



The McDaniel Free Press

• WELCOME FRESHMEN •

The McDaniel Free Press welcomes the Class of 2009! We've devoted this issue to the trials, tribulations, and triumphs of the freshman year. Inside, you can find advice, anecdotes, and information that will help you make your freshman year even more memorable. Good luck, and enjoy!

Here's the tip, now get into the social iceberg

ROB GOEKE
CO-EDITOR

The call will come. Late. Your boy from work last summer or your best girlfriend from high school will be on the other end, calling from College Park, Towson or some place like it. Braggin'. Telling you all about the fun they're having. All the stuff that's going down at their damn school.

And you will be in Hoover or the Pub getting chicken fingers for the third night this week, wondering what the hell you're missing. Answer? Nothing.

You chose to come here knowing it was small. And small may mean nothing to do. But this campus and areas

around offer opportunities to expand the mind, enjoy the time, experience and thrive (and maybe rhyme).

So let's take a journey. From the outside in. To beat boredom. To prevent inactivity. To be able to talk back to your friend and make them feel like they're missing out.

Let's start big. As in cities. DC and Bmore are close to the Mac and always have things to do; clubs, restaurants, concerts, and sports—it's all there.

In town, there are also plenty of places to go, even within walking distance. Main Street has restaurants that are more than Denny's, coffee shops that are more

than Starbucks and shops that are more than Wal-Mart.

The Pour House and Gathering Grounds are examples of some of the coolest coffee houses you'll find this side of Seattle. Paradiso's, Johanssons and Harry's will satisfy your hunger pangs.

The mall on 140 fulfills basic needs, but what more do you want?

On campus is where things happen. You just have to get out of your room and find them.

Most weekends, a fraternity or sorority hosts a clubroom with big dance parties just as good as Iguanas or Baja but without the old freaks.

On Thursday nights, when the weekend is about to begin, small concerts are held in the Pub. Comedians and musicians always come to entertain.

Other than shows and parties, there are various other speakers, concerts and shows that will expand your perspective.

CAPBoard, McD's college activities organization, will be offering many activities throughout the year. On September 10, a video dance party will be held. Fall Fest will be on September 17. It will be a carnival sponsored by the school held all over campus and will conclude with a foam dance party.

Then comes Homecom-

ing, Formals, Spring Fling. But you'll find out about that soon.

You have the CD, Kanye College Dropout. Next chance you get, pull it out and go to track 8. Never Let Me Down is the song. You hear Jay-Z rap a verse, then West. At 2:45, J.Ivy comes on and spits a spoken word poem. Why does this matter? Because J.Ivy, the man who once shared studio space with the two biggest hip-hop artists in the biz, the man who was featured on a Grammy award winning album, graced McDaniel last spring.

This is just an example of what is possible. What you can see. The opportunities you do have. But this is just tip. Get to the iceberg.

The First Year Team Who We Are and What We Do

Greetings from the First Year Team! We have really enjoyed working this summer to provide information about McDaniel College, help coordinate placement exams and First Year Seminars on Blackboard, assist with Archway registration, answer questions about housing, and finally, prepare for this August's Orientation. We hope that you will locate us to answer any questions.

Here's who we are and what we do:



Dr. Sherri Lind Hughes is Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and also Professor and Chair of Psychology. This summer, she has coordinated the reading program on *The Kite Runner*, and helped with the advising and registration process. During the year, Dean Hughes will continue to work with all First Year Seminar faculty on issues related to the success of first year students.



Dr. Jean H. Shin is Associate Dean for First Year Students and Associate Professor of Sociology. This summer, he has coordinated the Peer Mentor program, been the initial advising contact for incoming transfer students, and has helped with the advising and registration process. During the year, Dean Shin will act as the primary academic support person for all first year students.



Ms. Elizabeth (Liz) Towle is Associate Dean of Student Affairs. This summer, she has worked to coordinate the Orientation schedule, oversee the roommate selection process, and helped to answer other questions about student life. During the year, Dean Towle will provide support for first year students as they enter their living and learning communities outside the classroom.



Ms. Tina Nguyen is Secretary for the First Year Team. Ms. Nguyen is the "hub" of contact for the First Year Team, fielding calls and e-mails in the Academic Affairs office related to first year students (and always with a friendly hello!). She can be reached at 410-857-2790 (or ext. 2790).

Compiled by Dr. Jean Shin

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THE SHARP, THE ROUGH,
THE FEARLESS

Welcome to the Free Press. Home of the storytellers, the eye openers, the world changers. We inform, educate and anger. We want to have an edge.

Sharp. Rough. Fearless.

So you want to change something here at the Mac or out in the world? Come here.

You want to become a better writer?

Come here.

You want to tell a story that everyone needs to know? Come here.

You want to show off the creative side?

Come here.

And you don't have to write to contribute. You can help

with artwork, comics, layout design and story ideas. You can choose the level of involvement. From regular story writer, to copy editing, to art design, to occasional editorial submissions.

But here, we are going to piss people off. Tell them stories they never hear. Give them new perspective.

You have four years of college. You have to make the most of it. Do it here: Each Monday night, Hill Hall 108, 7:00 p.m.

Get started. Fast.

Why go greek? Instant family, instant friends

ALYSE HOLLOMAN
FEATURES EDITOR

What do you think of when you hear sorority or fraternity? Probably superficial things like parties and alcohol.

But for me, sorority and fraternity mean family. I pledged a sorority the second semester of my freshman year here at McDaniel and it was one of the best decisions I've ever made.

"Being a part of a Greek Organization is a positive, life developing experience," said Amanda Rose, Assistant Director of College Activities. "You are involved with individuals you may have not interacted with otherwise...you are challenged to be a leader."

Joining a sorority allowed

me not only to get to know more people, but it helped me to get more involved on campus. I became more interested in the groups that my sisters were involved in, such as CAP Board and Trumpeters. They helped push me towards joining other groups outside of the sorority.

"With McDaniel being a small school, it's very easy to make friends without a sorority," said Angela Brutus, a member of Alpha Nu Omega. "But joining helped me become more connected with the school as well as finding more friends."

Greeks not only get involved on campus, but also in the community. Philanthropy is a common thread for Greek Organizations on

campus. Each group raises money for different causes and helps the Westminster community by sponsoring activities such as food or clothing drives.

"Our Greeks at McDaniel do a lot of community service projects," continued Brutus. "After helping someone, those feelings you have last a lifetime."

Being a first year student is hard enough at times. You want to get to know people and get involved; however, you're too busy getting used to college life to have time to do anything.

Joining a sorority was what made me feel comfortable here on campus. I feel as though I am apart of an extended family on campus.

If you decide to go Greek you will make memories that you'll cherish forever.

Going Greek is "about good hearted fun, friendships, and memories here at McDaniel College that

will forever be burned into your conscience thought," said Eric Fuller, member of Phi Delta Theta. "I encourage the freshmen class to come out during rush and see what we're about!"

Sororities:

Name	President	Colors
Alpha Nu Omega	Sam Smith	Baby blue and white
Phi Mu	Kata Dales	Rose and white
Phi Sigma Sigma	Mary Abrams	Blue and Gold
Fraternities:		
Alpha Gamma Tau	Drew Mitchell	Navy blue and white
Alpha Sigma Phi	Pat O'Toole	Red and grey
Phi Delta Theta	Matt Shutt	Azure and argent
Phi Kappa Sigma	Alex Lietzan	Black and Gold
Sigma Phi Epsilon	Justin Gaudenzi	Red and Purple

Find the best messenger bag

Compiled by Chanan Delivuk, Staff Writer

Now all of you who have fallen in love with the newly added fashion column can once again be tuned in to what is Hot this season. Ok, so we had to make it timely, and according to anyone from Fashion University, a must-have for every college student is a messenger bag. Now you too can graduate at the top of your class. Whether you want to spend a lot or a little, it's truly your call.



For More

BCBGirls Bow Shopper, \$79.99 at Nordstrom's. Comes in fuschia and black and looks fabulous...no need to accessorize because it comes with a mini keychain.

For Some

A Dickies Messenger Bag, \$29.99 at Journey's. Basic Black goes with most outfits and appeals to both sexes, holds all your junk, and can easily be redesigned with some pins, fabric, or for those who dare, fabric paint.

For Less

Eastport - Messenger Bag, \$12.99 at Wal-Mart. They have two designs: black and grey or pink and silver. So what if it doesn't say Louis Vuitton - you're in college - those things will come in time.

Hopefully, these tips keep you and your wallet happy. And, my last but most important tip of the day, always check your local Good Will [GW Boutique] or thrift shops. Bargains are made there.

Welcome honor students, activists and athletes

By Jill Stone
News Editor

With weak legs and an acceptance letter in hand, I remember walking from my car up the mountain of stairs to the towering college center building three years ago to register for classes and to meet my future classmates.

Well, my legs have gotten stronger and the building, smaller. Why?

I attribute all my experience and comfort to the faculty and staff that held my hand through my first year at

McDaniel, which lead the way to my final year here.

Though it may seem a long way off to each of you as incoming first-year students, the day you don your cap and gown will come as quickly as an alarm clock's clamber after a short night's sleep.

But before we start thinking about diplomas and careers, let me introduce you to your fellow classmates.

At least four students are traveling to McDaniel from California, two are from Oregon, one from Washington, and one from Kansas.

Out of 450 incoming students, football and lacrosse proved to be the most popular sport, with 107 students continuing on to varsity athletics.

Seventy three students were involved in their high school band, and 86 students flexed their acting muscles in drama classes.

Approximately 119 students were involved in some type of service organization, and 86 chose to participate in Student Government.

Our incoming class is also filled with honors and awards, with 124 students in their school's National

Honors Society, and 109 were present on the Honor Roll.

Although the class of 2009 looks promising, one of piece of advice that cannot be stressed enough is to continue to get involved in the school community.

"If students get involved in something, it will really help them out on a small campus," said Kim Pontano, 21, a senior at McDaniel. The transition from high school to college can no doubt be a trying one. However, entering college is now one step closer to being worry free, thanks to the first year team which consists of Jean Shin, Sherri Hughes,

and Elizabeth Towle. (See related story, Page 1).

"The students can now interact electronically," said Martha O'Connell, dean of admissions at McDaniel. "At first, only a small number of students would interact with each other, now, students are already making plans."

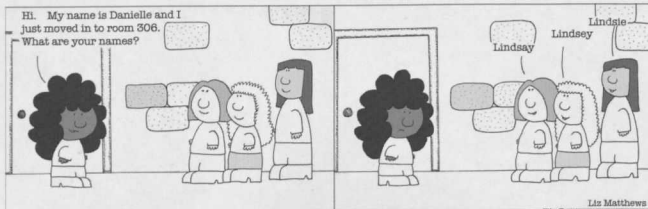
Pontano agrees. Because of the electronic communication, "by the time students get here they won't feel all alone," she said.

O'Connell is excited about the diverse group that comprises Class of 2009. "Because of the name change, we are being perceived as a private institution and are receiving more attention from other states."

Well, now you have the scoop on your classmates. Feel better? Instead of lecturing you about what you should do your upcoming year, (because you will have enough lecturing ahead of you,) I will leave you with this,

Welcome Class of 2009!

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THE CARTOON

Five to survive: Failed paper, foot fungus? Every problem has a solution

Compiled by Beth McLane, Co-Editor

Your freshman year can be one of the best experiences of your life. Inevitably, though, there will be a few bumps in the road. To help you with these hypothetical (yet highly possible) situations, we've compiled a few typical problems and the real solutions. We hope that knowing the solutions will help you move smoothly through your freshman year.

Scenario One: Your first English 1101 paper is handed back with a big red D- at the top.

Solution: First, don't panic. The helpful staff at the Writing Center (Hill Hall, Room 111), will work out any kinks in your writing for future papers. Simply walk in for assistance, or call x2420 to make an appointment. The Center is open seven days a week and often until midnight. Writing tutors will go through your paper with you and offer writing tips that will build your writing skills and confidence. Now, next time, try *not* to write it the night before it's due.

Scenario Two: You break out in a funky rash after forgetting your flip-flops in the shower.

Solution: While this may be a little TMI for your friends, the folks over at Smith House Health Services can diagnose your problem and take care of it. Call or stop by to make an appointment, and a registered nurse will take a look. Smith House is where you head for sports physicals, and any other medical or mental health issues. And don't worry, they've probably already seen it before. Smith House extensions: x2700 or x2243.

Scenario Three: Your roommate has some peculiar habits (think excessive, 24-hour nudity) that you just can't deal with.

Solution: If it's just too hard to work it out, first, contact Liz Towle or your residence life coordinator. They can start the search for another roommate, or at the very least try to organize a roommate contract. Residence Life can also help set you up with others who are in need of a roommate - hopefully, you'll find someone who likes to hang out with their clothes on.

Scenario Four: You feel like your voice just isn't being heard on campus, and you want a way to make a difference.

Solution: While there are many forums for you to get involved in at McDaniel, a great place to start is the Free Press. You can write commentary about school issues, or national and world problems, and get your opinions heard. You can also write stories about issues that affect you and the college community. Other great ways to get involved are SGA, CapBoard, and other groups that make decisions and organize events on campus. Most importantly, *get involved*. If it is important to you; make your voice heard.

Scenario Five: You get locked out of your dorm room, in your towel.

Solution: Keep your towel on tight and find your RA, who will let you back into your room. If they aren't around (they have lives too!), have a neighbor call Campus Safety, and they can let you in as well. Most importantly, don't freak out. Embarrassing situations like these have happened to everyone, and Campus Safety has probably seen it all. Next time, make sure your roommate knows where you are *before* he or she heads off to class.

Living it up for Live 8

CHANAN DELIVUK
STAFF WRITER

Every 30 seconds a child will die; hundreds of thousands of Africans live on less than a dollar a day. It seems that now more than ever fair trade and medications to fight deadly diseases like AIDS are something that Africans need more than monetary aid.

For a great cause and with plenty of entertainment, the Live 8 concert really is an event that made the history books. From Jay-Z and Linkin Park, to Kanye West and Dave Matthews I couldn't believe the amount of talent that went into the spark of the "Make Poverty History" revolution.

I was so close to the stage and had the camera crews directly at my left side; occasionally I spotted MTV's

Sway, Russell Simmons, and even Bam Margera. But aside from all the great performances that day, it must be said that the real reason I attended the Live 8 concert was to proudly wear my "Happy Helpers for the Homeless" t-shirt, a white ONE band around my wrist, and hold the sign that bore the words "Make Poverty History."

I am more than positive that not all of the one-million-plus people who attended that great event knew the root of it. But, at least the word was spread. The

CS summit happened with a lot of focus on the aid to Africa, and more people are learning about the harsh realities that Africans are faced with...every day.

If upon reading this, any of this, you find yourself lost or confused, just take a moment out of your instant-messaging time and go to www.one.org and educate yourself on real issues about real people. Then maybe you too can take a stand to "Make Poverty History."



Jay-Z performs in Philadelphia during the July 2nd Live 8 concert. Other acts included Linkin Park, Kanye West, and Dave Matthews. Photos courtesy of Chanan Delivuk



60 Seconds

What did you discover during your first year at McDaniel that you wish you had known right when you arrived?

"Meet as many people as possible, so you avoid cliquey groups."
Dane Webber, '08

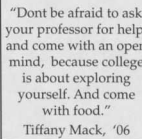


"Meet the people you need to know, and balance your studies and social life. You need them both."
Allison Smith, '06

"How to write ten pages of a research paper and say absolutely nothing."
Jason Fratto, '07



"It pays to have a freshman seminar teacher that works you really hard."
Vicki Levanduski, '07



"Don't be afraid to ask your professor for help, and come with an open mind, because college is about exploring yourself. And come with food."
Tiffany Mack, '06



Rich traditions spill into each sports season

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The first night I spent on campus during orientation weekend, an upperclassman was talking to some of the first-year kids, asking them about their interests.

"What is there to do around here?" asked one of the students.

"Do you like drinking and partying all days of the week?"

"No."

The upperclassman stood there in deep thought, carefully choosing his next words.

"Do you like sports?"

"Yes."

A look of relief and camaraderie flooded his face. "Then this campus is for you."

To veteran students of McDaniel, this stereotyped description of life at McDaniel is disturbingly accurate. If you like to drink, that is the only common interest you need to get along at McDaniel. And if you like sports, either playing them or going psycho over them, McDaniel becomes a fun-filled, cooperative, and collegiate place.

1. Tailgating at Football Games.

As you may know, McDaniel College is famous for having "open-air" football games, i.e. anyone can come, and there is no entry fee. Un-

der these conditions, tailgating becomes possible, easy, and a necessity.

"It's so crazy to come out and see the whole school sitting on the hill," said sophomore Christine Frieman, a tailgating regular. "People park their cars days in advance."

Fraternities, sororities, and other student organizations pitch tents, cook food, and distribute beverages to the McDaniel crowd.

"I love walking around and taking money from all the drunk people," said Taylor Stevens, former McDaniel College czar.

In the end, the cars, fans, and food lining Bair Stadium prove to be a breathtaking sight for opposing fans, and remain in the minds of McDaniel Alumni for the rest

of their lives.

2. Intramural Sports
We're not talkin' 'bout practice. We talkin' 'bout intramurals. It's serious at McDaniel. Perhaps too serious. Students are willing to take a hit and risk injury in order to win a coveted championship.

"The camaraderie is unparalleled and the competition is some of the most intense I've ever been a part of," said former intramural athlete Taylor Stevens.

The sub par talent that plagues many other school's intramural programs cannot be found at McDaniel. You have to have game to compete. A majority of intramural athletes at McDaniel played their respective sports competitively in high school. The result is squads flooded

with top-notch talent and athleticism. In outdoor soccer, a sport in which skills are highly specialized, a team of amateurs wanting to have fun will get beaten down.

"After the games, the losing team would come off the court hating themselves," said regular spectator sophomore Ben Berkow.

You have to take intramurals seriously at McDaniel College. There is no other way. The personality and determination of the participants is the cause.

Sure, it's just for fun, just a way to keep in shape, but at a school starved for athletic success and recognition, this attitude is healthy. This fierce competition provides the high that the athlete in all of us craves. Why go fifty percent, when you can go one-hundred percent?

"Intramurals are a nice fun way to stay involved in a sport even if you don't have time" said senior Martin Camper. "And it's fun to see your friends play."

3. "6th Man"

One of most successful sports teams at McDaniel in recent years has been the women's basketball team. As any good sports fan knows, nothing is more fun than watching your team, especially a team filled with people you know personally,

dominate opponent after opponent. This is just what the Green Terror have done. Winning conference championships in 2002, 2004, and 2005, the team reached the second round of the NCAA tournament in 2005, and the Sweet Sixteen in 2004.

Last year the Green "Terror Squad" was led by a group of fanatical seniors, the likes of whom are unlikely to come around again. But each year, students step up the insanity and this year should be no exception. The McDaniel faithful are overly rambunctious. If you thought your high school student section was crazy, then the 6th man at McDaniel is the administration at the state center. They run this stuff!

"I was proud to be a (small) part of the sixth man squad because **** went down when we hit the court," said the terrorizing Berkow.

Favorite chants such as "Let's go Terror!" and "Defense!" are often overshadowed by controversial chants like "Your team's ugly!" and "get one!" Opposing player and coaches often garner callous nicknames as well.

So there is a taste of the top sports traditions at McDaniel, what a new student might expect when he/she first sets foot on campus. With these types of exciting activities, how can this campus not be for you?



FILE PHOTO

Members of the Phi Delta fraternity operate a booth on the Hill during the football game.

Take me out to the local ballgame Area parks always thrill and captivate fans

ROB GOEKE
CO-EDITOR

I live in Maryland now, but it ain't my heart. That resides at 1060 West Addison, Chicago, Illinois 60613, Wrigley Field. Home of the Cubs.

I love them, even though they've broken my heart so many times that it's turned into dust.

But through all this, I've learned to see the beauty in all forms of baseball. Like if for its complexity and sophistication, its timeless quality, its lack of crass masculinity that too often comes with football.

I'm distanced now. Away from my second home in the right field bleachers. It's not all bad, though. Because I can still see Sammy Sosa run to right field before the top of the 1st inning, though painfully not in Cubbie blue.

Now, there are two ballparks to go and get my fix. They're not Wrigley, but they give me the beauty and ambiance I need.

Camden Yards, a Wrigley Clone, with the green seats and ivy covering a wall past the centerfield fence gives you more than a game. It's an experience worth cherishing. There

are also small features that make the park even more striking: the lone orange seat in left centerfield commemorating the spot Eddie Murray's 500th home run landed; the way the H and E light up on *The Baltimore Sun* sign each time a hit or error occurs; the little plaques on the left field porch that mark where each home run has landed. These charming touches all make Camden Yards worthy of a visit if you're looking to enjoy baseball on its highest and most aesthetically pleasing level.

But when you always get cheap \$5 tickets in left field and enjoy \$5.75 bottles of beer for a more rowdy, and possibly less memorable time.

That is part of the beauty of baseball. You can go to observe and enjoy or just enjoy. Always make sure you have enough pocket change for the metro ride home. Attempts to polish off a Miller Light an inning will cause you to forget to ask yourself how you will get back or how

much money is left in your wallet.

But whether your vision is blurry or not, the intimate atmosphere harkens to an older, more pastoral time.

RFK Stadium is, in contrast, sterile, concrete and bland. Its design harkens back to albatrosses like Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia and Three Rivers in Pittsburgh. Compared with Camden, it leaves much to be desired. But considering that baseball was not played there

for a gap of 34 years and that a new ball park will be opening for the Nationals in the near future, it is adequate for the time being.

There are many perks for making the trek down to see the Nationals. First, free candy bars descend upon you as you exit the Stadium-Armory station of the Metro. Then, the historical videos about players for the old Homestead Grays, Washington's old Negro League team, between in-

nings help put the game you're watching in an historical context.

After all, there is no better place to hear stories about Josh Gibson's mammoth home runs than in the city he once played.

So you have two contrasting experiences; both wonderful.

Whether you like baseball or alcohol or not, there is something to be appreciated by going to the old ball game.

GOT NEWS?

Call Beth or Rob at x8600



Patrick Bondarch
File Cartoon

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Gas Prices Sky Rocket

Students deal with expenses by finding alternatives. See story on page 2.

Special Section: The Music that Moves You

The Spread is on 6 and 7.
See some editor's picks.

New Men's Basketball Coach

Changes in store for the team. See story on page 11.

INSIDE



What is big, yellow and on Pennsylvania Avenue? Find out in McCris on page 5.



The women's soccer team is ready for their new season. Check them out on page 11.



New professor Dr. Kevin Harrison enjoys surfing, among other adventurous endeavors. Meet him and other new faculty on Page 5.

New Orleans Students Enroll

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Hurricane Katrina's destruction along the Gulf Coast is a tragedy unparalleled in modern U.S. history. In addition to the human and economic toll, which will not be known for some

time, many of the families, towns, businesses, and institutions in the path of Katrina will be recovering for years to come.

Dozens of colleges and universities in New Orleans and surrounding areas suffered extensive damage and were forced to close, leaving thousands of students enrolled for the fall semester

displaced for the foreseeable future. Tulane University, an international research university in New Orleans, had over 13,000 students enrolled for the fall semester.

McDaniel College, like many higher education institutions from around the country, offered help, including temporary fall semester

enrollment for displaced students.

Jackie Mabry, who was enrolled as a freshman and Political Science/Economics major at Loyola University New Orleans, and Jason Rosenberg, who was a freshman at Tulane University in the same city, are

(See "Katrina" on page 4)

Sayre To Soon Say Farewell

KATIE MARTIN
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When Dean Phillip Sayre was hired at McDaniel, he didn't plan on staying more than a few years. He thought he wanted to return to New England to work at a larger school - until he fell in love with the college community and surrounding area.

Only now, after spending 21 years working at the college, has Sayre decided it is time for him to leave.

Sayre will retire from his position as Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs at the end of the school year. His wife, Sarah, also plans to retire from teaching biology and chemistry at Carroll Community College.

The Sayres have no set plans for the future - except to take extensive sailing trips

(See "Sayre" on page 4)



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No Summertime Blues Here

Senior Kristy Costa and friends find time to relax during their incredible summer job at Trump Plaza Beach Bar. Learn about other student's best, worst and wackiest summer jobs on page 8.

Changes Proposed for Greeks

ROB GOEKE
CO-EDITOR

In an attempt to bring reform to the Greek system new policies are being discussed and implemented by the Administration and Greek organizations as a way to change the way Greek organizations operate at McDaniel.

For the first time, upperclassmen wishing to pledge a sorority or fraternity will have to earn a minimum 2.25 GPA.

Also, after the fall rush period, an InterFraternity Council that is similar to PanHellenic

Council (which governs sororities) will be chartered to govern fraternities.

Along with these two modifications, further reforms are being discussed. Assistant Director to College Activities Amanda Rose and members of Greek organizations are working together on a currently untitled document that would establish more changes.

A possible amendment is instituting a minimum GPA for entire fraternities and sororities.

Though the document

is in the preliminary stages, Rose acknowledged that she is working with each of the organizations and trying to get their feedback on what reforms should be implemented.

"I want everyone's opinion to make the document better," said Rose. "But [once is implemented], not following it is not an option."

Part of what Rose wants to do is to get a more detailed look at Greek Life beyond the full picture.

(See "Greeks" on page 4)

Changes Worked Freshmen's First Days Successful

JENI EVANS
COMMENTARY EDITOR

Whether you're a sophomore or a senior here at McDaniel, chances are you remember your first-year orientation process in vivid detail. Who could forget all the "getting-to-know-you" activities, the meetings with your advisor and your freshman seminar class, the trip to Four Seasons sports complex, and Choices, among countless other things?

In contrast to upperclassmen experiences, freshmen this year will have slightly different memories of orientation than the upperclassmen, thanks to the implementation of a new program. But what exactly has changed?

In lieu of Associate Dean of the First Year Program Barb Hornett's departure, a group of McDaniel professors/officials - the First Year Team -

(See "Orientation" on page 3)

McDaniel Students Frustrated by Gas Prices

JANE LIBERT
STAFF WRITER

"Broke" is a term that accurately describes many students at McDaniel College, especially if their sources of income are either work-study or jobs at area restaurants and stores. Most students are far from wealthy, but when they do save up the money to take the occasional day trip to Towson or Baltimore, they must drop over \$50 of hard earned cash on the gas needed to get there.

This unpleasant situation has become a reality. The recent increase in gas prices has caused many McDaniel students to take special consideration in the way they use their cars. Many have opted to stay on campus every weekend when they would ordinarily make the drive home. Others have taken up walking anywhere they can venture, be it the grocery store or the Wal-Mart.

When they have to drive, students have been doing more of their shopping at one time to reduce the amount of off-campus runs. With gas exceeding

\$3.00 a gallon at some area stations, it's no wonder why students have made such adjustments.

"I hate having to plan my trips home around the ever-changing gas prices," explains exasperated sophomore, Katie Eberly. "It's such a burden to have to wait until I have multiple errands to run before I can move my car off campus."

Many students share similar frustrations regarding the gas crisis.

Sophomore Kendall Bieschke drives a 2005 Jeep Liberty. SUV's such as this with large gas tanks, require a great deal of fuel. This, in turn, requires a great deal of money. "It costs me \$60 to fill up my gas tank. I can't ever let it get below half a tank because I can't afford to pay that much at one time," Kendall explains. "I don't go home as much as I used to; being an hour away it uses up too much gas."

Some students have tried to practically eliminate use of their cars by walking anywhere possible. Junior

Tony Cimino and Robert Bieschke are included in this group.

"We and a bunch of our friends have started walking places such as Chick-fil-a, Wal-Mart, and the Pour House. Not only are we saving money and gas, but we're getting exercise as well," says Tony.

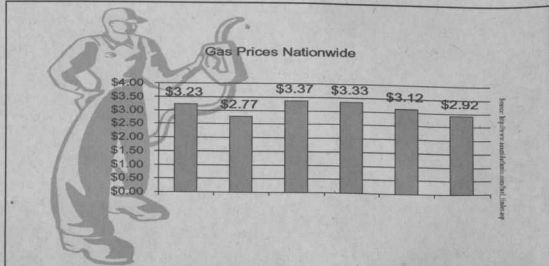
An online gas price tracker at autos.msn.com, reported as of September 4, that the average price for regular unleaded in Westminster is \$3.16 per gallon. The highest price for regular reported at this source was \$3.50.

On the AAA website, the Mid-Atlantic held the highest gas prices on a comparison map of the different U.S. regions. With an average cost of \$3.19, it exceeded even the cost of gas in California, averaged at \$3.00 per gallon.

Despite this surge in gas prices, most people can not completely abandon use of their vehicles. Therefore, these individuals may choose to follow the example of many McDaniel students and plan their driving around the cost of gas. Com-

bing multiple errands into single trips, limiting long distance driving, and walking when possible are ways to conserve fuel.

Sophomore Dane Weber demonstrates his efforts to do just this by making a big sacrifice. He explains, "I drive a Dodge Stealth and it only takes Premium gas. I love my car but with gas prices so high this year I left it at home and brought a more fuel-efficient car with me to school. Even still, I try not to take my car out too frequently so I can use as little gas as possible."



The Lighter Side Of The Campus Safety Blotter

ANDY WU
STAFF WRITER

(Editor's Note: At a glance, the Campus Safety Blotter does not reveal some of the more humorous incidents which officers have to respond. Wu's Commentary highlights some of the most unique calls).

"I hope I don't have to fight this guy."

On August 2nd, the manifestation of a classic literary character made his way onto the McDaniel campus and

proved the Baltimore has the toughest of all football teams.

A modern version of Lennie from Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* appeared at Ravens camp. The 6'4", 340 pound leviathan ran onto the practice field. He claimed the Ravens were "his boys" and was under the impression that Coach Billick offered him a shot to walk-on to the team.

Unlike the literary version, this Lennie did not covet soft things like mice and rabbits (if that was the

case, he would have chosen Philadelphia). He loved hard, vicious, and nasty soldiers of the gridiron.

Ravens camp in Westminster offered him the biggest abundance of such entities. He decided on the Ravens and deliberately avoided the other pansy NFL teams.

According to Campus Safety, the goiath of a man was obviously quite crazy but far from a harmless simpleton. His staggering stature intimi-

dated the most intimidating of Campus Safety Officers.

Officer Chris Collins (the one who looks like he can break people in half) was the first to confront the lunatic and felt admittedly uncomfortable.

He tried distracting Lennie with small talk and after long last convinced him to leave the field.

I shouldn't have to point out how difficult this must have been.

Let alone trying to

avoid an accidental crushed head or broken neck, convincing a crazy guy to change his mind must be harder than persuading Campus Safety that you're 21.

Nonetheless, Lennie toddled away with a trespassing violation.

I say God bless you, Lennie. Your choice provides an irrefutable argument of why the Ravens will win the Super Bowl.

The Steelers suck.

Campus Safety blotter

Occurred from Date	Subcategory	Type	Outdoors	Building Name	Incident Status
8/18/05 3:30 p.m.	vandalism	property	2	Englar Pool	inactive
8/24/05 11:13 p.m.	drug violation	possession	2	Blanche Ward Hall	pending court outcome
8/25/05 1:51 a.m.	alcohol	open container in public	1	Penn. Ave. Houses	closed by report
8/25/05 11:28 p.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	1	Whiteford Hall	closed by report
8/26/05 5:00 a.m.	tampering w/ fire equipment	...	2	Academic Hall	report complete
8/26/05 10:57 p.m.	alcohol	open container in public	1	Garden Apt. Lot	closed by report
8/26/11:06 p.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	2	Rouzer Hall	pending court outcome
8/26/05 11:07 p.m.	alcohol	open container in public	1	Garden Apt. Lot	closed by report
8/26/2005 11:10 p.m.	alcohol	open container in public	1	Garden Apt. Lot	closed by poc
8/27/05 unknown	vandalism	property	1	Ward Arch	inactive
8/28/2005 1:01 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	2	Garden Apt.	report complete
8/29/05 10:50 a.m.	theft	shoplifting	2	Decker College Center	open
8/30/05 12:23 a.m.	decency offense	public urination	1	Smith House	closed by report
8/29/05 4:00 p.m.	harrasment	in person	1	Albert Norman Ward Hall	closed by report
9/1/05 12:45 a.m.	assault	hands/feet	1	Blanche Ward Hall	closed by report
9/1/05 6:48 p.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	1	Whiteford Hall	closed by report
9/4/05 3:00 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	2	Rouzer Hall	report complete
9/4/05 10:30 p.m.	vandalism	vehicle	1	ANW lot	inactive
9/1/05 8:30 p.m.	theft	from building	2	Garden Apartments	report incomplete
8/29/05 8:00 p.m.	harrasment	by phone	1	Garden Apartments	open
9/7/05 11:09 p.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	1	Garden Apartments	report complete
9/9/05 unknown	alcohol	possession under 21	2	Rouzer Hall	report incomplete

Freshmen From Across U.S. Varied And Diverse

JILL STONE
NEWS EDITOR

Kelsey Lindholm isn't used to how small Westminster is.

Of course, the college town of Westminster could be considered rather large to someone in the more rural areas in states such as Kansas and Alabama, where some of the students here at McDaniel are from.

Lindholm, a freshman at McDaniel, and a Communications major, has lived in Boston Massachusetts all his life, and learned about McDaniel College through his career counselors at his high school just outside of Boston.

Thinning down his long list of possible colleges, Lindholm decided that he

would attend whichever college accepted him.

So, here he is. However, Lindholm is noticing how quiet the campus can get during the week.

Living in what he calls a "small New York," Lindholm says that in Boston, "you can go ten steps in any direction, and you can get to anywhere you want to be."

This year, McDaniel has received many incoming students from various states, attributing much of this to the success from the book and website, *Colleges that Change Lives*. Martha O'Connell, the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Dean of Admissions in her recent Enrollment Management Annual Report in August, stated that McDaniel is now partici-

pating in four national tours, visiting 5-6 cities around the country. They are also preparing for an international tour.

It is because of this tour that over 500 interested students with their families attend the college fairs and presentations in each of these cities, such as California, Georgia, Florida, Maine, Ohio, and Texas.

"McDaniel is seeing the results of these tours this year, in addition to our usual regional geographic representation..." reads O'Connell, preceding her list of various states.

O'Connell, along with the First Year Team at McDaniel, are excited about the new college website, and what it has to offer for the in-

coming students. Before school began, students were able to join in on a discussion board with one another, check out their classes, and even reserve their textbooks online.

Elizabeth Towle, a member of the First Year Team, seems optimistic about the incoming students.

"My own observation of them as a group is that they are very participative and enthusiastic," She said. "They are becoming a part of the community and the campus... I think they'll do good things and make positive contributions on campus."

With an increase of 100 first year and transfer students as compared to last year, Towle is looking forward to the changes she will see in the group of students.

What makes this year at McDaniel different from the other years?

This year, we have variety.

There are approximately 23 states accounted for in the fall 2000-2005 profiles. There has been a rise in the number of Carroll County residents this year, as well as a significant rise in multicultural students from areas such as Colombia, Poland, and Vietnam.

Like Lindholm, Leah Beck is adjusting to college life in Westminster. Beck, from Pennsylvania, lives in Bucks County, where the 2002 movie, *Signs*, was filmed. It was in the town of Newton that she got to see Mel Gibson in action.

There are stories just like this one from Lindholm that freshman are telling every day. Where they are from, what they have been doing with their life, and their dreams for the future.

Hopefully, as Towle said, we can see great things from these students, and that the students and faculty are always willing to give them guidance and advice when needed. But for now, all we can do for them is listen.

International Students Flock to McDaniel for New Experiences

CORI SIMPSON
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Like migrating birds, what causes international students to flock to McDaniel each fall? Students come to this campus from around the world, from places like Hungary, Albania, Germany, and Korea. This semester McDaniel College welcomes thirteen new international students, in addition to nine returning international students.

What attracts students to McDaniel College from places like Colombia and Australia?

Fidan Sudzadinowa, a first year student from Poland, explains that her interest in McDaniel College was built on the idea of a small close knit community, along with the immense variety of courses and the freedom to choose the courses she wanted to enroll in.

"In Poland, students can not design their own schedules," Fidan explains.

"At a Liberal Arts school, like McDaniel, there is emphasis on search; meaning search of personality, knowledge, values, skills... the Polish educational system does not give such an opportunity."

Thao Tran, who is also a first year student, is from Vietnam. She was drawn to the opportunities McDaniel College advertised in their brochures. Thao says that she is pleased with the amount of individual attention provided to all of the students, and the diverse environment found here on campus.

"McDaniel gave me a chance - and I went with the flow of life," said Fidan Sudzadinowa.

"International students enrich our campus and the campus experience," said Rose Falkner, coordinator of the Study Abroad Program. "We love having the students here."

New Students are coming to McDaniel from all over the world:

Giora Fried - Hungary
Anjeza Kadilli - Albania
Jeffrey Lee - Australia
Hajnalka Modis - Hungary
Nune Na - Korea
Agnes Pataki - Hungary
Fidan Sudzadinowa - Poland
Thao Tran - Vietnam
Sarah Wolf - Germany
Michael Weiner - Canada
Ana Salgado - Argentina
Claudia Mertens - Germany
Melanie Mignon - France

Study Abroad Fair

On Thursday, September 15, the International Programs Office will hold its annual Study Abroad Fair from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Decker Center (lower level).

Many representatives from around the country, representing programs from around the world, will be on campus to talk with students and faculty about their study abroad programs and internship opportunities. The representatives—including McDaniel College Budapest "alums"—will be staffing information tables and passing out literature brochures to students interested in learning more about off-campus study programs.

There will also be information on McDaniel College Budapest and our own overseas Jan-Term 2006 offerings. Contact: Rose Falkner at rfalkner@mcDaniel.edu or x3376

September 26-October 3 — Study Abroad and Photo Display (Ensor Lounge)

October 1 — The World Beyond Westminster: Opportunities for Study Abroad (Family Weekend). This event will feature a panel of students who have recently returned from study abroad programs (9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.; New Academic Building)

"If I were a student all over again, McDaniel College Budapest is the kind of study abroad program I would choose," said Rose Falkner, coordinator for Study Abroad.

"It's an exceptional opportunity to live in one of the most exciting and beautiful cities of Europe and experience a different culture first-hand. Courses are available in all kinds of disciplines are taught in English. The best part of the program is that our students can take classes together with international students from around the world, and they have plenty of opportunities to travel to other places throughout the semester."

Orientation "helpful"

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decided to rejuvenate the orientation process. The team, which consisted of Associate Dean Jean Shin, Associate Dean Sherri Hughes, Associate Dean Liz Towle and Secretary Tina Nguyen, reasoned that since today's youth is becoming more and more technologically oriented, perhaps the new program should be more computer-based.

"The main difference between this year's program vs. programs in years past is that... we began to take advantage of electronic sources," said Shin. "It's amazing how technology can help us to stay in touch with students."

In place of "transition days" — when new students used to come to campus for one day during the summer to meet their freshman advisor and the faculty — all information for new freshmen is now located on Blackboard, thanks to the McDaniel's Director of Instructional Technology, Steve Kerby

In terms of advising, Shin believes that getting to know their advisors via email is vital. "In a lot of cases [on "transition days"], students met with advisor's they'd never see again. It was not effective in terms of a long-lasting relationship. However, this seems to be a good system of checks and balances."

More academic components were added to the orientation agenda as well, the most notable addition being summer reading. Incoming students were to read Khaleel Hosseini's *The Kite Runner* and to participate in group panels about the book. According to Shin, the book provides the students with a

"unified identity" and "grounds their college experience."

Student reaction to the program was mixed. However, the response from a peer mentor will undoubtedly differ from that of a first-year student.

"Orientation was long and at times boring, but overall it was very helpful," said Freshman Janine Volz. "I was excited to meet new people, and I knew that during orientation I could do just that."

Fellow freshman Christina Cone agreed: "Some parts of orientation were fun, like speaker Mike Green and *Choices*, but other parts were very boring."

The general consensus on the most "boring" part of orientation was having to read *The Kite Runner*.

"I was surprised to hear that I had to read a book because I thought that after high school, I wouldn't have to read any books during the summer again," Cone said.

Many freshmen also seem to think that the program should have been shorter and more relaxing. Steve Goldberg, another freshman, says he wishes there had been "more time to settle in," and Volz comments that if the process were shorter, "it would have kept more of us interested and not as anxious for it to be over."

Senior peer mentor Jodi Hunter agrees that if the process were spread out over 4 instead of 5 days, things may have gone more smoothly for the students. "I think that [the time span] had a negative effect because by allowing the students more time between activities, it became more difficult to keep them together as a group and get them to all the activities."

Sayre Looks Forward to Active Retirement

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to the Bahamas or the Caribbean.

"There are a couple of things that I'd really like to do that require being in pretty good physical health and not being too old," Sayre said. He explained that in the summers they sail to places like Maine and Nova Scotia and had also sailed in the Bahamas in the 1970s.

"We said we wouldn't wait until retirement to do it again, but of course we have," Sayre said.

Sayre's departure involves not only leaving a job, but leaving a home as well, as they will move from the white house on the West Main Street side of campus to their second home in the town of Claiborne on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

The location will allow plenty of time for using their Niagara 35' single mast sail-

boat on the bay, Sayre said.

Otherwise, Sayre said his plans for the future are "an open matter."

"I'm not ruling out the possibility of going back to work, but it won't be in the next two to three years," Sayre said.

Instead, he might spend time volunteering or reading for pleasure. Sayre said he has also not ruled out the possibility of making the approximately two-hour drive from Claiborne to Westminster for choir practice one night a week so he can stay involved with the College Choir.

Sayre has been a long-time participant in the choir, said Margaret Boudreaux, choir director and music department professor.

"He's been a very, very faithful and wonderful member of the bass section,"

Boudreaux said.

She added that Sayre is also currently the President of the Board of Directors of the Masterworks Choral of Carroll County and worked extensively on organizing a trip for the two choir groups to Newfoundland.

Boudreaux said she has fond memories of Sayre as he opened the doors of his home to her and her husband four years ago, providing a place to live when they were in the midst of selling their old house and building a new one.

"Both he and his wife, Sarah, have been wonderful to us," Boudreaux said. "We stayed in their house while they were away sailing in the summer and took care of their dog, Magic."

She said the Sayres' didn't even mind when they needed to stay for a few ex-

tra weeks after school started in September.

"He will be very missed, he's a very wonderful influence on everyone," Boudreaux said.

Karen Arnie, director of Career Services, said Sayre has always supported her office, such as with starting the mcdaniel.erecruiting.com job and internship website and with securing funds for the McDaniel Jubilee children's carnival.

"When we have an idea or a direction we feel we need to go in he's been able to give us the support to do the things we wanted to do," Arnie said.

In addition to Career Services, Sayre oversees the five other departments of Campus Safety, College Activities, Counseling Services, Health Services, and Residence Life.

Sayre said that on a typical day in between meetings, he has always tried to do a few things that take him out of the office and allow him to interact with students.

"It could be that I'm wandering around campus chatting with people, or going to events, or eating in the dining room, but I try to get a

feeling for 'what's up,' he said.

Mike Webster, director of Campus Safety, said Sayre has always advocated effectively for the needs of the department during the past 14 years they worked together.

"He's very easy going and very laid-back, what you see is what you get," said Webster, who has also gotten to know Sayre as a fellow sailor.

Over the years, Sayre has also worked through various renovations and changes in housing options for students.

"One of my only regrets about leaving at this point is that we are about to go into a period of six to ten years of new building and renovations," Sayre said. "It's all in the pipeline and it's going to be exciting."

Sayre said that the possibility of being involved with the planned renovation on Gill Gym, Rouzer Hall and Decker Center would hopefully be a draw for the new Vice president.

According to information provided by President Joan Develin Coley, a nationwide search will be conducted to name Sayre's successor, likely beginning this fall.

Two Victims of Hurricane Katrina Enroll at McDaniel

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now calling McDaniel College their academic home.

They thank the academic affairs office and Dr. Jean Shin, associate dean of first-year students, for making their move to McDaniel smooth and swift.

"No other schools waived tuition knowing I hope to go back to Tulane in the Spring," Rosenberg said. "And at the other schools, I would have to search for classes on my own, cover room and board expenses and parking. McDaniel has been so generous with everything – especially the personal guidance."

"When I first arrived at McDaniel and began meeting with the faculty about my schedule, I was glad that everyone really seemed to want to help," said Jackie. "Every person I have encountered at McDaniel has been nothing but kind."

Mabry, a New Orleans native, is staying with her mother in Westminster while she attends McDaniel. Rosenberg, an Owings Mills High School graduate, is living at home this semester and commuting to McDaniel.

"I was born in New Orleans and lived there until I was about 11 years old," recalled Mabry. "Since then, I've spent every Christmas and every summer in New Orleans with my Dad. Most of my family lives in New Orleans, so I consider it my home."

Mabry was helping a college friend unpack at Tulane when she received word of the evacuation.

"My Dad called and told me I needed to evacuate due to the hurricane. He lives about 20 minutes outside of the city in Slidell, Louisiana," she ex-

plains. "I met him at his house and Sunday morning we evacuated to Dumas, Arkansas. The following day we went to Little Rock, and shortly after I flew to Baltimore to stay at my Mom's house in Westminster."

Rosenberg had just dumped his stuff into a dorm room – 2 backpacks, a laptop, a camera, clothing, and bedding. Many Tulane students were told, "Put things up high."

Buses and vans took Rosenberg, his parents and other Tulane families to the airport in Jackson, Mississippi and from there (after letting go of any hope that the hurricane's power would diminish) they flew home.

It did not take an official announcement for Jackie to know that her semester at Loyola would be cancelled.

"The day after the hurricane hit, I saw pictures of the flooded neighborhoods, and I knew that school would be cancelled for the semester," she commented. "Even if the buildings themselves were unharmed, it was clear that the city would be unable to support such a large group of students."

"As expected, our facilities have been damaged; however, based on our preliminary assessments, the majority of the damage can be remediated in a reasonable period of time," stated Tulane president Scott Cowen in a message posted on the Tulane website (www.tulane.edu). "The up-town campus is covered with debris from fallen trees and shrubs, making it almost impossible to drive or even walk on campus."

After a few days,

Mabry was overwhelmed by the media's stream of desolate news and heart wrenching photos. The images hit close to home and she experienced mixed emotions.

"I felt lost," said Mabry.

"When I think of New Orleans, I think of my childhood. To watch one's childhood slip away is nothing short of unbearable."

"I had to stop watching the news, because it literally made me sick to my stomach," Mabry explained. "While on the other hand, I felt so grateful, because I knew that my family was safe."

Colleges in New Orleans are in the process assessing damages and coming up with a recovery plan.

"This task [a recovery plan] is impaired right now by the devastation of the city and its infrastructure, and deteriorating further due to the flooding we are now facing. In addition, we don't know when our employees will be able to return to the city, much less to the university," Cowen stated in another posted message on Tulane's website.

"I want to re-meet the people who I met that day at Tulane," Rosenberg said. "I loved the atmosphere. I don't know...I guess I would like to get back to that atmosphere."

Mabry is relieved and thankful to attend classes at McDaniel but her thoughts of Loyola University New Orleans are not too distant.

"I'm excited about finally starting school, but I'm even more excited about going back to New Orleans in the spring," Mabry said.

Greek Changes to Begin Soon

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"What we want to do is to look at each organization on a case by case basis and see what issues for each need to be addressed so they can improve," said Rose.

However, whenever the reforms are implemented, the school will be ready to aid any organization that falls below any of the new standards. Tentatively, any new policy that results from this document will become standards in the Spring of 2006.

The reason that such efforts are being made is because some in the administration feel that fraternities and sororities operate in an antiquated way.

"We want to bring about positive change and bring Greek life here into the 21st century," said Rose.

Rose understands that some may feel threatened by these changes, but the College unequivocally supports Greek life.

"We support [Greek Life] 100 percent," said Rose. "We just want to make sure it will be the best it can be."

The feeling that Rose and Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre want to exude is that Greek organizations need to stay dynamic in or-

der to appeal to the changing needs of students.

"Life changes," said Sayre. "What might have worked to get students to rush three years ago might not work for students now."

Rose wants to work with InterGreek Council to promote the positive aspects of Greek life and to counter some of the negative stereotypes that have developed about Greeks at McDaniel.

Also, as of the spring 2005 semester, only 14% of the students eligible to pledge were a member of a Greek organization. Rose feels that these changes will help to increase numbers for Greek life, which have been stagnant in the 15-18% range for nearly a decade.

"Most of what is heard about Greek life is negative," said Rose. "We want to counter that and show that Greeks are held to a higher standard."

The administration wants to make sure that academics are the number one priority for Greeks. But with the grade inflation that has occurred in colleges nationwide and at McDaniel, some question whether students are held to the same standard as before.

"One could argue that a 2.5 GPA today isn't what it was 10 years ago," said Sayre.

Summer Flicks Entertaining

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STAFF WRITER

Not everyone was able to make it to the theaters this summer, due to jobs, vacations, and whatever else might keep you from indulging yourself in gallons of carbonated soda and mountains of salted popcorn.

If this was you, or you missed some of the big hits, I have compiled a list of what I thought were the best summer movies, according to their genres. For those of you who were able to make it to the theaters, this list is for your arguing pleasure.

Best comedies:

"Wedding Crashers:" Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn star in this hilarious and raunchy film about two lawyers who—you guessed it—crash weddings. Wilson and Vaughn are perfect together and deliver classic comedy that will have you laughing so hard, you can still feel it days later.

"Monster In-Law:" Jennifer Lopez and Michael Vartan star in this movie about a woman in love trying to win the affection of her future mother-in-law.

Jane Fonda does a classic job of being **the mother-in-law from Hell.**

While Vartan has a cute face, he doesn't play a big role in this film (sorry ladies), but Lopez and

Fonda make a surprisingly good comedy duo.

Best actions:

"War of the Worlds:" In my own opinion, this is Tom Cruise's best movie to date (Top Gun will always rank my world). He plays an irresponsible father straining to connect with his two kids.

Unfortunately for him, aliens decide to attack our world the weekend he's supposed to be watching them. Cruise, as always, does an excellent job, and I have to say that Dakota Fanning does a job well done holding her own next to Cruise. The special effects aren't bad either.

"The Island:" Ewan McGregor and Scarlett Johansson star as two friends-turned-lovers in this twists and turns action/sci-fi that delivers action in an attractive style—in other words, it's not too over-the-top.

This film deals with current scientific and moral issues that will definitely get you thinking (but not too much, don't worry) about the public's role in science today, and in the future.

Best dramas/suspense:

"Hostage:" This was one of the best movies I have seen in a while. Bruce Willis, who plays a hostage negotiator, Jeff Talley, brings the drama to this role that only he could.

Willis' character finds himself in a difficult and delicate position when he realizes that he's dealing with a hostage situation within a hostage situation.

From start to finish, this movie keeps the suspense at high volume, ready to break through the roof.

"Cinderella Man:"

While I do agree with the critics that say this movie is

"Seabiscuit" except with a boxer, I think this movie is somewhat better, simply because it deals with the ups-and-downs of a human being rather than a horse.

Based on the life of boxer James Braddock, Russell Crowe and Renee Zellweger play a husband and wife dealing trying to keep their three kids and themselves alive during the Great Depression. Along with that, Zellweger plays a wife fearing for her husband's life every time he steps into the ring. Despite the false representation of boxer Max Baer, this movie is very up lifting, and personally, very amusing.

Best of all three:

"Mr. and Mrs. Smith:" Regardless of their chemistry off screen, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie couldn't have been more perfect for this movie.

Pitt and Jolie brilliantly play off each other in this movie that throws comedy, action, and suspense together in such a genius way, that the result is one kick-ass movie.

Pitt and Jolie play assassins who are unknowingly assigned to kill each other; they add their own comedic flares to this movie, which, along with their physical abilities, makes for a great, all-around movie.



The Yellow House

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The only yellow house on Pennsylvania Avenue is home to eleven girls from the D.I.V.A.S. affinity group. While the house has many nice features, such as a big back yard, an ivy covered back porch and a balcony on the upper level, the girl's favorite part of their house is the kitchen.

"It's huge and there are two refrigerators," comments Junior and Sociology Major Kelly Rammeyer. "It's the place where we all hang out the most."

The house has two levels. The upper level consists of three double rooms and one single room, and the lower level consists of two double rooms along with the kitchen and living room. Each level also has its own full-size bathroom.

The biggest bedroom in

the house, which is on the lower level, belongs to Junior and Business Major Emily Funk and Junior and Biology Major Katie McLean.

"The best part of their room is that they have their own door to get in and out of the house," Jackie Lyon explains. "We all refer to it as 'the secret door.'"

The house is nicely decorated with colorful Christmas lights, beaded curtains, and posters. The living room is also well equipped with two comfy couches and a chair that one of the girls brought from home.

"The furniture is my favorite part of the living room," Indira Gonzalez adds. "It makes the room extra cozy and gives enough places for almost all of us to sit."

While it may be a lot of fun living with eleven girls, Junior and Sociology Major Lianne Price explains the only downfall, "There is never enough ice cream!"



PHOTO BY MEREDITH ADAMS

The stairway in the D.I.V.A.S. house is decorated in a creative way, bearing the name of the affinity group in the yellow house on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Five Eclectic Professors Welcomed to McDaniel

COLLEEN LEARY
STAFF WRITER

Lugging, Jazz, World Travel - New Faculty Members' Interests Vary

This year McDaniel welcomes five new faculty members to varying departments on campus. These new professors excel in their respective fields and are sure to bring a lot of academic and personal enrichment to students on The Hill.*

Dr. Kevin Harrison joined the Biology department as the assistant professor of Environmental Policy and Science. He had previously taught at Boston College and Northeastern University.

Dr. Harrison chose McDaniel College because he felt it would provide him with the greatest opportunity to create the best environmental policy and elevate awareness. Dr. Harrison plans on making McDaniel and more eco-friendly and "green" campus.

He hopes that someday The Hill will be filled with solar panels and windmills for energy.

Ø Hobbies: Such thrill seeking activities as lugging, automobile racing, surfing, and scuba diving; insisting "no risk, no fun."

Ø Favorite Quote: "You can't have just one!" Consider a Spherical Cow by John Harte and Twenty Small Sailboats to Take You Anywhere by John Vigor.

Ø Favorite Quote: "Imagination is more important than knowledge."

Stephen Feeley, soon to be Dr. Stephen Feeley, he humbly admits, became a member of the History department. His areas of study include Colonial America and Native Americans in the 19th and 20th centuries. Feeley chose McDaniel College because he went to a small liberal arts college as an undergrad and "wanted to

return to a small school with a collegial atmosphere where the students and faculty aren't afraid to stop, chat, and get to know one another." Feeley attended two colleges in Britain and has taken several trips to the highlands of Peru. His travels also landed him as a volunteer for the Park Service in the Great Smoky Mountains where he did extensive hiking.

Ø Hobbies: Playing clarinet and saxophone in community jazz bands, mountain biking, and long walks on the beach.

Ø Favorite Book: Two Towers by Tolkien or Dandelion Wine by Ray Bradbury.

Ø Favorite Quote: "Napoleon, don't be jealous that I've been chatting online with babes all day. Besides, we both know that I'm training to be a cage fighter."

The Sociology department welcomes Dr. Linda Semu to campus. Her work

focuses on globalization, social policy, family, and gender in the African Nation of Malawi. Semu is originally from Malawi which has given her the chance to travel to several other South African countries and Europe. McDaniel lured professor Semu with its refreshing scenery.

Ø Hobbies: Reading, walking, and admits to watching more TV than she should.

Ø Favorite Book: Sons of Fortune by Jeffrey Archer.

Dr. Wendy Morris joins the Psychology department with a focus on the stigma of being single, stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination. Dr. Morris chose McDaniel College because of the focus on teaching that is valued here, as well as, the opportunity to conduct and publish research with students. Her travels include Botswana and Namibia.

Ø Hobbies: Skiing and notes, "I have been skiing almost as long as I have been walking."

Ø Favorite Book: Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver.

Ø Favorite Quote: Most things uttered by Jon Stewart on The Daily Show.

The department of Mathematics and Computer Science welcomes Dr. Pavel Naumov. He has recently taught at Penn State and earned his doctorate from Cornell University. Dr. Naumov was born and raised in Moscow, Russia, but has spent the past eleven years in the United States. He met his future wife in high school and today both have their doctoral degrees and two beautiful daughters.

Ø Hobbies: Photography and Travel.

"Information about the new faculty members' fields of study came from McDaniel News Online.

LIVE in Westminster, Music to My Ears

COLLEEN LEARY
STAFF WRITER

Tired of sitting around in your hot dorm room all the time? Wish you had something fun to do? Everybody likes music. Though Westminster may not be a big city, it still has a lot to offer for those looking to catch some live music.

From multiple coffee houses to western bars, this little town has more than you think. The Pour House is a common hotspot for many McDaniel students looking for a coffee buzz or just a change of scenery. Live music is also a standing feature at The Pour

House and can be found on most weeknights, and always on Fridays and Saturdays from 8:30-10:30. The music varies from acoustic guitar, to piano, to reggae bongo beats. The Pour House is also open to new musicians who want to showcase their stuff.

Another great place to find music is Gathering Grounds Coffee House, which has an open mic night every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and performances by musicians on weekends from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. This is a very laid back atmosphere perfect for a

special. I listened to it a few more times and really started to get into it... five days later, it is still playing.

Kanye West's music is so intriguing because his CD is not just rap. He combines many elements, such as tempo changes and a slew of featured artists. The rhythm

changes keep listeners attentive; from the slower "Heard 'Em Say", featuring the calming voice of Adam Levine, to the upbeat "Touch the Sky".

One never knows what to expect next, each song brings something new and invigorating. His popular single, "Gold Digger" includes humorous and ironic lyrics that any listener would enjoy, such as, "on her eighteenth birthday he found out it wasn't his." The addition of Jamie Foxx's choir like voice distinguishes the song, bringing it above and beyond every other rap song.

Various "Skits" between some songs work as an interesting introduction and add a unique quality since most CD's just move from song to song.

Late Registration's first week of sales nearly doubling that of his first release, The College Dropout, and his opening at number one on the Billboard 200 charts prove that I am not the only fan hooked on his music.

After my research, my initial feelings were replaced with excitement. The first time I listened to the album I didn't really think it was anything

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study break and a little relaxation.

If you're looking for something a little more upbeat, then check out The Down Under Pub and Grille. This hideaway is located right beside Johansson's restaurant and offers a DJ, dance floor, and occasionally live bands such as *Eternal Buzz*.

While this may not be anything like a D.C. or Baltimore hangout, it is still a pretty cool place to hear music, eat food, and play pool. But beware, you must be 21 or at least have an ID that says you are 21 to get in. And ladies, I wouldn't advise going alone unless you plan on being harassed by some sketchy men.

If country is more your style, then boot scoot and boogie on down to The Stables. While the crowd may be a bit older than what you are used to, on Friday and Saturday nights from 9:15

p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Stables is rocking with live country music. Well-known bands in these parts like *Jennifer Rose* and *The Mix*, and *On The Rise* are performing in September.

Unfortunately, this is also a 21 and over place.

To all my under-aged friends I say, we have all been there and your time will come. The Carroll County Arts Center also offers a wide variety of events including exhibits, films, and music as well. O'Lordans Irish Pub which plans on opening sometime in the near future will also provide some interesting tunes in terms of Irish music.

While it may be lacking in hip-hop and club music, Westminster still provides some entertaining live music for those who want a break from the monotony of campus life.

Mike's Music Picks

My Top 5 CDs of all time:

1. *Illmatic* by Nas: Although I waited until 1998 to buy it, and 2001 to appreciate it, Nas's 1994 album is flawless. No song is overproduced, and every syllable is filled. Favorite tracks are "The World Is Yours," "Halftime," and "NY State of Mind"

2. *Morning View* by Incubus
It can be debated to no end which album by Incubus is the best. But I believe that the album that got me hooked on one of the best bands of our time is the best. Brandon's vocals are smooth like the view of the beach on the album cover. Favorite tracks are "I Wish You Were Here," "Just a Phase," and "Are You In?"

3. *Welcome to the Universe* by 30 Seconds to Mars: The first album by the up-and-coming space rock group is fantastic. Influenced heavily by Tool's James Maynard Keenan, 30STM blends electric percussion with layers and layers of guitars to produce mysterious, mind-bending melodies. Favorite tracks are "Fallen," "Buddha for Mary," and "End of the Beginning."

4. *Thirteenth Step* by A Perfect Circle: In my opinion, this is the best mixed and mastered album of all time. It just sounds so good. It helps that that musicianship is top notch also, with no effort made to please the pop music world. I could say so much about how good this album is but I won't. If you haven't heard it, you just need to sit down and give it a chance. Favorite tracks are "The Package," "The Noose," and "Weak and Powerless."

