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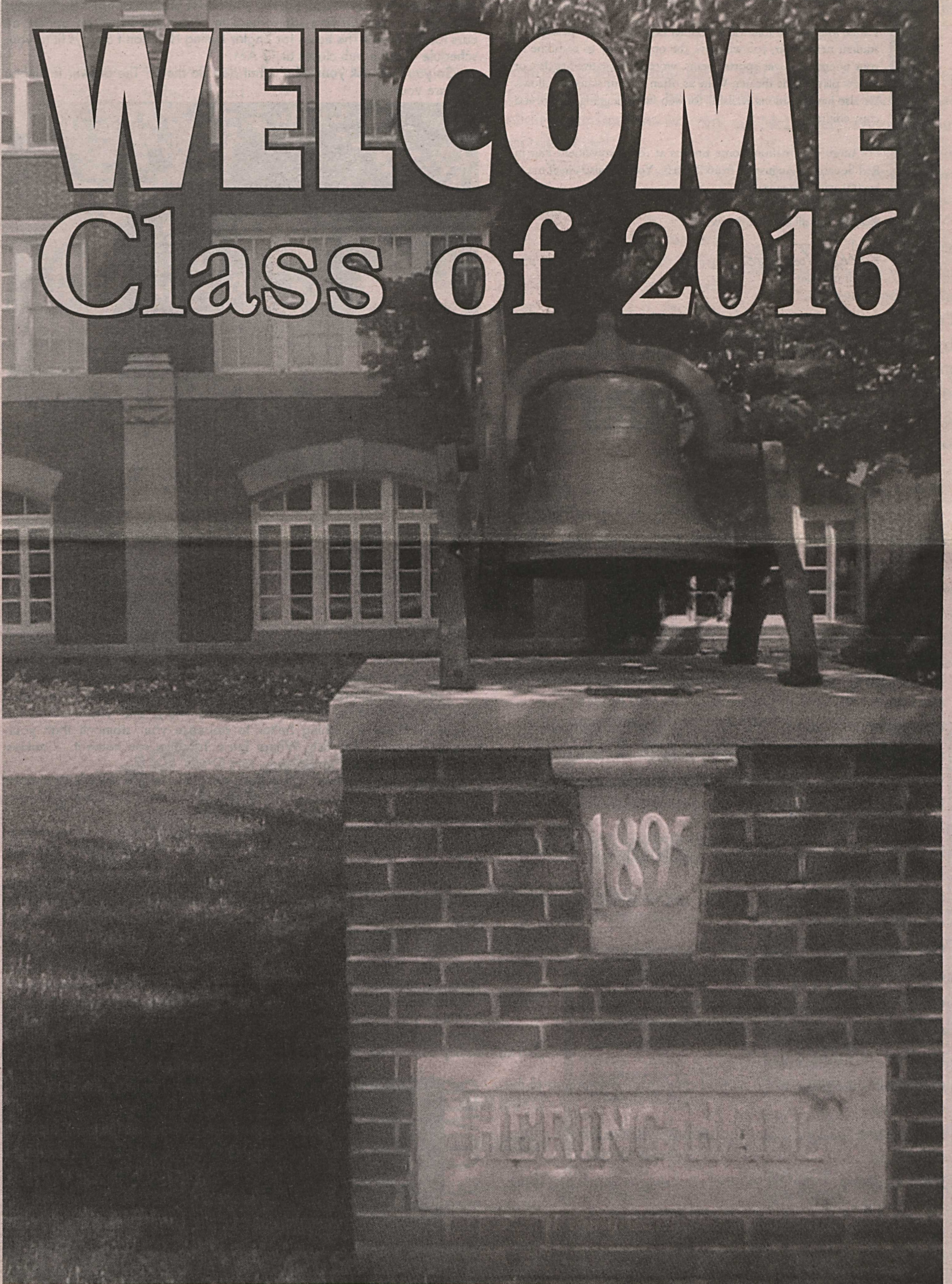
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# WELCOME Class of 2016





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 [kcv001](mailto:kcv001) with any questions.

Wishing you all the best this year,

*Kaitlyn Vadenais*  
Editor in Chief

# McDaniel College Dictionary

KAITLYN VADENAIS

**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.

**Campo** – 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



## 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.



### COLLEGE PRO TIP

Buy in bulk to save money. A membership to a wholesale club usually costs about \$50 for the year and comes with two licenses. Split the cost with your roommate for an affordable way to get your favorite snack foods in large quantities. And there's a BJ's right down the street!

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 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 satisfying time at college with a full stomach. Make sure you're prepared to satisfy all your snacking needs.

ON THE COVER

### A McDaniel Tradition

Students ring the Old Main Bell to signal the beginning of their college experience, and "ring out" after graduation. This tradition dates back to 1867, when the university was founded as Western Maryland College.

PHOTO CREDIT CHARLES MULLIN



# Orientation: The Highlights of Your First Week

HANNA BARKER

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 on over to the "Community Service Plunge" Information Table. You'll be able to sign up to participate in a local service project to help you get connected with the community while meeting 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 cliché, 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 Hyponosis 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.

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## first year SURVIVAL guide



MARIA MERCURIO

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!

## WESTMIN Without V

CHARLES MULLIN

Let me guess—you think there's nothing to do here in Westminster because you saw more farms than gas stations on your way to McDaniel. Well, I'm here to tell you you're wrong. There are a lot of fun things to do here only a short walk away from the Hill.

Here are six great things you can do in Westminster:

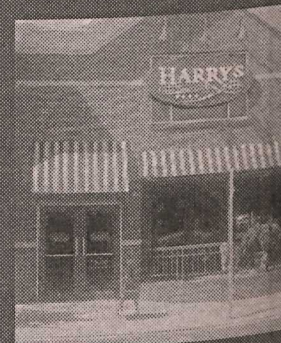
### Carroll County Arts Council

Located just a few blocks down Main Street is Westminster's hotspot for culture and entertainment. It contains a huge theatre that seats 263 people and holds concerts and film screenings, art classrooms, and an awesome gallery. On August 24th the theatre is showing Hugo, and on September 14th it's showing Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close. Also, The National Players will be performing the classic Shakespeare play Romeo & Juliet on September 29. However, the special Halloween showing of Rocky Horror Picture Show is the most popular event.



### Harry's Main Street Grill

Only five minutes down Main Street you'll find one of Westminster's best restaurants. It's been around for over 25 years and has become engrained in the community with its American food and friendly service. They also do carry-out delivery and are a great place to spend an afternoon or evening instead of a fast-food again.



### Gotham Comics

Further down Main Street you'll find Westminster's comic book store. Whether it's coming for Free Book Day, participating in one of the store's awesome card/rpg tournaments, or just browsing the store's selection of graphic novels, Gotham Comics is just a short walk. If you're getting into comics, don't miss it because Gotham's employees are experts at recommending first buys.



### COLLEGE PRO TIP

When your stomach demands attention late at night, or your friend with a car doesn't feel like driving, never fear—you have options! Within walking distance, there's a Safeway and a Denny's open 24/7.

Check out this article to be in the know about other locations easily accessible by foot. >>>

### CUP Tea Bar and Cafe

Right next to Gotham Comics is CUP, Westminster's best and newest addition to Main Street. With a huge variety of tea and food options, it's a great place to come and relax between classes or on the weekend. Saturday especially is a great time to visit because from 12 to 2 PM live acoustic music is played while you eat or drink tea!





# MINISTER: Wheels

## in Carroll County Public Library

Just a few more steps from Gotham Comics down Main Street, you'll find the second-best library in Westminster. Of course, nothing can beat McDaniel's very own Hoover Library, but sometimes you might need a change in scenery to study or have trouble finding a certain book at Hoover. It's open till 8:45 PM from Monday to Thursday and till 5 PM on Fridays and Saturdays.



## Baughner's

It's the best way to experience the country side of Westminster and it's only a short walk down West Main Street past the stadium. Baughner's Restaurant has the best choices for country meals like homemade mashed potatoes and it's the best walkable place to get ice cream! The bakery is famous for its 20 pie varieties. The Fruit Market that sits just outside has awesome fresh fruits and vegetables to protect you from the Freshmen 15! Baughner's is the best way to support local farms and if you're able to get a ride, it also has its own orchards where you can pick your own fruit and vegetables and a fun Petting Zoo.



# CAMPUS RESOURCE GUIDE

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 Elderdice 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 College 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 Karamae McCauley in the ID card office next to the Dining Hall. She can check how many meals and how much money is on your ID 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 Elderdice. 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 needed to travel this corridor trying to get through you 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 next to Ensor Lounge, who 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

## Hoover Library: Use it or lose out

ANNIE BROWN

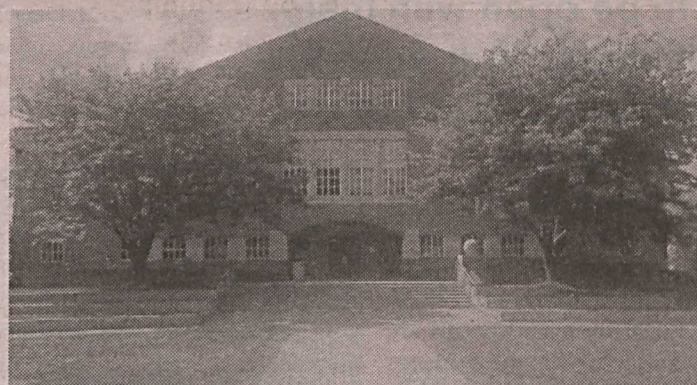
Need to study or write a paper? Get out of your dorm room and try the completely wireless library, where you can find plenty of study spaces.

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 Caseys' Corner, adjacent to the entrance of the library. A coffee shop by day and evening, the space also serves as a 24-hour commons area, and the doors are never locked, making it a great place to pull 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 Caseys' 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,



**HOURS:** 8 AM to 12 AM Mondays through Thursdays, 8 AM to 7 PM on Fridays, 9 AM to 7 PM on Saturdays, and 12 PM to 12 AM on Sundays. You can find more information at [hoover.mcdaniel.edu](http://hoover.mcdaniel.edu).

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 during your college career, and the library offers effective tools and resources for you to do this well.

When it comes to writing a research paper, never underestimate the usefulness of books and other print materials. Hoover Library has over 200,000 volumes, searchable on the library homepage, [hoover.mcdaniel.edu](http://hoover.mcdaniel.edu).

Thousands more can be accessed through the library's partnership with Carroll Community College and Carroll County Public Library. If you need an item that these libraries don't have, you can request it with InterLibrary Loan.

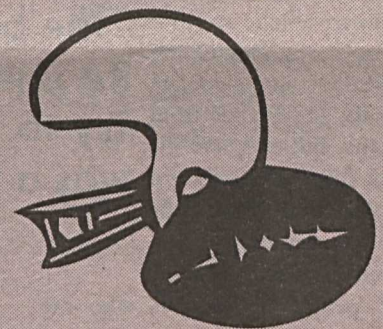
Never underestimate the power of articles, journals, and

databases, which can be a huge asset when it comes to writing papers. Using the Research Tools tab on the Hoover website, you can find an A-Z list of databases and find subject guides that list online resources tailored to specific subjects.

Of course, it is the people of Hoover Library that will make your library experience truly great. Visiting reference librarians, like Rhonda Stricklett or Sally Jones, at the reference desk on the first floor can help you find answers to all sorts of questions, such as how to use the library website or where to start on your research paper. You can also email them at [rstricklett@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:rstricklett@mcdaniel.edu) or [sajones@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:sajones@mcdaniel.edu).

The Ask a Librarian feature on the Hoover Library website allows users to type or text in questions.

If you take advantage of all that Hoover Library has to offer, you can help yourself find academic success, eliminate some stress from your life, and maybe even find time to check out a DVD from the circulation desk.



## Home Game Schedule

Below are the dates for the first three home games for each fall sport. For the full schedule, please visit [www.mcdanielathletics.com](http://www.mcdanielathletics.com).

### FOOTBALL

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

### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

9/8 Green Terror Challenge,  
9:40 AM

### MEN'S SOCCER

9/5 Goucher, 4:30 PM  
9/15 Muhlenberg, 1 PM  
9/22 Ursinus, 1 PM

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

9/4 Marymount, 4 PM  
9/8 Ferrum, 2 PM  
9/11 St. Mary's (MD), 4 PM

### VOLLEYBALL

9/1 Keystone, 1 PM  
Penn St-Abington, 4 PM  
9/5 Eastern Mennonite, 6:30 PM

### FIELD HOCKEY

8/31 Wesley, 6 PM  
9/1 Roanoke, 3 PM  
9/12 Stevenson, 7 PM



# ARE YOU CONSIDERING GOING GREEK?

TREVOR HAMMOND

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 Cheese Club to T.V. 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 joining a fraternity or sorority.

Many people frown on Greek organizations because of the negative image they've received from popular culture. Countless movies and TV shows have featured rowdy young college students wreaking havoc and getting drunk every day, not to mention the so-called "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 not. Students 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 get their 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 Emily Ridgely, who pledged Phi Mu last spring, said she "wanted to be more involved on campus while still keeping a solid base to return to at 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 all throughout high

school.

Alpha Sigma Phi, Phi Delta Theta and Phi Kappa Sigma are the three nationally recognized fraternities with chapters at McDaniel. Alpha Gamma Tau, more commonly referred to as "Bachelors" is the only current local fraternity.

For the ladies, Phi Mu, Phi Sigma Sigma, and Alpha Sigma Tau are the three sororities that are nationally recognized as well as Phi Alpha Mu, which is the only current local sorority.

For those who are more inclined to give back to the community, McDaniel also offers two nationally recognized Greek Organizations that are solely dedicated to community service, both of which are co-ed. Alpha Phi Omega and Gamma Sigma Sigma are alternatives to the social organizations on campus, yet still provide that sense of community.

Obviously, not everyone that comes through McDaniel will be interested in going Greek. But for those who are, there are different times to get involved and Pledge both in the fall and the spring. Spring is traditionally the more common time to pledge; partially because freshman students aren't allowed to until they've completed their first semester.

## What to expect from your RA

ZACHERY BROWN

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 spend it living on-campus. Going without home-cooked meals, and friends from home, and pets, and the bed that had been worn in just perfectly can be quite daunting. But, there are certainly plenty of people on campus who are there to help support the incoming class as they start their collegiate careers.

One such group of people there to assist in acclimating to campus living is the group of RAs that live right alongside the freshman class. For those unfamiliar to the term, RA stands for Resident Assistant. 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 RAs 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) stops working, a student could report this to his or her RA, who would then put in a work order to get that fixed as soon as possible by the maintenance crew. Each individual RA will go more into detail about this process as individual situations arise, 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.

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 senior Jess Hague, who has two years experience as an RA.

**"The best way to approach an RA is just to be open with them. Try to remember that your RA was a First Year student at one point, too."**

Each RA will hold a meeting and go through a set of rules within the first week of school. These rules range from what items are acceptable to have in the residence halls to policies regarding underage drinking on campus, all of which are concerned with the safety of students and the progression of a healthy learning environment.

These are important to pay attention to, and following them should keep you out of trouble on campus. However, to make sure that all of the rules are being followed, each building is assigned an On Duty RA each night.

This means that an RA will make a round of the building three to five times throughout the night and will be on the lookout for anything that seems to break the school's policies. If any student is found to be breaking the rules that have been established, then they will be documented and will go through the disciplinary process, which can lead to a number of different outcomes.

"[New students are] going to be under enough stress adjusting to college life when it comes to classes, making friends, and being away from home. If they have to start dealing with disciplinary issues as well, that could end up being way too much for them to handle and it could become difficult for them to succeed in their first year," said Hague.

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

One of the most important parts of this environment that the college and the RAs strive for involves community. McDaniel is a small campus, and it will soon seem like you see almost everyone you know just about every day. This is something that seems to be unique to McDaniel and even the RAs help to bolster the feeling of being one big family. This is primarily attempted, with the result depending on the students, by holding building-wide and floor-wide events throughout the year.

These programs, as they are called by the Office of Residence Life (ResLife for short), are geared 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 are on board.

In talking about how important this feeling of community is to the students, especially freshman, Jess 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 freshman can expect from their RAs 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 brand new surroundings, and be able to start building themselves a McDaniel family, right from day one.

*Editor's Note: Zach Brown has served as a Resident Assistant since 2011.*

## How To Get a job on the Hill

CHARLES MULLIN

Although it is more difficult for freshman to find an open job than it is for upper classmen, there are still many opportunities available for on-campus jobs and federal work-study. Most of it is only a click away on the McDaniel College website.

If you qualify for Federal Work Study (FWS), search "federal work study" at the McDaniel home page which gives you a good lowdown on the 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 can find openings for Student Engagement, Academic Affairs, Departments, Hoover Library, 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, and fulfill any other qualifications or requirements listed.

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

It all adds up though when you need that extra hundred for schoolbooks or spending money. What better way is there to get to know the faculty and bulk up your resume than to work part-time at the Hill?

Speaking of bulking up a resume, there are also links provided at the bottom of the same "job postings" page that recommend great community service programs and volunteer work like the Boys and Girls Club of Westminster, the Community Media Center, or the Carroll County Public Library. Just read over the short description and contact the email address listed. Most are all within walking distance as well.

Or you can make an appointment with one of McDaniel's Career Counselors at the Career Services Office, which is now a part of the Center for Experience and Opportunity.

Now get started on that job hunt!

## COLLEGE PRO TIP

On Thursday, August 30, there will be a part-time job fair in the Forum from 4-6 PM, featuring opportunities for employment both on and off campus.



