WELCOME
Class of 2016
Hello First Year students and welcome to the McDaniel community!

I remember being in your position just a few years ago, with the excitement of a clean slate and the ability to do whatever I wanted to do and be whomever I wanted to be.

One of the easiest ways to feel a connection to your new home at McDaniel is getting involved on campus. Do what you love while meeting other people who share the same interests.

I'm inviting you to join the McDaniel Free Press! As a part of the student newspaper, you will have the opportunity to combine all your interests. Cover sports events, write investigative articles, or review plays at the theater. Write as often as your schedule allows. We also have positions available for web staff, blogging, layout, and copy editing.

For more information, come find us at the Involvement Fair in Red Square on August 29 from 5-7 p.m. You can also email me at kev001 with any questions.

Wishing you all the best this year,

Kaitlyn Vadena
Editor in Chief

McDaniel College Dictionary

KAITLYN VADENAI5

Route 140 – Westminster’s main road that has anything you could need from Target to 5 Guys to Michaels to 5 Below.

Advisor – a professor you chose to lead you on your college journey.

ANW – Albert Norman Ward Hall, a dorm for upperclassmen next to the gym.

Archway – an online portal for information such as your schedule, financial papers and academic records.

BlackBoard – an online supplement to the classroom where professors can input notes, assignments, and grades.

Camp – Nickname for the campus police, Campus Safety.

Decker – different from the auditorium, this is the building on campus that has everything a student will need.

DMC – Daniel MacLea Hall, a dormitory primarily for students in the Honors Program.

Dr. Rog – Dr. Roger Casey, the current president of McDaniel, bringer of swagger to campus.

Forum – a room on the first floor of Decker where different events are held.

Gardens – upperclassmen apartment-style housing.

Gill – also known as the gym, the Fitness Center.

Glar – nickname for Englar Dining Room.

Green Terror – the McDaniel mascot.

Hoover – the library.

OrgSync – the place to go to find out about events and clubs on campus.

Red Square – the nickname for Memorial Plaza, aka the center of campus.

Rice Gallery – the art exhibit on campus displaying both student and local artwork.

ROTC – the army-affiliated military branch on campus.

SASS – Student Academic Support Services located in Academic Hall.

Elbow – a professor you chose to lead you on your college journey.

FORUM

Dorm Food Essentials

BRANDON DULANEY

Freshman year is the time when one learns how to adapt. There’s always something to do at the dorm, but if you’re not prepared, there isn’t always something to eat. Driving somewhere to obtain food isn’t an option – no cars for freshmen! The hours for Englar Dining Hall don’t always fit to your schedule and the pub closes at 12 AM.

So you may ask yourself, “What do I do then?” The answer is simple: prepare yourself.

There are some definite essentials when it comes to dorm food; for example, the classic Ramen Noodles. They aren’t fooling around when they tell you it’s good for late nights. They will satisfy your late night hunger wholly. But when it comes to hot food, soup isn’t the only option.

Another cheap option for late night hot food is Easy Mac. Nowadays they even make Velveeta and Ham Hamburger Helper microwavable packs. Pick these up at the store for about a dollar and enjoy later when you need it most.

“These are all great late night meals,” you may say, “but what about snacks?” The daytime munchies will hit routinely, and you need to be prepared. There is nothing better to appease your stomach than your favorite crackers, Goldfish, Wheat Thins, Triscuits, you name it. Cookies too, like Nilla Wafers, Chips Ahoy, and Oreos.

Chips work for any time of day; grab a variety pack of chips for the room and Chow on them whenever you need a quick snack. Variety is always good; you never know what you’ll be in the mood for!

Everyone loves to relax. Watching movies with friends is great after a long day’s work. What goes best with movies? Popcorn! Make sure you bring plenty of popcorn to enjoy with you and your buds on late nights.

The morning requires something a little lighter, and healthier for that matter. If you don’t have time for breakfast, make sure you have a stash of granola bars ready. These treats are not only great for breakfast, but also good for a healthy dessert.

To finish everything off, make sure you have plenty of fluids. Water is the best option. In fact, the best thing you can do is buy a couple cases of water bottles for the dorm so you’re always in close proximity of healthy refreshment.

Any upperclassman will tell you that one of the most important things a freshman should prepare for is hunger. You’ll have a much less stressful and annoying time at college with a full stomach. Make sure you’re prepared to satisfy all your snacking needs.
Orientation is one of the most exciting, exhausting parts of freshman year. Between moving in, making new friends, and saying goodbye to loved ones, it's a lot to take in. McDaniel does a good job of helping you adjust to college life, but in case you're as overwhelmed as I was, here's what you should look forward to in the next few days:

After picking up your key and lots of freebies, head over to the “Community Service Plunge” Information Table. You’ll be able to sign up to participate in a local service project to help your fellow first year students. I remember helping clean the Boys and Girls Club right next door to campus—it was a rewarding way to make new friends.

The Introduction Convocation is a McDaniel College tradition marking the formal beginning of the academic year. The exciting part is when you get to ring the Old Main Bell, an action you will repeat upon completing your time at McDaniel College. The sad part is that soon after comes the time to say your goodbyes to whoever brought you here.

Day two is filled with placement tests, meetings with FYS groups, and floor meetings. Look forward to Karaoke Night to chill out after a long day of academia. But take it from me—“American Pie” is, like, fifty times longer than you think it is, and probably not the best song choice.

Friday is just as action-packed, but with a lot to look forward to. You’ll meet your advisor, attend your first FYS class, get your ID card, and attend Academic Department Receptions. Taken at face value, that can sound rather boring, but these receptions are a great way to gauge how well you fit into a certain discipline. I remember going to learn about the English department and feeling right at home—you’ll also be able to solidify your interests or even discover them!

When the campus shuttle comes to bring students to Target, I sure hope you’re on it, because it’s likely you a) forgot something important and b) don’t have a car. If you miss it, though, never fear; campus shuttles run most Saturdays to many Westminster locations.

In the evening, they’re showing “The Hunger Games.” Need I say more?

Most Saturday events are optional, but here’s some you won’t want to miss. I’m sure at this point in your experience you’ll be so tired of presentations, but you should seriously go to “Our World” to learn about the study abroad opportunities at McDaniel. At risk of sounding like a cliche, studying abroad at McDaniel’s sister campus in Budapest, Hungary was the single most exciting, eye-opening, enriching experience of my life. Most people I know who have studied abroad would agree with me.

That night, go to the Hypnosis event. You’ll probably laugh really hard. I know I did while watching my entranced friend attempt to rap in Japanese after translating a message from the aliens—something about saving the polar bears.

The culminating Orientation event is so popular that upperclassmen usually try to sneak in—Choices. It’s on Sunday night, but I can’t tell you much more about it. Just that it’s awesome.
Applications have been turned in, decisions have been made, diplomas have been handed out, and it's time to finally take the next big step: college. It's a new place with new people and it can be extremely overwhelming. However, drawing from my own first-year experiences, I would like to offer five things I found essential to surviving freshman year of college:

**GET ORGANIZED**

College is an awesome new place where you get to test the bounds of your independence. Parents aren't hovering over your shoulder, classes are not eight hours a day, and you get to decide how you're going to run your life, which all sounds great until you realize that all the responsibility to plan and stay focused is on your shoulders. The best way to avoid first-year stress is to get organized early. On the first day, almost every teacher hands out a syllabus with important test and due dates, so make sure you hold on to those! Whether it's on your phone, in a day planner, or on a wall calendar, write down your schedule so you can easily spot when your busy weeks will be. Planning ahead will help you stay on top of the college-style self-motivation and will keep you from getting too overwhelmed.

**GET INVOLVED**

Getting involved in clubs and organizations is the quickest way to meet new people and the best way to fight boredom and homesickness. McDaniel has over 120 different student organizations, so find a group that sounds interesting to you and go check it out! You are guaranteed to meet people with at least one common interest (the one that brought you all to that meeting).

**GET FRIENDLY**

With all of the changes and hectic energy that accompany the first few weeks of freshman year, sometimes it's hard to open up and meet new people, but that's also one of the most exciting parts of moving into a new school. One of the most important things to remember is that everyone you meet is in a new place with new people, so don't be afraid to talk to others.

**GET CURIOUS**

Ask questions! You're in a new place with new people and new rules; being lost and confused comes with the territory. Luckily, everyone at McDaniel has been in the exact same spot at some point, so don't be afraid to ask where to go or who to see or what to do. The more questions you ask, the better prepared you'll be for the years ahead.

**GET EXCITED**

It's your first year of college, enjoy it! You're starting what many people look back on as the best years of their lives. You've got four years of experiences and memories ahead of you and it starts now. So, between the madness of moving, meeting new people, and adjusting to college life, make sure you slow down enough to enjoy what's going on around you and get excited about it!
Hoover Library: Use it or lose it

ANNIE BROWN

Need to study or write a paper? Get out of your dorm room and try the completely-wireless library, where you can find plenty of study spaces.

The two lowest levels of Hoover Library are silent floors, meaning that you can expect talking to be kept at a whisper and at a minimum. Each of these floors also has two study rooms, perfect for small group projects and study sessions.

All floors of the library have plenty of tables and chairs, and it’s not hard to find an outlet to plug in your laptop.

You might also want to try Casey’s Corner, adjacent to the entrance of the library. A coffee shop by day and evening, the space also serves as a 24-hour common area, and the doors are never locked, making it a great place to park an all-nighter (though I would advise not staying up all night if you can avoid it). With a little exploration, you’ll be sure to find your favorite study spot!

In addition to studying, you’ll probably need to utilize some of the technology Hoover Library offers. Take advantage of the $20 worth of printing you’ll get each semester. Though printers are located throughout campus, you can find a number of printers located on the first floor of the library and in the 24-hour computer lab located across from Casey’s Corner.

You’ll need to have Campus Safety program your ID card in order to access this lab after library hours, but by doing so, you’ll always have access to a computer at all hours of the day.

Copy machines are located on the first and second floors. On the third floor, you can find two group technology rooms, equipped with a MacMini computer and a big-screen TV. You can reserve one of these rooms at the circulation desk.

You’ll do your fair share of research and papers while you’re at Hoover Library, and serve as the most available liaison between you and “ResLife.” Also, if you have any concerns about your meal plan, the best person to talk to is Karamie McCauley in the ID card office next to the Dining Hall. She can check how many meals and how much money is on your card, as well as help you to add meals if you need to towards the end of the semester.

It’s a new year, and many of you find yourselves in an unfamiliar environment. A major part of the uneasiness that comes with a new school is not knowing who to consult if you find yourself needing assistance. Fortunately, the Free Press has compiled a list of essential people on campus that you may need to contact at some point this year.