5. *Paid in Full* by Eric B & Rakim: It came out the year I was born, 1986, but it's still the album that respectable new school rappers emulate. Production by Eric B is primitive yet exciting, and Rakim's rhymes straight kill. Definitely in the top three rap albums of all time. Favorite tracks are "I Know You Got Soul," "I Ain't No Joke," and "Chinese Arithmetic."

Beth's Top Five

The Matches - E. Von Dahl Killed the Locals: Punk music at its best, the Matches' sound is a whirlwind rock experience with incredibly catchy lyrics.

Nelly Furtado - Folklore: Nelly Furtado's sophomore effort is simply amazing. Furtado created beautiful tracks with folk music influences, while weaving in dance and hip-hop sounds. "Força" is the one track that

requires your attention.

Jason Mraz - Waiting for My Rocket to Come: Ah, Jason. Arguably the best folk/sat/rock/jazz musician out there (are there any others?) Jason Mraz is an incredibly talented artist who doesn't take himself too seriously. He's unlike anything you've ever heard, in a good way.

John Legend - Get Lifted: This CD is like com-

Jeni's Picks

1) Howie Day - Stop All the World Now

2) A Walk to Remember soundtrack

3) Edwin McCain - Misguided Roses

4) Phil Vassar - Shaken not Stirred

5) Dave Matthews Band - Under the Table and Dreaming

The songs on all of these CDs are just so relaxing, and you can contemplate the lyrics and apply them to your own life. There's a song for every emotion and every mood, so you can pick and choose according to how you feel at any given time.

No Twelve Step Program for This One

BETH McLANE
CO-EDITOR

I'll be honest: I have an expensive addiction, and it's not getting any better.

Hi, my name is Beth McLane, and I'm a concertoholic.

It started when I was young; at age 11, my family took me to Lilith Fair to see Sarah McLachlan. I watched wide-eyed as she played an amazing show, and I was introduced to the phenomenon of "concert behavior."

I was a little shocked.

Now I'm used to concert behavior, though Lilith Fair was an exceptionally strange experience. I don't

usually partake in the basic debauchery that surrounds the concert scene, because I think it takes away from the experience.

No, the high for me is the sound - that chord that rips from the speaker, which defends me in a good way. Or maybe it's the bass rolling through the floor, vibrating through my clothes and into my ears.

Or maybe it's that gorgeous lead singer.

Whatever reason, it's an addiction that I don't want to get rid of. I'm not one of those people at a concert every weekend - it's more like a once a month binge.

Once a month is enough for my wallet, be-

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cause some acts these days are downright expensive. Approximately 80 bucks is the most I've paid for a ticket. Other downsides include drunken, mean-spirited concert-goers, hot, crowded venues, and long waits through talent-less opening bands.

Once the music starts, though, I forget anything else. I love any band that can put on a good show. I'll watch anything - rock, country, rap, blues - and yes, I've even been to a polka concert (my mom made me go).

I think the best shows are small ones, ones where you are close to the band and next to the speaker, and you can try meet the act after the show.

And the best concert

I've ever been to? That's tough, but I have to say it was U2 at the MCI center, Elevation tour. Even in nosebleed seats, it was incredible. There's a reason that Bono is famous.

The ultimate appeal of a concert, I believe, is the fellowship that develops between fans of a certain artist or group. No matter what music you enjoy, you can appreciate screaming at the top of your lungs while someone plays your favorite song to you.

The last concert I went to was Brad Paisley on Saturday, September 10 - it was one of the best country shows I've seen. As the audience swayed back and forth together, I realized something: I have the best addiction ever.

Chanan's Picks

My Top Five Albums of All-Time [by Chanan Delivuk, arts editor]

5. Taylor Dayne, "Greatest Hits." It reminds me of when I was five and my mother would blast her tape on the radio. Ahh...the memories.

4. Coldplay, "X & Y." This CD is so relax and chill...it puts me in a "happy place."

3. Jay-Z, "Reasonable

Doubt." I love pretty much all of his CDs, but this is a classic. "The Black Album" is up there, too.

2. Bloc Party, "Silent Alarm." If you have no idea who this group is, you should definitely invest. It's fun, different, and the beats are tight.

1. Kanye West, "Late Registration." For time-being and just cause Ye is a genius when it comes to artist elements in any respect to the meaning and feeling of music.

No Spring Concert Planned

ROB GOEKE
CO-EDITOR

When junior Teri Hamer walked into the Eve 6 concert in Gill Gym on April 17, 2004, things seemed quiet. Maybe more people would show up as it got closer to show time, she thought. When Warset, the concert's opening act, came on stage, she considered that maybe more would come for the main act. However, no such latecomers came. In the end, less than 90 McDaniel students attended the on campus concert.

Overall, only 250 people were in attendance for the bi-annual concert. CAPBoard lost more than \$23,000 according to College Activities Director Mitch Alexander on the concert.

As a result of what happened two years ago, music won't be playing at McDaniel in the Spring.

"CAPBoard lost its shirt (and pants) on the last [Eve 6 concert]," said Alexander.

Though CAPBoard's goal wasn't to turn over a profit, the amount of the money lost as well as the lack of student attendance

and interest put plans to bring another band to McDaniel on hold.

"I was surprised at how few people showed up," said Assistant Director of College Activities Amanda Rose. "It's a challenge for us to put on a concert with our budget."

CAPBoard anticipated 500 people showing up to the concert. They predicted that 250 people would be students and 250 would not.

Rose mentioned that many other costs beyond paying the band, including lighting and setting the stage, made bringing a popular band to McDaniel difficult.

CAPBoard went through an extensive selection process where students were asked to choose the band they wanted to see.

After three finalists were selected, Eve 6 emerged as the winner. However, the band had played at McDaniel in 1999, but because the majority of students had voted for Eve 6, McDaniel could afford for them to come, and the band had the date open, the decision was made for Eve 6 to return to McDaniel.

Rose acknowledged that not nearly all students participated in the selection

Rob's Picks



I always felt that if you had one favorite book, you didn't read enough. If you had one favorite movie, you didn't watch enough. And if you had one favorite album, you definitely didn't listen enough.

1.D'Angelo, *Voodoo*
Words may describe many places, but not the ones this experience takes you.

2.Jack Johnson *On and On*
The epitome of smooth. The essence of beach.

3.Miles Davis *Kind of Blue*

One writer that reviewed this album said it convinced her that God existed. Good enough for me.

4. Maxwell *Maxwell's Urban Hang Suite*
Sure, a one night stand may be empty, but with Maxwell is singing about it, it's like a honeymoon.

5. The Roots *Illadelph Halflife*

Dark, disturbing, rough and full of love, this is everything hip-hop can and should be.

process. According to Mary Lee Pence, a 2004 graduate of McDaniel and former CAPBoard President, bringing in the Dave Matthews Band and 50 Cent's of the world to McDaniel is unfeasible.

"Being that McDaniel is such a small school, it is virtually impossible to get a popular band/act to come play a venue like Gill Gym," said Pence. "Most big names cost in the range of 75,000-100,000 for an hour of show time, and that is purely for their performance. There are a variety of other costs associated with putting on a concert, including, but not limited to, advertising, security, sound, lights and hospitality costs. These figures certainly exceed the amount of money that is allocated by McDaniel for this type of event."

So given all these factors, holding a concert is unlikely to happen in the near future. There are others ways though, according to Pence, for McDaniel music lovers to attend concerts.

"[Alexander] and I found that busing students to concerts at the Baltimore Arena and other local venues was far more popular than holding a spring concert at the venue," said Pence.

Kanye Mixes It Up

LAURA HUTTON
STAFF WRITER

I am the girl you would typically find front row center at a

Backstreet Boys concert screaming her lungs out. Consequently, rap has never been my type of music. I pretty much ignored the radio and bypassed the videos when they were on MTV. So, I was a bit apprehensive when I volunteered to write a CD review and heard that Kanye West was about to release his sophomore album *Late Registration*.

Over the next couple days, I asked many of my friends what they thought about Kanye West and I Googled him. Surprisingly, everyone I talked to enjoyed his music. The strength of his fan base amazed me. I figured it would be smaller considering he had only been around a short period of time, right? What I realized during my Google search was, West produced songs for other artists before his own were released. Once I listened to the CD I realized that his previous work made him a strong musician.

After my research, my initial feelings were replaced with excitement. The first time I listened to the album I didn't really think it was anything

Jill's Top Five

As with most college students, music is my life. I don't usually listen to whole cd's though. I'm a big fan of mixed cd's, everything from country, to pop, to rock. So, here are my top five picks of some of my favorite music:

1. Bon Jovi- "Wanted Dead or Alive", "Livin on a Prayer" and "Slipped Dead or Alive", my personal favorites.
2. 3 Doors Down- Away From the Sun, 2002
3. Linkin Park- Meteora, 2003
4. Rascal Flatts- Feels Like Today 2004
5. And finally, Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers Greatest Hits, 1993, "Mary Jane's Last Dance"....of course!



KELLY CLARKSON

fort food - it's good for your soul. John's voice is incredible. The best track is "Ordinary People" - if you haven't heard it, I feel bad for you.

Relient K - Mhmmmm: Chock full of genuinely great songs, the CD is also an intimate, introspective look at life gone awry. It is creative without being too weird, and both fun and serious at once. It will make you feel better.

Student's Wild, Weird and Wonderful Summer Jobs

The school year is now in full swing, but let's take a moment to look back on the summer of 2005, and the jobs which we loved and hated. Four McDaniel students share what they did to pass the time and make some money in the summer heat - some got the big bucks, and another cooled off in an ice cream truck. Whatever the employment, it was an unforgettable summer for all.

KACEY ASHCRAFT, '07:

Briefly describe your summer job: I was a waitress at Crab Alley in Ocean City, Maryland. I have worked there for four years.

Most memorable moment: My most memorable moment would have to be when I made \$400 in one night. It was a crazy night, but well worth the money!

Worst moment: When a table that I was waiting on walked out on their check that was \$200 and I had to pay for it.

Amount earned: about \$6500- \$7000

Would you recommend this job: I would def. recommend this job to a friend. I have had many great summers working there and also made tons of money.



MEGAN AMBRA, '07:

Briefly describe your summer job: Ice cream truck driver

Most memorable moment: Getting the sound machine stuck on and having to go everywhere - the gas station, grocery store, and my friend's house - blaring cheesy music.

Worst moment: Not being able to give free ice cream out to everyone

Amount earned: \$7.50 an hour plus sales

Would you recommend this job to a friend? Yes, it is very relaxing. You get to drive around, see friends and give kids their favorite thing! It does get annoying hearing "the Pianoman" over and over though.



TERI HAMER, '07:

Briefly describe your summer job: I worked as an intern for the National Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke at NIH in Bethesda. At the end of the summer I wrote a paper on the compiled results of the questionnaire and presented a poster.

Most memorable moment: I think the absolute best was when the director of our section said he wanted to get my paper published in Neurology!

Worst moment: Almost fainting while observing my first Botox injection. It was only my 2nd day!

Amount earned: \$1800/ mo

Would you recommend this job to a friend? Absolutely! I learned so much in such a short period of time, and the work was very rewarding. I want to go back next summer!



KRISTY COSTA, '05:

Briefly describe your summer job: Cocktail waitress at Trump Plaza Beach Bar. Serve drinks and food in a beautiful atmosphere on the beach during the day and a nightclub atmosphere at night.

Most memorable moment: There's so many memorable moments, but I'd have to say that watching people get drunk and do funny things tops it off.

Worst moment: Getting hit on by dirty old men.

Amount earned: It's Atlantic City... high rollers = big bucks!

Would you recommend this job to a friend? Absolutely. Not only did I meet a lot of fun people, but serving drinks and food on the beach... it doesn't get any better than that.

The Ups and Downs of Orientation Week 2005

EMILY BIONDO STAFF WRITER

We all stood there in a circle. Not knowing one another. Not really seeing one another. Because, at that moment, none of us mattered. All that did was that one object, the center of our circle. We eyed one another shyly, coyly, seeing who would be the most daring to approach it. Surprisingly, we didn't have long to wait.

A guy stepped forward, with a striped linen shirt, deep khaki shorts, and well-worn flip-flops to match. Striding coolly, he heaved and swung. A deep gong reverberated, followed by another. It cut through the conversation; several people flinched and stared. The khaki-shorts guy left the circle just as coolly as he had stepped in. The eyeing began again. And college began for good.

One by one, McDaniel's freshman class rang the bell that would start their college careers. I was in that gauntlet of a circle. We had just unpacked jeans, bedding, and lives into Whiteford, Rouzer, and DMC, and happy, or not, would soon start a hectic four days of Orientation. Happy or not, we were starting the next four years of our lives. I could have screamed—if I had any energy left.

Starting college is such an important transition in young people's lives that it's high impossible to be original on the topic. Exciting blah, new blah, change blah blah blah...an alcohol course, perhaps, followed by some "fun" activities entailing first-years being thrown from the proverbial nest into a lonely world of forced socialization. Call me an optimist, but this was my super-high ex-

pectation for Orientation.

I was pleasantly surprised, then, when I found this was not the case. Mildly impressed, even. Well, after the move-in part.

Let me tell a little story. Once upon a time, I was waiting for 45 minutes on a Hill to get into college. The car in front of me started smoking (along with its passenger), stopped smoking (along with its passenger), and went through a barrage of on-again, off-again radio binges before my own car could turn into the parking lot to wait in yet another line. The word torture comes to mind.

But aside from that line, Orientation was absolutely gorgeous. I actually loved my Peer Mentor, a sprightly junior with enough pep to kill the aspirations of an entire cheerleading squad, and the members of my Seminar, each with their own quirky traits. We played games together and, like everyone else, attended every possible event together, the word of the day being "together." I think it was 'most freshmen's fear that they would come and leave college alone, so a pre-made posse never did any harm.

As for activities, the best by far was the hypnotist. A hearty tsk tsk to those who didn't attend—it was as good a night as could be produced from a whole audience of naked freshmen and an exotic dancer named Violeta. Choices, too, was magnificent. I can't say I enjoyed having things thrown at me again—at the Honor Code presentation, I was reamed in the arm with an errant lollipop, and condoms

did not seem like a more enjoyable projectile. I see the actors around campus now, and for a second I'll think I know them due to the endless introductions of the first week and my uncanny ability to only recall faces. Unfortunately, I do not know them, although if

needed, I could possibly refer to one as Napoleon Dynamite.

With the end of Orientation came yet another transition, this one without the gauntlet circle. It marked the end of social beginnings and the start of academia, a start

that some, including myself, actually anticipated with some level of excitement.

Sadly, I'll have to wait four more years to ring that bell again. But hopefully, it'll be just like that first guy's swing...a blasting gong to end college just the way it started—with a bang.

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"The Greatest Generation" is Still To Come

ROB GOEKE
CO-EDITOR

I believe the greatest generation in American history was born between the years of 1918 and 1930. They brought America through the Great Depression and won World War II, then made the American economy boom like never before. They made us what we are.

But we, the children born from 1980 to 1990, the people growing up right now, will have to be greater.

Drama is worldwide. A city is flooded. War is all over. Disease is maiming a whole continent. A hole in the atmosphere is getting bigger. Twenty years from now, cars may not have fuel.

And that's just the beginning. The world that has existed for as long as we've been alive will change because our survival depends on it.

The turning point is now. It's on us. Humanity's future will be defined in the next generation.

The 90's were a decade more peaceful and successful than ever. This was the decade we grew up in. Hardship like what our grandparents experienced is foreign. Sacrifice like what our parents did is unfathomable.

We had it easy. But we're going to have to learn to be hard. 2000-2040 will be a time of unheard change. Look at what has happened to us in five years: attacks, wars, storms, bombs, problems that need addressing. It's just the beginning. More is to come. The challenges we will face will be greater than any of those. But sitting in the front row can't be an option for us soon. Watching CNN in horror won't cut it any longer.

Africa is dying of AIDS. Israel and Palestine need peace. Terrorism is still out there. The gap between poor and rich is bigger than ever and growing. Pollution is spreading like air. Gas is running out.

The American philosophy is to be better than those

before you. Each generation blazes a trail beyond what the previous did.

We will be better, that I don't doubt. But to be the best? Why?

Because it's not just about us any more. The Greatest Generation made America the superpower.

Their focus was inward, trying to better themselves and their nation. Salvation from within. Now, doing that same thing won't nearly be sufficient.

We need to go outside our borders. Fight for others. Save others. Our brothers and sisters are in trouble in thousands of places besides New Orleans. Our help can't stop after Katrina is cleaned up. I believe this storm must be the start.

The city's barely breathing. Chest heaving. 80% destroyed. Most see an end.

I see a beginning. An opportunity to rise like cream. A chance to save the world. To answer the call of history and of humanity.

Class can't be some-

thing you sleep through or cut any more. It's where you learn how to save us and yourself. We all need to play a role. The future begins now. It depends on us.

Starting now, we can't settle for better. Better won't save humanity; better will.

There is a book about

what transpired throughout the generation. The courage they showed. The work they did. The changes they made. How they responded to challenges. The new era they began.

Tom Brokaw wrote it. "The Greatest Generation." Of course, he was lying. Another book with the same title is being written now.



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ASL and Deaf Studies Draw Many Students to McDaniel

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The Question that we are frequently asked is: why did we come to McDaniel a little known college far away from our homes in New York?

The answer to this question is the ASL and Deaf Studies minor that this school offers. Little do people know that this College has one of the best Deaf Education Graduate programs on the East Coast. This program is known for its long existence and high standards.

As undergraduate ASL and Deaf Studies minors, we get the opportunity to benefit from the quality of this program.

The classes that are required for the Deaf Studies minor include five levels of American Sign Language (ASL), Linguistics of ASL, The Educational and Life Experiences of Deaf People, American

Deaf Culture and ASL/Deaf Literature. Each one of these classes is instructed by an individual who is Deaf.

The premise of these classes is to enrich the students in a broad background of cultural and lingual aspects of the American Deaf Culture. The ASL Lab, which is staffed by Deaf graduate students, gives all ASL students innovative ways to improve their language skills. Class field trips to local Deaf Schools and University are available as well as campus and community events involving the Deaf Community.

As ASL and Deaf Studies minors, we are given the opportunity for cultural and language immersion through the ASL House on campus, or a semester "abroad" at Gallaudet University.

The opportunity to socialize with members of the Deaf community adds to our

educational experience. These opportunities are few and far between when looking at Deaf Studies programs around the country.

We encourage other student at McDaniel College to learn about Deaf culture by enrolling in ASL classes. All students have the opportunity to become aware of the diverse cultures on our campus.

Eye to Eye is an organization that is run by McDaniel students to raise campus awareness on issues that concern Deaf people and their culture. To become a member of this organization you do not have to be Deaf nor need to know ASL.

There are interpreters provided to encourage the participation of those who do not sign. For more information about the Deaf Studies minor, please contact Dr. Eddy Laird at: Elaird@McDaniel.edu.

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Victims of Hurricane Katrina Require Your Help

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I know many of you probably have seen, heard, or read something about the destruction and devastation to the Gulf Coast caused by the Hurricane Katrina. Some of you may have donated spare change to the D.I.V.A.S organization here on campus or found other ways to help.

But, how many of you actually thought about the reality of this challenge?

I have to be honest—ever since I have been here at school, my priorities, or what I considered to be priority in my life,

seemed to be centered around just that—school. Homework, organizational meetings, classes—all of these things occupied my time. I never really had time to watch TV, and even when I did catch a glimpse, the news didn't seem to be what I was watching.

And what is so ironic about all of this is the fact that Hurricane Katrina, the destruction and its aftermath, has made history. Yes, it is said that this is the worst natural disaster to ever hit the United States. This is our tsunami and it seems that as we are here in Maryland we can-

not empathize with those in New Orleans and cities along the Gulf Coast.

This weekend while I was home, I managed to watch CNN, FOX, and other news shows that opened not only my eyes, but my heart. Even MTV, VH1, and CMT were offering specials on the hurricane aftermath. You will see familiar shows like *Diary on MTV* and relief concerts, all in hopes of appealing to the younger generation.

While watching all of this footage, I felt an uncanny want to help those in need. I didn't really know how I would or what I could do, but every show provided ways that even those without money can help.

I emptied my dressers and closets and donated two bins and large bag of clothes to the AAC Food Bank, who informed me that nine family evacuees were coming sometime this week, and girl clothing would surely help.

There are many more ways, I soon learned, that you can help. I know many of us have cell phones and enjoy our text messaging. You can text the word HELP to 24357 and \$5 will go to the Red Cross. If you get \$50 together—ask suite mates, floor mates, staff, etc.—you can

feed a family of four for a day.

As the President of the Happy Helpers affinity here on campus, I ask that you take advantage of the free access to computers and printers here on campus. I am not asking for more than 5 minutes of your time. Please consider making a card, you can use a computer, or markers and plain paper—whatever that is not the important part—just what you can to let an evacuee and survivor of this natural disaster that they are in your thoughts, if you pray that they are in your prayers, and that hope is with them.

When these people were evacuated, they left behind their lives. Their homes submerged in feet of water, belongings all ruined. How many people have been separated from their families, how many who lost a pet, how many who are still distraught from the aftermath?

They say that it will take over one month to drain all of the water, which is bacteria and E-coli infected, out of Louisiana. They say it will take months to rebuild the city—but how long to rebuild the family's lives? Let someone know they are not forgotten and that as Americans we can get through this.

I have set up boxes outside of the Post Office here on campus, and in the writing center and computer lab in Hoover. With the help of WBAL-TV 11 News, these cards will be sent to someone in need of a little encouragement.

For more ways to help those in need, from donating clothes, books, school supplies, food, water, help for the disabled, help for the animals and pets, please visit think.mtv.com, vhi.com, or cmt.com. The Red Cross, Salvation Army, ASPCA, Habitat for Humanity, and many more organizations are requesting our help. And, together, we can do it.

There is currently another hurricane in the making. Let's not let the aftermath of Katrina occur once again.

I would like to ask all of you to make a fist, right now, as I leave you with this thought: All of you here have a fist that is about as big, possibly even bigger, than mine. Well, according to human anatomy, if your fist is bigger than mine, so is your heart. Just think about that—and all of the information I just provided.

Questions, concerns, ideas? Contact me at Ext. 8010, or e-mail me at eld006@mcdaniel.edu.

Thank you...

Conservation Needed for Lower Gas Prices

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STAFF WRITER

The nation was undergoing an energy crisis.

Unrest in the Middle East, where the Iranian Revolution had deposed the Shah and replaced him with Ayatollah Khomeini, meant decreased oil production; as a result, American gas prices rocketed.

Fearing an oil shortage, people lined in their gas-guzzling cars to fill up, but this panic only served to send prices even higher. Meanwhile, President Carter and other members of the government were seeking solutions. Words like "rationing" and "conservation" grew into ideas to be encouraged.

It was 1979, and a year later Saddam Hussein would order the Iraqi invasion of Iran, beginning a war that would dramatically diminish both countries' fuel industries.

Twenty-six years later, history has a habit of repeating itself.

Iraq's oil production has been effected by a continuing insurgency, and gas prices have been steadily rising over the duration.

A former Southern governor is president, and cognizant of the continuing increase in gas prices, he searches for an answer that will ameliorate the situation.

Of course, there are other factors. The rapid industrialization of China has created a tremendous demand for oil, and countries that used to export primarily to the United States now have a customer that is larger and perhaps hungrier.

And then there is Hurricane Katrina.

Thanks to the sheer dev-

astation along the Gulf Coast, a major contributor to the domestic production and distribution of oil and gasoline, the cost of a gallon of gas has risen sharply.

As September commenced, gas prices in Westminster hit \$3.50 and threatened to reach and surpass the four-dollar mark. The cost of filling one's tank was nearly double that of twelve months ago, and consumers were in a veritable state of sticker shock.

And yet, attitudes never seem to change. No matter how much our eyes bug out when we read gas station signs, we have become a consumer culture far more concerned with buying Hummers and other gas-guzzling SUVs, rather than getting serious about conservation.

There is no easy solution on the horizon, no immediate opening of strategic reserves that can lower prices in the short-term future. The country needs more than a temporary fix anyway.

If we are to get serious, sacrifices will need to be made. While we may not see President Bush mimicking Carter by wearing a sweater in the White House and installing solar panels on the roof and a wood stove in his living quarters, our leadership must guide us in the proper direction.

Unless we desire continuing to empty our wallets in order to fill our tanks, a paradigm shift must take place. When the cost of a gallon of gas becomes more than the price of a meal at McDonald's, perhaps it is time to earnestly consider conservation.

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Flynn Comes to the Hill With New Enthusiasm

RYAN CHELL
STAFF WRITER

It was Cardinal Gibbons High School in 1974. Coach Ray Mullins, the winningest coach in Catholic League history, coached his Crusader team to a win in the championship game. During that season, Bob Flynn, a junior center who was a reserve for most of the season, could not have been happier. Flynn knew that he was part of something special, and he had nothing but respect for his legendary coach.

It was from that point in Bob Flynn's life that he knew what he wanted to do. He wanted to be a basketball coach, just like Ray Mullins. He wanted to have the same influence on his players that Mullins had on him.

"It's all about them [the players]," Flynn said.

Every coach doesn't mind

winning a championship either.

This is the type of attitude McDaniel College was looking for when they hired Flynn, who lives in the Westminster area, to be the coach of the men's Green Terror basketball team. Flynn was just as excited as the college was about becoming McDaniel's coach. He saw McDaniel as "the right opportunity" and a "perfect fit."

Flynn will be replacing Coach Jay Dull, who compiled a 5-20 record last season.

McDaniel is hoping that Flynn's recent successes at St. Mary's College and his alma mater, Cardinal Gibbons High School, will continue. He coached St. Mary's College from 1994 to 1998 and was basketball coach and athletic director at Cardinal Gibbons from 1999 to last year.

He had a 103-76 record, including a 27 win season, and two championship appearances at Gibbons. He also turned the JV and freshman teams around at Cardinal Gibbons, as those two teams won championships.

Flynn's recent successes not only attracted McDaniel's attention, but some national attention, as he was chosen to coach the East All-Americans in the 2004 McDonald's All-American Game. The team boasted five NBA first round picks, including last year's #1 pick, Orlando Magic Dwight Howard.

Flynn does realize however, that he will not be coaching All-Stars and future NBA players, he is coaching a Division III, 5-20 team. He knows that McDaniel was in the cellar of the Centennial Conference, a very tough division.

McDaniel is a lot smaller in player size than some of the other teams in the conference. But, that does not mean anything to Coach Flynn. That was in the past. He hates to think of this as a "rebuilding year."

Flynn knows that McDaniel has the talent to be a great basketball team. He guaranteed an exciting season if his players are "willing to bring it" and work hard.

Flynn's principal this season for his team is "focus" and "believe".

"I want my players thinking they can win every game," Flynn said. He guaranteed that his players would have this attitude when they play their season opener against Frostburg.

Flynn also wants his team to be fired up and aggressive this season. He wants to push the ball up the

court, score on transitions, and shoot the basketball well. He made the point that the team needs everyone on the same page and that they need the fans' support as well. He also noted that he was very proud of the women's basketball program.

There have been some special moments that Flynn remembers over the past few years. When he coached the McDonald's All-American Game in Oklahoma, he got to visit the site of the Oklahoma City Bombing and the Ronald McDonald house there with his players, an emotional moment for everyone. Throughout the years and even with his recent successes, Flynn still remembers his legendary coach, Ray Mullins. In 2001, Cardinal Gibbons renamed their arena after the coach who died in 1994; we all know that day, Coach Flynn had been a fan.

Women's Soccer Starts Season With a 1-1 Bang

MEREDITH ADAMS
STAFF WRITER

With a 2-0 win against Frostburg and a 3-0 loss against York to start off the season, the women's soccer team is confident they will be successful. Since both of the teams they played were good competition, the girls feel that they have a lot of strengths with room to grow.

Christina Theoharris scored a goal within the first thirty seconds of the game against Frostburg.

"A quick goal like that is a good way to start off the sea-

son," said senior and captain Tara Healy.

Kim Lowry, Becky Ward and Nikki Vartousos are also captains.

The second goal of the first game was scored by sophomore Sarah Wallace.

"We are looking forward to coming together as a team and finding each other on the field," explained junior defensive player Meagan Mattson. "We have the individual talent to have a successful season."

The girls have a fast de-

fense, many scoring threats on offense, and strong technical players in the middle. This combination of talents, skills, and strengths should keep the girls competitive in every game.

Goalie Michelle Mullen is expected to stand out this year along with offensive threats Tara Healy and Sarah Wallace.

The girls feel that their strong team unity will also help them to get far this season.

"In order to stay close

we try to do a lot of things together," remarked Tara Healy. "We try to eat all of our dinners together at Glar and do a lot of things as a team such as going to movies and out to dinner the nights before game times. We also spend a lot of time together in the social setting as well."

One thing that the girls would like to see change this season is the amount of shots they take.

"Last year we had so many opportunities to shoot and score but we didn't take

them," said Healy. "This year we need to capitalize on our opportunities to score."

The girls are expecting good competition from teams like Gettysburg, Muhlenberg, Hopkins and most of the other conference teams.

"It's important that we do well against other conference teams because how well we do determines where we stand in the end," stated junior goalie Michelle Mullen. "And of course, just like any other year, we want to be conference champs this year."

Where is the Love?

MIKE HABEGGER
SPORTS EDITOR

Does anyone care about sportsmanship anymore? As the collective football world saw one of its finest class in Jerry Rice act succumb to the realities of old age and call it quits, the faithful in Bridgewater saw its beloved walk off the field in classless disrespect. According to players on the Bridgewater team, the coach told them to "shake three hands" and get the hell out of there. But where are they to go? They lost in their own stadium in embarrassing fashion, 36-35 on 3 interceptions and 3 missed field goals. And will the loyal fans of the college hold them accountable for their neglect? Probably not. They don't give a hoot, in fact, they probably are glad they went into the locker room and pouted.

Let's take a closer look at the impact of such a disrespect. This was an exciting game! Maybe one of the best that you'll ever witness as a fan or player. And then the losing team goes and ruins it for the

winning team. Instead of staying positive, their act of selfishness precipitates negativity in both locker rooms.

I've always thought that football culture is ridiculous. It's time that fans and parents started holding their vicious athletes accountable. Why are student-athletes exempt from the code of representing their schools in the best possible way? Yeah it sucks, but come on, it's just football.

Jerry Rice, after his retirement, said, "I played the game with a lot of determination, a lot of poise, a lot of pride and I think what you saw out there...was an individual who really just loved the game." The "love" and "pride" he speaks about is what all football people should be encouraging. Not blatant disregard.

Thank goodness the NFL season is starting so I can listen to Terrell Owens yap about what it means to be a professional. At least with "professionalism" as the arbiter, we can't excuse him for pouting.

Football Season Preview

KELSEY LINDHOLM
STAFF WRITER

Coming off last years decent season (6-4 overall, 4-2 CC), Tim Keating, McDaniel's head football coach, made it known that there were improvements to be made, but had a positive outlook on this seasons club.

Last year, team star Broderick Maybank tore it up, rushing for 1,200 yards, and the coach hopes he can duplicate that success.

However McDaniel has historically been a passing team. Keating wants to see that junior revamped.

Junior Quarterback Brad Baer showed his passing talent last Saturday at Bridgewater, but was injured partway through the game. Tom Wenrich will be taking the snaps in Baer's absence.

Wenrich, who has been around for three seasons, is familiar with the team, and should be a large contributor to the offense. McDaniel wants to re-establish themselves as a passing team, while at the same time punish with a three-headed running attack, led by Maybank and followed by young standouts Justin Brockmeyer, and Joe Taylor.

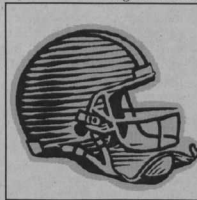
The defense has been the backbone of this team for many years. According to Keating, "defense is the strength of the team." Although McDaniel's defense seemed very

lackluster in the first half of the Bridgewater game, they returned to normal form, and had a great second half, which is how Keating expects them to play this season. There are no glaring holes in the defense, all the positions are expected to be in solid form. The only issue that seemed a concern was a lack of depth at many positions on defense.

There are no freshman starting at any positions this year, however, many are contributing. Kickers Ryan Deiter and Jay Leonard are

both showing great talent, and were used during kick-offs during the Bridgewater game. Special teams aren't where Keating wants them to be at this point, but they are on their way to LB and WR respectively. Punter Corey Allen consistently played well last season, and should continue to put the ball right where coach wants him too this year.

When asked, Keating felt the football team "does not get the respect we deserve" and thinks "the team is the best in the conference." He was upset that McDaniel was placed 4th in the preseason conference rankings after finishing first or tied for first seven out of the last eight seasons. Barring any major injuries, McDaniel seems to be well on their way to another successful season. With their power running, threatening defense, and a poised lethal passing attack, McDaniel will be a force to be reckoned with this season.



Former Terror Golfer Waeger Battles Cancer

PAT O'TOOLE
SENIOR WRITER

On October 30, the "1st Annual Waeger C.U.P." golf tournament will be held to benefit the National College Athletes Foundation, an organization intended to provide money to college athletes either suffering from cancer or affected by cancer in their family.

That announcement is easy to pass over, as we have all seen charity events similar to it. Yet this fundraiser has a special meaning for the McDaniel community and, more significantly, for college students who have yet to find their drive to fight against the silent epidemic in America.

At 22 years of age, Dan Waeger was building a life for himself in the spring of 2005 that was sure to make other college graduates rethink their career paths. Having graduated from McDaniel in 2004, Dan had recently been hired as the assistant golf coach at Division I Wagner College. While working his dream job, Dan was taking classes to earn his Master's in Finance at no personal expense.

"I would say I was on top of the world," Dan recently said.

Over a period of about two weeks, however, Dan experienced increasingly significant respiratory problems. His doctors at first told him that the problems were due to allergies,

but by May 13 the coughing and shortness of breath had become too much to bear.

Once admitted to the hospital, physicians discovered that 1.5 liters of fluid had built up around his heart. It was soon discovered that the insides of Dan's lungs were covered in cancerous nodules, and he was diagnosed with "cancer of an unknown primary" (also known as C.U.P., as it is referred to in the creative title of the golf tournament).

Many people associate cancer with lifestyle choices, but Dan's health was impeccable. In fact, he had been training to compete in the San Diego Marathon.

Now 23, Dan is undergoing chemo-therapy. The process helps to ward off the cancer, but its side effects, including hair loss and vomiting, are draining.

Through it all, Dan has maintained a positive spirit.

"I really, really believe that everything is going to be alright," he said. "God wouldn't give me anything I couldn't handle."

When a family friend approached Dan with the idea of holding a golf tournament to raise funds for his cancer treatment, he decided that he would take that opportunity to help others battling cancer instead of himself. His situation, he recognized, was made easier by the

people around him—a luxury that others do not have.

"I feel lucky that I have a great support system in my family and my group of friends," he said. "I am super thankful and grateful for all of my friends, especially those at McDaniel."

While planning the tournament, Dan is working on establishing the National College Athletes Cancer Foundation. His dream is that the foundation will provide money for athletes affected by cancer to both fight the illness and continue their education.

Through all of this, Dan is continuing to coach golf and take classes at Wagner.

"It's inspiring that he's still doing everything he loves to do despite having to go through chemo," Joe Meir, a McDaniel graduate and close friend of Dan, said.

Emily Funk, a student at McDaniel and close friend of Dan, is inspired by his refusal to lie down and take what is handed to him.

"It shows a lot about his character," she said. "He cares so much about other people. He could be sitting around and feeling sorry for himself, but he's not. He's starting this program that is going to benefit so many other people."

Dan says that his former professors, coaches, and other members of the fac-

ulty have been integral in his effort. He wants everyone to know that he is not letting the cancer affect him and that he will beat it.

Everyone, golf experience or not, is invited to participate in the tournament. Corporate and private spon-

sors are also needed for each of the holes.

Dan's experience shows that anyone can be affected by cancer at any time, so do your part to help. Stop by the Writing Center to pick up a brochure.



Dan Waeger is the inspiration for the "1st Annual Waeger C.U.P." He is seen here with junior Emily Funk.

TOURNAMENT INFO

WHAT: the 1st Annual Waeger C.U.P.

WHEN: Sunday, October 30 at 11:00 a.m.

DETAILS: Call 717-274-2212 or stop by the Writing Center to pick up a brochure.

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"Life is a series of false limits, and as athletes we have to challenge those limits both on the field and off. We have to choose to fight. We have to choose to live."

Football Comes Back, Stuns Bridgewater, 36-35

MIKE HABEGGER
SPORTS EDITOR

The home fans filed out of the stadium in Bridgewater, Va., with satisfied looks. After a 37-yard touchdown pass to end the first half, their team was up 33-14. Those who remained inside were faithful students or parents of second and third string players.

But they didn't know about the opposing team's numbers 2, 7, 5, 1 and 28. They didn't know, because they hadn't bothered to make the trip to Westminster the season prior.

Thanks in large part to three rushing touchdowns by #2, senior tailback Broderick Maybank, the McDaniel College Green Terror defeated the 14th ranked Bridgewater Eagles last Saturday, 36-35. The Terror outscored the Eagles 22-2 in the second half, the only

two points coming from a botched snap on a punt attempt that led to a safety.

The Eagles dominated the Green Terror in the first half, out-gaining McDaniel in yards 349 to 225. Senior RB Marcus Washington scored four times in the half, seemingly untouched, including an exciting kickoff return TD.

"[The first half] was discouraging because we knew we could play a lot better," said junior tight-end Josh Murray.

On McDaniel's opening drive of the second half, two straight false starts led to a quick three-and-out. It looked as if Bridgewater had demoralized its opponent.

Early in the third quarter, senior LB Ron Ringgold stepped in front of a forced pass by Bridgewater QB Jacob Lewis and returned the ball 41 yards. A few plays later, Maybank scampered

into the endzone from one yard out.

On the ensuing possession, the McDaniel defense came up big, again forcing QB Jacob Lewis into an interception, the second by junior DB Drew Abbotante. McDaniel drove down to the Bridgewater 26 yard line, but then failed converting on a long fourth down play.

Bridgewater kicker David Blackwell was first team all-conference in 2004, but had the worst of all possible starts to begin 2005 on Saturday. His field goal attempt failed miserably, and took the wind out of the sails for Bridgewater, almost irrevocably.

An exciting scramble and 65 yard rush by senior QB Brad Baer jumpstarted the drive capped-off by Maybank's third TD, making the score 33-28 in favor of Bridgewater with 3:34 left in

the third quarter.

John Floyd's monster hit on a 3rd down play forced a punt from the Eagles. Junior QB Tom Wenrich entered the game for an injured Brad Baer and showed formidable poise. His QB sneak from the one-yard line and subsequent two-point conversion put McDaniel in the lead 33-36.

"[I was] very impressed," said Murray. "He came in and carried us to victory."

Bridgewater failed to convert a field goal on the next possession, but a bad snap gave the Eagles two more points on the board. Consequently, the home team could win with a field goal. Bridgewater received the ball after the safety and converted a heart-wrenching third down. Luckily for McDaniel, Eagles kicker David Blackwell missed a 39

yard attempt.

Bridgewater had plenty of time to score again, but an interception by Matt Lufkin put the proverbial nail in the coffin. After a few nail biting plays near the end of the quarter, Bridgewater had one more chance on a gift from the referees. On the ensuing play with no time left on the clock, Senior lineman Brett Rough brought down Jacob Lewis.

"Number one, Bridgewater is our rivalry. Number two, gotta start the season right," said Murray. "And we need ten wins this season to get 500. Beating Bridgewater was very important."

The loss snapped Bridgewater's 23 game home winning streak, dating back to 1999.

McDaniel also defeated Seton Hill 28-9 this Saturday to go 2-0 on the season.

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How to Handle Pigeons

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60 Seconds Asks:

"What do you think is the reason behind the war in Iraq?"

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Katie Hickey has an issue with a small word in everyone's away messages. Read her story on page 9

EMILY BIONDO
STAFF WRITER

Pigeon Zone. Two words and a massive silhouette splash the street-paint yellow sign with glossy black. The sign is sitting loudly on the sink in the lab, forcing viewers to see feather-ridden linoleum where carpet should be. Tidy rows of glassy boxes instead of wooden desks. A distant murmuring vibration for testy silence. And, most importantly, that one blaring sign in place of the tiny white plaque just ten feet down the hall, plain black letters mur-

College Peace Club Rallies and Educates McDaniel Students

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STAFF WRITER

Inspired by the War in Iraq and concerned with perceived student apathy, the Peace Club is rallying and educating students at McDaniel College.

In only its second year of existence on campus, the club's agenda has come to a head by coordinating with national anti-war sentiment and protest activities in order to convey its message.

"Our missions are to generate awareness, [as] many students don't pay attention to what is going on around the world; to work to help create unity on campus and in the community; and to be active advocates, to not just talk about peace, but to work and create it," explained club president Colleen Leary.

To assist in educating students, the Peace Club scheduled McDaniel as a stop for the Bring Them Home Now Tour, a rolling bus rally and series of panels that,

according to the Tour's website, includes military "families, veterans of the Iraq War and veterans of previous wars."

The Tour launched on the final day of August near President Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas, and culminated with the United for Peace and Justice Mobilization protest in the District of Columbia on the weekend of September 24-26.

With about two dozen people in attendance to see the panel speak in Decker

Auditorium, Tour members conveyed their opinions on the War in Iraq, a majority of them urging their audience to consistently question the government.

The speakers delivered narrations concerning their direct experiences with the war: Hart Vigas, of Iraq Veterans Against the War, described his time in Iraq while serving with the 82nd Airborne; Beatriz Saldivar and Tia Steele, members of Gold

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K.A.R.E. Formed

ROB GOEKE
CO-EDITOR

From a Car Wash to a South African a Capella singing group, to coin drives to selling T-shirts, many in the McDaniel community are doing what they can to donate to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

"People know what damage this hurricane did," said Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre. "They want to bond together to help."

Because so many different efforts were taken on by a myriad of student groups, a coordinating committee

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PHOTO BY AMANDA ROSE

Members of McDaniel's Greek organizations participate in a car wash to raise funds for victims of Hurricane Katrina. K.A.R.E., which stands for Katrina Area Relief Effort, was formed to pool all the funds raised and then eventually contribute all that is raised towards a single charity.

Pigeon Zone: McDevitt Changes Ways Of Thinking

muring the room so contrary to its counterpart: G3.

It is these two parallel worlds—amazingly different for their like purpose of learning—that Associate Professor of Psychology Maggie McDevitt breaches daily, given to research and teaching with an equal but enthusiastic emphasis on understanding. With pigeons and discussion topics in tow, McDevitt crosses the loud yellow and crisp white to educate students on the concept of education.

"In fact," she said, "that is my ultimate goal." Her class, the Psychology of

Learning and Animal Lab, delves into the question of "how organisms make choices." Students are assigned a pigeon, whom they will follow through a series of experiments that document the pigeon's progressive reactions to several choices of food in the form of a lighted button. Once pecked, the button causes food to appear, but each button gives varying quantities. The result yields a greater understanding of the learning process in simple creatures, with a possible, exciting relation to more complex beings.

"[We're] uncovering learning processes that are the same for all species...[and] we are hoping to extend [this] to humans," said McDevitt. To present this to her class, McDevitt originally explained the process then had students test it, but with troubling results.

"I had students coming up to me saying, 'Dr McDevitt, my pigeon's not learning as fast as it should,'" she said. To combat these common frustrations, McDevitt realized the problem then changed her method of teaching. The next semester,

she told the class what to do, but did not explain the reasoning—a move that immediately highlighted the mutual learning between pupil and pigeon that McDevitt encourages.

"[Soon] they were pecking the key lights [themselves], seeing what the pigeons were seeing," she said. After around a week, McDevitt explained the actual reasoning to the class, and comprehension at what their animal performed came to light with almost as much intensity as the bright pecking-light their birds

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K.A.R.E To Help Support Katrina Victims

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1) named McDaniel KARE (for Katrina Area Relief Effort) was formed to pool all the funds raised and then eventually contribute all that is raised towards a single charity.

The committee consists of Associate Dean for First Year Students Jean Shin, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Sherri Hughes, Professor Tom Deveny, and Associate Professors Isabel Valiela, Debora Johnson-Ross and Susan Scott.

"This committee is not just about raising money," said Shin. "It is about helping the McDaniel community cope and deal with this tragedy and to find ways to pull together."

Scott's first year seminar class has made T-shirts that will be sold for a minimum \$10 donation, though, according to her, "a much larger donation will be accepted and hoped for."

The shirts, which are purple and feature a design with a heart within the McDaniel Arch will be sold in Kriel lounge throughout October and at various campus activities and athletic events.

"It would be nice if people could give an hour or half hour of their time to help sell shirts," said Junior Katie Bowen, who is the Peer Mentor for Scott's seminar.

Scott noted how first year students in her seminar and beyond were bonding to help produce and sell the

shirts.

"[Many first year students] saw this as a way for them to create their own collective identity," said Scott.

Another effort that occurred was a car wash on September 18 that was sponsored by the Sigma Phi Epsilon and the McDaniel Greek Community, which raised over \$1200 dollars.

The event was organized of junior Chris DeRose, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and members of each fraternity and sorority donated their time to help.

Also, the College promised to match whatever was raised by the Car Wash and the Westminster Old Navy promised to double what was raised.

This combined effort

by all Greek organizations did, in Assistant Director of College Activities Amanda Rose's mind, much to counter many of the negative Greek labels that have been sometimes perpetuated at McDaniel recently.

"This shows a lot that all the Greek organizations can work together for a good cause to raise lots of money," said Rose. "It shows the positive nature of Greek Life instead media-fueled negative stereotypes. [The car wash] is another example that there is more to being in a fraternity or a sorority is more than just the social aspects."

McDaniel also welcomed Thula Sizwe, an African a capella group on September 24 to perform a concert with all proceeds from

ticket sales going to the Katrina Relief Fund.

"It was a nice way to have students exposed to a new and different culture and to contribute to relief efforts," said Johnson-Ross.

Also, the DIVAs Affinity House raised roughly \$500 Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation through a coin drive that was held in front of Engler Dining Hall during lunch from Tuesday, September 6 to Friday, September 9.

Alpha Phi Omega sold Mardi Gras beads at various places around Decker College Center to raise funds as well.

Hoping to Inspire, Peace Club Meets

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Star Families for Peace, held back tears while depicting what it was like to lose their nephew and son, respectively.

Five days later, Leary and faculty adviser Dr. Tom Deveny ferried activists and protesters in a chartered bus to join the Tour members and thousands of others at the rally in D.C., an event that Leary noted as "one of our biggest projects this semester."

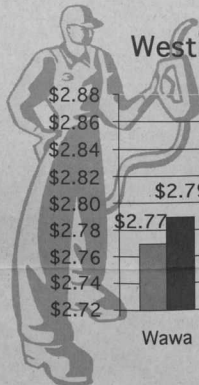
Aside from the protest, the Peace Club is looking into the installation on campus of a peace pole, a multi-sided, multilingual

monument that carries the message, "May Peace Prevail on Earth."

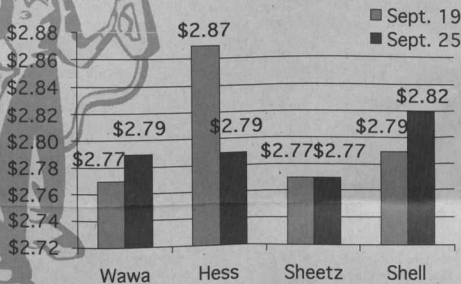
"I am very excited about [the peace pole] project," said Leary, "and think it would make a great statement on this campus."

In order to further their messages, the Peace Club also works with other campus clubs with similar purposes, including Amnesty International and the Environmental Action Club.

Stated Leary: "If I can get just one person to think and care about something other than keg parties, then I've made a difference."



Westminister Gas Prices



GRAPHIC BY EMILY BIONDO

Campus Safety blotter

Occurred From Date	Subcategory	Type	Offenses	Handling Name	Incident Status
9/29/05 12:02 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	No	Rouzer Hall	closed by report
9/29/05 12:32 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	No	Rouzer Hall	closed by report
9/29/05 1:12 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	Yes	Garden Apt	closed by report
9/30/05 1:52 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	Yes	Garden Apt	closed by report
9/30/05 2:09 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	No	Whiteford Hall	closed by report
9/30/05 2:03 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	No	Whiteford Hall	closed by report
9/30/05 2:21 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	No	Whiteford Hall	closed by report
9/30/05 2:34 a.m.	trespass	possession under 21	Yes	Historic Drive	closed by report
9/30/05 3:06 a.m.	drug violation	possession	Yes	Whiteford Hall	pending court outcome
9/31/05 12:09 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	Yes	Garden Apt	closed by report
9/31/05 12:20 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	Yes	Garden Apt Lot	closed by report
9/31/05 12:47:30 a.m.	disorderly conduct	drunk and disorderly	Yes	Garden Apt Lot	pending court outcome
9/31/05 2:13 a.m.	trespassing with fire equip.	trespassing	Yes	Historic Drive	inactive
9/31/05 3:17 a.m.	trespass	trespass	Yes	Historic Drive	pending court outcome
9/31/05 3:20 a.m.	robbery attempt	robbery attempt	Yes	Penn. Ave. House	open
9/31/05 12:08 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	No	Rouzer Hall	closed by report
9/31/05 1:15 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	Yes	Rouzer Hall Lot	closed by report
9/31/05 1:44 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	Yes	Jeff campus	pending court outcome
9/31/05 9:30 p.m.	theft	theft	No	Penn. Ave. House	closed by report
9/31/05 1:05 a.m.	assault	hand-to-hand	Yes	Garden Apt Lot	report incomplete
9/29/05 4:19 p.m.	hit and run	hit and run	Yes	Rouzer Hall	inactive
9/22/2005 2:38:00 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	No	Rouzer Hall	inactive
9/22/05 3:55 a.m.	trespass	trespass	No	Garden Apt	closed by report
9/23/05 11:09 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	Yes	Rouzer Hall	open
9/24/05 12:03 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	Yes	Rouzer Hall	closed by report
9/24/05 2:13 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	No	Blanche Ward Hall	closed by report
9/24/05 10:44 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	Yes	Blanche Ward Hall	closed by report
9/24/05 11:00 p.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	Yes	Historic Drive	pending court outcome
9/25/05 10:57 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	Yes	Blanche Ward Hall	closed by report
9/25/05 12:45 a.m.	trespass	trespass	Yes	Grill Center	pending court outcome
9/25/05 1:20 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	No	Blanche Ward Hall	report incomplete

Lighter Side of The Blotter Careful With Those Firearms

ANDY WU
STAFF WRITER

(Editor's Note: at a glance, the blotter doesn't reveal some of the insane reports to which officers respond. Wu's commentary highlights some of the unique calls)

On Tuesday, September 13, a group of students was documented for possession of facsimiles of guns in the Garden Apartments. As Mike Webster put it, "they were waving them around and screaming like idiots."

After approaching the rowdy band of desperados, campus safety officers realized the weapons were only toys...probably purchased at the Dollar Tree in a set containing an awesome plastic sheriff's badge and sweet crossbow.

Surprisingly enough, the students were most likely under the influence. But these gunslingers must have killed a

Texas-sized keg that night.

So much booze was consumed that the students didn't realize screaming and twirling guns out a window that is clearly visible

from campus safety is not a good idea. Probably not gonna get away with stuff like that.

They might as well set babies on fire and catapult them onto campus safety's new Durango.

An important lesson should be learned from this blotter. At McDaniel College, guns are generally frowned upon.

Other than that debacle, no big news. Apparently underage college students like to drink...that's about it. So here's a plea straight from my heart; if you're going to drink, at least do something stupid so you can be publicly humiliated in this column.

Be a team player, community service isn't that bad.

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JILL STONE
NEWS EDITOR

"When your asparagus is lean, blame the cheez whiz."

Confused? This is just one of the wacky sentences that has been written on a colorful sticky note and plastered on a random door. Two different sticky notes are then judged by other students in the house, and the votes are tallied up at the end of the semester.

Who are the originators of this random entertainment? In an attempt to bond with her other housemates, Erin Wilson invented the sticky note competition, and her roommate, Molly Bolek

followed. So far, the tallied score is 15 to 11, with Bolek in the lead.

Located on Pennsylvania Avenue, this tall white building houses nine students all together, with three double rooms upstairs, along with one double and one single room downstairs.

Entering into the creator's room, Wilson and Bolek are greeted by Bolek's fish, Penelope, and her stuffed dog, Patrick.

"She has a thing with P's," said Wilson, sitting under a Beatles poster of the fab four leaning over a balcony and pointing, as if they were looking right at her.

Wilson, however, is protected by a grouping of three Orioles players over her

bed, including Miguel Tejada in the center, who overlooks Eeyore resting in the corner. Her dresser is illuminated by red, green, and yellow lamps clustered together next to her television with the movie Serendipity resting on the top.

Around the corner and down the stairs, past the colorful array of sticky notes frames a large piece of paper reading, "Dear tall people, watch your head! Love, the wall." This has prevented many headaches.

Overall, this house reveals a legitimate attempt to make the best of the long hours of homework to come. But the most important thing to remember from this house is that "the rebel llamas love Yanni and you."



PHOTO BY JILL STONE

This house on Pennsylvania Avenue has a creative sticky note competition in progress, and colorful lamps and posters. One sticky note helpfully says: "Dear tall people, watch your head! Love, the wall."



McManners says... Be Polite to Professors

SHELLY HORN
STAFF WRITERS

Miss Manners, Judith Martin, has made a living for many years as an author and columnist who answers questions and gives advice regarding proper etiquette and manners in American society.

When searching the archives of Miss Manners columns, however, one finds that there are seemingly no columns dedicated to proper behavior and/or etiquette in class or on a college campus.

Where Miss Manners leaves a void, McDaniel Spanish professor Dr. Amy McNichols fills in with her "Faculty Pet Peeves" list.

Over the summer, McNichols conducted some groundbreaking research to assist her with teaching her fall freshman seminar class, Latino Culture in the United States. Though the class will focus on a number of different cultural issues, McNichols had concerns about communication issues that had arisen with many other first-year seminar advisors, and thought that conveying this information would be a great way to begin class and open lines of communication.

"I was struck over the summer about the concerns many first-year seminar advisors had communicating with their students: emails not addressed or signed, the tone reflecting that of a casual email to a friend, calls late at night to professors, etc." commented McNichols. "I thought it might be nice to address these things from the get-go."

McNichols decided to poll McDaniel faculty and

staff as to what their "pet peeves" were with regard to students and/or classes. She received an overwhelming response. Some comments were predictable; some astonishing, while others were just downright hilarious.

McNichols compiled the list, with names removed to maintain anonymity, and removed those comments that she believed did not apply to the classroom setting. She then distributed the list to her freshman seminar class. The list included repetitions so that students could see the frequency with which a comment was made.

"In my course we talk a lot about cultural differences, power structures and tolerance issues, so a dialogue about what is polite, differences in what people view as impolite behavior, and who decides what that means fits in very well," explains McNichols.

Though the list was met with mixed reactions, the overall goal of communication was fully achieved. Most class members agreed on what was "universally" rude but some behaviors fell into what they labeled "debatable or becoming outdated." With this, the class made two lists: "Do Not Do This" and "It's Debatable."

The following list is not the list compiled by McNichols' Freshman Seminar class, but rather one compiled by this reporter in the essence of space. Most specific comments fell into the following broader categories: communication, common courtesy/politeness, dress code, personal hygiene, downright hilarious/disgusting, and what this reporter refers to as "insult to injury."

McDaniel Faculty/Staff Pet Peeves (summary):

Communication Pet Peeves:

"When people leave a phone message and say, 'Hi, it's me.'"

"Unsigned e-mails, as if we know everyone by their e-mail addresses."

McManners says: Sign your e-mails with your full name.

Voicemail – If you leave a voicemail message, enunciate your name and leave your phone number slowly or repeat it.

Common courtesy/Politeness:

"Did I wake you?" (student to professor)

McManners says: Never call a professor at home unless specifically directed to do so.

"Did I wake you?" (professor to student)

McManners says: Never fall asleep in class.

Pet Peeve: "Yawning audibly."

McManners says: If you yawn and stretch with arms above your head, prepare to be

called on.

Pet Peeve: "Students who come into my office for help, their cell phone rings, and the student tries to carry on two conversations between me and the person on the other line."

McManners suggests:

Turn cell phone ringers off during class and for appointments with professors.

Do not answer cell phones during class or appointments with professors.

Do not read or write text messages on your cell phone during class.

Pet Peeves:

"Walking out in the middle of class."

"Coming in and out of the classroom during class."

"Habitual lateness."

McManners Suggests: Try to arrive to class on time. If you must enter the classroom late, please enter and sit by the door.

Insult to Injury:

"Did I miss anything important?" (student to professor)

* "I feel like responding, 'no, I just stood up there and babbled for 90 minutes,'"

McManners says: Never, Never, Never miss a class then ask the professor, "Did I miss anything important?" Of course you did.

Dress Code Pet Peeve:

"Wearing ball caps in class."

"Pajamas – Pajamas are not appropriate attire for class at any time of day and especially not for class presentations."

McManners says: If dressing is too much of a chore before an early morning class, sleep in your clothes!

Tongue-jewelry – "My pet peeve is students who give presentations without removing their slur-inducing tongue jewelry."

McManners suggests removing the jewelry BEFORE class as there is seemingly no polite way to remove it in public.

Personal Hygiene Pet Peeves:

"Not showering before an early class so that the entire classroom smells like either a locker room or brewery...or both."

"B.O....yes, body odor is like a bad joke and should not be tolerated. Shower or stay out of class."

Not showering? Ok, McManners thinks it's embarrassing that this one even shows up. Be clean.



Daniel Kinno Comedy

The Pain of Being a Foil for Cracks and Comebacks

DAVID P. GREISMAN
STAFF WRITER

The comedian scanned the audience packed into the pub at McDaniel College, searching for a target on which to unleash his sardonic wit. There, seated directly in front of him, a man writing fervently, seemingly not paying attention.

I knew I should have sat in the back.

I had been assigned to cover the comedy night for the McDaniel Free Press, and following the ethic that I abide

by while attending classes as a student or events as a journalist, I got as close to the action as possible.

What a bad idea.

Daniel Kinno, the opening act who has barnstormed the country, bringing his comedy routines to college students from coast to coast, excels at audience interaction, and for a good portion of his time onstage, I provided a willing foil for his cracks and comebacks.

With that full disclosure aside, we can discuss the

true stars of the night, Kinno and Roy Wood Jr.

Kinno's routine, which spanned fifty minutes, included wide-ranging observational humor on topics like the legalization of marijuana, hunting and commercials for feminine hygiene products.

But where Kinno truly shined was in his back-and-forths with students, improvisational moments that displayed the comic's versatility and willingness to make jokes on the

fly. The crowd was eating it up, even when it was Kinno that was hungry, ordering a meal from the pub staff mid-routine.

Following Kinno was Roy Wood Jr., a comedian based out of Birmingham, Ala., that has appeared on Comedy Central, CBS's Star Search and BET's Comicview.

Wood's forty minutes were spent bringing down the house with topical humor on subjects such as fertility drugs, strip clubs and the high costs of dating.

Oozing charisma, Wood exhibited no fear of crossing the line, making racially related jokes and, slightly more than a week after Katrina struck New Orleans, experimenting with hurricane humor.

Wood, a graduate from Florida A&M with a bachelor's in broadcast journalism, is like Kinno in that he spends a majority of his time playing shows on the road at a mixture of universities and clubs.

REVIEW

Chess Is a Challenging Workout For the Mind

JOE CHILDS
STAFF WRITER

The earliest remembrance of chess I have is sitting on the hardwood floor of my Uniontown home, 14 years ago, hovering atop a chess board. Alone, in silence, I examined the position I had created. Much like one would gaze at the stars, intrigued by their complexity and unknowingness; I sat there in utter contemplation trying to understand what I was looking at.

This early fascination led to a passion with the game of chess that I now hope to make contagious at McDaniel College.

Not too long ago the college welcomed the McDaniel College Chess Club to campus in which I'm the president.

More than 13 members gathered to talk about the game and play. And the playing will continue - Fridays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Freeman Room (the basement of Decker). All are welcome, faculty, staff, and students.

It is important to keep one's mind healthy in order to maintain peak performance, especially for college students who spend considerable

amounts of time studying and taking tests.

So how does chess exercise the mind? How would one keep their mind in optimal condition? The game has many aspects that involve different parts of the mind.

Chess does this by utilizing different aspects of the brain-creativity, memorization, intuition, logic, and spatial intelligence.

The game has also enlightened me on a broader scope. Through countless games of chess there is one important lesson that I have learned: the value of patience. Impatience is the root to a sure blunder. Only will an attack suffice when all the moves are made at exactly the right time.

If the move order changes, just slightly, even though the plan is the same, the outcome will be completely different. So when you see a move that looks promising, stop, and think of a better one. I have applied this lesson many times in life, whether it's dealing with unmanageable people or taking an exam, patience has taught me that accuracy counts more than quantity.