# 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:

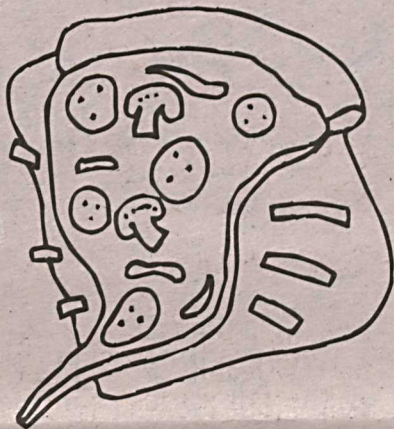
## Pizza

**Mustang Pizza and Subs**  
www.mustangpizza.com

45 Pennsylvania Avenue  
(410) 848-3600

SUN 12 PM -10 PM, M-W 11AM -10 PM, TH-SAT 11AM -2 AM

FOOD STYLES: American, Burgers, Fast Food, Italian, Pizza, Seafood



Delivery area of 10 miles,  
FREE DELIVERY

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**Belisimos**  
www.belisimos.com

8 Washington Road  
(410) 871-2727

10 AM - 9:30 PM

FOOD STYLES: American, Bar Food, Burgers, Greek, Pizza, Italian, Philly Cheesesteaks, Sandwiches

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**Domino's Pizza**  
www.dominos.com

457 Baltimore Boulevard  
(410) 857-5554

SUN-TH 11 AM-midnight,  
F/SAT 11 AM - 1 AM

FOOD STYLES: Pizza, Sandwiches, Chicken, Breads

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**Pizza Boli's**  
www.pizzabolis.com

279 East Main Street  
(410) 857-9700

SUN-TH 11 AM-11 PM,  
F/SAT 11 AM - midnight

FOOD STYLES: Pizza, Subs, Wings, Stromboli, Pasta, Salads

**Papa John's**  
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

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**Pizza Hut**  
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

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**Ledo Pizza**  
www.ledopizza.com

405 N Center Street  
(410) 857-3500

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, Salads, Sandwiches

## American

**Rafael's Restaruant**  
www.rafael'srestaurant.com

32 West Main Street  
(410) 840-1919

M-TH 11 AM- 9:30 PM,  
Fri 11 AM-10:30 PM,  
SAT 12 PM- 10:30 PM,  
SUN 12 PM-9 PM  
Bar is open until 1 am.

FOOD STYLES: American, Bar Food, Burgers, Italian, Pizza, Sandwiches, Tapas

**Maggie's Restaurant**  
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

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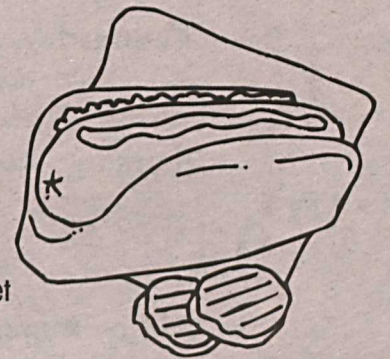
**Harry's Main Street Grille**

www.harrysmainstreetgrille.com

65 W Main Street  
(410) 848-7080

M-SAT 7 AM - 9 PM

FOOD STYLES: American



**Frisco Family Pub**  
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

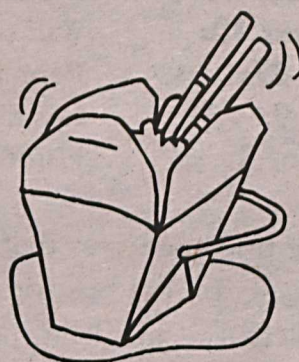
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**Quizno's Classic Subs**  
www.quiznos.com

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

12 Carroll Street  
(410) 876-8988

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**

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

## COLLEGE PRO TIP



Many local businesses offer student discounts. It doesn't hurt to ask- just bring your student ID with you. For example, Mustang Pizza and Subs offers a discount to any McDaniel student who registers their ID in person at their location on Pennsylvania Avenue. Additionally, the movie theater in Westminster offers a student discount.

With the new McDaniel 1card, increasing numbers of businesses will be offering deals to college students. CVS Pharmacy has already signed to accept McDanielBucks, and you can see where else the 1card will be accepted by going to [www.mcdaniel1card.com](http://www.mcdaniel1card.com).

More information about the 1card to come at [www.mcdanielfreepress.com](http://www.mcdanielfreepress.com).



# "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:

<b>Sunday, August 26:</b>	Bingo for Books: 5pm-7pm; Englar Dining Hall
<b>Monday, August 27:</b>	Beyond the Wall Poster Sale: 10am-6pm; The Forum Meet the Sororities Ice Cream Social: 8pm-10pm; McDaniel Lounge
<b>Tuesday, August 28:</b>	Beyond the Wall Poster Sale: 9am-4:30pm; The Forum Spin Art Stunner Shades; 11am-3pm (or until supplies last); Ensor Lounge Zumba Party: 7pm-8pm; Gill Gym Meet the Fraternities Greek Games: 7pm-9pm; Red Square
<b>Wednesday, August 29:</b>	Diverse and Delicious: 10:30am-1pm; Ensor Lounge Wellness Center Open House: 12pm-1pm; Winslow Center, 2nd floor Involvement Fair: 5pm-7pm; Red Square
<b>Thursday, August 30:</b>	Ice Cream Sundae Bar: 12pm-1pm; Outside Glar Part Time Job Fair: 4pm-6pm; Forum Nachos and Rec Lounge Grand Opening: 6pm-9pm; Rec Lounge Magic Tournament: 8pm-10pm; Ensor Lounge
<b>Friday, August 31:</b>	Green Terror Productions Kickoff Meeting: 3pm-4pm; Glar Dining Porch World Café: 4pm-6pm; Ensor Lounge Grass Volleyball Tournament: 4pm-7pm; Outside Gill Gym Movie on the Lawn: 9pm; Red Square

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 p.m. and 10 p.m. every other Friday of the fall semester in Decker Auditorium (unless otherwise noted):

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

<b>Saturday, September 8:</b>	Hershey Park Trip, \$15.00
<b>Saturday September 29:</b>	National Zoo Trip, \$5.00*
<b>Wednesday October 10:</b>	Wicked at the Hippodrome Theatre, \$15.00
<b>Saturday October 27:</b>	Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire, \$10.00
<b>Friday November 9:</b>	Cosmic Bowling, \$5.00*
<b>Saturday December 1:</b>	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 too, 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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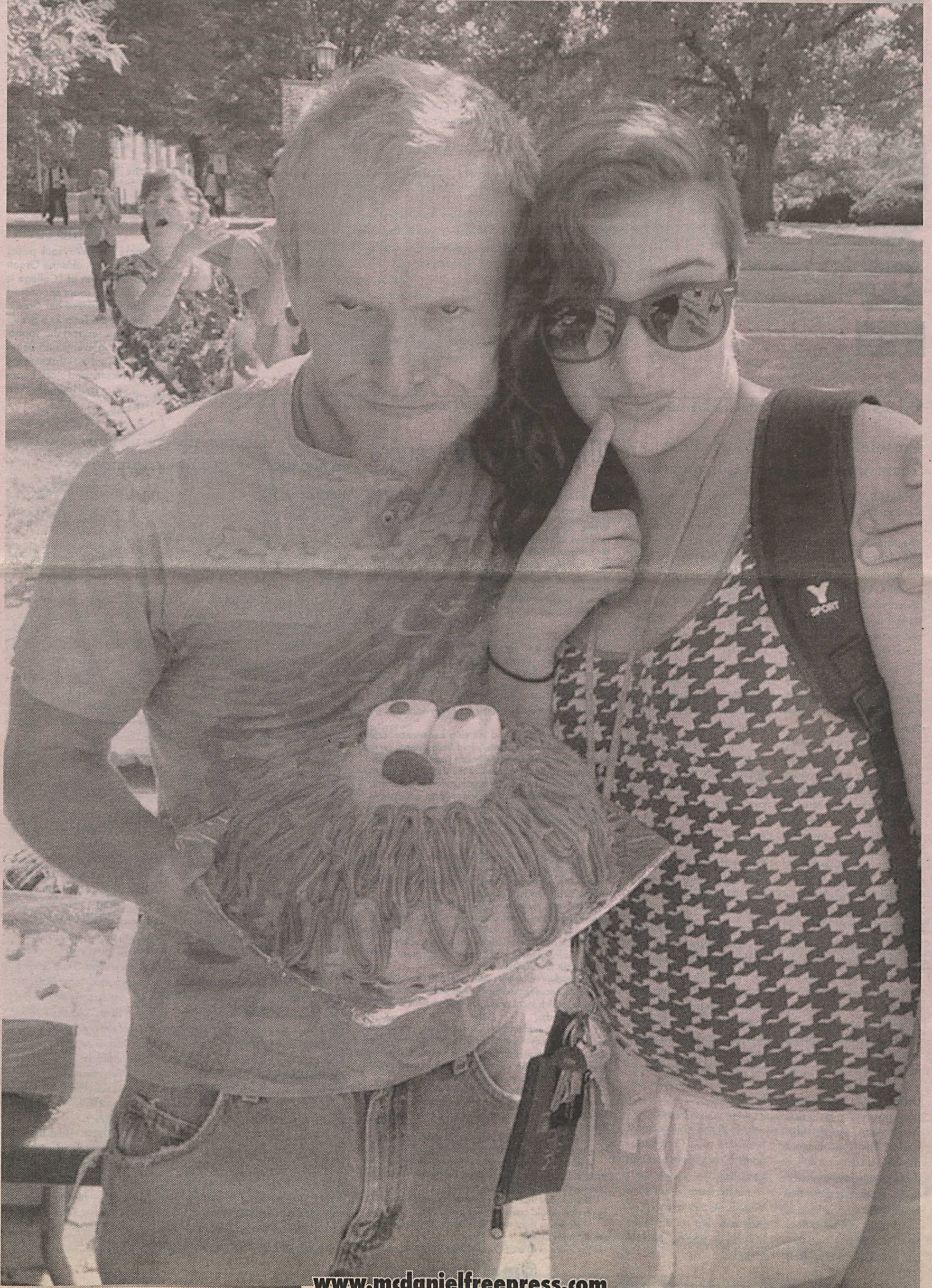
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On behalf of our editor-in-chief Kaitlyn Vadenais, our editors, and our staff, I'd like to welcome you to the McDaniel Free Press's first print edition of the 2012-13 school year.

The Free Press has heard both your praise and criticism, and therefore, in response to popular demand, I'm happy to announce that this is the first of four print editions you will see this semester. Our editors and staff take great pride in this opportunity to inform and (hopefully) entertain you.

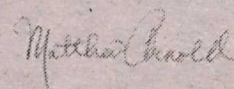
Our newspaper has undergone many changes in the last nine months: a new newsroom, new technology, a new logo, more print editions, and, I'm proud to announce, a new website launching on Wednesday, September 26. We hope that these changes make our publication more relevant and accessible to you, in print, online, and through our pages on Twitter and Facebook.

I certainly hope that, if you are not already involved with the Free Press, you consider your own opportunity to be a part of our team. Many people think of a newspaper solely as a collection of reporters and editors reporting objectively on events. However, the Free Press has opportunities for more than just reporters. We strive to foster reasoned and thoughtful debate in our editorial section. Additionally, we have a great need for photographers, videographers, and other creative people to give our stories art, as well as people who are good with web design and layout to help put together our web and print editions.

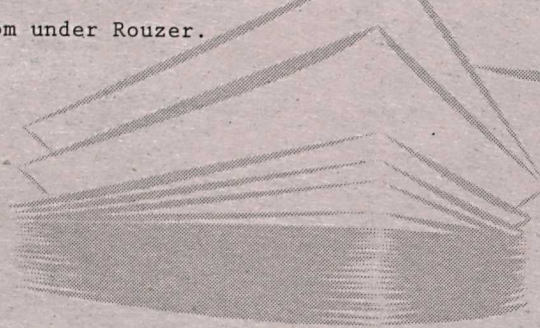
Even if you do not have the time to become part of our staff, I hope that you will all be active readers of the Free Press. We have a presence on Facebook and Twitter which is updated regularly by our web staff, and our website which offers you the opportunity to comment on our stories.

We meet Mondays at 8:00 PM in our newsroom under Rouzer.

Best Wishes,



Matthew Arnold  
Managing Editor  
McDaniel Free Press



## on the cover

Sophomore Joey Waysack poses with Graham Cox and the Green Terror cake he won at "College is a Cakewalk," an event sponsored by Dean Lisa Breslin and her Dream Team. The Dream Team is a group of students who support the sophomores by hosting events and being available as resources. Cakes were donated by faculty and staff. Photo by Hanna Barker.

## Class of 2016

This year's incoming class is one of the largest in McDaniel College history, as well as the most diverse group ever.

### President Casey Welcomes First Years at Introduction Convocation

CHARLES MULLIN  
Contributor

The Introduction Convocation started out normal for the new First Years at McDaniel College. An organ played while the First Years walked in. The professors and faculty were dressed in extravagant caps and gowns. The parents sat in the back and took frantic pictures. But normal Introduction Convocations don't have President Roger Casey.

President Casey welcomed the new students with a joke by simply reciting a long line of Latin phrases which he then translated to "Hey, I just met you and this is crazy, but here's my number, so call me maybe." It's the part of President Casey many have already come to love. For the First Years, it wasn't any different as they laughed.

He would continue to tell jokes throughout the event as he introduced the faculty standing behind him as "wearing pizza hats and Hogwarts costumes" and encouraged First Years to reach out to them for help whenever needed.

"By choosing McDaniel, you have already proven you have great decision-making," said President Casey. The Convocation is the official start of a college career and he was excited to see so many start theirs here on the Hill.

Pulling out his iPhone, he told everyone to follow him on Twitter and Face-

book and take advantage of social networking, which was an important theme in the book they were required to read over the summer called Deleted.

Other faculty also spoke during the Convocation, like Provost Faulkner who made it a point to talk about the many opportunities awaiting the First Years at McDaniel like study abroad, student-designed majors, and the liberal arts curriculum.

When President Casey returned to the podium, he invited everyone to join in a tradition he started two years ago during his first year as President. He asked everyone to shout out with him the words: "I am McDaniel College!" On just the third attempt, Big Baker was filled with the shouts of excited First Years and the parents that support them.

They were now a part of the McDaniel family.

President Casey continued by encouraging First Years to always work hard to achieve greatness but that they were never alone in this endeavor. "You need partners to achieve greatness," he said. "This school can help you."

He ended by saying "I believe in this college and I believe in you. Congratulations! Now you are McDaniel College."

Afterwards, the First Years took the first step of their new life at McDaniel College by ringing the Old Main Bell.

### 2016 plunges into service

HANNA BARKER  
Art Director

While upperclassmen returned to campus after summer break, several first-year students ventured off the Hill to complete a variety of 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 (CEO).

"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.

She explained that the event helps get first-year students off campus and into the community for possibly 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 projects, mulch local parks, as well as fulfill 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 always 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's reflected in our numbers," she said.

In past years, many work study positions at the Boys and Girls Club have been filled by students who had previously participated in the event.

Krome says that any student interested in community service should come see her in the CEO.

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

For more on the CEO, see page 4.



A first-year student works on dusting the Boys and Girls Club during the Community Service Plunge.

### Alcohol education program shows results in second year of implementation

HANNA BARKER  
Art Director

The Class of 2016 is the second group of McDaniel students to experience the mandatory online alcohol education course, Alcohol Wise.

Dean Elizabeth Towle, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, worked with the First Year Team to implement the program, which is intended to raise students' awareness about college policy and the effects of drinking alcohol.

She said that it will be interesting to compare the results of this year's program with last year's, but the class of 2016 will not complete the post-test assessment until 30 days after the beginning of the school year.

Data from last year, however, shows that Alcohol Wise did have an effect on the class of 2015. On a scale of 0-100, the average pre-test score was 54. The average post-test score was 80, which shows a significant improvement between prior knowledge versus knowledge after taking the Alcohol Wise course.

"I do think that the Alcohol Wise course is a good resource for students, especially first year students, because they aren't really familiar with their new independence and I think that knowing the facts about alcohol and the potential risks they may face is really helpful," said Resident Assistant Becks Shuford.

Even though 25% of first year students reported playing drinking games in the first 30 days of the Fall semester and 12% reported doing something they were later embarrassed about, around 35% of students reported not drinking at all in

the first 30 days. In addition, students reported ingesting an average of 3 drinks per week in those first 30 days.

Last year, there were nine fewer alcohol violations across the campus population. There was also a 17% drop in the number of students transported to the emergency room for alcohol poisoning (15 students in the 2011-2012 year versus 18 the year before).

"Some may say 15 or 18, what's the big deal? In my mind, that's three people that did not put their health in danger," said Dean Towle.

She also said that she thinks "McDaniel students are really good at getting their friends help when they need it no matter the consequences to themselves because they recognize that getting that friend to help, in that moment, is more important than the consequences that may be for them."

Alcohol Wise is not the only alcohol education first year students receive. Dean Towle, Dean Beth Gerl, and Michael Robbins meet with first year students during their First Year Seminar flex hours to go over policies, beginning with campus alcohol policies. Resident Assistants (RAs) cover the topic of alcohol use early on in their programming.

In addition, campus-wide alcohol programming occurs throughout the year, the soonest of which is Alcohol Education Week in October.

Dean Towle noted that alcohol violations have leveled off in recent years, while marijuana use has increased. While there is an online drug education course, it is only mandated for students found in violation of college drug policy.



## 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 the My.McDaniel.edu Portal.



### McDaniel Weekend Shuttle Service Schedule (courtesy Ann Campbell)

#### Friday

10:30 AM Shady Grove  
1 PM Westminster and Owings Mills  
3 PM Westminster  
4 PM Westminster and Owings Mills  
5 PM Shady Grove  
6 PM Westminster  
Driver Changeover  
7PM Westminster and Owings Mills  
9 PM Westminster  
10 PM Westminster and Owings Mills  
12 PM Westminster and Owings Mills  
2 AM Westminster and Shady Grove

#### Saturday

10:30 AM Shady Grove  
1 PM Westminster and Owings Mills  
3 PM Westminster  
4 PM Westminster and Owings Mills  
5 PM Shady Grove  
6 PM Westminster  
Driver Changeover  
7PM Westminster and Owings Mills  
9 PM Westminster  
10 PM Westminster and Owings Mills  
12 PM Westminster and Owings Mills  
2 AM Westminster and Shady Grove

#### Sunday

10:30 AM Shady Grove  
12 PM Westminster  
1 PM Westminster and Owings Mills  
3 PM Westminster  
4 PM Westminster and Owings Mills  
5 PM Shady Grove  
Driver Changeover  
6 PM Westminster  
7 PM Westminster and Owings Mills  
9 PM Westminster and Owings Mills  
11 PM Shady Grove

#### Westminster Stops

Safeway  
Denny's/Michaels  
Walmart  
Food Lion  
Town Mall Food Court  
Giant/Staples  
Target  
Green Turtle  
Kohl's  
Shopper's/Big Lots  
Maggie's/East Main Street  
Johanssen's/West Main Street  
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Metro schedules are available at campus safety or online at <http://mta.maryland.gov/metro-subway>.



