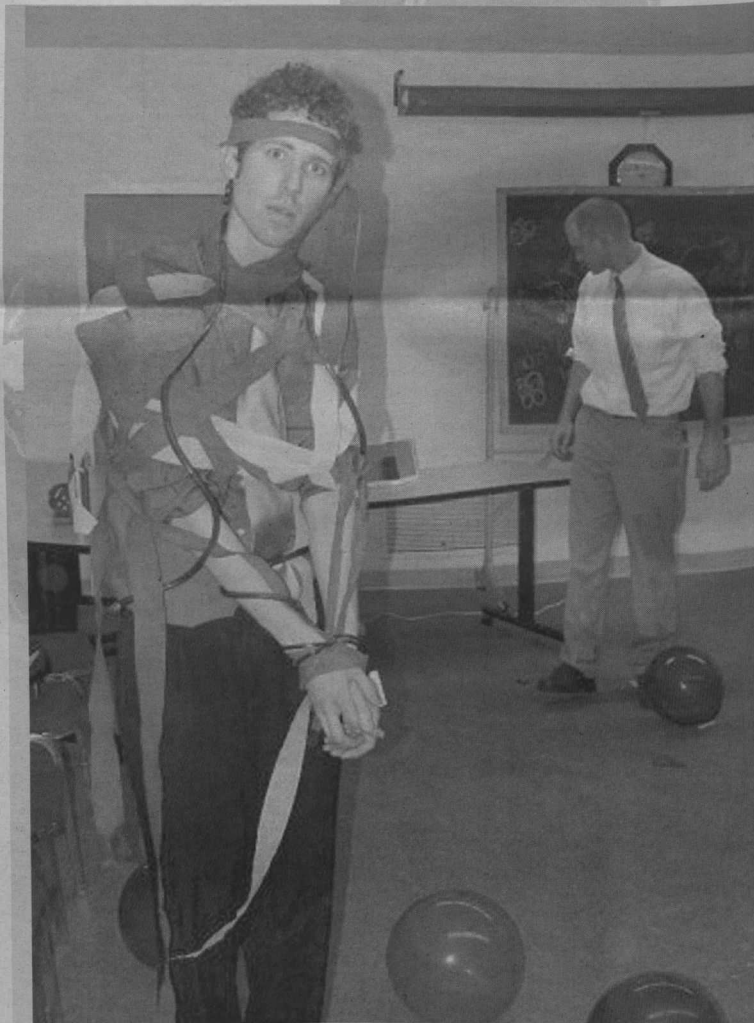
A: I wish I had been more adventurous in trying new things in my first two years; I didn't get the hang of it until junior year.

Q: What was your favorite class at McDaniel?

A: Margie Boudreaux's Music of the Western World sequence was one of my favorites and definitely the most influential, but I also enjoyed Choral Conducting, the four-credit independent study I did with Dr. Armstrong on dance and music, Theatre Technology (who couldn't love playing with power tools?), and Ira Domser's Jan Term to London and Dublin.

Q: What advice would you give to incoming freshmen?

A: You have four years to not only study what interests you but to study and do other things that four years from now you might not have even considered doing. Take advantage of every opportunity you can!



Left to right: senior Dan White and senior Cody Crutchley.

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Kimberly Ann Pavlovsky

communication major, women studies minor

Q: What is your favorite thing about McDaniel?

A: the sense of community

Q: What is your least favorite thing about McDaniel?

A: the food

Q: What is your most embarrassing moment at McDaniel?

A: Tripping down the stairs to my apartment with an umbrella in my hand in the pouring rain.

Q: What, if anything, do you wish you could redo during your time here?

A: not transferring out, picking a major quicker.

Q: What was your favorite class at McDaniel?

A: Yoga Core

Q: What advice would you give to incoming freshmen?

A: Pay careful attention to your requirements so you're not pressed for time when

education comes around the corner.

Daniel White

exercise science and chemistry dual major

Q: What is your favorite thing about McDaniel?

A: Because it's a smaller school, I like how you get to develop meaningful relationships with friends and faculty alike.

Q: What is your least favorite thing about McDaniel?

A: Can't really think of anything too bad, maybe the gym hours on the weekend?

Q: What is your most embarrassing moment at McDaniel?

A: Having my zipper down during a speech for Public Speaking.

Q: What, if anything, do you wish you could redo during your time here?

A: I was involved in a couple of clubs, but maybe have a more meaningful role in one of them.

Q: What was your favorite class at McDaniel?

A: Most of my classes in the exercise department and biology department were a lot of fun.

Rose Eney

communication major

Q: What is your favorite thing about McDaniel?

A: The feeling of being at home whenever I'm here... and all of my wonderful sisters!

Q: What is your least favorite thing about McDaniel?

A: The way that some of the administrative offices are run is incredibly frustrating and unhelpful to students.

Q: What is your most embarrassing moment at McDaniel?

A: Once when I was a freshman I fell asleep in my Political Science class and woke up with the whole class staring at me.

Q: What, if anything, do you wish you could redo during your time here?

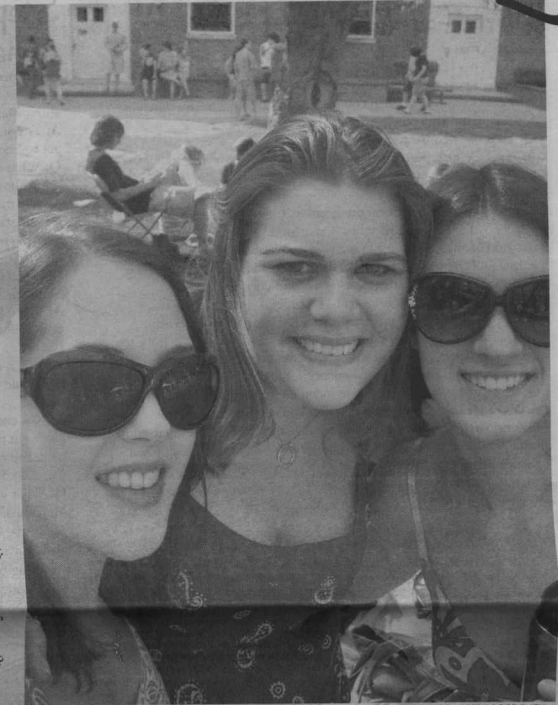
A: I wouldn't re-do a thing.

Q: What was your favorite class at McDaniel?

A: Sociology of the Criminal Justice system with Dr. Dundes.

Q: What advice would you give to incoming freshmen?

A: Work hard but still have fun. The four years go by so incredibly fast; make the most of your time here.



COURTESY ROSE ENY

Left to right: senior Rose Eney, sophomore Courtney Hitchcock, and alumna '06 Nicole Back relax at Spring Fling.