Of course, the school revolves around academics, and since the nuances of the academic side of campus can be complicated to even the most experienced McDaniel student, it’s good to know who to turn to if you have an academic concern. By now you probably know that you have your first-year seminar professor who acts as your advisor, as well as professors in your prospective departments. However, there is also the Academic Affairs office in Eldredge Public Hall, specifically Dr. Violanti, who is Associate Dean of First Year Students; she should be able to assist you in any academic matter that your advisors and professors cannot.

As you will quickly learn, however, there is far more to college than academics. You may have concerns about essential issues such as housing and meal plans. For issues involving your residence, the first person to speak to is your Resident Assistant. While some issues must be solved by the Office of Residence Life in Decker Center, your RA should be able to help with most of them and serve as the most available liaison between you and “ResLife.” Also, if you have any concerns about your meal plan, the best person to talk to is Karamie McCauley in the ID card office next to the Dining Hall. She can check how many meals and how much money is on your card, as well as help you to add meals if you need to towards the end of the semester.

Just about all financial transactions on campus, from parking tickets to semester tuition, are handled by the Bursar’s Office, which is also located on the first floor of Eldredge. The bursar’s shares a hallway with two other important offices, the Financial Aid Office and the Registrar’s Office. This part of campus may seem insignificant now, but by the time you finish at McDaniel, you will realize how much you need to travel this corridor trying to get through your time on The Hill.

Once these “essentials” are taken care of, then it’s time to find out who to ask about having fun at McDaniel. The Office of Student Engagement, across from Glar, is the grand organizer of events on campus, such as movies, as well as off-campus excursions. You shouldn’t have to work hard to find out what the OSE is up to; they generally put up posters around campus and flood your e-mail inbox with notices about upcoming events.

There are many other important people and offices on campus that will eventually need to know to survive at McDaniel, but these are the most important for you in this first year on campus. If you need to find anything else, there are two more important resources that you can utilize. First is the Welcome Desk, on the top floor of Decker Center to ENSO Lounge, which can help direct you to anyone that you need to find on campus. Lastly, and most importantly, is the campus directory on our college’s new and improved website.

While graduation may seem a long way away, your time at McDaniel will go by all too quickly, and it is much too short to waste on finding the right people to help you thrive on The Hill.

MATTHEW ARNOLD

Home Game Schedule
Below are the dates for the first three home games for each fall sport. For the full schedule, please visit www.mcclunelacrosse.com.

FOOTBALL
9/15 Muhlenberg, 2 PM
9/22 Ursinus, 1 PM
10/20 Dickinson, 1 PM

MEN’S SOCCER
9/5 Goucher, 4:30 PM
9/15 Muhlenberg, 1 PM
9/22 Ursinus, 1 PM

WOMEN’S SOCCER
9/4 Maryland, 4 PM
9/8 Ferrum, 2 PM
9/11 St. Mary’s (MD), 4 PM

VOLLEYBALL
9/1 Keystone, 1 PM
9/11 Eastern Mennonite, 6:30 PM

FIELD HOCKEY
8/31 Wesley, 6 PM
9/1 Roomok, 3 PM
9/12 Stevenson, 7 PM
RA is just to be open with them.

For most students, starting college can be a time of stress, excitement, or a crazy combination of the two. You are exposed to so many new things at once; it isn’t hard to get caught up in everything very quickly. Fortunately, you have at least four years to try everything that’s offered at your college and even more fortunately, McDaniel doesn’t fall short with activities and organizations – from TV Club to everything in between - there are many options offered to boost your college experience.

Another option for students looking to get involved would be to consider looking into becoming a fraternity or sorority.

Many people frown on Greek organizations because of the negative image they’ve received from movies and TV shows. However, these shows have featured rowdy college students wreaking havoc and getting drunk every day, not to mention the sq-alleged “hazing” of pledges. What most people don’t realize is that there are far more benefits that come from joining a fraternity or sorority than just students. People who pledge to either a fraternity or sorority find themselves making valuable connections and lifelong friendships as a result of going Greek.

“It’s like a party that lasts a lifetime” said sophomore Erica Burzio, “the people you meet from joining a Greek organization will always be around, even after college.”

Burzio plans on pledging a sorority this fall, but it’s not all about socializing.

All over McDaniel’s campus, different fraternities and sororities are members involved with giving back to both the campus and the town of Westminster through service projects and hosting events on campus for others.

Sophomore Zachery Brown, who pledged Phi Mu last spring, said she wanted to be more involved on campus while still holding a solid base to return to the end of the day.” The community service was also a huge draw for her. “The experiences you have will stay with you for a lifetime” said Ridgely.

There are multiple motives for people to go Greek. Sophomore Ryan Staley said he joined a fraternity because he wanted to “retain the feeling of being on a team in college,” because he was heavily involved in sports throughout high school.

What to expect from your RA

TREVOR HAMMOND

Freshman year of college proves year after year, student after student, to be a learning experience and in some cases an unforgettable journey. This tends to be especially true for those students who are able to succeed in college on their own, and are in charge of disseminating information to others. This is one such group of people there involved with Greek organizations on campus, yet still provide that sense of community.

For those unfamiliar to the term, RAs stand for Resident Assistants. As the title suggests, the RA’s job is to assist residents throughout the semester, maintain the rules of the college in the residence halls, and to build a community among the residents.

In terms of assisting the students, the RA’s function as the ambassadors between the students and the Office of Residence Life, and are in charge of disseminating any relevant information about the living situations, as well as reporting any problems that may arise throughout the year in the hall.

For instance, if the MicroFridge (one being provided for every room) stopped working, a student could report this to his or her RA, who would then put in a work order to the maintenance crew. Each individual RA will go more into detail about this process as individual visits with each resident and will keep the students up to date on any answers to questions they may have.

“The best way to approach an RA is just to be open with them. Don’t try to beat around the bush. Try to remember that your RA was a First Year student at one point,” said Jess Hagun, who has two years experience as an RA.

Come directly to them and don’t try to beat around the bush. Try to remember that your RA was a First Year student at one point too,” said Hagun.

Just as mentioned above, the rules serve to ensure everyone’s safety and ability to live healthily on campus and in an environment promoting learning and succeeding while at McDaniel.

One of the most important parts of this environment that the RA strives to involve community. McDaniel is a small campus, and it is not uncommon for students to see almost everyone you know just about every day. This is something that seems to be unique to McDaniel and even the RA’s help to bolster the feeling of family. Possibly more importantly, the RA’s help to establish and maintain a functional campus towards allowing the people living near each other the opportunity to meet new people that they may not have met otherwise. RAs are also grateful when a lot of people show up, and some have been known to have a pizza party if enough people show up.

In talking about how important this feeling of community is to the students, especially freshmen, Josh provides this “My best advice don’t be afraid to open yourself up and introduce yourself to new people. You never know who you’ll meet. Maybe they’ll be your best friend for the next fifty years.”

This is a basic overview of what you can expect from your RA’s to be, and a bit of advice about how to get a good start in the first year of college. With this knowledge, the Class of 2016 should have a head start on its requirements for FWS, where to complete the paperwork, and how to spend the hours.

Of course you don’t need to have FWS to obtain a great job on campus; it’s just another way of providing dependable opportunities for money.

To find all the available job postings for on-campus jobs, you can click on the link “job postings” at the bottom of the FWS page. There you will find openings for Student Engagement, Academic Affairs, Departments, Off-Campus, and many others. It’s the go-to place for applying.

After that, all you have to do is contact the employer via the email listed, attach a resume if asked and any other qualifications requirements listed.

Many of the jobs listed give at least 6-10 hours each week of a semester.
LATE NIGHT EATS

ABBY RICHARDSON

Everyone gets those nighttime food cravings while cramming for that exam, knocking out that paper, or just hanging with friends after a long day. And when those cravings hit, they demand immediate satisfaction.

As freshmen, one of the first places we all hear about is The Pub; probably the most frequented on-campus eating destination other than the dining hall, popular for its convenience, good tasting food, and late hours of operation. But besides this obvious choice, convenient food options may seem limited to freshman, especially those not familiar with the Westminster area.

Of the various bars, restaurants, and cafes in Westminster, only a handful do carryout and deliver food, so it’s important to know which places are available, when, and how to contact them. At the beginning of the year, flyers or brochures are usually posted to bulletin boards in the lobbies of each freshman dorm with information on nearby restaurants like Mustangs and Pizza Hut, some including menus and most with contact numbers. But if you find that your dorm is without one of these, you’ll need another place to look for this vital information.

That’s why, for your convenience, the Free Press has created this comprehensive list of at least 10 places where you can indulge in whatever kind of food you’re in the mood for when hunger strikes and your time and energy are in short supply.

Here are some of the most popular local eateries categorized by type of cuisine:

### Pizza

- **Mustang Pizza and Subs**
  - [www.mustangpizza.com](http://www.mustangpizza.com)
  - 45 Pennsylvania Avenue
  - (410) 848-3600
  - SUN: 12 PM - 10 PM, M-W: 11 AM - 10 PM, TH-SAT: 11 AM - 2 AM
  - FOOD STYLES: American, Burgers, Fast Food, Italian, Pizza, Seafood

- **Papa John’s**
  - [www.papajohns.com](http://www.papajohns.com)
  - 250 Englar Road
  - (410) 848-7722
  - 10 AM-11 PM
  - CARRYOUT: M-SAT 10 AM-9:40 PM, SUN 11 AM-9:40 PM
  - FOOD STYLES: American, Pizza

- **Pizza Hut**
  - [www.pizzahut.com](http://www.pizzahut.com)
  - 11 South Cranberry Road
  - (410) 386-0555
  - M-TH: 10 AM-10:45 PM, F/SAT: 11 AM-11:45 PM, SUN: 11 AM-10:45 PM
  - FOOD STYLES: American, Italian, Pizza, Salad

- **Ledo Pizza**
  - [www.ledopizza.com](http://www.ledopizza.com)
  - 405 N Center Street
  - (410) 871-9922
  - M-FR 11 AM-8 PM, SAT 10 AM-9 PM, SUN: 10 AM-8 PM
  - FOOD STYLES: American, Sandwiches

### American

- **Rafael’s Restaurant**
  - [www.rafaelsrestaurant.com](http://www.rafaelsrestaurant.com)
  - 32 West Main Street
  - (410) 840-1919
  - M-TH 11 AM-9:30 PM, FRI/SAT 11 AM-10:30 PM, SUN: 12 PM-9 PM
  - Bar is open until 1 am.
  - FOOD STYLES: American, Burgers, Italian, Pizza, Sandwiches, Tapas