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## 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 Café, 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 Café."

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 Deweese '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 Dales '14

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

Christine Jubinski '13

For more on the Green & Go, check out the Letter to the Editor on page 7.



## Center for Experience and Opportunity is “one-stop shop” for experiential learning

HANNA BARKER  
Art Director

Imagine an office on campus where you can go to find employment, internships, and service learning.

This is precisely what the new Center for Experience and Opportunity (CEO) has to offer. Located under Rouzer Hall, where Conference Services used to be, the CEO will be a “one-stop shop” for experiential learning opportunities.

“When employers are considering their applicant pool, they really look for candidates who have experiences that take them out of the traditional classroom settings,” said Dr. Julia Jasken, the director of the CEO. “Students often realize the benefits of these experiences too late to actually make them a reality.”

Dr. Jasken will be working to bring new experiential initiatives to the college, oversee the CEO database of experiential opportunities, and ensure that the office is meeting the needs of the college community.

“Very few campuses currently have offices that are as robust as what we are trying to do here. It really sets us apart,” said Dr. Jasken.

The development of this office was part of Dr. Roger Casey’s vision that he laid out in his inaugural presidential address to the college.

“What the CEO will become in the future has everything to do with how it can best serve the needs of the students and faculty,” said Dr. Jasken. “We’re going to be doing a lot of listening to students, faculty and staff on campus to determine what needs are out there, and then we’re going to do our best to creatively meet those needs.”

The CEO is more than just a combination of Career Services and the Center for Community Outreach and Service. According to Jim Mayola, Associate Director of Student Employment and Employer Relations, the office will help students figure out where to take their college experience.

The CEO exists to tie educational experiences with real world experiences, not only to build a resume, but to reinforce what students are learning, according to Mayola.

“We want to validate the experiences students are having,” said Mayola.

The office is working to build a repository of campus employment opportunities. It also will have listings of past student-faculty research collaborations, internship opportunities, and community service opportunities.

“We’re excited to be able to use our new CEO database to connect students with experiential opportunities based on their specific interests and career goals,”



Sara Krome recruits first year students for the Community Service Plunge during Orientation. For more on the Plunge, see page 2.

said Dr. Jasken.

The staff is also available to help students choose a major, develop a resume, and practice interviewing. Besides Mayola and Dr. Jasken, the CEO staff includes Amanda Blakenship (Associate Director of Internships and Career Planning), Sara Krome ’12 (Associate Director of Community Outreach and Initiatives), Samantha Lopez ’12 (Americorps-Vista Member), and Cristal Fortino (Program Assistant).

Each member of the CEO is cross-trained, so each person is knowledgeable about a variety of areas. “We want to be a catalyst to bring people together,” said Mayola. He said that the office will be good for the community as well. Not only will the CEO help build relationships between students and employers, but there will be marketing opportunities for local businesses in the form of job fairs.

There are also opportunities for students to get involved, either by volunteering with the office or applying for a work study position. Lopez, in particular, is seeking students to work with fundraising efforts, grant research, and handbook development for Higher Learning, Inc, a local nonprofit.

Work study can be obtained by volunteering with most local nonprofit organizations, said Krome. She said the CEO can develop the relationship if the student has something in mind that the CEO isn’t connected to, but the CEO is extremely well-connected. Krome says that it’s very exciting to be working on campus right after graduating, and that the way her campus experiences are helping her job performance is a testament to the purpose of the CEO.

The CEO is open from 8:30 until 4:30 on weekdays, with 1-3 PM each day available for walk-in appointments.

“Our promise is that we’re always here for you,” said Mayola.

## SGA aims to improve transparency, relations with Westminster

RYAN SPICER  
SGA President

As the faculty and returning students prepare to welcome the incoming 2016 freshmen for another productive year, so does the Student Government Association align its goals toward productivity. But with a twist.

Your ’12-’13 SGA, represented by Executive Board members President Ryan Spicer (’13), Vice President Jason Stein (’14), Secretary Noah Patton (’13), and Treasurer Gary McKenna (’13), works for three set goals this coming academic year; all will be achieved with your help.

We plan to increase the amount of student input in the College’s administration. That means we will continue working with Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs, Beth Gerl to gather student ideas about campus improvement through 411s and, yes, surveys. That means networking and strategizing with multiple student organizations, our own faculty, and even physical plant if needed to materialize these improvements. Public policy: students, faculty, and the SGA work together.

We plan to improve our transparency; more accurately, we plan to storm social media. Recent years pushed allocations to the forefront of our duties. So, how can you know which organizations got how much money and why? Who are we and what do we do? And why does more than half of our population not know what we did in the past? Free Press. Terror TV. Twitter. All streamlined and ubiquitous, just like us.

That twist we were talking about? This could be our largest student-faculty collaboration yet: a Commission to improve relations between campus and downtown Westminster. Some see a dubious relationship between McDaniel and the surrounding community: there is always sensationalist news to spin. Regardless, we see a bustling college city with mutual satisfaction for both populations: good eats, a fun night scene, friendly patrons, anything you can dream of. We all want the best for ourselves, and the SGA also wants the best for you. So this year will be the start of a new bond between Westminster and McDaniel.

Like the taste and want some more? Come to one of our meetings, to be announced via OrgSync.

## College overhauls website, develops new student portal

MATTHEW ARNOLD  
Managing Editor

Students returning to McDaniel College have noticed a plethora of changes the college has made over the past few months. One of the biggest – and most talked about – is the overhaul of the college’s website.

McDaniel’s Department of Information Technology, who are responsible for the management of the college’s web presence, launched two new websites to replace the much-maligned single site prior to the start of the academic year. The website has now been split into the traditional mcdaniel.edu site and a new website, termed by the college as the “student portal.”

Amy Bell, IT Project Manager, said that the portal is intended to be a “central place” for students to log in to and find out about school events, as well as to check student services, such as the Archway, which is already integrated with the portal. Bell, who was in charge of the portal’s development, says that while “the Archway is the first thing that is tied in [to the portal] automatically,” the college hopes to soon have other services, such as Blackboard integrated so that students no longer have to log in to each service individually. The portal will also feature what are called “team sites,” which will facilitate collaboration between academic departments and student groups such as athletic teams.

The portal will soon expand its launch to include a mobile application to make accessing the portal on devices such as smart phones and tablets easier, as the site does not display properly on many mobile web browsers. According to Bell, this application will be introduced at some point in the fall semester.

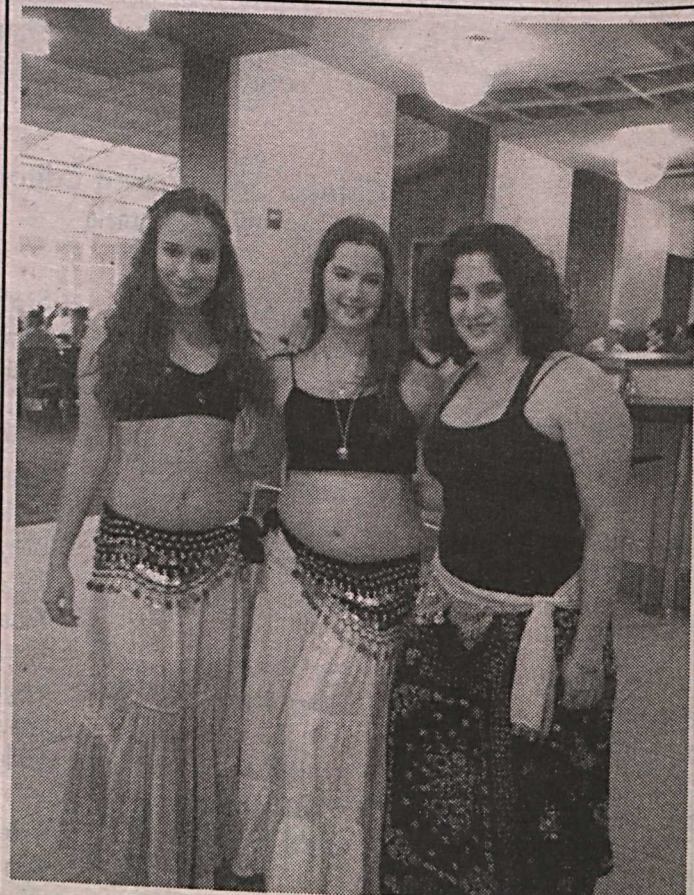
At the portal’s rollout event in Kriel Lounge on Sept. 5, Bell said “it will probably take a year” for the portal to be fully completed and functional.

The former single website has been overhauled to serve primarily as a marketing tool to reach out and inform perspective students about the college. Included with the new website is a new social media aggregator called mc2, which features blog posts, pictures, and videos about events at McDaniel, as well as following discussions of McDaniel on social media sites such as Twitter.

### What do you think of the new student portal?

- A. It’s a great resource and easy to use.
- B. It has potential but needs improvement.
- C. I don’t know why they made it/I miss the old site.
- D. No opinion

Visit [facebook.com/mcdfreepress](https://facebook.com/mcdfreepress) to weigh in on this poll!



LAUREN MURRAY

Erin Farr, Brittany Anger, and Lauren Zafir prepare to perform their belly dancing routine in Glar to celebrate Moroccan night.



## New director brings changes to Writing Center

SHARINA TAVERAS LOPEZ  
Staff Member

The McDaniel College Writing Center is facing new changes. Josh 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 computers 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](http://WritingCenter.mcdaniel.edu). Students must first register, log in to the website, and then they can start sched-

uling 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 that 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-



Anne Mathews, a writing center tutor, assists a student during the writing process.

shops for students. Professors can ask a consultant to 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 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 handfuls 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 using these new changes to reach out to the community and make stronger writers, whether that means students on campus, residents of Westminster, or McDaniel students around the globe."

### Q & A: A closer look at Josh Ambrose by Charles Mullin

Where did you work before McDaniel?

I was working at George Mason University in Virginia as an Assistant Writing Director. I also taught and directed a summer camp for kids this year.

What's your education? Degrees, etc?

I majored in English and got my Bachelor's from Penn State. I also got my MFA in Creative Writing-Nonfiction at George Mason University. At the moment, I am not pursuing my PhD.

What is your favorite part of or place in Westminster so far?

Well, right now, my screen and back porch for the most part. My old one was awful. My wife always tried to grow tomatoes on the porch but everything died because it was near a highway. I have enjoyed discovering Baugher's and Hoffman's though.



Favorite Movie?

1. The Black Stallion—by Francis Ford Coppola
2. The Empire Strikes Back

Favorite Book?

Probably the most influential book for me is Lord of the Rings.

Hobbies?

Photography, music, spending a lot of time outdoors, museums, and art shows

R-Patz or K-Stew?

I don't know. I feel like this is dangerous territory. I think in Hollywood relationships there are no winners.

Super Bowl Pick?

I think the Steelers will win, but don't care if they do or not. I keep up with movie news more [than sports] though and music news. I am not too hipster to admit I follow Pitchfork.

What is your favorite procrastination method?

If I am super stressed out, I will clean and organize. Usually I pull out my guitar though and do some rock n' roll for a little while.

If you could be a super villain, which one would you be?

I am tempted to say Vader, but... I am a huge Firefly/Serenity fan. Actually, we'll go with this. Secretly I wish I could sing and dance like Dr. Horrible.

## 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 stu-

dent 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."

She has been hired at the Tai Sophia Institute for Healing Arts, where she has also been accepted into the Therapeutic Herbalism graduate program. 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 came so unexpectedly that she had finished planning the year's ODMA programming back in June and July.

Joyce expressed hope that her email to the student leaders would give them adequate time "for the reality to sink in, and time to figure out how to move forward." "If I could have done things differently, one thing would've been to have gotten together with the leadership of the organizations to come up with a plan for moving forward," she said. However, she expressed confidence in the abilities of the incoming student leaders to function in her absence. Currently, there is nobody to replace Joyce as Director of ODMA, and it is yet undetermined how the position will be filled.

"I hope that students are very involved with the...process and vocal about what their needs are," she said.

In the meantime, Joyce urges ODMA groups to support each other and find

other faculty on campus who are supportive and reach out to those people, in addition to connecting with the Office of Student Engagement.

"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 advances are often great, there is value in human connection.

Besides technological changes, she has also experienced many space changes while here.

"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 not 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."

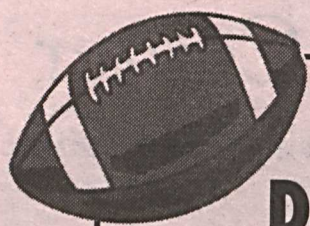
Her vision for ODMA includes an Assistant Director or Program Manager, or even expansion into a Multicultural Center with meeting spaces for the campus's diversity groups, where students can "feel free and comfortable to have organic conversations about difficult issues."

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 grade school. She hopes that student groups 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."





## Out-Pick Dan and Elec

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 [www.mcdanielfreepress.com](http://www.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 we mention someone who's injured, give us some slack!

### Cleveland Browns at Baltimore Ravens

Dan Thinks: The Browns won't be able to get their offense going against the Ravens defense. Browns-14 Ravens-35

Elec Thinks: I predict that the Ravens defense will have a field day against the struggling Cleveland offense. This could be a blowout. Browns-3 Ravens-28

### 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 weak NFC East. Patriots-24 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-24

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 will lead the Rams to one of their few victories this season. Seahawks-17 Rams-35

Elec Thinks: Rams will be looking to get everything to start running on all cylinders. Seattle may be the victims of a desperate team. Seahawks-23 Rams-35

### Carolina Panthers at Atlanta Falcons

Dan Thinks: The Falcons led by Matt Ryan will be too much for Cam Newton and the Panthers to overcome. Panthers-27 Falcons-42

Elec Thinks: Cam Newton will put on an offensive clinic in a surprise showing against NFC south rival Falcons. Panthers-38 Falcons-24

### Minnesota Vikings at Detroit Lions

Dan Thinks: The Lions tough defense will shut down Adrian Peterson, limiting the Vikings and giving the Lions a W. Vikings-14 Lions-24

Elec Thinks: Calvin Johnson will have a career day as the Lions will win big. Vikings-17 Lions-35

### San Diego Charger at Kansas City Chiefs

Dan Thinks: The Chiefs are always a tough team to play at home, which the Chargers will find out the hard way. Chargers-21 Chiefs-32

Elec Thinks: A key divisional game here. Both teams should play tough in a close one. Chargers-17 Chiefs-14

### Tennessee Titans at Houston Texans

Dan Thinks: The Texans lead by Matt Schaub, Arian Foster and Andre Johnson will be too much for the Titans defense to contain. Titans-13 Texans-35

Elec Thinks: Texans will continue to roll past the competition on their way to one of the best records in the NFL this year. Titans-16 Texans-31

### Cincinnati Bengals at Jacksonville Jaguars

Dan Thinks: The Bengals will come out of Jacksonville with a victory after BenJarvus Green-Ellis has a field day. Bengals-28 Jaguars-17

Elec Thinks: Bengals offense will expose the Jag's defense. Watch out for Andy Dalton and AJ Green. Bengals-24 Jaguars-9

### Oakland Raiders at Denver Broncos

Dan Thinks: The Broncos, led by the new face of the franchise, Peyton Manning, will get by the Raiders easily. Raiders-14 Broncos-35

Elec Thinks: Peyton Manning will look to establish dominance over the division. Raiders-17 Broncos-27

### Miami Dolphins at Arizona Cardinals

Dan Thinks: The Cardinals will get one of their few victories of the season, in front of their home crowd. Dolphins-17 Cardinals-28

Elec Thinks: Yikes. This could be an ugly game. I'm not sure who will win, but the losers are the fans who are forced to watch this game. Dolphins-13 Cardinals-6

### Washington Redskins at Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Dan Thinks: RGIII will continue his phenomenal season in a tight game against the Buccaneers, which will be the key factor to a Redskins win. Redskins-35 Buccaneers-24

Elec Thinks: I'm buying into RGIII. I suspect that he wins a close one in Tampa. Redskins-24 Buccaneers-21

### New Orleans Saints at Green Bay Packers

Dan Thinks: In a matchup featuring two of the leagues best quarterbacks, Aaron Rodgers will lead his Packers to a victory at home, in a high scoring contest. Saints-34 Packers-45

Elec Thinks: These two teams played to open the season last year, and played a fantastic game. I suspect more of the same here. Saints-42 Packers-35

### New York Giants at Philadelphia Eagles

Dan Thinks: This division matchup will have everyone watching Sunday night and the Eagles will take the victory in front of their home crowd, led by Michael Vick. Giants-24 Eagles-31

Elec Thinks: The match up to watch here is Mike Vick versus the defensive line of the G men. Whoever wins that battle wins the game. Giants-26 Eagles-18

### Chicago Bears at Dallas Cowboys

Dan Thinks: The Bears defense will frustrate Tony Romo and limit the Cowboys offense and Matt Forte will lead the Bears to victory. Bears-28 Cowboys-17

Elec Thinks: These two teams will need all the wins they can get to gain a wildcard playoff spot near the end of the season. This game could be key in a tie breaker situation. Bears-14 Cowboys-21

## Pool renovated over summer

SEAN BEAUMONT  
Staff Member

McDaniel's Harlow Pool shut down in mid-August for renovations and re-opened on the 23rd. More reliable wall-mounted showers were installed, the pool was drained, and the ceilings were pressure-washed.

"The men's locker room was down to two working showers; and the women's, three," said Jeff Hiestand, head coach for the McDaniel College Swimming program.