Holly Boltz

english/secondary education major

Q: What is your favorite thing about McDaniel?

A: I enjoyed the small class sizes and the fact that McDaniel is a very tight knit community. I felt as though my professors really had my best interests at heart.

Q: What is your least favorite thing about McDaniel?

A: To be quite honest, by senior year everyone knew way too much about me and I knew way too much about everyone else. But that is just simply a product of attending such a small school.

Q: What, if anything, do you wish you could redo during your time here?

A: I haven't regretting completing the Education minor, because I have really enjoyed my practicums and student teaching, but I do wish I had planned accordingly so that I could have studied abroad. It is difficult to do with the Education minor, but definitely not impossible.

Q: What was your favorite class at McDaniel?

A: I think my favorite class was Dr. Miller's Reading in the Content Areas 1 and 2. She was just such a fun and energetic professor that it made the course my favorite. It is impossible to be in a bad mood in her class!

Q: What advice would you give to incoming freshmen?

A: Study abroad! And PLAN PLAN PLAN with your advisor so you can graduate on time!

Julia Jeanne Saunders

Q: What is your favorite thing about McDaniel?

A: My crazy group of friends. We all met freshman year and have been a family ever since. McDaniel would not be the same for me without everyone of them.

Q: What is your least favorite thing about McDaniel?

A: It could seem so small that sometimes I felt like we did the same things all the time. Which we did.

Q: What is your most embarrassing moment at McDaniel?

A: I'm easily embarrassed, so everyday of my life.

Q: What, if anything, do you wish you could redo during your time here?

A: I honestly wouldn't change a thing.

Q: What was your favorite class at McDaniel?

A: Editing & Desktop Publishing with Julia Jasken

Q: What advice would you give to incoming freshmen?

A: That you'll never laugh harder than you do in college so don't be ashamed to snort.

Memories on the Hill...



Jennifer Sandler

English major

- Q:** What has been your favorite experience linked to McDaniel?
- A:** Being a peer mentor. It's been the most challenging and rewarding endeavor I've undertaken in college. I'm proud to call many of my former mentees friends.
- Q:** Your most embarrassing moment at McDaniel?
- A:** Involves me repeatedly telling any and everyone to "don't think less of me!" I will leave it at that
- Q:** Your proudest moment?
- A:** Giving my Senior Seminar presentation. College taught me that my career goals to be a college professor, but giving a lecture on my paper was kind of my first foray into teaching people about a literary topic. I was unbelievably nervous going into it, but the presentation was exhilarating. And so many of my friends came (some even cut class to come).
- Q:** What was your favorite class at McDaniel? Why?
- A:** College Choir. I love my department and being an English major, but music helps keep me sane. Choir is consistently a class I've gone to because I wanted to, not because I felt it was every an obligation. Singing is a unifying and therapeutic experience for me.
- Q:** What advice would you give to incoming freshmen?
- A:** Make McDaniel your second home. You're going to spend the majority of your next few years here, so it needs to be somewhere you actually want to be. Make friends and get involved in something you're passionate about.



COURTESY JENNIFER SANDLER

Left to right: seniors Jennifer Sandler, Leah Beck, Anastasia Zenner, MJ Alexander, Lauren Hill, Ananda Craoe, Laura Davis, and Rachael Steock of Phi Mu celebrate at their formal.

Stephanie Anne Mackoul

communication major

- Q:** What is your favorite thing about McDaniel?
- A:** The small classes that let you get to know your professor
- Q:** What is your least favorite thing about McDaniel?
- A:** The math proficiency required test all graduating seniors must have passed.
- Q:** What is your most embarrassing moment at McDaniel?
- A:** When I thought we didn't have classes during Midterms like Final Exams.
- Q:** What, if anything, do you wish you could redo during your time here?
- A:** Not changing my major and just went through with my first pick, and not having to do 5 years of college.
- Q:** What was your favorite class at McDaniel?
- A:** THE-1113 02 Acting
- Q:** What advice would you give to incoming freshmen?
- A:** 1. Know what your major is going to be by the end of freshman year.
2. Attend every class don't miss more than 2 classes cause those are probably the notes you will need to study for a test, but you didn't get them cause you weren't in class.
3. Don't do anything embarrassing your freshman year. McDaniel is as small as a high school your rep stays with you all four years.

Sarah Catherine Crum

Social Work

- Q:** What is your favorite experience linked to McDaniel?
- A:** Having great roommates and making lifelong friends out of them, even though living together can get hard sometimes.
- Q:** What is your least favorite thing about McDaniel?
- A:** McDaniel is such a small school that everyone knows the dirt on each other.
- Q:** What is your most embarrassing moment at McDaniel?
- A:** When have I not had an embarrassing moment here? My life is a series of awkward moments...
- Q:** What was your proudest moment?
- A:** My proudest moment came when I finally made Dean's List. My mom cried because she was shocked and proud, and my dad shaved off his beard that he's had for 15 years.
- Q:** What was your favorite class at McDaniel?
- A:** "The Family" with Dr. Rees. It was the class that made me decide I wanted to be a Social Work major.
- Q:** What advice would you give to incoming freshmen?
- A:** Get creative when it comes to Glar. Also, open up your mind and try new things. It's also good to not let yourself get too stressed over work, it's not the end of the world.

Leah Beck

English major, secondary education minor

- Q:** What is your favorite thing about McDaniel?
- A:** Phi Mu, and the awesome English department faculty
- Q:** What is your least favorite thing about McDaniel?
- A:** parking, ugh
- Q:** What is your most embarrassing moment at McDaniel?
- A:** Probably one of the many times I fell down different flights of stairs and sprained my ankle. It's happened more than once.
- Q:** What, if anything, do you wish you could redo during your time here?
- A:** I wouldn't change a thing
- Q:** What was your favorite class at McDaniel?
- A:** In search of Dracula Jan-Term trip (stronghand), or anything with Dr. Mary
- Q:** What advice would you give to incoming freshmen?
- A:** Stop worrying and just enjoy, you don't get this time back.



Left to right: seniors Laura Davis and Leah Beck.

COURTESY LEAH BECK

Tara Lynea McKinney

business administration and accounting major

- Q:** What is your favorite experience linked to McDaniel?
- A:** Being a part of the greek system. It gave me a family away from home!
- Q:** What is your least favorite experience linked to your college tenure?
- A:** All of the papers!
- Q:** Your most embarrassing moment at McDaniel?
- A:** Greek Week '08- When I was the torturee in the Torture Relay.
- Q:** Your proudest moment?
- A:** Getting my bid into Phi Sigma Sigma.
- Q:** What was your favorite class at McDaniel? Why?
- A:** Professor Carter's marketing class. He is such a great and interesting professor and the project was very fun and interesting to do!
- Q:** What advice would you give to the incoming freshmen?
- A:** Get involved! The more things you are involved in the more people you meet and the better your experience will be!