Still, with all the knowledge I have gained from seriously studying the game

for three years I have only begun to scratch the surface of my own potential.

I am a scholar of life and of chess. This is the magnificence of life and chess; there is always something to learn. I always find myself in a new position or situation, much like the seven year old boy I was, hovering atop a chess board learning something for the first time, captivated.

I invite everyone to come and experience the game for their first or hundredth time. Come and work out in our mental gymnasium.



Joe Childs ponders his next move.

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For More, For Some, For Less: Cowboy Boots

CHANAN DELIVUK
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STAFF WRITERS

It's all about the cowboy boots this fall. Let's face it, Uggs are ugly and totally out of fashion. Don't get booted aside in the tread line, get the look that keeps on stepping.

For More: Steve Madden Lonestar. These babies will run you \$163.95 at your nearest department store, but they are well worth it. These boots are made from genuine leather and will last you many fall seasons to come.

For Some: Kaya Wyatt. If you want a good boot that you don't have to spend your entire paycheck on, get your hands on these. These boots will run you \$79.99 at Jockey's.

For Less: Wall Mart Universe. This will blow your mind, but these boots only cost \$7.51. They may not be made from real leather but they look just as authentic as the real ones and have just as much style. If you don't have the cash, these boots should do just fine.

There are many differ-

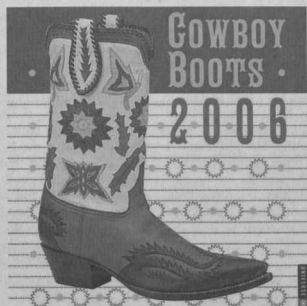
ent types of outfits that you can pair your new cowboy boots with, but there is some apparel that you should always stay away from, this includes:

-Flare jeans. Flares will just look stupid. Pick up a nice boot cut jean.

-Khaki pants. Khaki's just aren't hot enough, stay far away from them.

-Shorts. This is pretty self explanatory. No one wears shorts in the fall.

-Tee-Shirts. Keep it classy. Pick up a nice sweater or a hot tank top.



McDevitt Brings Zeal for Teaching to Class

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encountered in test-

ing. "They had a much greater appreciation for their pigeons [by the end of it]," she said. This focus on the students' understanding clearly defines McDevitt's teaching style—one that lends con-

for the student's educational well-being, coupled with a passion for the field.

"[I] try to figure out why they should care and [then] try to get them to care," she said, adding, "If they could just see how incredible what they're studying is." Her zeal for psychology

bridges linoleum and carpet, being apparent outside of the lab as well. Class time provides animated discussion, and students find themselves absorbed.

"I enjoy coming to class," said Dinah Pyles, a senior Psychology-Sociology dual major. "I definitely feel like I'm learning." Pyles described McDevitt as a "down-to-earth" professor who makes everything seem uncomplicated.

"She's not like, 'I have a PhD I'm above you guys...She definitely makes things more simple than what they may be,'" she said. Pyles could even recall her first day of class, explaining the preliminary discussion of "Do we really have free will?" with

apparent ease and understanding.

McDevitt herself values discussion as well as general student interaction, calling it one of her favorite aspects of class.

"Having those personal relationships adds a lot to your day," she said. She enjoys the enthusiasm from her students in class and labs, but McDevitt does not expect that much.

"Sometimes I'm surprised how engaged they are," she said. With this student solidarity, then, McDevitt's purpose of dual learning between pigeon and pupil is no impossible task. In fact, even after only a month, at least one student seems to get it.

"[It's like] wow, we're studying a pigeon to learn more about ourselves," said Pyles. Two worlds, two signs, one common purpose, and one teacher in the middle. The joining of those two signs, white and yellow, small and loud, produce an even more imposing message, no contrasting black type required: mission accomplished.

CAMPUS JOB: CLEANING PIGEON CAGES

EMILY BIONDO
STAFF WRITER

The term lab assistant brings to mind beakers and goggles; it evokes test tubes and tweezers. Maybe a white coat, maybe some gloves, who knows? Maybe even some intense experiments. And yes, perhaps that famed helper of Dr. Frankenstein, the hunched Igor.

Anything. Anything but pigeon poop.

Hired on the spot after a brief interview at the semester's start, freshman Katie John started her job as lab assistant for Dr. Maggie McDevitt's pigeons, cleaning cages every other day, feeding, and watering the birds.

"I didn't know it was about pigeons," said freshman Katie John, upon learning her primary job description. "I was a little surprised." Now that classes have started and the initial shock worn off, John tends seven cages regularly, as well as cleans the floor. The price for this service?

Ten dollars an hour.

"I thought it was amazing," said John, "I was expecting minimum wage." Money, however, isn't everything, and spending so much time with ten pigeons gives way to more personal relationships.

"I think they recognize me now, said John. Some birds have already been named affectionately by students, ranging from Mary to Duncan to Squishy. John favors Mary, while having less than warm feelings for a—not surprisingly—unnamed pigeon, number 143.

"He pecks me whenever I get near the cage," said John. All in all, however, nothing traumatic has occurred, and John is pleased with her part-time profession.

"My friends keep asking if they poop on me, but they haven't. They're pretty good," she said.



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Senior Matt Yates handles pigeons that are used in Dr. Maggie McDevitt's class.

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"No News Is Good News:" The Story of a Soldier's Girl

JANE LIBERT
STAFF WRITER

My heart felt like it had stopped beating when I answered the phone that night in May. My boyfriend, Terry had been in Iraq for the past six months. His sister and I spoke often, but never this late. Why was she calling me? While I hoped for the best, part of me knew right away that I was about to hear the worst.

"I have some news," she said calmly, though I

could tell by her voice she was holding back tears. I immediately began to shake and cry, expecting the worst. "He should live...but it is bad." I trembled as I uttered "What is it?" She asked me if my dad could drive me to their house; she didn't want me driving alone. She would tell me everything when I got there. I got off the phone and slowly got up from my chair. I was dizzy and sick to my stomach, fighting the urge to collapse. I went into my living room where my dad was sitting.

"Dad..." I got his attention. Suddenly I lost control. I began crying hysterically, trying to yell out the words as I fell to the floor in tears.

In a small farming town in southern Iraq, Terry guarded his patrol base with fellow soldiers the night of May 26. He was called out to accompany a small convoy of three humvees to assist a unit out on patrol. Terry was the gunner in the first humvee; it rolled over a bridge along the way. An Improvised Explosive Device (I.E.D.) was strapped

to the outside railing of the bridge; a tripwire ran across the ground. In the dark, nobody could see it. The blast went through the front passenger side, killing Sergeant Mark Maida, Terry's best friend. It severely injured Terry and the driver.

The night of Memorial Day, a bus arrived at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. We waited hours to see Terry and finally, we were escorted into the surgical intensive care unit. He suffered a broken jaw,

a broken femur, a three inch piece of shrapnel to his right eye, shrapnel wounds covered his body, and his entire right calf was blown away. He was so swollen I could hardly recognize him. He had lost a great deal of blood because a major artery in his leg was severed. At the time he was heavily sedated and unresponsive to any of his loved ones as we gathered around him. It wasn't until a few days later that he actually opened his eyes or acknowledged us

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McDaniel Students Rally for Peace In Washington

COLLEEN LEARY
STAFF WRITER

"Bush lies, who dies?"
"War is not healthy for our children"

"Build up New Orleans! Shut down the war!"
"No more blood for oil"

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, then we shall have peace"

"Our problem isn't civil disobedience, it's civil obedience"

These are just a few of the signs that filled streets as an estimated 250,000 poured into DC on Saturday to protest the war in Iraq. Among them was a group of nearly forty students, faculty, and community members from McDaniel. It was an exciting turnout given the usual sense of apathy many students exhibit.

"A bunch of people showed up that I would have never thought I'd see at a rally," says student junior Maaret Klaber. "This is the first time that something like this has gone on at McDaniel and it really shows the potential for future mobilization efforts on this campus." The group, ranging from freshman to retirees, also illustrated the

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cross generational affect that this war has had.

As we stepped off the metro and approached the Ellipse to begin the march, the magnitude of the rally hit me. There were just so many people, such an outpouring of humanity. For me, it was inspiring and encouraging, but when I asked some of the students I was with if they thought it would really make an impact or change anything, they replied "No." It saddens me to see that our generation doesn't really believe they have the power to make a difference, even though history has shown that college-age adults are always among the forefront of change in America.

Before the actual rally, speakers such as Cindy Sheehan, a mother whose son died in Iraq, inspired the crowd with powerful messages such as "How many more lives are going to be lost?" and "Shame on you Bush." Political, human rights, environmental, and religious organizations lined the streets with informational tents pro-

viding protesters with flyers, stickers, pins, t-shirts, signs, and other ways to get their message across.

The march, which began late due to the massive number of people filling the streets and backing up the subway system, started at the Ellipse and moved down Pennsylvania Avenue until thousands were shouting outside of the White House. Many protestors played drum beats on plastic barrels encouraging the group to chant along to statements like "What do we want? Peace! When do we want it? Now!" and "One: We are the people! Two: A little bit louder! Three: We want to stop this war now!"

Separated from the protestors by a barricade of police officers were a group of advocates for the war, mostly family members of soldiers in Iraq and the occasional religious fundamentalist proclaiming Bush is a Christian and he is doing the godly thing. For these people I had a few words: First of all, I think

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PHOTO BY DR. TOM DEVENY

War protesters march from the Ellipse, down Pennsylvania, and past the White House during a peace rally on September 24. The mood was somber and, as pictured above, festive.

Opportunities Abound: A Personal View of ROTC's Changing Role in the War, America

LTC MARK MARTIN
FACULTY CONTRIBUTOR

Many of the Army leaders fighting for our country overseas are graduates of ROTC. It was in programs like those here at McDaniel College that those men and women learned arguably their most valuable trait: leadership.

ROTC does not train cadets for combat, something that has long been a misconception in the civilian world. What ROTC does is build a foundation, one which teaches people how to lead and get the most of themselves and oth-

ers. In fact, ROTC is considered one of the world's best leadership programs. It has among its graduates people like retired general and former Secretary of State Colin Powell, Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton and astronaut Col. Nancy Currie.

Not everyone who participates in ROTC makes the military a career. And that's all right. Our classes are open to any student on campus, regardless of their goals. The mission of the Department of Military Science is to offer the best leadership training in the world and motivate our stu-

dents to be better citizens. The leadership skills a student learns will help him or her lead in a corporate boardroom just as easily as in the Army.

Our success is evident. This fall, our class roster, which include students from McDaniel College, Mount Saint Mary's University, Hood College and Carroll Community College, are the largest this program has seen in the last 30 years.

The military science department's four instructors are veterans of the war in Iraq and, through our varied experiences serving there, have observed not only the condi-

tions Iraqi citizens are living under now, but also the conditions under which they lived while Saddam Hussein was their dictator.

So it is no surprise that anyone in the McDaniel Army ROTC Department would be asked our opinions about the war on terrorism. After all, the ROTC students and instructors are perhaps the only contacts students and faculty have with the military.

While we welcome members of our campus community asking us about our experiences, our opinions on the war are irrelevant. As professional soldiers, our job is to

follow the lawful orders of our civilian and military leadership. It would clearly be inappropriate for us to attempt to second-guess them.

That said, we encourage those looking to better themselves or those who want to know more about what we are all about, to visit us on the second floor of the Gill Physical Education Center or call us at (410) 857-2727 and see what ROTC has to offer. It can make a world of difference in their lives.

(LTC Martin is an assistant Professor of Military Science/ Recruiting and Operation Officer)

Deveny Asks: Why Be Interested in the War in Iraq?

TOM DEVENY
FACULTY CONTRIBUTOR

Why should you be interested in the war in Iraq? After all, how does the war affect you?

Every war has costs, both human and economic. On the human side, there are the lives lost and lives destroyed. The American Friends Service Committee recently sponsored the "Eyes Wide Open" exhibit at Johns Hopkins University, displaying one pair of boots for each American soldier killed in the war. Seeing 1900 empty boots (close your eyes and imagine it!) provides a visual impact that is somehow stronger than merely thinking of the num-

ber. There have also been 14,362 American soldiers wounded. And let us not forget the other side. Innocent civilians are often the ones who most suffer in war. Conservative estimates put the number of dead at almost 26,000. The prestigious British medical journal *The Lancet* published a peer-reviewed article one year ago that put the number at over 100,000. Aerial bombing and missiles killed many innocent victims. Does that have any impact on you? That our tax money—yours and mine—has caused such death and destruction? Which brings us to the economic costs of the war. I have a hard time relating to the number \$196 billion.

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But I do relate to \$2,000.

That is how much the war is costing us PER SECOND. And the spending on the war is causing havoc on our debt situation. The final two years of the Clinton presidency marked the largest federal budget yearly surpluses in history: \$123 and \$230 billion, respectively. During the last two years, we have had the largest yearly budget deficits in history: \$378 and \$412 billion. And many of the costs for our overseas military operations are off-budget. Meanwhile, the Bush administration wants to reward the members of what he has identified as his constituency, "the

haves and the have-mores" with another huge tax break by permanently repealing the estate tax, which will drain \$1.5 billion per week from the U.S. treasury. We are a nation that is like an individual who has gone crazy using a credit card (advice to students: do NOT rack up credit card debts). Who will pay all the interest on the debt? YOU and I (and our children) will. Does anyone benefit from the war? American companies like Bechtel and Halliburton (former ceo: Dick Cheney), which increased its federal contracts from \$0.4 to \$8.0 billion over the past four years. According to Corporate Watch, these firms, together with eight other American companies,

also "have paid more than \$300 million in penalties since 2000 to resolve allegations of bid rigging, fraud, delivery of faulty military parts and environmental damage."

President Bush led the nation to war citing weapons of mass destruction and fomenting the idea of a connection between 9-11 and Saddam Hussein.

Since neither was true, one can only surmise that we are at war based on lies and deceit, or on total incompetence. Unfortunately, the idea that they (Iraqis) attacked us still persists,

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War Not Ideal, But Sometimes It's Necessary

ANONYMOUS
CONTRIBUTOR

I am not happy about the United States fighting a war in Iraq. Nor was I happy about the attacks on the citizens, the USS Cole, our embassies, and the World Trade Center. Iraq invaded Kuwait and was defeated. Numerous UN resolutions were ignored, yet many still feel the war in Iraq is not justifiable, that weapons of mass destruction were a lie.

I feel that the ideas presented in the constitution of the United States hold true. Those who have the ability to

stand up against injustices have the duty to.

I feel obligated to stand up for a war I believe in, yet I don't feel comfortable standing up and being identified.

Why could I not use my name?

Professors make known their political ties, and grades are often affected by those views. It is the sad truth.

There is no mystery to voluntary disarmament. The world knows from examples set by South Africa, Ukraine, Kazakhstan what it looks like when a government decides to cooperatively give up its weapons. Instead of commit-

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ment to disarm, Iraq has a high-level political commitment to maintain and conceal its weapons, this is led by Saddam Hussein and his son Qusay.

Instead of full cooperation and transparency, Iraq has filed a false declaration to the UN that amounts to 12,200-page lie. The declaration fails to account for or explain Iraq's efforts to get uranium from abroad, its manufacture of specific fuel for ballistic missiles it claims not to have, and the gaps previously identified by the UN

in Iraq's accounting for more than two tons of the raw materials needed to produce thousands of gallons of anthrax and other biological weapons.

This reflects the regime's reputation for dishonesty and constitutes a material breach of the UN Security Council Resolution 1441, which set up the current inspections program. Iraq is not allowing inspectors "immediate, unimpeded, unrestricted access" to facilities, or people involved. By

both its actions and inactions, Iraq is proving not that it is a nation set on disarmament, but a nation with something to hide.

It is amazing that we have been trying to remove Saddam Hussein from power since the Gulf War. In the 2000 election both candidates spoke out about the need to deal with Hussein. Gore was perhaps even more emphatic than Bush. In 1998, congress passed, and President Clinton

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Family's War History Shines

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Imagine you're thousands of miles from home in a country where nobody speaks your language; everything is foreign to you. All you know is that the residents of the country relay to you through their stares.

Their looks could kill you. The hate in their eyes goes through your body.

Now, you have to defend your country. Easy enough? Pick up your gun, shoot another human being? Could you do it; would you survive?

Millions of Americans have fought for this country, and my respect for them is

immeasurable. War is unnatural; it goes against every instinct our bodies have. So, I have immense respect for anyone who fights for our country, especially those already close to my heart.

Several members of my family have served.

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WAR IN IRAQ

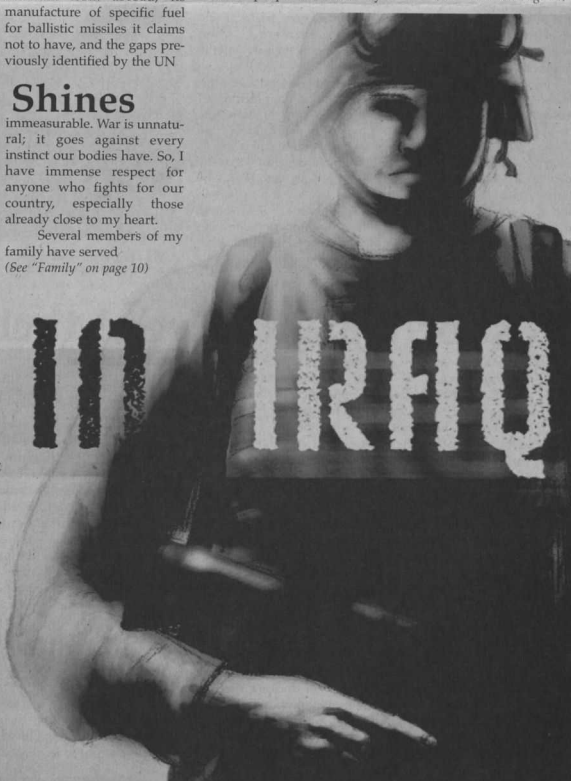
A coin has two sides for a reason. Day and night exist for a reason. Tough issues like the war have two sides. This week's center spread explores the war in Iraq. Questions are not answered completely. It's your job to figure out what it is.

Over There

The day is coming.
Drums are drumming.
If you know one say a prayer.
Mothers crying.
Fathers sighing.
War is in the air.
Trains filling up with boys.
Who have left behind,

Their favorite toys,
They're going over there.
Someone has to die (over there, over there).
It's not our job to reason why (over there, over there).
O someone has to die.

Lyrics from FX show's theme song "Over There"



Gaining New Perspective After Loss of a Loved One

SHELLY HORN
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Change. Growth. Spontaneity. Many people enjoy a life filled with the unpredictable and feel stifled by regimen. Not me. In fact, for the most part, I'm the polar opposite.

That's not to say that I don't like to try new things. I do - as long as I know the date, time, and place - and it's planned far enough in advance for me to comfortably approach it. I've never been one to embrace change and, until recently, became slightly anxious in the face of it.

Toward the end of the spring semester, I looked forward to my first class-free summer season for four years. I dutifully began making a list of things to do with family and friends, once final exams were completed: a concert, an

Oriole game, a Frederick Keys game, dinner theater, a play, a theme park, a water park, a beach trip...the list was fairly long and summer had not yet begun.

I completed my last final exam at 11:30 a.m. on May 12th. This sigh of relief was a short one.

On Friday, May 13th, my mother-in-law was admitted to the hospital for health complications caused by her recent cancer treatments. She was too weak to endure further treatments and, with no other medical recourse, she was released from the hospital into family hospice care.

She lived with her husband and daughter in Owings Mills who took care of all her daily needs; medication, meal preparation, documentation of blood pressure/heart rate, changing oxy-

gen tanks, scheduling and transporting to appointments.

Inevitably, as she began to have more complications and her health deteriorated, they needed help - someone just to sit with her, feed her, and talk to her while they worked, went grocery shopping or just left to get some fresh air.

They asked for my help and we mapped out dates/times that I would come over to give them a reprieve. With my mechanical pencil pressed to my DayRunner, anxiety quickly set in - not only about the care giving aspect, but all of it.

It occurred to me with a rush of vertigo that I couldn't plan all this out.

When classes begin, I write them in for the whole semester. It struck me, as I penciled in a

couple weeks worth of dates, that this hospice schedule, like a semester, had an end date. But that date

was up in the air - unplanned. Writing in too few care appointments made me feel like a pessimist and yet I knew that writing in too many would be painful later, as each turn of a page would remind me of her death.

I decided to write in only two weeks at a time.

Six weeks later, she died.

In those six weeks, for which I'm thankful, I learned quite a bit about my mother-in-law, her strength, her faith, and her willingness to contemplate and embrace change in the face of the worst possible circumstances. Watching her cope with radical change - a

fast, downward spiral in her health and her loss of physical independence - and watching her meticulously plan in preparation for the ultimate change - her impending death - caused a change in me as well.

I gained new perspective on the changes in my life that I consider to be difficult; I learned that anxiety and stress should be reserved for those situations that truly warrant it.

My anxiety over minor schedule changes or disruptions to routine became trivial. I'm now thankful that at least my routine eventually returns to normal. Turning pale and gasping for breath when my oldest daughter mentions getting her driver's license became melodramatic.

At least I'll be around to watch her drive.

Rally for Peace in D.C. Affects Students

(Continued from the center spread)

many people view us as unpatriotic and not supporting the troops, but that couldn't be more wrong. We do support the troops and that is why we want them to come home instead of die in a war based on lies. Secondly, any real Christian knows that the Bible says, "pray for your enemies" and "thou shalt not kill." In fact, some protestors carried signs that read, "What would Jesus do?" followed by horrific pictures of killed and wounded civilians, mostly women and children. To proclaim that Bush is a Christian and therefore a righteous leader is one of the worst arguments for this war I have ever heard. How can he be pro-life when he supports so many losing their lives in the war?

At the end of the day, my throat was sore from screaming so much. I am against the war in Iraq and I am fortunate I have the freedom in this country to express my opinion. Just because I think our government is making some bad decisions, doesn't mean I am unpatriotic. I love my country and that is exactly why I question its leaders. We must remember that the people should have the power in a democracy and not allow ourselves to be lead blindly. My hope as an activist for peace on this campus is to encourage students to become more aware of the problems in the world around them. To think for themselves and let their opinions be heard. To be the difference that makes a difference.



Cindy Sheehan, the slain soldier's mother who camped outside President Bush's Texas home, and Reverend Jesse Jackson (center) join the rally for peace.

Cost of War Involves Much More than Cash

(Continued from the center spread) presence.

Terry was in the hospital for two months. Every day I sat beside him, not allowing myself to cry so that I may offer him all of my strength. For the first few weeks, I was not allowed to kiss him and only allowed to touch him wearing latex gloves. The doctors were still concerned about foreign bacteria that the insurgents could have incorporated into the construction of the bomb to cause severe infection. I stayed overnight in his hospital room at least three nights a week, alternating shifts with his sister and mom. We never left him alone for fear that a haunting memory of his experience would awaken him. It did quite frequently. The doctors said it was very

uncommon for someone who had undergone such trauma to remember anything about what had happened to them. He remembered every detail. One night in L.C.U. he cried telling me that every time he closed his eyes he heard the wheezing sound of Maida's last breaths. That was the only time I let myself cry in front of him. Even the nurse cried as she listened to us talk.

Now, over three months after the horrible incident, Terry is finally at his home in Gaithersburg. Because he lives so near to the hospital, he is able to be driven there a few days a week for an array of doctor's appointments and physical therapy so that he may learn to walk again. He is permanently blind in his right eye. In addition,

he has lost all hearing in his right ear. He has a metal rod holding in place his still broken femur. His calf will never build up to an even somewhat normal muscle again. Despite all of these misfortunes, in some ways, Terry is lucky. He can live at home and commute to Walter Reed. He can hug his family and talk to his friends. He can kiss his girlfriend and take comfort in the presence of loved ones.

Spending so much time there I met many soldiers and learned many stories. Most of the soldiers were from out of state and were only given an opportunity to visit home for a few weeks after spending months in a hospital room, miles away from their families. Many family members were forced to leave jobs,

that could allow only so much time off for flights back and forth across country on a weekly basis.

So many of us observe the frequent updates on the War in Iraq on TV or in the newspaper; we hear about the soldiers killed and wounded. While people show sympathy for these men and women, rarely do they truly consider the nightmares that unfold every day. For every soldier killed in the Middle East, a family must get the news by a man in uniform showing up at their door. For every soldier wounded, there is a family receiving a phone call like the one I got which changed my life. Almost every call means a loss, whether that loss be a life or a lifestyle. Terry will not be able to hear, see, or walk nor-

mally again. His injuries will limit him for the rest of his life. They will prevent him from engaging in simple pleasures that may lie ahead such as running around playfully with his future children. Sadly, he is one of thousands of wounded soldiers who have returned home, many of whom face similar losses.

So the next time you hear the statistics on the cost of this war, think not only about the amount of cash invested, but also the number of casualties. Know that America's investment in this war involves cashing in not only soldier's lives, but thousands of their relatives and loved ones as well. This tragedy confirms that in the life of a soldier's girl, no news is good news.

Stop "Bitch" Trend

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Well, it looks like everyone is a bitch. During my morning, afternoon, mid-afternoon, early-evening, and late-evening away message checks, I find myself being called a bitch more and more: "I'm in class, bitches." - "Shower time, bitches." - "I went home to take care of my ailing little sister...bitches."

Quite frankly, I'm confused and somewhat offended by this growing trend. Is it a self-esteem thing? A joke, perhaps? A way to make your daily activities seem naughtier? I don't get it.

Even religious activities come complete with the insult: "Bitches, I'm in church giving thanks and praise to the Almighty God."

Are you kidding me? Now Facebook groups are in on the trend: "I Have Five Fingers on Each Hand...Bitches!!!!!"

How about we start

complimenting people in these forums?

"I'm in lab and I won't be back for a few hours, you hotties." - "I'm getting all hot and steamy...in the shower! PS: I love you."

Or maybe a simple truth in your away message could shake up the average AIM user: "I'm currently sitting in my room, staring up at the ceiling, pondering whether or not the hot dog I had in Glar today was tastier than the vegetarian cous-cous. But why the hell did you need to know that, anyway? Leave a message."

Regardless, this trend is becoming more and more ridiculous as it grows in popularity, and I'm beginning to find it laughable that we feel the need to call everyone a bitch when we update them on our whereabouts. But whatever, it's time for my afternoon away message check.

Peace out, bitches.

Turning Back the Pages

Compiled by Laura Hutton

September 28, 1926
The Gold Bug

Before the start of the new school year, freshmen are thrown into nearly a week of orientation events. Lucky for all us freshmen, the events are much different and the sophomores are much nicer than they were back in 1926. This gulf is portrayed in an article that was published in McDaniel's second newspaper, The Gold Bug, 79 years ago. It details "Rat" rules sophomores girls created for the freshmen girls. Here are just a few of them...

- "Sophomores must be addressed as 'miss' and 'ma'am'."
- "No powder, rouge, or lipstick may be used except on Sunday."
- "Green bows must be pinned on left shoulders with safety pins."
- "Freshmen must carry dictionaries and look up words for sophomores."
- "There must be no conversing with men except at the table."

Aren't you happy that these rules have since been abolished?

Some may expect the seniors to be meaner than the sophomores, but it's the other way around.

While the sophomores worked on their outlandish rules, the seniors planned an informal dance. At this dance, the seniors and freshmen got along very well. When polled whether or not they enjoyed the dance, the freshmen voted it "the best ever."

Social Life Must be Hurting to Hit "The Wall" - Or is it?

CHANAN DELIVUK
STAFF WRITER

Yes—it's finally Friday and the weekend has officially started. You begin thinking about the fun things you may do during this lovely weekend and hope that some of your crew will already be conjuring up some plans.

Much to your surprise, however, this weekend is going to be—yet again—a drag. Classes have ended for the day, Glar weekend menu has began and, as you sit and wait for your cell to ring with an informant of a happening party on the other end, you catch what we can now call "the wall" disease.

But, what exactly is this communicable disease and how exactly does one catch it?

I'm afraid the answer is so self-explanatory that by me writing it out for you not only associates me with the disease, but actually adds me to the list of people who have it. So, here's my story of just how exactly I got 'caught up'.

Ok—so it just happened to be one of those Saturdays. Typical Hill drama, from what to wear to where to go, in hopes that lame wouldn't be a word to describe the night when chatting with the girls in brunch about it the next day.

Phone call after phone call ended us in a parking lot outside Garden Apartments. CS decided that hanging outside the apartments was unacceptable, the Solo cups were emptied, Mike Webster was angry, and lame was definitely past-due. Which, in turn, ended me and my girls at no other place, but "the wall."

You have walked by it, seen it, been to it, sat on it, and maybe even (I dare hope not) have enjoyed yourself there. Yes—I said it—"the wall" outside of Blanche that everyone goes to and hangs out doing nothing hopeful with their lives and has conversations with CS only to be told, "so, umm, it's like 2 a.m....you guys think you're headin' out now...it's getting

pretty late." Because here even the CS are your friends—hell, they caught the disease, too.

And that ladies and gentleman is how one is able to catch a disease without even knowing it, is able to spread the disease without trying, and is able to talk about it, days after even, knowing quite well that it's a sad way to describe what you did this weekend.

According to answers.com, there are several definitions for the word lame, some more absurd than others. But, one in particular that does happen to describe exactly what happens to you when you catch "the wall" disease goes a little like this, "someone who doesn't understand what is going on. Synonym: square."

Let's just hope that next week my girls and I will have something to do, somewhere else to go, and be the ones who understand what is going on outside the square of "the wall."

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ASL Sign of the Week

DEAF



<http://www.lifepoint.com/asl01/pages/signs/d/deaf.htm>

The tip of the extended right finger touches first the right ear and then the right cheek near mouth.

If you are left handed, translate everything that says right to left.

War is Needed

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signed the Iraq Liberation Act. In 1995, the CIA tried to organize a coup against Hussein, it failed. After September 11th, it became apparent that simply going after Al-Qaeda was not going to be enough to prevent future attacks.

How can you effectively target terrorists protected by the power of a rogue state? You can't! The training, resources, and protection provided by those states is the very thing that enables a group like Al-Qaeda to become capable of pulling off the sort of attack we saw on 9/11.

President Bush has commented on this very idea numerous times, stating "Our war on terror begins with al-Qaeda, but it does not end there. It will not end until every terrorist group of global reach has been found, stopped and defeated...Every nation in every region now has a decision to make: Either you are with us or you are with the terrorists."

Iraq has been a nation that provided aid and a "safe haven" for terrorists with "global reach". After 9/11 anyone who does not see the potential danger of allowing terrorists to be sheltered by an America hating regime that was working on weaponizing ricin and that could produce mustard gas in two months has an insufficient understanding of what our country faces. The UN security council has averaged better than a UN Resolution per year for over a decade, the last of which was approved unanimously, demanding that Saddam fulfill the obligations agreed to at the end of the Gulf War.

But, why should anyone take the UN seriously when even a despised dictator can slide by the UN multiple times with no response other than impotent new resolutions? I am not happy the military is risking their lives, but it could be worse. Instead of

fighting the finest soldiers in the world in Iraq, Al-Qaeda could be murdering unarmed American civilians, at a time and a place of their choosing.

The influence of a free Iraq could in time lead to a free Iran, a free Syria, a free Lebanon, a free Saudi Arabia, a free Egypt, etc. What we must remember about Iraq is that it's not simply an optional war like Bosnia or Haiti, it's an essential part of the war on terrorism and our efforts to bring Democracy to the Middle East. The Bush administration's decision to take down Saddam and help the Iraqi people build a better, freer country is not only right but in America's best interest.

To believe that the US deliberately lied about weapons of mass destruction over the 27 other writs for war passed by the US Senate, one would have to believe that the Clinton administration and most Democratic senators were lying all during the 1980's, during the debate over their war resolutions in October 2002, that European intelligence was lying, that Arab governments who warned about the tactical use of WMD were lying, and that U.S. commanders in the field who ordered their soldiers to wear protective gear in unbearable heat were part of the lie as well, as was their own independent military intelligence.

It is ridiculous to keep chanting "lies". Muslim terrorists claim that their "sacrifice" is done in the name of Allah, if only a mere 1% of the 1.3 billion Muslims around the world are operating as terrorists that means that there are 1.3 million terrorists. No country in the world has a standing army that large. American's are the greatest target, and also the greatest friend to Israel.

Nothing could be more justified than taking action against protecting your people and freedom throughout the world.

Students, Raise Your Voices About the War in Iraq Now

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and this is based in part on both continued statements by the administration and by the promotion of this falsehood in the right-wing media. The University of Maryland did a study asking people two questions about American foreign policy. Was there a link between Saddam Hussein and Al Qaeda? And did we find weapons

of mass destruction in Iraq? They then asked for each person's source of information. The answer to both questions is no. For non-print media, those with the highest numbers of incorrect answers watched Fox News; those with the highest number of correct answers listen to National Public Radio. So you must be a discriminating and critical consumer of the news.

Before the war began, even Henry Kissinger criti-

cized going to war with Iraq, since a pre-emptive strike represented a new and dangerous turn in foreign policy. And it is scary to think that the Washington Post reported on September 11 that the Pentagon now has a draft strategy for preemptive nuclear strikes. And our invasion has caused the CIA's pre-war criticism become true: Iraq is now the raison d'être (and magnet for) large numbers of new fundamentalist terrorists.

The idea that Saddam Hussein was a dictator and a tyrant who needed to be removed brings up two problems. First, our government supported and armed Hussein (the famous video of President Reagan's special envoy Donald Rumsfeld shaking hands with Hussein is another striking visual image.)

And there are many other dictators and non-demo-

cratic regimes throughout the world that we don't invade; indeed, we accept and support them.

Why should you care about the war in Iraq? Out of compassion for fellow human beings (Iraqi civilians, Americans soldiers and their families) who suffer because of it. Out of care about fellow classmates and friends who might have to go to Iraq and possibly kill or be killed. Out of concern for your own economic well-being. And if you don't think that one person makes a difference, the example of Cindy Sheehan shows us otherwise. Don't be apathetic about this war. Raise your voice to end this war now.

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Family History Supports Troops

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and I was fortunate to learn their stories. These members have been involved in the fighting during World War I and II, Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq. Both sides of my family have been immersed, and each experience differs from the next.

On my father's side of the family my grandfather, uncle, and father were all involved. My grandfather lived in Canada for much of his early life. He fought during WWI in England for the Canadian army. Throughout the Korean war, my Uncle Wally was a second Lieutenant. My father was a captain and worked on base as a dentist for the other soldiers. Granddaddy Jack, my mother's father was a radio operator in planes that flew over Africa during WWII.

After the war, he swore never to get on a plane again in his life, and he never did.

My mom's brother, Uncle

Mike, was in the Air Force during Vietnam and was stationed in Cambodia. Since he was a part of the military police, he was sent to a crash site to secure the bodies and arrange for them to be shipped back to the United States. The smells and images he witnessed have stayed with him, and they probably will the rest of his life. Uncle Mike's daughter, Elizabeth, joined the Navy when she graduated from high school a few years ago. While in service, she met her husband James and they were both trained as medics.

Last year, while James was helping some marine who had been ambushed, he was shot six, maybe seven times before he jumped out of a second story balcony. James was saved by his bullet proof vest; however, one of the bullets is still in his leg. That bullet will be an eternal reminder of the gruesome experiences throughout the war and espe-

cially that day.

James signed up to go back to Iraq, he is not there now, but will be.

Overall, my family was involved in many major conflicts over the past hundred years, and luckily they survived.

I am incredibly proud of all these members of my family who have put their lives on the line for our country, no matter what. Some of them fought during times when nobody wanted American involvement. They fought at times when they also had to fight for respect at a time when it seemed few people respected the soldiers who fought and surrendered their lives.

Vietnam is a perfect example of this lack of respect. Even today, people's opinions on the war in Iraq differ. Everyone has the right to their own view, but whatever stance you take make sure to always support our troops.

"What do you think is the reason behind the war in Iraq?" Compiled by Cori Simpson



60 Seconds



"The war is based on oil and money."
-Kova Blake, Senior



"The reasons are unclear, however, no matter what those reasons may be, we have now, a distinct responsibility to lead that country to a better quality of life and at the same time secure ours."
-Vince Augustino, Senior



"I think we're over there based on lies and it's giving the U.S. a bad name. We should be working on problems over here (like Katrina) before thinking about problems overseas."
-Jen Minor, Freshman



"I think that the war in Iraq was started in an attempt to put a public face on the war on terrorism - to show that the government is doing something."
-Ian Hines, Senior



"I think the Iraq war is about Bush trying to define his presidency."
-Dane Weber, Sophomore

Math Behind Cubs and Sox = Love + Hate

ROB GOEKE
CO-EDITOR

Grab your notebooks kids. It's math time. See if you can figure out these equations:
Chicago + Baseball =

X

Cubs + White Sox = Y
X is Pain. Y is Hatred.

"And you say Chi-city...we don't stop, no we don't quit." Common.

Love isn't easy. It wasn't ever supposed to be. It is something you struggle with, work at, fight for. Because deep down, you know the highs of true love are worth the pains of the lows.

That's why there are still White Sox and Cubs fans. Because we know that in the end, all we've been through will be worth it. At least that's what we tell ourselves every year.

In Chicago, few things are sure. But there is stuff you can set your watch by: It will

snow on Halloween and in May. At least of half of WGT's play list will be R. Kelly or Twista. And come October, there won't be a baseball champion.

It's been that way, at least for the latter, since 1917. And the city has two damn teams. It's near a century for the Cubbies. At least the Sox are only closing in on 90 years.

Read that paragraph again and ask yourself if you know true sports pain. No matter who you root for, you don't. We do.

In Chicago, you're either with the Cubs or with the Sox. There's no flexibility or choice. Rooting for both isn't an option. It can't be.

One's American. One's National. One's identity is lovable. The other's is gritty. The Cubs have a theme song called "Go Cubs Go." The Sox credo is "Win. Or Die Trying."

One represents the bars on Rush Street and the yuppies that come to night

games still dressed in business attire. The other stands for Cabrini and the South Side, Harold's Chicken and the fans whose heckling is always rated NC-17.

Cheering for both is like being Democrat and Republican. The difference is too stark. The philosophy is too distinct. Thus, hatred began and has lasted to this day.

Karma is the evening out of life. The epitome of what goes around comes around. Many believe that it is an Eastern philosophy without legitimacy or credence.

But if you're a Chicago baseball fan, you know it exists. We haven't won a World Series in so long, not because of curses, but because of karma. The baseball gods have seen the hatred we've espoused on each other and have paid both the White Sox and Cubs back for it.

Long ago, I fell for the Cubs with the ivy, the tradi-

tion and Harry Caray. But this love led to a heart broken many times over. I became bitter and hateful. Like most of my brethren, I took it all out on the South Siders. At one point, I even owned and proudly wore a "Sox Suck" shirt. But time has come to stop the madness.

"Be the change you wish to see in the world." - Gandhi

I feel a shift going on within me. As the White Sox neared a historic collapse, I didn't find myself cackling in delight as I saw another loss scroll across the ticker but I felt a tinge of sadness.

It wasn't torturous like it would be if the Cubs were falling apart, but grief welled up inside. I realized a truth that only true Chicago baseball fans realize: Someone winning it all would be beautiful for the city.

So I have carved out a new identity for myself: Cubs superfan, White Sox sympa-

thizer. For the only way the pain is to end is for the hatred to stop.

The Cubbies have been the definition of mediocrity this year. The Sox have fallen apart, but if they are there in he end, support will come from me. I just want to see Ozzie and the boys have a chance.

Will I be bitter if they win it all? Absolutely. But many in my city will celebrate. And that can't be a bad thing.

Chances are you don't call the Midwest home. Chances are you pull for neither of these teams or this city. So why care?

Because there are too many pained fans in the greatest city on Earth. Because deep down, you understand what we go through every October.

For once, for the next few weeks, send your love our way, to the Midwest side. We promise to send it back.

Field Hockey

"Sticks" Together

MERIDETH ADAMS
STAFF WRITER

The Women's Field Hockey team has started out their season remarkably with a record of 4-2. Though losing to #1 ranked Salisbury on September 21, with two wins in a row against Lynchburg and Washington and Lee, the team feels that they are stronger than ever.

"Working well as a team and taking advantage of our scoring opportunities helped us to win both games this past weekend in Virginia," explained Junior Stephanie Capps.

The girls had two other wins against Susquehanna and Notre Dame.

While the team is made up of many talented players, the girls that are predicted to be successful this season are Caitlin Potter, Carolanne Bianco, Lindsay Ricks, Colleen Nugent, Nicole Mele and Lindsay Schneider.

The only loss the girls have seen so far this season was against Elizabethtown.

"We were scoring back and forth the whole game," said Junior and Captain Carolanne Bianco. "But they came back and scored two goals in the last

eight minutes."

Despite their one loss, the girls only continue to get better as the season progresses.

The team uses the saying "teammate on the field, friend off the field" to explain their team unity.

"When we're on the field we don't let our friendship get in the way of how we play," Bianco explained. "If someone isn't doing their best we let them know and try to help them out even if we have to be somewhat critical."

Team dinners and outings have also helped the girls stay united.

A fast front line and strong defense will give the girls a chance to make it through the Conference Tournament and go on to the NCAA's.

Bianco concluded, "We have the potential to be successful this season. We have a great team strategy but we need to adapt to other team's strategies during games, and we just need to work on putting the ball in the goal."

The Terror will look to rebound in the coming weeks following a loss this past Saturday to conference opponent Muhlenberg, 2-0.

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Volleyball in "Relentless Pursuit" of Wins

MERIDETH ADAMS
STAFF WRITER

"Any team can beat any other team on any given day." This is the attitude that the Women's Volleyball team has going into every game. Their goal this season is to never underestimate their opponents, and with a record of 4-6 they will continue the rest of the year with this same attitude.

Senior captain Krista Eiser feels that everyone on the team plays a very important role. "It is impossible to pinpoint certain key players because our team has so many," Eiser says, noting that

by not singling anyone out, the girls are able to maintain strong team unity. "We are very team-oriented. It feels like we spend every waking hour together," Eiser explains. The only thing the girls feel they need to work on this season is their communication on the court.

The best win the team has seen this year was against Gettysburg. This was the first time the girls had beaten Gettysburg in fourteen years, and they feel that this match was the best the volleyball program has seen in years. "It was a true underdog victory and an amazing start-

ing off point for us in the season," said Captain Sarah Fessler. "We greatly appreciated the support that we received at that match and would love to see continued support throughout the rest of the season." The team's other three wins were against Salisbury, Wilson and Villa Julie.

With strong serve receiving and strong defense this year, the girls are looking forward to some more wins. "Without our defense, we have no offense, so that's what we pride ourselves in," Fessler concludes. "Our motto this year is 'Relentless Pursuit.'"

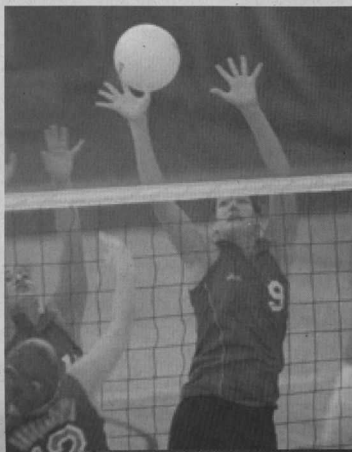


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Sarah Fessler goes up for a block. "Without our defense, we have no offense, so that's what we pride ourselves in," Fessler recently explained.

Football Undefeated, Tennis and Golf Preparing

MIKE HABEGGER
SPORTS EDITOR

Football: The Green Terror football team received an exciting scare last weekend (9/17) in an overtime win against Catholic, 37-36.

Meikos Parker rushed for a game-high 105 yards and three TDs, earning Centennial Conference Offensive Player of the Week.

After leading 17-0 in the first half, but allowed Catholic to score 17 unan-

swered points to make the score 24-17 in the fourth quarter. Backup QB Brett Gibson threw a touchdown to Jamie Unger as the clock ran out to induce overtime. After a series of missed and blocked PATs on both sides, McDaniel kicker Jay Leonard sealed the victory following Parker's dive into the endzone on a fourth and one.

Drew Abbamonte intercepted two crucial passes and tallied 10 tackles in the game to elicit the conference Defensive Player of the Week honors.

The Terror had this past weekend off, and will face Ursinus on October 1st in a Centennial Conference competition.

Tennis: Men's and Women's Tennis had a warm-up match last weekend (9/17). The Men beat Villa Julie 5-4 while the Women won 8-1.

Katie McLean and Helen Brooks won in straight sets for the Women. Doubles Danielle Magid / Emily Taylor and Georgina Kafes / Whitney Hines won 8 games to none.

Standouts for the Men

were singles winners Bill Ross (0-6, 6-2, 6-2), Mark Winkelstein (6-1, 4-6, 6-3), and Adrain Pettaway (6-4, 6-7 [2-7], 6-4), the 4-6 players in the lineup. Brian Kastner and Winkelstein teamed up to defeat Villa Julie's Ryan Morse and Korey Garner to provide the decisive win.

The match was the only competition for the teams this fall.

Golf: Green Terror golf was also in action last weekend. As defending Centennial Conference champions, both teams will face stiff competition in the spring. Coach Scott Moyer told the McDaniel Freepress last year that "Playing in these early tournaments helps to build confidence."

The Women finished 4th out of four teams at the Lehigh Invitational on 9/16, a tournament where they finished 3rd out of six teams a year ago led by All-American Kelly Cramp. Junior Christine Malkiewicz, who figures to be a standout conference player again this spring, recorded an 86 at the Kutztown invitational and an 88 at Lehigh.

The group will travel to Lewisburg, PA to play in the Bucknell Invitational on Saturday, October 8th.

The Men have been a little busier, picking up right where they left off last year with a first place finish at the Wesley Invitational on 9/8. Steve Perrone shot an unprecedented 68 on the course to lead the Terror to a one stroke victory over perennial winner Wesley. Senior Pat Hayes, junior Gary LaBreck and sophomore Gerry Butler also shot in the 70s. Sophomore Steve Meier shot a 72 for the B team.

The team also finished a respectable 7th out of 15 teams at the Randolph-Macon Invitational in Ashland, VA on 9/17. Low-scorer for the Terror was LaBreck, who recorded a stroke total of 151 for the two days.

Both teams look forward to playing in the 1st Annual Waegner C.U.P. golf tournament on Sunday October 30th.



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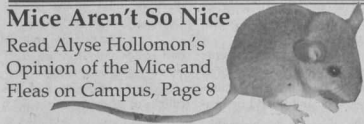
Meikos Parker attempts to escape the clutches of a Catholic defender during McDaniel's 37-36 overtime win against the Cardinals. Parker rushed 23 times for 105 yards and three touchdowns to earn Centennial Conference Offensive Player of the Week honors.

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Mice Aren't So Nice

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Tee shirts, like this
Phi Sig slogan, say
everything these days.
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Green Terror football
defeated Ursinus last
weekend in their sec-
ond home game last
weekend. See high-
lights from the game
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See what's so special
about this Suburban
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Two Students Attacked

BETHMCLANE
CO-EDITOR

Two attacks on
McDaniel College students
that occurred October 9, 2005
have the college community
on alert. The attackers do not
attend McDaniel, according to
Campus Safety reports.

The Department of
Campus Safety (DoCS) alerted

the college community by
posting signs around campus.
The sign states: "On 10/09/05
there were two separate
assaults that occurred early in
the morning on campus. Both
involved non-student assault-
ing students. Both occurred in
the area around Smith House
and the alley behind the PA
Ave. houses at the lower end
of campus. One of the assaults

involved a grey Cutlass
Sierra."

The names of the stu-
dents have not been released
and details about the incidents
are limited since it is an ongo-
ing investigation.

Throughout Sunday
and early Monday morning,
there was a flurry of IM's,
emails and calls around the
(see "Attacks" on page 8)



Cadet Aaron Fatcone smiles for the camera during a leadership reaction course obstacle. The cadets recently spent a weekend training at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA.

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ROTC Training Cadets

BENJAMIN GLASS
STAFF WRITER

Over the weekend
of the 23rd to the 25th of
September cadets from the
Green Terror Battalion partici-
pated in a field training exer-
cise at Fort Indiantown Gap,

P.A. The exercise included
leadership evaluations on a
series of obstacles both in the
field and in the barracks.

For the first time in
a couple of years cadets were
also able to fire and qualify
with the M16A2 service rifle.

"It was the first

time I fired anything bigger
than a 22, it was definitely an
experience, especially to hear
all those rifles going off at
once," said cadet Alex
Becker.

At the firing range
cadets were drilled on the
(see "Cadets" on page 5)

Science Earns High Ranks

SHELLY HORN
STAFF WRITER

McDaniel students
preparing for a medical
career can feel confident
that they're in good hands.
Though there is no labeled
pre-med major on campus,
McDaniel students consis-
tently perform above the
national average on the
MCAT, the standardized
test for medical school
admission, and enjoy a
high acceptance rate into
medical school.

Dr. Sam Alspach is
the pre-med advisor.
Alspach counsels students
who express an interest in
attending medical school
and informs them of class-
es required by medical
schools, general require-
ments, testing procedures
(MCAT), and the applica-
tion process.

McDaniel Junior
Kaitlin McLean, a biochem-
istry/biology dual major,
and Senior Biology major
Melissa Wisner are two
such students.

McLean aspires to become
an ER doctor and Wisner
hopes to enter a family
practice.

"I have wanted to
be a doctor since I was a
child," said Wisner. "My
favorite toy was a fake doc-
tor's kit."

(see "Science" on page 2)

Fleas and Mice Infest Several Dorm Rooms

JILL STONE
NEWS EDITOR

It started with the
faint scratching against the
walls, following with the
nervous glances between
roommates. Could it really be
the scurry of a little hairy
monster? Or maybe they were
just hearing things?

The roommates idly
return to their studies, their
ears straining for the next
unfamiliar noise. And then,
the dreaded moment happens.

Those prickly little hairs brush
against a toe – prickly hairs of
a mouse.

Students in Blanche
and Whiteford have been
sharing their rooms with mice
since the opening days of
school. Now the mice have
biting fleas and the students'
patience is wearing thin.

"The mouse problem
is not campus wide," said Mel
Whelan, the building services
coordinator. In fact, most of
the mice have been caught in
Blanche.

Ellen Inverso said that
she has kept a tally with the
other girls in Blanche as to
how many mice they have
spotted and caught. So far
they have caught 11, and seen
25, scurry around in their closets,
in the bags of Cheez-Its,
and in trashcans.

"I was having trouble
studying," Inverso said. "I
didn't sleep in my room for
about a week." She called
maintenance, and had them
check every nook and cranny
of her first floor dorm room.

Although they could not find
any holes for the mice to
escape in to, they did believe
that the mice were coming
from the Bachelor's clubroom
downstairs.

"I believe that some of
the furniture that was stored
over the summer may have
become the source of the
mouse problem," stated
President Joan Coley. "...and
therefore, the fleas as well."

Inverso said that the
old furniture were like
"mouse mansions," and once

they were moved to higher
floors, the mice moved out of
their summer home and into
the corners of dorm rooms.

And what is
McDaniel doing to rid the
buildings of these repugnant
vermin?

"Maintenance has
been great," said Inverso.
"Every time we had a mouse
they have taken care of it."

But why have they
kept coming back? And what
could they possibly be bring-

(see "Fleas" on page 3)

Science Department Graduates Rate Well

(from "science" on Page 1)

"I will be the first doctor in my family," she added. McLean attributes her interest in medicine to her mother.

"I became interested in medicine because my mom is a pediatric nurse practitioner," she said.

One reason both students gave for choosing McDaniel for pre-med is the excellent reputation of the science programs and the impressive medical school acceptance rate.

"Currently we enjoy a very high acceptance rate for our students," boasted Alspach. "Almost all of our students who apply go to a medical or other professional school. If we did do the statistics, we would be 90% or above."

In addition, McDaniel pre-med students are well-prepared for the MCAT.

"Our students almost always score above the national average which generally will guarantee them an interview," explained Alspach. "This is a very difficult test; it takes one full day to complete (8-4) on a Saturday, and covers all the major science disciplines as well as English Composition."

Most medical schools require at least one year of classes within the major sciences.

"All candidates for medical school, dental school, and veterinary medicine have to complete the following

required courses: one year of biology, one year of general chemistry, one year of organic chemistry, and one year of physics," said Alspach.

"These requirements apply to all medical schools worldwide. Some schools will require additional courses; for example, calculus, biochemistry, and genetics."

The heavy dose of the sciences may cause a change of heart for some students or, at the very least, dissuade them from medical school specifically.

"On average, there are about 40 to 50 freshman students who declare an interest in pursuing a career in the medical fields," said Alspach. "By the senior year, there are approximately 10 students who wish to attend medical school, and an additional 1-2 with an intention to go to dental school, and an equally small number who desire to go to veterinary school."

It may appear from these statistics that students with an original interest in the medical field had a change of heart. This may not so as these numbers track only those entering some sort of medical school, but not the medical profession as a whole.

"While these numbers may indicate a large attrition, that is not completely accurate, because some students have decided to go into an allied field of health - physicians assistant, nursing, podiatry, etc.," explained Alspach.

"Others may be

going on to graduate schools in fields closely associated with medicine, for example, immunology, genetics, biochemistry, and molecular biology."

What's McDaniel's "secret to success"? The secret is no secret at all and is seemingly a powerful academic triad: smart students, a strong multi-disciplinary education, and a good reputation with medical schools.

"Our success is due

in part to the education they receive from our faculty, both in the sciences as well as across the campus," commented Alspach. "Our students are good thinkers and have shown themselves to be as good as or better than other students from highly prestigious colleges."

Pre-med students must not only attend classes, but do well in them, exhibiting responsibility and dedication.

"Acceptance to medical schools is a self-selection process," added Alspach. Namely, students realize that they must have a high GPA to be competitive, and that receiving C grades will not get them very far in the admissions process."

"Added to that is our track record; medical schools also do their homework and know us and the caliber of students we train."

Getting "Into" Sharks, Cats and Mudpuppies

Daring science majors at McDaniel College come head to head with all kinds of critters during a dissection lab. Students investigate the innards &outers of a number of different animals including sharks, mudpuppies (which are a lot like salamanders), and cats. The closest most of us have ever gotten to a shark is watching one on Animal Planet.

As an outsider, one might wonder how the students feel about required dissection labs. Katie Hickey, a Biology major, explains, "I think it's really interesting. I could do without the smell of course, but being able to see all the anatomy up close is really fascinating."

Her biggest fear is not having to handle a dead animal, as it may be for the rest of us, but rather, "accidentally cutting something important out or destroying tissue (that needs to stay intact) while searching for different structures."

Dr. Wilbur Long, a Biology professor who guides dissection labs, lists the benefits of dissections including, but not limited to "the physical skills of dissection, mechanical properties (size, shape, texture, etc...) of tissues and organs, and a sense of the students own genetic relationship to other organisms."

Why sharks, mudpuppies and cats? What does the Biology department look for when selecting specimens to be dissected?

The specimens must be "easily obtained, at a reasonable cost, easily preserved, large enough that special equipment isn't required, small enough for convenient handling and storage," and a representative of the anatomy one wishes to investigate, rather than an extreme form," Long explains.

Dr. Long shares a story highlighting the humorous side of students in the Biology department: "One of the college tours years ago encountered a student laid out on a dissection table as if dead with another one in a red-stained lab coat "dissecting" him. It raised a bit of a stir in the tour group."

-Cory Simpson

Lighter Side of The Blotter: Potty Problems

ANDY WU
STAFF WRITER

(Editor's Note: at a glance, the blotter doesn't reveal some of the inane reports to which officers respond. Wu's commentary highlights some of the

unique calls.)

Thank you McDaniel campus, my call for idiocy has been answered. Crimes involving human excrement are simply hilarious.

If I could think of one sight to see before I die, it

would be Ray Lewis tackling a rhinoceros. But immediately behind that, I would like to witness a drunken college student pushing over porta-pots and spewing doo doo everywhere.

On October 1st, a

campus safety officer was lucky enough to view such a spectacle. The vandal was stopped on the football field where he switched gears from potty crimes to boxing a tackling dummy.

He was so focused on

the fight that he continued the round even while being interrogated by campus safety. The student was cited for destruction of property and spreading poop all over the place.

Speaking of DOP, don't park your car on Historic Drive. Apparently someone on or around campus has an uncontrollable compulsion to slash tires.

Since September 29th, nine cars parked on Historic Drive have been vandalized by a serial tire slasher.

These crimes strike me as completely senseless and therefore I must conclude that no one in our intellectually stimulated community would commit such atrocities.

It was probably some townie who, realizing he will never own a car, was driven by envy to vandalize our property. Its only natural he turned first to slashing tires.

All his life he has been cutting stuff up. French fries, Pizza, lines of coke - people's actions are influenced by familiarity.

Still, he needs to be caught. And when he does, I propose we throw him in a porta-pot and push it over. He'll be covered in feces.

Campus Safety blotter

Occurred Date	Subcategory	Type	Building Name	Incident Status
9/22/05 2:39 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	Rouzer Hall	open
9/22/05 3:55 a.m.	vandalism	property	Gunn Plaza	inactive
9/23/05 11:09 p.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	Garden Apt	closed by report
9/24/05 12:03 a.m.	tampering with fire equip.	fire extinguisher	Rouzer Hall	open
9/24/05 2:13 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	Walkway	closed by report
9/24/05 10:44 p.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	Blanche Ward Hall	closed by report
9/24/05 11:00 p.m.	disorderly conduct	failure to obey	Historic Drive	pending court outcome
9/25/05 12:02 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	Blanche Ward Hall	closed by report
9/25/05 12:45 a.m.	trespass		Gill Center	pending court outcome
9/25/05 1:20 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	Blanche Ward Hall	closed by report
9/24/05 8:00 p.m.	vandalism	structure	Penn. Ave. House	inactive
9/23/05 7:20 a.m.	assault	hands/feet	Baker Chapel	open
9/26/05 8:05 p.m.	tampering with fire equip.	fire extinguisher	Rouzer Hall	inactive
9/26/05 8:05 p.m.	tampering with fire equip.	fire extinguisher	Rouzer Hall	inactive
9/27/05 9:00 p.m.	tampering with fire equip.	fire extinguisher	Albert Norman Ward Hall	inactive
9/28/05 6:00 p.m.	vandalism (8 separate autos)	vehicle	Historic Drive	open
9/30/2005 12:43 a.m.	decency offense	public urination	Garden Apartments	closed by report
10/2/05 3:00 a.m.	theft	from buildings	Penn. Ave. House	inactive
10/1/05 9:50 p.m.	vandalism	property	Bair Stadium Lot	closed by report
10/2/05 12:55 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	Smith House	closed by report
10/2/05 2:40 a.m.	assault	other simple	Garden Apartments	closed by report
9/28/05 12:00 p.m.	vandalism	vehicle	Historic Drive	open

Where Does Our Tuition Money Go?

DAVID P. GREISMAN
STAFF WRITER

Whether your tuition bills are paid by you, your parents, scholarships or any combination of the above, exploring where the money goes might make signing off on the next payment a little easier.

It is difficult, if not impossible, to provide a dollar-for-dollar breakdown on how just the tuition is spent, because the college lumps income from tuition, room and board into its total revenue, the latter of which then being budgeted for use.

The college charges total tuition fees amounting to \$46,801,000, but an estimated \$18,092,000 of that is covered by financial aid provided by McDaniel College. The remaining \$28,709,000 in tuition, along with \$6,659,000 in room and board, accounts for 76.09 percent of the school's revenue.

According to these and other figures provided by Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice presi-

dent for administration and finance, the school will take in projected revenue of \$46,480,000 during this fiscal year.

McDaniel's budget currently allocates 99.35 percent of the revenue to be spent in certain categories, with the remaining \$300,000 held as a contingency surplus for unexpected expenses.

A breakdown of McDaniel College's revenue and budget:

As noted above, money from tuition, room and board makes up 76.09% of the college's projected revenue. The remaining \$11,112,000 will come from:
 Σ An annual subsidy provided by the state of Maryland to help support the quality of education (5.32 percent of McDaniel's revenue).
 Σ Fundraising for the operating budget, such as private gifts and grants that are directed to the annual fund (4.52 percent).
 Σ Endowment income taken from the college's investment portfolio (6.49

percent).
 Σ Grants from outside sources, provided and used for specific purposes (expected to be about 1.5 percent).
 Σ Other sources, mainly income from McDaniel's auxiliary enterprises like summer conferences on campus, the golf course and the rental of the bookstore space to Barnes & Noble (6 percent).