With the last renovations taking place over five years ago, Harlow Pool was in need of some work. Physical Plant workers drained the pool and installed the new showers while the ceiling work was contracted out.

"Sometimes when multiple people had to shower and go to class it made it a little frustrating because not everyone was able to shower and get to class on time," said Jono Leafblad, a Senior swimmer at McDaniel.

The McDaniel Swim-

ming program, with an all-time high of 35 student-athletes, needs now more than ever to have facilities that operate up to standards.

Most everybody has experienced waiting impatiently while a roommate or sibling takes too long in the shower. Now imagine the stress of sharing five

the community.

Junior swimmer at McDaniel, Patrick Rogers, stated that he really wished the pool had a sixth lane and newer starting and timing equipment. He wasn't pleased with the current condition of the pool facilities and the recent renovations seemed to have helped alleviate some of the issues present in previous years.

"Ideally, I wish we could get a completely new, renovated facility that could rival some of the other pools in the conference, but we are working with what we have," said Rogers.

Similarly, Coach Hiestand said, "I do believe the school will need to consider building a new pool sooner rather than later."

Just as Dr. Casey pointed out in his recent State of the College address, potential students as well as their parents are quite interested in what the college has to offer in terms of facilities.

"They want beautiful classrooms, beautiful dorms, and I believe beautiful pools," said Hiestand.

**"I do believe the school will need to consider building a new pool sooner rather than later."**  
Coach Jeff Hiestand

showers with over thirty of your teammates and having to hurry off to class afterwards.

"We are quickly out-growing our pool," said Hiestand.

This concern is more than understandable when you consider the high volume of traffic that the Harlow Pool receives.

It is the only facility on campus that is used by faculty, staff, students, and every camp during the summer. Additionally, Harlow Pool offers children's swim lessons and lap swimming to

## opinion

## Former Sports Editor Shocked, Saddened to Learn He Has No Right to Comment on Sports

MATTHEW ARNOLD  
Managing Editor

Matthew Arnold, former sports editor for the McDaniel Free Press, was surprised to learn Saturday that he does not, in fact, have the right to an opinion about sports.

Arnold says an unidentified woman informed him of this while sitting near him at Saturday's home football game versus Muhlenberg.

"I was just extolling the lost art of directional punting," Arnold said, "when this woman with an adorable little dog in front of me turns around and asks me if I ever played any sports and, since I didn't, that I did not have the right to comment on them."

Arnold, though, failed to take heed of the woman's words and continued to converse about the game and its outcomes with his friends with whom he was watching the game.

As the game got uglier, so did the situation. "Later in the game, [Chris] Bosco asked me for my opinion on why the team was struggling. I said that it was hard for a team to gel right away under a new coach, especially in college where the coach needs time to recruit his own players."

Arnold said this is when the woman proceeded to lecture his cadre once again that they do not have the right to criticize the players as they trailed by 26 points.

"It was really that second lecture that drilled it into me that I truly had no right to comment on football since I never played, really that I didn't have the right to have an opinion on any sport since I never played. I realized that this path in life [to become a sports journalist] that I've been taking for the last decade was stupid,



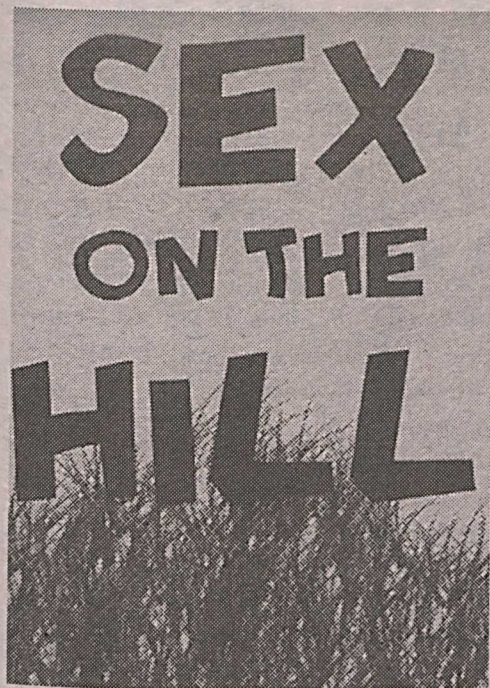
since apparently only athletes are allowed to comment on athletics."

Arnold, who was promoted to managing editor at the Free Press after his work as sports editor, said, "I really wish I had met this woman when I was 11 and had her tell me this, then my life path wouldn't be as screwed up as it appears to be now."

As for his future plans, Arnold says he's really not sure what to do now, saying "I'm double majoring so I could also have credibility to comment on political issues, but I guess since I've never been a politician before, I really don't have the right to an opinion on that either."

"I guess I'll go sell insurance. Or maybe open an ice cream parlor, that would be fun. I could get Vin Scully, Bob Costas, Al Michaels, Joe Buck, Jim Nantz, Greg Gumbel, Jon Miller, Marv Albert, Brent Musburger, Mike Emrick, and Gary Thorne to go in on it with me, since they'll apparently need to quit their jobs after this revelation as well."





## Sexting on the Hill

CLARA 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 ones' self 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 typically girls. While 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 hook ups to asking for sexual favors and nude pictures. If it has so often been men (in my 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 women and that it was a "prelude to sex."

According to a few guys, then, sexting is something instigated by women (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 'sexts' from men and never sent any. Either I am an atypical ex-

ample 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 about 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 sexts: it is difficult to make them sound enjoyable (think cyber sex but worse). Also, make sure the person wants your sext before sending one, because otherwise you are going down the road of harassment, and that will land you in a campus safety office.

Cheers sexual and non-sexual beings!

## Why "50 Shades of Grey" is the worst book ever written

LAURA NICHOLS  
Contributor

For the past several weeks, the number one book in America has been the incredibly popular 'Fifty Shades of Grey', by E.L. James. For those of you who don't know, it's the story of an inexperienced young college student who's introduced to sex and the dark world of BDSM by a sexy and charismatic CEO. Many women say it's revitalized their sex lives. The book is even being referred to as 'Mommy Porn' in some circles.

Fifty Shades of Grey is the worst book I've ever read in my entire life. It's a poorly-written, misogynic, chauvinistic piece of work. Not

only does it constantly put women down in just about every way possible, it also glorifies an abusive relationship to the point of making it seem ideal. There are so many things wrong with this book that it's hard to pick out just a few to focus on. But I'll try, just so I can paint a portrait of how horrible this book is.

Just for starters, let's take the two main characters: Christian Grey and Anastasia Steele. These are not people you want to be friends with. Christian is an overbearing, oppressive, control-freak with a thing for bondage and pain. And while he's described, repeatedly, as a God in body and mind – and pretty much a magical orgasm king – he also harbors some pretty twisted secrets.

He's controlling and domineering and he pretty much has to have everything go his way. He puts his own needs before others, even of those people he pretends to care about. And the kicker? During sex, he likes to hit women so hard that they cry out in pain. And I'm not talking, 'ooh, that felt so good' pain. I'm talking crying, sniveling, bruising pain. That's not sexy, people. That's

abuse. If you're afraid of your significant other, if he threatens you, that's not fun and games. That's scary. And sad little Ana Steele sits and takes it all, because she's so 'innocent', and has no idea about any sort of emotional relationship.

I don't think I've ever come across a character in a book that I've ever hated as much as I hate Ana Steele. I know we're not supposed to hate the main character of a novel. But every time she opened her mouth, I wanted to throw the book across the room.

And since the novel was written in first person, that meant

Twilight. And so, following the basis of Twilight, this book has no plot. It's just a bunch of awkward, stilted conversations between a childish college student and an anal-retentive control freak, punctuated by sex scenes that don't even have the decency to come up with creative names for genital. It's just a lot of 'down there', and my 'behind'. And no one strives to correct these characters on their terrible behavior. But let's be real people: Even Edward Cullen isn't as bad as Christian Grey.

It's sad how popular this book is. I wish people would see this for what it really is; an abusive relationship that should strike fear into the hearts of women everywhere, young and old. Instead, people are

idolizing it, and putting Christian Grey up on a pedestal for being sexy and commanding. I fear for the safety and health of women if this is what we're supposed to be considering sexy. I'm afraid that people will go into an abusive relationship because they're determined to change their partner, no matter how much they get hurt in the process. It's terrifying.

And on one last note. This book is written by a middle-aged British author. You'd think she would set it in a British town, maybe London. Instead, it's set in Washington State, mostly in Seattle. Yet another Twilight hallmark, I'm aware. Coming from Washington State, and being a college-aged American living there, I'm offended that E.L. James thinks we speak and act like this. It's ridiculous.

If you're really curious to see what the book is about, don't waste your money on it. Get it from the library if you must. If you don't want to read the whole thing, I suggest checking out author Jennifer Armintrout's blog and chapter-by-chapter recaps. They're both hilarious and enlightening.

every single line on every single page. She's a horrible friend, she constantly slut-shames other women around her, and she has a classic case of 'Too Stupid to Live' syndrome. She also is a classic case of 'Mary-Sue' syndrome. She's good at everything she tries, especially sex. For a girl who has never even masturbated before, she has orgasms so much that she actually is afraid of having more. It's laughable. Or maybe just sad.

And alongside that, I'm pretty sure she's got split-personality disorder. She's constantly referring to her Inner Goddess and her subconscious, who both appear so many times you could practically call them supporting characters. It doesn't matter, because they're stereotypes of a nympho and a prude, respectively. I swear to God, if I have to hear the phrase 'my inner Goddess' one more time, I may actually hit something.

And then there's the silliest part of this whole scenario. Fifty Shades of Grey, in fact the entire Fifty Shades trilogy, was originally a fanfiction called 'Master of the Universe'. This fanfiction was based off of Twilight.

**There are so many things wrong with this book that it's hard to pick out just a few to focus on. But I'll try, just so I can paint a portrait of how horrible this book is.**

## letter to the editor

### The End of the Budapest Cafe by Kerri Morrison '13

It seems like the ultimate sellout: the local cafe being replaced by a chain store. Here at McDaniel College, the Budapest Cafe was transformed into a convenience store. Once a cozy oasis in Decker College Center, the warm colors and soft lights of the Budapest Cafe were replaced with the harsh fluorescents of the Green and Go. The check-out counter and metal racks stand where there were once comfy chairs, perfect for homework or small meetings.

Now, I love the idea of a convenience store on campus. It's safer than walking to Little Jay's or Safeway during the night and great for students without cars on campus. However, was getting rid of the Budapest Cafe a good decision?

Sure, the location makes sense for a convenience store. The Green and Go has its own door to the outside, it's a location central to campus, and sales were down in the Budapest Cafe. But perhaps what was not considered in the decision was that the Budapest Cafe was much more than just a coffee shop. It was a unique piece of McDaniel College.

The cafe was the creation of students and faculty who had studied and taught abroad at McDaniel's sister campus in Budapest, Hungary. A place for study abroad students to get together and reminisce over their experiences. The name of the cafe, the European posters and Hungarian flag - these all reminded students of their study abroad experiences and showed underclassmen that at McDaniel, studying abroad is a norm.

The Budapest Cafe was beloved by many students, staff, and faculty. Yet to my knowledge, few to no students were consulted in the decision to replace the cafe with a convenience store. Not even a simple poll in the campus announcements to determine if this is what we wanted. The building of the Budapest Cafe was initiated by students, but we had no input in its destruction. It hardly seems like the McDaniel College I love, where students usually have incredible decision making power.

Every college has a coffee stand, and most colleges have at least one convenience store. How many can say though that their coffee shop is a unique invention of the students, and brings its worldwide campus a little closer together? With the closing of the Budapest Cafe, McDaniel lost that.

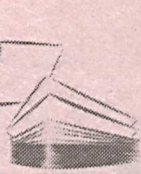
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## Library renovations to expand creative learning spaces and improve learning environment, will require three phases

CHARLES MULLIN  
Contributor

On October 13, 1991, Hoover Library was dedicated and named for Dr. Samuel H. and Elsie W. Hoover. Now, almost 22 years later, Hoover Library is facing some of its biggest renovation plans yet.

The renovation plans are split into three phases meant to add more creative spaces and to improve the overall learning and working environment. Phases one and two are definite plans, with the exception of a few future alterations, but Phase three has the possibility of not happening due to funds.

Phase one renovations are expected to finish by mid-February while Phase two renovations are expected to finish just a month afterwards in January.

The idea for the renovations came about following the construction of Casey's Corner. After seeing the study space in front of the Library renovated into a

*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 café 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)

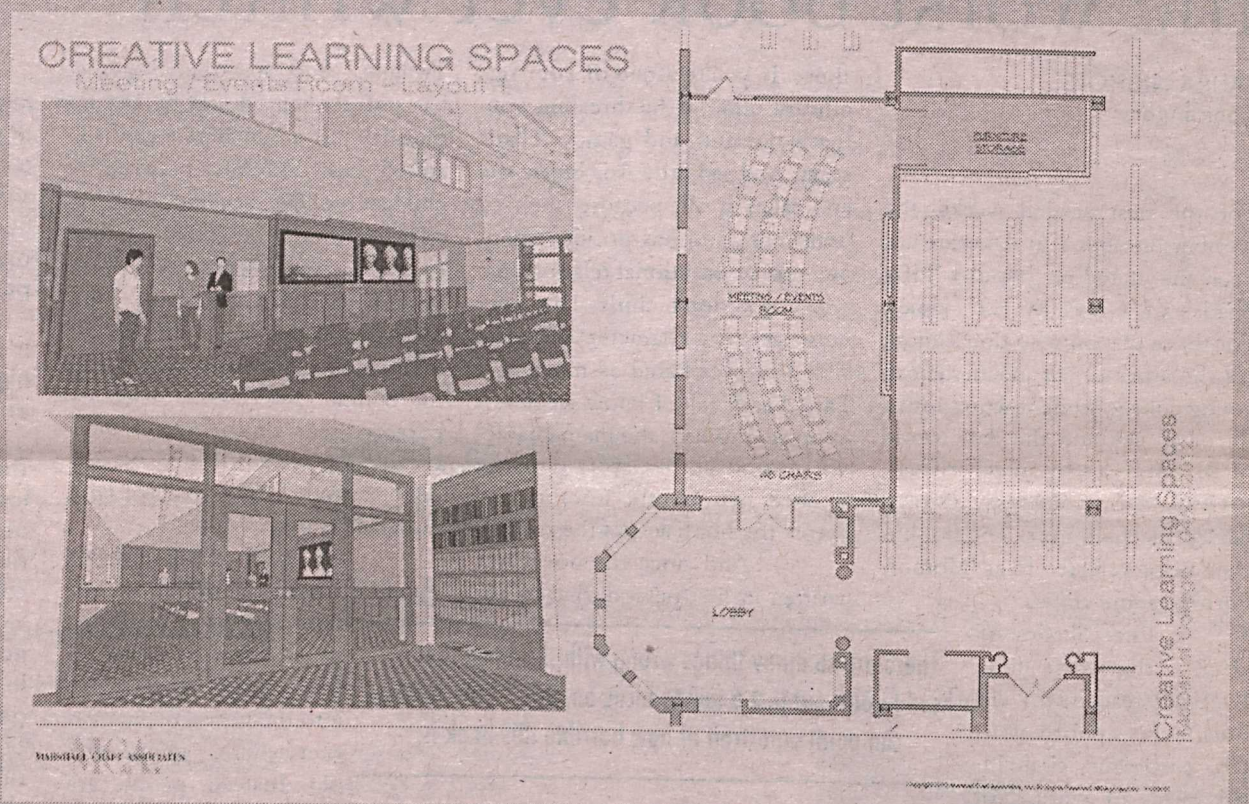
**New Doorway:** "There can be noise coming from the elevator and the group study rooms, so I want to have a glassed-off wall between that and the rest of the floor to lower the amount of noise and travel."

café, it only seemed like a logical step to renovate some of the Library itself.

The Director of Hoover Library, Jessamae Ferguson, who had already been talking about renovations with the committee Creative Learning Space Project Group for a number of years, is leading the renovation project. "We got a grant from the Maryland Independent Colleges and Universities Association (MICUA)," She said. "We got 1.5 million that we can use towards the library renovations and Alumni Hall and we basically have to match those funds. What that means is we have to spend \$1.5 million before we get the grant's \$1.5 million. Our total projected cost is \$3.5 million. The extra half million is the projected cost of new furnishings that is not covered by the state grant."