COURTESY TARA MCKINNEY

Left to right: Cristina Cone, Jarine Volz, Jennifer Holt, Tara Russell, Samantha Scheeman, Tara McKinney, Sarah Fisher, Jamie Patterson, and Mary Kate Klocko at the wall outside of Blanche.

Amy Marie Myers

psychology major, psychology minor

- Q:** What is your favorite experience linked to McDaniel?
- A:** Having met a floormate and classmate on Day 1 as a stranger and forming a friendship over the past four years that will last forever. ILY Bee.
- Q:** What is your least favorite experience linked to your college tenure?
- A:** The complete lack of snow days!
- Q:** Your most embarrassing moment at McDaniel?
- A:** Spilling coffee in front of what seemed like everyone on campus in Glar, and then almost falling on my butt because of it.
- Q:** Your proudest moment?
- A:** When I finally figured out what I wanted to do with my life.
- Q:** What was your favorite class at McDaniel? Why?
- A:** Dr. Raley's Sociology of Sexuality -- because not only did it always wake me up to talk about sex early in the morning, but it changed my perspective about so many issues. She's a great professor.



COURTESY CARLA SCHWAGER

Senior Carla Schwager (right) enjoys an O's game with friends.

Laura Brianne Kurrle

history major, Arabic language and studies, psychology minor

- Q:** What is your favorite experience linked to McDaniel?
- A:** Eating dinner and laughing with my closest friends in Glar.
- Q:** What is your least favorite experience linked to your college tenure?
- A:** Stressing over a paper that I had only dreamed was assigned!
- Q:** Your proudest moment?
- A:** Presenting my history colloquium paper at the Phi Alpha Theta conference.
- Q:** What is your favorite class at McDaniel? Why?
- A:** My Arabic classes! Carol is a fantastic teacher and after two years together everyone in the class is a friend!
- Q:** What advice would you give to the incoming freshmen?
- A:** Enjoy your time at college, the four years will go by faster than you could ever imagine!

Carla Schwager

psychology major

- Q:** What is your favorite experience linked to McDaniel?
- A:** Being in the Vagina Monologues. The girls I worked with have been amazing. It was an *incredibly rewarding experience that will be remembered for the rest of my life.*
- Q:** What is your least favorite experience linked to your college tenure?
- A:** The food served in Glar. I apologize sincerely to the staff for insulting their culinary skills but, the food for the most part, was not appetizing. I did appreciate the efforts of the salad lady.
- Q:** Your most embarrassing moment at McDaniel?
- A:** Purging my breakfast outside of my 9:10 class because I was searching for the bathroom for almost a minute and couldn't control it anymore. Luckily, no one saw me. I thought I was in the clear but then class let out, and I saw everyone stepping over it. I was humiliated but followed the crowd hoping I didn't look guilty.
- Q:** Your proudest moment?
- A:** Getting straight A's for the first time. That was pretty awesome. And passing statistics.
- Q:** What was your favorite class at McDaniel? Why?
- A:** It was undeniably Sociology of Sexuality. Dr. Sara Raley teaches with such enthusiasm and excitement, its hard not to love it. You can't forget the frank conversations about topics like pornography, female orgasm, or the racial implications observed from the packaging of the dildo.
- Q:** What advice would you give to incoming freshmen?
- A:** Use your resources. Do not be afraid to talk to your professors. They are human beings and can understand that there may be things you do not understand throughout the course. Use the library and the databases it provides. Get involved in groups to meet people with common interests.



Laura Hutton

political science and history major

Q: What is your favorite experience linked to McDaniel?

A: My favorite McDaniel experience was the opportunity to study abroad in Heidelberg and Budapest.

Q: What is your least favorite experience linked to your college tenure?

A: My least favorite part of the McDaniel experience is that it went by way too quickly.

Q: Your proudest moment?

A: My proudest moments are tied to the swim team. I dropped over 2 seconds in my 100 freestyle during my last race junior year before leaving for Hungary. This year, during Centennial Conference Championships, I was able to end my season with all best times.

Q: What was your favorite class at McDaniel? Why?

A: I really enjoyed the classes I took with Dr. Dobson.

Q: What advice would you give to the incoming freshmen?

A: Study Abroad!!!



Left to right: seniors Laura Hutton and Stef McCole hang out in the kitchen.

COURTESY LAURA HUTTON

Amanda Gushard-Edwards

Q: What is your favorite experience linked to McDaniel?

A: My favorite experience linked to McDaniel is meeting all of the amazing people that I hope to keep in contact with the rest of my life.

Q: What is your least favorite experience linked to your college tenure?

A: Homework

Q: Your most embarrassing moment at McDaniel?

A: Falling on the ice on my way to class and having to go to class with wet pants because I was already late and could not go back to my room.

Q: Your proudest moment?

A: Getting initiated into Phi Sigma Sigma

Q: What was your favorite class at McDaniel? Why?

A: French class because that is where my roomie and I met!!!

Q: What advice would you give to incoming freshmen?

A: Don't listen to anyone but yourself and have as much fun as you can because you only get to do college once (well at least we hope so.)

Annastasia Zenner

biology major, psychology minor

Q: What is your favorite thing about McDaniel?

A: The campus community and my Sisters of Phi Mu.

Q: What is your least favorite thing about McDaniel?

A: Well, I don't have any complaints, other than I am leaving my friends after graduation.

Q: What is your most embarrassing moment at McDaniel?

A: A total wipe-out on the steps by Hill Hall after an ice storm one winter.

Q: What, if anything, do you wish you could redo during your time here?

A: I wish I made time to study abroad one semester to further my French language skills.

Q: What was your favorite class at McDaniel?

A: Chinese Calligraphy, and Tropical Marine Biology.

Q: What advice would you

give to incoming freshmen?

A: There are so many wonderful opportunities for students to study abroad; sign up for a Jan-Term trip and travel during Spring Break.



Annastasia Zenner snorkeling in the Bahamas.
COURTESY ANNASTASIA ZENNER

...Keep em' Coming!

Kayon Williams

sociology major, forensic science and biology minor
Q: What is your favorite experience linked to McDaniel?
A: I have so many I don't know which to share, but my favorite involves my internship through the Sociology department, mentoring Middle School girls. The program gave me the opportunity to network and build on my leadership skills. By working with these girls I learned a lot about who I am, my strengths and my weakness. It was just a great and an unforgettable experience that I'm grateful I was able to be apart of.

Q: What is your least favorite experience linked to your college tenure?

A: Having to pull all nighters when I had things due on the same day, or during the same week. NOT FUN!

Q: Your most embarrassing moment at McDaniel?