McDaniel's budget is broken down into seven separate areas, constituting \$46,180,000 of the total revenue. The money will be spent as such:
 Σ \$16,755,000, or 36.28 percent of the budget, is slated for Instruction, which includes faculty salaries, teaching supplies and special lectures.
 Σ \$8,377,000, or 18.14 percent, for Institutional Support, the administrative operations that do not include academic or student services. This category encompasses the offices of the president, provost, security, finance,

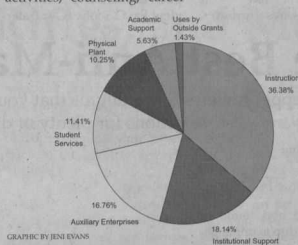
administrative computing, institutional advancement (fundraising), as well as the school's post office.
 Σ \$7,740,000, or 16.76 percent, for Auxiliary Enterprises, intercollegiate athletics, admissions, and the registrar and financial aid offices.
 Σ \$4,733,000, or 10.25 percent, is for Physical Plant, the maintenance and operation of the grounds, buildings and cost of utilities.
 Σ \$2,598,000, or 5.63 percent, is earmarked for Academic Support, endeavors that assist students' educational like the library and classroom technology.
 Σ \$708,000, or 1.43 percent, is expected for uses designated by outside grants.

As McDaniel College is a not-for-profit institution, any remaining surplus not used for unexpected expenses are put back into the budget.

operations that generate revenue for the school. \$3,495,000 of this amount (7.57 percent)

goes to the residence halls, \$3,536,000 (7.66 percent) to food services like Englar Hall and the other outlets, and \$709,000 (1.53 percent) to the golf course, bookstore and summer conferences. Including room and board, these operations will bring over \$8.5 million in revenue to McDaniel.

Σ \$25,269,000, or 11.41 percent, goes to Student Services, which Seidel explains is "any of our offices that support students but are not part of our academic programs." These offices include student affairs (e.g. college activities, counseling, career



College Fights Flea Infestation

(from "Fleas" on Page 1)
-ing with them?

Elise Clark, a freshman on Whiteford's third floor, is concerned about the biting bed bugs in her room.

"I woke up one day with bug bites all over my legs," she said. "But they didn't itch, so I worried me." After rushing to Smith House, Clark was told that the fleas could have come from the foam party that was held on campus a couple weeks ago.

Kate Becker, who lives on the third floor of Blanche, said that she has heard of many girls on her floor with flea bites, and has also spotted mice shuffling around the dorm rooms.

"My friend had a mouse in her room last night and I saw one on first floor of Blanche on Saturday night, just climbing up the wall," Becker said. After cleaning her room, Becker found a large hole between the baseboards and the carpet, which could be the cause for the mice getting into the bags of Easy Mac cheese, and rummaging around in closets.

"I feel that if I pay so much to come here, at least keep the dorm clean and sanitary," said Becker. "I feel gross in the room...multiple rooms have cockroaches, fleas and mice."

President Coley understood the student's concern, and took action. "My information says that it is not a widespread problem," she said. "I understand that we immediately got an exterminator in to take care of it."

Whelan described the process of spraying one girl's dorm room to dispose of the fleas. "We fumigated her room twice, shampooed carpets and gave her new mattresses," he said, "and she hasn't had a problem since."

Clark said that once her Whiteford dorm was sprayed three days after the bites were spotted, the fleas never returned.

Inverso said that maintenance tried to spray her room, with a sort of "mouse heroin" that made the animals wander outside before they died. This seemed to work for a period of five days. After this break, however, Inverso had caught seven mice, one of which a shrew, in the live trap within a period of a day and a half.

Inverso said that she has heard that one mouse had actually shaken off fleas when stuck on a trap.

In order to clean the clubrooms and the dorms, Whelan said that the school is "working with fraternities and sororities to clean up those rooms, and they have been very cooperative." Without having a mouse complaint in about a week, Whelan believes that they are "getting a handle on things," and will also continue to clean the rooms.

With all the attempts made to resolve this problem, Inverso, and others, hope that their next critter visitor will come from Stuart Little, and not his pesky cousin.

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Here, T-Shirts Speak Louder Than Words

COLLEEN LEARY
STAFF WRITER

We've all seen em'-those catchy t-shirts spouting wild phrases or a funny play on words, but why are we so fascinated with this seemingly simple form of apparel?

For Greek life and many other organizations and clubs on campus it is a way to set their group apart from others while sharing a sense of unity and often an inside joke within its members. These self-designed masterpieces include APO's, "I did it on the Hill" and the pom squad's, "You may hate us, but your boyfriends don't."

While these shirts provide for a quick laugh, others have been a little more controversial like the Women's Issues group's,

"McDaniel loves Vaginas" or the Sig Ep's, "We don't need tractors to pull hoes."

Women's Issues president, Katlyn Hood explains, "We wanted people to become more comfortable with the word vagina and by seeing it on a t-shirt, they do. I actually haven't had many people offended by it, more just shocked, but overall good reactions."

Other groups take a more serious approach to the message their shirt is sending like the Alpha Sig's, "These are the times when ordinary men are asked to do extraordinary things."

"We believe it's important to differentiate from other groups on campus," explains Alpha Sig president Pat O'Toole. "Our fratern-

ity is a lot about accountability, our motto is to 'better the man' so while some groups just chose a funny t-shirt, we like something more meaningful."

T-shirts with attitude aren't just limited to groups. Many individuals rock shirts that uniquely express who they are. You can often catch senior Warren Sims wearing a shirt that contains scripture or a Biblical message.

"T-shirts allow you to say what you want to say without having to say it," states Sims. "This allows for any criticism to be less directed at you personally."

Random quotes, political opinions, and other attention grabbers can be seen on the chests and backs of students all over campus. A random viewing of people out-

side of the library one day yielded the following selection of messages: "Not afraid to speak my mind," "Pale is the new tan," "My wiener does tricks," "Rehab is for quitters," "Thoreau sauntering society," "All I need is love," "Been there, done that, got the t-shirt," "My only drinking problem is that I don't have a drink right now," and "Narcotoleptics sleep around."

Custom shirts aren't just all about the look; they bring in the cash too. T-shirts have always been a hot fundraiser item boosting revenues for many groups. The Spider Web, a screen-printing and embroidery business, notes that they get at least two to three orders from McDaniel a month. The local manager feels that the rise in sales is

just a "trend."

Joe Dominic from Mr. Merch Graphics, another local t-shirt business run by two McDaniel alumni, explains why custom t-shirts are so alluring:

"People today like to customized everything from their cars to their clothes. T-shirts are great marketing and advertising tools, or just a way to be heard. They are not something you have to trick people into looking at because they are just out there."

Whatever the reason, t-shirts that say something are hot. We all read em' and whether we like what they say or not, freedom of speech has taken a new form and can now be expressed without even talking- gotta love that.

The Best Anti-Mainstream Albums to Have

Todd Knepper reviews three albums that you haven't seen on the billboard charts, but are worth a listen. There are selections for plenty of different music styles, so give something new a try.

Current Album:

Blackalicious - "The Craft"

The pure hip hop sound of this two man duo is unmatched. Products of the Bay Area, Producer "Chief Xcel" and front man "Gift of Gab" continue to ride the rhythm and extend Hip Hop's possibilities. "The Craft" possesses a unique start to finish mystique tied by a mechanical and adventurous sound. Blackalicious's beats aren't played out like others in the industry. Tracks like "World of Vibrations" and "Rhythm Sticks" create an aural journey by going beyond a simple looped break beat with a melodic chorus. This storytelling record is funky, spiritual, and lyrically valid. "The Craft" is a great pickup for anyone who enjoys good Hip Hop and thinks that everything has been said before.



Blackalicious

TODD KNEPPER
STAFF WRITER

Old School Album:

Ben Harper - Fight for Your Mind

Released in 1995, Ben's third album is in my opinion his most successful. "Fight for Your Mind" is a mixture of acoustic soul and wailing blues-rock/R&B. Influenced by the likes of Hendrix, Dylan, and Marley, Ben cries out his worldly views. Ben's message does not go unnoticed. With minimal instrumentation, consisting of acoustic, some electric, and slide guitars, his soul-folk singing is strict and powerful. This album traverses topics like global injustice, marijuana protest, oppression, and spiritualism. There isn't one weak track on the album. The content is thick, but simplistically brilliant. "Fight for Your Mind" is a recording that should be heard.



Ben Harper

Live Album:

Ozomatli - "Live at the Fillmore"

Ozomatli might be the wildest blend of musical styles, but I'm buying it. There music seems unfurled and natural. It's a crucial combination of Latin Salsa, Urban Hip Hop riffs, and Jazz-Funk. "Live at the Fillmore" captures a certain positive, care-free vibe that is often associated with the band. And by band, I'm talking ten plus technical and dedicated musicians. Ozomatli's sound takes you somewhere else, a good place though. It's really like eating at a Mexican restaurant, treading a big city, and lounging in your buddy's basement, at the same time. This recording gives you the raw essence of who exactly Ozomatli are. A few of the more catchy tracks on this release are "Saturday Night," "Dos Cosas Ciertas," and "Eva."



Ozomatli

Coming Soon...

If you feel down, pick this up...by Torreka Jordan. This feature will include inspirational quotations, stories, even photos that will hopefully pick up your spirits or inspire you to do your best. Feel free to contribute quotes that inspire you by sending them through campus mail to Torreka Jordan.

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The McDaniel Free Press is looking for students who have the worst photo on their college ID. Does your photo make you look drunk? Overly happy? Just plain weird?

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McRides: Pimped Out Chevy A "Beast"

TAYLOR HEBDEN
STAFF WRITER

"Back home, we call it 'the bus.'"

If you're ever walking in the parking lot next to the football field, look for a massive 1990 Chevy suburban with giant 33" by 12" wheels and a Budweiser hood ornament.

This "beast" of a vehicle belongs to sophomore Chad Marth. When Chad received the vehicle from his parents, it wasn't in the best condition. So, him and his dad decided to "pimp it out"

together.

A lot went into "pimping out" Chad's ride, including: replacing the air, oil and gas filters, changing the spark plugs, giving it a new paint job, putting on bigger tires, giving it a dual exhaust, putting on euro tail lights, and installing a new stereo system with an i-pod hookup.

But wait, there's one more thing, Chad said, "My favorite piece is a Budweiser tap hood ornament. When you pull it an ooga horn goes off."

The total cost of "pimping out" Chad's ride

was around 3,000 dollars.

But Chad said he's not done "pimping" it yet, "I want to put on bigger and wider tires, a loader exhaust, and maybe an intercom system."

According to Chad, the back of the Chevy is where the party's at, "The back seat is not in right now and the middle row falls down flat, making the back huge. I can haul anything back there, from 20 people to a mattress."

Chad also notes, "Picking up drunk people has always been fun. Since the back is so huge, people tend to party back there."



TAYLOR HEBDEN

Chad's Chevy is the place to be if you're bored on Friday night.



Compiled by Clare Bodnar

How do you think tuition is invested?



"I think it goes to a lot of different places, some we are aware of - like salaries, campus improvements. Tuition also goes to other places we don't know about, places we don't have to do with our immediate needs."

— Courtney Jordan, senior



"Paying employees, keeping up the landscape, buying computers, class materials and for extra curricular activities."

— Natalie Foley, senior



"For more computers, extracurriculars, and new academic buildings."

— Kim Pavlovsky, freshman



"As a professor, I think tuition supports my extravagant lifestyle."

— Dr. Robert Kachur, English Department

Cadets Tackle Obstacle Course, Rifles, and More

(from "cadets" on page 1)

proper ways to handle, operate, and clear malfunctions in the M16A2 service rifle. After receiving instruction on the prone position of firing, functions of different buttons and switches, and range discipline cadets were allowed to zero in their rifles.

After the zeroing shots were fired, cadets were given forty rounds of ammunition to try to qualify for the army's standards of marksmanship.

"It was fun and difficult at the same time trying to hit the set amount of targets required for the marksmanship qualification," said cadet Aaron Faticone.

Once the rounds were spent, the cadets were surprised with an impromptu

session of formation maneuvers and marching presented by Shippensburg's sergeant major. After the show subsided, the cadets were bused back to the barracks for rifle cleaning.

The leadership reaction course involved many squad-sized units trying to overcome imagined scenarios using teamwork and perseverance. Squad members each took the opportunity to be the squad leader at a different position on the course and were evaluated on their abilities by senior cadets.

"The LRC allowed cadets to be challenged and to learn to overcome adversity to accomplish the goal of their mission," explained by senior cadet Robbie Dodd.

A long night of rifle maintenance instruction

ensued and cadets spent the next few hours perfectly cleaning and re-loading rifles before turning in for one more night.

"Cleaning the M16A2 Service Rifle was one of the most tedious tasks I've done in my life. It took forever (average 4 hours) to get rid of all the assembled carbon from every piece of the rifle," said cadet Daniel Spurrier.

Sunday morning the gear was stowed in the van and the bus, loaded up with weary cadets headed for home.

Feeling senses of exhilaration, relief, improved self-confidence, and a host of other emotions cadets arrived back on campus to jump back into the routine of college life once more.

"Quake" Offers Audience Wacky Artistic Adventure

BETH MC-LANE
CO-EDITOR

Though it had a lot to do with love, sex, and serial-killer astrophysicists, Quake, the play performed last weekend in Alumni Hall, was, above all, a journey of self-discovery.

The story was the whirlwind tale of perpetual single girl Lucy, played brilliantly by junior Jess Behar, and it took the viewer on an adventure across America in search of Mr. Right.

The viewer follows Lucy among the all the Mr. Wrongs, and her carousing with "That Woman," aka junior Alison Dower, the man-killer and scientist that haunts

Lucy's dreams.

Dower's convincing portrayal of That Woman was one of the highlights of the overwhelmingly successful show. Each minor character, some played by the same actor or actress, was fascinating to watch, not only for what their character was saying, but for how they played the new Mr. Wrong right.

Behar's performance was on-spot the entire show, and she received an Irene Ryan nomination for her role as Lucy.

One of my only qualms was the slightly confusing plot line. But rather than affecting the show negatively, the complex story - which often switched from

realistic states to heated dream-states in moments - came off as artsy and ultimately successful.

The hard work put into this production of Quake was evident, and each small element - the creative stage design (with seats on either side of the stage), the use of "disembodied" hands as characters who handed props off, even the blow-up dolls (don't ask) - made the show visually stimulating at every moment.

Quake, written by Melanie Marnich, was an interesting foray in the psyche of the single girl. Lucy's story, combined with wonderful acting and creative set design made Quake an adventure for all who attended.

Got a nice crib or hot ride? Wanna see it in the Free Press? Give Beth a call at x8352

Easy, Fun Dorm Room Recipes

CORI SIMPSON
STAFF WRITER

Simple snacks like chips, crackers and popcorn are becoming a thing of the past. McDaniel students are concocting new and improved ways to hold themselves over between meals.

The truth is the Microfridge doesn't always cut it, especially I've found, when it comes to cooking popcorn. The directions on the box might as well be thrown out the window, because these microwaves have a mind of their own.

By the time there is approximately two seconds between pops (which is when it is suggested to pull the bag), about one third of the kernels are properly cooked, another third partially cooked (and could still possibly chip a

tooth), and the last third remain little, brown, solid beads, hanging out in the bottom of the bag. Frustrated, and a little confused, one might attempt to put the bag back in the microwave. Big mistake. The burnt popcorn smell is liable to make you, your roommate, and everyone else in the hall vomit. Gross. The thought of the smell makes me cringe.

In addition to the never ending existence of the infamous Ramen Noodle Soup, here are some other easy to make snacks worth abandoning the lingering smell of burnt popcorn.

On the recipe cards you'll find simple concoctions you can make in your dorm room, which also come with recommendations from students. That way you'll try something new, and avoid the

Glar Feeds Neighbors in Need

CHANAN DELIVUK
ART DIRECTOR

Many students may have complaints about the quality and overall selection of GLAR food. However, that there are things beyond the food aspect of GLAR of which these students are not unaware.

GLAR, Sodexo Alliance food, and facilities management services are working together to stop hunger.

As President of the Happy Helpers here on campus, I wanted to incorporate GLAR in our fight to help end hunger. Once or twice a month our group troops to the city of Baltimore to give food to the homeless. Thanks to the generosity of the staff, we have been able to distribute 100 sandwiches, cookies, and boxes of apples and bananas every time we go.

GLAR generosity doesn't stop there. Together, through the Sodexo Company's support of ending world hunger, GLAR employees have done their part to try and aid in hunger issues by donating to local shelters and church events. They also try and monitor food servings in hopes of decreasing food waste amounts.

For twenty-years now Sodexo has been the food service company for McDaniel College. As part of

the Sodexo Company, GLAR's employees have also participated in the Food Salvage Program, local Habitat for Humanity. They have tested new biodegradable plates that are better for the Environment, according to General Manager of Dining Services, Cameron Smith.

GLAR employees are also part of the Fair Trade Program, which ensures that migrant workers are compensated for their products during the trading process.

The employees of GLAR continually inform each other of upcoming events that they could possibly take part in. Most of the time, the employees will know of such opportunities through word of mouth, or through the support of the students.

The amount of participation from GLAR to uphold the Sodexo stand to try and end hunger is only as large as the employees can make it. However, students could become more involved, just like Happy Helpers has. For more information, visit the McDaniel website and click on the Dining Services Link, or contact the General Manager, Cameron Smith for more details.

"Personally, it's important to me," remarks Smith regarding the fight against hunger.

Is it to you?

DIVERSITY

The next Center Spread feature will explore the topic of diversity. Learn more about students and groups on campus - learn more about the world.

Bookstore Offers Lots of Gourmet Food For Just \$5

ALYSE HOLLOMON
FEATURES EDITORS

As you walk out the door for your three o'clock class, which happens to be three hours long, you realize that you're kind of hungry. Then, you find \$5 in your pocket!

Believe it or not, the college bookstore offers fine gourmet for \$5. It helps to decide what mood you're in; do you want to be healthy, go straight for the junk food, or just get a caffeinefix?

In a healthy mood?

Grab sunflower seeds, peanuts, or anything low fat to eat. Any of these items would range from \$1-2. So that would leave you with enough money to get a flavored Dasani water, a Vitamin Water, or a Minute Maid juice to go along with your healthy snack.

In a junk food mood? Go straight to the register where there is an array of chocolate and other goodies! These fun snacks are cheap and easy to eat while you're on the run to class. And since you're in a junk food mood,

you might as well grab a Chocolate Brownie Yoohoo to wash down that candy bar.

We all need a caffeine fix every once in a while. Luckily, the Bookstore has Starbucks Frappachinos and Double Shots that can wake you up real quick. It also has numerous energy drinks, none of which exceed \$2. So if you're in a real hurry and need a boost, just grab one of these drinks.

Without spending a lot of time or money (\$5 and five minutes or less), you too can enjoy Bookstore Gourmet.

kids more often."

On a typical day she arrives at 6:00am to get everything ready. She starts by baking muffins and other pastries for breakfast. Then she begins baking for lunch. After that she makes all of the desserts for dinner. Once all the baked goods are put on trays, her work is done for the day. She usually leaves around 2:00pm.

The students agree that they wish they could see Sandy again. Last year she was working at the wrap station so she was able to talk to everyone. Junior Amanda Gensler said about Sandy, "She's very personable and

she is always nice. Sometimes I would get in line for tacos just because she was the person serving them."

Outside of work, Sandy enjoys reading, NASCAR, being active in her church, and playing bingo. One thing that she's always dreamed of owning her own deli.

What is Sandy's most unforgettable memory from working at McDaniel? "I've met so many kids I care about and when they leave I miss them. It's hard when they leave. I hate May."

Sandy Always Entertains

MELANIE CHUPEIN
STAFF WRITER

A hard worker. Likes to have fun. A Christian. Enjoys helping people. These are all words Sandra Zepp would use to describe herself.

Sandy was born in Frederick County and she currently resides in Westminster. She has been working at McDaniel College for four years. She is a baker in Englar dining hall.

When asked if she could change one thing about her job, she said, "I like my job but I miss seeing the kids. I'm stuck back here by myself and I'd like that I could see the

RECIPES

Healthy Choice:

- Cheesy Tomatoes"
- Recommended by Kate Reinhardt
- Slice tomato to desired thickness
- Top with your favorite cheese (mozzarella, American, provolone, etc...)
- Microwave until cheese melts completely

RECIPES

If You Dare Challenge:

- "Sounds Nasty, but It's Actually Really Good"
- Recommended by Jon
- Pour any flavor of Doritos into a bowl
- Add a diced, cooked hotdog
- Top with spicy, melted cheese sauce
- Mix and crunch ingredients in bowl until chips are "forkable"

RECIPES

Filling Choice:

- "Quesadillas"
- Recommended by Allison Hurney
- Fill two soft tortilla shells with your choice of shredded cheese (jalapeno, cheddar, mozzarella, etc...)
- Microwave until cheese is melted completely throughout shells
- Top with salsa, if available

Battling the Freshman 10, 20, 30 – even 40

CORI SIMPSON
STAFF WRITER

It is no secret. We have all heard the rumors about the dreaded "Freshman 15." The fear of gaining weight the first year in college haunts most students at one point or another.

Weight gain depends upon the individual, and as much as many of us would like to believe, gaining weight happens. Whether it's because we are maturing into our adult bodies, or because we are flat out lazy sometimes, it happens.

Kate Moncure, a counselor at McDaniel College provides some common reasons for students' weight gain. "One reason might be that students are away from home, and are free to eat what they want when they want. Students may also turn to food when they are stressed, and adjusting to college life. For example, if they eat while they are up late studying, or if they go out for a late dinner with some friends."

Don't forget about the calories in alcohol. "The empty calories in beer," Kate explains, "ones that have no nutritional value, can certainly add up if a student chooses to drink."

For a number of students at McDaniel, the story of their battle with weight gain

has had a happy ending.

Jason Maier, a sophomore at McDaniel, was more than willing to share his success story. At the start of football season last year, Jay weighed a muscular 260 pounds.

After football, Jay was not working out as often, and his weight dropped to just 220 pounds. This is where his trouble began, he explained. Because of the decline in his activity level, Jay gained an additional 25 pounds. The food he was once able to eat and not think twice about gaining weight from was quickly adding up.

"I didn't like the way I looked or felt," he explained. "I was standing there, looking at myself in the mirror and thought, 'You're a fat bastard, Jay.'" And he decided to make some changes.

Jay attributed much of his weight gain to laziness, "I was not working out. I gained fat because I wasn't doing anything."

During the summer Jay's activity level skyrocketed, and along with running three miles three times a week, lifting four days a week for half hour sessions, and landscaping six days a week for ten hours a day, he put himself on the Atkins Diet and the weight began to fall off.

After about seven weeks on the Atkins Diet, Jay

resumed, pretty much, to his previous eating habits. He has, however, refrained from drinking empty calories found in soda, juice, and beer. Now, rather than drinking regular juice, he drinks things such as Crystal Light and Minute Maid Light, which have a fraction of the calories than regular juices. He continued to exercise and to stay active, he explained, "the key is exercise."

"You've gotta sweat and you've gotta breathe heavy," he said in concern to exercising. One of the most effective forms of exercise he's found is called Interval Training." Interval Training involves running for 20 to 30 minutes (or more if you're up for it) and during that time, alternating jogging, running, and sprinting. This can be done on a treadmill or outdoors.

Jay sympathizes for the students who may be intimidated by the idea of working out in front of other students. He recognizes that, "The gym is okay for athletes, but doesn't cater well to students. There's not much stuff, and athletic teams usually overtake the equipment."

"But don't flatter yourself. People aren't going to be staring at you in the weight room. It shouldn't be an excuse for not going."

Eating Healthier in Glar

JANE LIBERT
STAFF WRITER

Hot pizza, glistening with grease, baskets of grilled cheese, burgers and hot dogs wrapped in checkered wax paper, and desserts piled high on stainless steel countertops. All of these are images of the daily cuisine at Englar Dining Hall. Although the featured meals change from day to day, most of these food options don't exactly scream "nutrition." So what about the students who are concerned about the kind of food they consume? Options have been scarce for students on diets, forcing them to eat the same old thing almost every day. If you look around though, you might get some ideas from some clever students who have come up with creative and healthy meals.

Try some of these diet-Glar foods:

- Lettuce roll-ups: Get any meat, cheese and condiments from the sandwich line along with a few pieces of lettuce. Roll contents into leaves of lettuce and enjoy. Also try this with tuna, chicken or egg salad.
- Taco Salad, hold the chips: The wrap line offers all the makings for a good taco salad. Cut calories and carbs by requesting no chips. Try with ground beef or chicken.
- The stand by the dessert offers delicious salads almost every day. Select what you want from meats, cheeses, veggies and dressings. They will mix it for you.
- Try tomato slices piled with tuna, chicken or egg salad.
- Keep an eye out for steamed vegetables on the main line. Add cheese sauce from the potato/pasta area, or use margarine and parmesan cheese for flavor.

For nutritional information, go to www.mcdaniel.edu, select For Students, Dining Services, and Nutrition. This will take you to Sodexho's nutritional information website.

Trying a diet and want to see how you are doing? This website also offers a Body Mass Index (BMI) calculator.

Raphael's Back Deck a Getaway from Glar

BETH McLANE
CO-EDITOR

When you step into Raphael's front dining room, the tables are set with pristine glassware and white tablecloths. There are fresh flowers on the tables, fine art on the walls, and it all suddenly seems very fancy.

But you are an everyday McDaniel College student, used to the plastic trays and colored plates of Englar Dining Hall. How will you react in this upscale environment? Where is the conveyor belt?

Then the host directs you to the deck, and you breathe a sigh of relief. There's

a mural with parrots on it behind the bar, tables with beer ads on the umbrellas, and rope lights. Jack Johnson is playing in the background.

So what seemed like a too-classy joint is, in reality, a little more fitting to a college student's style. The menu is the same inside and out, and has a large selection; your favorite appetizers (and some adventurous ones), sandwiches, soups and salads, and more extensive entrees with a higher price tag.

The wine list seemed extensive and interesting, while the starters we sampled—fried zucchini wedges with ranch dressing, and grilled asparagus wrapped in

prosciutto—were a different and delicious approach to appetizers. The grilled asparagus was accompanied with fresh mozzarella, red peppers and a sweet balsamic vinaigrette, and was displayed beautifully.

The cream of crab soup is very nice, with subtle hints of wine and giant chunks of real crab, but Maggie's still has the best in Westminster. The Main Street sandwich is incredibly flavorful, with spicy blackened chicken, fried onions, and blue cheese dressing, served in panini style. A unique feature of Raphael's is the choice of pasta salad or fries with your meal, and the pasta salad was

a delightful change from the ordinary.

While they had a limited dessert selection (just two cakes), the Baileys Espresso cake we tried was just like it sounds – was decadent.

Our experience at Raphael's was overwhelmingly positive, though a few problems arose. The menu is slightly confusing for those who haven't seen others in that style: the prices are listed simply as numbers with nothing to denote a price. Two McDaniel students I spoke to found this to be confusing.

Other than the plain view of the dirty dishes in the kitchen while passing through to the front, there wasn't much

else to complain about.

Our server was patient, knowledgeable and gracious – I even saw him light a cigarette for another diner. My guest and I each agreed that the ambience was the best feature of the back deck – it felt like a getaway. While we sat, Jack Johnson, Jimmy Buffet, U2, Bob Marley, and Kenny Chesney played in the background.

If you're of drinking age, the back deck seemed like a great bar to hang out at. Between the great atmosphere, food, and service, the back deck at Raphael's makes you forget all about Glar.

Exterminate Spiders, Mice, and Cockroaches

ALYSE HOLLOMON
FEATURES EDITOR

Mice - I hate them. Being on the third floor of Blanche, I have seen too many of them lately. I believe the mice tally, which is being kept on our floor, is up to 15 or some absurd number like that. It's ridiculous that we even have to deal with this problem at a college where we pay over \$30,000 to attend.

However, I am not

writing this piece to complain. Many of us on the third floor have already done that. I am writing to commend those who have helped in this ordeal and to offer my solution to this problem.

From the moment my roommate and I found a mouse in our room and began complaining non-stop, our RLC has helped us. She gave us mousetraps and tried to identify the other creepy crawly bugs in our room. She

found available times so that our room could be sprayed by the exterminator and cleaned. Her assistance has helped to de-escalate our trauma.

My only question is: How or why did this problem get so big? It shouldn't take a bunch of angry third floor girls to get an exterminator in the rooms to spray for bugs or to hand out mice traps. The college has put out mice poison on all the floors in Blanche to ensure that the mice will be

terminated. But I'm pretty sure I heard another girl scream, "Mouse!" the other day. Since this is a recurring problem, I don't understand why more isn't being done to correct this problem.

My solution to this mice infestation is to exterminate the building. "Bomb it," when no one is living in it. The building needs to be completely cleaned and more effective methods to get rid of mice need to be used.

We would all love it if the dorm building was just torn down and a new one with air conditioning, clean bathrooms with more than two stalls, and bigger rooms was built, but that's probably not going to happen. I guess for now, I would just like to live in a room where I don't have to worry about checking mice traps or seeing a cockroach crawling around in my closet every other morning.

'Throw out Lacoste' -Guys Shouldn't Wear Pink

ANDY WU
STAFF WRITER

There is a repulsive and horrifying trend rearing its ugly head among America's young men. Gone are the days of rugged honor and hard-nosed masculinity. Instead of taking action, we take sensitivity classes. Worst of all, men are wearing pink.

According to about.com, "pink is the sweet side of red, its cotton candy

and bubble gum and babies, especially little girls." How adorable. Strangely for me, when I see a guy wearing pink my emotions lean closer to infatuation and shame for what my sex has become.

As if that weren't enough, studies also reveal that large amounts of pink can manifest physical weakness in people...a stat that, to say the least, doesn't surprise me.

There is a term in

business (sometimes used derogatorily) for women in the office. "Pink collar" workers are FEMALE; ironically, pink collars are exactly what guys are popping these days. They might as well wear dresses.

If it was up to me, every pink article of clothing would come with a free make up kit, Sarah McLachlan CD, and punch in the face from John Wayne.

At the rate we're

going, the male gender is going to become one big boy band. A bunch of skinny wieners prancing around getting manicures, doing pilates, and wearing pink shirts that are more than a couple sizes too small.

The irritation of the justifications for wearing pink is equally unbearable. "Salmon" and "coral" are pink. If you look in a thesaurus, they are in fact synonymous, so don't try to play

it off like that.

A final plea to conclude, lose touch with your feminine side and wear red. While pink is romantic and cute, red is more violent and full of passion - much more manly. So throw out your Lacoste polos, dirty up those fingernails, drink whiskey, lie to girls, and go shoot something. Be a man for God's sake.

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Hey there, it's little Timmy again! You seem happy do usual today!

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Why, that's great! Or at least it would have been if the Pub hadn't changed! Let's take a look at...

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NOW: Check here to become dirty when they don't wrap your Food!

THEM: Circle your dinner selection!
NOW: Circle what you'd really like to have! Please?

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THEM: Write your name here and it will be called shortly!
NOW: Write your name here and it will be scratched angrily shortly! Are you sure you didn't run over someone's dog on the way over?

THEM: Put the time here so your Food is made promptly!
NOW: (Not actually read.)

And that's about it, Timmy! What do you think of that?

THEM: ...that was my last chance for semi-decent Food on campus!

Well now it's gone, Timmy. Gosh and never to return.

But what will I do?

I'm not gonna let you, so you may have to contribute your roommate.

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Two Attacks On Campus

(from "Attack" on pag one)

college community as students warned each other not to walk alone.

If anyone has any information regarding these assaults, please contact the Department of Campus Safety immediately at x2202, or from

off campus at 410-857-2202.

DoCS will be stepping up patrols around campus in response to these latest incidents. DoCS would like to take this time to remind students that while this is a relatively safe campus there are several things students should do to ensure their safety.

Students should always lock their doors, and travel in groups whenever possible, the notification posted around campus from DoCS states. "Do not pro open doors to dorms, walk in well lit areas, and always be aware of their surroundings."

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CORRECTIONS

In the Sept. 30 issue of The McDaniel Free Press, Shelly Horn was incorrectly identified as "Staff Writers." Unless the article had been written by Sybil Horn, the byline should have stated "Staff Writer."

In the same issue of the paper, Joe Childs was incorrectly identified as Joe Childers. No excuses, long story. Free Press regrets the mistake.

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Good Points, But Why Remain Anonymous?

SHELLY HORN
STAFF WRITER

The last issue of the McDaniel Free Press included a refreshing and healthy dose of information on the war in Iraq, opposing political views, and touching personal stories from people with family members who serve, or have served, in the military.

I was proud to see such thorough and diverse coverage of the topic, with one exception. The article entitled, "War Not Ideal, But Sometimes It's Necessary," had "Anonymous Contributor" in the by-line section.

I was interested to find whether or not the writer disclosed in the article his/her reasons for remaining anonymous.

He/she did. Excerpt from Commentary (9/30/05):

"I feel obligated to stand up for a war I believe in, yet I don't feel comfortable standing up and being identified. Why could I not use my name? Professors make known their political ties, and grades are often affected by those views. It is the sad truth."

Then the writer continues his/her incredibly well-researched, articulate and

heartfelt commentary on the war. The article addressed UN resolutions, disarmament, weapons of mass destruction, biological warfare, past presidential candidates, past wars/conflicts etc. It included dates, statistics and quotes.

Many students put less time and effort into writing graded assignments. I applaud the research and presentation of the content provided. I applaud the time and effort displayed in this well-written piece.

I was disappointed, to say the least, at the use of anonymity and the reason given.

First, let me agree with and confirm the first part of the statement, "Professors make known their political ties..." Yes, some professors do. I have attended three colleges in the last four years and I can assure you that this happens everywhere, regardless of institution or discipline.

As a Political Science/Spanish dual major, I have also encountered a rather large dose at all three institutions. Across all disciplines though, I personally have encountered two types of professors with very different ways of communicating their political views to students.

The first make their ideas/beliefs known in a pas-

sive way; jokes, sarcasm, or glossed over political statements or innuendos, leaving no room for student response. Though seemingly harmless, as no actual confrontation arises in the classroom, I choke on this passive-aggressive spoon-feeding of political ideas to students.

The second type, like Spanish Professor Tom Deveny, are the vocal opposite and leave no guesswork where they stand ("Deveny ask: Why Be Interested in the War in Iraq?" p.7 McDaniel Free Press, 9/30/05). It's no secret that Dr. Deveny often makes known his beliefs in the classroom and, now, in the McDaniel Free Press.

The difference between Dr. Deveny's type and the aforementioned type of professor is that he always presents information, news, and his comments and/or opinions - then invites students to comment, whether in agreement or not, on his views and/or statements.

Some students comment. Many do not.

It hadn't occurred to me until reading your article that perhaps students refrain from speaking an opposing view in classes for much the same reason that caused you to remain anonymous. This is scary. It sets a bad precedent

for life.

If, in fact, students' grades with certain professors are affected by an opposing political view, I agree that it is a sad truth. But, in my opinion, sadder still is that students would have a well-defined opposing view but remain silent for fear of a grade repercussion in a few classes in a four or five year period.

It has been my experience, however, that many students remain silent for lack of knowledge or, worse, knowledge - but no opinion.

I have found that, more than opposing views, professors abhor no view at all. More than fact-spouting with which they disagree, they detest silence and apathy on important subjects.

Some students remain silent saying that political comments/discussions should not take place in college classrooms. I disagree. Healthy political discussion/debate on college campuses are a part of American culture. It's how we learn. It's how we learn to think - critically. It helps us to define who we are, what we believe, and how far we're willing to go to try to get our point across.

From the Vietnam era, we see many images and arti-

cles about college campuses that present or discuss "anti-war rallies" and "anti-war protests." What is downplayed, or lesser known, is that many of the anti-war events on college campuses were peacefully confronted by large groups of pro-war groups as well, demonstrating that both sides were willing to march for their cause. Or, better yet, that both sides HAD a cause.

"A coin has two sides for a reason. Day and night exist for a reason. Tough issues like the war have two sides" (McDaniel Free Press, p.7, 9/30/05).

Though on opposite sides, two sides of a coin still make only one coin - two sides that, together, make up a token with value. Day and night yield to one another at dawn and dusk. At a glance, they are ever-present forces that seemingly work in tandem with but also define their opposite.

They "exist for a reason". So, too, do your insightful thoughts and passionate comments about the war. If you are impassioned enough to research and write and, further, to submit in the future - I implore you sign your name.

Night without day leaves us all in darkness; a faceless coin has no value.

1912 * 1913 * 1983 * 1987 * Turning Back the Pages

Compiled by Laura Hutton

Ever wonder what was going on with students from Western Maryland College 80 years ago? The news was both bitter and sweet.

October 6, 1925
The Gold Bug

On a foggy night, three male students went out for a drive. They had trouble seeing where they were going, and ended up veering off the road. Luckily, their only injuries included: minor cuts, scrapes, and bruises.

So, here is a bit of advice, if it is foggy outside; don't drive.

"Ez" Williams was "selected captain of the Green Terrors for the 1925 football season". While at Western Maryland, Williams held an "enviable" record in athletics and in the classroom. He earned letters in both basketball and football. His amazing athletic talents in addition to his dedication to his school work made him an inspiring leader for our football team.

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For the Money, Glar Should Offer More

KEN BUERGER
STAFF WRITER

It is 12:30, Monday afternoon at McDaniel College. In other words, it's rush hour, a mad scramble for Englar dining hall. My stomach is threatening to devour my kidneys if I don't eat soon. I take my place in line at 12:31 realizing I've come too late. The bookstore on my right, the pub on my left, and a long wait ahead of me.

An hour later I'm on the verge of passing out. My stomach has long since finished with the kidneys and is moving on to my pancreas and gall bladder. The only thing keeping me alive is the almost heavenly hymns of Cecilia, the card-swiper lady. My insides are grumbling so loudly, I can barely hear her as she swipes my card and says, "Here you go sweetie." I take one step into GLAR, and that's when it hits me. That smell. The smell of six-year-old gym socks and garlic. My stomach immediately shuts up and shrinks to the size of a dime. Clearly, it wanted food. Real food. I've come to the wrong place.

The cafeteria workers might as well be alchemists. They melt down the previous day's entrée, shaping it into meatballs. The meatballs evolve into chicken. Chicken

becomes steak. Steak back into meatballs. It's McDaniel's own theory of evolution. How do I know this? The taste is the key. It all tastes the same. The food at McDaniel rivals Britney Spears' fashion sense in tastelessness. In other words, food at McDaniel is horrible and is not worth the price of the meal plan.

Based on how much we pay for the meal plan, the quality of food should be much higher than it is. The cafeteria is perpetually stuck in the 19th century, refusing to branch out into modern day campus delicacy. The variety of edible food (we aren't talking about the hockey puck hamburgers here) is sorely lacking. Our home needs more options. Our home needs a better food service.

Day after day, week after week, the food remains more consistent than Cal Ripken Jr. One can choose from the burnt pizza, overly salted grilled cheese, or soggy sandwich. Every day, there is a daily "special." For example, there are turkey fajitas (which tasted a lot like beef) the rock hard chicken breast, and the teriyaki pork available for your dining pleasure. Even as I write this, I am digesting the very first green crab cake I have ever seen, let alone eaten. (This is Maryland, right?)

OPINION

Although the cafeteria tries to provide variety, the food ultimately comes from the same source. No matter how much they try, the quality of food will stay the same and no new ideas and resources are used in the making of said food. Therefore, our campus needs help from the outside world.

Today's college campuses feature restaurants such as Chick-Fil-A, Taco Bell, KFC and Subway. In fact, according to their website, our conference rival Johns Hopkins features five different dining options including two cafs. Another rival, Franklin & Marshall also has five options including a Mexican restaurant and a Quinzos. We have the pub, yes, but the menu stays the same throughout the year. The matter of the fact is that our campus is sorely lacking in options and lackluster when compared to the average college campus, especially considering how much we pay for tuition and meal plans.

Based on the average meal plan for a student, we should be seeing a higher quality meal in front of us. According to the McDaniel dining service website, an upperclassman is required to buy a 175 meal plan at \$1,225 per semester if they live in a traditional resi-

dence hall. If this student uses exactly all 175 meals, it will average out to be seven dollars every time their card is swiped. Let's compare this to yet another conference rival, Muhlenberg College where the average card swipe is also seven dollars. However, the options at Muhlenberg are much more extensive. Their everyday foods feature some of our specials, such as Mexican food and steak. In addition, there are seven other restaurants on campus, including a grille, deli, pizza parlor and a mini grocery store. Clearly, McDaniel is far behind our peers in dining options based on the price.

Lastly, and perhaps most shocking, is the fact that students are forced to pay more than they have to for their food. As aforementioned, the average swipe is seven dollars per visit. However, the prices set for guests are much lower. Prices for the guests are as follows: Breakfast-\$3.15, Lunch-\$6.00, Dinner-\$8.50. Averaging out all three meals over a 175 meal period yields an average of \$5.83 per swipe, or a total of \$1,029.58. Overall, guests pay less than we do, \$195.41 per semester to be exact. That's \$390.83 per year, or \$1,563.33 over a four year span, all for the exact same food you already buy with the meal

plan. If we were not forced to buy a meal plan, we could buy all of our books for our entire stay here at McDaniel with that money. This brings me to my next point, why are people that do not even go to this school paying less for food than the people that are already pumping in over \$26,000 per year in tuition? Shouldn't it be the other way around?

Now, please don't get me wrong, there are various nights throughout the year where the food is very tolerable. The steak and lobster night was a success, the wraps are very well made and the meatball subs are downright tasty. Cooking for over a thousand people every single day is a feat in itself. The cafeteria does the best it can with the resources it has. (I really hope they don't put arsenic in my food now.) Unfortunately, the standards for campus dining are on the rise and our school is being left behind.

All in all, our cafeteria is in serious need of repair. After being here for only a month it is very apparent to me that the quality of food does not match the price that we pay for it. Adding insult to injury is the fact that comparable schools in our conference boast dining options that dwarf ours drastically. I want more bang for my buck. I want food.

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Fifth Year Seniors Return With Success

PAT O'TOOLE
STAFF WRITER

Being a student-athlete is inarguably one of the most trying experiences a person can go through. Finding that perfect balance of doing school work, having a social life, and playing a sport is something that not everyone is cut out for.

For fifth-year senior Andy Lee, however, there is an even more difficult set of roles to fill this semester: teacher-athlete. The standout football player is student-teaching at Northwest Middle in Taneytown as the last step on his path to becoming a physical education teacher.

The experience, though strenuous, is one that Lee enjoys greatly.

"I kind of teach football and then I go play it," he said.

Lee's opportunity to play football in his fifth year was facilitated by an injury he sustained in his sophomore year — a broken ankle only three games into the season.

According to Jamie Smith, McDaniel's Athletic Director, college students are eligible to play sports for four years within their first five

years of full-time enrollment. The way it normally works is that a year of eligibility is used up when an athlete plays his or her first game, but there are exceptions to that system. If an injury occurs in the first half of the season and the athlete has played in no more than one-third of the team's games, he or she can petition the Centennial Conference for a medical hardship waiver (often referred to as a medical redshirt) that allows for one more year of eligibility. In order to use that extra year, the student must be enrolled full-time at the institution.

"There's always a few [students with medical hardship waivers] a year," Smith said. "We have them in multiple sports."

A common misperception is that students come back for a fifth year solely for the purpose of playing their sport. At a private institution where being enrolled is a major financial obligation, doing so would simply be impractical.

"I think it's an added benefit to play the sport," Smith said. "It's not my sense that they're doing it just to come back to play."

In Lee's case, the deci-

sion to play football this semester was not an easy one. He had to come back to student-teach either way, and over the summer he came to a conclusion that led him to sign on for one more year as a Terror.

"I decided to come back because it would have been one of the biggest mistakes of my life if I hadn't," he said. "Playing collegiate sports is such a great opportunity. If I hadn't come back, I would have regretted it."

Lee knew that playing football while teaching was going to be tough, and he acknowledges that it has required taking time away from other aspects of his life.

"I'm managing," he said. "I figure if I can do this, when I actually do start teaching it should be a breeze."

Tim Keating, head coach of the football team, understood that it was going to be hard for Lee to come back for a fifth year. When Keating learned of Lee's decision, he knew that it was going to be a good thing for the team.

"You can't beat experience," Keating said. "He's still young; he's still talented and strong. That was good.

Everything was positive that he chose to do that."

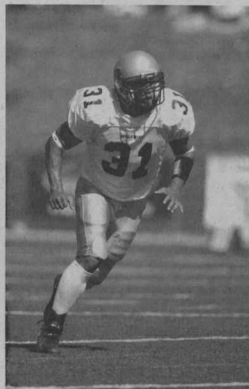
Lee's season thus far has been very lucrative. He is tied for second on the team with 31 tackles from his free safety position.

Lee said that having the same defensive coordinator in Coach Brad Fordyce and being comfortable with the defensive schemes and the players around him have all been factors in making him a

better player this season.

Lee's late decision to play caused him to miss off-season training, and he is very grateful to the other players for looking past that and still accepting him as a teammate.

"I felt a little awkward at first," he said. "The guys really welcomed me with open arms. I'm loving every minute of being with these guys."



Fifth Year Senior Andy Lee

Sports Roundup: Cross Country and Field Hockey

TODD KNEPPER
STAFF WRITER

Cross Country: The Green Terror Men's and Women's teams finished overall among the top half of the competition recently (Oct 1) at the Dickinson Invitational in Carlisle, PA. This event not only featured an 8k Men's and 6k Women's run, but also featured a short course run measuring 4 kilometers. The team's best personal finish came from Senior Paul Hugas who clocked in at 12:54.7. The squad looks to catch their second wind down the final stretch of the season heading into Nationals.

Field Hockey: After a 5 game skid with only 1 victory, the girls seem to be back on track heading into a 6-game Centennial Conference gauntlet. The momentum was born with a notable double overtime loss to the nation's second best team (Ursinus) and a 5-2 winning of Dickinson. As Freshmen Goalkeeper Erika Wawzyanick continues to nestle into the collegiate nets, the Terror frontline hopes to continue to outscore the others. Danie Unflat, Caitlin Potter, and recently added attacking sensation Colleen Nugent help the Terror post nearly 4 goals each game. This kind of production will be necessary

entering the postseason.

Women's Soccer: With a 1-2-1 Conference record, The Women's Soccer team understands the importance of walking away victorious from games in which they are favored to win. 6 whole league games remain for the ladies to fight there way back up to the top, it's surely possible. Keeper, Michelle Mullen looks to add to her 3 previous shutouts as Tara Healy and Sarah Wallace tally away on goal. You can check out the Terror try to edge there way to the top on the 15th and 19th of this month here on campus.

Soccer is Solid

MEREDITH ADAMS
STAFF WRITER

As the season continues, the Women's Soccer team continues to progress with a current record of 5-5-1. Their proudest moment so far this season has been their win against Gettysburg. "Beating Gettysburg was a big deal to us," explains senior captain Tara Healy. "They were conference champs last year and we haven't won against them the past 18 times we've played them."

While the girls feel that they have greatly improved when it comes to finding each other on the field, they agree that they need to start playing intensely

for the whole 90 minutes of the game and not just in the beginning.

"Things have really started coming together for us since the beginning of the season," comments junior defender Meagan Mattson. "We were shaky at first but now we have great team chemistry and everyone is stepping up and playing with a lot of heart."

Senior goalie Michelle Mullen concludes, "Our overall goal for the season of course is still to win the conference, but right now it's more important to focus on winning each individual game and making sure our level of play peaks going into the playoffs."

Cross Country Team Runs Towards Victory

LAURA HUTTON
STAFF WRITER

The Cross Country team knows how to get the job done and have fun in the process. Cheering each other on as the run grueling practices up and down the hills on the golf course is just part of the game.

Their performance in meets has demonstrated that they are a force to be reckoned with; especially since the "men's" team is ranked in the Midwest Region Coaches' Poll for the first time in school history. We've been as high as 13th", Coach Renner adds.

As a team consisting mainly of freshmen, one might easily discount them and their ability; however, they are holding their ground and going strong during this impressive season. Freshmen Cody Crutchley, presents this initial opinion held by many: "This season so far has impressed a lot of us because with a team that is freshman heavy a lot of speculation was probably (made) as to how we would size up."

On September 2 at their first meet, The Baltimore Invitational at Oregon Ridge Park, Green Terror XC tied for first with Johns Hopkins.

During their only home meet of the year, they came in second place, which is the highest they have been at this meet in six years.

At the Dickinson Invitational on October 1, the men finished 9th of 29 and the women finished 16th of 34, a strong showing. So, "this season has started out pretty well and we all are now ready to dig into cross country and starting honing our abilities as a team", says Cody.

With about one month remaining for competition, the team looks to what they expect as the season comes to a close. Senior Kelly Gruber is

optimistic.

"Things are looking really good for us. There are a lot of really good teams in our conference that we may or may not finish ahead of, but either way we'll run fast and have fun too," she said.

With important meets in the future, Cody demonstrates confidence in the ability of the team.

"We have good expectations for the rest of the season since everyday we are all becoming stronger, we hope to do well at pre-nationals coming up and place well in Conference and regionals against competition such as

Dickinson and Muhlenberg."

Some members of the team made time in their arduous schedules to show their compassion for the victims of Katrina. They participated in a Katrina Relief run in Walkersville.

Kelly recalls her experience in her senior year of cross country, "for me personally, this is my best year yet for cross country. I'm finding more and more that this is a very mental sport and that this year my thinking has changed so that I no longer think that I cannot run any faster, you can always run faster, you just have to try."

Terror Pulls Together To Defeat Ursinus

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It was a sunny, comfortable day last Saturday. The 3-0 McDaniel football team face off against the Ursinus Bears. The Green Terrors were up 28-20, and poised to score again as they set up on the Ursinus 6-yard line. Victory was as close as McDaniel was to the end zone. Little did the Green Terror players know how much they would have to stick together to keep the lead intact and their undefeated season alive.

The McDaniel offense was already preparing to make the sealing touchdown, but a miscommunication on a toss play at the 6-yard line led to a fumble. The Ursinus defense recovered the fumble, and returned the fumble 94 yards for a touchdown.

Scott S. Bair Stadium was silenced when the defender reached the end zone. All Ursinus needed to do was convert a two-point conversion and McDaniel's lead, which had been intact since 3:44 in the second quarter, would be erased.

But McDaniel had two weapons on their side, luck and their tough defense. The touchdown was called back on an illegal-hand to the face penalty committed after the recovery. Ursinus kept the ball, but at least McDaniel's lead was intact. The fans in Scott Bair Stadium were able to breathe easy again, but not for long. Ursinus marched

down the field deep into the McDaniel red zone, and almost scored on a fade into the back of the end zone. Ursinus receiver Mike Weyrauch, who was wide open in the end zone, dropped the pass from Ursinus quarterback Nicholas Dye. The defense composed themselves on the field to hold Ursinus on 4th down, ending the comeback and escaping with a win.

McDaniel (4-0, 1-0), ranked 19th in the country according to D3Football.com (prior to the loss to Gettysburg), is certainly used to winning the close game this season.

Three of their four victories this season have been decided by eight points or less, including two games by a single point. The important thing is that Coach Keating and the Green Terror players know the formula for winning those close games.

Ursinus came into the game with a 1-2 record, but on Saturday, they were a far more dangerous team than their record showed. Ursinus certainly showed that they came to play when Ursinus's KR Adam Schmidt returned the opening kickoff 74 yards, leading to Ursinus's first score, a quarterback sneak.

McDaniel then responded with an 18-yard touchdown run by junior quarterback Tom Wenrich. Ursinus took the lead in the first quarter when they scored a safety after consecutive bad snaps by the McDaniel offense and spe-

cial teams. At the end of the 1st quarter, Ursinus looked to be on the right page against an inconsistent, sloppy McDaniel team; they lead the Green Terror 9-7.

McDaniel responded with 21 points in the next two quarters while Ursinus could only muster 11. It came down to the end, but that was all the scoring that McDaniel needed. Ursinus actually out gained McDaniel in total offense (368 yards to 248). McDaniel focused on controlling the line of scrimmage, gaining 125 yards on the ground, with their quarterbacks and senior tailback Broderick Maybank, who finished with 79 yards rushing on 20 carries.

McDaniel found other ways to win. They rushed the ball to protect the lead and wind the clock down. McDaniel, who wanted to wear down the Bears' defense, tried to set up their passing game by running the ball consistently. McDaniel quarterbacks Tom Wenrich and Brett Gibson would combine for three touchdowns on the day; two were recorded on the ground and one was a touchdown catch by tight end Josh Murray.

McDaniel's defense put a hurt on Ursinus' passing game as they registered five sacks, including two by senior linebacker Jay Scott. They also recorded two interceptions;

one was returned for a touchdown in the second quarter by middle linebacker Ron Ringgold. McDaniel had its share of penalties (9 for 90 yards), but Ursinus' (12 for 142 yards) cost them a chance to come back in the game. McDaniel controlled their own destiny on Saturday, and they got the job done. When they made mistakes, they moved on and did not focus on them, and that is why they are 4-0.

McDaniel took its undefeated record on the road Saturday to play Centennial Conference opponent Gettysburg, who was 1-3 entering the contest. The Terror lost 20-17 on a late field



Senior Jay Scott, 9, and senior Brett Ruff smother an Ursinus player.

Men's Soccer Has First Rate Season Already

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The McDaniel College Green Terror Men's Soccer team has had one of the most memorable seasons in recent memory, and hope to make it even more memorable with a conference tie in November.

The team started out the season with multiple cardings against Bridgewater in Virginia, 6 yellow and 2 red.

"There are those games where the ref is calling fouls more for one team than the other..." said sophomore forward Bill Druckenmiller. "No matter what happened on the field the call was always against us."

After winning two in

a row and subsequently losing 2 in a row, McDaniel bounced back with a win against Goucher on the 2-1, on September 14th. Thomas Kane scored both goals. Senior GK Andy Wu recorded 9 saves in the contest.

McDaniel beat Franklin and Marshall handily, 3-1, before entering an important contest against Centennial Conference rival Johns Hopkins.

"[It] was the best game we've play as a whole this year," said Druckenmiller. "We were all pumped to play under the lights on their new field. We weren't losing when we stepped on that field."

The game ended in a zero-zero tie, a practical victo-

ry for McDaniel. Last year Hopkins won every game during the season, including a 1-0 game against McDaniel for the championship.

From there, the team went on to win two games at home against Marymount and Dickinson. Against intra-conference rival Dickinson, the Terror allowed no goals on a whopping 16 shots. The previous game, the defense held Marymount to just 4 shots. Freshman Donzell Tate scored the game winner on a cross attempt.

After playing most of the second half in Muhlenberg's side of the pitch, McDaniel lost 1-0 to the conference opponent. While McDaniel attacked and

attacked, Muhlenberg played in a prevent mentality the remainder of the game after going ahead 1-0 at the 11:11 mark. A questionable no-call on a cross attempt by Todd Knepper was nearly as close as the Terror came to scoring.

Against Gallaudet, McDaniel helped head coach John Plevyak record his 100th win. Matt Doyle squeaked one in the goal on a corner kick to give the Terror the victory, 1-0. McDaniel shot an outlandish 26 times, 16 of them missing. The win improved the team to 7-3-1 heading into competition Saturday, 10/8, against Ursinus.

"The Gallaudet game had a lot of shots in our favor;

we just have to put them on goal," said Druckenmiller. "I think we out shot them by 20, but if they aren't on goal it won't help us at all."

The club's game against Ursinus in Collegeville, PA was rained out, but over the next few weeks, they will enter five more contests against conference opponents. The games will no doubt have playoff implications.

"I look forward to making run to the playoffs through the last 7 or so games," concluded Druckenmiller. "Each game is going to be intense and we need to bring it to the table each game no matter who we are playing."

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Homecoming Thrills On The Hill

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The hill was a sea of green.

Green cobwebs, green oozing banners, and green and gold balloons were just some of the festive decorations students saw Monday morning to start off the Terrifying week of Homecoming.

This year's Homecoming was unique because it fell on the same weekend as Halloween, so students were able to celebrate these two special occasions together.

"We ran out of prizes downstairs, so I guess Spirit Week is going great!" said junior Psychology major Ellen Inverso who is the Student Government Vice President and the main organizer of the Homecoming festivities this year. After many meetings and much planning, Inverso and the other members of Student Government planned out an exciting Spirit Week.

This week included a movie night on Monday night, a chance to win a couple of bucks in a money machine on Tuesday, dance to your own

beat in Dance Dance Revolution on Wednesday, see who could be the most daring in Double Dare Challenge on Thursday, and to sing your heart out in Karaoke on Friday night.

"It was fun watching people do different activities, like virtual Pac Man," said junior Psychology major Jillian Hoffman. "I don't think

people realized just how silly they looked."

Each event had a great turnout and it looked like students had a lot of fun celebrating Spirit Week.

"I've been planning homecoming week since over the summer and to see it be such a success - it's an amazing thing," said Inverso.

At the end of the

week, students also found out who won Homecoming Court for their class. For the freshman class, the winners were Tyson Barrett and Danielle Gagliardi. For the sophomore class, the winners were Nick Tully and Gail Beverage. For the junior class, the winners were Jason Fratto and Nicole Carter. Homecoming King (see "Homecoming" on page 2)



Blanche 211 offers a big screen and drinking decor. See the story on Page 5



McDaniel Dance Company welcomes determined male dancer. Stretch with him on Page 5.



Unique Jan-Term course enables students to walk the walk and hear the talk. Story on Page 6.



KENNY DETTO

The Crab Guys enjoy the Homecoming Parade in Main Street on Saturday, October 28.

Humor Lands Hill Alum at CNN

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STAFF WRITER

On Thursday, October 27, Thomas Roberts, a 1994 graduate of Western Maryland College and a primetime news anchor for CNN Headline News, returned to the Hill to give a speech at McDaniel Lounge.

During his speech entitled

"Trust me: From the Hill to CNN's Anchor Desk," Roberts discussed his career and experiences in journalism, including the time he spent in New Orleans covering Hurricane Katrina.

He said he hoped to "address how CNN has covered a story like Hurricane Katrina and Rita. How this story may have given many

journalists a renewed sense of professional self...to ask hard questions and demand answers for the people who use journalists as their voice."

Covering Katrina and Rita proved to be the "most personal and most professionally compelling" time in his career, Roberts explained.

He and many journalists covering the tragedies "re-

found a voice they lost," and were able to not only report on the difficult situation at hand, but to also question leaders about the way emergency situations were being handled.

Roberts compared watching the hurricane reports on TV to looking through "the eye of a needle, you get the destruction, you get the visu-

(see "Roberts" on page 4)

Byrd Recounts Frightening Assault, Recovery

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From 2002 to 2004, McDaniel Department of Campus Safety (DoCS) statistics report a total of three on-campus assaults, reflecting an unusually safe campus located in a county that also boasts low crime statistics.

However, early in the morning on Sunday, October 9, 2005, these three-year statistics were matched in a matter of a few hours. Between 2

"Byrd noticed a group of nine males, wearing dark clothing and hooded sweatshirts, walking up the driveway between Smith House and Whiteford."

a.m. and 5 a.m., three male McDaniel College students were physically assaulted on campus by non-students.

One of the students, freshman Joe Byrd, a Political Science major and theater minor, was assaulted on the sidewalks in front of Smith House shortly before 4 a.m.

He had completed two performances of "Quake" at the McDaniel Theater and had attended a cast party after the last performance ended.

Shortly after walking a fellow cast member, Kasey Decker, back to her dorm, Byrd noticed a group of nine males, wearing dark clothing

and hooded sweatshirts, walking up the driveway between Smith House and Whiteford.

"I could see them coming toward me in the moonlight - four black guys, two Hispanic guys, and the rest were white - I was pretty sure they weren't students," said Byrd. "At that point I walked faster."

Unfortunately, it was not fast enough.

The group cornered me by forming a horseshoe

around me and the big black guy started dancing around me like a boxer. Then he hit me with a one-two punch right in the face," Byrd continued. "I pushed him off and got in one good punch, but then the others started throwing blows from behind me - one hit my nose, another hit my cheekbone."

"I was trying to get away - then they picked me up by my arms and threw me. I would have landed on my face (see "Assault" on page 3)

Rouzer Construction to Begin Next Summer

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The first of a two-part plan to renovate, modernize and improve the generally poor perception of Rouzer Hall will take place in the summer of 2006, with the completion of the second scheduled to wrap up prior to the opening of the Fall 2007 semester.

According to Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice president for administration and finance, the plan "involves pretty extensive renovation to Rouzer Hall, including some additions to the building, as well as refurbishing the existing [interior]."

The precursor to the upcoming renovations involved the construction of student lounges during the summer of 2005, said Seidel, a staff member of the McDaniel College Trustee Committee on Buildings and Grounds. Lounges were built on each floor, resulting in a loss of sixteen beds.

Although installing the lounges caused "a modest reduction in the building population," Seidel notes that the ensuing work should not inconvenience the hall's residents, nor will it create a long-term change in Rouzer's capacity.

The first phase will commence following next spring's graduation, the construction of a four story "entry tower" in front of Rouzer's existing entrance, conceptually designed largely of windows. The tower would effectively eliminate the current overhang, as well as expand the size of the first-floor lobby and the lounges on the second, third and fourth floors.