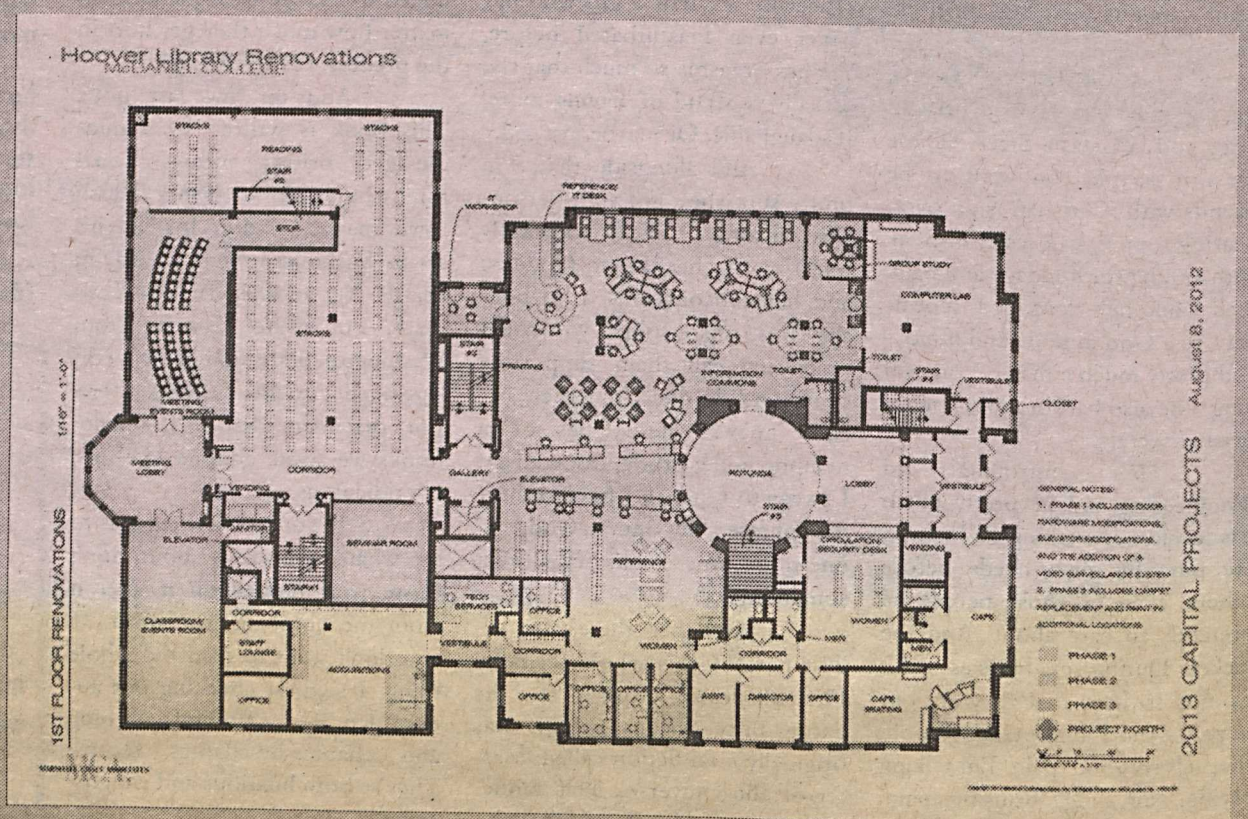
Another new development for Hoover Library is the addition of two 24-hour access floors, the 1st and the 2nd. "We will be going to 24 hours, hopefully, by the beginning of the spring semester. There is some equipment to install in this space for safety and security reasons. We need to make this environment safe and secure for students," Ferguson said.

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.mcdanielfreepress.com](http://www.mcdanielfreepress.com).



ABOVE: 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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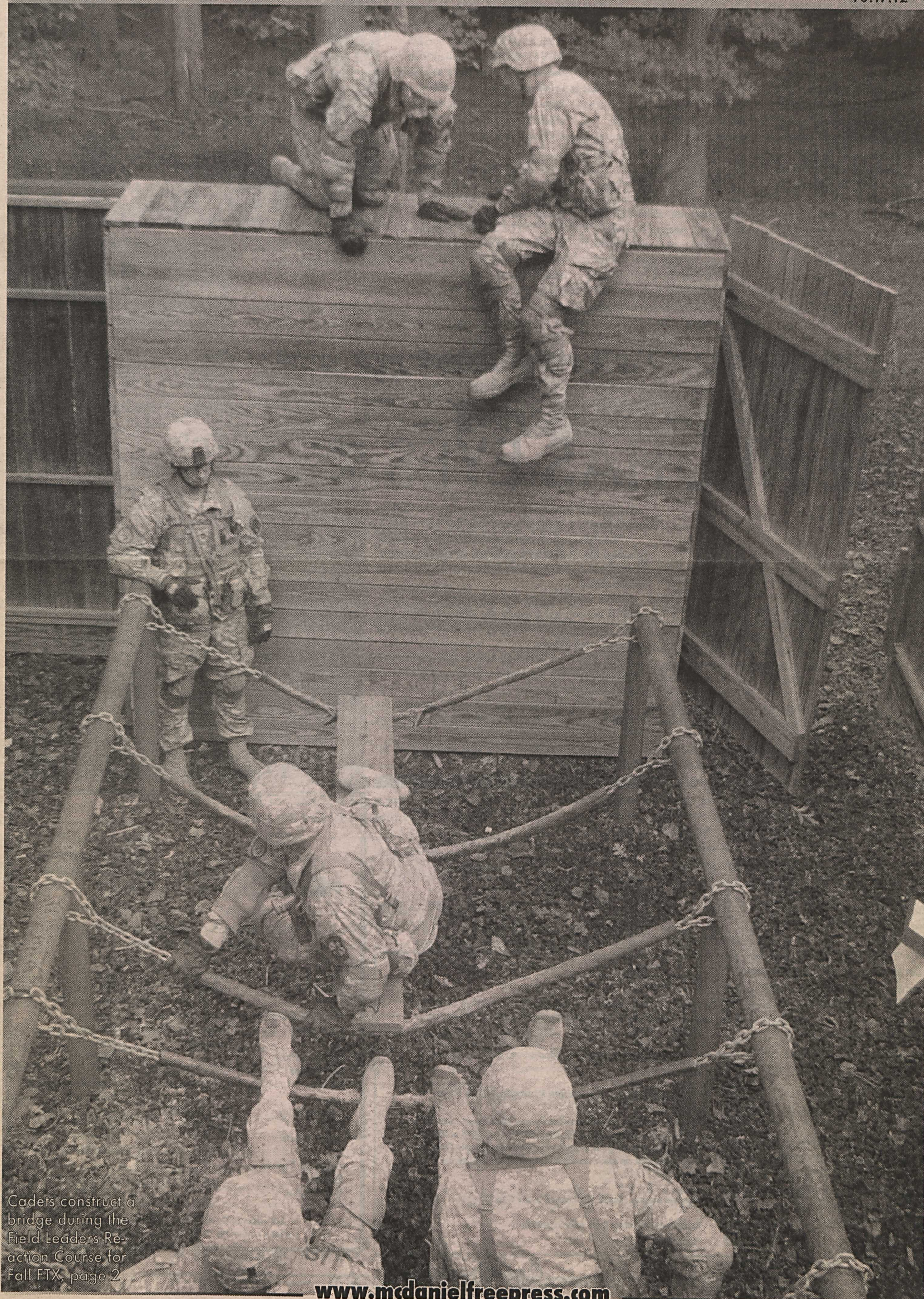
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# Green Terror Battalion completes Fall Field Training Exercise

**HANNA BARKER**  
Art Director

This weekend, the Green Terror Battalion completed their Fall Field Training Exercise (FTX) at Gunpowder Military Reservation.

Cadets tested their physical fitness, land navigation, troop leading procedures and orders process, field craft, and leadership. Senior ROTC students are responsible for planning the exercise.

"These trainings are physically and mentally demanding, waking up at 0530 every morning, and the entire day is filled with training," said Cadet Captain Marcus Carter, who noted that there will also be a Spring FTX.

Cadets completed a series of timed obstacles as squads, called the Field Leaders Reaction Course (FLRC).

"At each obstacle, a new squad leader is designated from

the squad, who receives a brief set of instructions from an evaluator. The squad leader must then follow the Troop Leading Procedures and direct the squad to accomplish its mission," said Carter.

During the FLRC, the squad leader is evaluated on his or her ability to communicate with, command, and control the squad. In addition, they must show how they react to change.

"Instead of beds, cadets had to create their own improvised camp site, called a bivouac shelter, and sleep in sleeping bags," explained Carter. "They are basically tents made out of a poncho, some bungee cords and sticks found out in nature."

Cadets also used a simulator called the Engagement Skills Trainer to practice marksmanship and many other aspects of firearms training. Carter described it as "basically a huge video game where cadets or soldiers can practice with their weapon without

actually using real ammunition."

Besides training new cadets, the event also prepares MSIII Cadets for the Leader Development and Assessment Course. This is a 29-day assessment that the college juniors must pass in order to be commissioned as Army Officers, and it takes place at Joint Base Lewis McChord in Washington State.

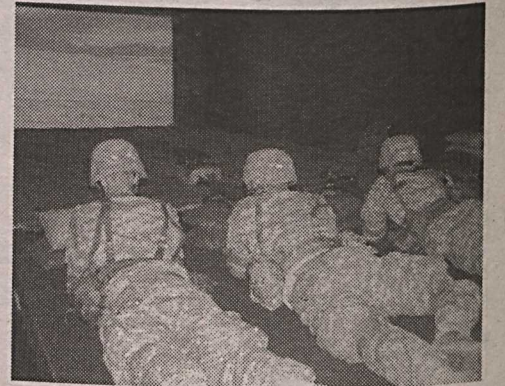
The Green Terror Battalion is not only made up of McDaniel students, but also students from Mount St. Mary's University and Hood College.

"ROTC is a great experience to not only to possibly serve your country one day but to learn life skills and to do things and go places that you would never have done otherwise," said Carter.

Students interested in joining ROTC should contact Dana Reeder at 410-857-2728. Carter added that students can try out ROTC without committing to the army by enrolling in the ROTC courses.



ABOVE: Cadet Michael Nims crosses a rope bridge.



RIGHT: Cadets use the Engagement Skills Trainer to train with firearms.

MARCUS CARTER

## THE HILL HAS EYES

**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 go 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 legitimization through the Office of Student Engagement (OSE).

"You already people watch with your friends, so you should come to the club to people 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.

"We haven't had enough meetings to know what is typical, but I would say that it is fairly laid back, just hangin' out with your friends and watching people," said Wixen.

The PWC has watched two events so far: the Frederick fair with the Honors Club, and the Men's soccer game on Oct. 6.

"We are not watching individual people, or creeping," said Wixen. "We just think it is fun to see how people interact with each other."

*Editor's Note: Reporting was contributed by Matthew Arnold.*

### Watching the People Watching Club

You may have seen the campus announcements for the People Watching People Watching Club Club (PWPWCC). These watchers of the people watchers currently consist of Dani Allen, Jane Li, and Yichong Li, who thought it would be funny if there were a club whose sole purpose was to watch the People Watching Club (PWC).

"The PWPWCC is an idea. Our primary activities are thinking and laughing," explained Allen, the President of the organization. "It's real in the sense that it has a name, advertising, publicity, and members."

However, the PWPWCC is not actually a legitimized campus organization.

Jonny Wixen, president of the PWC, does not see a rivalry between the two groups.

"We are an actual club, and as far as I know they are not a recognized club at McDaniel. If they would like to people watch with us that would be great, but forming a club to watch our club... I think that's a little weird," said Wixen.

Allen does not see a rivalry

forming either, but rather a partnership.

"PWPWCC fully supports PWC. If PWC didn't exist, then neither could PWPWCC," said Allen.

In response to the claims of weirdness from targeting watching, Allen said:

"When we created PWPWCC we had no intention of being

creepy. If we are, in fact, creepy, that's okay. Creepy isn't always a bad thing; sometimes creepy is fun"

One thing everyone can agree on is that the PWPWCC has a confusing name.

"They need to come up with a shorter name. That's a bit of a tongue twister," said Wixen.

### 5. People Watching Club

McDaniel's newest club! Come see what it is all about at our interest meeting in Red Square Friday, 9/28 at 3:30. Rain location in Ensor.

E-mail Jonny Wixen, jbw001@mcdaniel.edu with any questions.  
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### 11. People Watching People Watching Club Club

Are you interested in watching the People Watching Club? If so, please come to our interest meeting on Friday at 3:15 in Red Square. Our meeting begins 15 minutes before People Watching Club meets so we can prepare a plan to watch the people watchers.

Yes, we are the People Watching People Watching Club Club.

Questions? Contact Dani Allen (dja003).  
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### Editor's Note

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## The presidential election as it pertains to the college student

VICKI FITCH  
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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.

So what does all this political mumbo-jumbo mean 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.

On top of this, Obama plans on establishing a col-

lege tax credit, set to expire in January that would give families a tax break of up to \$10,000 over four years of college, according to the New York Times.

He also plans on providing more government funded financial aid to colleges that successfully curb tuition increases. For students at McDaniel, this could possibly mean a lower tuition rate. For more information on the President's reelection plan, visit [www.barackobama.com](http://www.barackobama.com).

Now we'll look at the President's opponent: Mitt Romney. According to his campaign website ([www.mittromney.com](http://www.mittromney.com)), his first plan is to, "strengthen and simplify the financial aid system," which means priority for government aid will be given to 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 that less money would be available to fewer students.

Romney also plans on welcoming "private sector participation instead of pushing it away," according to his website. In other words, instead of just going through the federal government to subsidize loans, stu-

dents and families would have the option to go through private lenders and banks instead. This would create competition between the private sector and the federal government, ultimately driving down costs and making it easier for students and families to pick and choose a loan(s) best suited for their specific financial needs.

He also wants to "replace burdensome regulation with innovation and competition," which includes his plan to remove anything in the federal finance system that encourages institutions to raise tuition rates, like subsidizing states that raise tuition yearly, according to *The Price of Admission: Rethinking How Americans Pay for College* by Thomas J. Kane. Similarly to the President's plan, this would cause tuition costs to possibly lower for students of McDaniel. For more information on Mitt Romney's plan, visit his campaign site at [www.mittromney.com](http://www.mittromney.com).

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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**Still don't know who to vote for?**

Take the quiz at [isidewith.com](http://isidewith.com) to see which candidate best matches your views.

## Episode with unidentified man latest in string of North Village incidents

ABBY RICHARDSON  
Arts and Culture Editor

So far this year, McDaniel has seen a fair share of alarming incidents around campus. The robbery in North Village a few weeks ago caught everyone's attention, as did recent vandalism in residence halls.

On Sept. 22nd, another shocking incident was added to the list. Around 8:45 a.m., a North Village resident got up to get ready for work, only to find a man she had never seen before in the living room of her apartment, lying on the ground and throwing up.

Unsure of what to do at the sight of this scene, the resident went about making her morning coffee and found him a few minutes later, "sitting on a couch, and rocking back and forth in the fetal position." Having confirmed that her housemates were also unacquainted with the man, and now considerably alarmed, the resident called Campus Safety.

Promptly at 9:10 a.m., Campus Safety officer Corporal Reed arrived just as the young man was attempting to walk out unnoticed. After stopping him, Cpl. Reed insisted he return inside the apartment and sit, as he began stating the usual protocol.

His lack of a state ID or driver's license may have been the first hint something was off, but both Cpl. Reed and the reporting resident felt something was suspicious about him from the start. According to Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster, Cpl. Reed could tell upon meeting that the suspect was not an actual student at McDaniel.

Cpl. Reed contacted the other two Campus

Safety Officers on duty at the time as well as the Westminster Police Department to verify the man's identification and to check if he had any warrants out for his arrest.

The subject then fled from the scene and away from North Village, followed by Cpl. Reed. Coming from the football field, Sgt. Collins anticipated the direction of the suspect's flight and ran an interception course, while WPD made their way to the scene. At around the area of 177 Pennsylvania Avenue, Cpl. Reed caught him, almost simultaneous to the arrival of Sgt. Collins and WPD.

Along the way, near 171 Pennsylvania Avenue, the suspect was spotted throwing a baggie of something out of his pocket and onto the ground, "then assumed to be drugs," said Webster. A Campus Safety officer went back to find the baggie, and it was confirmed as drugs by the District Court in Carroll County on three charges: first degree assault, reckless endangerment, and endangerment while intoxicated.

So how did this happen?

The reporting resident wondered the same thing. As Webster's record of the events also acknowledges, a party had occurred in her apartment the night before, where the convict was present with a student and friend.

At around 3 a.m., it seems the party mainly dispersed and the non-student became sick outside, where he also lost track of his friend. A housemate of the reporting resident admitted to letting him inside.

The reporting resident also claims the man was a worker at the Pub. While this is possible, Webster would not disclose a comment concerning the convict's employment, as it is not within Campus Safety's jurisdiction to do so.

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

HANNA BARKER  
Art Director

What says 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 8-10p.m. on the Englar Dining Hall porch.

"APO 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: Hudson, 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 said 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 Ledo 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 [grb002@mcDaniel.edu](mailto:grb002@mcDaniel.edu).



# McDaniel prepares for Middle States

## 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](mailto: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 obligation to its students, according to Dr. Gretchen McKay, Co-Chair of the Steering Committee heading 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 reaccreditation process. The study is focused primarily seeing whether the college fulfills 14 Standards that all Middle States member colleges must meet in order to retain their accreditation. These standards cover a wide range of departments at the college, from the institution's goals, to the administration and faculty, 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.

The stakes are high for both the institution and its students.

"If we were not an accredited college when you graduate, your degree is not worth much; in fact, your degree is not worth anything," said McDaniel President Dr. Roger Casey when opening the September forum.

The self-study report serves to tell the story of the college, most notably where it is and where it wants to be. The 100 page report is divided into chapters that encompass the standards that Middle States will review before issuing its decision. Faculty members associated with the process are encouraging students to read and respond to what the self-study draft says about the college.

"We say we are a student centered institution and we want to ask you for your input," McKay told students in attendance Sept. 26, adding "we believe in our students, and we believe that we want you to tell us what you think." Steering Committee Co-Chair Dr. Deborah Johnson-Ross added that she believes that students should want to know "why their McDaniel degree is valuable," and should be involved with the reaccreditation process.

Students have already held an important role in the drafting of the self-study, with several serving

### Accreditation Standards Overview

#### Chapter 1

##### Standard 1: Mission and Goals

The institution's mission clearly defines its purpose within the context of higher education and indicates who the institution serves and what it intends to accomplish. The institution's stated goals, consistent with the aspirations and expectations of higher education, clearly specify how the institution will fulfill its mission. The mission and goals are developed and recognized by the institution with the participation of its members and its governing body and are used to develop and shape its programs and practices and to evaluate its effectiveness.

##### Standard 2: Planning, Resource Allocation, and Institutional Renewal

An institution conducts ongoing planning and resource allocation based on its mission and goals, develops objectives to achieve them, and utilizes the results of its assessment activities for institutional renewal. Implementation and subsequent evaluation of the success of the strategic plan and resource allocation support the development and change necessary to improve and to maintain institutional quality.

##### Standard 3: Institutional Resources

The human, financial, technical, physical facilities, and other resources necessary to achieve an institution's mission and goals are available and accessible. In

the context of the institution's mission, the effective and efficient uses of the institution's resources are analyzed as part of ongoing outcomes assessment.

##### Standard 7: Institutional Assessment

The institution has developed and implemented an assessment process that evaluates its overall effectiveness in achieving its mission and goals and its compliance with accreditation standards.