A: My most embarrassing moment definitely has to be the worst experience when I sat in on a freshman class that was a hour long. I didn't realize I was in the wrong class until like 5 minutes after when I had no clue what the teacher was talking about, nor did I recognize the faces of any of the students in the class. I was too embarrassed to leave and since I also didn't want to draw more attention to myself I just stayed for the whole class period. In my defense, it was still the first week of classes so don't judge

Q: Your proudest moment?
A: Just having made it thus far. It wasn't always easy especially having to balance classes and homework, with my zillion jobs and extracurricular activities, but I survived!

Q: What was your favorite class at McDaniel? Why?
A: I actually liked most of my classes with the exception of having to write papers. I especially liked the classes that were hands on, for example Field Botany because we got the opportunity to go outside and explore our backyard. It was just tons of fun being outdoors rather than having to be lectured from PowerPoint which can sometimes be boring.

Q: What advice would you give to incoming freshmen?
A: Get involved, challenge yourself, and don't be afraid to step outside your comfort zone.



Left to right: seniors Siri Hiltz, Laura Descher, and Mary Beth Bounds.



Left to right: seniors Siri Hiltz, Sam Snider-Held, Laura Descher, and Emily Taylor.

Laura Descher

Political Science and French major

Q: What is your favorite experience linked to McDaniel?

A: Having my doppelganger for a roommate!

Q: What is your least favorite experience linked to your college tenure?

A: Living in Forlines when the sewage pipes under the foundation exploded... so gross.

Q: Your most embarrassing moment at McDaniel?

A: Dropping cups in Glar and watching them bounce around on the floor without being able to stop them, as the entire dining hall goes silent to hear it, will probably be the most embarrassing thing to happen to McDaniel students for generations to come.

Q: Your proudest moment?

A: Acting in and co-directing the Vagina Monologues, and knowing it makes a difference in the lives of women locally and around the world.

Q: What was your favorite class at McDaniel? Why?

A: There's no way I can pick just one. Politics of Developing Areas and Conflict Resolution (with Dr. Leahy and Dr. Khoury) helped me realize what direction I want to pursue after graduation. Water jogging is probably also at the top of the list just because it was so ridiculous.

Q: What advice would you give to incoming freshmen?

A: Get involved in everything, but leave yourself enough time to have fun.

Kristen Simmler

biology major, sociology minor

Q: What is your favorite experience linked to McDaniel?

A: Relay for Life and helping alumni at reunion weekend

Q: What is your least favorite experience linked to your college tenure?

A: Coin-operated washers and dryers! (wtf)

Q: What is your most embarrassing moment at McDaniel?

A: Walking back to my dorm at 3AM and falling on the ice and ripping my jeans, and falling into mud on top of that.

Q: Your proudest moment?

A: Finishing the honors program and getting inducted into ODK and Phi Beta Kappa

Q: What was your favorite class at McDaniel? Why?

A: Advanced Human Molecular Genetics; pertains to my future in medical school and was organized as a seminar with a lot of pertinent discussion

Q: What advice would you give to incoming freshmen?

A: Get involved in everything—if you have an inkling of interest, check it out



Kristen Simmler explains her biology senior poster at the presentation.

STAFF PHOTO

What they're up to next: Senior Profiles

In every school, and in every major, there are those few quiet but exceptional students that stand out and stick in the memory of those around them, or at least to their teachers.

Following are some of those students suggested by their departments for their character and scholarly commitment.



Senior Anja Jones with her senior poster, "Transcriptional and translational Analysis of psp1EN in Human Prostate Cancer."

Bio major to attend med school

ROSE ENEY
Co-Commentary Editor

Let's face it, graduating seniors these days hate the question "So what are you going to do when you leave school?" They do not know what they'll be doing a few months, let alone a few years from now.

Most panic at the thought; however, senior Anja Jones knows exactly where she wants to be in a few years—in the end of medical school and moving on to her residency.

This 21-year-old biology major/chemistry minor has big plans for her future, but still likes to live in the moment. Right now that moment is a time where she will graduate from McDaniel in a few days. It is a time that drives anyone to become nostalgic of their time spent as an undergraduate on The Hill.

Jones hails from Baltimore, MD and reluctantly decided to come to McDaniel almost four years ago. Though she was hesitant at first, she now says "I can't have seen myself going anywhere else."

Throughout her time spent on campus Jones has become a member of several honor societies, but the one membership she cherishes the most is in Gamma Sigma Sigma service sorority. She believes that being a part of this organization has helped her learn a great deal about herself and others, and has helped her give back to the community.

As for her favorite thing about McDaniel, Jones reflects on the size of the campus. She says that the school is small enough to establish close relationships with friends and professors, but big enough so that you do not know every single person.

Thankfully the size of the campus allowed Jones to form a bond with Dr. Michael Rosenthal of the chemistry department in her first two years. Ever since that time she has been encouraged by his advice and direction.

As we all have, she has made her fair share of good (and bad) memories here, but her favorite times are when she and her roommates stay up late at night just talking. This is one of the things she will miss the most upon graduation.

Though she acknowledges that staying up until all hours of the night may not always be a good thing, Jones's overall advice to students who are not graduating is to "Enjoy every day here and take your classes seriously."

She further points to the fact that time flies by fast and college is over before you have time to notice it. "I know everyone says this, but it's true," exclaims Jones. Her last piece of advice—make the best of every single aspect of your time on The Hill.

History major joins Teach for America

CLAYTON ROSA
Staff Reporter

"I got up early, dressed for my EPE class that began on a Tuesday, walked to Gill, sat down in class with the other students and waited for class to start," remarks April Christina Curley '09, "until one of the students came to me and let me know that I was in the wrong class and that my EPE actually started that coming Thursday."

Curley lamented, "They were preparing to take their final that day."
Curley, a History major with minors in African-American Studies and Spanish, recalls her favorite memory at McDaniel, ironically being one for history.

After spending a tiring fourteen plus hours volunteering with McDaniel's Help America Vote Act at the polls, Curley was headed home to her North Village apartment. Enthusiasm and encouraged, Curley intently watched the polls begin to close as the voting came in.

"The night of November 4th, 2008 when my Black president made history," commented Curley. "My house went crazy as did much of the campus," remembers Curley as she recalls partaking in the festivities on Memorial Square along with many more students. "I will never forget that day."

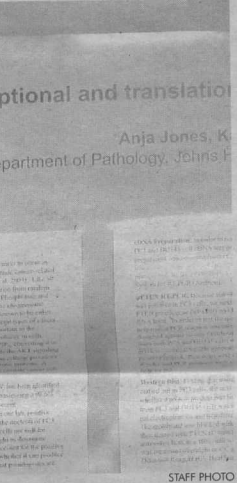
Curley, who has had her ups and downs at McDaniel, credits her growth to several strong women who became her mentors in varying degrees. "Ms. Zephia Bryant, Ms. Lisa Caspar, Dr. Johnson-Ross, Dr. Harlow," Curley unhesitatingly proclaims.