Along with the summer's visible exterior work, the school has planned aesthetic renovations inside, including spruced up stairwells with new wall coverings, and new flooring throughout the building. And as has been done with other recent major residence hall projects, Rouzer's

safety will be upgraded with the installation of a building-wide sprinkler system.

Seidel anticipates that with the exception of the tower, the construction will be completed before the Fall 2006 semester begins. While tower work may continue into the fall, Seidel says that it should not disrupt the building's residents. To prevent students from being distracted by any noise, the bedrooms on the upper three levels on either side of the tower may not be used, a loss of approximately twelve beds for the fall semester only.

Summer 2007 will see the mechanical and electrical phases of construction, work that will take place mostly in the rooms themselves.

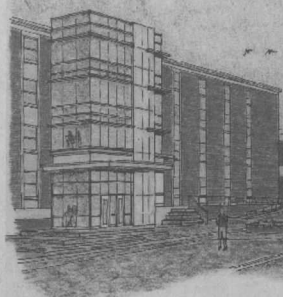
The school will upgrade Rouzer's electrical and heating systems, installing air conditioning for the whole building, laying pipes and upgrading the electrical service to the entire Rouzer/Decker complex. There is no expected

impact on room use.

According to Seidel, the division of the construction — into two separate projects that do not rely on each other — minimized the disruption and inconveniencing of student life. Had the work been planned otherwise as a continuous effort, so as to lessen the

amount of time for the renovations to be completed, school officials were looking at losses of up to 90 beds.

"We're trying to confirm the certainty that this is the way it will be done," cautions Seidel, "but we're fairly confident that [the construction] will happen this way."



Plans for renovated Rouzer

Homecoming Festivities Enjoyable for All

(from "Homecoming" on Page 1) and Queen for the senior class were Stewart Johnson and Angie Fiere.

Saturday was the day students, alumni, and faculty alike had been waiting for all week.

"Homecoming" is absolutely special," said Joyce Muller, Associate Vice President of Communications and Marketing. "It's awesome to see alumni come back to the Hill and fill Bair Stadium, plus more students join in too. I always look forward to seeing

those alumni who I was fortunate to know while they were students here and they are proud to introduce me to their spouses and newborns."

The day started off early with alumni and faculty arriving hours before the game to claim a close parking spot and to get ready for the parade, while students in various groups and organizations prepared their floats for the parade. The parade brought out some Westminster natives and McDaniel students and their families.

"I think all the groups were really creative with their floats," said sophomore Sociology major Caroline Gannon. "They made their floats fun and interesting to look at."

In the end, the Dance Team won first place with their mix of a "terror-fying" float and routine, while the sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma won second place with their "terror-fying" football themed float. The Black Student Union won third place with another "terror-fying" themed float.

The floats made their way into the packed stadium, where the Hill was covered in themed Greek letters or letters representing other organizations on campus. The smell of grilling filled the air.

Unfortunately, with all of this excitement, the Green Terror football team couldn't pull out a Homecoming victory. Even without the win, the Hill was filled with people laughing, reminiscing, eating and drinking, and just having a good time.

This carefree atmosphere carried long into the night with current students celebrating Homecoming and Halloween at various parties. The football team still went out and had a good time too.

"Sometimes you learn more from failure, especially Homecoming night when you learn how important good friends, good music, and good drinks can be after an overtime loss," said sophomore History major Joe Barnard.

Lighter Side of The Blotter: Bizarre Blanche

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(Editor's Note: at a glance, the blotter doesn't reveal some of the more interesting of which

officers respond. Wu's commentary highlights some of the more unique calls.)

When campus safety can't even explain a crime, you have yourself either an

evil genius or a flat out psycho. Surprisingly, in this case, I've got to suggest the latter.

On October 5, an unknown person shut off an air conditioning run off hose

and placed a silver putty substance on the steps handrail leading to the mechanical room. Mike Webster and the rest of campus safety were baffled.

No one could determine a motive or intent for the situation.

Personally, I think we have ourselves a sadistic M a c g y v e r wannabe.

Unsatisfied with petty vandalism, this villainous mastermind constructed a scenario in which he could arrogantly flaunt his superior intellect. Who knows what he was planning. I certainly lack the capacity to comprehend his wicked plot.

The point is, he's probably an honor student and considering the mechanical and scientific nature of

this crime, probably Asian. So look out Asian honor students, I'm on to you.

Aside from the malicious disposition of my brethren on campus, I learned that Blanche is an absolutely wretched place to live.

On the 22nd of October, a pair of former middle school bullies found their way into the hallways of Blanche. They knocked on doors and pushed whoever answered to the floor, only to walk away and back in their impressive ability to shove women to the ground.

That same night, two students were caught urinating on the wall. Add the vagrant from New York found sleeping in a hallway of the building, and we have three good reasons to avoid Blanche in the room lottery.

You've got wife-beating bullies wandering around, crazy homeless men napping everywhere, and people pissing all over the place. I'd rather live in Rouzer.

Campus Safety blotter

Occurred from Date	Subcategory	Type	Outdoors/Building Name	Incident Status
10/5/05 4:00 p.m.	malicious mischief	property	1 Harlow Pool	open
10/5/05 10:49 p.m.	vandalism	property	1 Campus wide	closed by report
10/7/05 12:40 a.m.	vandalism	property	2 Blanche Ward Hall	closed by report
10/7/2005 11:29:49 p.m.	vandalism	property	1 Carpe Diem Gazebo	closed by report
10/8/05 10:00 p.m.	vandalism	property	1 Blanche Ward Hall	closed by report
10/9/05 12:49 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	2 Blanche Ward Hall	closed by report
10/9/05 12:50 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	2 Blanche Ward Hall	closed by report
10/9/05 12:52 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	2 Blanche Ward Hall	closed by report
10/9/05 2:55 a.m.	assault	hand/foot	1 Pine Ave. House	open
10/9/05 3:45 a.m.	assault	hand/foot	1 Smith House	open
10/9/05 8:00 a.m.	trespass	property	1 Harrison Hall	closed by report
10/7/05 11:00 p.m.	vandalism	property	2 Rouzer Hall	inactive
10/9/05 10:11 p.m.	assault	hand/foot	2 Rouzer Hall	open
10/10/05 2:00 p.m.	vandalism	vehicle	1 Harrison Lot	inactive
10/12/05 10:26 a.m.	harrassment	mail	2 Decker Student Center	inactive
10/12/05 11:26 p.m.	vandalism	property	2 Blanche Ward Hall	inactive
10/13/05 2:46 p.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	2 Blanche Ward Hall	closed by report
10/14/05 12:13 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	2 Daniel Mel as Hall	closed by report
10/14/05 10:41 p.m.	vandalism	property	2 Garden Apartments	inactive
10/14/05 10:41 p.m.	vandalism with fire equipment	fire extinguisher	2 Garden Apartments	closed by report
10/15/05 12:20 a.m.	vandalism	vehicle	1 Whiteford Lot	open
10/15/05 2:24 a.m.	vandalism	property	2 North Village	inactive
10/17/05 8:39 p.m.	trespass with fire equipment	fire extinguisher	2 McDonald Hall	closed by report
10/30/05 12:12 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	2 Daniel Mel as Hall	closed by report
10/30/05 11:55 a.m.	assault	hand/foot	2 Decker Student Center	open
10/30/05 2:29 p.m.	trespass with fire equipment	fire extinguisher	2 Daniel Mel as Hall	inactive
10/30/05 7:00 p.m.	trespass with fire equipment	fire extinguisher	2 Blanche Ward Hall	inactive
10/31/05 1:08 a.m.	trespass with fire equipment	giving false information	2 Garden Apartments	closed by report
10/31/05 1:09 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	2 Blanche Ward Hall	closed by report
10/22/05 1:35 a.m.	deceasy offense	public urination	1 Blanche Ward Hall	closed by report
10/22/05 1:35 a.m.	assault	hand/foot	2 Blanche Ward Hall	open
10/22/05 10:54 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	2 Rouzer Hall	pending court outcome
10/22/05 11:53 p.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	2 Blanche Ward Hall	closed by report
10/23/05 12:18 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	2 Garden Apartments	pending court outcome
10/23/05 2:36 a.m.	theft	from buildings	2 Blanche Ward Hall	open
10/23/05 4:03 a.m.	drug violation	possession	1 Off Campus	pending court outcome
10/23/05 10:30 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	2 Blanche Ward Hall	report complete
10/23/05 11:30 p.m.	bite bite incident	vandalism	1 Whiteford Lot	open
10/34/05 8:00 p.m.	assault	hand/foot	2 McDonald Hall	report incomplete

Clubroom Policy Change Affects ID Use

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An integral part of social life here at McDaniel College, clubrooms provide all the basic necessities for weekend fun: dancing, drinking and a chance to "get low." Yes, these clubrooms – held most often by the campus' sororities and fraternities, as well as the Black Student Union (BSU) – are the perfect opportunity for students to socialize after a hectic week.

Until recently, checking McDaniel ID cards at the door of clubrooms was a very lenient practice. You flashed your ID for a millisecond, and the next thing you know,

you're shakin' your groove thing with your friends.

However, in lieu of the recent campus attacks the college's relaxed policy concerning the attendees of said clubrooms is being revised to include a more strict regulation: before you enter a clubroom, you must, as Director of Campus Safety Michael Webster puts it, "surrender your photo ID" to be held for the duration of your stay.

It's important to note that this revision is not an entirely new idea. Head of College Activities Mitchell Alexander points out that the idea of checking IDs at the door originated about two years ago: "The idea began with the BSU

[in response to an off-campus person causing trouble during a clubroom], but the decision to transfer the policy to all parties is new."

Why specifically is the policy being revised? A pertinent reason is to prevent those outside the college from disrupting student affairs, as previously mentioned in the BSU's case.

In lieu of the incident concerning the off-campus troublemaker, a meeting was held with Michael Webster, Mitchell Alexander, Dean Elizabeth Towle, Dean Philip Sayre and several BSU officers in attendance.

The agreement on the course of action? As

Alexander says, "Why not take IDs at the door? It's worked out [for the BSU] so far. We [had] to do something; in its own time, [the policies] may lighten up again."

But what if someone outside the college – not a guest of a student – does manage admittance into a clubroom and causes trouble? Would the group sponsoring the clubroom be held accountable?

"As long as they have all of their ducks in order, then no," Alexander says. "If there is a responsible person acting as the door monitor or gate keeper," then the group would be ok."

So what do students think of this new procedure? Senior

Arpineh Mehrabi believes "that it's a really good idea because I don't want to risk [a] clubroom being shut down because of outsiders ruining things. A clubroom isn't something that just happens; everything is planned carefully, so if it's shut down early it's a waste. Overall, [the new procedure] provides better security for the students."

Only time will tell if this new implementation to the college's clubroom policy will be successful. As Amanda Rose states, "It's a safety measure – that's the best way to put it."

Three Assaults On Students Shock Campus

("Assault" from page 1)
but I turned in mid-air and landed on my elbow instead. At that point, I rolled away from the group and started sprinting toward Campus Safety."

Byrd arrived at Campus Safety around 4 a.m., suffering from a bloody nose and pain in his elbow. Campus Safety immediately dispatched officers to search for the individuals responsible for the attack. A foot chase produced one suspect, who was identified by Byrd as one of the attackers. Campus Safety issued the male an alcohol citation and released him. The Westminster City Police were notified immediately of each attack, which is Campus Safety policy.

A Campus Safety officer took Byrd to the Carroll County Hospital Emergency room. He was checked in at 5:20 a.m. His mother, Betty Carrico, who lives two hours away in Calvert County, was notified of the assault and her son's condition by an ER employee.

"The admissions person at the hospital called me at around 5:30 because they needed permission to treat Joe," recalled Carrico. "When your phone rings at 5:30 a.m., you know something's wrong."

"The first thing I felt

was shock, then fear," she said. "And when I found out the details, that he was hurt at 4 a.m. and I was called by the hospital at 5:30, then I was pissed. He's a minor and I should have been notified sooner."

After x-rays and a catscan, doctors informed Byrd and his mother of his injuries: a broken radial head (elbow), broken nose, fractured sinus cavity, and fractured orbital socket. Carrico's frustration was compounded when she found that no one from the college stayed with her son while waiting for her to arrive at the hospital.

"I was not happy that no one from the school stayed with him," she stated. "They got him to admitting and left him."

Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster has already responded to some of the problems encountered that morning, by implementing new policies regarding officer patrol schedules as well as paperwork. In the past regular patrol consisted of two officers in a vehicle randomly patrolling campus, one officer picking up service calls, and the rest of the officers on foot.

"Now, no more than one uniformed officer is to be in the office at one time doing office work, writing reports, or whatever paperwork may

be necessary," stated Webster. "We're trying to keep as many people out of the office as we can and out on patrol."

Between the hours the assaults took place, 2 a.m. and 5 a.m., there would ordinarily be seven officers on duty. According to Webster, on the morning of the assaults, there were five officers on duty, as two officers recently resigned.

"The College has also contracted the Westminster City Police to help patrol the campus as well as have a fixed post on Pennsylvania Avenue to help deter this type of event," said Webster.

This initial contract with the City Police is temporary, and ends October 31, 2005. In addition to the increased police presence, Major Dean Brewer of the Westminster City Police suggested yet another precaution to McDaniel Administration.

"There was some indication that these individuals had attended a party on campus," stated Brewer. "We suggested that the college review their rules and guidelines pertaining to off-campus individuals attending parties."

According to Brewer, the increased police presence on campus takes place between the key hours of the morning: 11 p.m. – 2 a.m. during the week and until 4 a.m.

on weekends.

A detective was assigned to Joe Byrd's case on Wednesday, October 12th and an arrest was made on Friday, October 14th. The 15-year old juvenile male was identified through a photo lineup and is currently (as of press time) being detained by the Department of Juvenile Justice. He is charged with one count of 2nd degree assault.

No other information was able to be obtained regarding suspects or charges as the investigation is ongoing.

On Tuesday, October 18th, Joe Byrd underwent sur-

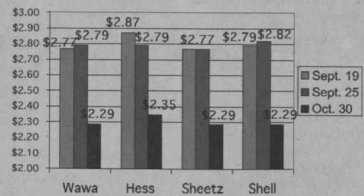
gery on his nose and is still at home recovering from his injuries. He hopes to return to McDaniel in the coming weeks.

His mother, Betty Carrico, applauds the efforts of the Westminster City Police.

"I am very pleased with the work the detective is doing," she said. "He is very kind, very respectful, and compassionate. I know that they're doing everything they can to get these people."

The other two assault victims, Tim Clare and an unnamed male student, were unavailable for comment as of press time.

Westminster Gas Prices



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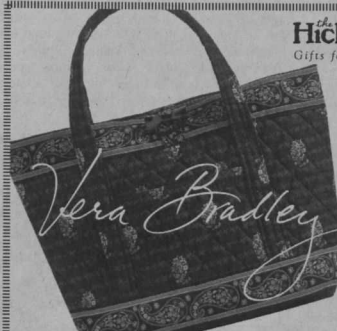
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Thomas Roberts of CNN Returns to the Hill

("Roberts" from page 1)
als, but you don't get the sense of thousands of individuals that lived in this district."

Another compelling story that Roberts was eager to report on was when the statue of Saddam Hussein was knocked down. He was reporting live at the time and told himself to "make a mental note of that."

Perhaps the event that will remain in his mind as his best interview took place with astronaut John Glenn. Roberts said he was just blown away and, at the time, he thought, "Wow, this guy is cool, what he has seen is absolutely amazing."

In addition to discussing the two weeks he spent in New Orleans, Roberts charmed the audience with his easygoing personality and humor. His interview stories

draw most of the laughs.

Prior to an interview in Philadelphia, Roberts forgot to bring formal pants, which proved not to be a big deal since television audiences cannot see pants behind the anchor desk anyway. But the folks at the station liked the gutsy young man who joked about forgetting his pants and acted the on camera tests and offered him a job.

Ironically, he told the audience, CNN Atlanta called and offered him an interview within days after the Philadelphia offer.

In CNN's grand lobby, Roberts stepped in a wall of gum. He survived the crazy interview that probably "took ten years off my life" and was offered the job.

Stick gum on your shoe, it works like a charm," Roberts joked with the audience,

reminding them that having an easy going personality is a staple in his business.

Students' reviews of his visit were nothing but favorable.

Good people skills are what strike me the most. [He] was friendly, open, and willing to answer questions," said Dan Whitney.

Roberts noted that he is "a big believer in education, but a bigger believer in being a 'do-er' as well. 'Great reward means great risk,' he explained, "...and in certain cases great self sacrifice."

Roberts, a communications major and the first student to graduate with a journalism minor started his broadcasting career small. His first reporting and real paying job was with a local station, Prestige Cablevision, CV3, where he had an internship

during college.

Due to the cablevision company's small size, Roberts was able to get hands-on experience; he told students and members of the college community that he instantly fell in love with the broadcasting business.

It became, in Roberts words, "something I enjoyed and had passion for."

Roberts advised every student interested in broadcasting to get an internship: "Internships are the way to go. They are the absolute best way to go. You get practical, real world experience."

In 2001, after years of hard work, Roberts became a part of CNN. He now co-anchors CNN Headline News Prime with Sophia Choi five nights a week from CNN's world headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.

He has logged over 3,000 television hours in the course of four years at the station, he told the standing room only crowd last week.

After graduation, Roberts lost touch with the school and his journalism professor, Terry Dalton. Months ago, they reconnected and Roberts spoke at one of the Admitted Student Days in April. Dalton said he was eager to bring him to campus again, and Homecoming week was perfect since Roberts would be in town to see the game for the first time in over ten years.

Roberts said he was also excited to see his old fraternity, the Preachers with whom he enjoyed years of fun.

Roberts' words convinced many listeners that "whatever you choose to do in this life, you can go anywhere from the Hill."

Ernie Ogle: The Man, The Myth, The Voice

TODD KNEPPER
STAFF WRITER

He left, then returned. Who is he? Or is he at all?

The voice of Ernie Ogle, McDaniel's former Telecommunications Manager used to be as frequent as late arrivals to class. Sometimes the first greeting in the morning, other times the last greeting at night (depending on the time students check their phone messages), Ogle's "news" had been tagged by students as informative or continuously annoying.

His voice was undeniably recognizable. But Class of 2009 was almost denied the

Ernie Ogle experience because after 35 years, Ogle retired. The semester began without his frequent greetings.

Ernie Ogle's mystique prompted printed shirts with the following slogans: "Who is Ernie Ogle?" and "Bring Back Ogle," said Junior Art Club President Ali Gargon.

Defying rumors of departure, Ernie remains on "The Hill." For the active and enthused, Ernie will continue leading you down the information superhighway. As for the aurally nauseas, you will again often be pierced with those infamous 6 words: "Message number one, from - Ernie Ogle."

The shady part about Ernie's existence at our institution derives from students not really knowing who he is. Even though his voice is known by many students and faculty members would many people be able to identify and thank Ernie for his services? Could anyone actually point a blistery "delete" finger at the accused?

Has anyone ever laid eyes on this man? Could he in fact be a robot? His name certainly fits all possibilities. He is 6'5" and clumsy, or short, cut, and a regular in Daytona Beach for Spring Break? Young or old? Into bluegrass or gangster rap?

The options are endless.

Well, they were endless.

I recently tracked Ernie down to crack the mystery.

I will begin by telling you who he is real. Ernie is a slightly older and gently stern kind of guy. He has worked for the College for 35 years, and expects to stick around for a few more.

Although officially retired, Ernie is in his office on Tuesday and Wednesday as Telecommunications Technician.

Chris Matthews of the Telecommunications

Department says "even if he is only here twice a week it's great to still have him around."

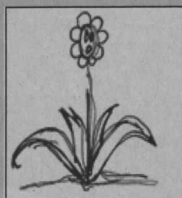
Ernie officially wants to make known that "just because some messages are left throughout the late night/early morning, I am not actually getting up at those hours and recording them."

The cut back in hours is great for him because it gives him for family time, he said. He is a proud father of two and grandfather of two as well. Ernie Ogle is full of character and certainly more than just a voice.

Three More Albums You Haven't Heard

Local Album: The Low Life - "Daisy Cutter"

The Low Life is yet another local bar-scene band that is fueled by a large and loyal college following. The band's most general comparison is to Sublime. The sound is somewhat seasonal (summer); comprised of catchy reggae hooks, bongos, and breezy melodies, but at the same time there is a deeper and darker feeling involved as TLL is not afraid of coming across as punk. The D.C. natives find a way to keep their lyrics simple and powerful, but shy away from the cheesy side. "Daisy Cutter" their sophomore album is a good blend of current tracks and older, previously finished tracks from the groups' high school days. TLL often plays gigs at the Recher Theatre in Towson, 9:30 Club in D.C., and a few bars surrounding York College. "Daisy Cutter" is sold at all Record and Tape Traders in MD.



Daisy Cutter

TODD KNEPPER
STAFF WRITER

Live Album: Xavier Rudd - "Live in Canada"

Xavier is quite possibly the most talented, yet unheard of musician lurking around the independent scene. This recording captures 13 tracks from a set Rudd played up in Canada in 2001. Using the word "play" doesn't quite describe it, Xavier "jams." Showing his knack for composition, and great ear, he brings to the stage guitars, shakers, digeridoos, slide guitars, tongue drums, stomp boxes, djembes, harmonica, ankle bells, and a slide banjo. He claims to be able to separate his limbs into different rhythm sections. And understand, just because Xavier is most known for pulling off up to four instruments at once, his voice shouldn't go unheralded. The music is pure, positive, and most of all has a natural vibe. The Australia native sings about his homeland, humanity, spirituality, and the environment. His lyrics are compassionate and aim towards lifting up life, often through the representation of past events and stories. My personal favorite song from this show is "Jack," a tale of one boy's cruelty, and another boy's forgiving soul. The album is solid and deserves to be heard.



Xavier Rudd

New Album: DangerDoom - "The Mouse and the Mask"

You don't have to be familiar with DJ Dangermouse and respected rapper Doom to appreciate this album. Their collaboration and the birth of this project was based on these two masterminds love for the Cartoon Network's late-night segment, "Adult Swim." The album contains character voices and skits from the following shows: Aqua Teer Hunger Force, Sealab 2021 and Harvey Birdman, Attorney at Law. This album is strictly for comedic purposes. DJ Dangermouse is mostly noted for his recent attack at mixing The Beatles' "White Album" with Jay-Z's "Black Album." Whereas, Doom has always taken on a cartoon-like persona and has been a steady part of underground hip hop since 1991. "The Mouse and the Mask" has fans saying "it's about time," and other musicians asking "why didn't I think of that?"



Danger Doom

School Forgotten When a 65 inch TV Calls

ANDY WU
STAFF WRITER

Don't like class? Sick of all these professors assigning work? How are students supposed to play video games and watch TV all day?

From the looks of their room, Nick Hall and Tony Lang just don't worry about having "responsibility" or "a work ethic." After all, there's no need to write papers when you can watch movies on a massive 65 inch television.

211 Blanche also

boasts the ideal piece of furniture to enjoy such an enormous TV. It is an equally enormous sectional couch that eats up about a third of the room. You have to climb over it to reach the beds and refrigerator.

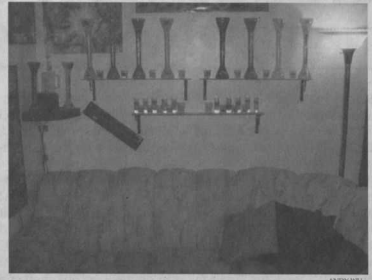
The room is lavishly and brilliantly decorated with porn star posters, black lights, and a tree. "I think the tree adds a homey feeling," Hall explains, "I love the tree."

Also adding a homey feeling, Nick and Tony's pet bear Jazz guards over the roommates ferociously yet

lovingly.

Lang contends that this room is unquestionably the best on campus. "I know we have the best room on campus, and you know it too."

If the quality of a room is measured by the amount of work forgotten about, this room is without a doubt the best at McDaniel. So if you're interested in not being interested in school, head over to Blanche, but be wary of Jazz.



Blanche 211 displays their impressive collection of drinking items. ANDY WU

An Ode to the Ballerino

EMILY BIONDO
STAFF WRITER

50 ballet shoes. 25 dancers. 12 routines. 8 counts per measure. 2 practices a week. Incredible amounts of choreography to learn.

One male dancer.

Freshman Greg Trzcinski, the sole keeper of testosterone in this year's McDaniel College Dance Company, walked into the first meeting among a veritable sea of girls.

"I want to dance," said Trzcinski. "And [then] I whipped out the little pamphlet that said 'no experience necessary.'" A first time dancer, Trzcinski was lured by the chance at securing sweeter moves.

"[I'm here] so I can look good at dances—impress people," he said. "Well, I want to learn to dance, not just hop around." His motivation comes from seeing the modern movers and shakers, most noticeably a certain hip-hopper with a smooth voice and even smoother moves.

"Ever seen Usher dance? It's so sick," Trzcinski said.

According to Dance

Company President Rachel Johnston, Trzcinski may not be on the same level as the R&B artist, but he is certainly making progress.

"He's getting more of the steps," said Johnston upon reviewing his first practice. "I could tell that he had never danced before, but I could already see improvement." That first practice was jazz, and Trzcinski knew he would run into some trouble before the hour was up. The routines were a new experience, but overall, he feels his performance was satisfactory.

"I actually remember a lot of it, except for the jumping around part of it," Trzcinski states. Along with this "jumping part" came another hardship that sets Trzcinski apart once more from the girls of the company: difficulty stretching.

"I'm not really flexible...and when you have to do two things like with arms and feet, it just doesn't happen," he said, shaking his head. However, Trzcinski does not consider this obstacle to be fatal to any dancing career, least of all his own.

"It just means my legs can't go as high as theirs," Trzcinski said.

Johnston agrees—her evaluation of Trzcinski's abilities lies in one key factor which definitively sets him apart from the rest of the Company: his attitude.

"He's definitely one of the most enthusiastic ones...he may not be the best, but he's

Dance Company Information

The McDaniel Dance Company meets two hours a week in two to three sessions. President and choreographer Rachel Johnston encourages anyone to join, as new members are still welcomed.

At each practice, members learn new genres of dance and new routines, all of which will culminate into performances for various McDaniel events as well as a dance recital on April 1st in Alumni Hall open to on and off-campus attendance.

Information Rachel Johnston at Ext. 8031.



60 Seconds

What do you think about diversity on campus?

Compiled by Chanan Delivuk



Christina Theoharis, '06

"Honestly, I don't really feel there is a lot of diversity on campus. I haven't met people of different backgrounds, especially middle Eastern/European, like myself."



Cricket Carter, pub night shift supervisor

"[Diversity] I think it's here, but I don't think there is as much as people think there is—more segregation than diversity—more of a mix is needed, even among males and females."



Wayne Mack, '06

"Diversity on campus to me is OK, but I feel it could be more diverse as far as minorities and international students."



Kaha Hashi, '06

"I think we just need more diversity...more clubs and interaction among students."

If You Feel Down, Pick This Up

"Success is loving life and daring to live it."
~ Maya Angelou

Success is indeed loving your life. It doesn't matter if you turn out to be wealthy and being the envy of all your friends, if you don't enjoy what you're doing, you're wasting your natural talents.

-Torreka Jordan

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From Europe to the Hill

SARAH WOLF
STAFF WRITER

Once upon a time Sarah, that would be me, was a student at the Budapest campus in Hungary. As McDaniel College has this fabulous 2+2 program and Sarah's two years at the Budapest campus have passed, it was time to make a decision.

She thought, "Mh, will I stay in Budapest and finish school here, because hey, Europe is a lot of fun. You can actually drink in public, yes, open container, and plus the campus is great. Teachers are fun, made a lot of friends from all over the world, big city life, great bars, clubs, none of this 'you have to be 21 years old to do this and that' nonsense."

However, she still felt that it was time to travel to a new place, once again, and meet new people and encounter a great new experience (plus the 21 part wouldn't matter, passed that one already). The

wilderness was calling, "Sarah, Sarah. Come to America. It is time for a new adventure."

So, Sarah came to this campus. Yes that's right, McDaniel College in Westminster, MD, the campus with the ten million insane squirrels.

Now, you may wonder who is this Sarah person? Well, if you want to know that bad I will tell you, or pretend that you want to know, okay? Besides, there is nothing you can do, because oh, oh, it is a paper, you could only turn the page, but I got your attention and you don't want to miss out. Everybody on campus will be talking about this column because it is like a new "Survivor" season. I am sure most of you love those shows.

My name is Sarah. Wow, that was a toughie, eh?

I transferred here from the Budapest campus, obviously, this fall semester. I am from Germany, originally, and now I am here. I am in the

International Club. It would probably be weird if I were not. I encourage you to join because also as Americans you are international, just in case you did not know.

Also, it is a lot of fun because you get to hang out with other foreigners and myself. Yeah, there is one thing that I should mention for safety reasons: I am a little crazy, it gets worse by the second, but who knows maybe you will enjoy that. Makes things more interesting, you know.

From now on I will amuse and entertain you with crazy stories, maybe sometimes a little emotional (who knows, I might mix it up a little to confuse you), of being an international student in this country and at this college.

Enjoy and feel free to contact me for Budapest campus information (my email: sew002@mcdaniel.edu).

Experience the Civil Rights Movement

COLLEEN LEARY
STAFF WRITER

One of the most important events in recent American history is the Civil Rights Movement. The dedication of passionate people standing up for what they believed in led to a big step in the right direction of bridging racial gaps and embracing diversity.

Fortunately for us, the McDaniel community has a unique opportunity to experience and understand the Civil Rights Movement during a bus tour through the South on January 13 through January 15, 2006. All are invited to re-

trace the steps of such activist as Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks.

Dr. Pam Zappardino from the "Ira and Mary Zepp Center for Nonviolence and Peace Education" leads the trip and feels it is an invaluable experience for students of all ages.

"What you really encounter when riding through the South with a multi-racial group is a sense of being like, the freedom riders of the 1960's," explains Zappardino. "You have an agenda, but you meet lots of people along the way that may not necessarily be in history books that are just fasci-

nating to talk with. It is these little personal experiences that make the trip so meaningful."

The trip includes lectures and interviews with non-violent activists, including Dr. Bernard LaFayette Jr. who worked along side Dr. Martin Luther King. Participants will hear about the success stories such as the voting rights campaign in Selma and the Montgomery bus boycott, but Zappardino hopes they walk away with so much more than a history lesson.

"There is a big sense that the Civil Rights Movement is over, but it's really not. There is still a lot of

work that needs to be done. It's a very uplifting experience. The struggle is a part of life and if you want to make things better, you keep working at it."

People of all ages, racial backgrounds, and from all over the country have attended past tours creating a diverse experience. Zappardino feels the friendships formed during three days on a bus together are an amazing aspect of the trip.

"You notice people talking on a much deeper level than if they were in a different situation. You know that these will be people you will keep in touch with."

Perhaps one of the most powerful aspects of the tour is the way in which it causes the Civil Rights Movement to come alive. "This experience makes the movement real in a way that nothing else could," says Zappardino. "With this trip, you get a sense that you are walking through history, a history that is still taking place." Anyone interested in this life-changing journey should contact Pam Zappardino at paxwarthog@aol.com



Students from the 2005 followed the footsteps of the Civil Rights Movement. Among the places visited was the Rosa Parks Museum. Students will once again experience and understand the Civil Rights Movement during a bus tour through the South on January 13 through January 15, 2006.

In next issue's Center Spread: Express Yourself!

By Sitting, Parks Inspires An Historical Movement

ROB COEKE
CO-EDITOR

It was so simple. A choice to stand up by not standing up. A choice that brought about change. An action that spoke louder than words ever could.

Everyone knows what happened December 1, 1954. A choice was made not to give up a bus seat. The action was simple. The result was grand and beautiful.

Rosa Parks lived a rich and fulfilled life beyond what she became so famous for, staying married to her husband until his death and working on various NAACP and political causes, but she will be forever remembered for the simplest of actions that brought about the most complex of changes.

Her death has brought about reminding about her legacy. Nearly all of it short-changes the greatest ordinary action in American history.

Everyone knows what Martin Luther King accomplished in his short life. But not everyone realizes that he would have never gotten as far as he did without Ms. Parks beginning the march. Ms. Parks began, he stepped in and the job is still ongoing.

The bus boycott, "I have a

dream," the sit-ins throughout the South and everything else would have come about much harder without Ms. Parks. She was always humble about it, giving credit to Dr. King when in reality, she should have her own day of honor.

But fires don't start without sparks. Her sitting was the ember, the glimmer that began it all. Martin could not have rallied the public around the Montgomery bus boycott without Ms. Parks. Without Ms. Parks, Dr. King and the movement may have never made the progress they did.

However, for as great MLK was, he never could have done what Rosa Parks did. Sure, he could have kept sitting, but the impact wouldn't have been near the same.

Change comes about when people bind together. Change occurs when people stop putting up with oppression. Change comes when people say "Enough is enough." Change starts simply, like when someone says "Hell no."

But Ms. Parks wasn't like Dr. King or Malcolm X. She didn't do anything extraordinary. She just kept sitting. She is the epitome of what is beautiful about humanity.

Impacts aren't exclusive to the remarkable. The nor-

mal, regular, average Joe and Jane can have an effect. That is the greatest lesson we can take from Ms. Parks' life: one action, no matter how routine or mundane, can change the world.

In a world where things seem out of our control, much inspiration should be drawn from Ms. Parks. The individual seems increasingly marginalized throughout the world. Out of the six billion people in the world, there are many leaders. But there are some changes even leaders can make; the changes must start underground, down below where they can slowly gain momentum and better humanity.

In essence, Ms. Parks played that role that December day in Alabama. Much needs to be changed today. Starters and leaders are both needed. But as long as there's as many future Rosa Parks in the world as there are future Martin Luther King's right now, then we will be in good shape.

If Rosa Parks did it, we can too. It's just as easy as standing up, or choosing not to.

"The art of thinking independently together."
—Malcom Forbes

Hispano-Latino Alliance Raises Awareness

MELANIE CHUPEIN
STAFF WRITER

The Hispano-Latino Alliance (HLA) is just one of the various ethnic and cultural groups on campus. Currently the student organization has eleven members, but HLA is always looking for new members to join. They meet in Ensor Lounge every Monday evening at five.

Dr. Amy McNichols, HLA's advisor since last year, says, "I

think they're trying really hard to make the campus more aware of the Latino presence."

President Indira Gonzalez adds, "The best thing about this organization is that everyone may think that this group is just for Hispanics, but people of many different ethnic backgrounds have come out and joined."

HLA has tried to continue its involvement with the community and organize events.

In 2003, they hosted a special dinner, serving dishes from all different countries like El Salvador, Puerto Rico, Colombia, Nicaragua, and Peru. More recently, they have been offering Salsa lessons. These are open to the entire campus as well as the Westminster community.

On October 21, they held one of these sessions in the Forum with a small entry fee that included a half hour of instructional time and then a

dance immediately following. Students who missed out on this opportunity can attend the next lesson on December 2, where they will learn the Salsa and Merengue.

Looking ahead to the spring semester, HLA is trying to bring Luis Rodriguez, author of *Always Running: La Vida Loca: Gang Days in L.A.* to speak on campus. They have a goal of trying to help guide the Latinos in the right direction when it comes to their

children and also having a sense of belonging within the Westminster community.

In addition to joining HLA in order to be involved with helping increase awareness and learning some spicy dance moves, Gonzalez explains, "We are able to have different ideas from different people, which is really great. We have become close within the group to the point where we can depend on each other if we need anything."

ALLIES Welcomes All

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It can be hard being a minority of any sort. As a gay person here at McDaniel, I sometimes feel really out of place. The truth is that McDaniel does not have a large

GLBT (gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered) community. Sometimes we get overlooked and forgotten in the big scheme of things. We are here though, and it is important that we have a place where we can go, and with our supporting straight friends, discuss, in a confidential manner, any-

thing that we want to discuss, and that we can raise awareness of the GLBT community on campus. This is where ALLIES comes in.

One of the biggest misconceptions about ALLIES is that it is a "gay group." This could not be further from the truth, in fact, heterosexuals make up a large portion of the club, and play an integral role. Freshmen Amanda Gushard-Edwards sums up why our straight members are so important: "For me as a straight person it is extremely important for me to support GLBT people, and to attend ALLIES meetings. I feel it is

important not only to show that there are straight people who support GLBT people, but also to erase the stereotype that all straight people are out to keep the GLBT community a second class."

So if you identify as a GLBT person, or are questioning their sexuality, or are an understanding straight person who would like to show your support to those who are GLBT, then please feel free to stop by ALLIES. We meet every Tuesday at 10 pm in the ALLIES clubroom, which is located in the basement of Blanche.

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Celebrating Homecoming on the Hill



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Tough Crowd at Pub

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If Romont Harris and Alexandra McHale faced bad nights for comedians, it was the audience at the Pub at McDaniel College that made it a tough night for comedy.

Despite her being voted "Female Entertainer of the Year" by the nation's college students for two straight years, a majority of Alexandra McHale's forty-minute opening act saw the audience paying little attention, distracted by conversation and ringing cell phones. McHale soldiered through a routine spotlighted by self-deprecating humor and topical observations, but about a half hour in, the talkative audience proved to be too much of a strain, causing the comedian to curse and ask a table to shut up.

After attempting to garner laughter with commentary on subjects such as the perils of being Irish and needing sunscreen, and the consequences of recreational bovine tipping ("and that's why we have mad cow disease"), McHale contented herself to involving the half-filled Pub with audience interaction.

McHale rushed offstage once her set was complete, off to continue a career full of college bookings and appearances on television shows like

Comedy Central's "Premium Blend" and VH1's "I Love the 80's."

Desperate to right the ship, lead act Romont Harris jumped on stage, called students into the empty seats up front and attempted to inject hype and energy into the show.

Harris, a Philadelphian comic who looks like Carlton from "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air" and has opened for such big names as Martin Lawrence and Chris Rock, was loud, boisterous and crude, all in a successful effort to get respect and, just as importantly, laughter.

Much of Harris's routine could be described as X-Rated, constituted mostly of simulated sex acts involving the microphone or its stand that cannot otherwise be depicted in a college newspaper.

The raunchiness and its source's vivaciousness successfully combated any obstacles confronting the night's comedians.

Harris admitted to his propensity for base, sexual humor, but as he prepares himself to appear on the new season of BET's "ComicView," he can know that he has passed one of the greatest tests that comedians face: going to battle with a tough crowd and winning.

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Crab Guys, Raucous Fans Mark Homecoming

CORI SIMPSON
STAFF WRITER

After the previous spirit week at McDaniel, filled with fun, free activities provided by the college (where I made my own special personalized t-shirt), I was eager to experience my first homecoming on "The Hill."

With the fanfare of the Winters Mills High School marching band, the homecom-

ing parade filed up Main Street around noon. "The Crab Guys," complete with barebelly hula dancer with coconut shell bra, grabbed a lot of grins. The college's Dance Team spoofed Michael Jackson by wearing Jason masks and kicking out a dance routine to "Thriller." That routine won the group first place. Hopefully the parade will get even more colorful and longer next year.

I had been to practically all of the previous football games this year, but I wasn't sure what to expect for homecoming. All I knew coming into the stadium is that things looked horribly crowded. Other than the fact I had to walk about a half a mile to the football field from the car, I was pretty optimistic for the football game itself (and the great food that awaited me at my parents' tailgate party).

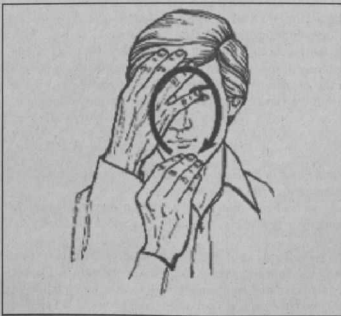
As my friend and I walked through and past the vast crowds of very happy, semi-drunk people, I was overwhelmed with the sense of school spirit. Everywhere I looked - green and gold was shining bright. Pom-poms and decorations, painted faces, "Western Maryland" and "McDaniel" attire, and even t-shirt wearing dogs were littered throughout the bunch.

It was interesting to watch

as the people fraternized during the game. Alums, students, parents, and young children, all gathered at McDaniel because of homecoming.

It made me wonder, will I look back at McDaniel as once being my home? Will I be lured back here at the thought of a cold, crisp, fall, homecoming day? Will you?

Sign of the Week: Beautiful



The right hand, fingers closed over the thumb, is placed near chin. Hand opens into 5 or spread hand while making a counter-clockwise circle around the face, ending in initial position. If you are left handed, translate everything that says right to left.

"I'm Not As Think As You Drunk I Am"

COLLEEN LEARY
STAFF WRITER

10 Ways to Tell You've Had Too Much to Drink:

1. You get mad at inanimate objects, often starting fist fights with chairs and the like.
 2. Music must be played at the loudest possible decibel so you can scream, not sing, lyrics you don't even know.
 3. You feel the urge to call or IM everyone you know and bother them with your nonsense.
 4. You suddenly think you have the body of a supermodel and that everyone must see it.
 5. Pub food seems appealing.
 6. All of the sudden you are in love with that guy/girl you've spent the last month hating.
 7. Going to the bathroom involves assistance from your best friend.
 8. You think you're a really good dancer when it is clear to everyone else that you're definitely not.
 9. Walking up and down steps becomes quite a challenge, often resulting in you falling flat on your face.
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(Editor's Note: Unless you have a loved one in Iraq or you know someone whose life has been altered by the war, it's hard to realize how history is unfolding there. In an effort to keep a war far away closer to home, The McDaniel Free Press will run emails sent by soldiers to friends and family members. If you have an email to share, forward it to freepress@mcDaniel.edu)

September 30, 2005

Hey everyone, I'm still alive and doing as good as can be expected for being over here anyway. Things are about the same as they have been, 2 missions a day and not really knowing what to expect. We have been doing very well and taken in several important bad guys in the last few days. My platoon is getting some sort of award or commendation this afternoon for an especially well executed mission we did a few days ago.

It was special because the mission didn't come down from higher, and we gathered all the intel ourselves and executed at the right time. It reflected very well on our immediate leadership, which is good because we are kind of a misfit platoon.

We have less people than all the others and we are a combination of infantrymen, mortar men, and tankers while all the other platoons are just infantrymen. We don't even have an LT right now, just a staff sergeant acting as one. He does an excellent job though and everyone, except the company commander, prefers him to a new LT.

I have earned my Combat Medic Badge, though it is still in the paperwork process. I got it the easy way and didn't have to treat any of my own guys. We were working with the Iraqi police and one of them was shot in the leg and I treated him. Since he is coalition forces it counted for my CMB, so I'll take it that way and hope I never have to treat my own guys. I have my first day off today!

Sam Pickard

Sam Pickard, 20, was born and raised in Rosenberg, TX, which is just outside of Houston. He is Lisa Breslin's (coordinator of the writing center) 2nd cousin. He writes:

"I play Bass and drums and I am trying to learn guitar mostly for songwriting purposes. I am also into bicycling. Pretty much anything with two wheels actually, bmx, mountain biking, trail riding, ect, as well as motorcycles.

I joined the army as a medic before I graduated high school and left for basic training about a week after my graduation with my best friend since about 1st grade. When people ask why I joined, I tell them honestly that I don't know why. I really just didn't have anything better to do. I didn't want to go off to school yet and I didn't want to sit at home either, so here I am. I have been stationed in Fort Wainwright, Alaska, just outside of Fairbanks, for a little over a year now and enjoy it for the most part. The winters are pretty harsh, but the summers make up for it.

"I am in 2-1 Infantry, 172 Stryker Brigade Combat Team. I deployed to Iraq on 16 August of this year. I will have about 8 months left in the army when we get back from Iraq and am looking at several options for when my four years are over, though I am currently undecided."

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NFL Week Nine Predictions

TOM MICHAELS
STAFF WRITER

Atlanta at Miami 1:00 p.m.

The Falcons are coming off a bye week which is bad news for the Dolphins. Miami's D will keep them in the game, but look for Mike Vick and the Falcons to come away with a big win on the road. Prediction: Falcons 28 Dolphins 14

Carolina at Tampa Bay 1:00 p.m.

The Bucs are 3-0 at home this year, but look for that streak to end this week. Both teams are very good against the run, I'll give the edge to the Panthers in this one because they have the more experienced quarterback. Prediction: Panthers 27 Bucs 21

Cincinnati at Baltimore 1:00 p.m.

The Ravens face another tough AFC North opponent this week when the Bengals come to town. The Ravens offense won't score enough points to keep up with Carson Palmer's high flying attack. Ravens will keep it closer than people think at home, but will still drop another one. Prediction: Bengals 20 Ravens 13

Houston at Jacksonville 1:00 p.m.

The Texans might not score a point in this one; I'll give them a field goal however. Prediction: Jags 24 Texans 3

Oakland at Kansas City 1:00 p.m.

The Chiefs desperately need a win this week to keep up with the Chargers and Broncos in the division. The Raiders will score some points, but the Chiefs are too good in KC. Prediction: Chiefs 31 Raiders 21

San Diego at NY Jets 1:00 p.m.

Vinny will be at full strength this week coming off the bye for the Jets, I don't know if that's a good thing or not. Jets keep it close at home but Chargers will prevail. Prediction: Chargers 21 Jets 10

Tennessee at Cleveland 1:00 p.m.

The Browns are an underrated football team, and with their defense they should take care of the Titans at home. Prediction: Browns 17 Titans 14

Chicago at New Orleans 4:05 p.m.

Finally, the Saints will play back to back games in the same city (Baton Rouge, LA). However, that won't guarantee a victory. DA Bears will do enough on defense to come out with a close win. Prediction: Bears 17 Saints 16

NY Giants at San Francisco 4:05 p.m.

The 49ers can't stop anyone of defense, look for Eli to throw 4 touchdowns in this one. Giants win in a blowout. Prediction: Giants 35 49ers 10

Seattle at Arizona 4:05 p.m.

They might be giving away tickets to this game in Arizona, only to see the home team lose. Prediction: Seattle 27 Cardinals 14

Pittsburgh at Green Bay 4:05 p.m.

The Steelers have proved they can win on the road this year and they will again this week. The Packers won't be able to stop the dynamic running attack of the Steelers even at home. Prediction: Steelers 28 Packers 13

Philadelphia at Washington 8:30 p.m.

This Sunday night matchup will be a good one. The Eagles defense has struggled on the road so far this year while the Redskins have been unstoppable on offense lately. McNabb and TO will watch the new QB/WR combination, Brunell and Moss tear up Philly's secondary. Prediction: Skins 24 Eagles 17

Indianapolis at New England Monday 9:00 p.m.

The undefeated Colts visit the Patriots on Monday night in what will be best game of the week. Peyton Manning will finally beat the Pats in New England. The Patriots defense has been awful this year, and a much improved Colts defense will contain Brady. Indy will prove to be the best team in the NFL and stay undefeated. Prediction: Colts 35 Patriots 31

Field Hockey Rising to Top

ROB GOEKE
CO-EDITOR

If a team is the three seed going into the conference playoffs, they are probably concerned, worried and prepared for a probable early exit.

Then again, most number three seeds don't finish their season by winning their final three games by a combined score of 17-1.

Such is the standing of the confident McDaniel Field Hockey, who are in prime position to go toe to toe with the Centennial Conference best this weekend in the conference tournament at Ursinus.

"We had some tough losses in the beginning of the season and we have learned a lot from them," said Head Coach Muffie Bliss. "We have come

together as a cohesive unit and that is something that is so important to a team."

It appears that the team is much better than their 11-6 overall and 7-3 conference record would suggest given the overtime losses the team gave to Ursinus and Gettysburg, the top two teams in the Conference.

In the Ursinus game October 1, the team had a 2-1 lead going into the second half before ultimately losing 4-3. Against Gettysburg on October 19, the team fell 2-1.

With Gettysburg up next in the playoffs, the Terror believe they are eye to eye with the conference's best.

"We feel like we are in a good place since it is very hard to beat a good team twice," said Bliss. "We are a good team."

Since this will be the second game between the two teams, making adjustments not only to how they play but to Gettysburg's style will be key.

"We will be focusing not only on what we need to do for our own team, but how we can counter attack the teams that we will see," said Bliss.

The team has gained much leadership from upperclassmen and captains Carolanne Bianco, junior, and seniors Unflat, and Laura Baggeley. The competitive bonds are strong.

"Everyone has a sense of leadership, which is why we have done so well," said Bliss.

If things do go well this weekend, there could be another conference champion welcomed back to McDaniel.

V-ball Celebrates Season

MEREDITH ADAMS
STAFF WRITER

As the Women's Volleyball team ends another remarkable season, they are disappointed that they did not achieve their goal of making playoffs but they still ended up sixth in the conference and still feel that their season was a success.

Sophomore D.D. Lehr points out, "we surprised a lot of people this season and we were very competitive in

every conference game."

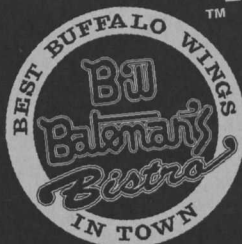
The girls feel that their biggest accomplishment this season was coming together and playing as a team. Their team unity contributed to the girls beating some very good teams. They worked hard this season and learned a lot that will help them to be successful in future seasons.

During their last game, which was Coach Molloy's 300th win, the girls were impressed with the extraordi-

nary play shown by seniors Krista Eiser and Tamara Twardowski. Their talent will be greatly missed on the team next year.

"We were ranked ninth out of eleven teams in the pre-season poll, so we surprised a lot of teams," explains sophomore Caroline Rushe. "We showed great strength this season by coming back from being down two games and winning our last three."

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Blocked Kick, Terror Lose in Overtime

RYAN CHELL
STAFF WRITER

McDaniel returned home on Saturday to play their Homecoming game against the Franklin and Marshall Diplomats. When the Green Terror last played here at McDaniel three weeks ago, they were 4-0 and nationally ranked, coming off a win against Ursinus. Since then, with three consecutive losses on the road, the Green Terror were hoping that the home crowd, the familiar atmosphere, and facing a team with a 2-5 record would help them end their losing streak.

But things, most notably, the ball—on a field goal and an extra point—would not go McDaniel's way as the Green Terror fell in overtime to the Diplomats, 17-14. In the first overtime, on McDaniel's possession, McDaniel kicker Jay Leonard's field goal was blocked by F&M defender Barry Lovett on an attempt to tie the game and send it to the next round of overtime. It was the second time that the Diplomats blocked a kick in the game, with the first coming on an extra point after McDaniel's first touchdown. McDaniel, after a 4-0 start, now is at .500 after losing their

last four games.

McDaniel, still without offensive stars Brad Baer, Tom Wenrich, and running back Broderick Maybank, stayed in a stalemate with F&M for most of the game. Even without Maybank at running back, McDaniel was able to depend on junior running back Meikos Parker, who was Centennial Offensive Player of the Week earlier this season for his efforts in McDaniel's victory against Catholic. Parker, who scored on a 21-yard run at 13:14 in the first quarter, was essential on McDaniel's opening drive, which spanned 55 yards on four plays. The extra point was blocked, but McDaniel's offense looked comfortable enough to overcome that lost point.

But after F&M scored on a one-yard touchdown run by quarterback Kyle Turner with twenty-four seconds left in the first quarter, it looked as if that blocked extra point was going to have a critical impact on the game. It would remain in the minds of many players and fans as the scoreboard remained the same for most of the game. Some thought that McDaniel, who is used to the close games this season, was going to continue their losing streak by losing by a single

point.

But McDaniel did not want that to happen; they wanted the losing streak to end that day. Twice, the Green Terror intercepted Diplomat quarterback Kyle Turner on the 1-yard line; a one-handed interception by Ron Ringgold and another by safety Drew Abbamonte. With 7:17 left in the game, rushes by Meikos Parker and quarterback Brett Gibson set up an 18-yd run by freshman Joe Taylor. The missed extra point was finally forgotten when McDaniel converted a two-point conversion; McDaniel now had a seven point lead to protect in order to come out with a win.

The Diplomats responded with a scoring drive of their own. Quarterback Kyle Turner hit Rob Donofrio for a 26-yard score with 5:04 left in the 4th quarter. Because of McDaniel's two-point conversion, the game was tied at 14. McDaniel held the ball last in regulation, but let the clock run out to induce overtime. In overtime, F&M drove to the McDaniel one-yard line, but after a six yard loss on 3rd down, they were satisfied with the field goal. McDaniel tried to match that drive, but their kick to tie the game was blocked to seal the win for

F&M.

The offensive replacements, Parker and Gibson, were very effective for the injured McDaniel starters. Gibson completed 41% of his passes for 100 yards and compiled 58 yards on the ground, showing that he is a threat on the ground and in the air. Meikos Parker reached the century mark on the ground on just seventeen carries. The defense had its two interceptions and had three sacks. But McDaniel's hard work did not show up on the scoreboard at the end of the game.

The loss, which brings

McDaniel to .500, also cost the Green Terror a chance at the Centennial Conference Championship. McDaniel is now 4-4 overall, and 1-3 in the conference with two games still to go. They also lost a big opportunity to catch Johns Hopkins who lost to Ursinus on the same day. Hopefully, McDaniel will be able to salvage their broken season when they go on the road this Saturday to face conference rival Muhlenberg followed by the season finale when they host Hopkins here at McDaniel.



As the scoreboard hits 0 seconds, the score read 14-17 in last Saturday's homecoming game. Two players walk away disappointed with the games turn-out.

Swimmers Deeply Committed to the Sport

MIKE HABEGGER
SPORTS EDITOR

"I hate swimming!"

Molly Bolek, junior distance swimmer for McDaniel, might not wear floppy footwear to the Harlow Pool (sandals are her preference), but she has a flip-flopping attitude towards swimming.

"It's seriously one of the dumbest sports every created," says Bolek, as she leaves her house on PA Avenue.

She embarks fifteen minutes early to make a two-minute walk to the often-overlooked 7 a.m. practice. A testament to her undoubtedly type-A personality, Molly keeps her alarm clock set ten minutes fast.

"It's confusing because I have to set the alarm on that clock five minutes earlier than the other one to stay on time."

Indeed, she is known to set three alarms, including her

cell phone's alarm function. There is no Iversonian disease in Molly's vocabulary. Practice is important.

The workout routine for the swim team is one of the most vigorous found at McDaniel. At a practice two weeks ago, members of the team swam over 6.5 miles, a mind-boggling distance for most students who do most of their swimming sitting on the beach in Ocean City. Following that feat, the team ran up and down the hill that is steeper than Liberty Ski slopes a number of times.

"No one has been severely injured yet," said Bolek, "so that's a plus."

With only five returning swimmers, senior Cassie Allen, freshman Calie Celinski, senior Brooke Bennett, and junior Molly Ruane are expected to carry the team in the breaststroke, distance, and sprinting events.

And Despite winning multiple events last season, Molly remains modest in her abilities as a swimmer.

The team will compete in five meets before the Franklin & Marshall Invitational which takes place in Bolek's hometown of Lancaster, PA. Since learning to swim when she was five, Bolek and her sister had always been on teams while growing up in the Hemphfield School District. Not swimming had never been an option for her, and upon arriving at McDaniel Bolek was certain she would swim for the team. In her third year of competition, she is certainly comfortable with the grueling schedule of practices and meets, and with being a leader.

During the winter break, many swim teams from around the country make the trip to Florida to train. McDaniel is no different, and

the training, a favorite activity for most members, is one of the perks of swimming.

"It's a week where you train all day and it really hurts your body," said Bolek.

One of the outcomes of the trip is to unify the team. Though often viewed as an individual sport, camaraderie is a key to overall success.

"We hope to have a very unified group of girls with common goals—," said Bolek, "a supportive unit to push each other to do our best."

For all her quirks and uncommonalities, Molly is an athlete through and through. In an effort to get ahead, she often went to the pool three times a day at the beginning of the fall semester. She also has typical athlete oriented expectations for the year.

"Our goal is to have a winning season," said Bolek.

Molly comes back from practice at 8:45. Slamming the

robber-proof aluminum and glass door behind her, the whole house shudders from her might.

On her way to the bathroom she yells, "I love swimming! It's seriously the best sport ever created." She slams the door into the wall. "Why do I always do that?"

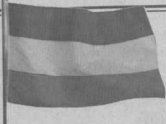
Her roommate, Erin Wilson, has learned to cope with Bolek's frequent mood swings.

"I've learned to accept that when she comes in saying how much she hates swimming," explained Wilson, "it translates into how much she really loves it."

The first home meet is on Saturday, November 5th, against Swarthmore. The team encourages all students to come out and cheer until they cough out their green-tinted vocal cords.

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Roommate Wars:
See what happens
when neat meets not
so neat on page 4.



Express Yourself:
Read about students
who share their tal-
ents in many forms on
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What is the best part
about Thanksgiving?
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INSIDE



Some people like to
express themselves
through music or art.
Others prefer more per-
sonal art forms, like
piercings and tattoos.
See the story on page 6.



Wrestling begins its
season with a bang.
Story on page 11.



Happy helpers are help-
ing the less fortunate in
Baltimore and closer to
home. Read about their
efforts on page 5.

Changes In Future for Greek Life

ROB GOEKE
CO-EDITOR

In the next year, much of
Greek life at McDaniel college
students know it today will
change.

Those changes are the result
of a new council that will
watch over the fraternities and
new guidelines that will gov-
ern sorority and fraternity life.

November 15 marks the

first meeting of the Inter-
Fraternity Council (IFC), a
group comprised of delegates
from each fraternity, which
will govern the on-campus
fraternities in the same way
that Pan-Hellenic Council
governs on-campus sororities.

Also, Assistant Director of
College Activities Amanda
Rose is drafting a standards
document for all fraternities
and sororities that would

establish a clear set of discipli-
nary consequences as well as
outline requirements each
organization would have to
meet in order to remain in
good standing with the col-
lege.

As these changes are being
implemented, recruitment
numbers for the fraternities on
campus are dwindling. The
College Activities office,
Student Life and fraternities

are looking for ways to make
those numbers rise.

In total, only 15 new mem-
bers were welcomed into the
five different fraternities this
semester.

While it is clear that frater-
nities are not in danger of
extinction, compare their
numbers to these: the three
sororities, welcomed a com-
bined 20 members;

(see "Greek" on page 3)

Secret Pledging Occurs

JILL STONE
STAFF WRITER

The front of the Phi Alpha
Mu's shirt reads: "Winter
2005" with the group's Greek
letters. Across the back: "The
beatings will continue until
morale improves."

The t-shirt logo is a
reminder of the sorority's 2005
suspension for hazing. Dis-
pense the fact that the sus-
pension should have halted
the group's pledging process
and all activities on campus,
that is not the case.

(see "Underground" on page 2)



Photo by Kenny Ditto

A Christmas Carol: Jeff Goeller, who plays Scrooge in the upcoming production, is surrounded by air sprites. The play opens in Alumni Hall on November 17th at 7:30 p.m.

Field of Wings Lifts Youth's Spirits

EMILY BIONDO
STAFF WRITER

Field of Wings is a
McDaniel-based Service
Learning organization found-
ed by child advocate and
McDaniel alumni Juanita
Ignacio several years ago. The
much-deliberated title was
also created by Ignacio, and
reveals through figurative lan-

guage the focus of the organi-
zation.

"The way I see it is,
you have all these kids, and
we're the wings that bring them
up," explained senior
Sabrina Putro, one of the four
co-leaders of Field of Wings.
Putro has had one and one
half year's experience of men-
toring middle school girls
through the group to think

about it.

"The 'wings' symbol-
ism has to do with wings
being the means to fly and fly-
ing connotes freedom and
achieving dreams," said Dr.
Laura Dundes, sociology pro-
fessor and adviser of the pro-
gram.

The group, composed
of all female McDaniel under-
grads from freshman to senior,

mentors middle school girls at
North West Middle, West
Middle, or New Windsor
Middle. They teach lessons
and provide activities during
the normally-offered after-
school programs of the
schools.

"If nothing else, it gives
middle schoolers a chance to
come together outside of
(see "Wings" on page 3)

From Sneakers to Stilettos, Schwartz Shines

JEN HARRINGTON
STAFF WRITER

She traded her cleats in for
heels, and her cross-country
uniform in for an evening
gown, but for senior Lindsey
Schwartz the only aspect that
has changed is the playing
field. Over the weekend of
November 4th, Schwartz partici-
pated in the annual Miss
Maryland pageant, a three-

day competition that was held
at the Marriott Hotel in
Bethesda, Maryland.

Out of over one hundred
contestants ranging from ages
18 to 26, and hailing from all
over Maryland, Schwartz
placed third in the contest as
second runner up. She first
participated in the Miss
Maryland competition two
years ago, motivated by
watching the televised Miss

USA pageant. It didn't take
long for her competitive
nature to take over: "I thought
'I can do this'" Schwartz said.
But that doesn't mean that
Schwartz defines herself as a
"girly girl"; in fact, she would
describe herself as exactly the
opposite.