- **Maggie’s Restaurant**
  - [www.maggieswestminster.com](http://www.maggieswestminster.com)
  - Washington Road & E. Green Street
  - (410) 848-1441
  - M-SAT 11 AM-11 PM, SUN 11 AM-10 PM (Pub always open until 1 AM)
  - FOOD STYLES: American

- **Frisco Family Pub**
  - [www.friscofamilypub.com](http://www.friscofamilypub.com)
  - 205 Englar Road
  - (410) 876-3550
  - M-TH 10 AM-9:30 PM, F/SAT 11 AM-10:30 PM, SUN 2 AM-9 PM
  - FOOD STYLES: American, Pizza, Sandwiches, Seafood

- **Quino’s Classic Subs**
  - [www.quino.com](http://www.quino.com)
  - 405 N Center Street
  - (410) 871-9922
  - M-FRI 10 AM-8 PM, SAT 10 AM -9 PM, SUN 10 AM-8 PM
  - FOOD STYLES: American, Sandwiches

### Chinese

- **Forbidden City Chinese Restaurant**
  - [www.forbiddencitychinese.com](http://www.forbiddencitychinese.com)
  - 12 Carroll Street
  - (410) 751-9073
  - M-TH 11 AM-10 PM, F/SAT 11 AM-11 PM, SUN 12 PM-10 PM
  - FOOD STYLES: Chinese, Low calorie, Vegan, Vegetarian

- **China Inn Restaurant**
  - [www.chinainnrestaurant.com](http://www.chinainnrestaurant.com)
  - 444 WMC Drive
  - (410) 751-9073
  - M-TH 11 AM-10 PM, F/SAT 11 AM-11 PM, SUN 12 PM-10 PM
  - FOOD STYLES: Chinese, Thai, Vegan, Vegetarian
"Oh, the Things You’ll Do:” Welcome Week and more

Lisa Vasapollo

As a first-year, transfer, international, or returning student, a major question at the beginning of the year is “what is going on this semester?” Well, look no further because the Office of Student Engagement along with other clubs and campus organizations has an array of activities and trips planned!

First, the semester will kick off with the annual “Welcome Week” during the first week of classes. The schedule is chock full of fun events and information sessions to get everyone back in the swing of things for the semester. Here is what you can expect August 26-31:

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If you are looking to go see a movie, but can’t get off campus and don’t want to pay 13 bucks for a ticket (I know I don’t!) then check out these movies, which will be shown at 7 pm and 10 pm every other Friday of the fall semester in Decker Auditorium (unless otherwise noted):

- August 31: The Avengers (outdoor movie with pizza, weather permitting)
- September 14: That’s My Boy
- September 28: The Amazing Spiderman
- October 12: Seeking a Friend for the End of the World
- October 26: The Dark Knight Rises
- November 2: The Bourne Legacy
- November 16: The Campaign
- November 30: The Apparition

There are also a number of off-campus trips being offered this semester at a cheap price! Be sure to sign up to snag a seat on one of these adventures!

- Saturday, September 8: Hershey Park Trip, $15.00
- Saturday, September 29: National Zoo Trip, $5.00
- Wednesday, October 10: Wicked at the Hippodrome Theatre, $15.00
- Saturday, October 12: Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire, $10.00
- Friday, November 9: Cosmic Bowling, $5.00
- Saturday, December 1: Hunt Valley Mall Trip, $5.00

*The trips with the * next to the price indicates that you pay a $5.00 fee when you sign up to hold your seat on the bus and you will receive the $5.00 back when you get on the bus for the trip. So that means the trip is totally free! All costs include your ticket(s) and transportation to and from the activity. Can’t beat these trips!

These are just SOME of the activities McDaniel offers throughout the semester that you can look forward to. This does not include other events and activities you will have with other clubs and organizations you may decide to join!

Also, don’t forget about Families Weekend, September 21-23, and Homecoming on Saturday November 3! More great events to enjoy that will allow you to spend time with your families and introduce them to your new friends. With all these activities and events to look forward to, you will never be bored on (or off) The Hill!

For more information about upcoming events and campus news, check us out online at:

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2016 plunges into service

Alcohol education program shows results in second year of implementation

HANNA BARKER
Art Director

While upperclassmen returned to campus at the summer break, several first-year students ventured off the Hill to complete a series of community service projects within walking distance of campus.

Over 70 McDaniel students participated in the fourth annual Community Service Plunge on the morning of Aug. 25, an event sponsored by the New Center for Experience and Opportunity.

"It’s a really good learning experience, especially for first-year students," said Sara Krome, recent McDaniel graduate and Associate Director of Community Outreach and Initiatives at the CEO. Krome is the person responsible for the organization of this event and she believes that the event helps first-year students understand the community for the first time since they moved in, which helps give them an awareness of what the community has to offer.

Students are led to their destinations by peer mentors, who Krome describes as instrumental to the success of the event, because they are familiar with the area and bring a lot of energy.

This year, students worked with Shepherd’s Staff, the Westminster Street Department, the Carroll Arts Council, and the Boys and Girls Club of Westminster, with which McDaniel College has a partnership.

"It’s a lot of fun," said Krome. "It’s a great way to spend your first Saturday on campus."

The student volunteers work with these local organizations to beautify the streets, help with back to school drives, and provide local parks, as well as a variety of other needs.

First-year student Natia Jackson, who worked on cleaning the Boys and Girls Club kitchen, explained that she participated in the Plunge because she “was interested in community service, even in high school...it’s always good to give back.”

"Increasing numbers of students over the past few years share her views,” Krome said that every year, participation increases, with this year’s numbers being the highest ever.

"There’s more and more enthusiasm for service, and I think that is reflected in our numbers,” she added. In past years, many lower class years at the Boys and Girls Club have been filled by students who had previously participated in the Plunge.

According to Krome, any student interested in community service should come forward to the CEO.

"However they want to do it, we can make it work," said Krome.

"For more on the CEO, see page 4."

Cover photo: Junior Rebecca Salyer, a public relations major, plunges into the Boys and Girls Club kitchen to help prepare food. She believes the program is a great way to give back to the community. Photo by Jenny Lupfer.
DoCS announces new shuttle hours, locations, safety measures

HANNA BARKER
Art Director

Getting off campus is now even easier with the changes to the campus shuttle system in place this Fall.

"You asked for it, you got it," said Chief Michael Webster, director of the Department of Campus Safety (DoCS).

He referred to last year's Campus 411 that centered around the relationship between McDaniel College and the Westminster community. The idea for later shuttle hours and more shuttle destinations was student generated at this meeting.

Chief Webster explained that the shuttle that used to be used primarily for shopping will now include more opportunities for entertainment.

Central to this is the new stop at the Shady Grove Metro station, which will take students to Washington, D.C. The weekend shuttle will now run on Fridays and Saturdays until 2 AM, and Sundays until 11 AM. For the full schedule, see below or pick up a pamphlet from the Campus Safety office, located in Winslow Center.

To ride the shuttle, students must bring their student ID card. Students are also allowed to bring one guest, who must also bring identification. Shuttle use is free to both McDaniel students and their guests, but operates on a first come, first served basis limited to the first 10 people to arrive.

For student safety, the shuttle van will now be recorded, explained Chief Webster. The shuttle service is also not allowing open containers (i.e. no alcohol).

Another big change this year was the decision to pick up students from the airport at the beginning of the school year on Saturday and Sunday. While airport shuttles have run in the past during breaks and between semesters, they have never before operated at the beginning of the year. Non-Maryland residents were informed of this via e-mail earlier in the year.

To make an airport shuttle reservation, go to My.McDaniel.edu Portal.

McDaniel Weekend Shuttle Service Schedule (courtesy Ann Campbell)

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Metro schedules are available at campus safety or online at http://mta.maryland.gov/metro-subway.

Green Should Go?: Student reactions to convenience store are mixed, wide-ranging

LAUREN MURRAY
Features Editor

The new convenience store on campus, the Green & Go, has stirred up a bit of controversy among the student body. Located in the room next to the pub that previously housed the Budapest Cafe, the new store occupies the space that used to be a comfortable place for students to hang out.

A question on the Free Press Facebook page asks "What's your opinion about the Green & Go?" with the most popular answer being "I miss the Budapest Cafe." A Facebook group titled "Green should Go" features students arguing that the college could have done something better with the money and that the Green & Go barely differs from the book store.

Here are some opinions from each side:

"I think that it is a helpful addition to the campus; the prices are very reasonable for struggling college students."

Hillary Danner '14

"So, the idea of a convenience store on campus isn't terrible; however, Green & Go simply does not fulfill the requirements of a basic convenience store. The selection is minimal and frankly Food Lion is much cheaper and not that far from campus."

Kat Dale '14

"I miss the Budapest cafe, but the green and go is very convenient for quick shopping, and I really like the sushi!"

Christine Judikis '13

For more on the Green & Go, check out the Letter to the Editor on page 7.
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New director brings changes to Writing Center

SHARINA TAVERAS LOPEZ
Staff Member

The McDaniel College Writing Center is facing new changes. Josie Ambrose, the Writing Center’s new director, explained them. This year, the Writing Center is offering a great environment for students, accompanied by better technological tutoring methods and helpful consultants.

The Writing Center has new computers so students can come to their appointments without needing to print out a copy of their work first. Also, the consultants will be used for online consultations with students at McDaniel College in Budapest, Hungary using web cams.

The Writing Center has 15 tutors this year; including graduates and undergraduates of different majors, ranging from Spanish, History, Economics, and English, as well as student athletes.

To schedule an appointment, the Writing Center has a website found at WritingCenter.mcdaniel.edu. Students must first register, log in to the website, and then they can start scheduling appointments. The website also features the tutors’ biography, handouts of grammar resources, links to help with writing, and a lot of other interesting tips about writing.

The Writing Center only allows three appointments per week per student and the appointments cannot be made back-to-back. This is the second semester offering online scheduling, and it has been very useful and helpful. If students have any questions on how to register and schedule appointments, the writing consultants will be happy to help.

The Writing Center is still partnered with the SASS office and, this semester, it is offering different activities for students. One activity they are doing is called “Book Swap,” where students can come give books and take books. They will also have free coffee this day. Also, the tutors are going to be volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club here in Westminster and students are welcome to come; they just have to talk to the Writing Center director.

The Writing Center will also be offering work shops for students. Professors can come to their class and suggest strategies on writing a strong thesis statement or anything related to writing. The goals this year for the Center are to do the online tutoring for Budapest students, encourage people to attend the Writing Center more often, and help as much as they can so that all McDaniel Students can become better writers.