"They have all stepped in place while my family has been overseas. All of these women have set an example of what it means to be persevering, kind, loving, successful, motivated, and a leader," exclaims Curley.

Curley has been selected as a teacher in the Teach for America program. She is heading to an elementary school classroom in Baltimore city. Shortly thereafter, Curley hopes to attend Harvard Law School.

A self-described cloaked Teena Marie fan, Curley is less than a month from graduation. With both feet beginning to exit McDaniel and enter the world, Curley's advice to those who still have years to go at McDaniel is simple.

"Step outside your comfort zone, it is the only way you will grow. I was forced to do so for four years. This caused me to defend my positions, educate others, but most importantly to hear others' points of view and become more accepting and appreciative of differences."
And the best way to do this, Curley explained, "Get to know someone who is different than you."



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Senior April Christina Curley fondly remembers her time at McDaniel. COURTESY APRIL CHRISTINA CURLEY

Department has high hopes for this senior English major

KATIE SMITH
Staff Reporter



Seniors Devon Brackbill and Jennifer Sandler, who have been friends since freshman year, at Spring Fling.

Planted in the audience during a class presentation on Dante's Inferno, Devon Brackbill was unable to recite his only line because of his uncontrollable laughter.

"Nancy Palmer, our professor, started laughing, too... Devon seems to lack the ability to laugh and breathe simultaneously, so he's turning all sorts of shades of red, while Nancy is at the head of the table crying, and no one in our group knows what to do," his friend Jennifer Sanders recalls.

Upon first meeting Brackbill, one would not expect such uncontrollable laughter to erupt out of his unassuming demeanor. An English and philosophy double major, he will be graduating this May after four years of hard work, and a bit of laughter as well.

During his time at McDaniel, he has been quite busy. As a double major completing two senior seminars this year, Brackbill says, "School pretty much consumes my life."

Brackbill says he decided to pursue a double major almost by accident. Starting out as an English major, he says he "stumbled into" philosophy because he wanted to study something that included critical thinking and logic.

Both critical thinking and logic seem to come naturally to Brackbill.

"When I'd call on Devon to answer some particularly thorny question, he'd respond in his considered, methodical way, working step by step, his

comprehension deepening and the concept maturing. By the end of his answer, everyone in the class was smarter," says Dr. Kate Dobson, one of Brackbill's professors.

Sandler would surely agree with Dobson's assessment. "I value his opinions and advice because I know he always takes the time to seriously consider the issues people put in front of him," she says.

When not doing schoolwork, Brackbill says he has been a writing tutor, the co-editor of Contrast magazine, and a member of both the Philosophy Club and Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.

As co-editor of Contrast magazine, Brackbill's character earned him the respect of his peers. According to Dobson, during the magazine's staff meetings he makes sure to hear others out while still keeping the meeting on track because ultimately, people listen to what he has to say.

"After all, it will be the product of deep and grounded thought. Why wouldn't someone listen?" Dobson says.

This fall, Brackbill plans to attend Penn State for a graduate program studying English with a focus on rhetoric. He says he wants to study how people are persuaded by movies, the written word, etc.

Upon completing his education at Penn State, Brackbill hopes to become a college professor.

Dobson has high hopes for Brackbill's future. "In 5 years, Devon will be writing his dissertation. In 10, he will be a professor and a serious scholar presenting at national conferences on rhetoric and language. I'll buy his first book... I want to know what he has to say," she says.

Psych major boasts achievements in and out of the classroom

NICK BRUNNER
Staff Reporter

Exciting, successful, unforgettable—all help illustrate Jennifer Holt's time spent at McDaniel College. A Psychology major and Spanish minor, Jennifer has found her name on the Deans list and the McDaniel Honors Program numerous times throughout her college career thanks to all of her hard work. She has also compiled enough scholastic achievements and awards to fill up an entire newspaper.

What makes Jen such a special member of the McDaniel community, however, goes far beyond what she has accomplished in the classroom. Jen has been a highly active member of Phi Sigma Sigma since 2006. She has held numerous leadership positions, none more prestigious than she held until just a few weeks ago, Archon-President.

Even though Jennifer has been such an active member of Phi Sigma Sigma, she has somehow still found the time to be involved in so many other programs and organizations during her time on the Hill. As part of the Cheerleading squad since 2005, Jen has held the position of captain and represented the team as a student government representative. She has also held leadership positions in the

Trumpets Leadership Society, Psi Chi—Psychology Honor Society, Inter-Greek Council, and St Jude's Up 'Til Dawn Executive Committee. And when it comes to other clubs and organizations she has been a part of, the list goes on and on.

Jen thanks her Phi Sigma Sigma sisters for some of her most cherished memories. She says, "My favorite memories have been with my sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma. Joining Greek life was the absolute best thing that I could have ever done. I have enjoyed every minute of it. It has not only allowed me lifelong friendships with young women that I consider to be my best friends, but it has also offered me leadership positions, philanthropic opportunities, and so many chances to grow as an individual. If not for my membership in Phi Sigma Sigma I would not be the person that I am today. I will forever be grateful for my decision to join—it has really positively changed my life."

Jen wants to thank her three most influential mentors at McDaniel, Paul Mazzeroff for all that he did as her undergraduate advisor, Mich Alexander for his ability to meet the needs of McDaniel students with fun activities and always doing it with a contagious smile on his face, and finally, Amanda Rose for her down-to-earth guidance as advisor of Greek life.

Jen is a very family and goal oriented individual. After she graduates she plans to attend graduate school, pursue a career that she really enjoys, and eventually start a family and become a mother because she truly loves children. Many years down the road, when it's all said and done, she wants to be able to look back on her life and be happy on all that she has accomplished. However, twenty minutes after graduation Jennifer plans to be at a nice Italian restaurant with her family and closest friends just celebrating the graduation of her and her twin brother, Rob, who will also be graduating from McDaniel in a few weeks.

It's safe to say that when Jennifer walks across the stage at graduation, the McDaniel community will shed collective tears of both joy and sadness. Sad to see such a wonderful student and overall human being leave, but overjoyed to know that the best still lies ahead for this very special individual.

To all McDaniel students, current and future, Jen leaves the following, simple advice, "Live it up! The four years that you spend here will go by quicker than you ever expected. Get involved on campus and create a network and community for yourselves. Your college experience is what you make it—so makes it a great one!"



Senior Jen Holt sees her time with Phi Sigma Sigma as some of her best. COURTESY TARA MCKINNEY

If you feel down

We grow great by dreams. All big men are dreamers. They see things in the soft haze of a spring day or in the red fire of a long winter's evening. Some of us let these great dreams die, but others nourish and protect them; nurse them through bad days till they bring them to the sunshine and light which comes all ways to those who sincerely hope that their dreams will come true.