Throughout high school
and for her first two years at
McDaniel, Schwartz was an
avid cross-country runner.

After watching the televised
competition, Schwartz decid-
ed to find out if her success on
the track would continue on
the runway. For Schwartz, it's
all about the competition:
"Being onstage...I think of it
as a sport. I'm a competitor,
this is my new sport". She
adds that she even surprised
herself, saying: "I didn't think
my competitiveness would
carry over to this so much".

While cross-country races and
beauty pageants hardly seem
comparable, Schwartz points
out that in pageants the com-
petition can be just as intense.

The actual event spans over
a three-day period. The first
day is devoted to the contest-
ants moving into the hotel and
enduring an intense interview
by a panel of judges. The sec-
ond day is considered the
(see "Pageant" on page 3)

Multiple Campus Office Locations to Move

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As a cool autumn rain fell upon McDaniel College, Maureen Meloche, administrative assistant for the office of Administration and Finance, carried two large framed pictures out of Fortines House, placed them in the trunk of her gray Chrysler Sebring, and drove a short distance across campus, across Main Street to Thompson Hall.

In the wake of this semester's opening of Academic Hall, Meloche and numerous other campus employees are moving to new headquarters, a domino effect that will see the relocation of various offices, including the Reserve

Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), Campus Safety and Student Health Services.

According to information provided by Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice president for administration and finance, the buildings changing occupancies are Fortines House, Winslow Center, Smith House, Thompson Hall, Gill Center, two houses on Pennsylvania Avenue, Rouzer Hall and the Dean's Cottage located near Main Street.

When Academic Hall opened, it came home to the School of Graduate and Professional Studies, Student Academic Support Services, and the departments of education and psychology. Consequently, their former quarters at Winslow,

Thompson and the Dean's Cottage had vacancies, providing an opportunity for the movement of other offices, including some that had been previously confined to overcrowded spaces.

A summary of the current and upcoming relocations:

- Thompson Hall will house Administration and Finance, Common Ground on the Hill, the Interpreters' Forum and the Ira and Mary Zepp Center for Nonviolence and Peace Education.
- Winslow Center will have Campus Safety, the McDaniel College Call Center, the ROTC and Student Health Services. Despite the transfer of Student Health Services to Winslow, personal and career counseling will remain in Smith

House.

- The Dean's Cottage will be the new home for Human Resources.

These moves will leave more empty spaces:

- Fortines House, 149 Pennsylvania Ave. (the former location of Human Resources) and the newly purchased 175 Pennsylvania Ave. will be renovated and converted to student housing for the fall of 2006.

The construction in Rouzer occurring over the next two summers raises the possibility that decentralized laundry facilities will be installed on each floor. If McDaniel follows through with this idea, it will open up a plethora of room on the residence hall's ground floor, including Campus

Safety's current space. Seidel said that the school is yet to make any commitments, and that possibilities are being explored.

- The move of the ROTC from the second floor of Gill Center will allow the exercise science and intercollegiate athletics departments to expand their office space.

Autumn rains will shift into winter snowfall, and as the seasons continue to change, so too will the locations of many offices at McDaniel College, new and improved homes to which campus employees, like Meloche, will haul their belongings and creature comforts.

Underground Pledging Continues for Phi Alphas

(from "Underground" on page 1)

"Campus safety has documented two reports about questionable activities that the college is looking into," said Amanda Rose, assistant director of college activities.

Not only is this not allowed, but also Rose said these pledge activities are jeopardizing the Phi Alpha Mu's chances of ever returning back on campus as a recognized Greek organization.

The Phi Alpha Mu's are not the only Greek group that is either suspended or unapproved by the college yet still sponsoring activities and accepting new members underground.

"The administration is not naive that there is other underground activity," said Rose. "It is a growing concern

that will be dealt with in future months and years.

The Gamma Beta Chi (the "Betes"), another group suspended for hazing Spring 2005, is probably also accepting pledges, Rose speculates.

"But their activity has not been as blatant [as the Phi Alpha Mu's]."

"We want the Phi Alpha's to come back, but if they won't return positively, they are risking their chances of ever coming back on campus," said Rose.

Rose hopes that by suspending the group for a period of three years, the current members will graduate, and much of the group's activity will be lost in the memories of the students. This way the Phi Alpha Mu's can reform and begin again.

But this is not what she suspects is happening. Rose said that on two accounts she has seen students wearing the Phi Alpha Mu letters on a shirt that were not members before.

On the Phi Alpha Mu's profile on the Facebook website, the description of the group explains that even though they were suspended from campus, they are "still the best." The website also includes the statement that "good things grow underground."

One Phi Alpha mentioned that they are trying to keep a low profile due to the suspension last year, adding that she could not talk about any possibility of pledging.

Several Phi Alpha Mu alumni have agreed with the college's concern, including

class of 1979 member, Beth Fulton.

"I was very disappointed in hearing about the hazing that took place last semester," said Fulton. "It's unfortunate that a few girls had to ruin an institution at WMC/McDaniel that has been around for so long."

Fulton was not surprised that the sorority was taking pledges, knowing about the success of the Preachers fraternity over the years, which her husband was president of in 1978.

However, she does offer a solution that stems from her own experience as a Phi Alpha: "When I was in school, there was a faculty advisor for each club on campus...it doesn't sound like this group had that benefit," she said.

"There needs to be some punishment to the sorority for the actions of last year...[but] the school needs to take some responsibility if no adult supervision was provided to the organization."

Rose said that the college is looking into these allegations, and plans to create a task force along with the alumni to get this situation under control.

Rose also said that liability issues, as well as the time commitment linked to being a campus advisor, hinders faculty/staff participation.

"It's frustrating that they [Phi Alphas] are doing this," said Rose, "but the college wants them to come back as a positive group."

Lighter Side of The Blotter: Bizarre Blanche

ANDY WU
STAFF WRITER

(Editor's Note: at a glance, the blotter doesn't reveal some of the insane reports to which officers respond. Wu's commen-

tary highlights some of the unique calls.)

In last issue's column, I exposed Blanche's propensity for attracting crime. This week, my exposition has been reinforced.

On October 27th, a student found a dead possum in the third floor hallway. I'm no possum expert, but it seems to me that unless possums are innately attracted to the smell of beer and urine, it's

safe to say some rascal placed it there.

I say why stop at possums? I'd love to shake the hand of the person who smuggles a dead stag or gaggle of geese into Blanche. Residence

Life says we can't have pets, but I bet it doesn't say anything about dead animals!

If you miss your puppy, go outside and shoot a squirrel or bunny. There's no difference between petting a live dog and a dead rodent. It's all fur.

Another incident, while incredibly unexciting, caught my attention. I really pitied the offender.

Just after midnight on November 2nd, a non-student was caught harassing his ex-girlfriend. Poor fellow was obviously overjoyed with jealousy. And why shouldn't he be?

He's back home or at some other school while his high school sweetheart spends all her time fantasizing about the dashing members of the men's soccer team. That's just how it works. People move on to bigger and better things.

I'd like to extend an apology to this poor sap and all other jealousy-stricken boyfriends. But it's just not our fault.

Campus Safety blotter

Occurred on Date	Subcategory	Type	Outdoors	Building Name	Incident Status
10/27/05 Unknown	malicious mischief		2	Blanche Ward Hall	inactive
10/27/05 11:30 p.m.	disorderly conduct	disturbing the peace	2	Decker Student Center	report complete
10/28/05 11:13 p.m.	trespass		2	Blanche Ward Hall	pending court outcome
10/29/05 Unknown	malicious mischief		1	Bair Stadium Lot	inactive
10/29/05 2:00 p.m.	vandalism	structure	2	Blanche Ward Hall	inactive
10/29/2005 2:35 p.m.	trespass		1	Garden Apartments	pending court outcome
10/29/05 12:30 p.m.	burglary	entry w/o force	2	Blanche Ward Hall	inactive
10/29/05 12:30 p.m.	burglary	entry w/o force	2	Blanche Ward Hall	inactive
10/29/05 10:30 p.m.	disorderly conduct	burglary	1	Rouzer Hall	closed by report
10/29/05 11:38 p.m.	trespass	drunk and disorderly	2	McDaniel Hall	pending court outcome
10/30/05 12:59 a.m.	vandalism	property	2	Blanche Ward Hall	inactive
11/2/05 12:38 a.m.	harrasment	in person	2	Whiteford Hall	closed by report
10/29/05 8:00p.m.	theft	other	2	Garden Apartments	inactive
11/3/05 9:08 p.m.	drug violation	possession	2	Blanche Ward Hall	pending court outcome
11/4/05 1:28 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	1	Penn Ave House	pending court outcome
11/4/05 1:45 p.m.	disorderly conduct	drunk and disorderly	1	Gill Center	closed by report
11/10/05 3:41 p.m.	harrasment	in person	1	Gunn Plaza	report complete
11/12/05 1:29 a.m.	disorderly conduct	failure to obey	1	McDaniel Hall	report complete
11/13/05 10:55 p.m.	fire alarm	working fire	1	Spring House	report complete

New Greek Council in Store for Campus

(from "Greek" on Page 1)
 additionally, the service sorority Gamma Sigma Sigma welcomed a 21 member pledge class.

Alpha Phi Omega (APO), a co-ed service fraternity, recently inducted 23 new members as well.

APO President Katie Saris and senior Katie Hickey, one of the Membership vice presidents for Gamma Sigma Sigma noted that one of the reasons why each organization welcomed in a pledge class of more than 20 this semester was because of positive word of mouth from current members to their friends.

"A lot of our members have spread the positive aspects of APO to their friends," said Saris, "and this is what made a lot of people want to get involved."

Hickey echoed similar sen-

timents.

"When we talked to girls at the first 'meet the sisters' night, they kept saying how they had heard so many good things from their friends who were a Gamma Sig."

Currently, Rose and College Activities is taking a more macro-approach to promoting fraternities, on campus, but a more micro, word of mouth approach will help recruitment as well.

"It's always tougher to get guys to come out than girls," said Inter-Greek Council Vice President and Sigma Phi Epsilon President Justin Gaudenzi, "So any promotion for fraternities is good promotion."

On one level, it may appear that the two Greek service organizations, which both welcomed in large pledge classes, may pose competition to the other Greek

organizations on campus.

Rose disagrees.

"The process of joining the service organizations are different than Greeks," said Rose, "and maybe some people are deterred from rushing because of the different rules and regulations."

The campaign to recruit new members is not, in Rose's eyes, a service Greek versus social Greek conflict but an underground "drinking club" versus social Greek conflict.

Recently, various underground organizations have formed across campus and they appear to embody all of the fun, party stereotypes of Greek life.

"These sort of unofficial drinking clubs are the biggest threat to Greek life on campus," said Rose. "There is nothing proud or respectful about forming underground

groups and wearing Greek letters. These groups devalue what being Greek really means."

IFC will hold bi-weekly meetings with delegates from each fraternity. One of its focuses will be to promote the positive parts of joining fraternities.

"Hopefully we will have more unity and less conflicts between different frats," said Gaudenzi.

If IFC has the effect Rose wants it to have, then the way fraternities operate will shift very soon.

"Within a year we will see some changes," said Rose, "and hopefully see things grow as time goes on. We will try to point out all the positive aspects of Greek life here and debunk all the negative stereotypes that have developed."

There is a possibili-

ty that a Greek open house will be held before formal rush begins in the spring as a way for students to meet members of each organization.

The standards document will also make clear what fraternities and sororities cannot do and what requirements they need to meet to keep the chapter healthy.

"[The standards document] will make a single set of rules clear," said Inter-Greek Council President Jason Fratto. "It will help out because things won't be looked at solely on a case by case basis."

"We are trying to explore what is keeping recruitment so low," said Rose. "But fraternities will be promoting themselves more in the near future."

Field of Wings Teaches Life Lessons To Youth

(from "Wings" on page 1)
 school, be themselves," said junior Amy Ford, leader of the West Middle School group.

Lessons vary from school to school, but the topics overlap. These themes range from peer-pressure to self-esteem to the ever-popular, absolute center of a pre-teen girl's life: boys.

"They love to talk about boys. Boys boys boys...they love boys," said Ford, laughing.

Junior and co-leader Ashley Gill added with a smile, "They're at the point where boys don't have cooties anymore, and they're appealing. They're developing crushes."

The subject of boys highlights another point of the program—the mentors are not only role models, but confidants.

"They depend on us for advice in the simplest sense—we can be that older sister," said Ford. The mentees feel

closer and closer to their mentors as the program progresses, a feeling that is not one-sided.

"It helps you form this relationship with your students," said junior co-leader Amy Holland of the program's benefits.

"They brighten my day, so I love doing it."

Not only does Field of Wings yield that good feeling common to community service—it also gives college cred-

it. As a Service Learning organization, all Field of Wings mentors receive credits and pay.

"It's always worth asking, 'Could we get internship credit?'" said Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Henry Reiff. Of McDaniel's Service Learning programs and advantages, Reiff said, "It becomes a win-win situation."

Reiff also acknowledges its effectiveness in breaking stereotypes of McDaniel in the

community.

"They're [Westminster's] primary sense of students is marching up and down Pennsylvania Avenue Wednesday to Saturday night drunk," said Reiff.

"I think having students out there in the community changes the perspective of who McDaniel students are."

Miss Md Pageant

(from "Pageant" on page 1)
 heart of the competition: the morning is spent practicing a choreographed dance, the afternoon and evening are spent in front of an audience for the performance of the dance routine, and for the swimsuit and evening gown competition. The third and final day can be seen as the most nerve wrecking, as the one hundred contestants are narrowed first to a group of fifteen, and then to the final top five in front of an audience of family and friends.

Schwartz is quick to add that the challenge begins long before the actual competition. Most girls begin to prepare three months in advance

through exercise, diet, careful selection of clothing, and following (as any athlete would do) the advice of her coach. Schwartz's coach is a former Miss Maryland judge who evaluated the competition the first year Schwartz competed.

Will Schwartz vie for the crown again next year? As a Business and Economics major, she wants to see where her career takes her first, but she's not completely ruling it out: "If it all works out, I would do it again. It's a big commitment; it's an investment of time and money" she added. For Lindsey Schwartz, the track may change, but the thrill of competition remains the same.



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Ongoing Battle: Neat Vs. Messy Roommates

JANE LIBERT
STAFF WRITER

A room divided. One side: neat and tidy, everything in its place. The other side: scattered with various books, clothing, and papers; complete disarray.

This is the image of a mismatched dorm room. With one occupant who stresses organization, and another who is less concerned with the upkeep of their surroundings, "odd couples" at McDaniel College are not in short supply.

So how do these complete opposites get paired up? Residence life provides the answer.

Upon beginning one's first year at McDaniel College, every incoming freshman fills out a survey which aids Residence Life in finding a suitable roommate. Every student is asked a variety of questions about individual preferences in living situations and matched according to those which are rated as most important. These surveys work to a degree, but it is

hard to match students with the most compatible roommate every time. Residence Assistant, Cori Simpson, explains, "As a freshman it is hard to assume exactly what your roommate's habits will be."

Freshmen Salini Jayamuni and Jensen Toperzer found themselves in this predicament in the early stages of their cohabitation in Whiteford Hall. Luckily for them, their opposite habits have not had a negative impact on their relationship as roommates. Salini, the neater of the two explains, "We don't fight, she keeps it on her side." It seems that their differences are observed in a positive light in the eyes of messier roommate, Jensen. "If we were both messy, it'd be horrible. We're cool though, we get along fine."

Many upperclassmen avoid this issue in selecting their own roommates; people who they have had time to get to know personally. However, this is not always the case. Fraternity and Sorority housing can sometimes be divided

somewhat randomly. This is seen on the Alpha Sigma Phi floor of ANW.

Sophomore Mark Winkelstein and Junior Keith Greenway were placed together amongst their brothers in their ANW suite. Though they share similarities, their organizational habits are very different. It was uncertain, initially, how this would affect their attitudes toward each other. "I was pretty sure when I was being messy and he was being neat that it was going to be a problem, but he didn't care and we get along well," explains Mark. This issue does not seem to bother Keith either. "Living with a messy roommate is not that bad," he continues, "I just try to keep my space organized, and all is well."

As wonderful as it is that these two pairs happen to get along despite their differences, not all students deal with the issue in this way. When it is a problem, residence life has several solutions.

"Optional roommate

contracts are available if the students wish to set mutual rules for the room such as how often it is cleaned, etc," describes RA Cori Simpson. She elaborates, "It is one thing to create and sign the contract, but it is another thing to always abide by the rules that one set."

If a roommate contract will not suffice, there is another alternative. "There are two roommate swap periods scheduled for a year. If the roommates cannot come to an agreement on living terms, then this procedure allows for

both roommates to find other people who may be more compatible with their lifestyles."

As Keith Greenway puts it, he is not bothered by a messy roommate "as long as my personal space is clean and organized." This is the case for many McDaniel odd couples. For those in this situation, as long as individuals respect their roommate's space and belongings, a problem does not have to arise. If it does however, Residence Life can be of great assistance.



BSU Step Show: Did You See Them 1,2 Step?

CHANAN DELIVUK
ART DIRECTOR

The third annual step show hosted by the Black Student Union was amazing. It isn't very often that other college campuses visit McDaniel. And when Greek organizations from other campuses decide to step onto the Hill, it's no wonder the turnout was so great.

For those unfamiliar

with either the historically African-American Greek organizations "Divine Nine," or with stepping as a form of expression, and missed the show-shame on you. This was probably the best, cheap, and easiest way to do both at the same time, all-the-while receiving priceless entertainment.

Stepping is a form of expression; a way to collectively, rhythmically create an

art and something unique to your organization and present it to others. Though these years show did not host all of the "Divine Nine" teams, it offered a small preview of what each organization is typically known for, in step-form, with a performance by the S.E.E. organization.

Sadly, several of the teams had to dropout for personal reasons on the very day of the show, but the Zeta

sorority gladly accepted their 1st place \$1,000 prize with ease. The only true competition of the night was between the fraternities, whose shows were equally impressive. In the end, the Morgan State Alpha Phi Alpha's took the cash defeating the Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. from Howard University.

Other acts included the local Boys and Girls club dancers and an MC who was a

bit harsh on the loud-crowd when representing their Greeks. Though she would ask for a "woo" shout-out and at times ended up with a "boo" back, she still held her own 'til the end.

So, next year, do not let the uniqueness of Greek step-expression pass you by, and support our very own Black Student Union.



60 Seconds



Kim Spears, '07

"My favorite part is being around people who love me unconditionally, and also give me lots of food."

"My favorite part of Thanksgiving is getting to go home and not do any work."



Beth Meade, '07



Valerie Moore, '06

"Just having all my relatives in one area, joking and laughing and stuffing our fat faces."

"Pumpkin pie and Cool Whip and getting it twice because I go to both grandparents' houses and get to see all my family."



Vicki Levanduski, '08



Chris Reed, '08

"A home-cooked gigantic meal-I love it. And the huge family-wide game of Scattergories with relatives and all."

Happy Helpers Feed Baltimore's Homeless

CHANAN DELIVUK
ART DIRECTOR

Peanut butter and jelly, bananas, and cookies. To some a childhood lunch memory, to hundreds of Baltimore City homeless, the meal for the day.

Happy Helpers for the Homeless is a non-profit organization started 13 years ago by Amber Coffman with the help of her mother, Bobby. Amber, now 24, has spread the story of Happy Helpers across the nation, leading to at least one branch in each state and several countries.

Westminster has joined the Happy Helpers chain and now runs what is considered

the eighth branch for the state of Maryland, located at McDaniel College.

Happy Helpers is a way to let someone less fortunate know that they have not been forgotten, a way to try and put an end to hunger, and a way to put another person's well-being before your own.

To be considered a true Happy Helpers branch, five things must take place: show the people you serve love, use only quality items, provide the necessities in any and all weather (even snow), young people must be involved in the volunteer aspect, and any and all who participate must do so by volunteering—not by

any compensation, save the mere satisfaction of knowing you're helping others.

If not for Amber and Bobby, Happy Helpers may have never come into existence. Even at the tender age of three, Amber had a vision to help others and to solve world hunger - such a large dream for a small girl. Though world hunger is one issue that may never be resolved, Amber has managed to facilitate life for many homeless people. Her story is one of triumph, one that shows how no dream is unattainable, and echoes how good deeds can easily spread among a vast number of people.

McDaniel College is spreading the goodness of this organization through the newly added Happy Helpers affinity group this year. Nine students came together to help collect necessities not only for the greater Baltimore homeless, but for hurricane victims as well. Even the food services on campus have joined the fight to end hunger by donating their time and products to the organization on trips to Baltimore.

The group is open to any and all interested and willing to volunteer. All questions, comments, and concerns can be addressed to the group manager and president of the

affinity, Chanan Delivuk, at (410)-751-8010 or via email at dld006@mcDaniel.edu. If any local organizations or churches currently serve the Westminster area homeless and are in need of any help or would like Happy Helpers to contribute in any way, it would be a great honor for the group to do so, especially during the weekend.

Love, first quality items, all weather, all volunteers, and the involvement of youth—five ways to create, keep, and add to an organization that was built on a dream and meant to last a lifetime.

Happy Tails: Students Find Homes for Animals

ALYSSA GAGEN
STAFF WRITER

"When you walk in and look at their wet little noses, you can't help but want to take one home with you," says sophomore Whitney Hines, who is the President of the Humane Helpers Affinity Group at McDaniel.

Each Friday, members of Hines' affinity group journey to the Carroll County Humane Society.

"We usually socialize with the animals, and talk to people who are interested in adopting them," explains Hines.

The Carroll County Humane Society is an all-volunteer group that runs a program in which animals are given temporary homes until they find a nice loving home.

But who can consider this community work when it's so much fun?

"I know it sounds cliché, but once you deal with those animals you really care about them. I spent all two hours convincing people to adopt a pet," says Hines.

The girls got to put on their salesman hats and endorse the purchase of a new cat or dog. Besides the joy of helping others,

the Affinity Group Program is an efficient way to receive boarding with all of your friends. Students who put together an Affinity Group get to live together in a spacious suite, which is a major motivation for completing their community work.

Last Saturday, Hines and her friend Lindsey Harden spent two hours calming shaken cats and talking with anxious couples strolling in on a whim.

And seeing those animals leave for a nice home really did affect the students. The girls traveled back to campus

with a good feeling, which made the other group members excited to work their shifts.

If you are interested in helping out at the humane

society you can contact Affinity housing or the Carroll County Humane Society. Both will tell you how to help these animals and find them a new home!

Got a nice crib or hot ride? Wanna see it in the Free Press? Give Beth a call at x8352

If You Feel Down, Pick This Up

"Do not let anyone treat you as if you are unimportant because you are young. Instead, be an example to the believers with your words, your actions, your love, your faith, and your pure life."

~ Anonymous

Some people believe that when you're young you don't know much, due to lack of experience, but that statement can't be any more bias. As a young person, you can learn from others mistakes regardless of our age. By learning through other's mistakes, you can do better and in many cases go even further than the person ahead of you. So don't make excuses based on your age, make goals.

-Torreka Jordan

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Anna Mayr Belts Out Great Music

COLLEEN LEARY
STAFF WRITER

From trying out for American Idol in New York City to impersonating a gorilla for a singing telegram company, freshman Anna Mayr's passion for music has taken her places.

Mayr began singing when she was three years old. "When I was little, I always had to be the center of attention," explains Mayr. "I first sang at my aunt's wedding and as I got older people started to hire me for weddings and other events. I've sung at different churches throughout the Baltimore area and am now working for an entertainment company performing singing telegrams."

Mayr enjoys singing many different types of music including country, contemporary Christian, pop, gospel, and show tunes. Some of her favorite artists and inspirations are Celion Dion, Martina McBride, Jessica Simpson, and Mariah Carey.

Music is a form of expression for this talented young artist. "I'm a terrible speaker. I can't speak in front of people, but when I sing I feel like I can just be myself," says Mayr. "I like to sing songs I can relate to. If you feel what you are singing comes from the heart more people will be able to see that."

Mayr is currently working on her own CD and in the future hopes to participate in musical theater.



Tattoos, a Unique and Ancient Art, Tell All

CORI SIMPSON
STAFF WRITER

Erik Hott, a senior at McDaniel College, has nine tattoos. All of his tattoos have a story behind them.

"My half sleeve is my largest tattoo, based on William Blake's illustration from his 'Marriage of Heaven and Hell.' I love Blake," Erik explains. "The illustration relates to the struggle in my life."

Erik's most expensive tattoo is a half sleeve (located on his upper arm). "I was tattooed once a month, for 4-5 hours, over a one year span, to allow each section to heal."

Including tip, the tattoo cost Erik about \$2500.

McDaniel freshman Susan Rutledge also has great respect for the art of tattoos.

Currently Susan has two tattoos, with the hope of getting more.

"My parents are what many would call the classic 'tattoo parents,' both my mother and father have multiple tattoos," she explains.

Little Vinnie, from the local shop Little Vinnies Tattoos located at 2025 Suffolk Road in Finksburg, is a talented and very experienced tattoo artist.

"I have tattooed in 32 countries on five continents. In my travels I have seen many styles and techniques from modern tattooing with machines to hand poked tattoos in the bush of the south pacific islands," he explains.

"The Americas, Europe and western Asia practice mostly American traditional, realistic and fantasy styles of tattoos," Vinnie continues. "South east

Asia and the Pacific islands still predominantly do tattooing consistent with their histories like tribal based tattooing with mostly black organic inks... style and equipment derived from the passing of knowledge from one generation to another."

Vinnie also shared some of his knowledge concerning the



history of the art of tattooing: "It is believed that tattooing as we know it today was started in the Fijian or Samoan Islands about 2000 years ago but there is evidence of tattooing 3000+ years before that."

Curious as to how the trends change over the years, Vinnie provided an explanation for changing patterns, "Just like all forms of art, tattoo styles are constantly changing although we are in a time when many styles of tattooing are beginning to blend together."

"Through education and legislation the industry has taken a giant step to further advance our knowledge and the publics awareness of the importance of safety in this unique and ancient art form." "The tattoo world has its own culture, and those who

belong to it come from all classes, genders, professions, and races...We are all different, but share one unifying bond that calls to us from all over the world - the love of body art," explains Susan.

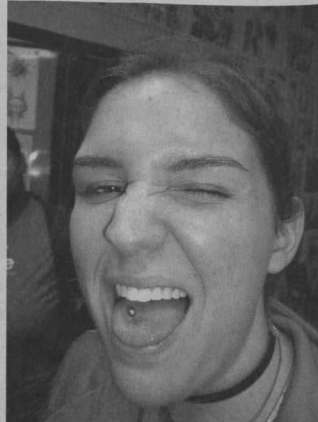
Susan's personal philosophy on tattoos is this: "In this lifetime you only get one canvas, and that comes in the form of your body. Why walk around all of your life with a blank one when you could make it beautiful?"

Though it's common for some people with tattoos to have regrets about their permanence, nine tattoos later, Erik says that he has none: "Even though I don't particularly care for the ones I got when I was younger, it's still who I was then, and the tattoos that I get now show how I've changed."

Photos by MJ Alexander



Several McDaniel friends recently journeyed to Tattooed Angel on Route 27 to pierce various body parts, including the nose, the eyebrow, the tongue, and the navel. Left, Tattoo Bob pierces freshman Kristin Lamb's nose. Right, Elise Klatte shows off her pierced tongue.



express yourself

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Clayton Rosa Moves Art from Walls to Page

SHELLY HORN
STAFF WRITER

Outwardly, freshman Clayton Rosa is a quiet thinker. But his means of self-expression - drawing, music, and poetry - speak volumes and reveal talent beyond his claims that promise a distinct future.

Rosa, a Boston-raised Dominican, started writing poetry only 3 years ago, but his artistic flair for drawing pre-dates his memory.

"It's like I came out of my mother's womb holding a pencil," stated Rosa. "I've been drawing for as long as I can remember. When I was younger, you'd always catch me drawing. It was like air to me, just that essential."

With no formal instruction in writing poetry or drawing, Rosa credits Hip-Hop music and "the streets" as his teachers.

"I was directly influenced by Tupac Shakur's book of

'Elements & Principles, Memories & Meanings'

TODD KNEPPER
STAFF WRITER

For a moment or two, it was quite easy to get lost and forget that out that second-story window was still the student stomping ground.

Art Professor Steve Pearson's painting installment, titled "Elements & Principles, Memories & Meanings" transformed the McDaniel College Rice Gallery into a modern marvel from October 11-November 11, 2005.

I hope everyone

Senior's Book Project Breathes Life Into Abandoned Carroll Towns

KASEY ASHCROFT
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You're driving along Route 81 and you look out your window at a sign that says "Centralia" in east central Pennsylvania. You've never heard of it, but you decide to take a short seven-mile detour on your journey. As you pull off the road you see smoke rising from underneath cracks in the road, you notice a college-aged man with a digital camera taking photographs of the devastation that surrounds the two of you. The young man's name is William Kenneth Ditto, a senior at McDaniel College.

Ditto, who goes by his middle name "Kenny," has been fascinated with abandoned buildings and locations for many years.

"I can't help but think of the significance that they (abandoned places) once had to the people that occupied them," he explains.

Ditto hopes to preserve the images of an old Carroll County town in a series of handmade books for his senior art project. After several weeks and countless hours, the first book of what Ditto

it may actually be a visible break in the earth leading right to its center. In 1962, a trash fire rapidly grew and engulfed the mines beneath the small town. After taking dozens and dozens of pictures

Ditto took the photos, developed them, created collages and ultimately sewed the book's binding by hand. He created the cover and every page in order to highlight the majesty of crumbling buildings and the glory that remains in a fading small town.

envisions as a four-part series is complete. He hopes that as people look through the collection of black and white images of the strange mysterious town of Centralia, the images will offer a different message to each person.

Centralia, PA, much like its name hints, appears as though

of this unique city, Ditto decided that Centralia would be the perfect inspiration for his Advanced Studio Art class.

He printed his pictures in black and white and used different techniques to further "destroy" the images. For example, he placed tape over parts of the photos to make

them appear more distressed. Finally, he reprinted the images on glossy paper. Ditto collected all his images and decided to put them into a book that he bound himself, something he always wanted to try. He created the cover and every page in order to highlight the majesty of crumbling buildings and a fading small town.

Ditto's work provides the opportunity to step out of our individual realities and into the unique history of Centralia.

Ditto's advice for anyone with difficulty finding the time to really throw him or herself into an expressive project is to take a course that allows artistic movement. He feels that it is much easier for people to make time when it is a requirement to share their creativity with others. Ditto's book provides not only the people of Centralia, but society with images that help to document the historical significance of the town.



in every aspect imaginable, I love being Dominican. Latinos are prideful people, which can sometimes become unbearable, but I try to add that passion of me being Dominican into my passion for poetry and music."

"It revolves around my life, it is my life," Rosa continued. "I want it to be so that when I speak, anybody and everybody can undeniably see Hip-Hop; Poet; Dominican."

While many freshman check the "undecided" major box, Rosa is a double major - Sociology/English - and a double minor - African-American studies and Spanish, demonstrating his thirst for knowledge of people, language, and words.

Rosa's Freshman Seminar professor, Dr. Robin Armstrong, of McDaniel's Music Department, appreci-

ates Rosa's hard work in his studies as well as his artistic expression.

"He is an extremely thoughtful and engaged student," stated Armstrong.

Armstrong's class includes projects which allow for creative expression in which Rosa can shine.

"He has written some blues lyrics for one project, and a connected poetry/visual art project," commented Armstrong. "I really liked his work on these projects."

Rosa looks forward to the pursuit of his studies at McDaniel as well as perfecting his artistic crafts for the future.

"Simply anything imaginable with words is what I want to delve myself into," said Rosa. "Because everyone has a voice, but if you don't know how to articulate that voice, who will listen?"

"I have a voice," Rosa added. "It's just a matter of time till I am heard."

'Elements & Principles, Memories & Meanings'

Pearson says. He feels that the successfulness of expression comes individually. It takes relentless work ethic, self-belief, and thick skin to make it as an artist.

Professor Pearson encourages all students: "If you like the first course you take, take another. There's no reason to not try."

The Art Club continues to hold open meetings on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. in the studio.

fizzled. The Rice Gallery show was composed of 17 large-scale oil paintings, the largest measuring 70"x120". Pearson favors the medium of oil due to its texture, color qualities, and versatility. The paintings were created under restriction of a limited color palette based on color chips taken by the spring '05 Color Theory class.

There is a direct correlation between Pearson's work ethic and student expectations.

He acknowledges that

the recent show was his most mature work: "I try to get in the studio everyday for six or more hours. The more I work the more I understand my ideas."

Pearson's favorite moments as a teacher come when a student reciprocates his passion for art: "I really enjoy watching a student become energetic and excited for what they are creating."

"It is extremely important to be creative and expressive, and to not give into the misconceptions of what expression has to be,"

McDaniel Squirrels... Harmless or Hazardous?

By Alyse Hollomon, Features Editor

They're everywhere you look; behind Hill, running around Blanche, up in a tree, right by your feet! You guessed it – it's another squirrel! If you haven't noticed McDaniel's campus is quite full of squirrels, they seem to be everywhere you look. However, they are not everyone's favorite pet. In fact, you either...

Love 'Em or Hate 'Em

Some student's love seeing the many squirrels scurry around campus. When there's this many squirrels, sometimes all you can do is just deal with them.

"I don't mind the squirrels, they don't bother me at all," said sophomore Wade Downey an Exercise Science and Physical Education major. "Sometimes you will be walking to class and they will run in front of you and kind of startle you, but other than that, I have no complaints about them."

Other students express their love for squirrels by creating clubs for them. This is what junior Biology major Pat Linz and junior Chemistry major Diana Burke decided to do when they created a Facebook group called "Squirrel Lovers Anonymous."

"Pat and I started the Facebook club because we love the squirrels on campus," said Burke. "They do the funniest things and provide so much entertainment as you walk to and from class."

"I never expected it to be as popular as it is," said Linz. "Some campuses even have squirrel fishing where they bait string with two peanuts and catch the squirrels similar to fishing."

So far no extreme measure like that have been expressed to show squirrel love but who knows what is next. If you're crazy about squirrels, make sure you join the club!

Hissing, in the way, always making noise, and they are everywhere! Some students don't find this McDaniel characteristic to be so cute. Sometimes, students find these fun, adorable squirrels to be pretty annoying.

"They are everywhere and I can't stand them!" said sophomore Georgena Kafes an Art History major. "They like dart out at you."

These students feel as though squirrels get in the way. It seems as though they are scared of them. Maybe its because most places don't have this unusual of an amount of squirrels like McDaniel has.

"I think the squirrels here are weird," said freshman Laura Weaver. "They are all over the place and I can chase them around and they don't even move! It seems like there are so many more squirrels here!"

"I seriously thought one hissed at me the other day," said sophomore Paige Willoughby a Social Work major.

Learning to like these squirrels is an option for these students who can't stand these annoying animals. They could walk around the squirrels, ignore them, or not tease them or throw things at them. These animals really are harmless when left alone. They just like to scurry about on their own and for some reason they enjoy wandering around this campus.

"If everyone just took a minute or two to watch the squirrels, they'd love them too," said Burke.



The face group "Squirrel Lovers Anonymous" uses this photo on its profile.



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Budapest Beauty: From Europe to the Hill

SARAH WOLF
STAFF WRITER

Do you remember me? Sarah, the crazy German? Well, it is that time again. I am supposed to tell you a little story of being an international student at this campus.

However, I warned you I might mix it up to confuse you all a bit. I know this is only the second article, but hey, best time is when "they" least expect it, right? Therefore, I thought I would tell you a bit about the Budapest campus. I spent two years there and yes, I can confidently say that I know the city; but also thanks to my Hungarian friends. I would like to thank my Hungarian friends, Mom and Dad, thank



you. I couldn't have possibly done...oh, I am sorry. I am getting ahead of myself a little bit here. Anyhow.... Wow, that was emotional.

So, first of all, the Budapest campus is not really a campus in the sense you would understand it under "normal circumstances;" but you know, what is normal? I don't really like that term. However, the so-called

Budapest "campus" is actually just one building. Yes, you read correctly: ONE BUILDING! This is actually kind of nice because get this, are you all listening...I mean reading? Good. Everybody and I mean EVERYBODY knows each other over there. There are not a lot of students. The amount of students is the amount of students of all your classes combined. Yes, roughly one hundred students. It's great.

So, American kids, if you go over there which I absolutely encourage you to do you will know the entire school within pretty much two days. Isn't that great? Where else can you say that? I mean, literally, everybody on "campus" knows you- everybody is the most popular per-

son there. Where else do you have that? No jealousy needed. Great, eh?

Then you know, besides this fabulous one-building campus there is of course the city itself: BUDAPEST. It is one of the most beautiful and stunning cities I have ever seen. Trust me, I have been around. There is just so much history there and the architecture is breathtaking. The opera building, the castle- I actually wanted to move in there but they wouldn't let me. Something about private property and under monument protection and it is used as a museum or something...blah, blah, blah...I didn't really understand it.

Besides the architecture and history, there are

bars. Seriously, people, you have to go there. Even if it is just for the sake of cheap beers, being able to drink in public- I mean, you only need to be sixteen years old to drink, and the bars are just so much fun. There are other hotspots I could tell you right now, but I think that would be censored because it has to do with.... Ah, see, they are doing it already. You know, I have to respect people who may get offended when I say dirty things. However, if you want more information about Budapest and the fabulous campus, please feel free to contact me: sev002@mcdaniel.edu

Until next time, happy thanksgiving, everyone. Smooches to you all.

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Conference Lifts Spirits

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"It's not about me."

After the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) Fall Conference at Hashawa, this was at the front of my mind. I felt like weights were literally lifted from my shoulders.

We live in a world that constantly tells us who to be, that we're not good enough. Speaker Michael Koh said that there is a God above all that who can give us an identity over all of our faults and the lies we've believed about ourselves.

I am not responsible for making the world turn.

I get so stressed out and guilty for things I fail at. But, God is working in spite of how I feel my life is going.

Not everyone who came was convinced of God's reality, but it was a chance for people to see what they thought. One person was amazed that she actually felt God's presence, an idea that had seemed so unlikely before.

At the retreat, I got lost in the woods, danced, had deep conversations and felt like part of a family. Members of IVCF want to create that atmosphere on campus. I hope students will check us out, and even come to the Winter Conference in February and find the relief I

found.

Fall Conference is an annual IVCF retreat where students are invited to "explore what Jesus is all about." The weekend is planned around sessions of worship and a keynote speaker, among activities, small discussion groups with fellow McDaniel students and seminars on such topics as dating, friendship, and societal images.

Winter Conference is a similar retreat coming up in February.

For more information about the upcoming Winter Conference or InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, please contact Jenna Layman at jm1008@mcdaniel.edu, x8381.



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McDaniel Basketball is Thriving on all Fronts



CHRIS RUTLAND

Target is Squarely on Women's B-Ball Team

ROB GOEKE
CO-EDITOR

The target is big. It's a bulls-eye, located dead center on the uniform, right under the word "McDaniel" and the ten other teams are getting ready to take aim.

After two straight titles, there is no question that the McDaniel women's basketball team has reached the pinnacle of the Centennial Conference. Now the challenge is to stay there while knowing that everyone else is looking to knock them from the pedestal.

"We face a formidable challenge to stay at the top and continue to win," said Head Coach Becky Martin.

But intimidated is the antithesis of how the team feels as it heads into the 2005-06 season. With the graduation of four seniors and the addition of five freshmen, the face of the team may seem different, but the philosophy is still the same.

"[The team] has one common goal we're working toward," said senior forward Kristy Costa, "and that is to keep up the winning tradition."

Thus far, the team dynamic is different from last year with so many new faces. Some of the team's success may depend upon how quickly the freshmen are integrated into the team and how the team's massive (6 deep) junior class can soar to leadership roles.

"Our goal is to make it to the conference playoffs and three-peat," said Martin, "and this all depends upon how our junior class grows and brings the freshman along with them."

For the past two years, the team has succeeded because it has embodied the word "team" in every sense. In order to preserve the success, much the same must be true this year.

"Our freshmen won't be able to contribute without help from our upperclassmen," said Martin, "and the team won't win without leadership from our upperclassmen."

But if early indications are accurate, the team chemistry is maintaining and gaining strength.

"Everyone is stepping up so far," said junior guard Katy Powell. "We have leaders at every position."

The junior class has never has a season that didn't end in the NCAA tournament. Thus, the desire to succeed this year borders on necessity.

"We feel a responsibility to continue winning," said Powell. "We want to do all that we can to maintain the legacy of the program. Everyone knows that nothing will be given to us."

Though the junior class is ascending quickly, the team leaders are undoubtedly the team's two seniors, Costa and guard Sara Franz.

"There is always pressure to keep winning," said Costa. "But we're very comfortable with each other and we feel like we can succeed."

Thus far the coaching style has had to change since the freshmen must learn the offense.

"We have to take a more tactical approach because so many players have to learn our style and mesh with the team," said Martin. "We're spending a lot more time teaching regarding our strategy."

The juniors are taking part in the integration of new players as well. Constructive criticism and supporting remarks are the only sounds other than bouncing balls and sneaker squeaks that cascade off the walls of the Gill Center gym during practice.

"[The upperclassmen] are very vocal," said freshman guard Jamie Morningstar. "But they are never mean. Everyone looks out for each other."

So unity, togetherness and teamwork are all monikers for the 2005-06 women's basketball team, but a game hasn't been played yet and the road ahead is long.

Just don't ever count this team out. They're professionals at proving people wrong.

Men Look to Change Recent History With New Philosophy, New Coach

ROB GOEKE
CO-EDITOR

Believe isn't a word to the McDaniel men's basketball team. It's a belief.

It's a motto, a philosophy, and a change in psyche for a team much maligned and with a history filled with futility. But if new Head Coach Bob Flynn and the 2005-06 men's basketball team has anything to do with it, history will become just that: history.

"We will be the hardest working team in the Centennial Conference," said Flynn. "We will play the game with tremendous enthusiasm and play a style that our fans will enjoy watching."

Believe is the team's slogan and its imprinted in white at the bottom of the team's green practice shorts. It is part of Flynn's effort to change the program around from the 5-20 record the team suffered through last year.

"Changing your coach means you change the program," said senior guard Mike Dipiero. "There is an emphasis on team this year."

Dipiero and senior Chris

Rutland are the co-captains of the team and bring toughness and experience that the team will need throughout the season.

"There is no one in the Centennial Conference that is tougher than those two guys," said Flynn. "They realize that this is their last season and they are leading by example and they are making everyone work as hard as they do."

The team's style will be an up-tempo, energetic pace with little room for breath and lots of room for points.

"No one will out-hustle us," said Flynn. "Our fans can expect that."

Flynn has high expectations for the team and for what they can accomplish. He also has seen the way the women's team has formed a rabid fan base and he wishes to form the same for the team.

"I want players believing that we can win every single game," said Flynn, "and I want the student body to rally around us like they have with the women's team."

In recent times, Saturday basketball doubleheaders at Gill Gym have been a tale of

two teams. Often, the women's game would be vibrant and intense with the Terror Squad jumping up and down in the stands. The men's game, however, would be lethargic and quiet, a depressingly muted atmosphere made even more silent by the team's performance.

The new coach wants no more of this somber mood. Flynn wants McDaniel students to have December 3 circled on their calendar. On that day at 2:00, the Terror will welcome in Ursinus, the defending Centennial Conference champion and a team currently ranked sixth in the nation.

"I want all of our students to be at that game," said Flynn. "That is our first big test and I ask all students to be there for us."

For the McDaniel men's basketball team, the goal for the 2005-06 season is not a number of wins, but a clear philosophy and a step in the winning direction.

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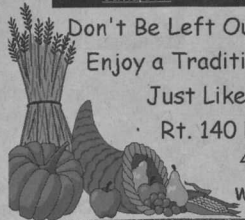
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Wrestling Team Rolls Through Early Schedule

DANIELLE AZOULAY
STAFF WRITER

Off to a great start, the McDaniel wrestling team, ranked 25th nationally, took first place at the Messiah Invitational and then defeated number 10 team Delaware Valley College in a major upset.

With an amazing total of eight place-winners, McDaniel won first place at the Messiah Invitational with a total of 83 team points.

Michaels Offers NFL Week 11 Predictions

STAFF WRITER

Week 9 I had all 13 games correct, let's see how I do this week...

Detroit at Dallas 1:00 p.m.

The Cowboys have been great at home this year and the Lions are starting their usual decline. The Boys will keep pace with the rest of the NFC East with a win at home. Prediction: Cowboys 27 Lions 10

Jacksonville at Tennessee 1:00 p.m.

The Titans are coming off a bye, but have lost their last three at home. The Jags are flying below the radar screen lately and will take care of the struggling Titans on the road. Prediction: Jaguars 28 Titans 20

Miami at Cleveland 1:00 p.m.

Three of the eight placed first: team Captain Tony Howard, an All-American ranked 2nd in the nation in the 165 pound weight class, Mark Nakasone at 149 pounds, and Andrew Winfield at 174 pounds. At 184 pounds Steve Jennings, better known as Scuba Steve, took second place. Winning third place were Rob Willey at 133 pounds and Cory Beall at 197 pounds, and taking fourth place were Brad Gabrish at 149 pounds and Zach Hetrick at 157 pounds.

Both teams are coming off tough games, so don't be surprised if it's a low scoring game. Miami's defense will carry them to a win in Cleveland. Miami wins in a small upset. Prediction: Fins 14 Browns 13

Carolina at Chicago 1:00 p.m. Two of the hottest teams in the NFC square up in Chicago this week. Expect a low scoring affair with these great defenses, but the Bears will prevail at home in a close one. Prediction: Bears 17 Panthers 14

New Orleans at New England 1:00 p.m.

The Patriots are not done yet and they'll prove they still belong in playoffs with a blowout win against the Saints. The Saints are playing for the #1 draft pick at this point, Pats will win easily.

Defeating the 10th ranked team in the nation, Delaware Valley College, McDaniel begins the season with a dual meet record of 1-0. Starting the match with two consecutive wins from Steve Colasuonno and Rob Willey, who won 10-8 in overtime, earned the team a combined total of seven points. Picking up a win in between two losses Brad Nakasone, the 149-pound weight class wrestler, brought the score to 10-8 for McDaniel. The Green Terror

then went onto dominate, winning three matches in a row, the last of which was absolutely crucial in clinching the win.

Tony Howard won the first of the three matches followed by Andrew Winfield's pin at 174 pounds, meaning the team only needed one more win in order to defeat Delaware Valley. In an amazing turn of events, "Scuba" Steve Jennings fought back from losing 9-3 to win 12-11, and assured McDaniel the

win with a final score of 22-17.

After two major wins Coach Gardner still takes the season one day at a time. Coach Gardner seemed to not want to get ahead of himself saying, "You never know what tragedy could be right around the corner."

He says the team has some talented individuals and a lot of "guts." There is still room for improvement he says, and the wrestlers show a consistent willingness to work hard.

Prediction: Patriots 35 Saints 10

Oakland at Washington 1:00 p.m.

The Redskins must solidify themselves as one of the top teams in the NFC. Oakland's offense will keep them in the game, but pitiful run defense will do them in again. Skins win, but it may be closer than most expect. Prediction: Redskins 28 Raiders 24

Philadelphia at NY Giants 1:00 p.m.

The Giants have been great at home, and they will prove to be the class of the NFC with a big division win against the Eagles. This is the biggest game of the season so far for Eli and the Giants, and they will come out on top. Prediction: Giants 31 Eagles 21

Pittsburgh at Baltimore 1:00 p.m.

The Ravens almost beat the Steelers on the road in their last meeting so look for another close game in Baltimore. The Steelers will win again and keep pace with the Bengals in the AFC North. Prediction: Steelers 20 Ravens 17

Tampa Bay at Atlanta 1:00 p.m.

The Bucs will have their hands full with Vick on the turf at home. This will be a close game, but the Falcons defense should be able to shut down a weak Tampa Bay offense. Prediction: Falcons 27 Bucs 17

Buffalo at San Diego 4:05 p.m. If you're expecting blowout...think again. Look for the Bills to keep it close, but LT will once again be the difference maker. Prediction: Chargers 27 Bills 24

Indianapolis at Cincinnati

4:05 p.m.

The Bengals have a golden opportunity to knock off the only unbeaten team in the league if they can put pressure on Manning. The Bengals are at home and coming off a bye week, the '72 Dolphins can pop the corks because the Bengals will upset the Colts and hand them their first loss of the season. Prediction: Bengals 31 Colts 27

NY Jets at Denver 4:05

The Jets have too many injuries too keep up with the Broncos, who are pretty much untouchable at home. Broncos will win again and the Jets should start thinking about next season. Prediction: Broncos 24 Jets 10

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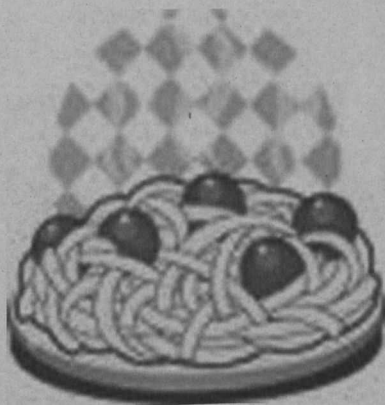
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Phenomenal Season Ends With Tough Loss

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First place in the regular season. Centennial Conference Player of the Year. Four All-Conference First Team selections. A season-high 12 shutouts.

For the McDaniel men's soccer team, this truly was a phenomenal season and for the seniors, an inspiring four years.

That phenomenal season made the team's loss in double overtime to Gettysburg last week all the more heartbreaking.

A controversial hand ball called against McDaniel midfielder Pete Gaitens led to a direct penalty kick for Gettysburg in the Terror goal box with six minutes remaining in the second overtime. Gettysburg midfielder Garrett Brunoried the ball into the lower right corner of the net past a diving Andy Wu to end the game and the Terror's season.

"We all feel it was obviously not a hand ball. The definition of a hand ball is you play the ball with intent to hit the ball with your hand," explained senior forward Dave Long. "He did not move his hand in any way. The ball hit into his hand and went out of bounds. The sideline official saw it and pointed to the cor-

ECAC PLAYOFFS

#1 Game: McDaniel 2, Penn State Behrend 0

#2 Game: McDaniel 1, Grove City 2. Terror Ousted in PK's

ner like it was a corner kick. The referee decided to call a penalty kick and end the game in double overtime. All us seniors got screwed. We put in four years of work for what we did this season, to where we were today. To get it taken away like that..."

Many others shared Long's sentiments as a dumbfounded Terror team shuffled off the field and as crestfallen fans stood in silence, stunned that the season had come to an end.

Defenseless against a disputable call, All-Conference selection Andy Wu commented, "sometimes you get unlucky," and fellow All-Conference teammate Todd Knepper backed that sentiment. "It happens. It's a human mistake."

Once the call was made, there was little the Terror could do but watch in astonishment as their season came to a close. "Basically I just feel like the guys were cheated. I mean they put in so much work, so much effort all summer and all season. Let the game decide, don't let the referee decide," Assistant Coach Ryan Defibaugh ("Dbaugh")

stated after the game.

Working his way from almost dead last to first place in the conference over a four-year span, head coach John Plevyak assembled a team that would not go down without a fight.

"I've been there [coaching] twelve years. In the first five years, we didn't have a chance," Plevyak said. "By the middle of the season, it was over. [...] We've given up a total of six goals in the league games in the past two years, that's how far we've come."

What's more, Plevyak recorded his 100th win this season, and going into the semifinal game, his team had relinquished only two goals in conference play, a feat no other team in the conference could claim.

This season, fans watched with excitement as the Terror battled its way into first place in the Centennial Conference, beating out conference rivals Gettysburg and Johns Hopkins and finishing the regular season with a remarkable 7-1-2 conference record.

With a solid back line led by Centennial Conference

Player of the Year Scott Morrow as well as the stellar performance of four first team all-conference selections Thomas Kane, Todd Knepper, Andy Wu, and Morrow, the Terror established itself as a fierce competitor.

With such an impressive array of accomplishments, the team has certainly made its fans, coaches, and itself proud. Assistant Coach Ryan Defibaugh expressed his pride in the team and in how well the freshmen and seniors gelled together.

"The seniors did a great job of getting everyone involved and the freshmen stepped up real quickly. [I'm proud of] the effort they put in every day in practice and every game day. They put in an extreme amount of work."

After last season's heartrenching 1-0 loss to Hopkins in the championship game, the Terror were hungry for the title, and in a late summer team trip to Denmark and Sweden, the team planned out their goals for the season.

"On the field in Sweden, we said we were going to win the regular season champs, we were going to host the tourna-

ment, and we were going to go to the NCAAAs," Coach John Plevyak remarked before the semifinal game.

With Saturday's 1-0 loss to conference rival Gettysburg, the Terror realized all but one of their goals.

Despite the loss, the team is still proud of itself and its accomplishments and looks toward the future with hope. Though the team will graduate ten seniors, repeat All-Conference player and 2003 Player of the Year Thomas Kane is hopeful about its future. "I think the coaches are doing their job recruiting well. [...] It's gonna be a tough task for them next season. I feel like they're up to it, and I think they'll keep this tradition going that we started, that Dbaugh started 7 years ago. I think the soccer tradition will stay around here. But it'll definitely be a tough task."

Kane also conveyed his pride in the team: "I'm just so proud of all my teammates [...] I'm proud of coach. We wanted to do that for coach, we wanted to win for coach. He's a father figure to every one of us. And it's just disappointing to let him down, to let all these fans down who came out. But I'm proudest of my teammates, and I'm proud of what we did in the regular season this year."

Tale of Two Halves for McDaniel Football

RYAN CHELL
STAFF WRITER

Another football season has come to a close. It is now time to start planning for next year by recruiting new players, replacing graduated seniors, weightlifting and watching film. And we all know that the Green Terror football team will be ready to pad up and hit the gridiron next September when another football season kicks off.

The 2005 season came to a close with the Green Terror experiencing a loss and a win. Two weeks ago, on November 5th, the Green Terror were able to end their four game losing streak with a 13-6 win against Muhlenberg, who were suffering from a lack of offense and an inability to beat McDaniel, who was riding a 10 game winning streak against Muhlenberg. The win brought up hopes of a

winning record coming into the season finale at Hopkins.

If people believe the saying, "Save the best for last", they certainly were right here. Hopkins, who already clinched an NCAA bid to the playoffs and who looked to be running away in the Centennial Conference, actually had to win this game or share the conference crown with the winner of the Gettysburg/F&M game. Hopkins came into McDaniel looking vulnerable after two straight losses (after going undefeated) at Ursinus and Hampden-Sydney. McDaniel hoped to capitalize on this and play spoiler to Hopkins.

Each team played sloppy, with five turnovers, ten sacks and a lack of offensive production. Each team could not move the ball very well; McDaniel actually out-gained Hopkins in total yards, 238 to 217, in a losing effort.

But that would mean nothing in the game, as Hopkins was able to gather enough for two scoring drives while McDaniel only scored on a field goal and on a safety that sailed in the end zone past the Hopkins punter. The loss brought McDaniel's season to a close, with the Green Terror having a .500 record of 5-5.

This season was a tale of two halves for McDaniel. It seems so long ago when the Green Terror were 4-0 after a win against Ursinus on October 1st. They were nationally ranked, and even though a few of the games were close, they knew the formula for winning them.

The season seemed to fall apart from there. With injuries to key players like running back Broderick Maybank and going through a quarterback carousel, the Green Terror matched their winning streak with four con-

secutive losses to Gettysburg, Dickinson, Randolph-Macon, and F&M. But, the Green Terror were only blown out in the Randolph-Macon game. Two of the other games (Gettysburg and Dickinson) were decided by a field goal, and the F&M game was decided by a touchdown. Things may have gone differently, but those things happen. The Green Terror then finished their season with the win against Muhlenberg and the loss Saturday at Johns Hopkins.

This season may have been a disappointment on the scoreboard, but the team had its successes and they have a lot to build on next season. The offense averaged 21 points and 287 yards a game. The Terror were a force on the ground and in the air, averaging 130 yards rushing a game and 150 yards a game passing. The defense was the real back-

bone of the team, and if the offense and this defense can continue to help each other, the team will be guaranteed success in the win column next year.

After every season comes a time to say farewell to the seniors who have played their hearts out for the team for four years. It is also the time to replace those players and for underclassmen to step up and fill in that position.

The Green Terror will be losing leading rusher Broderick Maybank and four receivers in Jamie Unger, Jon Green, Eric Featherston, and tight end Matt McDermott. The defense will be taking a big hit with the loss of MLB Ron Ringgold, LB Jay Scott, sack-leader Chase Noll, and Joe Giusti. Many other role players will be missed as well.

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Photo by Kenny Dittio

Christmas Lights glow on the tree outside Big Baker.

Elevator Snafus Strand Student

JILL STONE
NEWS EDITOR

Shane Brinegar missed three of his classes during midterm season, but the absences were not an irresponsible choice.

Using a wheelchair for transportation, Brinegar takes the elevator to his class-

es in Hill Hall. Wednesday, Nov. 16, that elevator broke down, and Brinegar was stranded.

Repairs were complete by the following Tuesday, but Brinegar, who is not the type of person to complain, was still concerned about missing two of his Spanish classes, an English class, and his Political

Science class. More importantly, perhaps, he remains concerned about others with disabilities.

"My primary concern is that when the people who are confined to wheelchairs can't get to class, what can be done for them," Brinegar said that he is not confined, and can get around on crutches,

but he is not able to go up stairs.

"I understand that they're working on it," Brinegar said. "I just think these things should be handled in a faster fashion."

"There was a problem with the computer board for the elevator," said George (see "Repair" on page 2)

Students Garner Awards at European Union

KATIE MARTIN
SENIOR WRITER

Playing the role of a Minister of Justice from Hungary, junior Jason Fratto deliberated with students from other schools to hammer out a resolution related to civil liberties.

After much deliberation, the students were able to agree and pass the resolution unanimously.

Fratto was one of twelve McDaniel students who participated in a three-day simulation of European Union political processes held in Washington, D.C.

The event provided an understanding of European politics and how it is different from American politics, Fratto said.

The students won five of seven individual awards given out to the approximate-

ly 200 students from 15 schools who were participating in the event, said Eleftherios Michael, faculty advisor for the simulation.

"I am very proud of all the work these students put into the project. They conducted themselves professionally throughout the simulation and served as excellent representatives of the college," said Michael, who is also an adjunct lecturer for political

Science and international Studies.

Unlike Fratto, junior Jon Silverman was not able to pass a resolution with the students he was working with.

"It was hard when there are so many different beliefs and levels of involvement when it comes to immigration, human rights, asylum..." said Silverman, who played the role of a Minister of Foreign Affairs.

"I met a lot of interesting people from all the schools involved and enjoyed representing the Republic of Hungary," Silverman said.

The students spent about two months preparing for the simulation, which included a meeting with two of the Hungarian Ambassador's political advisors at the Hungarian Embassy in Washington, D.C. (see "Leaders" on page 2)

Hill Elevator Repaired, After Long Delay

(from "Repairs on Page 1")

Brenton, director of the Physical Plant. Brenton said that they ordered the part, and are waiting for that part to come in. But until then, "in order for [the elevator] to be safe, we have to take it out of service."

Brenton said that in order to accommodate those students with disabilities, the physical plant has been in con-

tact with the various academic departments in Hill Hall to move classes to the first floor. He said that if anyone needs a class moved, that they were to have called the physical plant.

"We would have them move the class to a more accessible location," Brenton said that this is the first time in ten years that the elevator in Hill has failed.

Henry Reiff, the Associate Dean of Academic

Affairs, said that this is "an unacceptable [and] unnecessary situation. However, in order to redress this type of difficulty, the student needs to be an effective self-advocate."

Brinegar said that he does not have any trouble getting around campus to his other classes, it is only when services like the elevator is out of service that he has trouble.

"My hope is that they continue to work to make the

campus as accessible as possible," Brinegar said, especially, for those students who are confined to wheelchairs.

Meanwhile, Brenton said that the elevator is at the mercy of the part coming in, and they are taking the correct safety precautions in this situation. "We can't operate the elevator safely without that part," he said, explaining that the part should be coming in either Monday or Tuesday

before Thanksgiving break.

In the meantime, Reiff offers his advice for students with disabilities having trouble accessing facilities. Reiff said to contact "Student Academic Support Services, Kevin Selby, Director, kselby@mcDaniel.edu, ext. 2504... or contact me directly...ext. 2279... We will immediately notify the Physical Plant and find out how long the repair will take."

McDaniel Brings Many Leaders to Model EU

(from "Leaders" on page 1)

Silverman said many students don't know a lot about the European Union, which is why the simulation project is important.

"The delegation put a

lot of time and effort to represent not only Hungary, but McDaniel College," Silverman said. "We did an amazing job and I think more people should be aware of this."