The Writing Center consultants love to help in anything that pertains to writing. It can be a resume, a short essay, or even a fifty-page paper. They are always willing to help with a big smile on their face and a handful of candy. So, go to the Writing Center located in Room 111 Hill Hall, and I promise that your writing will improve.

Writing consultant, Anne Mathews, added that, “The Writing Center is offering these new changes to reach out to the community and make stronger writers, which means that students on campus, residents of Westminster, or McDaniel students around the globe.”

ODMA says goodbye to Director Mahlia Joyce

Mahlia Joyce speaks to a group of students at an event commemorating World AIDS Day in 2011.

HANNA BARKER
Art Director

As an alum and staff member of McDaniel College, it is difficult for Mahlia Joyce to resign from her post as Director of the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs. “I feel like I’m a baby bird about to hop out of the nest,” said Joyce, who returned to McDaniel as a nontraditional student to complete her undergraduate degree before earning her Master’s here as well.

On Aug. 15, Joyce emailed student leaders of ODMA organizations to announce her departure, explaining, “After nearly four years at McDaniel, a school and community I will always love, I have decided to pursue other career opportunities.”

Joyce explained that she has been interested in holistic health and medicine for quite some time, so when the job came along, she took it as a good opportunity to immerse herself in a long-time side interest. This will be her first post-McDaniel job after the completion of her graduate degree. The career change was unexpected, but the decision was made.

“Stick together,” she said. “Sounds kind of hokey, but work together, really encourage each other and get to know each other.”

During her time in ODMA, Joyce worked hard to build relationships. It was important to her for students to learn from one another, organizations to connect with one another.

One thing she will miss most about McDaniel is these relationships. She explained that it has been a joy to be able to help facilitate connections between other people, too.

This is also an opportunity for the diversity groups to connect more with their advisors, she said, citing the example of Women’s Issues Group, who recently employed the guidance and assistance of their advisors as they changed their name to Student Advocates for Women’s Equality.

Joyce hopes that the growing use of technology on campus will not threaten these relationships, which she describes as “unique to McDaniel,” because while technological advancements are often great, there is value in human connection.

Besides technological changes, she has also experienced many space changes while at McDaniel. “I’ve actually seen the office in three different spaces,” she said. Her current location in the Office of Student Engagement includes one feature she will miss—the noisy Rouzer elevator.

While she has worked hard to broaden the scope of diversity programs, she said that relevant programming is brought to campus by departments other than hers as well. Her advice to the next ODMA director is this: “I think it’s incredibly important for the office to continue building relationships with faculty and staff across campus as well as to support and promote the work of faculty and staff.”

Her vision for ODMA includes an Assistant Director or Program Manager, or even expansion into a Multicultural Center with meeting spaces for the campus’s diversity groups, where students can feel free and comfortable to have open conversations about difficult issues.

One of the biggest challenges ahead for the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs is something it has been facing for a while now—getting awareness out about programs and increasing attendance.

Joyce cited our society’s “illusion of being a post-racial society,” which translates into “difficulty getting students involved in identity-specific organizations.” Additionally, there’s the issue of “diversity fatigue,” because the students coming into college have been exposed to many of these issues and cultures all throughout their undergraduate degree. She hopes that students will take on some of the responsibility of changing these perceptions and thoughts.

“I know they’ll be fine,” Joyce said. “They have a great group of leaders coming up, a young group of leaders.”

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Another week, another pick em'. There are a lot of good match ups this week. Test your luck against the Free Press Sports Editors Elec Trainor and Dan Lamond. Think you can do better? Tweet us @mcdanielfreepress or comment online at mcdanielfreepress.com.

EDITORS NOTE: In order to meet the deadline for the print edition, we the editors needed to make our picks for week 4 for action three weeks ahead of time. So if you see someone who's already scored, give us your picks!

Colorado Buffaloes at Arkansas Razorbacks
Dan Thinks: The Buffaloes won't be able to get their offense going against the Razorback defense. Buffaloes 14 Razorbacks 35

Elec Thinks: I predict that the Razorbacks defense will have a field day against the struggling Colorado offense. This could be a blowout.

New England Patriots at Buffalo Bills
Dan Thinks: The Patriots behind Tom Brady will walk all over Buffalo in a blowout game. Patriots 42 Bills 14

Elec Thinks: Tom Brady will look to continue his dominance over the week NFC East. Patriots 26 Bills 13

San Francisco 49ers at New York Jets
Dan Thinks: One of the games of the week will be a tight contest but in the end, Alex Smith will lead the 49ers to victory. 49ers 28 Jets 21

Elec Thinks: Could be a struggle for the New York offense against one of the best defenses in the league. 49ers 21 Jets 10

Seattle Seahawks at St. Louis Rams
Dan Thinks: Sam Bradford and Steven Jackson should play tough if!a close.
Sexing on the Hill
CLAARA BURGESS
Contributor

The first thing that comes up when you search on Google 'sexting' under images is a picture of naked women. The term 'sexting' means sending naked pictures of oneself through text message. I do not personally know anyone who partakes in this, but are they all women? Probably not. Furthermore, I doubt that the culprits of sexting are sympathetic girls. Therefore, I do not know what enjoyment people possibly get out of sending naked pictures. I do know that I have received what is as close as I would call sexting, and those are messages containing sexual content.

All of the reported sexual content I have heard of has come from men. This has ranged from suggesting book ups to asking for sexual favors and nude pictures. Even if it has so often been men (in experience), why do no pictures of men come up when sexting is searched on Google? And are ladies really sexting these pictures that frequently? When asking a group of McDaniel freshmen and sophomores, they suggested that they only liked sexting if they were getting pictures of naked men and that it was a "prelude to sex." According to a few guys, then, sexting is something innocent (this confirms my previous Google search).

However, I have not found this to be the case, because since hearing of the term I have only received 'sexes' from men and never seen any. Either I am an atypical example or some people are being misled in their expectations and understandings of sexting. To fully understand, one would have to ask more people, and include more women (who unfortunately were, understandably, not as comfortable answering questions if they have sent naked pictures to people).

I would like to make one thing clear: no matter if it is men or women sexting, as a receiver of sexism is it difficult to make them sound enjoyable (think cyber sex but worse). Also, make sure the person wants you to send a sexting, because otherwise you are going down the road of harassment, and that will land you in a campus safety office.

Sexual and non-sexual being!
Library renovations to expand creative learning spaces and improve learning environment, will require three phases

CHARLES MULLIN
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According to Jessamae Ferguson, Director of Hoover Library:

1st Floor:
Offices Area: "We're building an entire office suite where every one of our staff will stay in which will have doors that are publically accessible, so no matter who you need, you can find them without having the feeling of imposing in this big office (the old space). Outside of it will be a comfortable seating area where they can have conversations with students and work with them. Students can gather here too. The reference collection will switch to this side."

Information Commons: "IT Office will be here and the Reference Librarians will be here. It doesn't matter whether you're doing a project that requires technology or research, you will have people here that can help you. This whole area will be configured with new seating and new furnishings. There will also be new PCs. Basically, everything in here will be renovated. There will be soft seating options and computer work stations. The idea is to provide a space where students can crowd around each other and work together. There is also going to be a new group technology room that will have a big screen TV on the wall. There will be new toilets built to better equip the 1st Floor for going 24 hours. They will also be in the Computer Lab."

Vending: "The vending machines from the cafe will be moved to where the copiers are now."

Meeting and Events Space: "Alumnus Dave Wahrhaftig is making a gift of $250,000 for a conference room which will be great because we don't have a space like this yet. It will seat up to 48 people in the current seating arrangement we currently have designed. There is some reconfiguration that will happen. This room will also have teleconferencing capabilities so you can bring in speakers from around the world."

2nd Floor
New Classroom: "We will be adding a new classroom for doing information literacy instruction because the current classroom is not good. It's like a bowling alley. It's not designed for the interactive work we want to be doing."

LL Floor
Compact High-Density Storage System: "They are shelving units that are electronically controlled that allow you to basically double the volume of the things you want to put in that space. The shelves squeeze together. This is where a lot of our 'under-utilized' collections will go like our government documents collection. They will be there for access, of course, but it will save room."

L Floor (Silent Floor)
New Doorway: "There can be noise coming from the elevator and the group study rooms, so I want to have a glassed-off wall between that and the rest of the floor to lower the amount of noise and travel."

Below are some of the current (but not final) floor plans for the Hoover Library renovations as well as the layout for the Meeting/Events room. To see full color versions of all of the floor plans, please view the article online at www.mcddanielfreepress.com.

AFTER: This conference room, which will seat 48 people, is donated by alumnus Dave Wahrhaftig. It will be set up to allow reconfiguration and teleconferencing.

BELOW: The first floor of Hoover Library will feature a brand new office suite with publicly accessible doors. The IT office will be here, in proximity to the reference librarians. In addition, there will be a new group technology room and group workspaces for students.

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Green Terror Battalion completes Fall Field Training Exercise

HANNA BARKER
Art Director

"The People Watching Club is a club for those who enjoy sitting in one place and watching people go by. One can learn much from watching people about their busy lives," reads the mission statement of one of McDaniel's newest student organizations.

Senior Jonny Wixen, president of the People Watching Club (PWC), explained that the idea for the PWC began as a joke during peer mentor training last year. Within 15 minutes of Wixen volunteering to make the PWC a reality, he had a faculty advisor and enough members to apply for legitimacy through the Office of Student Engagement (OSE).

"You already people watch with your friends, so you should come to the club to watch with different kinds of people," said senior Catherine O'Keefe, executive board member of the PWC.

The PWC, which consists of about 30 members, watches the McDaniel community to detect societal trends and themes, such as fashion or interpersonal relationships.

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THE HILL HAS EYES

HANNA BARKER
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Senior Jonny Wixen, president of the People Watching Club (PWC), explained that the idea for the PWC began as a joke during peer mentor training last year. Within 15 minutes of Wixen volunteering to make the PWC a reality, he had a faculty advisor and enough members to apply for legitimacy through the Office of Student Engagement (OSE).

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The presidential election as it pertains to the college student

VICKI FITCH
Staff Writer

As election time grows nearer, students at McDaniel have started to become more politically active than usual. Watching President Obama and Mitt Romney deliver campaign speeches on television and researching their campaign platforms online are excellent ways of doing so, but unless you’re a political science major, it’s a little difficult to sift through all of the terminology, acronyms, and infinite amounts of issues that don’t directly impact college students.

The question about what all this political mumbo-jumbo means for students at McDaniel?

First, we’ll take a closer look at President Obama’s plan. According to his campaign website, he plans on doubling the funding for Pell Grants. Simply put, if you’re a student who has received a Pell Grant or is eligible for one, this plan would give more money to more students in Pell Grants.