—Woodrow Wilson, Former US President

Semesters come and go but the dreams you develop over the years only get bigger as you move throughout life. When you add to our dreams, you add to your passion, which is added to your life until the end. Congratulations to the graduating class of 2009.

—Torreka Jordan, Class of 2009

pick this up

Sport Science minor aspires to microbiology

ALEX ROMAN
Staff Reporter

As graduation creeps closer and closer, senior Janice Watson recalls some of her favorite memories here at McDaniel College. The Biology major and Sport Science minor, sees herself in graduate school studying microbiology in five years, but not without the help of teacher/mentor Dr. Ralene Mitschler.

"Dr. Ralene Mitschler has been with me since I was in her freshman biology class. She is now my research advisor and I feel like I have grown tremendously under her guidance and friendship."
Her fondest time spent here at McDaniel College was freshman year, when she received the chance to go hiking with Dr. Marc and Dr. Moritz in beautiful Arizona. Janice does not recall any embarrassing moments, but guarantees that there were a few.

As well as attending graduate school in five years, Janice also wants to begin starting a family. Family seems to play an important role in Janice's life for when asked what she would be doing twenty minutes after graduation she stated that she would probably be taking pictures with family and friends.

Some things you may not know about Janice Watson is that she says she has seen just about every episode of The X-Files, and she is one of the only people on campus that uses a Linux operating system instead of a Mac or Windows. Also in the fall, she plans to move in with her boyfriend where he is currently living in England.

The most important advice she could give to the current students at McDaniel College is to "get out and try new things. Join clubs and take classes just to take them. Enjoy the time that you have here because it's gone before you know it."

More of McDaniel's Accomplished Seniors

Family counselling career calls Psychology major

ANGELA BALDWIN
Staff Reporter

"Make your college experience the best it can be," Samantha Baron, graduating McDaniel senior, advises.

Samantha definitely follows her own advice; she is involved in the Honors Program, Active Minds, Commuters Association, Eye to Eye, and Pi Gamma Mu. Not to mention she has been both president and treasurer of the Psychology Club, treasurer of the McDaniel Dance Company and general officer for Psi Chi.

Being so involved with psychology, it is no wonder that Samantha is a psychology major. She is not merely a psych major though, she is part of the 5 year counseling program. That means she had to start taking graduate classes her junior year and has an extra year of graduate courses after graduation!

It will be all worth the hard work when she

gets her license and becomes a family and marriage counselor though. With her plans all set, it is no surprise that she holds no deep fears about graduation. Samantha even comments, "I'm really excited! I'm so glad to be finished with undergrad."

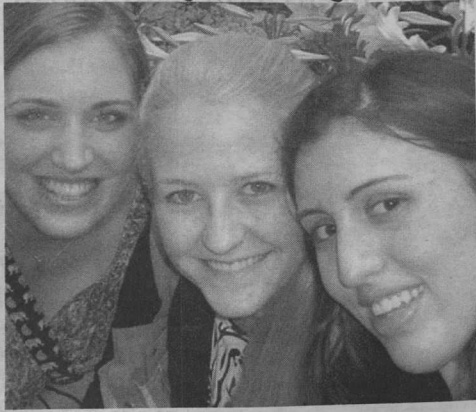
McDaniel will always be important to Samantha even when she graduates. She will never forget and always be glad she "got to meet so many new people" and to go to make "so many great friends."

She also will remember Dr. Madsen, her advisor, and Dr. Chalk, her capstone advisor, and how supportive they have been. "I really appreciate all that they have done for me," she says.

As Samantha concludes her undergraduate career, she advises students not graduating and students coming into McDaniel to "Take every opportunity you can because if you don't you might end up regretting it later in life. Don't miss it, you will get out of it what you put into it."

Seniors Kate Maloney, Samantha Baron, and Danielle Lombardi enjoy the day together.

COURTESY SAMANTHA BARON



A Herb Smith lecture brought poli-sci senior to McDaniel

JOEY STEINBERG
Staff Reporter

A learner, a friend, and a partier can all describe senior Shane Brinegar.

Brinegar is a political science major who decided to come to McDaniel after he attended a student leadership conference and heard Dr. Herb Smith give a lecture. The lecture was so enticing and moving, Brinegar said, he knew he wanted to go to college on "the Hill."

Smith remains Shane's favorite professor and one of his biggest mentors here on campus. Brinegar says that Smith "really puts his students first," and Brinegar considers "Herb as a friend."

For some people, it's hard to see Brinegar as the partying type. But he admits that he once had a few too many beers and was driving his wheelchair around Decker. He tried to go out the door but just ran into it, knocking the door clean off the frame.

Drunk driving is serious, even in wheelchairs. The most challenging class Brinegar took—and he has taken many—was Media and Politics with Terry Dalton. Because the course was cross-listed with English, Brinegar said he had to look more at textual details and learn how to do more analysis. "I had to re-read and re-read books," Brinegar said.

Like many seniors, Brinegar is definitely happy to be graduating. "I have learned valuable social skills and academically excelled here at McDaniel," Brinegar said. "But I am ready to move on with life."

His next move will be to attend Lutheran Theology Seminary where he hopes to get his masters and doctorate degrees. Eventually he would like to teach religious studies at the college level.



ROTC senior finds inspiration to continue in fiancée

JOHN WATMAN
Staff Reporter

Dan is always hard at work around campus, whether in the gym or classroom; he is always looking to better himself and achieve great things so he can lead a healthy and fun life.

Dan Gonski is a senior at McDaniel College who is in ROTC and is getting ready to commission and become an officer in the United States Army in a few short weeks.

"My proudest accomplishment at McDaniel College is attaining my Bachelors Degree in Exercise Science," says Gonski.

You may wonder where one finds the time to fulfill ROTC obligations while maintaining academic success and a positive social life. Dan says himself, "The biggest challenge that I have encountered at McDaniel College was learning to balance

my ROTC commitment with my academic commitment to be successful at both." Along with this challenge, Dan, has had a hard time learning how to accept failure, such as failing the Army Physical Fitness Test, making his road in college a rather tough one, because failure happens.

Dan, however, found his inspiration to never give up in the form of who is now his fiancée, Lauren Wyble. Lauren was the only person that inspired and challenged me because she was the one who showed me

that you have choices in life and that you do not always have to follow the path that was laid for you but you have the opportunity to make your own."

A couple fun facts about Dan that most people didn't know, is that he lived in Germany for three years, and that he hates lima beans. Well, I guess now Lauren knows what to

for dinner if Dan makes her mad! Sorry Dan, you just tell her you gave them up for lent and that you do not want to give into temptation and eat them. That should work.