#### Chapter 2

##### Standard 4: Leadership and Governance

The institution's system of governance clearly defines the roles of 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 of policy and resource development, consistent with the mission of the institution.

##### Standard 5: Administration

The institution's administrative structure and services facilitate learning and research/scholarship, foster quality improvement, and support the institution's organization and governance.

##### Standard 6: Integrity

In the conduct of its programs and activities involving the public

and the constituent community, the institution demonstrates adherence to ethical principles and its own stated policies, and provides support for academic freedom.

#### Chapter 3

##### Standard 8: Student Learning and Retention

The institution's programs and services ensure that students whose intellectual and abilities are consistent with its mission and goals are supported through the students' educational experience.

##### Standard 9: Student Support Services

The institution's student support services are necessary to enable students to achieve the institution's goals for students.

#### Chapter 4

##### Standard 11: Educational Quality

The institution's offerings display a commitment to high standards, rigor, and quality appropriate to its high mission. The institution's student learning goals, including knowledge, skills, and attitudes, are designed so that students

##### Standard 12: General

The institution's programs and activities are designed so that students



## States Review ment

tion and working groups that worked with the Steering Committee in writing the report, and McKay says that Middle States is "very impressed" by the amount of student involvement in the process thus far, that she and hopes that the student body comments on the draft study to expand the role of students in constructing the report.

A page on the McDaniel Portal has been established for the Middle States process where students and faculty can read the draft report in its entirety, and a form on that page allows for readers to provide feedback. An e-mail address, [middlestates@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:middlestates@mcdaniel.edu), has also been established for those with questions or feedback about the process.

McKay says that she hopes that students take the time to at least find and read one chapter that interests them and give feedback on it. In particular she cited Chapter 3, regarding standards detailing student admission, retention, and support services, as of particular interest to students.

A final version of the self-study must be submitted to the Evaluation Team Chair by January 27. The process will culminate with a visit by a team of outside administrators in March 2013, and a decision on renewing the college's accreditation will be reached during the summer.

encies it serves, demonstrates additional standards and policies, providing academic and intellectual

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### Support

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### Additional Education

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and demonstrate college-level proficiency in general education and essential skills, including at least oral and written communication, scientific and quantitative reasoning, critical analysis and reasoning, and technological competency.

### 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.

### Standard 14: Assessment of Student Learning

Assessment of student learning demonstrates that, at graduation, or other appropriate points, the institution's students have knowledge, skills, and competencies consistent with institutional and appropriate higher education goals.

## Chapter 5

### Standard 10: Faculty

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

Source: Middle States Commission on Higher Education

## Hoover makes archives available online

KAITLYN VADENAIS  
Editor-in-Chief

Students, alumni, and genealogists can now access online archives of Western Maryland College and McDaniel College history for free, thanks to archivist Barbara O'Brien.

Accessible from anywhere, the archives currently contain all student newspaper publications from 1924 to spring 2009, from Black and White, to Scrimshaw, to the McDaniel Free Press, with the remaining issues to follow. Viewers can search a collection of newspapers by academic year, rather than by individual issue.

Hoover Library was able to purchase the same machine used by the Library of Congress at

the end of last September with the help of a grant. This machine makes digital archiving simple and with the use of Optical Character Recognition (OCR), the scanned documents are also searchable for individual words.

The process to upload the newspapers began after classes ended and lasted the duration of the summer. In those eight weeks, with student assistance, the newspapers were digitally archived and uploaded online.

"We were getting a minimum of 10 runs a week, some weeks more," said O'Brien.

The Pathways Yearbooks, once they have been published for at least 10 years, and The Hill magazine can also be found online.

Although the uploaded copies are not the highest quality for

preservation purposes, they are fully searchable and stored online as PDFs so viewers can search, enlarge, and use them as research tools. These online archives make researching much easier than microfilms, which were tedious and close to impossible to search. However, the microfilms will continue to exist, and the library will continue to have physical copies as well.

According to O'Brien, the archives were the most visited portion of the library's site last year, with particular relevancy around the time of class reunions.

"I don't expect thousands of views but we're here if someone wants it," she said.

The archives can be accessed at [libguides.hoover.mcdaniel.edu/archives](http://libguides.hoover.mcdaniel.edu/archives).

## Student Technology Center moves to Hoover

While Information Technology at McDaniel College still offers free services to the college community, what has changed is the location of their Student Technology Center (STC). Now located behind the reference desk in Hoover Library, the STC is more centralized and available for resolution of issues with printing and computers in the Library and Charlson Lab.

These resources are also more accessible with newly expanded ours, an online ticketing system, and ways to directly contact someone for help. Student experiencing problems with commonly used software programs can find help at the STC. In addition, the STC offers assistance with network connections, removal of viruses and malware, and connection of gaming devices to the Internet.

Hours: M-Thurs 8:30am-10:30pm, Fri 8:30am-4:30pm, and Sunday 4pm-8pm

URL: <https://studenthelp.mcdaniel.edu/helpdesk/WebObjects/Helpdesk.woa>

Email: [studenthelp@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:studenthelp@mcdaniel.edu)

Phone: (410) 386-4051

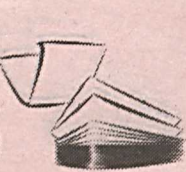


Members of Dangersauce, McDaniel's comedy improv group, perform in McDaniel Lounge to a Friday night audience of over 50 people. Keep an eye out for information about their upcoming Halloween murder mystery!

HANNA BARKER



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# FEATURES

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## FALL WEEKLY EVENTS

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&amp; WEEKEND BLITZ

**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*

**Tuesday, September 25**  
**Photobooth**  
 11am-3pm | Glar Lobby  
*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 27**  
**Comedian Tim Young**  
 9pm | The Pub  
*Sponsored by Green Terror Productions*

**Saturday, December 1**  
**Hunt Valley Mall Trip | Cost \$5.00\*\***  
 Bus leaves campus at 11am and will return  
 to campus 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.

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## 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 Recitation 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.

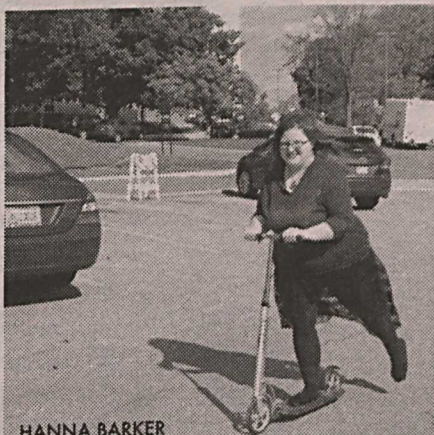
Despite becoming a minor celebrity around the Hill for her unconventional method of "getting around," Udell wants you to know that she hates being known as Scooter Girl.

"I'm not just some chick who rides 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 service projects. Her favorite event 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.

Udell does not understand the campus fascination with her scooter. Having been



riding since she was eight, she is very comfortable using it and it helps her get around faster than walking.

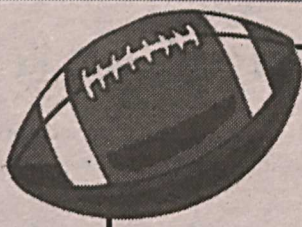
"I don't know why people make fun of it, or act so surprised to see it," she said. "It's not like this is some kind of crazy new invention they've never seen before."

Udell would recommend scootering to other students as a means of transportation.

"It's environmentally friendly and provides a good leg workout," she said. "Not to mention, it's fun to ride—especially going downhill!"

Unfortunately, Udell knows that come time for snow, she will have to put her scooter away for the season. But for now, she will continue to roll her way to class, regardless of the comments and reactions she gets from some of the students.

She said, "I like to be myself."



## Out-Pick Dan and Elec

DAN LAMOND  
ELEC TRAINOR  
Sports Editors

### Dallas Cowboys at Carolina Panthers

**Dan Thinks:** Cam Newton always manages to keep the Panthers in games, but he will prove more effective than Tony Romo and give his Panthers a win.  
Cowboys-17  
Panthers-28

**Elec Thinks:** Romo's inconsistency has plagued the Cowboys season so far, as it has in the past. Look for his team to rally to try and pick up the slack.  
Cowboys-21  
Panthers-13

### New Orleans Saints at Tampa Bay Buccaneers

**Dan Thinks:** The Saints will face a tough defense, but Drew Brees will step up to the occasion and give his Saints a win.  
Saints-35  
Buccaneers-24

**Elec Thinks:** A tough NFC South divisional game. Josh Freeman lifts his team with a two-minute final drive.  
Saints-28  
Buccaneers-30

### Green Bay Packers at St. Louis Rams

**Dan Thinks:** Aaron Rodgers will have a relatively easy time picking apart the Rams defense and they will leave St. Louis with a high scoring win.  
Packers-45  
Rams-17

**Elec Thinks:** Green Bay has not been the same this year. They seem to play up or down to competition. That bites them hard this week.  
Packers-17  
Rams-21

### Washington Redskins at New York Giants

**Dan Thinks:** 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 Thinks:** 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 Thinks:** This is definitely one of the most interesting games of the week as two powerhouses face each other. This game will be determined on the ground and by which team has fewer turnovers. Ray Rice will outplay Arian Foster to give the Ravens a win in Texas.  
Ravens-32  
Texans-24

**Elec Thinks:** A tough game for both teams. Each team is having success running, throwing and playing defense. Could this be a preview of the AFC championship?  
Ravens-28  
Texans-14

### Cleveland Browns at Indianapolis Colts

**Dan Thinks:** Andrew Luck will give the home crowd something to cheer about in this game as he will link up with Reggie Wayne multiple times leading the Colts over the Browns.  
Browns-17  
Colts-28

**Elec Thinks:** I think Cleveland will finally have had enough close games and losses. The defense will target Andrew Luck.  
Browns-21  
Colts-10

### New York Jets at New England Patriots

**Dan Thinks:** Tom Brady will do what it takes to give the Patriots a win and the offense is firing on all cylinders, which will give them a win against a depleted Jets defense.  
Jets-17  
Patriots-31

**Elec Thinks:** Many think this is a forgone conclusion, but division games are always tough. Brady has been inconsistent against the Jets the past couple of seasons.  
Jets-26  
Patriots-21

### Pittsburgh Steelers at Cincinnati Bengals

**Dan Thinks:** The Steelers will run repeatedly against the Bengals as Rashard Mendenhall will have a huge game and the Steelers defense will be solid as usual.  
Steelers-24  
Bengals-14

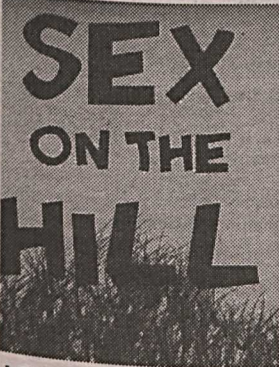
**Elec Thinks:** I suspect the Steelers defense will step up to the challenge of shutting down the explosive team of Andy Dalton and A.J. Green. Pittsburgh wins a close one.  
Steelers-21  
Bengals-20

### Detroit Lions at Chicago Bears

**Dan Thinks:** This is an intriguing match up, as a lot depends on which team shows up. If the turnover prone Jay Cutler shows up, then the Lions will take it, but if the Lions defense is sleeping then the Bears will win. I think the Bears defense will stop the Lions enough to give them a win.  
Lions-21  
Bears-28

**Elec Thinks:** Both teams have been inconsistent this year. Calvin Johnson has been relatively quiet, but maybe this will be his coming out party of the season. Jay Cutler may have a rough day against the Lions defensive line.  
Lions-31  
Bears-10

## opinion



JON LIGHTNER  
Contributor

## "Watch the teeth"

comfortable enough to talk about it. To most people, sexual acts are generally very personal things and I would assume that they want to enjoy it. So why then if people are getting so personal with others, do they not communicate with the other person?

Yes, he's probably doing more damage to your vagina than a chainsaw, but if consistently answer, "yes", to his "oh yeah, do you like that?" regardless of whether it's said with a grimaced face, how is he going to know that you don't actually like that. I mean, if you don't tell him he's going to continue to do it, over and over and over and over again. He may suffer a slight blow to the ego, but don't worry, he will recover. And just think! Even if you're not going to be hooking up with him again, think of the pain you'll be saving the next girl.

I know this seems to be one-sided, but this isn't a gendered specific phenomenon. Too many times have I heard the dreaded, horrifying word when I hear guy's describing a blowjob experience: teeth. To some guys, there's nothing more important to them than their dick, so having a chunk bitten out of it is not on their 'top ten list of: things they want to happen to their penis.' But once again, this goes both ways. How is she supposed to know that you feel like your penis is going through a meat grinder if you don't tell her?

Just think of how much

pain and anguish you could save if you just take some time and talk to your partner about what they're doing right, and especially what they're doing wrong. This isn't an insult to neither guys nor girls; in fact, it's a plea for everyone to educate their partners. It's just as much your job to teach them the ins and outs of your body as it is their job to listen. No one starts out as an expert in sex and you can't assume that they're going to know exactly what to do when the moment comes.

Unless given the proper guidance, your partner may go down a long, dark, painful road. So think, you'll not only be doing yourself a favor, you'll be saving your partner and every other person your partner may get down and dirty with from being involved in this awkward, painful situation.

Who knows, beyond helping to end these experiences, you may even find something new and adventurous to try leading up or during sex. This applies to all people of all sexual experience, preference, and orientation; everyone needs a guiding hand once in a while. And frankly, you should take responsibility for your own well-being. Stop being so polite to your partner and start being polite to yourself. Really, it's simple and beneficial to both parties. Before, during, after; it doesn't matter it'll help everyone involved just, talk about it.

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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 the 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 the members of their organizations," 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 hazing their members.

Christine Workman, the Director of Student Engagement, said, "National Hazing Prevention Week is time for the campus com-

munity to come together and educate themselves about what hazing 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 268H, which states that hazing 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 hazing might be happening 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 anonymously 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 happens 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 make sure we continue to be a place that focuses on education."

If a student or student organization were accused of hazing, they would go through the Student Conduct Process as potentially violating the Code of Student Conduct, according to Workman. Greek organizations would be subject to further investigation from

either the Panhellenic Association or the Interfraternity Council, as well as the National Headquarters of their Chapter, if applicable, explained Workman.

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 opportunities 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: Multimedia Authoring, 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 what we probably don't know 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 loooong 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 Black Widow from 'The Avengers' and Clarice Starling from 'The Silence of the Lambs' through a feminist lens.

The English department and the McDaniel community has been more than welcoming to Dr. Muhlhauser.

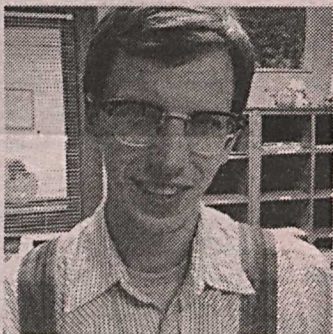
"I've been really struck by the outstanding support system I've had in the English Department. My colleagues have helped me navigate and learn this college's rules and culture."

Aside from the faculty help, Muhlhauser notes that he is impressed with the behaviors of the student body.

"Students help each other out if they are having trouble or have a question- it's not wait for the teacher."

Dr. 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 application 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.



## Hairspray sells out on last two nights

**LAURA NICHOLS**  
Contributor

People were turned away at the door. There were no more seats. Ushers and concession workers, including myself, had to stand into the back to be able to watch. Hairspray was packed. Word of mouth has spread and the overall reaction has been overwhelmingly positive. 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.

Hairspray, directed by Elizabeth van 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, Hairspray is a social commentary on the sixties; a show about kids who want to dance, but also about the hardships that face ordinary people living in segregated America.

Hairspray's big scenes are set on the Corny Collins Show, a dance show similar to American bandstand, where pretty kids dance and sing for the youth of Baltimore. 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 a month, despite the talent that these kids have.

Tracy, played winningly by junior Kelsey Gondek, doesn't just dream of dancing on the Corny Collins show and winning the heart of Link Larkin, teen heartthrob, played by sophomore Daniel Valentin-Morales. She dreams of dancing on the Corny Collins Show with all her friends, in a fully integrated dancing spectacular. 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 loveable 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.

The villains of the show, Amber and Velma Von Tussle, played by seniors Shelley Hierstetter and Karly Ziegler, embody the 'evil white girl' syndrome. I, for one, found Shelley's portrayal of Amber to be one of the best parts of the show. She's a mean girl, made mean by both society and her mother's guidance, and she shows it by her hilariously, increasingly insane outbursts.

But one of the brightest points of the show was the portrayal of DJ Motormouth Maybelle, played by sophomore Chesney Jamieson. She's a mother and the DJ of the Corny Collins Show's 'Negro Day', and she shares Tracy's dream of an integrated dance show — and an integrated world. Chesney plays Maybelle beautifully, and her voice soars, especially during the climatic 'I know where I've Been.'

And overall, the message of the show is clear: It doesn't matter what you look like, what color your skin is, or how large your waistline is. If you want to dance, you should dance. If you believe in something, and if you stand up for it, you can change things. A relatively simple message, but still a powerful one.

These songs will be dancing through your brain for the next week... and only that long, if you're lucky. This is a fabulous show, with fantastic reviews from audiences, both student and out-of-town alike. I had a blast, even standing in the back. I hope you got a chance to see it. And if you didn't... then you really missed out. Try renting the movie. It will not be the same experience.