Second, we’ll take a closer look at President Romney’s plan, which he calls the Roadmap to Renewal. According to his campaign website (www.mittromney.com), his first plan is to, “strengthen and simplify the financial aid system,” which means prioritizing government aid toward students who need it most, such as those with both physical and financial disabilities. For McDaniel students, this would mean it would be harder to be eligible for aid and less money would be available to fewer students.

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Now that some of the political jargon has been clarified, the question remains: who has your vote in the upcoming election?

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Alpha Phi Omega to raise money for Humane Society at Halloween Bingo

HANNA BARKER
Art Director

What say Halloween fun more than puppies in costume? This year, members of the McDaniel College community will get to not only hang out with cute dogs, but raise money to benefit homeless animals during Halloween Bingo.

Alpha Phi Omega (APO), McDaniel’s service fraternity, is working with the Animal Welfare Club and Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) Puppy Club to sponsor this event, which will be held on Halloween from 8-10 p.m. on the Englar Dining Hall porch.

“AP0 chose to do this event because we try and help out as many local businesses as we can,” said Becca Wilson, the APO member organizing Halloween Bingo. “Some of the brothers also have a soft spot for animals so we thought this would be a great idea to do!”

While APO is still working on organizing the event, Wilson confirmed that there will be at least two dogs there: Haddie, the service dog of CCI Puppy Club, and her own dog, Even better, they will be in costume.

“Students are more than welcome to pet them,” said Wilson.

Participants must pay $5 to play all of the games, $3 if wearing a costume, or $1 per game if only staying for a game or two, explained Wilson. All of the proceeds will go to the Humane Society of Carroll County.

Wilson says they are currently working to get bingo prizes donated from local businesses. By the time of publication, APO had obtained gift cards to the campus bookstore and a gift card to Loco Pizza.

“The bingo will be a lot of fun and I hope to see everyone there! It’s going to be a great cause!” said Wilson.

APO works with many Westminster organizations, and will be participating in Relay for Life later this year. Interested in pledging? Contact geth002@mcdaniel.edu.
McDaniel prepares for Middle States reaccreditation
Faculty, Administration Encourage Student Involvement

“If we were not an accredited college when you graduate, your degree is not worth much; in fact, your degree is not worth anything.”

-Dr. Roger Casey, President

Reaccreditation and You

What is reaccreditation?
Reaccreditation is the process that colleges and universities go through every ten years to maintain their accredited status. Middle States, the commission reviewing McDaniel’s status, defines accreditation as “a voluntary process intended to strengthen and sustain the quality and integrity of higher education, making it worthy of public confidence.”

Where is McDaniel in the process?
The college has produced a 100-page, 5 chapter draft of a self-study report that is an extensive examination of the college and how it functions. This draft must be finalized prior to January 27 in preparation for the Evaluation Team Visit in March. The decision on the college’s status will be made during the summer.

What is in the report?
The self-study report is organized into five chapters designed to address the 14 standards that Middle States requires an accredited institution to meet. These are the standards, organized by the chapter in which each one is addressed.

Where can I read the report?
The full draft self-study report, as well as all supporting documents, can be found on the McDaniel portal, on the “Middle States 2012” page which can be accessed through the “Administration” drop-down menu.

How can I give feedback to the report?
There is a “Submit Feedback Here” link on the Middle States 2012 page which will take you to a Qualtrics survey which will allow you to comment on any or all of the chapters of the draft report. The Steering Committee has also established an e-mail address, middlestates@mcDaniel.edu, where you can send questions or comments on the report.

MATTHEW ARNOLD
Managing Editor

McDaniel College is in the midst of an exhaustive assessment of its operations in preparation for a review to have its accreditation renewed.

The review, conducted by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, will examine every aspect of the college to see how well McDaniel is fulfilling its obligations to its students, according to Dr. Gretchen McKay, Co-Chair of the Steering Committee leading up the reaccreditation effort.

The college released a draft copy of an institutional self-study in September on the college’s website and held a forum with students on Sept. 26 to discuss the institution’s reaccreditation process. The study is focused primarily on how McDaniel fulfills 14 standards that all Middle States regional colleges must meet in order to retain their accreditation. These standards cover a wide range of department at the college, from the institution’s goals, to the administration and governance, to student admissions and learning outcomes.

McDaniel is subject to this process every ten years in order to ensure the college is following its mission, and is a credible institution of higher education.

Accreditation Standards Overview

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The institution’s mission clearly defines the role of its institutional constituencies in policy development and decision-making. The governance structure includes an active governing body with sufficient autonomy to assure institutional integrity and to fulfill its responsibilities for policy and resource development, consistent with the mission of the institution.

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**Hours:** M-Thurs 8:30am-10:30pm, Fri 8:30am-4:30pm, and Sunday 4pm-8pm
- **URL:** https://studentthelp.mcdaniel.edu/helpdesk/WebObjects/Helpdesk.woa
- **Email:** studentthelp@mcdaniel.edu
- **Phone:** (410) 386-4051

**Members of Dangersource, McDaniel's comedy improv group, perform in McDaniel Lounge to a Friday night audience of over 50 people. Keep an eye out for information about their upcoming Halloween murder mystery!**

HANNA BARKER

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**Standard 10: Faculty**

The institution's instructional, research, and service programs are devised, developed, monitored, and supported by qualified professionals.

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**Academic Review**

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**Student Support**

- **Standard 13: Related Educational Activities**
  - The institution's programs or activities that are characterized by particular content, focus, location, mode of delivery, or sponsorship meet appropriate standards.

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**Virtual Education**

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**FALL WEEKLY EVENTS & WEEKEND BLITZ 2012**

**Tuesday, August 28**
Spin Art Stunner Shades
11-3pm, Ensor Lounge

**Friday, August 31**
Outdoor Movie with 70 Pizzas
The Avengers
8:30pm, Red Square

**Tuesday, September 4**
Comedian Adam Ace
9pm, The Forum
Sponsored by Green Terror Productions

**Saturday, September 8**
Hersheypark Trip | Cost $15.00
Bus leaves McDaniel at 9am and will return to campus at 10pm.
Sign ups begin Monday, August 27.
Sponsored by the Weekend Blitz Committee

**Tuesday, September 11**
Make Your Own Street Sign
11am-3pm | Ensor Lounge
Sponsored by Green Terror Productions

**Saturday, September 29**
National Zoo Trip | Cost $5.00
Bus leaves campus at 9:30am and will return to campus by 7pm.
Sign ups begin Tuesday, September 24.
Sponsored by the Weekend Blitz Committee

**Tuesday, October 2**
Tye Dye
11am-3pm | Red Square
Sponsored by Green Terror Productions

**Wednesday, October 10**
Wicked at the Hippodrome Theater | Cost $15.00
Bus leaves campus at 6:30pm and will return to campus by 11:30pm.
Sponsored by the Weekend Blitz Committee
Sign ups begin Monday, September 17.

**Tuesday, October 23**
Pumpkin Painting
Noon-2pm | Red Square
Sponsored by Green Terror Productions

**Saturday, October 27**
Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire | Cost: $10.00
Bus leaves campus at 11am and will return by 5pm.
Sponsored by the Weekend Blitz Committee
Sign ups begin Monday, September 1.

**Tuesday, November 6**
Paint Your Own Pottery
4pm-7pm | The Forum
Sponsored by Green Terror Productions

**Friday, November 9**
Cosmic Bowling
Cost $5.00
Bus leaves campus at 8:30pm and will return by 11:30pm
Sponsored by the Weekend Blitz Committee
Sign ups begin Wednesday, October 17.

**Tuesday, November 12**
Comedian Tim Young
9pm | The Pub
Sponsored by Green Terror Productions

**Saturday, November 24**
Hunt Valley Mall Trip | Cost $5.00
Bus leaves campus at 11am and will return by 5pm.
Sponsored by the Weekend Blitz Committee
Sign ups begin Monday, November 5.

**Tuesday, December 4**
Make Your Own Dog Tags
11am-3pm | Ensor Lounge
Sponsored by Green Terror Productions

Must sign up and pay in the Office of Student Engagement
**$5 will hold your seat. You will receive your $5 back on the bus ride.**
Avery Udell:
More than a girl with a scooter

KAITLYN VADENAIS
Editor-in-Chief

McDaniel College may be a small campus, but that doesn’t stop the ten minute walk from North Village to Lewis Recreation Hall from feeling like it takes an hour.

Avery Udell, sophomore, has the perfect solution to this, moving around campus faster than most students do on her silver scooter.

“Do you just want me to ride a scooter?” she said.

Originally from Oxford, Michigan, Udell is working towards a major in Cinema and a hopeful minor in Writing. She loves independent films, writing, and photography.

Udell is a member of Gamma Sigma Sigma and lives in Allies Affinity Housing, demonstrating her love of participating in community life. Her favorite memory was Walk A Mile. In Her Shoes, which raised money for Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County. She also participates in InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and Advocacy Team events whenever she can.

She said, “I like to be myself.”

“Watch the teeth”

JON LIGHTNER
Contributor

Too many times have I heard girls’ real talk about their experiences with nothing but jokes, disgust, and regret. Girls should never compare being turned on by things like a box-трон, a bull in a video, or even a boner movie. Never have I heard a hookup tale ending with “… and as his fin-er have I heard a hookup tale

“...and as his fin-er have I heard a hookup tale...”

More than a girl with a scooter

Scooter Girl.

You should try something else

DAN LAMOND
ELEC TRAINER
Sports Editors

Dallas Cowboys at Carolina Panthers

Dan Thomas: Cam Newton always manages to keep the Panthers in the game, but he will prove more effective than Tony Romo and give his Panthers a win.

Carolina Panthers-28
Dallas Cowboys-24

Elec Trainer: The Bears’ inconsistency has plagued the Bears season so far, as it has in the past. Look for his team to rally and try to pick up the loss.

Carolina Panthers-13

New Orleans Saints at Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Dan Thomas: The Saints will face a tough defense, but Drew Brees will step up to the occasion and give his Saints a win.

Saints-35 Buccaneer-ners-24

Elec Trainer: A tough game for both teams. Each team is having success running. Throwing and playing defense. Could this be a preview of the NFC champi-

Saints-28 Buccaneers-24

Green Bay Packers at St. Louis Rams

Dan Thomas: Aaron Rodg-

ers will have a relatively easy time picking apart the Rams defense and they will leave St. Louis with a high scoring win.

Rams-45 Packers-17

Elec Trainer: Green Bay has not been the same this year. They seem to play up or down to competition. That lies them hard this week.

Pedals-17 Rams-21

Washington Redskins at New York Giants

Dan Thomas: Any time
two teams from the NFC East play each other, it is a battle to the finish. Eli Manning and the Giants will prevail in the end over RGIII and the Redskins.