For everyone graduating College a huge world of opportunities opens up to them, and it is often exciting to see where they end up.

Dan says "In two years my life is going to hopefully take me to graduate school and be married."

In two to four years he "hopes to have a job working in a hospital managing a therapy department and have at least one kid," and in five to ten years Gonski hopes "to have two children and [be] living in my own house."

I wish Dan and Lauren the best of luck in their future, and hopefully a piece of McDaniel will always remain with them.

Dan, you will be missed, keep your chin up and your hopes high. From the McDaniel crew. "Later Bro."

Free Press seniors bid Hill adieu

CAITLYN FLYNN
Staff Reporter

Like legendary journalists like Mark Twain, Ernest Hemingway, Hunter Thompson, Nellie Bly, and H.L. Mencklen, a talented group of journalism heroes will be graduating McDaniel College this coming May, leaving their legends and stories behind.

As the 2008-2009 school year winds down, senior journalists here on the Hill take their last Terry Dalton classes, write their final stories for The McDaniel Free Press, and prepare themselves for the real world of journalism, wherever that may take them.

The McDaniel Free Press decided to conduct a survey for these graduating journalists, who include Ryan Chell, Julia Saunders, Laura Hutton, Christina Hinkle, Christopher Ferrick-Manley, Rose Eney, Garrett Eagan, Emily Biondo, Jen Noel, Andrew Velosky, Kate Maloney, and Katie Smith.

As with every senior, these students wanted to share their fondest memories, what they learned, and what inspired them on their journey through writing and reporting the news during their college career. These students all indicated that they would not be where they are now without those who guided them along the way.

Journalism minor and section editor of the Free Press Rose Eney says that her inspiration for writing has come from Dr. Kate Dobson's Advanced Composition class. "It really helped me to take a step back and look critically at my writing," says

Eney. Students like sports editor for the Free Press Garrett Eagan and co-editor Christopher Ferrick-Manley both agree that former Free Press editor in chief Mike Habegger inspired them in their writing.

"He really allowed me free reign with a lot of my stories and things I wanted to pursue," says Eagan.

Each student's love of journalism stems from different areas, and has open many doors for opportunity while at McDaniel. When asked what their most rewarding and memorable experience has been as a journalist, a variety of answers were given.

Communication major and reporter for the Free Press Ryan Chell says that his greatest accomplishment has been working with The Carroll County Times, where he has covered Raven's games. He notes, however, that one of his favorite stories he has written for the Free Press was one introducing Coach Bob Flynn to the McDaniel community his freshman year. He plans on keeping his job at The Carroll County Times as well as helping out the McDaniel Free Press after he graduates.

Jen Noel, an English major and Free Press reporter who writes the Lighter Side column for the paper says, "I think my most rewarding experiences are documenting events that are important to students. Once you put it in print, it's forever."

Seniors Noel and Eney also add that if they knew then what they know now, they would have been involved in the Free Press and other areas of campus media from the beginning. They enjoyed

the experience there, and it definitely opened a lot of doors to further their experience.

So where will this talented group of seniors go from here?

"I would love to travel the world and report on what I see," says Laura Hutton, a Political Science major and journalism minor.

However, she points out that because the internships and jobs are so scarce, this plan may have to be put on hold. Some seniors, however, still see themselves pursuing journalism after graduation despite the lack of positions.

"Hopefully I will start at the bottom and work my way to the top," says Eagan. "ESPN awaits me. I have to start somewhere."

Noel also has hopes of doing the same. "My plan is to find a plan that works," says Noel. "That could definitely include journalism."

The final question of the survey somewhat hits more of a sentimental note, asking what some of the best things are that they have learned from the journalism experience so far.

The first response was from Eagan, who simply said that the best thing he learned is that "Lisa Beeslin is a saint."

Others like Eney said that she learned there are always means of improving, because nothing we write is perfect.

"I don't know who told me this," says Chell, "but the first thing I learned about journalism is to and if you do, you're going to find that journalism is not always rewarding."

Seniors Acting lures Environmental Policy student

CASEY CROUGH
Staff Reporter

He can juggle, doesn't like shoes and takes any opportunity to be barefoot, and considers himself a Parrothead (for those of you who don't know, that's a Jimmy Buffet fan).

Who is this interesting student? Jim Dyson is one of the many seniors who will be graduating this year.

Yet, looking back at the past four years, Dyson has not only grown as a leader on this campus, but also as a friend to many members of the McDaniel community.

Dyson will be graduating with a major in Environmental Policy, and a minor in Theatre Arts.

In both of his fields of studies, Dyson has encountered several professors, and since McDaniel College is famous for changing lives, who has affected Jim the most?

"There are so many, its hard to choose just one. But if I had to, I'd definitely say that Elizabeth van den Berg has been a mentor to me," explained Dyson.

"She was my acting professor freshman year, and I have worked with her as her TA in a few iterations of Acting," continued Dyson.

Dyson not only worked with Van den Berg as a professor, but with other McDaniel functions outside of the classroom.

"I was also able to work with her at Theatre on the Hill two years ago and at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival this past year," said Dyson.

"I know that I have learned a good deal from her," Dyson concluded.

Yet, our institution teaches us more than academics; McDaniel provides each student with the opportunity to express his or her individuality.

"When asked to recall a favorite memory, Dyson recollected sailing in the Bahamas with the boy scouts of America, and just college in general.

But, with every good memory, there are also those that can be embarrassing.

"I once had a microphone taken away from me at a karaoke event," Dyson recalled.

Every memory from Dyson's college experience has helped him grow into the incredible young man he is today.

Whether it's 20 minutes or five years after Dyson graduates, he is sure to be amongst family and friends.

So what advice does this soon to be alumni have for our undergraduates?

"You only go through undergrad once. Do it without regrets," said Dyson.

Writer's Note: I have had the honor of working with Jim in several theatre productions, and have

Wrestler looks to law school

BRENT LOWE
Staff Reporter

Courtney Nightingale was recruited to go to McDaniel College his senior year of high school as a wrestler out of Kansas, and has since made his mark as an athlete, a scholar and a person.

Nightingale, born out of Dodge City, decided to leave Sublette, Kansas and come to McDaniel for the scholarships and chance to wrestling. "I didn't dislike it back home," he says "there was just more opportunities here."

Nightingale is a Political Science Major with a concentration on American Politics. His accomplishments include being an active member in the Maryland Student Legislator, being in the law fraternity (Phi Alpha Delta) and the Social Science Honor Society (Pi Gamma Mu).

Nightingale says that his proudest accomplishment, however, was waiting until he was 21 to drink. "It was tough," he says "there was a lot of peer pressure but I dealt with it."