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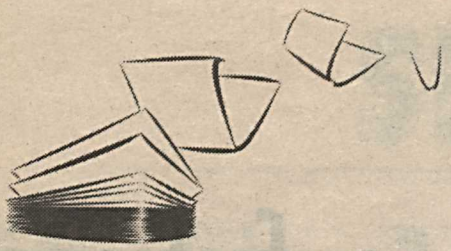
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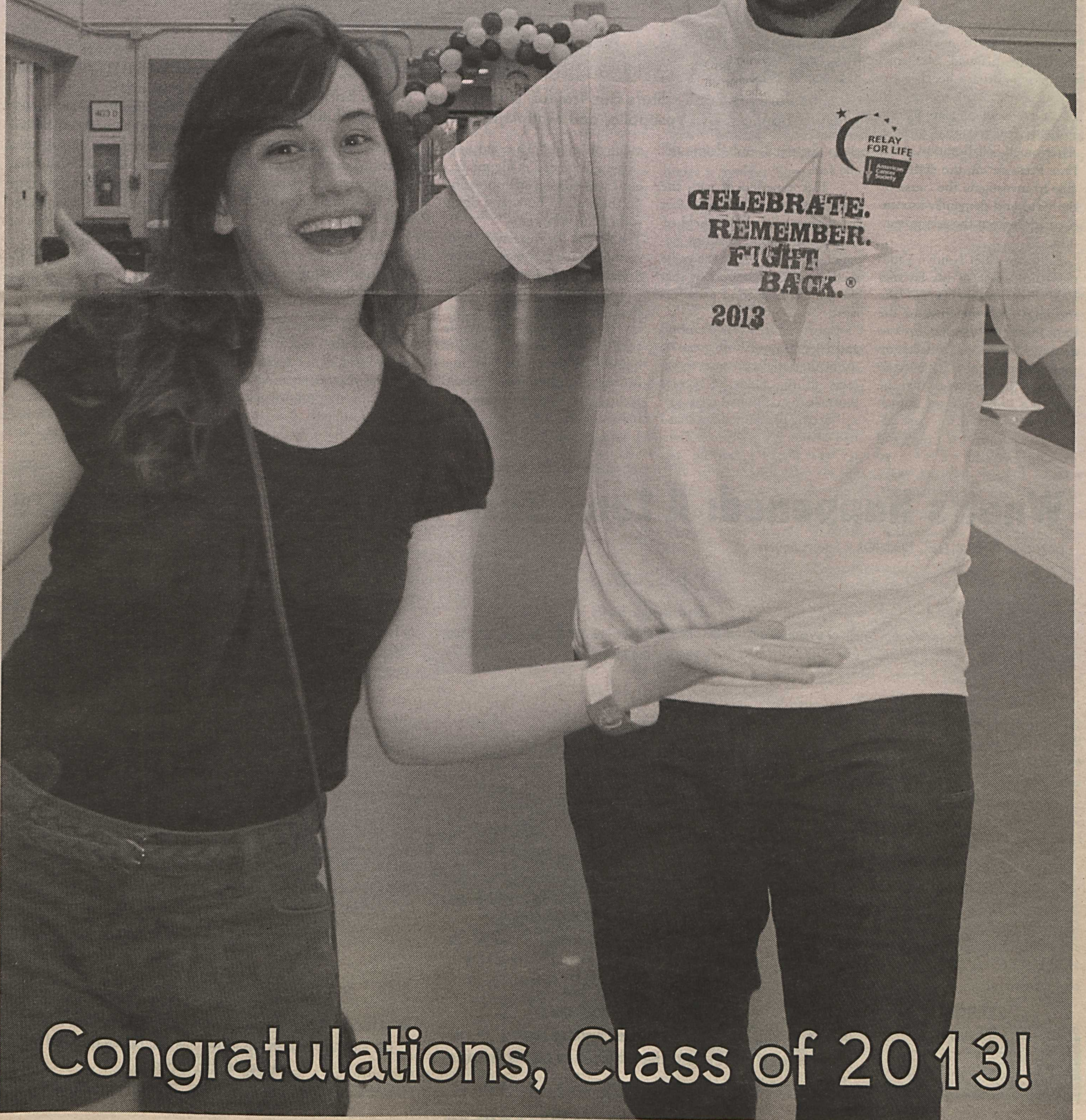
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LAUREN MURRAY  
Features Editor

For the senior editors of the Free Press, leaving the small publication and moving on to the professional world is 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.

Art Director and 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, like the launch of the new website this past fall.

“Everything was funny and exciting because we were so



Senior Free Press editors Elec Trainor, Dan Lamond, Hanna Barker, Kaitlyn Vadenais, Lisa Vasapollo, and Matt Arnold all await bright futures.

sleep deprived and delirious,” she said.

Her experiences with the Free Press have prepared her for getting a job in the field of media and public relations because she knows how the press works and feels confident that she can write a good press release.

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 mo-

ment 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.

“My best memory of Free Press is the first time I saw my name in print sophomore year. I never wrote an article before, so seeing that by line for my first piece was a special feeling,” he said. “I have had a blast working for the paper, and I hope people have enjoyed my articles.”

proved, but as an editor it has made me realize why it really is important to meet them, and what the cons are when people miss them.”

Through the good and bad times at the Free Press, the seniors have bonded as not only leaders of an organization but as close friends.

Senior web editor Lisa Vasapollo said that she likes that meetings are not only a time to get things done but to reconnect with friends on the staff.

“Sometimes we don’t always get to see each other often and this is a good time for many of us to catch up with one another.”

Vasapollo plans to use the skills she has gained at the Free Press at WBAL-TV 11 when she graduates.

“The Free Press has provided me with an array of skills I will be able to use outside of a newspaper publication and that will help me not only with my job at WBAL but also in future endeavors as I continue or progress in my career.”

Although they may all be going different directions after graduation, the senior editors will always have the skills that they acquired from their work with the Free Press and the memories that they have collected over the years.

They will certainly be missed and on behalf of the Free Press staff, I wish them well.

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.

Among the many writing and editing skills that Arnold is taking from his time at the Free Press, he also jokes about understanding the importance of meeting deadlines.

“I wish that I could say my ability to meet deadlines has im-

## What's Happened: A Look Back at the Past Four Years

DAN LAMOND & ELEC TRAINOR / Sports Editors

### FRESHMAN YEAR

Fall 2009

#### The Beginning

All of us walked on campus and started the journey that was the next four years of our lives.

Spring 2010

#### Snowmageddon

In February, classes were cancelled for an entire week due to the storm dubbed “Snowmageddon,” which gave students plenty of time off.

### SOPHOMORE YEAR

Fall 2010

#### Dr. Casey's First Semester

In fall 2010, Dr. Casey enjoyed his first semester on the Hill, taking over for President Coley.

Spring 2011

#### Glar Renovation

During the spring, Glar was under renovations so students ate in the Forum or “Flar.”

### JUNIOR YEAR

Fall 2011

#### Snowcoming

On Oct. 29, 2011 McDaniel's annual homecoming football game was played in unusual circumstance. Snow covered “The Hill” as the Green Terror beat Juniata 23-19 on that cold October afternoon.

Spring 2012

#### Stadium Groundbreaking

On Feb. 3, 2012, ground was officially broken to make way for the brand new Kenneth R. Gill Stadium, replacing the old Scott Bair Stadium. The new stadium includes press boxes, bathrooms, training rooms, and half time locker rooms

### SENIOR YEAR

Fall 2012

#### New Free Press Website

On Sept. 26, 2012 the McDaniel Free Press launches a new web page that allows readers to be more interactive with the school's online newspaper.

Spring 2013

#### McVirus Strikes

Just a few months ago, beginning on the evening of Feb. 26, it seemed like the entire campus was hit with the gastroenteritis dubbed as “McPlague” and “McVirus.”



## 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.

Lisa Breslin "took me



Senior Hanna Barker displays her tie-dye t-shirt at this year's Spring Fling.

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. Muhlhauser," 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-pretentious way possible, I have inspired the underclass-

men I've worked with to take on 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/editor 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."



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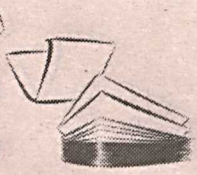
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On the cover: Seniors Catherine O'Keeffe and Casey Dunn participate in Relay for Life in Gill Gym on April 26.

Photo by Annie Brown





## 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 Poe 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.

His paper was about Jack Kerouac and Hunter S. Thompson. It was a 24-page paper about how they portray the American dream in their books.

His freshman year he lived in DMC because he was part of the Honors Program. He had two roommates.

"I was stressing at the beginning but they turned out to be really great roommates,"

he said. He lived with one of them his sophomore year.

He studied abroad in Budapest, Hungary. He said it was amazing because he was in the middle of Europe and he got the opportunity to visit many countries like Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Italy, and Sweden. He took a gender literature course, a class about filmography in Europe, and an Introduction to the Hungarian language course.

According to Dunn, he did not have a language barrier when he went to Budapest because most of the people in Europe speak multiple languages.

Dunn is moving to Seattle after graduation, so he is trying to get as much out of his last semester as possible by taking advantage of Maryland and Main Street.



Senior Casey Dunn plans to move to Seattle after graduation.

## Ben Azat: Talented Senior, Future Teacher

SHARINA TAVERAS LOPEZ  
Staff Member

Benjamin Azat is a very talented and smart senior.

He worked for Lisa Breslin, who with a smile in her face said, "I have loved watching Ben bloom as a writing tutor, as an actor, as a compassionate human being, and teacher. His talent in all areas thrills me. Students should ask him about being a log cabin."

The term "log cabin" came when he was teaching students how to be a good tutor and he recommended one girl that students should feel like if they are in a log cabin because they are comfortable, nice, and warm.

Azat is a student teacher and

an English major with a minor in secondary education. He was inducted into the Literary Honor Society, and has worked at the McDaniel Writing Center since he was a sophomore.

Since McDaniel College is close to his house, Azat knew people who came here. They helped him to make the decision to come to McDaniel. He lives in New Windsor, Maryland, so he has always been a commuter since his house is so close.

Azat says he has met most of his friends through classes, and people that he has worked with. He is currently the stage manager of the show *Danger Sauce* on campus, he co-direct-

ed "Choices" last year, and he has been in a couple of theatrical shows in McDaniel.

The hardest class he took was Writing for Non-Profit Organizations. He signed up for the class without knowing there would be an internship involved and because he had another internship at the time, he did not put his best effort into the class. Azat said he helped set up the Center for Experience and Organization.

Azat also thinks that his English Senior Seminar was very challenging.

"Senior Seminar was tough... it was a 20 to 25 page research paper about anything

you want, but it had to be really good."

His senior seminar was about super heroes and comic book traditions.

According to Azat, his favorite class was American Literature with Dr. Mary and Shakespeare.

Azat has been an intern at various schools in Carroll County since he wants to be a high school teacher.

After he graduates, his plan is to get a teaching position in a public high school in Maryland, and he has been sending applications.

"I know that it is tough for teachers right now but I am just hoping," he said.



Ben Azat

## Ben Munyan is off to Nicaragua

AMBER SLATER  
News Editor

Ben Munyan has a 10-month application process behind him, 27 months of service ahead of him, and a life changed by the Peace Corps to look forward to.

After graduation, Munyan will head to Jinotepe, Nicaragua as a member of the environmental sector of the Peace Corps to serve in two primary schools and to help organize community projects in the realms of gardening and recycling.

An Environmental Policy and Science major and Spanish minor, Munyan cites both academic and personal experiences as factors that prepared him for Peace Corps service. In particular, Munyan said that Dr. Hardy, a professor in his major who served as a Peace Corps member himself, influenced him to think about applying for the Peace Corps.

Additionally, Munyan is a member of the social fraternity Phi Kappa Sigma, has been involved in clubs from Environmental Action Club to Ultimate Frisbee, and has been a member of the baseball, cross country, and track teams.

"The things I've done here directly correlate with the work I'm doing with the Peace Corps," he explained.

Munyan says that he is excited to live with a host family, become fluent in Spanish, and for the opportunity to "get to know lots of different people and understand the culture."



Senior Ben Munyan will travel to Nicaragua after graduation as a member of the Peace Corps.



## 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



Sarah Bankard attends a soccer match in Barcelona during her fall 2011 semester in Spain.

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 Genitales, 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.”

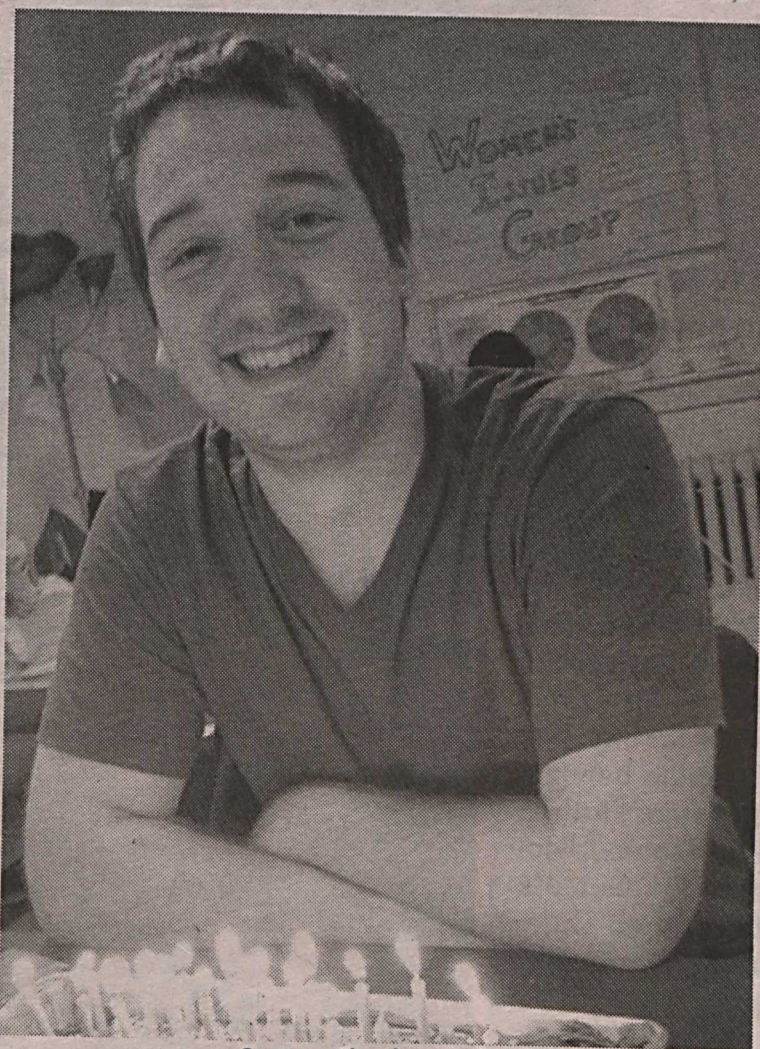
Additionally, Charles served as an English Academic Coach for two years with the DC College Success Foundation’s Summer Academic Enrichment Program (SAEP), a scholarship program for underserved, college-bound students in D.C. public schools.

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 Otremba, Pat Callahan, Torin 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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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.



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### 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. & Int'l Studies—25
8. Biology—22
9. History—20
10. Environmental Policy & Sci.—17

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

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Rula Zaru  
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Alexandra Zimbicki

## by the Numbers

Double Majors  
Single Majors  
and  
Double Majors

Spanish  
Biology  
Writing  
Art History  
Sports Coaching

Graduate with minors.  
Graduate with three  
Graduate with four minors.

**7**  
Students will  
graduate with  
a minor in  
secondary  
education

Class of 2013?

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Matt Arnold and arranged by Annie Brown



**63%**  
of graduates hail from  
**Maryland**. The top  
5 other states students  
come from are **PA, NJ,**  
**NY, VA, & DE**

Students of the  
class of 2013  
represent

**20**  
different states

**6** graduating  
seniors are  
international  
students.

They come from  
**China, Hong**  
**Kong, Vietnam,**  
**Portugal,** and  
the **Republic of**  
**Georgia**



Top: Seniors Dwight Carmon, Rula Zaru, and Paul Jaworski celebrate 100 days until graduation.

Bottom: Laura Nichols, Hanna Barker, and Lisa Vasapollo are ready for Homecoming 2012.



Best wishes  
for an  
awesome  
future, class  
of 2013!



## Profile: Nick Galinaitis

KARINA BUSTOS  
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 opin-

ion 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!"



Nick Galinaitis has been highly involved during his time at McDaniel and is appreciative of his opportunity to study at a four-year liberal arts college.

### Congratulations to the McDaniel Free Press 2013-2014 Editorial Board

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## 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.

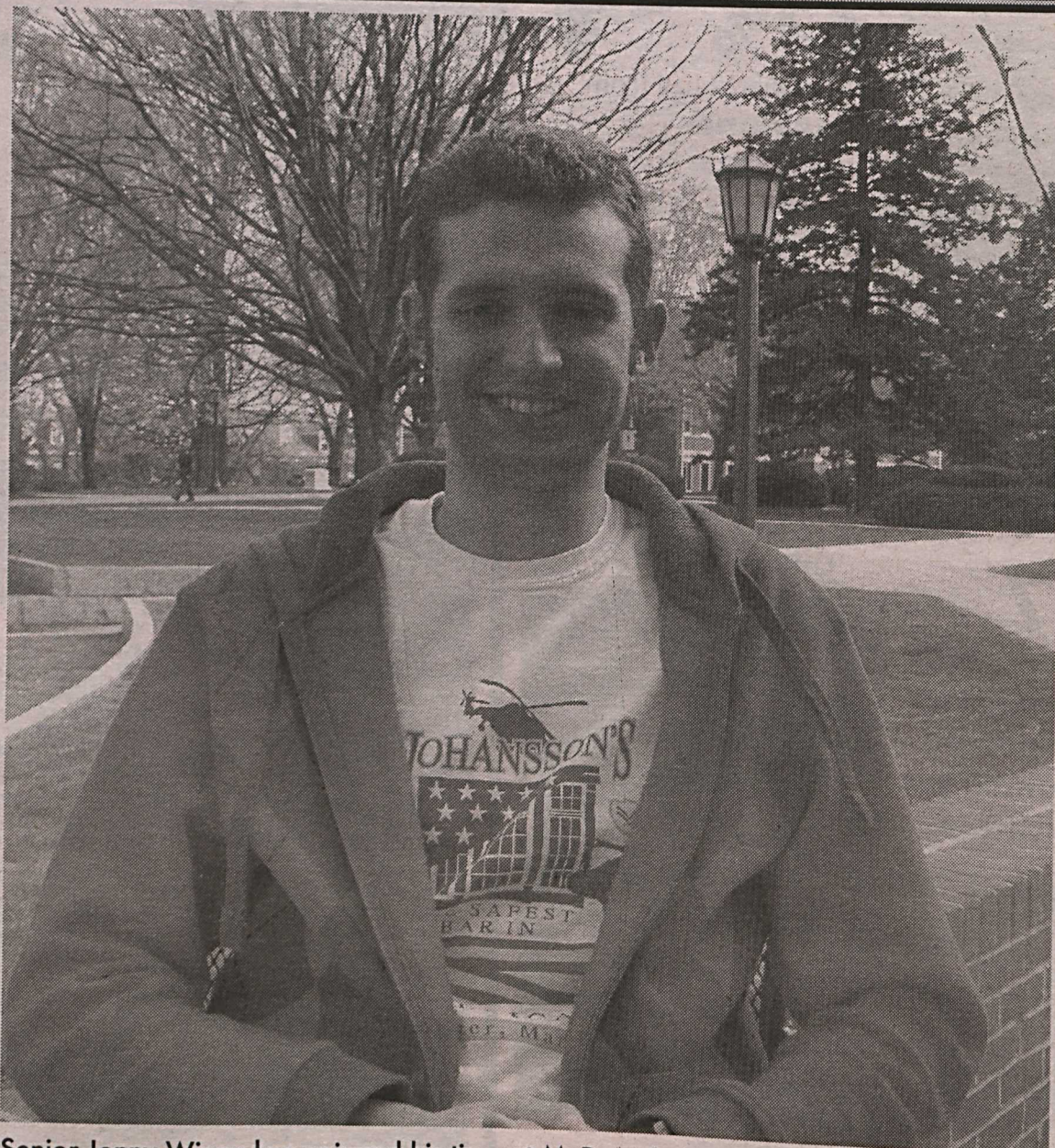
"The final project was really fun. I wrote an op-ed article called 'Litter: more harmful than you realize.' The best part was that it was published in the Baltimore Sun. I felt so proud!" he said.