Redskins-17 Giants-21

Elec Trainer: This NFC East is going to come down to the wire. This game could be key in crowning a division champ and who has an easier road in the playoffs.

Redskins-24 Giants-31

Baltimore Ravens at Houston Texans

Dan Thomas: This is definitely one of the most interesting games of the week. Pittsburgh is on a two powerhouses face each other. This game will be determined on the ground and by which team has fewer turnovers.

Ravens-32 Texans-24

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Ravens-28 Texans-14

Cleveland Browns at Indianapolis Colts

Dan Thomas: Andrew Luck will give the home crowd some-thing to cheer about in this game as he will look up with Reggie Wayne multiple times leading the Colts over the Browns.

Browns-17 Colts-28

Elec Trainer: I think
good, but the Bears defense will stop the Saints enough to give them a win.

Bears-21 Saints-20

Elec Trainer: Both teams have been inconsistent this season. Calvin Johnson has been relatively quiet, but this will be his coming out party of the season.

Detroit Lions at Chicago Bears

Dan Thomas: This is an intriguing match up, as it does depend on which team shows up. If the turnover prey gets away, Jay Cutler shows up, then the Lions will take it, but if the Bears defense is shap-

Steelers-21 Bengals-20

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Dan and Elec

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Campus sororities pledge to not haze their members

HANNA BARKER
Art Director

Last week was National Hazing Prevention Week, and on Friday, Sept. 28, Panhellenic Council (Pi Chi) held their National Hazing Prevention Week's Togetherness Event.

The goal of the event is "for the campus to see that all Greek women are against hazing, their members or their organization," said Pi Chi, the governing panel for all of the sororities.

The sisters of campus sororities signed their names in chalk on the ground in Red Square to symbolize a commitment to not haz ing their members.

Chesine Workman, the Director of Student Engagement, said, "National Hazing Prevention Week is time for the campus community to come together and educate themselves about what haz ing is, and how to prevent it."

"Additionally, the Fraternity and Sorority Community requires chapters to submit a Hazing Compliance Form each time they go through New Member Education, and also requires two educational programs on hazing per academic year," said Workman.

Pi Chi said that the National Panhellenic by-laws mandate a zero-tolerance policy for hazing.

McDaniel College shares this policy and follows Maryland State Law 2004, which states that haz ing is prohibited as a misdemeanor and consent of a student to hazing is not a defense under the law.

"If someone is being hazed or suspects haz ing might be happen ing on campus, they should report their suspicions immediately. They can file a report with Campus Safety, they can schedule a meeting with a staff member in the Office of Student Engagement or with Dean Towle and the Student Conduct Office," said Workman.

The Greek community has also launched a Hazing Hotline, where students can anonymous ly call to leave a voicemail if they witness or know of hazing on this campus: 410-871-3114.

Workman emphasized that it is important for a student to report any kind of behavior that makes them uncomfortable so that an investigation can occur.

"I think a common misconception is that hazing only hap pens in social Greek-lettered organizations, but hazing can happen in all kinds of student organizations — athletic teams, in the residence halls, and in many other situations," said Workman. "If we know what hazing looks like we can begin to address it as College community, and we continue to be a place that focuses on education."

"If a student or student orga nization were accused of hazing, they would go through the Student Conduct Process. The potential ally violating the Code of Student Conduct, according to Workman. Greek organizations would be sub ject to further investigation from either the Panhellenic Association or the Interfraternity Council, as well as the National Headquarters of their Chapter, if applicable, ex pectedly by a trial.

Fall recruitment ends Dec. 1, and Formal Spring recruitment is Feb. 6-10. Women interested in joining a sorority in the Spring should sign up online starting Nov. 1, and look for events and opportuni ties to meet the sisters in the meantime.

Dr. Paul Muhlhauser educates students about digital rhetoric, creativity

LAUREN MURRAY
Features Editor

"A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away..." is how English professor Dr. Paul Muhlhauser wishes he could begin the story of how he became interested in technology and rhetoric.

The new addition to the English department is teaching three classes this semester: Rhetoric, New Media Writing, and Language Technology. In each of these classes, Muhlhauser wishes to help students "improve their rhetorical understanding of multimedia and improve their ability to make multimedia."

We are all familiar enough with Twitter, Tumblr, and WordPress, but we probably don't know it is the rhetoric that exists behind these sites. This is a topic that Muhlhauser wants to demonstrate to the McDaniel campus.

Muhlhauser began his academic journey after leaving his home in Anchorage, AK, for Loyola University in New Orleans. He was there for only a semester, "it was a looooong way from my home... I missed family, friends, hiking, and, of course, 20 hours of sunlight in the summer."

Upon returning, he spent a few semesters at University of Alaska Anchorage. Muhlhauser traveled to Washington State University where he received his BA, MA, and PhD in English.

Muhlhauser is currently working on two research projects. Set to be finished in a few weeks, it talks about the idea of a "dislike" button on Facebook. Another titled "Avengendering," critically examines "The Silence of the Lambs:" through a feminist lens. This is a good show. A fun, engaging, show, as big as the hair on all the actresses.

I've heard snippets of all the songs before. I've seen the 2007 film. But I'd never seen the musical before, and it's a completely different experience, not to mention a fairly different show. But it doesn't take anything away.

Hairspay, directed by Elizabeth von den Berg, is the story of Tracy Turnblad, a big girl with big dreams. But you've seen that on every single poster littering the campus. In reality, Hairspay is a social commentary on the issues, a show about kids who want to dance, but also about the hardships that face ordinary people living in segregated America.

Hairspay's big scene are set on the Corny Collins Show, a dance show similar to American bandstand, where pretty kids dance and sing for the youth of Balti more. They're all pretty, thin, and white. The producers of the show want to keep it like this, and they don't want to let African-Americans on the show more than once, despite the talent that these kids have.

Tracy, played winningly by junior Kelsey Gondek, does just a dream of dancing on the Corny Collins show and winning the heart of Link Larkin, teen heart throb, played by sophomore Daniel Valentin-Morales. She dreams of dancing on the Corny Collins Show with all her friends, in a fully integrated dance spectacle. She doesn't see in shades of black or white; she just wants to dance.

Tracy's supported by her parents, the goofy joke shop owner Wilmer, played by Junior Paul Davis Griffin, and the large, but lovable laundress Edna, played by Sophomore Kevin Anderson. The two of them portray a loving couple who don't care about size... or wackiness, which is as stable as any other romantic relationship in the show.

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Dr. Paul Muhlhauser is looking forward to future semesters where he can help students gain experience in this field that is becoming more and more prevalent. His classes offer practical applications of concepts and in the future he hopes to help "students to gain experience working with real clients on multimedia projects."

Look for Dr. Muhlhauser's classes next semester, or check out his website paulmuhlhauser.org.

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Congratulations, Class of 2013!
Senior editors reflect, look to future
LAUREN MURRAY
Features Editor

For the senior editors of the Free Press, leaving the small publication and moving on to the professional world is a bittersweet journey. The organization is losing a large part of their staff members who have spent much of their college career working on bringing news to students.

Assistant Web Editor Hanna Barker will "miss the thrill of being a major part of something so important to our community." Joining the Free Press as a freshman, she said "it has defined much of my college experience.

One of her favorite moments was reporting when gastroenteritis plagued McDaniel this past February because everyone got to work together to break live news on campus that students really wanted to hear.

After much collaboration in the Free Press' room, the staff was able to investigate the cause of the virus and demand more information from the administration.

Editor-in-chief Kaitlyn Vadenais said "some of my favorite Free Press moments are the meetings after meetings or the impromptu talking that leads to genius ideas." She reflects on these moments that have led to some of the best work that the staff has done,

Sports editors Dan Lamond and Elec Trainor both plan on using their skills to pursue careers in the fields of sports journalism and public relations.

"Seeing breaking news that I had written get posted on Twitter was always a favorite moment of mine," Lamond said.

"Seeing it posted made me feel like I was making an impression on the student body and doing something important," Trainor felt the same way about seeing his name attached to articles that he had written.

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Managing editor Matt Arnold joined the Free Press staff his junior year and wrote a story about the Ravens leaving McDaniel College.

"That was really the first time that anyone on campus had started talking about my work...and that was really cool," he said.

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Profile: Hanna Barker

Annie Brown
Archivist

I’ll admit that I was in awe of Hanna Barker when I first met her. Clearly a great student, leader, and person, Hanna, then the editor in chief of the Free Press, warmly welcomed me to our newspaper and encouraged me to get involved. Over my past two years here at McDaniel, I’ve genuinely enjoyed getting to know and work with Hanna. Like me, she’s an English major and a writing minor with a vested interest in rhetoric and journalism. And I admire and respect her intelligence, her stellar work ethic, her extensive involvement on campus, and so much more.

The experiences Hanna has had and the people she’s met over her four years at McDaniel have shaped Hanna tremendously. Hanna has been involved in numerous student organizations, but some of them have been especially important to her.

“Being involved with the Free Press has definitely been the most meaningful experience during my four years at college because I was able to start at an entry level and work my way up gradually to being the editor in chief my junior year, and during this process, I’ve formed a lot of friendships and connections while developing professional skills that will surely be useful to me when I graduate,” said Hanna. She also noted that the Vagina Monologues, Allies, and the Trumpeters leadership honor society have also been significant to her.

While she has been heavily involved on campus, Hanna has also had time for campus jobs as well. She has worked as an e-ambassador for Admissions, and she is currently a tutor for SASS and a peer tutor in the Writing Center, where she has worked since her sophomore year. It is a job she has found especially worthwhile.

“I’ve had several jobs during the course of my McDaniel experience,” said Hanna, “but working at the Writing Center has definitely been the best one because it’s awesome and meaningful and tons of fun, and it’s also helped me improve my own writing.”

Hanna has made her mark on McDaniel College not only here in Westminster but also abroad in Budapest, where she studied abroad in the spring of her sophomore year and served as the managing editor for their student newspaper, The Messenger. Being able to study abroad was a dream come true for Hanna, and it helped her grow as an individual.

“That semester was when I first felt like an independent person, and being pushed completely out of my comfort zone was probably one of the best things that happened to me while I was here,” she said. Being in Budapest and traveling throughout Europe also helped Hanna become a global citizen.

“I remember we were in Romania and didn’t know where we were but that we were on a wooden cart being driven by a small Romanian child and moments like that are interesting to look back on because at the time, I didn’t realize how much they were shaping the way I view the world,” she said.

“I’m more globally aware than I had been before. I try to read news produced outside of America now,” she added. Hanna has also been influenced by a number of McDaniel professors. Dean Lisa Breslin is one of them.