But Nightingale had his fun too, he recalls a story from his freshman year in which him and his friends captured a bat in their friend.

Zack Hetrick's, hometown and brought it back to school. "We hid it on a different floors common room so we wouldn't get caught with it." Nightingale said "the reason they went to check on "Napoleon" and found what looked like ground zero.

Apparently, in the night, someone had opened the box Napoleon was in (labeled "DO NOT OPEN, BAT INSIDE) and lost their minds.

"We didn't find a body among the flipped couches or ripped sheet, but the window was broken," recalls Nightingale, so he is hopeful Napoleon got away.

Nightingale says the end of the year for him is bittersweet. "I'm excited to turn over a new page in my life, but I'll miss the people that make McDaniel the great place it is."

Nightingale says his greatest athletic accomplishment is getting that first win "that I won the first match I ever wrestled, my first match in High School and my first match in College," says Courtney.

Nightingale is going to grad school at the University of Denver this fall to become a lawyer.



Senior Courtney Nightingale was a member of the wrestling team during his time on the Hill.

Washington state native gets involved and at home on the Hill

KATE DELRENCO
Co-Editor-in-Chief

The graduating class of 2009 at McDaniel College is facing a time in their lives that most probably couldn't even dream of until now. In a matter of days they will be receiving their diplomas from a school that many have spent their last four years changing, learning, and growing up at.

Senior, and double Spanish and Art History major, Siri Hiltz is one of those graduating on May 23. Hiltz has been busy in her four years on the hill and has impacted many people's lives including her closest friend over the past four years, Laura Descher. Hiltz and Descher have been roommates for three years and the duo became close when Descher lived directly above Hiltz in "Whiteford." "We would yell out the window to each other so we wouldn't have to climb the stairs," Hiltz recalled.

Hiltz has come a long way to McDaniel, originally from Vashon Island in Washington State. The island is about 15 minutes outside of Seattle and boat is the only way to get to or leave the island. However, just because Hiltz is not a native Marylander does not mean she did not involve herself in all sorts of organizations

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Seniors Laura Descher, Jennifer Sandler, and Siri Hiltz all dressed up.



Dyson was a member of the McDaniel improv group, Danger Sauce.

seen his fabulous work in the Environmental Science Department.

It has always been a pleasure to work with Jim; he keeps rehearsals professional and efficient, and it is truly apparent that he has a passion for

the Theatre Arts when he is performing. Not only is Jim a leader on campus; he is a true friend to those who get the honor to meet this young man. Congratulations on graduating Jim! Everyone is so proud of you.

SAM SECAL

COURTESY SIRI HILTZ

Some Ancient News...

A good look back: Funny, and important, newspaper quotes of '08-'09

BRENT LOWE
Staff Reporter

WELCOME ISSUE: Ten Reasons Studying Is Better Than Sex; A list of reasons to watch books not boobs, including "when you have a hard time studying you can ask your roommate for help"

SEPT 11: Armed Rouzer Robbery Ends In Prison Sentence; Buglers were caught this July for an armed robbery pulled off in Rouzer early last year

SEPT 25: Elections for Freshmen Class President Botched; Turns out an election ending in a three-way tie for Freshmen President was illegally short to start with. Matthew Berubue was later declared the winner



SEPT 25 - Skylor Snead examines posters advertising SGA candidates.

OCT 9: Debate Fallacy Bingo; Philosophy Students take a logical look at the Presidential debates by replacing bingo numbers with false statements from candidates

OCT 9 - Courtney Nightengale watches the debate waiting for a logical fallacy.



OCT 30: War and Peace Down on Main Street; Protesters and Supporters for the War gather along Main Street once a year to protest

NOV 14: Life Saving Organ Donor; McDaniel employee Susan Dorsey, Associate Director of Student Academic Support Services, saves the life of her friend of 40 years by giving her a kidney

DEC 4: The Four House Closes Its Doors; The much beloved coffee house closed its doors on November 12



DEC 4 - Due to financial troubles, the Four House closes business.

FEB 19: Police Dept Identify the Hit and Run Suspect; The man suspected of killing McDaniel college student Thomas Rouleau was identified as Gabriel Bibbs and placed with a truck load of charges

FEB 19 - The loss of Thomas Rouleau reaches all corners of the campus.



MARCH 5: Recession Hits the Hill; McDaniel College begins feeling the pains of the recession, claims it won't affect college tuition or financial aid

APRIL 3: Hit-and-Run Suspect in Custody; The man accused of hitting and killing Thomas Rouleau was finally arrested in New York and is set to go to trial on March 30

APRIL 23: Arabic Language Students Petition for a Minor; Arabic students petition and fight for a Minor in the Arabic Language (later were successful)

2009 Senior Awards

The following seniors were honored at the Honors and Investiture Convocation on May 3.

Malcolm L. Melzer Psychology Award	Carla Felice Schwager	Hugh Barnette Spein, Jr. Prize	Laura Brienne Kuttle
Frank and Margaret Malone Award for Excellence in a Foreign Language	Mary Elizabeth Bounds (French) Rachel A. Pyles Sarah Colleen Brackbill (German)	Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award	NOT GIVEN
Michael & Polly Beaver Award for Excellence in Education	Kara Faith Miller	M. Louise Shipley Art Award of Excellence	Emily Lauren Biondo
Clyde A. Spicer Award	Wesley Elizabeth Mann	Eloise B. & Lowell S. Ensor Memorial Award for Graduate or Professional Study	Devon Lee Brackbill
Makosky Award for Excellence in English	Devon Lee Brackbill Jennifer Greer Sandler	Class of 1938 Award for Excellence in Music	Justine Lillian Koonz
Philip & Azalea Myers Award for Creativity in English	Rachel A. Pyles	Reuben Holthaus Award in Philosophy	Alexander David Lehmer
David Brian Cross Memorial Award for Achievement in Mathematics	David Grant Grimes	Robert Joseph Weber Award for Excellence in Political Science and International Studies	Mary Elizabeth Bounds
H.P. Sturdivant Biology Award	Adam Carl Pritchard	Award for Excellence in Chemistry or Biochemistry	Thao Lan Phuong Tran
Eather Smith Award	Amber Haarte Maurer	Richard A. Clower Award for Excellence in Exercise	Michelle Lynn Fluty
Phi Delta Gamma Award	Tara Marie Russell	McLuhan Award for Excellence in Communication	Paul Andrew O'Sullivan
United States History Award	Kimberly Ann Staub Christin Virginia Thomas	Joan Develin Coley Award for Excellence in Education	Kara Faith Miller
		Maria Leonard Senior Book Award	Stuart Montgomery Clarke
		Vox magna clara Award	Melissa Lynn Stickle

The Free Press would like to offer their

CONGRATULATIONS!

to the graduating class of 2009.

Good Luck!