Senior Brent Pertuso,

who was elected vice-chairman of the Socialist Party, said he got to know the students in the delegation and talk about important issues with students from other schools.

"It gave me opportu-

nity to be involved in behind-the-scenes negotiation that directly affected policy," Pertuso said. "It got to be an adrenaline rush sometimes."

McDaniel students have participated in the simu-

lation in the past, guided by political science professor Christianna Leahy. Staff writer Lindsay Graham conducted interviews for this article.

R.U.M., BC, and Other Clubs Vie for Attention

(from "Clubs" on Page 1)

events that occurred last semester that led to Gamma Beta Chi and Phi Alpha Mu getting their charter suspended, the school is attempting to analyze how to deal with and possibly eradicate these groups in order to prevent problems from occurring in the future. The school is especially concerned about hazing that goes on in these groups and the effects that could have on members of an unregulated and unrecognized group.

"I feel like these are just drinking clubs," said Assistant Director of College

Activities Amanda Rose. "They do none of the community service that actual Greek organizations do and they provide nothing positive to the College. And the things they do could really hurt someone"

Rose is also writing and planning to send out a letter to parents of incoming freshmen and transfer students at the beginning of their first and second semesters at McDaniel outlining the policy of how students join a recognized Greek organization.

The letter lists the recognized fraternities and soror-

ities on campus and encourages students to join them while advising parents to discourage involvement in unrecognized Greek groups.

It lists Chi Delta Upsilon, Gamma Beta Chi, Phi Alpha Mu and Delta Phi Alpha as unrecognized groups and then follows by saying "McDaniel College is taking measures to end the operation of such unrecognized groups."

While the letter does not mention other sorts of groups that have become popular in the fall semester, Rose draws no distinction between

those groups listed specifically in the letter and other groups that seem to embody only the social aspects of Greek life.

"They are all the same to me," said Rose, "and they have a negative effect on student involvement on campus."

Currently, the school and Rose are attempting to implement changes in policy that would make any involvement in an unrecognized organization punishable, possibly by suspension.

"This issue has really exploded this fall," said Rose,

"and this has made the issue a very important one. The college will make a policy change and enforce it."

Though it is not clear which policy change will be made, Rose is drawing inspiration from the policies implemented at Plattsburgh State University of New York after a student died there from water intoxication during hazing to join an unrecognized Greek group in 2003.

"I want to make sure it never gets to that point here," said Rose.

Lighter Side: True Hero Fights With Referee

ANDY WU
STAFF WRITER

(Editor's Note: at a glance, the blotter doesn't reveal some of the inane reports to which officers respond. Wu's commentary highlights some of the unique calls.)

I chose to write about this issue's feature because I was 10 feet away lying on the ground when it happened.

Following our controversial 1-0 loss to Gettysburg, a drunken non-student took exception to the game deciding penalty kick call. Expressing his disagreement, he ran onto the field and started threatening the ref.

Still in dismay, I found it hilarious that the official nearly crapped his pants and ran away like a little girl. I know it's inappropriate, but I

subconsciously hoped the crazy guy would get a few punches in.

Unfortunately, he was subdued by Campus Safety and the referee narrowly escaped imminent bodily harm.

Despite the knowledge that the fan did not display good sportsmanship, he's a hero in my book. He fought for what he believed just like

Dr. King and Gandhi. He's a champion of right and a defender of truth.

Should he be punished for his actions? The law says yes. But it was also against the law to help free slaves and allow women to vote.

This man sacrificed himself for the McDaniel soccer team. He is our Jesus. And I pray more follow in his foot-

steps. Referees are filthy people and deserve nothing less than smiting from the righteous.

This incident should be labeled not a crime, but divine intervention. The demonic official deserved worse. Such saintly acts should be recognized and I feel privileged to have witnessed human selflessness at its best.

Campus Safety blotter

Occurred from Date	Subcategory	Type	Outdoors	Building Name	Incident Status
11/18/2005 3:30 p.m.	theft	from buildings	2	McDaniel Hall	report complete
11/18/05 9:23 p.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	2	Rouzer Hall	closed by POC
11/19/05 9:34 a.m.	drug violation	possession	2	Rouzer Hall	pending court outcome
11/20/05 12:03 p.m.	assault	hands/feet	1	President's House	pending court outcome
11/20/05 2:27 a.m.	drug violation	possession	2	Garden Apartments	pending court outcome
11/20/05 12:24 a.m.	assault	hands/feet	2	McDaniel Hall	closed by POC
11/30/05 11:20 a.m.	robbery	strong arm	1	Carroll House Lot	open

Campus Crime Alert

On 11/30/05 at about 11:58 p.m. a student reported that approximately forty minutes earlier (about 11:20 p.m.) he was walking between Carroll Hall and Thompson Hall when he was approached from behind and forced to the ground. When the victim looked up, he saw two individuals.

The first was described as a black male, in his early twenties, approxi-

mately 6 feet tall with a bald head and a clean shaven face. This suspect wore a black jacket with white FUBU lettering on the chest and baggy blue jeans. The second suspect was described as an Hispanic male, approximately 5'7", who was also clean shaven. This second suspect wore a plain gray sweatshirt, blue jeans, and a black knit cap (beanie cap style).

The victim resisted

after he was asked to open his bookbag and give the suspects his "stuff". The suspects then fled on foot on West Main Street toward MD Route 31. The area was searched after the victim made the report with no results.

This matter is being jointly investigated by DoCS and the Westminster Police (WPD). Anyone with any information is urged to contact Sgt. Josh Bronson of DoCS

at 410-857-2202, or Det. Andy Hundertmark of WPD at 410-848-4646.

Campus community members are advised:

1. Avoid walking alone, ESPECIALLY in poorly lit or infrequently traveled areas. If you need an escort, contact DoCS at ext. 2202.
2. Know the locations of emergency phones (marked by blue lights) around campus.

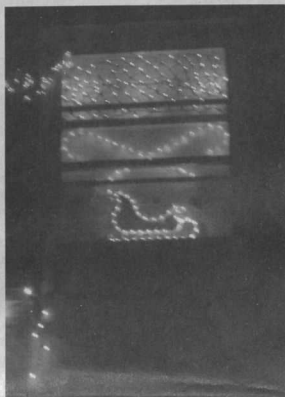
3. If you are followed and there are no safe areas close by, use your cell phone to call for help.

4. When getting close to your home or auto, have your keys ready.

- a. If you are being followed, approach your auto from across the parking aisle or street and look under and around the car prior to approaching.



Rouzer displays some festive decorations. This year a number of McDaniel buildings have been decorated for the holiday season.



Co-Ed Rouzer and Whiteford

(from "Co-ed" on page 1)
prised to learn that they will be housed by gender, and while their parents may view it as a positive, the students would prefer to have a co-ed option."

Whiteford and Rouzer Halls, the two dormitories currently used to house a majority of first-year students, will drop their single-sex status and be arranged to allow both men and women to reside within.

Philip Sayre, vice president and dean of student affairs, noted that the gender arrangement is dependent on the locations of bathrooms, speculating that Whiteford would have men on one level and women on another, in alternating fashion. The division of Rouzer's floors into sides, however, would allow men and women to live on opposing ends of the building, with their sections connected by student lounges.

"Having people mixed together will be a real benefit and more like the real world," Sayre said. "If college is to prepare you for the real world, let's do it."

Housing men and women together, explained O'Connell, could carry an additional benefit in increased retention numbers for male students.

"A larger number of first-year male students may follow the example of first-year women and get more involved in campus activities and leadership roles," she said.

Sayre said that the college has held discussions with the All College Council and the Student Government Assembly in order to obtain student thoughts, "good discussions" that produced "enthusiastic support for the idea of going co-ed, with some reservations."

These mixed feelings are reflected in the opinions of McDaniel College students, who desire the notion of being treated like adults and less like boarding school denizens, while balancing the aesthetic and dynamic qualities of living in close proximity to the opposite sex.

"I would think it would be good for the Rouzer boys," said freshman Mary Beth Bounds, "because they wouldn't be so wild and rambunctious. But I think it would be a greater challenge to the cleaning staff. I don't think girls would really appreciate it."

Freshman Samuel Snider-Held concurs: "I'm all for it, but I can't imagine why any girls would want to live with a bunch of guys."

Cash, Money, Financial Woes? Help Is Available

COLLEEN LEARY
STAFF WRITER

Approximately 85% of all McDaniel students receive some type of financial aid. Loans, grants, and scholarships have made possible a top-notch education to many students that may otherwise be unable to attend college.

But where does this money come from, how are loans, grants, and scholarships determined, and what will financial assistance now mean for your future?

The money available to students comes directly from the endowment—how much money the school has altogether. Each year a budget is created for financial aid. What this means is that there is always a set amount of money available for financial aid, however this amount does not always increase when tuition costs rise.

Increased tuition is often used to pay the college's bills, thus extra money isn't added to the financial aid budget because funds are needed elsewhere. This can often cause problems for students because they are forced to come up with extra money with no extra financial help.

Financial aid is divided into two categories: Non-need Based and Need Based. Non-

need based scholarships and loans do not consider a student's ability to pay for college when evaluating eligibility, rather a student's previous academic history including high school GPA and SAT scores, involvement in extracurricular activities, or willingness to serve in the military are some factors assessed.

These types of awards include: McDaniel Academic Scholarships, McDaniel Transfer Scholarships, Carroll County Scholarships, Eagle Scout/Gold Award, Junior Achievement Scholarship, varying Maryland State Scholarships, Army and Air force ROTC Scholarships, and the Family Tuition Reduction Grant.

Need Based grants and loans are determined by a student's financial need such as their family income. These include: McDaniel College Grants, Maryland State Grants, Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants, Federal Perkins Loans, and Federal Stafford Loans.

Other ways of providing monetary assistance include a number of private scholarships and loans, as well as the Federal Work-Study Program and various opportunities for campus employment. A

detailed explanation of each grant, scholarship, and loan can be found on the McDaniel College website.

There are also organizations like Helping Hands, which provides students with money for textbooks. Many alumni donate money personally to help fund an individual student's education. There is the lesser-known FAW loan that offers monetary aid to student's in emergency financial situations at a mere one percent interest rate.

Money shouldn't stop you from receiving the kind of education you deserve. Don't be afraid to ask for more financial assistance at any given time in your college career.

So, the money is out there, but what about paying it back? When acquiring loans it is easy to forget that they will eventually need to be paid back. It is important that student's realize repayment for many loans begins five to nine months after graduation. Interest rates are also important when determining what loan will work best for you.

Statistics and information regarding various types of loans came from the McDaniel College website.

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When Lotto Gets High, More Players Dream Big

CORI SIMPSON
STAFF WRITER

Not too long ago, the Mega Millions Jackpot was boiling over - filled with a heaping \$258 million. As of press time, the pot is a roaring \$262 million and is still waiting to be claimed.

Toss in Lotto (currently at \$2.1 million), Bonus Match 5, Pick 3, Pick 4, multiple Scratch Offs, and Keno, and it's no wonder that almost everyone has their "If-I-Won-the-Lottery" dream.

"When I turned eighteen, I bought a Lottery ticket," explains Grace

Donaldson, a Sophomore at McDaniel College. "Partly because I finally could, and because I thought I'd try to hit it big before I spent the rest of my life working for everything."

She is not the only one. Emily Vespgnani, a graduate student in the education department, dreams about all the things she can't afford right now.

"I'd get a house, put away enough money to pay for my daughter's college and put away money for a car - and a wedding," Vespgnani said. "It'd be nice to have enough

for investment properties and other money-multiply endeavors."

"If I won, I'd travel and I'd invest my money," said LaWann Nelson. "I'd travel all around the world and my first stop would be warm tropical islands because it is cold here."

Students aren't the only dreamers.

Bobby Anderson, the academic secretary for the English Department, has also dreamed of being a winner. "If I won, I'd pay off the mortgages on my kids' houses, I'd buy a motor home and I'd retire," she explains.

Anderson admits that she only plays the lottery "maybe twice a year, on a whim," but she still dreams about the possibilities.

Everyone has a plan, just incase: "I'd pay off all my bills and if it's a large amount, I'd remain anonymous, invest well and then contribute to special needs," said Bobbi Hollingsworth, departmental secretary for the college's human resources.

When the lottery recently tipped \$250 million, her husband Brian bought a ticket (or two) and they dreamed, Bobbie said. "We're the kind of people who if someone lost

their house in a fire or they had a child with special needs, we'd make sure to be the angels who took care of them."

The people who don't spend too much time contemplating what they might do, end up saving a few bucks.

"I never play, only because I don't think about it [buying a ticket]," said Kevin Selby, director of student academic support services. "But if I ever won and there was enough money to retire and live in the Caribbean, I'd go."

Campus Envelope Project Honors Slain Soldiers

JANE LIBERT
STAFF WRITER

"Return to sender."

This somber message marks each of the two-thousand plus envelopes being made by campus and community members to represent every United States soldier killed in the Middle East since the beginning of the war.

October 25, 2005 marked the two-thousandth soldier killed in Iraq, and sadly, this number continues to grow. The McDaniel College Peace Club is raising awareness through a large scale project that is currently underway. Students and members of the community are creating envelopes, each addressed with the name, age, branch of military, and rank of a soldier killed in the Iraq War.

Lists of names from the current death toll are being distributed to willing contribu-

tors. Many individuals are filling out well over fifty or one hundred envelopes on their own.

When the envelopes are complete, they are laminated to protect them against weathering or damage. Once every envelope is made, they will be displayed in a memorial on campus to demonstrate the devastating number of lives lost in this war. In description of the project, the Peace Club states, "Our tribute will be permanent, yet moveable. Unfortunately, the number of envelopes will rise."

Student Eric Danforth is a regular member and participant in the Peace Club. He assures that the purpose of the project is for a good cause, with pure intentions. "The envelope project is not meant to mock the soldiers who have died, or to use their deaths for our agenda. It is simply a way to pay tribute to those who

have given their lives, and to perhaps make people realize the severity of war."

Student Katharine Strong was one of the first people to turn in completed envelopes. She comments, "I think it is important regardless of your views on the war." Katharine added that participating in this project gave her a "chance to recognize those soldiers who have died."

The "Affinity Group Unity" of the women's basketball team has been contributing their time and efforts for this cause as well. "We thought it would be a good project for us to do together," states Junior, Amy Watson. The girls found importance in this particular demonstration for the purpose of "bringing awareness to what is going on." That is exactly what the Peace Club and participants are hoping it will accomplish.

The goal of the endeavor is

to honor the lives lost and to encourage consideration of the devastating effects of war. Lora Bingham, a junior who is actively involved in the Peace Club feels that the finished memorial will make a difference. She states hopefully, "I think it is going to have at least some impact on people. Most people haven't seen two-thousand of anything all lined up in front of them, and to know that it is two-thousand people who have died, I think it would be tremendous."

The Peace Club has been making continuous efforts to raise awareness about the cost of the War. Various demonstrations and weekly vigils are a major tool exercised by the organization to promote peace. Lora Bingham explains, "We had a vigil in front of the Westminster library the day that the death toll reached two-thousand. We

read the name of every soldier who had died. We also lit candles and had a moment of silence in the beginning and end." The peace club also holds a vigil every Tuesday in front of Hoover library from eleven to twelve. As far as future projects are concerned, the Peace Club is currently attempting to get a "peace pole" put up on campus. Lora Bingham explains, "It would be a six-sided wooden pole, and on each side it would say 'May peace prevail' in one of six different languages."

Anyone interested in assisting the Peace Club in filling out envelopes or to participate in other activities to honor the fallen is encouraged to help out. Colleen Leary and Lisa Breslin can be contacted for more information. All envelopes can be turned in at the writing center. Colleen will provide a list of names to work from.

Christmas Carol Offers 'Small Measure of Grace'

JEN HARRINGTON
STAFF WRITER

Carolars echoed through the halls, the tree was carefully decorated, and by the end of Act Two, a Christmas feast had been provided. The holiday season had arrived early at McDaniel as Ira Domser's adaptation of "A Christmas Carol" took center stage at Alumni Hall from November 17th through the 19th.

A careful mix of tradition and comedy, the play was well received by both students and the local community. When creating the script, director Ira Domser had no problem balancing the traditional story with moments of comedic relief. While originally Domser intended to make the production a techno-themed experience, he quickly decided to stick with tradition. The story, he explained, "is so beloved that it's more difficult for an audience to accept another version".

Domser did take a few liberties with the script. Simple changes such as adding the

statuette characters of four Air Sprites as "personifications of Scrooge's soul," were added to bring out the reason for the season. "This play has done as much as any work of art towards humanizing mankind," Domser explained. "Its great gift is that at least once a year we should behave towards each other."

An energetic ensemble of students and children provided just the right dynamic to carry out the show's message. Senior Jeff Goeller played the lone miser Ebenezer Scrooge with integrity and an honest vulnerability that evoked sympathy for his cold-hearted character. Comedic relief was found in the performances of juniors Chris DeRose (as several characters, but perhaps most memorably as Mr. Fezziwig), and Tom Shortridge, who provided the upbeat tempo in several scenes.

Nearly every actor had been cast in multiple roles. Juniors Devie Henry, Jessica Behar, and MaxJulian Ham played the ghosts of Past,

Present, and Future respectively, but were also cast as townspeople and carolers. Senior Amber Grimes, sophomore Meghan Carlton, and freshman Joe Byrd all contributed to the quaint feel of the production as townspeople, carolers, and various members of Scrooge's past. Adding to this the often haunting presence of the Air Sprites (played by Graham Cox, Kacey Decker, Lindsey Grieb, and Lauren Hild), and the charm of ten local children, and what is found is a truthful and humorous retelling of a timeless holiday piece.

The play, which Domser quips as having "the potential of adding some small measure of grace to the world," will be performed again at the Carroll Arts Center. Performances will be December 15th, 16th, and 17th at 7:30 pm, with an additional matinee show at 2pm on the 17th. Tickets are \$7 for general admission and \$5 for students.



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All Relationships Can Be Tricky Business

ALYSE HOLLOMON
FEATURES EDITOR

College is all about meeting people; whether you're at a college event such as a football game or a movie night in Decker, or at a party in the new apartments or a clubroom for one of the college organizations. Everywhere you go, you're interacting with others.

After a memorable college weekend most friends, guys or girls, will get together and talk about who they "hooked up with."

In her essay titled "Can You Handle the Commitment? Three Types of College Relationships," student author Emily Littlewood suggests that most relationships in college fall into these three categories: the random hook up (which involves the least amount of commitment), friends with benefits, and relationships that reach commitment level.

McDaniel students randomly polled over the last few weeks offer opinions that mirror Littlewood's; they too see relationships lining up neatly in the categories Littlewood sets up.

"A hookup is something that just happens usually spur of the moment with just a pure sexual attraction," said sophomore Gene

Shirokbrod, an Exercise Science major. "It should not be interpreted as anything more than just physical."

A hookup also often involves randomness and the consumption of too much alcohol. Usually, it's a no-strings-attached type of thing, many students note.

"A random hookup is like a half eaten sandwich in the fridge," said senior Brandi Heavener, a Business/Economics major. "You don't know who ate it last, but you know that its 2 a.m. and you're hungry."

Sophomore Gavin Lutz, Sociology major, feels that "as long as both individuals involved have the understanding that it is only a one night stand and is nothing more, than it's (a hookup) fine. It's when one person expects a continuation of relations while the other does not that people run into problems."

The next category of relationships that Littlewood describes is a friends-with-benefits relationship. Most wouldn't define this as a relationship, but as someone you go to when you need something.

"Friends with benefits

"Hook-ups make for hilarious awkward moments and funny stories to tell."
Brendan Hodge

is a good idea in theory; both people getting what they want from each other with not romantic strings attached and the friendship still being in tact," said junior Jessica Van, a Social Work major. "However, in reality it usually doesn't end up this way."

Most students seemed to feel this same way; that even though friends with benefits can be gratifying, it usually ends up hurting the friendship and both people in the end.

"I feel that friends with benefits is probably the worst way to go about a relationship because it usually winds up ruining the friendship and one person get terribly hurt," said sophomore Katie Young.

The last category is commitments. In college, most students don't go seeking committed relationships such as these because most want to be able to socialize and date other people.

"Just from watching my friends who have made commitments, I'd say that they are more work than play," said junior Dixie

Clough, an English major. "But for the long haul, they're worth it if both parties are in it with their whole hearts."

However, there are some students who would prefer being in committed relationships, even though they are in college and won't be able to date. But, in most cases, these people feel that even though they can't date, it doesn't mean that they can't socialize or go out.

The committed relationship just means that they only "hookup" or "benefit" from one person instead of numerous.

"Being committed in a relationship is easy as long as both people are equally into each other," said sophomore Paul Boyd, a Communications major.

"Out of all three of

these relationships, I think the only meaningful one is with a commitment," said senior Courtney Jordan, an English major. "Friends with benefits and hookups may satisfy the immediate desire, but eventually someone will get hurt. It's not worth it. Why not give the best parts of yourself to someone you could be with for the rest of your life?"

No one can tell you what relationship is best for you personally. When it comes to college, no one should focus intently on relationships since there is so much else going on. But, since Littlewood feels there are three categories of relationships, then you should fit into one of the three categories. So which relationship are you most comfortable with, hookup, friends with benefits, or commitment? You decide...

Reporters Jill Stone and Jane Libert and advisor Lisa Breslin contributed to this article.

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If You Feel Down, Pick This Up

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson
American Poet

Have you ever regretted what happened in the past? What about being overly concerned about the future? Of course, we all do but there is much more meaning to have inner peace, no matter how stressful life can be. So in those times, it's better to look within your heart, depend and trust in God in your situations, regardless how small your concern might be.

-Torreka Jordan

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Attention All Procrastinators:

Your preferred outfit (for all those pulled all-nighters) of Pajama's will now be showcased at the upcoming Cram Bash! That's right, CAPBoard's usual finals midnight breakfast is a calling to all of you who are notorious for staying up late finishing work, pressing snooze several times over, and rushing to class in the P.J.'s. Sport your best, or comfiest, and maybe get a prize. Or, bring a pic of you or a friend in their best Bed Gear!

Procrastination is a Fine Art Form

COLLEEN LEARY
STAFF WRITER

There is always something better to do than work! It's amazing how distracting the world becomes where there is a paper to write, a book to read, or a test to study for. Suddenly, things like cleaning your room and staring at the wall become top priorities. Here's what five students said they like to do when procrastinating:

1. Listen to music and play on the internet ~Katie Hawkins
2. Watch TV and IM people ~Rose Eneny
3. Work on cars and play video games ~Ryan Smet
4. Call people I don't even need to talk to ~Nancy Sinnes
5. Run track and go to the pub with friends ~Kevin Bowman



What is the best excuse you've used for an extension, after putting off an assignment until the last minute?

Compiled by Cori Simpson



Brad Evans, '09

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1. "One time I let my eyes well up with tears and told my teacher my aunt died. Whether she believed me or not, I got an extension."

2. "Even though I am guilty of procrastination, and teachers sometimes offer an extension, I haven't taken them up on it because I don't want them to hold it against me."

3. "I always seem to find a way to get things done, even if I'm running behind, so I get annoyed that people always ask for extensions."

4. "My computer was near the heater, and it caught on fire."

So Much to do Besides . . .

MELANIE CHUPEIN
STAFF WRITER

It's Godzilla. Wait, it's the Abominable Snowman. No—it's procrastination!

Procrastination is a trend that troubles the lives of both students and faculty. Prior to meeting the deadline for a research paper or fulfilling an obligation to return graded tests, there always seems to be a more appealing activity to take up time.

The list of hazards of procrastination is practically infinite.

When asked about how friends directly contribute to procrastination, freshman Cali Celinski describes, "They're like a black hole with their own gravitational pull that sucks you right in."

Relating to the pressure from friends, there are also movies. Students gather in dorm rooms and entertain themselves with any movie just as long as it distracts them from work.

Walking across campus to Decker Auditorium on Friday nights where some of the latest films are screened is another way to lose track of time.

The allure of viewing a blockbuster

that has not yet been released on video is intoxicating and naturally takes precedent over academics.

In addition, trips to the pub are virtually procrastination pastimes. There is the big screen television that displays the most anticipated sports games. A football game just is not the same on a minuscule screen crammed in a tiny dorm.

Just around the corner there is the café with its comfy couches and Budapest theme, which make drinking a smoothie or sipping a mocha that much more enjoyable.

Another hazard of procrastination is technology.

Every dorm room is equipped with high-speed Internet access. Valuable minutes are spent chatting on instant messenger about everything and anything.

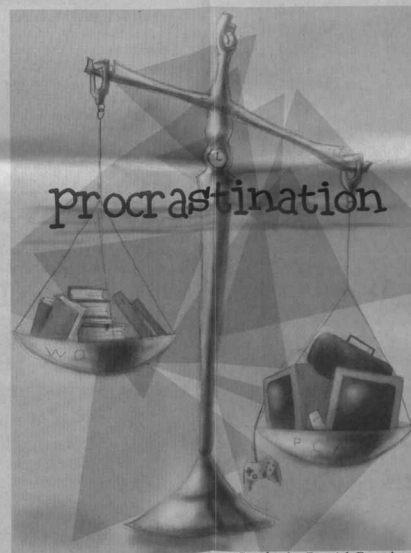
Time is also exhausted writing emails, shopping online, downloading music, keeping updated with the news, and compulsively checking one of the latest addictions, facebook.

Alicia Ciatto says, "AIM is pretty killer. It's incredibly distracting. I'd much rather talk to friends online than get my work done, so it's

hard to sit at my computer and type papers."

Electronic devices like ipods, cell phones, and video game systems prove to be excellent diversions. It is important for students to keep up to date with the ever-changing technology and this endeavor tends to consume a high number of hours.

What is to be learned from all of these hazards of procrastination? Procrastination probably will not be disappearing any time soon. Instead of fighting it, try and allow time for hanging with friends, watching movies, eating at the pub, partying, AND academics. Well, maybe not in that order.



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McDaniel's Top Three Procrastinators



1. JOHN BENNET, '08

"I do my best work under pressure, which ultimately makes me the biggest procrastinator. I do everything at the very last minute."



2. ANGELA BRUDIS, '08

"I am the worst procrastinator in the world, especially if I have to read for a class. It usually never happens."



3. KRISTEN DAVIS, '07

"I'm the procrastination princess."

Professors Put Off Their 'To Do' Lists Too

KRIS BREEDEN
STAFF WRITER

Procrastination. It is a word we all know too well. It is a seemingly unavoidable curse that haunts students everywhere. We simply find 'better' things to do: read the away messages of everyone on our buddy list, watch "I Love the 80's: 1986" for the third time, or just sit with our roommate and complain

about how much work we have to do.

We all have our horror stories about the time we stayed up all night and turned our paper in three minutes before the deadline, despite our teachers' warnings that we needed to begin working early.

But we can take comfort in knowing that it does not just happen to us.

Though they frown

upon it now, teachers have been there too.

Journalism professor Terence Dalton was brave enough to share his college procrastination experiences. He is a procrastination culprit and he admits it.

"Yes, I was a terrible procrastinator in college." He sets up a scene we know all too well: "I vividly remember carrying a stack of books, pages of notes, and my manu-

al typewriter to the dining room of the social hall I lived in at Lafayette College, plopping the books down around 8 P.M. and working right through the night until the paper, due that day, was finished."

Sound familiar?

Switch the manual typewriter to a laptop and you have your typical college student of 2005. Mr. Dalton goes on to describe the infamous

paper pass. "I would stagger over to the professor's office and hand it in that morning, maybe ten minutes before the deadline."

Yeah, that sounds about right. He then adds, "I usually did quite well on these papers, but I certainly would never recommend my all-night routine to any of my journalism students today."

Spoken like a true teacher.

Tips on How to Not Procrastinate

CORI SIMPSON
STAFF WRITER

Whether your excuse is legitimate or not, procrastination is a habit that plagues people in all aspects of life. One of the most successful breeding grounds for procrastination lies on college campuses. This epidemic leads students to late night cramming sessions, causes students to invade the computer lab until all hours of the night, and often resorts in the consumption of caffeine (the glorious substance that helps you keep your eyes open far past the time they should've been closed and in REM sleep).

After the long procrastination of assignments and projects, it might be helpful to hear how fellow college students motivate themselves to get back on track.

1. Kim Spears, junior, finds that the easiest way to buckle

down on an assignment is to, "Lock myself in my room with a couple small distractions, like quiet music, or a low volume television show. If it's too quiet, I find it harder to concentrate."

2. Sometimes the atmosphere helps sway you into productive mode. "I bury myself in the library," explains Brittany King, sophomore.

3. "It usually helps to find someone in the class to share the studying with, that way I feel a sense of obligation to complete my part of the work," said junior Brittany Parrish.

4. Junior Tori Buttler relies on self-determination and a little outside motivation. "I call my mom for words of inspiration, and then I pray," she explains.

A motivational quote that helps keep her pushing onwards when she feels stuck is, "Life is a test of will power, never give up."

Heroic Procrastination Survival Tales Abound

MJ ALEXANDER
STAFF WRITER

I must admit that I am possibly one of the worst procrastinators on campus, maybe the world. Outside the window to my right the sky is slowly changing from black to gray. The uncomfortably stiff chair, hum of halogen lights and below freezing temperature of the Hoover Library computer lab is the only thing keeping me awake at 5 a.m. I see it as my self-inflicted punishment. I spend the entire week saying, "I'll research my paper tomorrow," or perhaps

"Oh that assignment will take an hour at most." But here I am with two essays, an interview write up, a self-portrait, and an article for the Free Press due by the morning.

Everywhere you go on campus, you can spot someone being punished by their own procrastination.

A girl I was sitting next to one Friday afternoon was typing in such a frantic hurry her hands seemed to blur. "When's it due?" I asked and with out taking her eyes off the computer screen in front of her she replied, "Yesterday."

I have been asked on a few

occasions to check my friend's mailbox in Decker when she "called in sick" to work, in order to finish a paper.

I've gone to sleep at 2 in the morning while my roommate worked through the night studying for an exam scheduled for 8 a.m. that same day.

Plans have been cancelled, roommates have been kicked out, parties have been cut short, and meals have been skipped to finish work that could have been completed weeks before... all this trouble, because we procrastinate.

As students we idolize a

man who can procrastinate all week, spend five hours on a term paper and get an A. But why? Should the diligent student who starts a project the day it's assigned and finishes it a week early be put up on a wall of fame?

Instead we boast about the all-nighter we pulled, that one weekend we didn't leave our room (not even to go to the bathroom), or the time you wrote a paper that was due in an hour.

We all hear the stories. Sitting at a table in Glar (not working) we interrupt each other's stories in a competi-

tion to see who the worst procrastinator is.

I've come to the simple conclusion that procrastination is my best friend. After every late night spent working I vow never again to procrastinate.

The truth is however, that I need that procrastination because I need that pressure of a deadline to work. So, if you're reading this article while you should be working on something important, I say "SCREW THAT!! Turn to the next page and keep wasting time!"

Model EU Highlights Power of Negotiation

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Three days in Washington D.C. sitting in on committee meetings for the Model European Union does not sound like a lot of fun to most people, but it was fun.

Two weeks ago in late November I went to the Model European Union Simulation in Washington D.C. It was interesting and fun. Not only did I get to fully understand the European

Union and its procedures, but I got to meet new people from different schools and got to get to know my fellow classmates here better.

One thing about the simulation that makes it interesting is that each student is given an alter ego from their country to act like during the whole time of the simulation. This year's topic for Model EU was human rights and you had to think about issues such as asylum or immigration or civil unions or hate crimes from

your person's point of view. You basically have to become that person and forget about yourself for three days. But that is what I think made it fun.

What the Model EU really taught me was learning how to negotiate with people that have different views and be able to work out a deal with them. It is the biggest thing that you really need to be able to do if you are going into politics or any business. Being able to compromise to get

things down is the basis of all business deals.

There were some stressful times when it was hard to come to a compromise and when some parties that you were trying to compromise with, flip-flopped and went back on the deal. And it made it harder for us, as a party, to get what we wanted. But that is what can happen in negotiations and you have to realize that. But it should not happen all the time like it did at the EU and that is what really

frustrated me.

But the frustration wore off after a while and it was easier to get the amendments that would suit both parties. We never got to vote on the resolution that was on the table, which was kind of disappointing that we worked for three days and did not pass it. But it was overall a great experience that I would recommend to any one in political science or business to go to.

Media Distorts News

(Editor's Note: In an effort to keep a war far away closer to home, The McDaniel Free Press will run emails sent by soldiers to friends and family members. Forward e-mails to <freepress@mcDaniel.edu>.)

November 29, 2005: I don't have regular access to the news so I can't be targeted in what I am going to say, but I thought many of you would like to know what is actually going on over here.

I will start out by saying what I have said before and still believe. There are definite problems over here that need attention. I am glad it was not up to me whether America would be the ones to help, because I am 50/50. I am not angry that I am here at all, but at the same time, what makes this our fight at this point. I knew it was a possibility when I signed up and have no regrets at this point.

We have excellent gear that works, from body armor to strykers.

There is no doubt in my mind

that there were weapons of mass destruction here, but if you don't want to believe that, just think of the 2000+ killed and untold injured since we have been here. Not to mention the countless attacks prevented. That sounds like weapons of mass destruction to me, just not in the form that supports Bush.

Al-Zarqawi has been in or sector, but we have been chasing his ghost (or our tail depending how you look at it). Anything you saw on the news about Mosul in the last few weeks was us. Things were pretty hairy for a bit.

Speaking of which, that was my first news vs. truth encounter. I was at the location that was reporting on and they weren't even close. After seeing how the media distorts things first hand, I urge you to ignore the news in regards to the war.

— Sam Pickard

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Parents are Amazing From Europe to the Hill

SARAH WOLF
STAFF WRITER

I hope everybody had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Christmas is coming up and now it is the end of the semester. I am sure we are all a little tired and need a nice long break. For some of us it will be longer and for others shorter, eh?

Damn the Jan-term.

Actually, it should be fun. However, you know as a European it is a little sucky. First, you have to fly all the way to Europe because oh, oh your parents would want you to be there, because, "What is Christmas without the kids?" (I quote my mother's whining right now).

What are all our parents going to do when we have children of our own? What when we want to celebrate Christmas with our own family, once we have one? What is



going to happen when we grow out of the ugly reindeer sweater grandma knitted for us when we were 16 years old and embarrassed to wear a sweater like this at this age?

They will probably invite themselves over to our houses. Oh my God....

Anyway, my parents want me to be at home for Christmas, which is fine if it wasn't for a super-short time.

Yes, my parents are a dying species of parents: they love to wave at the airport, squeeze my cheek and smooch me

good-bye until the security guards start laughing at me. And yes, my parents show the strangest and weirdest childhood pictures to complete strangers. You know the types of pictures when you think "Where the hell did they find that? When was this? Is that me?"

These parents need all their kids to be at home for Christmas. Not necessarily happy, but at home- maybe even strapped to a chair and duct tape on the mouth.

I am sure that some of you McDaniel students know what I am talking about. This species of parents exists in every country. They are near extinction, but they exist.

Yes, even in America.

You know what though? Because they are crazy like this and sometimes you could just take them and throw.... oh, sorry. Where was I? Because they are so crazy, they

are special and always put a big smile on your face when you think about their goofy- and dorkiness.

And oh, how many times have they told that really embarrassing story of yours, especially to your girlfriend or boyfriend - you know, the one when you were five years old and you pulled down your pants and peed on a whole colony of ants because they peed on you because it stung like a mother*****, you know like it stings when an ant pees on you?

The worst part is when they actually have pictures of this incident. Anybody? No? No? Just me? Alrighty, let's move on then and continue where we stopped before it got all weird.

So, when you go home for Christmas, give your parents a hug and one or the other smooch and thank them for being who they are- yes, even

if they are usually a pain in the stomach. I can say that, right? I didn't say the other word.

Especially hug all the moms out there. I mean they squeezed us out of their bodies and we hung down their nipples until they were raw. We caused them a lot of pain, physically and emotionally, and we still give them gray hair.

Have a merry time with your family over the holidays. Appreciate the time you have together.

McDaniel. Thank you for having me and giving me a great time, especially my friends. Merry Christmas to you all and a happy, happy New Year. In Germany we say: Frohe Weihnachten und ein frohes neues Jahr. YAY! Smoochies to you all until next semester.

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Whether you are for or against the war in Iraq, it is important that we all support the troops. We may not all agree with the reasons for this war, but the soldiers are just carrying out their duties. The brave young men and women who are risking their lives must not feel forgotten or abandon.

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CHANAN DELIVUK ART DIRECTOR

How sad it is that we are college students and cannot take into consideration the hard work and dedication of others.

Neal Stokes, a member of the Green Terror football team, a well-rounded young man who out of the kindness and involvement with the Office of Multicultural Services, took about eight hours out of his free time (hardly available at the end of semester, close to finals) to create a sign as a publicity chairperson for the Martin Luther King Celebration to take place January 30, 2006.

It is sad to see the immaturity of college students, drunk or not, and the crude action they took against Mr. Stokes's

work. If you are fortunate enough to not have a friend or relative overseas, then consider becoming a pen pal or sending a care package to a soldier that doesn't receive much mail. Anysoldier.com is an organization that connects us here at home with the troops in the Middle East.

Through this website, you can find out how to send a care package or an e-mail to a soldier that may not have

many friends and family writing to him or her.

What is a helpful list of what items to send including beef jerky, energy bars, sunscreen, etc. Though this war may seem far away, it is greatly impacting all of our lives.

Check out Anysoldier.com as a way to show your support for the troops and stay connected.

Neal Stokes-A Thank you

work.

Fortunately, not only has the sign been re-hung for all to see in its current state, but also it has a "Discussion Board" next to it for all to comment on.

Whether you feel to reflect on the situation, the hard work of Mr. Stokes, or what you think is to come of this, the discussion board is a way for the campus community to come together in an effort to fix the problem and give credit where due.

OMS is an organization here on campus to promote the many cultures of the world, uniting us all together while acknowledging our many differences.

Maybe the person(s) who did this act did not intend for such a big ordeal to be made about it. Maybe the person(s)

who did this act had no idea how much attention they not only caused towards their indecency, but towards the hard work of Mr. Stokes.

One thing that is for sure, though, is that now we know the student behind the creation of such a masterpiece and can say thank you for all his dedication towards such an important cause—to promote an event that hopefully, now, more students will take part in.

For more information on how to become involved with the MLK Celebration, or more information about OMS in general, email oms@mcdaniel.edu or stop by the office in the basement of Rouzer between the hallways connecting Campus Safety and entrance to GLAR.

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Vibrant Radio Show Lures More Listeners

EMILY BIONDO
STAFF WRITER

Drop the needle. This is the motto that begins and ends one of McDaniel's newest radio shows this year, A-10 Turntable.

There is, however, one more. Junior and co-DJ Alan Schreiber said, "[The other is] more good, less suck, but we don't say that on air per se."

Slogans in tow, A-10 Turntable is Wednesday and Thursday nights' new addition to the airwaves on WMCR 1620 AM.

"It's kind of a mix of 98 Rock meets Howard Stern," said Schreiber. "It's the kind of music college kids would like." The show, named for a fighter aircraft that highlights the hosts' family military backgrounds, is based out of the radio station in the basement of Decker, a facility fit with a new mural on its door which boasts a similar military jet. The show itself began in September, boasting a blend of talk and music in a party-like setting, leaving no guest or listener with any doubts as to the DJs' main goal.

"We're here for the school, and we're here to have fun," Schreiber said.

Schreiber, a talkative and energetic Theater

major, runs the two-nights-a-week show along with fellow hosts sophomore E.J. Paterline and freshman Wesley Mann. As Schreiber explained, Wednesday's show is a basic recap of each week's happenings at McDaniel and in the nation, along with plugs for any school functions, while Thursday is the no-holds-barred, "crazier" part of the series.

"This is when we...screw it. The FCC isn't here," said Schreiber of the 10 p.m. to midnight timeslot on Thursdays. Each show is invariably different, but follows the same general formula.

"We'll play our bursts of music, then we'll do our talk show, then we'll go back to music," said Paterline.

Music is extremely varied, from rock to top 40 to—Schreiber's dismay and Paterline's Thursday's show featured freshman walk-ins Leah Beck and Laura Davis, and while each sat rocking comfortably in spinning desk chairs under the strings of twinkle lights lining the ceiling, they were fielding some personal, but tongue-in-cheek questions on topics ranging from their pasts to their sex lives.

"When people come in here, we're going to have

some fun with them," said Schreiber. The conversation was lighthearted, however, and Beck and Davis fired back with their own jibes. As Schreiber joked that he was the devil, Beck cut in and said to a laughing studio, "And you wonder why you're still single?"

Both Beck and Davis were happy with their experience. "It's been fun," said Davis, while Beck added flippantly, "It's been educational—I've cried, I've laughed...not really, no." Both, however, are definitely returning to the show for their own amusement and, more importantly, to keep the DJs to their word.

"We get to control the music [next time we come on], so I am anticipating playing lots of fun songs, singing, having interesting discussions, and just having fun like last time," said Davis. Schreiber admits that although the promise to Beck and Davis was not typical, it is something he and his co-hosts are willing to do.

"We're trying to integrate new things into our show," he said, adding, "Anybody who can sit and joke with us, we're more than willing to fight for." The idea relates back to the show's attitude about guests as a whole,

and the DJs' eagerness to have them.

"The more people come by, the better the show can be," said Schreiber. "It's like a breath of fresh air."

This urge to find new faces—and voices—coincides with the radio station's recent reawakening from 3 years of relative obscurity. The effort is still in progress; however, A-10 Turntable is well in sync with the idea.

"We're trying to get a following, get people to listen to us," said Schreiber. "Once people actually know that we're here for them, I think that's a good thing."

Currently,

Schreiber, Paterline, and Mann's show has only 25 known regular listeners. The statistic, though low, is still encouraging to the co-hosts.

"If that's the number of people who listen to us, I'd rather have that many than none at all," said Schreiber. The show's positive attitude extends to its popularity—Schreiber vows that A-10 Turntable is not going off-air anytime soon.

"We're going to continue this as long as we can," he said, "People are always here, always at the station, and all you have to do is stop on by."



BETH MCLEAN

The hosts of A-10 Turntable, which airs Thursday Nights on WMCR radio.

Turning Back the Pages

Compiled by Laura Hutton

The Phoenix

November 6, 1989

Sixteen years ago this month, the student paper ran a pie graph demonstrating how often students skipped classes. The question they were presented with was, "How many times do you skip class during a month?"

The results were as follows:

0	11%
1-2	54%
3-4	32%
5-8	3%

The "60 Seconds on Campus" question of the month was, "What do you think President Robert Chambers does to earn salary?"

Students' responses include:

- ~ "I have no clue, but I'd sure like to find out."
- ~ "I'm a freshmen, so I have no idea."
- ~ "I don't know, I'm sure he does his work."
- ~ "Bob who?"

The responses leave one hoping that students today would be less stumped about the college president's responsibilities.

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Steve Peed, the Knight in Shining Athletic Gear

EMILY BIONDO
STAFF WRITER

Call him a knight in shining athletic gear.

Sports Information Director and Radio Station Adviser Steve Peed, decked out in swishy pants, a white T-shirt and orange-tinted goggle, is not the plumed-helmet ideal image of a protector of the innocent. In fact, he's not the suit-and-tie ideal image of a college office head either. But in his time at McDaniel and in his own life, Peed has undeniably dedicated himself to the unceasing fight for fairness.

"It's always been my thing sticking up for the little guy," he said.

Peed, head of the relatively unknown but aptly-named Sports Information Office, communicates to the community and campus any news pertinent to the athletics at the college. This purpose to Peed, however, is better expressed as an opportunity to give sports players their credit where credit is due.

"We have quality athletes here that excel in the classroom, excel in life, and excel on the field," he said. "The [trick] is to catch which ones need to be told." Such a feat, however, is easier said than done. The college's 24 sports and limited staffing make for a difficult road at realizing such a goal.

"[With] 425 athletes, some stories don't make the cut," Peed said. With odds against

him, he pulls 70-to-80-hour work weeks, producing everything from in-depth Homecoming programs to newly created online statistics of athletes from each sport.

Joyce Muller, Associate Vice President of Communications and Marketing and co-worker of Peed, recognizes his unceasing diligence in the office. "I think he's worked really hard for the student athletes here and pushed the envelope on the stories that need to be told," she said.

Peed's continued efforts at his job showcase his high standards for hard work, a value he attributes to the most profound influence of his life—his grandfather.

"I learned about being a good person from him," said Peed. "He knew how to work when it was time to work, and knew how to have fun when it was time to have fun."

Growing up as the youngest of six brothers and sisters in West Chester, Pa., even Peed's family life added to the idea of hard work, especially at the dinner table.

"You learned how to be quick with a fork or not eat," he said, chuckling.

Peed was also the sixth in line to attend college. Of any financial support, Peed said, "I never had a dime given to me." This economic uncertainty shaped the hard working mentality established early on.

While attending McDaniel, Peed took on various jobs to

support himself, graduating in 2001 with a major in Political Science and a strong background in Communication. He soon after began working at the college as Sports Information Director, as well as writing for The Hill alumni magazine and the Green and Gold Newsletter.

In the past two years he has added the role of radio station adviser to his resume. WMCN, or Western Maryland College Radio, was yet another stand for Peed, as he saw a station besieged by debt in need of help.

"Somebody's got to step in," said Peed after reading about the station's problems in the Free Press. Soon after, he became adviser, and has since solved the debt issue and stepped back to allow students to pursue their own leadership in the station. Junior Pat Seibert, president of WMCN, has noticed the intense effect that Peed has had upon the organization and upon himself.

"He's a great advocate for the radio station," said Seibert, adding of his own experiences, "He has definitely made me more professional since he's become the radio station adviser, that's for sure."

Senior Phil Blackman, an intern in the Sports Information Department and a friend of Peed, relates Peed's hard work to his tendency to sacrifice himself for others.

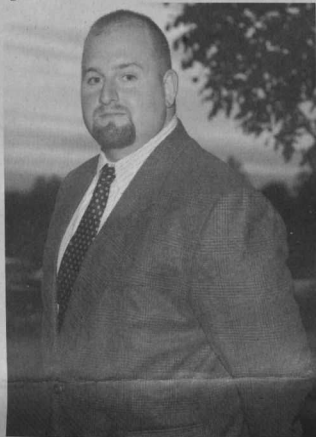
"He doesn't just think about himself in any situation," he said. As Peed has spent almost a third of his life at McDaniel, Blackman also couples that tendency with his underlying dedication to the college.

"He's sacrificed a lot of his own life for the school, and deserves recognition for it," Blackman said.

Although the college takes up a majority of Peed's schedule, he does find time for hobbies and occasions at home with his wife, Courtney. Peed enjoys reading and golf, not to mention walking his beloved pet dog in Westminster.

"A good day is when I can take my dog up to Hashawa [Nature Center]," he said. While such days seem close to nonexistent in Peed's hectic life, the lack thereof doesn't seem to faze the 29-year-old director. He continues on his quest of righting wrongs and working hard with an old sport mantra in mind, a mantra that definitively combines Peed's atypical image as a defender of fairness and unwavering passion for his cause.

"It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog," he says.



STEVE PEED

Determination, Courage Mark Swim Season

MIKE HABEGGER
SPORTS EDITOR

Seven. The number of days in a week. The number of the greatest quarterback of all time. The number of deadly sins. The number of swimmers that make up the McDaniel Men's Swimming Team.

Not impressed? While the McDaniel College Men's Swimming Team might not be racking up wins (1 win in 5 tries) due to multiple event forfeits, outstanding individual performances have defined the season thus far.

Most of McDaniel's competitors boast 15-25 swimmers, yet the small team works hard to contend day-in, and day-out.

"It's not unusual for us and we go into every meet the same as if we had 7 guys or 20

guys," said junior Greg Mihalek. "...Just because we are short swimmers doesn't mean we can't compete on the same level as the bigger teams."

When the Terror faced Franklin & Marshall on November 18th, only five suited up to compete. And those five did remarkably well. Junior Mark Yankovich of Richboro, PA pulled out earphone in time to pull out his most dominating performance of the year in the 200 yard freestyle. Yankovich trailed the leader until the midpoint of the race, where he took the lead for good.

"I think mark is having a

"Seven. The number of days in a week. The number of the greatest quarterback of all time. The number of deadly sins. The number of swimmers that make up the McDaniel Men's Swimming Team."

good season considering his injury last year," said Mihalek, "and I believe that by the end of this season he will be where he is his freshman year or even better."

Dan Lebest, a freshman from Hastings on Hudson, NY, won the 50 yard freestyle, causing some celebration from the poolside. Even Chris Reed's heart-stopping R&B voice echoing at the start of the race couldn't slow down Lebest.

Freshman Scott Cammarata put on a clinic for

F&M swimmers during the backstroke segment of the 400 yard medley, but lost ground on everything else, and eventually lost the race.

The night's best performance

was turned in by sophomore Chris Reed, who set a new Harlow Pool record in the 100 yard breaststroke with a time of 1:01.28. Reed has won a myriad of other races this season, including the 200 yard butterfly, the 200 yard backstroke, and the 200 yard breaststroke.

"Chris is a great swimmer and is very talented," said Mihalek. "He also works very hard at practice which contributes to the reasons he wins many of his races."

The team entered the Franklin and Marshall Invitational this past weekend, the last meet before they break for winter. The team looks forward to keeping their future meets exciting with help from the four freshman swimmers.

"I look forward to improving our record after having somewhat of a slow start this season," said Mihalek. "I look forward to all our guys continuing to drop time and achieving personal bests."

For a team with great character, maybe seven isn't such a bad number.

Says Mihalek, "We don't lie down to any team no matter how big they are and we expect to give any team a run for their money."

Through the wee hours of the morning, pumped up on caffeine, junk food and great music, we cranked out 6 awesome issues of the McDaniel Free Press this semester. Each page, each ad, each story, each photo, each cartoon, and every headline represents the work of many people. A hearty thanks to every one of you. We look forward to working with you again after a long, long holiday.

- The Free Press Staff

Green Terror SPORTS

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DiPiero's Three Leads Terror Past Bears

MIKE HABEGGER
SPORTS EDITOR

What do you do when your own team is down by four points with 23 seconds left? If you're a sports writer, you know that the game is over. Games almost always end in anti-climatic ways.

But seeing his players scattered on the floor in disgust and resignation after Ursinus' Nick Shattuck's clutch field goal, Coach Bob Flynn yelled to his captain, "Mike! Mike, get them together!" A switch flipped. A connection was made: this game was not over. DiPiero went into action, instructing his teammates for the final few seconds of the game. Three possessions later, the game was indeed over. But there were hundreds of screaming McDaniel students storming the court.

In the most exciting game in recent McDaniel history, senior point guard Mike DiPiero scored a team-high 23 points, including a running three-pointer at the buzzer to give the Green Terror (3-3, 1-1) a 79-77 victory over the Ursinus Bears (3-2, 1-1). Junior guard Joe Hunter scored 12 on four three point field goals, all in the second half, including one

to bring the game to a score of 76-77 with 13.6 seconds remaining.

The first half got off to a slow start. The score was stuck at 6-7 until a tip-in by McDaniel's Chad Arrington (2, 1-2, 5). The game went back and forth from there with Ursinus opening up a slight advantage until senior guard Will Talesnick (5, 0-0, 12) scored five straight to give the Terror the lead 31-30. After a series of bad plays (turnovers, bad shots, and fouls), Mike DiPiero (8, 2-3, 23) took over. His layup to end the half tied it up at 42.

While Ursinus counted on quick hands to defend, the Terror relied on hustle. Numerous times, McDaniel players sacrificed their bodies to grab loose balls, and secure rebounds. Junior center Jemar Daniel (3, 5-6, 11) did the dirty work, recording nine rebounds and five blocks.

In the second half, McDaniel came out strong, but appeared to run out of gas. Sophomore forward Josh McKay (7, 0-0, 14) had his outside shot going, and to a large extent, dominated the early part of the half with his great effort. A three-pointer by McDaniel led to an Ursinus

timeout with the score 51-48 in favor of the home team. A few plays later, a dunk put-back by Daniel electrified the crowd. DiPiero hit one of his five three-pointers to give the Green Terror the lead 59-54.

But then sophomore guard and leading scorer Nick Shattuck started to play, igniting a 10-2 run by the Bears. McDaniel's offense stagnated. The game looked like it was going in favor of Ursinus. The old men in the stands were grumbling.

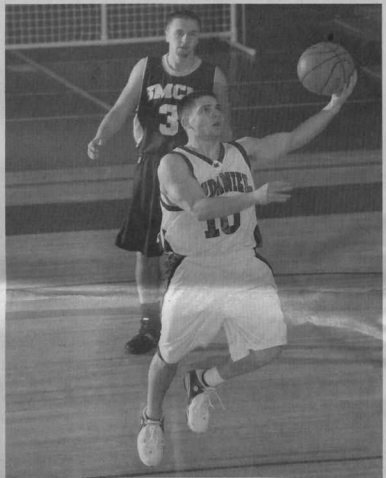
Joe Hunter kept the desperate Terror in the game with a three-pointer to tie it up. A massive block by Jemar Daniel got the crowd back into the game. Another three by Hunter tied the game up at 70. No one on the floor knew that the shot clock was running down, forcing Hunter to hoist one from beyond NBA range, giving McDaniel the lead 73-70.

A couple of free throws put Ursinus ahead 75-73 with 44.3 seconds left. Joe Hunter's final three-pointer came on a broken play giving some life to the team. The crowd of 420 came alive, with every student standing and supporting their team. It took nearly seven seconds for McDaniel players to

track down an Ursinus player to foul. After missing the front end of a one-and-one, Ursinus watched Mike DiPiero blaze through defenders to find a shot as time expired. The shot swished through, and the students stormed the floor. A great way

to begin a season.

McDaniel was 50 percent from downtown (11-22) and out rebounded Ursinus 42 to 37. The team faced Johns Hopkins Tuesday, and hosts Gettysburg on Saturday at 2 pm in the Gill Center.



MIKE DIPIERO

DAVID SINCLAIR

Women's Bball Team 'Improving Every Day'

LAURA HUTTON
STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball team is off to a great start. They headed into their first away conference game against Dickinson on November 30 with a record of 3-1, but lost by a score of 62-70, giving the team an 0-1 start in the Centennial. Senior captain Katy Powell (11.6 ppg) commented on their success so far, "the season has started pretty well so far, we're working really hard and improving everyday."

The team's coach, Becky Martin agreed with Katy in her own statement, we are "trying to set the team chemistry together, as we continue to do that, we continue to improve."

The team will need to improve it's shooting from beyond the arc. So far this season, the Green Terror are shooting just 19% (9-48), while

opponents are shooting 31% (21-68). Last year the squad shot 34% (104-306).

With five freshmen on the team, they are still adjusting to each other and figuring out how everything on the court will work. "New people equals new roles, and we are trying to pull it together," said Coach Martin. Once this is accomplished, we should expect an incredible powerhouse throughout the majority of the season.

The team is excited to see what is in store as the season continues and they are able to incorporate what they have learned about each other into powerful games.

When asked what she expects out of her team this year, Coach Martin replied that she "would love to see them win a third Conference Championship in a row," however, she commented on the high number of injuries the team already faces. They

"have done well with luck in the past but are not as lucky this year."

Despite the pain many of the players are in, they pull through and will continue to perform with intense energy and power, insisting on showing the McDaniel community and the teams they play just how strong they really are.

The fact that they are a close bonded team also helps them work together and improve. "I feel at home on the court with my teammates, which makes the experience not only successful, but also fun. We are definitely a close team that gets along well on and off the court which helps us to work together to achieve our goals" added Katy.

No matter what, Coach Martin knows that her team consists of "fierce competitors, who will give all they have, win or not, they always give 100%."



SARA FRANZ

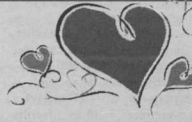
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Shin Accepts Minority Affairs Job

DAVID P. GREISMAN
STAFF WRITER

After seven years as a sociology professor and one year working in Academic Affairs, Dr. Jean Shin will be leaving Westminster for a job in the District of Columbia.

This June, Shin, associate dean of academic affairs for first year students and an associate professor of sociology,

will join the American Sociological Association as director of the minority affairs program and a staff sociologist.

The new job will allow him to step back into the realm of sociology, Shin said.

"I've missed the daily connection to trends ... and to scholarship in the discipline," Shin said. "I see this as a way to do a lot of the administra-

tive things that I enjoy, and at the same time do them in a context that lets me be exposed to sociology in a broader fashion."

The social justice aspect of the position, as well as the prestige, attracted him to the job, he said.

"It represents a way to advocate for minority affairs concerns within and outside sociology. [It is] very grand,

working for the national professional association in my discipline."

Shin will oversee a graduate fellowship program, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, that includes about 20 minority Ph.D. students nationwide. The fellowship helps the students complete their doctoral studies and prepare for careers in

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Mexican Jan-Term Amazing

SHELLY HORN
STAFF WRITER

When's the last time you sat down to a hearty portion of raw hamburger soaked in lime juice and spread on crackers? Or stood next to one of the largest rock formations in the world, believed to emit energy and add years to your life? These were only two of my unique experiences over Jan term.

"The January Term has been an important part of the (see "Jan-Term" on page 2)



Kara Daly and Maria Anselmo enjoy the beautiful Hawaiian landscape on horseback. Learn more about student's Jan-Term experiences in the Center Spread.

Marty O'Connell to Leave Admissions

JILL STONE
NEWS EDITOR

One of the things Martha "Marty" O'Connell will miss the most about McDaniel is the view.

"I always get goose bumps when I crest the top of this campus," she said about her walk from Carroll Hill. "I

start to smile when I look at those students going to and from class and I know that I had a part in their success."

At the end of the school year, O'Connell plans to retire from McDaniel College, and continue to encourage young people to go to higher education through the Colleges That Change Lives Group.

Throughout her years here, success can describe much of O'Connell's admissions work over the past 16 years.

As Vice President for enrollment and Dean of Admissions, she has overseen 46 admissions personnel, read thousands of entrance essays, and endured many hand

cramps from the notes she writes on every student's acceptance letter.

And now she feels it's time to leave. "I feel this is the right time," she said. "If you don't take risks, you can't excel."

Because of O'Connell, she "has helped to significantly

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Life Celebrated

LAWANN NELSON
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Westminster Community and the McDaniel College community poured into Alumni Hall on January 30, 2006 to participate in the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. This year's celebration was especially endearing because it marked twenty years since the proclamation of Dr. King's

birthday as a public holiday.

The theme for this year's celebration was "Your life is your message. Live your Legacy." As a reflection of the theme, local Carroll County students were encouraged to participate in an essay contest that asked them to share the legacy that they wished to leave behind. The response was overwhelming. Over 400 elementary, middle, and high school students made submis-

sions. There was one winner chosen from each grade level and the three winners shared their work at the celebration.

The program included a slideshow presentation featuring Dr. King's life long accomplishments. Representatives from departments, clubs, and offices throughout the campus participated in a candle lighting ceremony. The McDaniel College Gospel Choir contributed a musical selection to

the evening's program. Other program participants included Patricia Levrony, Carroll County Public School Minority Achievement Liaison and Charles Harrison, President of the local NAACP Chapter. The overwhelming support from community leaders and the campus community was outstanding.

"I was definitely impressed by the turnout. I think that it is important that we take time to

commemorate such an important and influential historical figure. Events like these show McDaniel's dedication to diversity," says Freshman LaShawntay Tinker.

The keynote speaker for this year's celebration was Donna Brazile, veteran political strategist and campaign manager. Ms. Brazile was personally involved in work that led to the recognition of Dr

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Shin Stresses Positive Time He Had on Hill

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either academic research or teaching.

He will also work to advance scholarship in sociology among other higher education associations and research agencies, and manage the association's honors program and student forum.

For Shin, joining the American Sociological Association is an opportunity that he could not turn away.

From 2002 to 2003, he worked the same job there on an interim basis until a permanent replacement could be found. The former program director left last fall, and Shin accepted the position in early January, unsure of when another opening would emerge.

Although he is leaving, Shin stresses the positive time he has had on The Hill.

"I've had a marvelous experience at McDaniel for seven years, both as a faculty

member and as a dean," he said. "I have always believed, and firmly still believe, that McDaniel is one of the most ideal situations I could imagine. The relationships that you form with students, coupled with the collegial atmosphere among faculty and staff, make for a very unique environment."

McDaniel faculty and students said that they will miss him.

"It's a terrific loss for the

college," said Henry Reiff, associate dean of academic affairs. "He brings a very special style to what he does. He really has this beautiful balance of warmth and directness."

Karina Havrilla, a sociology and Spanish dual major that has known Shin for three years, cited him as an inspiration.

"He was one of the main reasons why I chose sociology as a major," she said. "I think

it is a great opportunity for him to grow, but the school will definitely miss him."

Shin said that he plans to keep in contact with the people he has met and worked with.