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, and 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.'"



Senior Jonny Wixen has enjoyed his time at McDaniel. As a junior, he had the chance to experience life abroad in Spain.



# SENIOR PROFILES 9

## 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 times 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

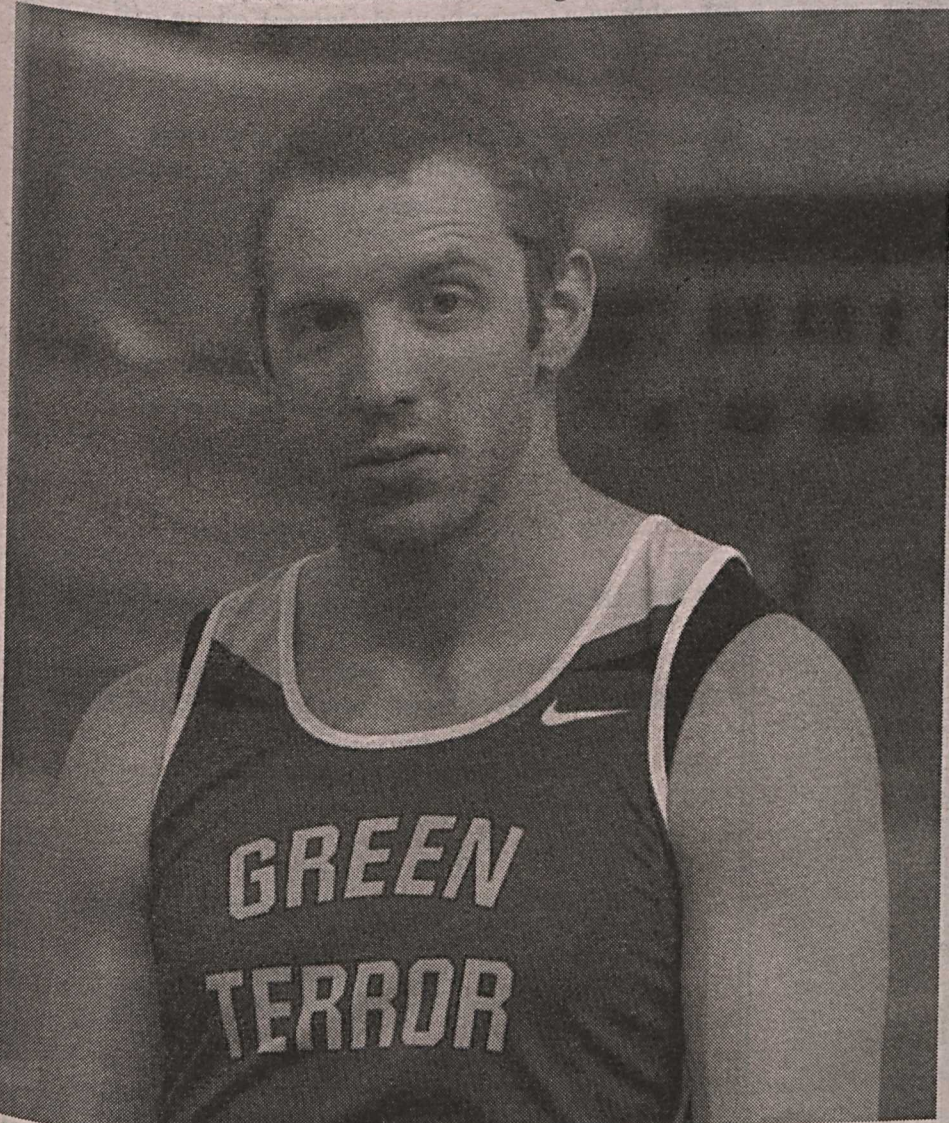
for a professional sports team or college.

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 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 great person to get to know. Gary will truly be missed but all we can say is good-bye and good luck.



Senior Gary Smith joined the track team this season. He will attend Seton Hall University for a master's in athletic training.

## Seniors at a Glance

GREGORY NOLEN  
Staff Member

### Anne Mathews

**Major/Minor:** "I am a double major in English and Spanish."

**Capstone Project:** "For Spanish, I wrote a paper on the book *Aves sin nido* by Clorinda Matto de Turner (*Birds Without a Nest*) and the factors that enabled Christian religious authorities to take advantage of the indigenous population both as depicted in the book as well as historically in 19th century Latin America. For English, I am doing a paper and presentation on Yann Martel's *Life of Pi* as a true war story as defined by Tim O'Brien in his work, *The Things They Carried*, with special focus given to narrative as a coping mechanism for dealing with trauma and truth as something that is not dependent upon reality."

**Favorite Classes/Professors:** "Some of my favorite classes were Advanced Composition with Dr. Dobson, Growing Up in America with Dr. Mary Bendel-Simso, Intro to Literary Analysis with Dr. McNichols, and Poe with Dr. Kachur."

**What she'll miss most:** "I'll definitely miss the community. I think the faculty and staff here at McDaniel are wonderful and I've really enjoyed getting to know many of them over the past four years. Probably more than anything else though, I'm going to miss living in such close proximity to my friends. The community here at McDaniel isn't really something you can get anywhere else."

**Post-graduation plans:** "My post-graduation plans are still in the works, but, God willing, I would like to serve others and I hope that my Spanish-speaking skills will give me the opportunity to communicate with people whose voices would otherwise not be heard due to language barriers."



Anne Mathews

### Kristin Biel

**Major/Minor:** Exercise Science and Physical Education, Minors in Biology and Psychology

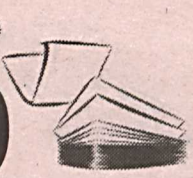
**Capstone Project:** "I am looking at the Oxygen Consumption and Utilization and comparing them to high intensity aerobic and anaerobic exercise."

**Favorite Classes/Professors:** "Classes; Abnormal Psychology, Human Anatomy, and Exercise and Chronic Disease. Professors were Dr. McKenzie, Dr. McCole, and Dr. Richard Smith from the Sociology Department."

**What she'll miss most:** "I will miss seeing all my friends here at McDaniel. I will also miss my cross country teammates and going to cross country meets."

**Post-Graduation Plans:** "I will be attending the University of Maryland School of Medicine Physical Therapy program at the end of May to pursue a career in physical therapy."





## Farewell to track and field captain Charles Kronmiller

ALEXANDER MURCHISON III  
Staff Member

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 memories as a part of the 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 conferences meet 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.

"The people that will be missed are numerous. First and foremost, my roommates; Carlos Hernandez, Jordan Holter, Joe Soellner, and Diego Weiner. Other close friends in the senior class, my professor in my major; Dr. Claycombe, Professor Lavin, Dr. McIntyre, Professor Milstein, Dr. Olsh, 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 well in whatever it is 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.

## Profile: Diego Weiner

ALEXANDER MURCHISON III  
Staff Member

McDaniel College has to say good-bye and good luck to another great student: Diego Weiner, a former member of the football team and current member of the track and field team.

Diego was a member of the football team from the very beginning; he joined his freshman year and stayed on the team until his senior year. Diego was a linebacker for the Green Terror and was named captain his junior year.

Unfortunately due to concussions, Weiner was forced to end his career as a football player to prevent further head injuries. This did not slow him down, however, and Diego soon joined

the track and field team as a shot put, discus, and javelin thrower. This was not his first time on a track and field team. He was also on the track and field team in high school. Diego says he was persuaded to join the team by his roommates and close friends Charles Kronmiller and Carlos Hernandez.

Weiner says the highlight of his sports career at McDaniel was being named captain of the football team. Diego says the highlights of his sports career came from the football field, the atmosphere of the games, the pre-game warm-up, and getting in that mindset that only football players would understand is what he will truly miss.

Diego says he will miss his

roommates and close friends and teammates from both the football and track teams.

Weiner is a political science and international studies major and after graduation plans on attending law school in hopes to one day to be a criminal defense lawyer. Even though it will be tough to say good-bye to all the good friends on the Hill, Diego is excited for the next chapter of his life.

We here at McDaniel will be sad to lose a person like Diego, a person who is a hard worker and believed in giving 110 percent in everything. Diego's hard working attitude is what helped him so much and will truly be missed by all who had the great opportunity to get to know him.



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.

## 10 Things You Won't Miss About McDaniel

ANNIE 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 weird sofas, crappy desk chairs, or demonic microfridges!

### 3. The Housing Lottery

No more waiting, anxiety, and not getting your first pick.

### 4. Glar Food

Need I say more?

### 5. Campus Internet

On days when the wi-fi'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 good-bye 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, "Whaddup—oh, no one's here..."

### 10. Your Senior Sem/Capstone

You learned a lot, but 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!



## Familiarity, Sitting on Benches

RYAN POWELL  
Contributor

7 a.m., snowy Saturday morning, January.

Turtle Buddy's "December Rain"

plays.

When you begin to see the world like I do,

you'll begin to test it with

order

and linear thinking. Though still somehow

a formal life of leisure, even as a

"loser"

seems at least adequate when I consider the bliss

of the moments beginning freshman year, lying in the

grass.

All of us floating around, searching, and some

in the stars. They played "Take it Away", and

time

sped by—first cigarettes for some,

ice cream, nervous laughter, Frisbees. I was

alone

after a while, and remember seeing

people from my classes and dorm

swaying

to the sitar. It was hope there. And yet,

even the surrounding town beckoned with

fear

to us of the coming years, and we waited—

sitting and observing on benches like primordial campus

ghosts.

Suddenly, nothing was there but the sounds,

and into the future, we let ourselves

vanish.

Over the years, more sounds collected in our heads

## 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 the 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 write for complete dumbasses." 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 then getting your senior seminar done. After 30 pages, you don't want to write anymore.

I learned to cherish every moment with your friends, and that these really are the best years of your life. Now, as the days to graduation pass by, I am starting to realize just how much I will miss all the friends I have made here.

I learned that college becomes like a home away from home. Freshmen year, I couldn't wait to go home on breaks, and didn't want to come back after they were over. Now, I find myself not wanting to leave here.

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.

As Carrie Underwood sings, "Some pages turned, some bridges burned, but there were lessons learned." I have learned a lot of lessons here at McDaniel College, and will never forget them.



Gregory Nolen on a boat on Lake Batalon in Hungary in Fall 2011

## Reflection: Turn Out the Lights...

MATTHEW ARNOLD  
Managing Editor

The passage of time can be marked in many ways: days, months, years, and so on.

However, it can also be marked by events. I mean, who among you would have thought we would ever have four feet of snow fall in the span of less than a week? Or a snowy homecoming game? How about the Ravens winning *El Plato Supreme*? Or, my personal favorite, see the day when the Orioles would no longer being on the wrong end of every late night talk show host's barbs about failure?

Those are some of my most prominent memories of the past four years. There have been two more choices I've made while here at McDaniel that also stand out in my mind: my semester in Budapest and joining the Free Press. I mention the former to implore those of you who haven't studied abroad but still have time to go for it. It really is a life-changing experience.

I mention the latter because I have a lot to

be thankful for in that regard. Sometimes in our meetings, we like to give out kudos to those who have done noteworthy work for us, so consider these my last Free Press kudos. The first kudos go to Hanna Barker, who was responsible for bringing me on board the Free Press as sports editor last fall, and who was (and continues to be) a great leader for this paper, no matter what her actual role is, and on top of that, a great friend. Kudos are also in order for Kaitlyn Vadenais, who has been such a great partner in running this publication this year, as well as all of our editors and writers. Serving as an editor has not always been easy, but I have never stopped enjoying our Monday or Tuesday nights together.

Next year, this publication will be led by our new editor-in-chief Lauren Murray under the guidance of our new faculty advisor Mr. Josh Ambrose, and I have every confidence they will do a great job in taking the Free Press to places we couldn't have even imagined this year.

I would also like to thank the wonderful facul-

ty members who have been such a great influence on me during my time at McDaniel. If I wanted to list every great professor I had here, I would probably hog this entire page, but I would like to recognize Dr. Robert Trader, Dr. Herb Smith, and Dr. Anouar Boukhars as the ones I believe have had the greatest impact on my college career.

I would also be remiss if I didn't mention my friends who have been so good to me in the last four years. Again, I couldn't possibly name them all and keep this column to a reasonable length, but to Caitlin, Hannah, Kelsey, Gus, Ethan, Sarah, Morgan, and anyone else that I'm forgetting (and you know who you are), thank you for sticking by me in good times and in bad. These years would not have been nearly as fun if I hadn't been surrounded by such great people.

To my friends, my colleagues at the Free Press, and to everyone else graduating this year, I wish nothing but the best of luck in the future.

And, as Gary Thorne would say, "adieu, adieu..."



## My Final Reflection

KAITLYN VADENAIS  
Editor-in-Chief

Everyone said these 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 be on duty in the Whiteford fishbowl when you came back to the building. Or how about the old 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 spontaneous wall parties in front of Blanche, classes with favorite professors, and hungover Sunday brunches in Glar. We dealt with Big Baker's giant bell ringing every 15 minutes, and the uneven stairs at Gardens

that always made you feel drunk, even at 10 on a Tuesday morning.

We did our best to tolerate the housing lottery, waiting in a long line each year to pick a number from a paper bag all while knowing that it all comes down to luck. We adjusted to logging into the wireless internet through Cisco, knowing that the connection still would struggle to load Blackboard and Netflix. We accepted those random, irrelevant classes we had to take 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!

## Through The Eyes of A Senior

LISA VASAPOLLO  
Web Editor

For the past four years, McDaniel has been my home away from home. Living on the Hill has changed my life (no pun intended) and provided me with life lessons that will prepare me for the real world.

From my first real love to my first real heartbreak; to my first drunken night that I still don't remember; to the multiple friends, staff, and faculty I have engaged with; to the array of opportunities McDaniel has presented me with and the countless memories I have made, it is safe to say that my time at McDaniel will be well remembered.

I never thought when I came here freshman year I would be where I am today. I honestly never thought I'd actually graduate from McDaniel either. See, I come from a very anxiety ridden background and leaving home (South Jersey) to go to college was a huge step for me. I honestly didn't think I would make it through freshman year.

Obviously, I have proved myself wrong.

While I don't mean to sound egotistical in this review of my life at McDaniel, that is the main thing that McDaniel has taught me about.

Myself.

I have learned that I can do anything I set my mind to. That I can travel out of the country to Italy and gain

a new outlook of the world and learn about my family's heritage; that I can be a part of multiple clubs and organizations that have nothing to do with my major or minors, or everything to do with them.

McDaniel has provided me with friendships that will definitely last a lifetime, even if my best friend lives on the West Coast in Seattle while I stay here on the East Coast. If our friendship could still be strong after she spent a semester abroad in Budapest while I stayed at McDaniel, then I think we can survive just a small cross-country trip.

I would never have been able to successfully complete these past four years and all my accomplishments without the support I have received. My family, especially my mother, has always been there for me through thick and thin and supported me in any and all decisions I made. I think the best part is that I have always been allowed to make my own decisions, and learn from my mistakes.

The faculty and staff at McDaniel have also played a huge role in my success. My personal struggles in the classroom have always been supported by the professors or other resources available to me. Without their help, I would not be leaving this campus with the sense of accomplishment I have about my academics.

Finally, to all my friends, new and old, thank you for everything each and every one

of you has taught me. You have all been a huge part of my life here at McDaniel and have all made an impact on my life in one way or another.

So to those of you who still have some time left here on The Hill, I offer you this advice: there will be times something happens, such as the McPlague, a bad meal in Glar, or the dryers not drying your clothes. But, remember that not every college or university is perfect. Just like every one of us isn't always perfect. McDaniel is going to be what you make of it. Take advantage of what is offered to you. Remember that you don't need to always have to drink to have fun. Sometimes, just tying a couple of pairs of jeans to the door knob of the bathroom and their room so they can't get out is enough to make a night full of laughs—one that you will actually remember.

Take advantage of the time you have here; it's going to be over before you know it. Remember to take the bad with the good. Take a walk around the campus when you are stressed during midterms or finals and appreciate the beauty this campus has to offer.

When your time at McDaniel comes to an end, I hope you will be able to look back and remember everything your college career had to offer you, because after you graduate, then life REALLY begins.

## 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