Liza Breslin “took me under her wing my freshman year and gave me confidence in my journalistic abilities and helped me get my Writing Center job. Even when she became a dean, she still made time for me and is always there for a hug and support and I probably wouldn’t be where I am right now without her help,” said Hanna.

Dr. Kate Dobson has also been one of Hanna’s mentors. “She helped me discover that I really love rhetoric and find my niche within the English major,” said Hanna of Dobson. “She has been wonderful as I’ve been working on my senior seminar project with her and somehow always manages to make me feel like I’m actually good at writing during those moments when my confidence was low.”

“Other faculty members that have helped me grow academically and otherwise have included Josh Ambrose, Kym Byrnes, Betsy Beveridge, Dr. Mary, and Dr. Mulhauzer,” Hanna added.

Hanna has received guidance and inspiration from many on campus, but she hopes that she too has inspired people at McDaniel.

“I hope that in the most non-pretenentious way possible, I have inspired the underclassmen I’ve worked with to take leadership roles. I hope that I’ve helped people realize—as cliché as it sounds—that we actually can make a difference on campus,” said Hanna.

“Find something on campus that you can be a part of that makes you happy. And study abroad if you can,” is Hanna’s biggest advice to McDaniel students.

While Hanna has not yet decided what she will do after graduation, she is interested in getting a degree in rhetoric at some point. Additionally, her “ultimate dream job” is to be a writer/editors for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency or the Defense Intelligence Agency.

“Using the writing skills I’ve developed at McDaniel college for one of these organizations would be meaningful to me because I feel like I would be giving back the members of my family and the people of this country who have dedicated their lives to serving the United States,” said Hanna.

Hanna added jokingly, “No matter what happens, I know it will work out as long as I have a cat, something McDaniel should seriously consider allowing students to have on campus.”
Profile: Casey Dunn

SHARINA TAVERAS LOPEZ  
Staff Member

Casey Dunn, a graduating senior, is trying to do as much as he can around the Westminster community since he is leaving McDaniel this May.

Dunn is an English and a communication double major. He was first doing a communication major when his advisor convinced him to add the second major.

Dunn is from Eldersburg, Maryland. He came to McDaniel College because his sister attended the college and also because he liked the atmosphere.

He is the vice-president of the Honors Program and a member of the Pce Club. He is currently a writing tutor for the McDaniel College Writing Center, and has been since his sophomore year.

"Sometimes, some sessions are challenging, and some are not... we help students improve, not do their paper. We try to help people become better writers," he said.

For Dunn, the hardest class he took was his Senior Seminar for his English major. "I worked late nights and stressed out about the paper," he said.

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Senior Profiles

Sarah Bankard: “Professors encouraged me to develop the love for learning”

SHARINA TAVERAS LOPEZ
Staff Member

When Sarah Bankard came to McDaniel, she was very shy and homesick, but she says that God blessed her with the people she met during her time here. She loves McDaniel College, the professors, and all of the people she has met.

Bankard is a graduating senior from Lutherville, Maryland with majors in English and Spanish. Before she came to McDaniel, her mom did a lot of college research. She chose McDaniel because it was close to home, private, and small. According to Bankard, she lived in Whiteford Hall her first year and got along with her roommates well. One of them is her best friend now.

She got very involved with Intervarsity Fellowship in McDaniel College. She is currently part of the Leadership team for the group.

Bankard is part of the softball team, the Honors Program, and she is also a McDaniel Writing Center tutor. "Josh Ambrose, the director of the Writing Center" definitely cares and it is fun to work there and I am learning too. I like working there," she said.

The hardest class she took was a history class called “Invasion of America” because she felt that that was not her comfort zone and because of the interactive games and historical critical thinking games she had to play.

Bankard also thought that her English senior seminar was also a very challenging class, but her professor, Dr. Ursin, was always there for her. She said, “I thought we were all in this together… meeting one on one with the professor and talking. It was hard but it was a good experience.”

Bankard also loved Dr. Mary’s classes from the English Department. “They were fun and I enjoyed the discussions because she knew what she was talking about,” she said.

During her time in McDaniel, Bankard loved to play soccer and liked spending time with people. “It is what I like to do and I feel I don’t need to drive to D.C., for example, to have fun. I like developing new relationships,” she said.

Bankard studied abroad in Granada, Spain the fall semester of her junior year. “I did not know anyone when I went and I lived with a host family, but I traveled to Madrid, Barcelona, Paris, Turkey, and Morocco,” she said.

Bankard became very involved with the church in Granada and her Spanish improved. She loved the experience of living in a big city in a foreign country.

This summer, Bankard is doing a seven-week service project in Washington, DC in a Hispanic immigrant community. She is going to live with college students and serve for nonprofit organizations, interacting with the community and helping out with their needs.

Charles Mullin will Teach for America

AMBER SLATER
News Editor

For Charles Mullin, graduation does not mean that he’s done with his time in the classroom. As a Teach for America Corps member, he will be spending the next two years teaching in the Baltimore City school system.

An English major and Writing minor who currently serves as President of Geniatales, Co-Editor of Contrast Literary Magazine, and President of Lambda Iota Tau, McDaniel’s literary Honor Society, Mullin cites both professors in the English department and his professional experiences during his time at McDaniel as factors that prepared him for service. In particular, he credits Dr. Mary, Dr. Dobson, and Dr. Carpenter for guiding him through his time at McDaniel.

“They helped to cultivate me into the student and future TFA corps member I am today. When I was stressed out, they encouraged me to keep going,” he explained. “When I failed, they helped to find me a way to keep working.”

Additionally, Charles served as an English Academic Coach for two years with the DC College Success Foundation’s Summer Academic Enrichment Program (SAEP), a scholarship program for underserved, college-bound students in D.C. public schools.

Of his experiences with SAEP, he said, “I saw so many kind and creative kids that came from less-than encouraging and safe environments for academic success. I knew that they had much less opportunity than I had as a kid because of that.”

When Mullin found out about TFA, he jumped at the chance to continue helping students reach their academic potential.

Currently two months out from the start of his summer training with TFA, Mullin admits that he is both excited and terrified. He will miss moments at McDaniel such as his FYS, playing Frisbee with friends, and performing in Cocktales. Overall, though, he knows that TFA service is “something [he] was meant to do.”

Mullin would like to thank his close friends Logan Otemba, Pat Callahan, Tom Grosso, Graham Miles, and Stephen Lariviere as well as his girlfriend, Hanna Barker, for always being there for him throughout his McDaniel career.

Senior Charles Mullin

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Leigh Blohm  

Clockwise from top right:
1. Forest Fleischer
got pied at the Writing Center's "Pie a Tutor" at Fun Fest
on May 1 to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Westminster.
2. Charles Mullin displays his tie-dye shirt at Spring Fling.
3. Caitlin Bennett and Tyler Justice enjoy some trivia at Bubba Gump's Seafood and Shrimp
during the annual Honors Program field trip.

Class of 2013 

Top 10 Majors
1. Exercise Science & PE—44
2. Psychology—35
3. Sociology—33
4. Communication—32
5. Business Administration—31
6. English—27
7. Political Sci. & Intl Studies—25
8. Biology—22
9. History—20
10. Environmental Policy & Sci.—17

31 graduating seniors are members of Phi Beta Kappa
25 students are graduating from the Honors Program

Top 5 Minors

Asian Studies—2
Religious Studies—2
Human Services Management—2
German—1

245 students will graduate.
Of those students, 4 will have minors. One will graduate with a major or minor in Spanish.

¿Hablas español?
25 students will graduate with a major or minor in Spanish

What are the least common majors of the Class of 2013?

Information compiled by Lisa Vasopo and the McDaniels College Council

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Gordon Lyons
Kaitlin Mahoney
Olivia Marinho de Andrade
Michael Marks
Carolina Marques dos Santos Viera
Debra Marshall
Hanna Martin
Tyler Martin
Anne Mathews
Siebhan Matias
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Jessica Nonney
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Elizabeth Oakley
Margaret O’Connor
Daniel O’Dwyer
Dillon O’Malley
Michael Oreb
Thomas Orro
Maria Osso
Logan Otemba
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Noah Patton
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Melissa Pennington
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Rachael Rybak
Michael Sacks
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David Sampson
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Profile: Nick Galinaitis

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Staff Member

As his senior year draws to a close, Nick Galinaitis is reflecting on the rewarding experience of being involved in different clubs and the importance of getting a higher education. 

Nick is an English major. His passionate personality guided him to get involved in different clubs that helped him grow personally and gave him a sense of community. 

He was involved in McDaniel Allies. He said, “The seniors and club leaders were really supportive and knowledgeable, so I learned so much about gender, LGBT and queer terminology and the diversity of the gay community,” Nick said.

He also added that Masha Makhlyagina, the president of the Allies his freshman year, helped him a lot with accepting himself and coming out to his peers. 

Nick also feels proud and honored for being the co-editor of Contrast Literary Magazine along with Charles Mullin during his senior year. He expressed that this club was an outlet for his passion for creative writing. 

When asked about his opinions on the importance of getting a degree, Nick quoted President Barack Obama, who said, “There’s a million dollar difference between having a degree and not having one.” Nick added that he was “truly grateful [he] was able to have the financial aid and family support to attend a four-year-college.” Overall, he thinks his liberal arts education has been completely fulfilling and self-liberating. 

Within the liberal arts, some professors really were inspiring for Nick. “My favorite professor would have to be Dr. Greg Alles, one of the most brilliant minds on campus, alongside Dr. Vera Jakoby, I also love everyone in the English Department,” he said.

A class that Nick will never forget since it influenced his views on the meaning of God and nature was the Shakespeare class, which he highly recommends.

Nick says he will treasure all of his experiences here at McDaniel College. He left me a few last words for incoming freshmen: “Work hard, trust your intuition, always be compassionate, and consider majoring in English!”

Profile: Jonny Wixen

KARINA BUSTOS
Staff Member

During his four years at McDaniel, Jonathan “Jonny” Wixen has pursued most of his academic and personal goals.

In our interview, his eyes brightened up recalling good experiences and his trip abroad. 

Jonny is a Communication and Spanish major. He says his favorite class was Introduction to Communication Mass Media because he learned about all different forms of media.

“The final project was really fun. I wrote an op-ed article called “Litter: more harmful than you realize.” The best part was that it was published in the Baltimore Sun. I felt so proud!” he said.

He also enjoyed drum lessons since he loves playing the drums. His professor had different methods to teach, and it was a one-to-one class so he believes he benefited a lot from it.

His interest to learn another language and culture led Jonny to embark upon an overseas experience his junior year. The destination was Madrid, Spain. He says it was a life-changing experience. He could also travel to several countries and enjoy the food, local people and traditions. During his stay, he took Spanish courses, which helped him improve a great deal. He would definitely recommend incoming students to study abroad.

Jonny will never forget fun and unforgettable moments with friends during Halloween, winter, and Spring Fling.

There are only few weeks left until graduation, although he has made a place for himself at McDaniel, Jonny seems ready to move on to something new, saying “I'm from California, but I'm planning to move to Maryland and look for a job here.”
Profile: Gary Smith

ALEXANDER MURCHISON III
Staff Member

The Green Terror family has to say so long to another beloved student, Gary Smith.

Smith says what most attracted him to McDaniel in the beginning was the great atmosphere around campus from the students, and the small, beautiful campus also caught his eye. “The campus is beautiful, it was small and focused on academics.”

Smith enjoyed many glorious memories on the Hill’s campus, his best memories are not specific but involve “having fun with friends playing sports, laughing, and trying new things. Even sitting back and relaxing and watching some of the other sports or doing events around campus.”

Smith often described himself as a lazy person, but do not allow him to fool you, he might have had his moments of laziness but he was always very involved. “I am involved in a good deal of intramural sports and have fun. I am also a part of the badminton club, and tried to start other clubs as well.”

Gary has also given blood multiple times at the blood drives held on McDaniel’s campus and volunteers as much as possible. Gary is the type that is always willing to lend a helping hand if necessary.

After graduation Smith plans on attending Seton Hall University for his Master’s degree in athletic training. He is an exercise science and training major with a minor in athletic training, and hopes to someday pursue a career as an athletic trainer for a professional sports team or college.

Smith is excited to graduate but not to leave all of his friends on the Hill behind. “I will miss my roommates for sure, no matter how much we argue, I will also miss the rest of my friends around campus, along with my coaches and others I work with.”

Unlike most students who participate in athletics, Smith did not join a sports team here at McDaniel until his senior year, when he decided that he would join the track and field team. When asked what caused him to join in his final year, he said, “mainly because I felt like challenging myself and seeing how far I could go. I wanted to see if I could make something out of nothing and have fun with it. If I could go back I would start track as soon as I walked in the first day. I had a blast running and participating in events. I made a lot of new friends and met an awesome old man, Coach Estes.” Gary also described Coach Estes to be his favorite coach of all time.

Smith holds only one regret from his four-year career at McDaniel, that he did not join the track and field team sooner. Other than that, Gary holds no regrets from his time spent on the Hill.

Gary Smith is a person who would call himself lazy, but others might call well-involved and a great person to get to know. Gary will truly be missed but all we can say is good-bye and good luck.
Farewell to track and field captain Charles Kronmiller

Profile: Diego Weiner

ALEXANDER MURCHISON III Staff Writer

Diego Weiner was a member of the Green Terror football team for four years and participated in track his senior year. He hopes to become a criminal defense lawyer.

The McDaniel track and field family must say goodbye to one of its most beloved captains, Charles Kronmiller. Charles was a member of the indoor and outdoor track and field team for all four years of his college career. During his time on the team, Charles participated in many different types of sprinting and throwing events.

Charles was well known for his javelin throwing abilities, and is currently the best javelin thrower on the team. When asked about his greatest moments as part of a track and field team, he said: “My favorite moment occurred last year at the Gettysburg’s Mason-Dixon invitational. At that meet I achieved my personal record in javelin and won first place.”

Kronmiller’s second favorite moment during track and field came last semester at indoor conference meets at Ursinus, when McDaniel controlled one-third of the total 18 shot put throwers for the entire conference. The team had a lot of success and ended taking four of the top ten spots in the conference, along with McDaniel’s own Carlos Hernandez coming in first place. Charles described it as “truly dominating performance and it is a moment in time I will never forget.”

Besides being a proud member of the McDaniel track and field team, Kronmiller was also a member of Phi Delta Theta. Charles was first introduced to the fraternity through friends on campus and saw it as a great opportunity to better himself.

“The reason I joined a fraternity was for the great people who comprised the fraternity as well as the opportunities the fraternity provides you. Phi Delta Theta afforded me the chance to promote friendship, sound learning, and moral rectitude.”

Kronmiller always has been on top of things, so much so that he has a position at McGladrey LLP as an audit associate waiting for him after he graduates. Even though Charles may be excited to graduate and get into the working world, there are still several people he will miss from his time on the Hill.

“People that will be missed are numerous. First and foremost, my roommates; Carlos Hernandez, Jordan Holter, Joe Seeliner, and Diego Weiner. Other close friends in the senior class, my professor in my major, Dr. Claycombe, Professor Lavin, Dr. Melnyk, Professor Milner, Dr. Osh, and Dr. Routzahn. And last but not least my track and field coaches, Coach Estes, Coach Leiter, Coach Renner, Coach Robertson, and Coach Upton.”

Kronmiller has devoted himself fully to anything and everything he has been involved in while at McDaniel, whether it was track and field, or his fraternity. Charles Kronmiller will soon become a proud alumnus of the Green Terror and will be missed by many. We wish Charles the best of luck in whatever he decides to pursue once he leaves.

Charles Kronmiller throws a javelin. Kronmiller has been a member of the indoor and outdoor track and field teams throughout his time at McDaniel.

10 Things You Won’t Miss About McDaniel

ANNE BROWN Archivist

Are you finding yourself feeling sentimental about your past four years on campus and intimidated by the future? Graduating can be tough, but moving out into the real world won’t be so bad. Here are 10 things you probably won’t miss about McDaniel College and that you can look forward to leaving.

1. Rouzer
You haven’t lived there since you were a freshman if you’re a guy, and you never lived there if you’re a girl, but Rouzer is one place on campus you definitely won’t have to worry about missing.

2. Dorm Furniture
No more wardrobes, creepy desk chairs, or demonic microwaves!

3. The Housing Lottery
No more waiting, anxiety, and not getting your first pick.

4. Glor Food
Need I say more?

5. Campus Internet
On days when the wifi’s at its worst, dial-up almost seems better. Almost.

6. Cisco
Nothing like having to wait five minutes to even access the slow internet.

7. Course Registration on Archway
So much stress. Say goodbye to it!

8. Blackboard
It can be useful, but it’s so outdated that it’s painful to look at.

9. Bad Clubrooms
Walk into the clubroom like, “Whodup—oh, no one’s here...”

10. Your Senior Sem/Capstone
You learned a lot, but then, the amount of work you’ve put into it has left you so exhausted you could sleep for an entire year. But now that it’s behind you, it’s time to celebrate!
What did I learn in college?

GREGORY NOLEN
Staff Writer

As my senior year is rapidly coming to an end, I find myself asking this question a lot. I learned so much in college.

I learned that college is where you really grow up. When I came here as a freshmen, I had never lived away from home, and couldn’t imagine living away from my twin brother, who had decided to go to a different college. Now, I’ve lived here for four years, and am content with living away from home.

I learned that joining clubs may be the best thing you can do in college. It’s a great way to meet people and make friends. Second semester of freshmen year, I was talking to a friend, and mentioned that I was Catholic and had gone to church that evening. He recommended that I join Catholic Campus Ministry, a Catholic group on campus. Although I initially resisted, I joined later that semester, and it has easily been the best decision I have ever made. Though CCM, I have made some of the best friends I have ever had.

I learned that writing style used in college is totally different from the one we learned in high school. As my brother put it so adequately to me on the phone once, “in high school, they teach you to fail.” In college, you have to adapt to a new style of writing, and figure out how to write 10-15 page papers, and write a senior seminar of about 30 pages. Writing 15 pages was something I never dreamed I would do, let alone 30 pages. There’s no better feeling than knowing you did well on a big project.

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I learned that McDaniel offers tremendous opportunities for students, like Jan Terms and study abroad. For my Jan Term trip, I went on the SASS trip to Budapest, Hungary, with a small group of students. I ended up enjoying it so much, I went back and spent a semester there in the fall. These opportunities were something I never would have experienced had I not come here.

I learned that this school has some of the best professors I could have that have fundamentally impacted my life. They are always available to answer whatever questions I had, and helped me out in so many ways. They helped me decide what major to pursue and what classes to take.

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Reflection: Turn Out the Lights...

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My Final Reflection

KAITLYN VADEMAIS
Editor-in-Chief

Everyone said those four years would fly by, and it didn’t take long to realize it for myself. Somewhere in between homecoming in the snow, a school cancellation for a hurricane, and several Spring Flings, we grew from first-year students to seniors on the hill.

We experienced changes all around campus during our four short years. First-year students will never again experience the fear of wondering what RA was going to do on duty in the Whiteford fishbowl when you came back to the building. Or how about the 24-hour room with its sketchy coffee machine; the new Starbucks is a huge improvement. And who can forget that before we got a new and beautiful Glar, we had Flar, the Forum Glar. Even now that Rouzer Hallway is furnished and slightly wider, it still doesn’t make certain encounters any less awkward as you are passing through.

Someday soon, we will miss all the unique quirks that composed our home at McDaniel these past four years. Semester after semester we came back. We came back for the McDaniel Plan. Who knew we would be doing math with hieroglyphics in college?

We became resourceful at sneaking free food leftover from events around campus. We looked forward to Thanksgiving lunch, and late nights hanging out and doing absolutely nothing with our friends. We learned that chicken tenders are not just for kids and that nothing tastes better on a Thursday afternoon than tenders and boom boom sauce.

We spent four years making friends, testing boundaries, and working hard towards our futures. Now here we are, the proud graduates of the Class of 2013. I am happy for the experiences I had writing and working for the McDaniel Free Press. To all of my fellow graduating Free Press-ers, I wish you luck in everything and thanks for the memories!

McDaniel’s Choice 2013 Results

186 people voted and the results are in! Here are your choices for the best of McDaniel and Westminster.

Best Pub Meal
Quesadilla (39%)

Best School Improvement
Green and Go (39%)

Honorable Mentions to Glar Theme
Nights and New Stadium

Best Glar Theme
Death by Chocolate (39%)

Best Campus Activity
Spring Fling (57%)

Best Coffee Shop
Starbucks (45%)

Honorable Mentions to Birdie’s and Westminster Station

Best Pizza
Classico’s (27%)

Best Burger Joint
Five Guys (59%)

Best Asian Food Restaurant
Asian Sakae (33%)

Best Liquor Store
Rite Aid Liquors (34%)

Honorable Mention to College
Square Liquors and House of Liquor

Most Affordable Grocery Store
Safeway (38%)

Best Late Night Restaurant
Denny’s (26%)

Honorable Mentions to Wawa and IHOP