"I will always be grateful to McDaniel for helping me to create my initial identity as a professional in the academic world," he said. "I look forward to coming back to visit often."

O'Connell: 'She'll Be Missed' is Understatement

(from "O'Connell," page 1)
increase the size and strengthen the academic quality of the undergraduate student body," said Jill Morsberger, Associate Director of Admissions, and who has worked with O'Connell for almost five years. "Thanks to her vision and effort, the number of applications we receive has doubled, and through her extensive work we are reaching a greater number of students nationally."

Morsberger values O'Connell's ethical standards, and knows that "to say she will be missed is an understatement."

After her retirement at the end of the school year, O'Connell will travel with the Colleges that Change Lives Group to the west coast to visit various groups of inter-

ested students.

After a year of traveling, O'Connell will then decide what work she will undertake independently.

"I've always had the heart of an entrepreneur," O'Connell said.

But she won't forget about her ties to McDaniel College.

"I'll still be promoting McDaniel," she said. "They will still see me sitting on the basketball stands cheering us on."

Although she admits that at the beginning of the day, a stack of papers on her desk can be intimidating, the letters of praise from students thanking her for giving them a chance, seem to make that pile worthwhile.

"At the end of the day when you've done your best," O'Connell reads from a framed calligraphy verse on

her wall next to her daughter's high school graduation picture, "await the results in peace."

And the peace comes with the outpouring of appreciation from students who are encountered with O'Connell when they first arrived at McDaniel.

"I remember her mentioning my essay at one of the ceremonies at the beginning of Freshman year," said senior Lynne Wheeler. "It meant a lot that she remembered my specific essay and that she knew details."

Senior Courtney Jordan was touched when O'Connell remembered her from a college fair. "I was stunned because I couldn't believe that she remembered my name out of all the students she saw," Jordan said. "That left such an impression on me, and it was

one of the reasons why I chose to come here, because it's so close-knit."

Dr. Kate Dobson, a professor in the English department, realizes that positive first impressions are primary for incoming students and their parents. "An awful lot of students show up on campus and Marty's the one person they really know," said Dobson. "She feels connected to the students," and the students can sense that.

"It's something I'm passionate about," O'Connell said of her position. "I have received letters from students in graduate schools thanking us for giving them a chance, those are the times when in spite of worrying over everything else that I'm most proud of."

Although she dreads having to start packing up her

boxes with the mother and child sculpture a student gave her as a gift, or the dried flower arrangement she received in her second year, she will miss being part of an important team that values higher education.

"When I think back on the 16 years, it's like a slideshow," she said. "I can hear singing, I can see the players on the field, I can see students on the stage, and I can remember their struggles."

And she will continue making those memories until the day she walks out of her office for the last time.

"I think I hold the record of being in the admissions office the longest," she said. "But I was told once that you're only as good as your last class."

Lighter Side: Fight Night, McDaniel Style

ANDY WU
STAFF WRITER

(Editor's Note: At a glance, the blotter doesn't reveal some of the insane reports to which officers respond. Wit's commentary highlights some of the unique calls.)

This issue's blotter is boring. One of the crimes however, sparks a question that demands an answer.

Outside of Englar pool on January 9th, two housekeepers involved in a verbal disagreement engaged in fistfights. Not too surprising

considering they spend all day cleaning bathrooms covered in vomit and God knows what else.

This begs an obvious question...which faculty member would emerge victorious in a bare-knuckle boxing tournament?

My first inclinations led me directly to Grogan Ullah, phi-

losophy professor and former professional boxer turned gentle giant. Unfortunately, the colossus is not teaching this semester and therefore cannot be considered.

Other personal considerations and submissions from friends include Mitch Alexander from CAPBoard, Officer Collins from Campus

Safety, and Terry the Rouzer janitor. But no one could conceivably compete with my final selection.

My search ended based on familiarity with the fighter. Laurence Wu was raised in Asia and currently teaches the Tai Chi Jan Term course. He is also acquainted with several other martial arts disciplines.

I've witnessed his terrible power firsthand. As a child he viciously beat me and my entire family without remorse.

His swift punches, flying kicks, and rage-flooded eyes will haunt my dreams forever.

Based on his upbringing, training, and frenzied violent outbursts, I can safely say that Dr. Wu would win decidedly in a faculty boxing war.

And if you professors, housekeepers, secretaries, Deans, and Presidents have anything to say about it, he'll be waiting for you.

Campus Safety blotter

Occurred from Date	Subcategory	Type	Outdoors	Building Name	Incident Status
1/22/06 12:22 a.m.	alcohol	open container in public	Yes	Off campus	closed by POC
1/25/06 11:14 p.m.	tampering with fire equipment	fire extinguishers	No	Rouzer Hall	inactive
1/26/06 5:30 a.m.	vandalism	vehicle	Yes	Lower Tower Lot	inactive
1/28/06 12:37 a.m.	vandalism	possession under 21	Yes	Blanche Hall	pending court outcome
1/28/06 1:27 a.m.	alcohol	open container in public	Yes	Daniel McLea Hall	closed by POC
1/30/06 10:12 p.m.	vandalism	structure	No	Rouzer Hall	closed by POC
2/1/06 1:45 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	No	McDaniel Hall	open
2/3/06 1:20 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	No	Rouzer Hall	closed by POC
2/4/06 2:51 a.m.	vandalism	vehicle	Yes	Whiteford Hall Lot	open

MLK Celebration Features Brazile

(from "MLK," page 1)
King's birthday as a federal holiday. Her personal and witty stories were inspiring and her message was sincere and engaging. She frequently referenced her hometown of New Orleans, Louisiana and the detrimental effects left

behind by Hurricane Katrina. Ms. Brazile called on audience members to continue the legacy that Dr. King left behind by working diligently to offer aid and support to fellow Americans from her hometown.

Donna Brazile's persuasive

message stressed the importance of service and activism. Both are qualities that were prevalent in Dr. King and Rosa Parks as leaders in the Civil Rights Movement.

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Students Move Over for Biting Bed Bugs

ROB GOEKE
STAFF WRITER

The house at 163 Pennsylvania Avenue contains a cramped third floor attic with a short ceiling and little room to breathe. There are a few couches and chairs there, but it is clearly a space meant to lounge, not to live.

However, because of a story worthy of being called an odyssey, two of 163's inhabitants, juniors Alli Biggs and Kara Delenick, were forced into the attic because bed bugs had infested their room on the second floor.

"We could have moved into separate spaces, but we didn't want to," said Biggs.

The problem began when Delenick noticed she had bug bites in the middle of October. Originally she was told by Smith House that she got the sores from being outside while watching a McDaniel soccer game.

But the problem didn't go away. It got worse. Delenick returned to Smith House and was told she had contracted scabies. Biggs came down with the same sores and was told the same.

"We probably spent 50 dollars on laundry because they told us to wash everything over and over again," said Delenick.

However, after a few days of applying anti-scabies lotion did nothing to help, both women returned to

MCRIBS

Smith House a third time to finally be told the real culprit: bed bugs.

Because the room needed fumigation, the roommates were given the option to move somewhere else on campus or move to the tiny attic.

Proximity led them to the attic.

"It was annoying," said Delenick. "We had to move everything upstairs and it took about a whole day to do it."

The roommates set of a piling system on the floor for their masses of clothes because the attic had no closets or dressers. They were forced to turn a bureau on its side to put a TV and refrigerator on.

"We kept our clothes separate from each other for a few days," said Biggs. "But eventually it just became a big pile."

They also moved all their posters upstairs to try make themselves at ease in their temporary home.

For sleeping, Biggs and Delenick were first forced to share a futon cover borrowed from their housemates downstairs and then

Delenick's air mattress.

"It was uncomfortable," said Delenick, "and we had to always go to sleep at the same time."

No internet was available upstairs, and the girls were forced to share a single desk. A small wooden table held all the hair sprays, perfumes and any other items that couldn't fit anywhere else.

The fumigation ended after Thanksgiving and the women happily returned to their old room to finally sleep comfortably.

Only, they both awoke the next morning covered in bites.

"It was worse than any of the bites [before the fumigation]," said Biggs.

So after finals, the room was fumigated for rodents, roaches, bed bugs and spiders. The room's mattresses and furniture was also replaced.

But when the roommates returned on New Year's Day for basketball, they awoke again covered in bites. The bugs seemed immortal.

Throughout Jan Term, the room was fumigated again and when Biggs and Delenick

were given the OK to move back in, they took no chances.

"We decided to pay our friends to sleep there because we didn't want to take a chance at getting bitten again," said Delenick.

Juniors Amy Watson and Ashley Chandler stepped up to the plate as the lowest bidder. Their price? 10 dollars.

"They, I was desperate

for cash," said Watson.

But the two paid sleepers awoke unbitten. So Biggs and Delenick moved back in to their old room the day before classes started 20 dollars poorer and with a great story to tell.

"It was horrible," said Delenick. "But now that I look back on it, it's really funny."



KARA DELENICK



Jan Term Trip Reveals Meaning of Culture

(from "Jan-term," page 1)

McDaniel College curriculum since 1969 and provides both students and faculty with an unusual educational experience" (McDaniel College Student Handbook).

As promised, the 2006

Jan term offerings were incredibly diverse and concentrated for those taking classes on campus as well as those who preferred to travel.

On campus, students could learn to Manage in a Global Environment or partic-

ipate in a United Nations simulation; they could learn the art of filmmaking or perfect the craft of auditioning for theater. The class offerings were the true reflection of the diverse education offered by a Liberal Arts College. Regardless of class choice, the studies are known by many to be rigorous and concentrated, another stated focus of the McDaniel Jan term.

For classes that included travel, students could improve their photography skills in Hawaii, learn about culture and politics in Cameroon, and learn culture and improve Spanish language skills in Mexico, just to name a few. I, along with 10 other McDaniel students, chose to participate in the latter.

Viva Mexico! class was a Spanish language and Mexican culture immersion program held in Queretaro, Mexico - a beautiful, colonial town a few hours north of Mexico City where the average daily temperature was 73 during the day and 38 at night. We attended classes 5 to 7 hours each day at a Spanish language school and all students stayed with a host family to further facilitate the

learning process.

In only two short days I had developed a deep admiration and profound respect for my Mexican family.

This appreciation for and not judgment of our cultural differences was the key element to my enjoyment.

This may seem like a no-brainer. After all, most students have taken at least a few classes that introduce the concept of cultural awareness and appreciation.

However, I'll admit that in practice, it's almost inevitable, at least in the beginning, to scrutinize what seem like oddities and compare everything to your own way of life. My true enjoyment of the culture came only after I learned to stop comparing and judging, and just started listening.

And I think the Mexican people, at least the ones with whom I had contact (family, teachers, taxi drivers, store owners), could tell the difference. They were friendly and open and we freely exchanged ideas about everything from the mundane; job woes and traffic frustrations to political ideas; the war in Iraq, crime and poverty; and immigration law to the personal; health problems, relationship diffi-

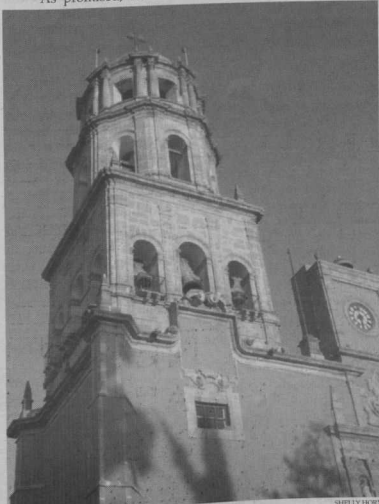
culties, fears, and dreams.

My Spanish improved while I was in Mexico as did my knowledge and appreciation for Mexican history and culture. But more importantly, I learned that the word "culture" was but an empty noun until I interacted with the people that make up its very definition.

I learned that differences in daily routines, physical attributes, diet, or calendar holidays are trumped by universalities like laughter, kindness and friendship. People love and hate, care and disregard, and celebrate and grieve in any language.

I learned that "Immersion" is far more than a language acquisition tool - it's an exercise in which you find yourself far from your homeland, far from your native tongue, and even further from your comfort zone.

And stripped of all of these things, I eventually saw past the "raw meat" or oddities in the daily lives of the Mexican people and was able to see, with remarkable clarity, all of the commonalities of life that bind us together not as foreigners, but as human beings.



A church in Queretaro, Mexico.

SHERIL HORN

College Community Pays Tribute to Cousins

EMILY BIONDO
STAFF WRITER

Kathy Cousins was an inspiration to the college community because of the compassion and diligence displayed every day in her work as Conference and Auxiliary Services Special Events Coordinator.

Mike checks and table settings do little to describe the role of Cousins on the McDaniel campus.

Cousins was well-known for her warm, welcoming attitude towards fellow staff members. Her mantra, "Let your motive for helping others truly be for their happiness, not your glorification,"

clearly defined her attention for those around her.

A week ago, McDaniel lost this beloved friend, coworker and staff member to breast cancer after a two year remission.

The McDaniel community attended her Memorial Service last Saturday in Baker Memorial Chapel, an event coordinated to Cousins-like perfection by Cousins' boss, Director of Conference and Auxiliary Services Mary Jo Colbert.

"She was an amazing lady," said Vicki Patterson, the Data Entry Clerk at the Physical Plant and Cousins' coworker of nine years. "She was a loyal friend, she only

saw the good in people, she cared more about everyone else's problems than her own, [and] she was always there with a warm, friendly smile and an open ear."

Patterson also recognized the painstaking effort and thought that went into every event that Cousins planned.

At the annual Maryland State Wrestling Tournament, an event the Special Events Coordinator often organized, Cousins was known for staying overnight the day before at the Best Western Hotel where it was held just in case anything went amiss on short notice. Her interest for events was

wide-ranging as well—Cousins cared about each and every function that she organized.

"She put a lot of time and energy into making sure that anyone who used the facilities at McDaniel College would leave having had a wonderful experience," Patterson said.

Over every responsibility, however, was not Cousins' work—rather, her family took first priority. Patterson said that she was "extremely proud of her grandchildren," her wrists always decorated with jewelry displaying pictures of little Austin, Kendall and Sarah among pink and yellow wrist-

bands supporting cancer prevention.

It was with this in mind along with Cousins' mantra that Patterson has undergone to help Cousins' daughter, Robin, in making a scrapbook of Cousins for her granddaughter, Sarah.

She asks that any McDaniel student or staff member with a memory or special story to share to e-mail it to vicpatt821@yahoo.com.

In an e-mail to staff on the February 2, Patterson wrote: "I would greatly appreciate any help that you could offer. After 20 years of service I'm sure we can give her family many memories that they can cherish."

Awesome People At-a-Glance

TROY COOKE

Executive Chef: Englar Dining Hall

LOVES: Friends and family, cooking, fossil hunting, drag racing (legally), my son, coffee, reading, a fine wine or beer.

LOATHES: Pollution. Ignorance. Getting drawn into a political or religious discussion with someone who refuses to let you speak.

EDUCATION / EXPERIENCE: Baltimore International Culinary College, Graduated Valedictorian. 19 years experience at restaurants, colleges, high end retirement community. Worked for the Food Network: Cooking Across America Tour in 1998.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT WORKING AT MCDANIEL?

My staff, college staff and students, location, it's never boring.

IF YOU COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT GLAR OR A STUDENT'S EXPERIENCE WHILE DINING AT GLAR WHAT WOULD IT BE?

I would like the students to know that they can actively make a difference in their dining experience. If something is wrong, tell a manager, there is always one here.

Come to the Dining Committee meetings. Speak out!

We are here to serve you. Also try to put things into perspective i.e.... you have 12 choices of cereal and 8 flavors of ice cream. I'm sure there is at least one you like. Try new foods. If you have food allergies or restrictive diets, ask me about them, I can certainly help.

Compiled By Erik Hott



ERIK HOTT

Students' Classroom Habits, Basically, Reign

KATIE HICKEY
STAFF WRITER

So. Okay.

Basically, the idea behind this article is to uh, bring to light the strange habits of college students in a classroom setting. This is like a relevant topic because we basically all share these experiences or, you know, we know people who do them in class every day. You know what I mean? That's the basic goal of this article. But I could be wrong.

And...freeee.

Read it on paper and it seems comical; say it out loud a few times and it sounds like normal "student-speak." That is, it's riddled with filler-words and a nervous "I'm making this up on the spot while the professor stares at me" energy. But these verbal habits aren't the only quirks that come out during class time.

Through observing my classmates (and paying close attention to my own behavior), as well as asking peers for their input, I have compiled a list of strange, but often com-

mon classroom behaviors that we have all experienced throughout our school careers...and are probably also quite guilty of.

RESPONSE FILLERS

Picture sitting in English class. Everyone has just finished reading a passage about foreshadowing in Hamlet. The professors asks, "What do you think is the author's primary focus in paragraph two?" A student (any student) raises his hand cautiously. Quick! What's the first word out of his mouth besides maybe "uhhh" or "well?"

Think about it.

I'm willing to bet that word will be "basically." Admit it. We all do it. In an attempt to both cover all our bases and give our fellow students the impression that we will be brief, we begin many responses of this nature with "basically." The word is then randomly inserted into subsequent sentences, just as a reassurance to everyone that you are trying to keep everything as well, basic as possible.

And it's not just confined to English.

Senior Spanish major, Katrina Culley, noted: "I've noticed it's also a common occurrence in my Spanish classes. I knew it was going to be a long semester when someone began a response with 'basicamente.' But it's hard to tell if the person is just trying to fill time or is having trouble expressing himself."

Another common response filler? "I could be wrong, but..." or "I'm not sure if this is right, but..." and other similar phrases. Perhaps this is rooted in our fear of being wrong and seeming completely oblivious to it. But sometimes these humble phrases are really overused. Seriously, if I'm ever in a class where the teacher says, "Okay everyone, what's two times three?" and someone says, "I'm not sure if this is right, but six?" I'm heading for the door.

And of course, we are all familiar with hearing (and using) "like," "umm," "uhhh," and "you know."

"I've also heard people interject the English word 'like' as they are speaking

Spanish. I don't even think they realize they are doing it," Culley said.

NERVOUS HABITS

Class can be a nerve-wracking experience. Whether you're in Basic Wiffleball or Advanced Quantum Mechanics, Part XII, there's an atmosphere of nervous, excited, or even suppressed energy in any classroom.

A few behaviors can stem from this energy. Foot-tapping is very common and exceptionally annoying, especially when the culprit is wearing wind pants. You know what I'm talking about. You're sitting there trying to analyze a growth curve in Microbiology and all you can hear is "swish-swish-swish" as the person sitting next to you taps his foot like it's going out of style.

Pen-tapping and pen-clicking are also common nervous habits. But perhaps they serve another purpose.

"I used to click my pen all the time in this one class," said Megan Jeeves, a senior. "I hated my professor and I would take my anger out on my pen. My friends would

know when I was angry at him because they could hear my clicking from across Decker Auditorium."

BODY ODDITIES

Silence in a classroom is often punctuated by the occasional sniff, coffee slurp, or gum-snapping. But have you ever been in class with someone who made that throaty sound like he or she was about to hock one? Ack. Excess mucus problem or weird classroom habit?

And while we're on the subject of bodily sounds, I'm not gonna lie. I'm guilty of making random noises when a professor asks a question and clearly no one knows the answer, just to break up that awkward silence. A short throat-clearing or a few fake hiccups do the trick.

The next time your mind is wandering during class, take note of the random things your peers do in the midst of their boredom, confusion, or pen-put-up energy.

Or not. I mean, whatever, I could be wrong.

With One Mouse Click, Hearts Hit Blogs

KATHRYN YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

Welcome to the new age—on display at your nearest computer. Many babies of the '80s, with the click of a mouse, display their heart to everyone. As technology has improved and moved from dial-up, to cable, and to DSL, so has the amount of time young adults spend online.

Katelyn Kernan, a soon-to-be junior at McDaniel, recalls what life was like before the internet. "I remember spending hours upon hours reading books...calling friends on the telephone, and mailing relatives actual letters in stamped envelopes. It seems like a sweeter time in retrospect, but once I tasted the speed and efficiency of online, I was hooked."

"Instant Messaging," found in many forms, such as AOL Instant Messaging (AIM), Yahoo Instant Messaging, and MSN Instant Messaging, is probably the most popular and valuable form of online communication.

IM'ing, as called by its users, allows you to have several conversations at once without worrying about expensive phone charges. Vance explains, "I have family

all over the country and I love IM'ing with them...sometimes all at once!"

As a sophomore in college, Alexandra Cople looks at how relationships are affected by instant messaging. She promoted instant messenger as a definite means of long-distance-relationship survival.

On the other hand sophomore, Jessica Kramer, finds that the "only thing personal about instant messaging are one's colors and fonts." She adds, "I avoid AIM like the plague." She admits to having lost contact with friends because of this perspective.

One young man, as Vance recalls, would IM his guy friends who were in the next room, even on weekends. He would have to force himself to walk over and get to know them. However, when you sit at your computer and "type away," you have the opportunity to censor your words before they come out.

On a more controversial part of communication through the Internet, lie per-

sonal online diaries and "blogs." In a USA Today article, Pete Blackshaw, a marketing analyst at Intelseek Firm, calls blogs "reality TV for the Web."

An unprecedented number of young adults use blogs

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to do what once was done through personal diaries, phone conversations and "hangout sessions."

Vance realizes that sites such as LiveJournal or Xanga can be another way to interact and sometimes meet people face-to-face as a result. This poses the problem that anyone with a connection, including predators, can have a front-row view of other's personal feelings.

Port Washington, N.Y., Det. Sgt. Paul Gross said to USA Today, "As a great tool as the internet is, there are a lot of risks that go along with

it...people may say it's not happening all the time...just be the victim of it once, then it happened too many times."

Although an advocate of Internet communication, Katelyn Kernan has had her own problems with "blogging." She doesn't use blogs as a way to express her feelings for others to read; however, she writes her own poetry and short stories in order to get feedback.

Kernan had one incident in which a subscriber to her blog stole her work and

posted it as theirs. This did not keep her from posting, but Kernan said, "It gave me an inside look on plagiarism, and made me furious that someone would steal another's creative product for their own boasting rights."

Despite problems with privacy and intimacy, both Vance and Kernan believe communication via the internet is here to stay. Vance is convinced that Computer Mediated Communication (CMC) will continue to grow.

Vance's biggest worry is that governments or large corporations will attempt to

impose regulations. "I'm annoyed by spam and viruses but I love the freedom of expression online and am very nervous about any regulations," said Vance.

Vance also touched on the huge area of research known as gender reconstruction. What's male and female when you're communicating with text only and without visible bodies? "I wonder if individuals are learning to think differently, so that the sex of who you're talking to isn't an issue...rather what the person is actually saying is the point," pondered Vance.

"It would be worth studying whether CMC is making people more thoughtful communicators," said Vance. "Whenever there's new technology, the tendency is that people look at negative effects...there are probably positive effects, as well."

"This is the new way kids interact," says Paul Saffio of the Institute for the Future, who is quoted in the USA Today article. Regardless of the reason, with 87 percent of young adults online, according to the latest numbers, the Internet is as much a part of teen life as family, college, TV or music.

ALYSE HOLLOMON
FEATURES EDITOR

People usually assume Valentine's Day can be a wonderful holiday if you have a loved one. It's a day full of roses, chocolate, and a romantic date with that someone special. Others detest the holiday all together and try not to remember that there is a February 14 on the calendar. However, if you don't have a date for the big V-day or if you despise it, you can still have a great time!

Not having a formal

date on V-day should not ruin your night. If you're a girl, go out and buy a nice outfit or pick one of your favorites from your closet. Put on some great make-up, a pair of heels, and go out for an enjoyable evening with some of your girlfriends. You don't need a man to make Valentine's Day a holiday.

If you're a guy, this is a prime time to go out and get a date. Take a shower, get cleaned up, and go out with the guys. If you see a group of girls just eating dinner together, go join them and maybe

you'll leave with someone's number. Remember being a gentleman is key.

Some people are lucky enough to fit the V-day stereotype of being with someone special and going out for a very romantic night. For these guys with dates on this night, remember that girls look forward to this Hallmark Gold Crown Holiday more than most other holidays. For some reason this holiday makes us want to be spoiled and loved more than usual—so remember that! Make a reservation at a restaurant

that's not in a mini-mall and wear appropriate attire. Showing up with a rose wouldn't hurt, and neither would cleaning out your car so we could sit in it comfortably.

As far as the girls with dates on this night, don't pick on the small stuff. If he doesn't open the car door for you or bring you a rose, don't let it ruin the evening. Have a good time and enjoy your night on the town!

No matter if you have a date or if you're going out with a group, I wish you all a

wonderful and very happy Valentine's Day. Remember the sky's the limit on what you wish for.

(Editor's note: For the rest of the semester, The McDaniel Free Press will be releasing a new column by Alyse Hollomon. This column will focus love, relationships, and everything in between. To suggest topics or to comment about her commentary, email Alyse: alh001@mcDaniel.edu).

Charlie Brown Offers Glimpse of Childhood

BETH MCLANE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Last weekend, audiences attending sold out shows of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," were treated to something that's hard to find in the crazy college scene: a sweet glimpse back into childhood.

Adults and children alike were enchanted by the student directed show, which ran from February 2 to February 5. Though he had directed in the past, the show was director Tony Cimino's first major production, and he enjoyed helping create the "fun, family oriented show."

The whimsical set, designed by junior Rachel Siegel, really expressed the child-like feel of the classic

Peanuts comic. Bright colors and an adult-sized tree swing were just a part of what made this show so unique.

Each actor was perfect for their role, with Robby Bieschke as Charlie Brown himself. The singing quality was amazing, which made the play more than just a kid's show.

As a student directed show, "Charlie Brown" was a fun challenge for those involved. Producer Kim Rodney explained that the business aspect was a new experience.

"We had a fantastic anonymous donor pay for our meal plans during Jan-Term," Rodney explained. This helped to keep the show going on a student budget.

Cimino also noted that the business aspect was a new learning experience. "I was used to doing creative things," he said. "[With "Charlie Brown"] money became an issue."

"Charlie Brown" also affected those involved beyond the financial issues. Assistant Stage Manager Alex DeJohn felt that "during every rehearsal, it brought me back to childhood, and I got to feel like a kid again."

This, undoubtedly, was the feeling each audience member got from the performance. The show was fun and frolicsome, and stayed true to classic Charlie Brown form in every way possible.

Ultimately, Charlie Brown faced some issues that

McDaniel College students could relate to. The show touched on relationships, friendship, and schoolwork, which made it interesting but still fun.

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" featured great acting, singing, and directing. The show was a great glance into a part of childhood that many of us have been missing.



THE CAST OF "CHARLIE BROWN" BETH MCLANE



San Salvador a "Priceless" Experience

San Salvador, Bahamian Island: How else would you want to spend your Jan-term? That's exactly how a group of eleven students and three professors spent eight, or ten, days this past January. Every day started at the awful hour of 7:30 am for breakfast, in a dining hall less than half the size of CLAR. The food was down to the basics: Cereal, milk, eggs, pancakes, and I think grits, or maybe it was oatmeal. The days lasted until about 10 pm and most days consisted of snorkeling twice around beautiful coral reefs bustling with life. The coral had such vivid colors, and to think that something that is as hard as a rock is actually alive is almost mind-boggling. We saw countless types of coral including Brain Coral, Mustard Hill Coral, Gorgonian Coral, Finger Coral, Starlet Coral, Sea Fans, Sea Whips, and Fire Coral. The amazing fish, Blue Tang, Parrot Fish, Stop Light Parrot Fish, Queen Trigger Fish, Blue Headed Wrasse, Slippery Dick, Trumpet Fish, Nassau Groupers, Flying Gurnards, Surgeon Fish, Spotted Goatfish, Rock Fish, Angel Fish, Damsel Fish, Squirrel Fish, Sting Rays and of course, Barracudas, all swam around us, providing an eye opening experience for all. Other than swimming through schools of fish, one of my best memories while snorkeling was seeing a shark! Granted, the shark was 40 - 50 ft below us, but it was still amazing to see a shark swimming where we were swimming. Unfortunately, or

fortunately at least for me, only the "Left-Behinds" saw the shark (three students and the three professors were asked to stay an extra two days, due to the misunderstanding of our departure date).

We also had the chance to explore two caves, one of which we actually swam into. Inside, we explored a deep crevasse that got smaller and smaller as we wedged our way deeper. In parts of the cave that we were neck deep in water, and the cave ceiling was only inches above our heads. The caves were pitch black, but you could hear the bats flying over-head, and you often never knew what you were stepping in. We also saw a few banana holes, where banana trees were still alive and growing bananas and the ruins of an old castle. One of the best memories on land, however, was the 1.6-mile walk to the local bar, which served \$3 bottles of beer and \$17 bottles of rum. One of the favorites at the bar was drinking Kalik, a Bahamian beer, and eating freshly fried conch fritters, which were 7 for a dollar!

I think next year's marketing plan should include this advertisement:

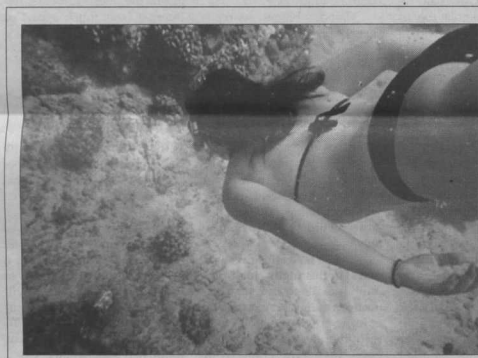
Trip: \$1,800

Snorkeling gear: \$100

Bottle of Rum: \$17

Memories of the Bahamas with an Awesome Group of Friends and Professors: Priceless.

-Jonathan Schultz, '08



Students Take Photographic Tour of Four Beautiful Hawaiian Islands

The beach is surprisingly freeing in the hours before dawn. That's one thing I learned during my photojournalism trip to Hawaii this past Jan-Term. The trip, starting at BWI on the morning of January 5 and ending back at BWI the night of January 18, was the best thing I have ever done in my life. I spent thirteen days traveling through four different islands of the Hawaiian archipelago. McDaniel students, alumni, fathers, professors, and spouses made a group of thirty-one.

It is difficult to pick one particular moment that can be distinguished as "the best" part of the Photojournalism, Hawaii Through the Lens course. Taking a tour of Hawaii's tallest waterfall on horseback and swimming in a secluded mountain pool in the big island of Hawaii was amazing. However, the days lying on the beach in Maui outside the hotel Sheraton were unbelievably relaxing.

If I had to choose one specific aspect of the trip that was "the best" it would have to be getting college credit for taking pictures of a tropical paradise. The worst would have to be the countless hours spent on a bus determined to ignore the boring tour guides.

Next year, Professor Susan Bloom is traveling to Italy for another Photojournalism Jan-Term, and I plan on going.

Photographs taken over this trip will be showcased in Decker center in March 2006.

-MJ Alexander,

K-Mart J-Term Job Great Preparation for Life

"Hi! How are you today?" "How can I help you?" "Do you need any further assistance?" "Thanks for shopping at Kmart."

These were the most popular words that came out of my mouth during the past holiday season. During the winter break, I worked as a part time cashier at Kmart in Silver Spring, Maryland. Working for more than 40 hours was a nightmare; yet, the experience, and the interactions I had made a significant change in my life. Moreover, these experiences will shape my life in the future.

Everyday I had to work from 10 am to 7 pm and sometimes more, especially during the Christmas days. Even though I was hired as a cashier, I was directed to work at variety of departments such as Customer Service, Cash Office, Electronics, Jewelry, and the floor.

All these departments have completely different task to perform and as a result I learned so many different skills. The most valuable experience I received was how to interact with customers. Since I am a Business Major undergraduate, the experience with customers is a must. In addition, I learned to interact with my managers, and co-workers and to respect them.

Being the youngest employee made a significant change in the experience, because everybody loved the way I was working beyond my maturity. Willingness carries people a long distance. January Term was a fabulous adventure with a rigorous schedule at Kmart.

-Salini Jayamuni



Intensity, Hard Work, Dedication and Despair Found on New Orleans Jan-Term Trip

The New Orleans January term was one filled with intensity, hard work, dedication and despair. Throughout the entire trip, I learned more about the city that I knew prior to going down. The media truly did in no way portray to the fullest what one actually eyewitnesses in present day New Orleans. The amount of damage, the desolation, the amount of native-people missing is far more devastating than can truly be described. Walking through some of the neighborhoods it seemed like the world was coming to an end. I the group were the only to survive. The amount of physical damage itself is enough to make reconstruction seem almost impossible, but it is the people who are suffering the most. So many homes left empty, neighborhoods dead, lives displaced for periods of time still unknown. Out of this trip, I did find it rewarding to give back amongst all of the damage. Cleaning up acres of land filled with tons of debris, helping green-houses, citrus farmers, and City Park, volunteering at the Best Buddies animal rescue, and planting grasses on a man-made island to restore the environmental aspects of destructed areas were all ways in which the group contributed to the restoring and rebuilding of New Orleans and the surrounding parishes. For more information on how you can help, or photos, contact me at cld006@mcDaniel.edu.

No Place Like Guatemala Home

For my break, I went back to my one place I can call home, Guatemala. Guatemala was where I was born and raised until the age of nine before moving to Delaware. During the time I was home I bonded with my family, visited my friends from school, went fishing with the Ambassador of United States, went out for dinner and movies with my cousins, and had my favorite holiday with my family, Christmas. Christmas is my favorite holiday because I know that I get to be with the people I love and be in my favorite place in the world.

For our Christmas celebration, we celebrate Christmas Eve day at my uncle's house (Tio Rica) where we eat and do my favorite tradition. Every year we take a picture of the cousins from the tallest to the shortest to show how much we have grown over the past year. For Christmas Eve, all of my immediate family and I get dressed up to open presents at my grandmother's house (Abuela). However, Christmas presents didn't end that quick.

After celebrating Christmas with my family, I did something I didn't think I would do at such a young age. After telling my parents years ago that after college I would return back home they did something I never expected. As a Christmas present from my parents, my sisters and I signed papers to have the house under my mom's name be put under ours. I was in complete shock and I had no words to say. I knew my dream of coming back to Guatemala would come true in less than four years.

-Cristina Cone '11

Students Escape to Narnia in January

For Jan-term, I wanted a change. For the past two years, all my classes have been either science or education-related. Dr. Ober's Chronicles of Narnia class seemed like an appropriate escape.

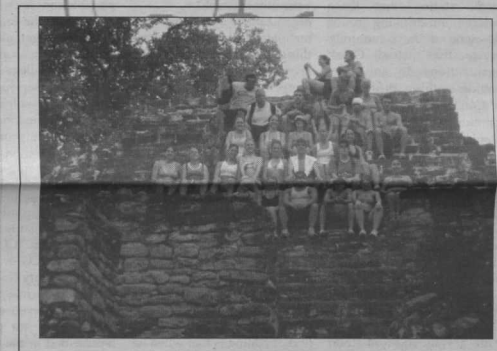
Class discussions, movies (including the very emotional *Shadowlands* starring Anthony Hopkins...I hope I wasn't the only person who teared up), games (chalkboard archery, anyone?), and lots of reading (there are seven books altogether) were the name of the game here. A final project was due on the last day of class, but no stress: creativity was encouraged. I wrote and illustrated a short story about Dufflepuds, which are a group of bouncy, energetic, one-legged dwarves featured in *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, and their search for employment in the real world. Other students turned out projects like real Turkish Delight (think stiff Jello covered in powdered sugar), King Peter's shield (actually cut from metal), hand-drawn maps of Narnia, travel brochures, a choose-your-own-adventure story, and character models made from balloons (very impressive).

Overall, a great way to spend three weeks on campus. And while now I'm back to the science and education classes, I'll always have my Chronicles anthology in case I need a little mental vacation.

-Katie Hickey '07



-Chanan Delivuk, '08



An 'Unbelizeable' Experience for Group of Friends and Professors

I went to Belize my freshmen year and absolutely loved it then, so I wanted to go back with three of my best friends, Lauren Schneider, Jordan Williams, and Tyler Falcone.

During Jan Term I actually went on the trip as a teaching assistant. After three plane rides, our group finally arrived in San Pedro, which is a little town consisting of only three main roads. For a majority of the trip we had snorkeling trips to various popular places among the Barrier Reef.

We saw nurse sharks, sting rays, moray eels, and tons of fish of all sizes. Everyone also got to go on at least one fishing trip, either deep sea or reef fishing. Other activities included having a beach clean up, a softball game against the local high school, visiting the Mayan ruins of Lamanai, a rainy trip to Caye Caulker, and a rainy day to Belize Zoo and cave tubing. I would most definitely recommend this trip to everyone, bring a friend along and you will have an UNBELIZEABLE experience.

The atmosphere down there is amazing and everyone is so nice, and a plus is coming back with 25 or so new friends.

My description doesn't give it justice; it's one of those things that you have to experience on your own and probably the most fun you'll ever have.

My advice: careful with the vipor rum; don't fall too much in love with Belikin (Beer); and whatever you do "it's probably fine" (Our group's motto).

-Jen Goldstein '07

Letters to the Editor

"We Are Not a Drinking Organization"

Dear Lisa Breslin,

The last issue of the McDaniel Free Press (Vol. 4, no.6) contained an article entitled "Drinking Clubs Flourish in Fall," in which the author "exposes" new underground drinking groups found on campus. In the article Rob Goeke names Chi Chi Gamma as one of these new underground drinking groups. As a "member" of Chi Chi Gamma I'd like to say that this information is entirely inaccurate as we are not a drinking organization, underground or otherwise, and that we are deeply upset at the way this article maligns our reputations. We are, in reality, five friends who met freshman year and have come really close over the years. In our sophomore year, we formed an affinity Caring for the Community Group so we could live in the same suite. Amanda Rose is quoted in the article stating that these underground drinking groups "do none of the community service that actual Greek organizations do and they provide nothing positive to the College." Caring for the Community Group is a service organization on campus and though we have not increased the members of our organization (organizing events for more than just the five of us would be a nightmare...it's hard enough with just five different schedules) we have volunteered around Maryland and have represented McDaniel College in a very positive manner. Some of the activities we have participated in are a Walk-and-Roll-athon for SMA (Spinal Muscular Atrophy), ZooBoo and the Chinese New Year celebration at the Baltimore Zoo, The McDaniel Jubilee, and Relay

for Life as a part of the Honors team. We have even organized events on campus such as a toy drive for the needy, a card drive for children in the hospital, a luggage drive for foster children, and every year we go caroling at assisted living homes. You can imagine our surprise, when not only are we a "drinking club," but we supposedly do not participate in community service either.

We are just five girlfriends who thought would be funny to convert the letters of our organization into Greek letters—therefore, Caring for the Community Group—CCG—becomes Chi Chi Gamma. It's just an inside joke. We're sorry if writing our letters on the field—something we thought showed school spirit—and, yes, maybe a little bit a fun on the behalf of real Greek organizations—caused all of this commotion, but we had no idea that there were other "Greek" organizations of a more sinister nature doing the same thing. We certainly didn't know that we would get lumped in with these groups in a newspaper article read by the entire campus. If Rob Goeke had mentioned the real topic of his article during his interview and asked some direct questions, we would have had no problem telling him the same things that are mentioned in this letter.

When he called, he made no mention of the true nature of his article and, instead, we were led to believe it was simply on different school organizations. What I find appalling is that when he did ask whether we had any traditions he was given the answer, "We go caroling at old folks homes every Christmas" and yet he still lumped us in

with the groups on campus that do not participate in community service. It was also mentioned several times to Rob in the course of his "interview" that the real name of the group is CCG or Caring for the Community Group. Did he just decide to ignore this? We were not asked about any alleged alcohol activities, nor about alleged hazing. We do not have big drinking parties and we do not haze. We don't even rush.

How Rob inferred from his interview that we are a dangerous underground drinking organization that is detrimental to the school reputation, I do not know, but I sincerely hope that this was simply a case of irresponsible journalism and not a case of libel. We do understand that the McDaniel Free Press is a learning environment and it is better that he made this mistake in college; maybe if he is informed of his error and the possible consequences of such an error, in the future he will be sure to get all the facts before writing an article.

The allegations in this article are serious and the manner in which Chi Chi Gamma was mentioned could lead to future problems with the administration—problems we do not deserve. Rob Goeke did not just allege that we were an underground drinking group, he named us as one, and that is not acceptable. We as "CCG," better known as CCG or Caring for the Community Group, would deeply appreciate a retraction and maybe even an apology for the way our group was represented in the article—on a small campus, news like this could be highly detrimental to our reputations.

Sincerely,
Dixie Clough

APOΩ

APO Offers Thanks for Toys

To the McDaniel College Community:

On behalf of the Alpha Epsilon Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, we would like to extend our warmest thanks to all of the students and faculty who donated a toy or cash to our Toys For Tots Drive on December 7, 2005. With your generous help, we collected 151 toys and \$140 to donate to the Frederick and Westminster Toys For Tots Program. You are an asset to our community and after this year's success we hope to collect even more toys for next year's holiday season.

Sincerely,
Katie Saris
President, Alpha Phi Omega

Don't Forget to Proof Data Too

To Whom it May Concern:

Call me a math nerd, call me bored. Call me someone who regularly interprets data.

I was checking out the final issue of the fall semester's Free Press last night and I came upon the graph entitled Westminster Gas Prices. Fascinating data at first glance, but then I thought wait a minute what is being compared (Jill Stone compiled the data and Emily Biondo created it - graphically)? Something is missing. It is easy to see the range of gas prices between Sheetz, WaWa, etc. However is this compared from one issue of the Free Press to the current issue? Is it comparing regular gas to high test? (that's easy - if that is the intent, the data is wrong!). In short, at present, this is an example of a graph that needs fixin'. I actually often use such graphs (with missing or inappropriate data) as problems for students (elementary and middle school) to examine and fix.

As a 30-year faculty member who lives in the world of mathematics education, this will be a topic/problem for my first class in the Spring in my course on the Teaching of Elementary School Mathematics. Teachers, of course, help to prepare their students to create and interpret data.

Thanks for your continuing work for McDaniel. I always read the Free

Press and look forward to your slant on things. And, I might suggest that just as paragraphs need proofing, data sets demand the same careful editing. All the best.

Francis (Skip) Fennell
Professor of Education
and
President-Elect



Hear This: McDaniel has Budapest Campus

DJERDJ MATKOVIC
STAFF WRITER

"A Budapest Campus?"

This was a real question asked by some dude when I told him where I just transferred from. And it wouldn't have been a big deal if that happened only once, or twice. But people ask it all the time. It gave me the impression that not too many students here are aware of McDaniel on the other side of the globe (Hungary to be specific).

As a former student of McDaniel Budapest, and a four and a half year resident of the city, I feel it is my duty to



enlighten you a little about our 'sister campus' and its home city.

The 'campus' is really just one big building in an interesting district close to the city centre. You really don't live there but merely spend a small portion of your day there attending classes. You

actually get to live in big apartments in the city center. The interesting part is you're pretty likely to get to know half the school by the time your semester ends.

McDaniel Budapest only has around 100 students enrolled each semester, but those few come from all over, making it very diverse.

The courses offered are credited to most majors, and are "a lot less demanding," according to Diana Burke, a study abroad student from last semester.

Now the city life: Budapest is, in one word, awesome.

The city is more than two million inhabitants is known for its fascinating history, powerful culture, diverse architecture, and of course, unforgettable nightlife.

The city is an amazing place to be no matter what your preferences for nightlife are. There is definitely no shortage of bars, clubs, concerts, cafes, restaurants or... 24 hour liquor stores. And yes, the legal drinking age is 18 [just felt I had to mention that].

The city is very rich culturally, and is a haven for people willing to explore and enlighten themselves.

"It really opened my eyes,"

said Adrienne Dujaj, about her semester in Budapest. "Anyone who's got a taste for adventure and a chance to find themselves should study abroad, especially in Budapest!" she added.

Not only do you get to learn and study in a great city, but also travel and see Europe. "It was great to go to another country just for the weekend," said Burke.

Now that you have a slight idea what McDaniel Budapest is, and what it's like there, I hope you will consider this great opportunity to study abroad. It's definitely worth it.

Sarah's Two Sense - Brokeback Nation

SARAH BLACK
COMMENTARY EDITOR

Whether or not you've seen "Brokeback Mountain," you've heard some sort of talk about it: "A great tale of love and heartbreak," "the gay cowboy movie," blah, blah, blah. For those of you who have been living under a rock for the past few months, let me give you a synopsis: two



young men meet in the summer of 1963, and form an intimate, loving bond, then part

ways, lead separate lives and have a 20-year secret affair.

No matter what you think about it, if you just take a step back and look at the simplicity of the movie, you can see that "Brokeback Mountain" is just a love story—an unconventional "Romeo and Juliet." Instead of two feuding households keeping two lovers apart, it's a feuding society.

Realizing the simplicity of this socially controversial film, it's hard for me to comprehend the reasoning behind some movie theaters refusing to show "Brokeback Mountain." Yes, that's right—according to *The Daily Telegraph*, movie theaters in Washington and Utah have

prohibited the viewing of this movie. These same theaters that allow the viewing of raunchy humor, gut-wrenching horror, and nudity, are barring audiences from seeing a simple love story. These theaters, which allow the public to see other R-rated movies such as marijuana-fueled comedies like "Grandma's Boy," and horror movies like "Hostel,"—a movie which consists of people getting physically and horrifically tortured—are refusing to show "Brokeback Mountain"—a tear-jerking love story. Hmm...blood and gore...love story...blood and gore...love story...which to bar from the public (if given

the choice)?

I don't understand. People are all for watching blood and guts and seeing people getting tortured and chopped up, but they don't want to see a good love story. With ten-to-twenty scary/horror movies being released every year, it's almost as if we've become immune to the effects of these movies. Then when a love story like "Brokeback Mountain" comes out, we freak out and say "we can't watch this!" We've become a sick, sick nation. We're a nation that jumps at the chance to see people being tortured, but flinches and covers at the sight of a good, decent, heartfelt love story. What is wrong with us?

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Love is not happy with evil but is happy with the truth.
Love patiently accepts all things. It always trusts, always hopes, and always remains strong.

I Corinthians 13:4-8

When you say you love someone think about all that goes into love. You must consider that love isn't just a word - it's an expression of what the heart truly feels. Most importantly, your love must be connected with your thoughts, actions and accompanied with your time. Even if you never felt love before,

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~ Torrecka Jordan

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Welcome Back - From Europe to the Hill

SARAH WOLF
STAFF WRITER

Welcome back EVERYBODY! Or for some: "WELCOME to the pretty McDaniel campus." I hope you all had a great break and Jan-Term, for those of us who took a Jan-Term. Are you all feeling peachy? You know, energized to take on the second semester load?

Well, some of you out there have friends back. A group of students just returned, after I am sure, having spent a crazy, fun semester in Budapest, and without knowing they brought me a little present. One of my friends from Budapest decided to come here to study at this campus. I am most certain



that some of you have already had the pleasure of meeting Djerdj Matkovic.

He is a 2nd semester junior majoring in Communications, originally from Serbia, and as he says about himself, "a heavy drinker." (Actually, he was kidding. However, as a journalist, I need to stick to accuracy and truth. Now, Djerdj, who quickly understood the kinds of things you can do in this country, wants to sue me

for having said this in the newspaper. I say we clear this up the European way).

I am getting off topic again. Why doesn't anybody ever warn me? Oh, oh, of course, because nobody is here while I am typing this.

No, seriously now... somebody put a collar around my neck and control me. Attention Span- BIG ISSUE! I will talk about that some time. PROMISE!

Getting back to Djerdj. He likes it here. He thought the campus would be more isolated from Westminster (does he have an idea, eh?). He believed it would be sort of like in a forest and the campus would magically appear on a hill. Where do you think we are, Djerdj? Maryland? YES?

Well, YOU ARE CORRECT! Deep breaths, okay! Wow, I almost lost it there. Sorry.

Comparing the Budapest campus to our campus here, he enjoys that we are like a little community and all live together, and not students spread all over a huge city. He says, "It's like a city within a city." Except, Djerdj, it's not. More like a town, maybe.

As Djerdj is also a Budapest McDaniel student, I wondered, what would he say to motivate students from here to go overseas? "You would meet new people from a lot of different cultures," Djerdj says, "It is a different learning experience because you would learn history and culture on the spot. It will expand your view of the

world." Djerdj, himself, has traveled a lot and finds that every country has something unique and special to it. (Wonderfully put, Djerdj. I think it's time for a slow clap).

Hoping to have a great American college experience, gaining knowledge in new fields he is interested in, Djerdj wants to let you all know: "Be nice to Serbians." (I asked him what he wanted to say to all of you guys and this is what he said. A little selfish, huh? I thought he'd say something a little more like: "Don't drink and drive.").

If you want more information about the Budapest campus read Djerdj's article in this newspaper issue or just talk to him. He is very nice and he speaks English.

A Legacy of Struggle and A Call to Action

TORI BUTLER
STAFF WRITER

Behind every great man, there is a good woman and Dr. Martin L. King Jr. was certainly blessed to have his wife, Coretta Scott King. Mrs. King devoted her life to fighting for freedom, equality, and justice for all. Like Dr. King, Mrs. King believed in an America that would embrace diversity no matter race, creed, color, sexual orienta-

tion, or socio-economic status. Mrs. King believed in an America that would provide adequate education and health care for his children. She believed in an America that would see the need to combat AIDS/HIV in its brother countries of Africa. She believed in an America that would combat poverty in its own country. She believed in an America that would recognize the work of her husband. She believed in America that would uphold

the promises of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution.

Mrs. King dedicated her life to continuing the legacy of her husband's dream. Mrs. King marched for the rights of the poor only four days after the assassination of her husband. She fought to make Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday a national holiday. In the 1980s she participated in sit-in protests in

opposition to apartheid rule in South Africa. Mrs. King founded the Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta Georgia in order to achieve Dr. King's goal of a beloved community where all people would be "judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Mrs. King's character exuded strength, courage, and wisdom. We as a nation truly lost one of our most prized on

January 30, 2006. My hope is that we as young people will not let her death be in vein. It is time that we rise up and be the voice of those who cannot speak out for themselves. This is not the time to be apathetic but to rise up and continue to fight for freedom, equality, and justice for all. Coretta Scott King once said that "Struggle is a never ending process. Freedom is never really won you earn it and win it in every generation."



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Flynn's Friends: New Coach Draws Fans

TODD KNEPPER
STAFF WRITER

"Tick, Tock, Tick, Tock, Tick, Tock" - "You have no Facebook friends #25" - "Why are you wearing your mother's socks? You sally." These are all recent comments spewed from McDaniel's latest subculture at men's home basketball games.

The addition of Head Coach Bob Flynn has sparked a surprisingly large and loyal student following. "Flynn's Friends," as they call them-

selves, are a group of 50 plus who take a psychological angle at assisting the fellows to victory. They heckle, they scream, they cheer. They make opponents absolutely regret having odd names, haircuts, socks, physical features, and so on.

This organization was created by a few senior males who had been patiently waiting for Coach Flynn's arrival, and were certainly rewarded. "It's finally worth it to attend games," said Senior and Captain of fans, Judd "Crazy

Legs" Walter. "Our antics are something that should have been happening for a long time. When Flynn got the position he made it a point to get the school rallying behind him."

Flynn's Friends have made an obvious impact this season. The Men are currently in a tangled hunt for the playoffs. They have a 4-2 home conference record, with numerous come from behind wins, one being a buzzer beat-up against #6 Ursinus College. These close defeats

helped spar the slogan, "Don't Call it a Comeback."

Flynn treats the gang with the utmost respect. On afternoons before home games Coach will hold meetings with his "Friends" to discuss chants, cheers, and talented opposing players. He also invites a smaller portion of diehard Flynn's Friends faithful into the classroom following victories to celebrate and discuss the game. It's important to note that Coach Flynn encourages his followers not to cross the line with their

comments and frowns upon words that the younger crowd shouldn't be exposed to. Humor is employed instead of harshness.

It appears that the arrival of Coach Flynn and the creation of "Flynn's Friends" has helped turn McDaniel's program around. In just one year, Gill Gymnasium transformed from a place where you could here the previous Coach's stomach turning, to bar none the toughest place to play in the Centennial Conference.

'Predictions' Hand Loss to Hasselbeck

MIKE HABEGGER
SPORTS EDITOR

(Editor's Note: The author wrote this article before the Super Bowl took place. In an effort to beat the wave of articles and criticisms that will flood the media following the game, he decided to play Monday Morning Quarterback on Saturday by predicting the outcome of the game. Let's see how he did.)

The Steelers win, 30-

20. What a loser! Matt Hasselbeck sucks. He single-handedly lost the game. We always knew he sucked, it was just covered up better this season. So what if he threw 24

TDs, don't tell me that he should have done better in the biggest game of his life.

But Hasselbeck threw three interceptions. The interception by Steelers CB Troy Palamalu was just so blatantly bad that Rob Johnson would have made a better decision, maybe even Trent Diller. The others, one by Joey Porter standing in front of Jeremy Stevens, and another by DeShae Townsend, who stole the ball out of Darrell Jackson's hands, were clearly good defensive plays.

It was Hasselbeck's play in the second that doomed the Seahawks to a purely passing game the rest of the way.

Shaun Alexander had only 60 yards on 12 carries and was held out of the endzone by the stingy Steelers defense. How did the Steelers do it? They focused on the left side! It's about time a team figured out that Seattle likes to run left. Troy Palamalu was a monster, tackling everybody, and wrecking havoc across the midfield as Hasselbeck looked for openings to pass.

So why didn't Holmgren change his game plan? Well, he did, but by then it was too late. Willie Parker scored his only TD of the game going into halftime, putting the Steelers up 13-7. Hasselbeck's interception set up the score, and changed the momentum

greatly. The Steelers came out hot in the second half, scoring right away on a 25 yard throw by Ben Roethlisberger to Hines Ward, who finished the game with 9 receptions for 99 yards.

The key was shutting down Alexander to give way to Hasselbeck. Cowher knew that the Seattle QB was not at the caliber to deliver his team a title single-handedly.

Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger went 19-25, with 203 yards and one touchdown, while Hasselbeck went 26-46 and 289 yards with 2 TDs and 3 INTs.

WR Bobby Engram and TE Jeremy Stevens caught the touchdown passes. Engram's

came early in the fourth quarter, sparking a mild comeback attempt.

With the loss in the Championship game, the 2005-2006 Seahawks join an illustrious list of Seattle sports franchises that are good, but never good enough to win the title.

Yeah, the game ended 21-10 in real life, and Hines Ward was the MVP! Darrell Jackson didn't do quite as good. Alexander was kept out of the endzone, and Hasselbeck's receivers sucked, not him. Hines Ward, Willie Parker, and Jeremy Stevens all scored, as predicted. Mad props to the writer of this column for predicting it so well.



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Women's Basketball: 'We Want to Improve'

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Dickinson and Johns Hopkins. What do these teams have in common? Well, they've both defeated McDaniel this season, but have watched the same team win the Conference Championship at their own hands. Once again, these teams are the major players in the Centennial Conference this season. If the Green Terror Women want to take home a third straight Championship trophy, they know they have to go through those teams.

"I respect both Hopkins and Dickinson as do I respect all other opponents," said junior forward Theresa Hess. "And of course I want to beat them, more than any other team because they are our biggest competition..."

While the team has not been able to conquer either Hopkins or Dickinson yet this season, they will have a chance to prove their worth at Muhlenberg on February 11th. The Mules, who are undefeated at home this season, finished 11-14 last season, missing the playoffs by a mile. This season, they are second place in the conference, and

are led by junior Meghan Courtney, who averages 14.5 points and 8.7 rebounds.

The team wants to prepare well, take care of the ball, and stay ahead from the get-go.

"We have improved since last playing them, and shouldn't make the same mistakes twice," said Hess. "It will be difficult to go on the road to win this game because their gym is hard to play in, but we are up to the challenge."

If McDaniel wants to get past Muhlenberg's stifling defense (49.5 opponent ppg), they will have to put on a scare the scorekeepers. The team leads the conference in scoring at 71 points per game, and has three players scoring in double figures: Powell (11.7), Costa (11.3), and Franz (10.7).

"...We have moved a lot of players around this year on the court, putting a lot more height on the court and allowing us to have a more balanced in-out game," said Hess, who has been the benefactor of such moves, and is averaging 10 points over the last seven games. "We are a selfless team and enjoy seeing each other succeed, which ultimately helps us to have a

lot of scoring from a variety of players. When one player isn't having a good game, it doesn't hurt us too much because there are so many other people that step up to fill in."

Injuries hurt every team from time to time, yet for McDaniel, it seems like every year there is a major injury to a key player. This year, Heather Thompson was out for over a month with a wrist injury.

"...We definitely missed her speed on the court [that gives] us the option to pitch the ball up the court and get out in front of the other team," said Hess.

Yet over the winter break, the team ripped off 12 wins in 13 games, defeating every Centennial Conference rival except Muhlenberg, who defeated the Terror, 65-64. The Women had a record of 16-5 (10-4 CC) heading into a contest at home against Johns Hopkins. The Terror defeated Swarthmore on Saturday, 82-70, led by Heather Thompson, who was 2-3 from beyond the arc with 13 points in 15 minutes.

During the impressive winning streak during the winter break, Kristy Costa put

on shows against Gettysburg (28, 21) and Lebanon Valley (18), while Katy Powell was the high scorer in four games, consistently scoring around 15 points and dishing out a myriad of assists.

If they playoffs last year are any indication, the McDaniel College Women's Basketball team will finish strong. According to the Hess, the

expectations for the rest of the season are simple.

"...We want to continue to improve each and everyday, regardless of whether it is a practice or a game so that we can defend our championship. We want to become more comfortable in our half-court offense so we can maintain composure when teams take away our running game."



KRISTY COSTA

DAVID SINCLAIR

After Long Hiatus, Men's Bball Eyes Playoffs

RYAN CHELL
STAFF WRITER

Good Week for McDaniel Brings Up Playoff Talk

"Playoffs? Don't talk about playoffs. Are you kid-

ding me? Playoffs?"

Every football fan knows that is former Colts coach Jim Mora responding to the media after a tough loss in the 2001 season. However, many are asking this same question in confusion about the boy's basketball season.

Well, it is true. It has been a long time since the words "playoffs" and "boy's basketball" have been in the same sentence without the word "not" in it. Even with a 7-13 record (5-8 Centennial Conference), Bob Flynn and the Green Terror are still in the hunt for a remaining play-

off spot.

Bob Flynn has certainly had an impact on this team. He has got them fighting back, especially in the second half, and he clearly has them motivated. This has been the most wins for the boy's basketball team since the 2000-2001 season. The Flynn era is here and it certainly has everyone, including the fans, excited.

The Green Terror, coming off its 86-58 loss at Haverford, returned home Wednesday to face the Dickinson Red Devils (5-15, 3-10). This was the first game of a three-game home series for the Terror; a good opportunity to pick up some wins in front of the home crowd. Many students responded to Coach Flynn's message about coming to root for the team, as the student section behind the far basket was full of fans wearing the black, "Don't Call It a Comeback" shirts.

The game was very

close in the first half. Dickinson jumped to an early lead until Josh McKay and the Green Terror drove the ball to the basket to tie the game at 10 with 13:07 left in the first half. Even with bad shooting and turnovers on both sides, McDaniel held the lead until 2:19 left in the first. McDaniel would go into the half shooting 36% from the field, 0-10 from 3pt range, and 40% at the line. Clearly, improvement was needed in order to pull out with a win.

But, as you all know, this is a second half team! The game would have four ties in the first six minutes, but McDaniel never looked back from there. McDaniel scored 35 points to Dickinson's 25, and McDaniel went on to win 61-53. The outstanding player of the half was Will Talesnick, who scored 14 point over the last 6:27 of the second half.

Talesnick, who took on the personality of the team,

did not see his success till late in the ballgame. He started out 0-9 from the field, but in his stretch, he hit two threes and went 6-8 at the FT line. He was also essential to McDaniel's success because Josh McKay, the hero earlier in the ballgame, fouled out with three minutes left to play. He certainly can be attributed to the success of the team in this ballgame.

McDaniel continued its home stand on Saturday against Swarthmore, getting their 8th win of the season and keeping the playoff talk alive. McDaniel got great play from Devin Keeny (20 pts), Will Talesnick (19 pts), and Josh McKay (12 pts, 12 rebounds). Keeny, making his second career start, added 18 of his 20 points in the first half, but his shots at the end of the game kept Swarthmore out of reach. McDaniel will host John Hopkins on Wednesday.



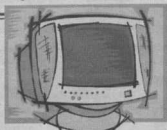
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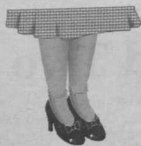
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Minimum Wage Rolls Up At McDaniel

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This March, hundreds of student workers at McDaniel College will open up their paychecks and see a larger number on the bottom line.

Thanks to a new state law boosting Maryland's minimum wage up \$1 to \$6.15 an hour, the college has struc-

tured its pay scale. As a result, a majority of students in the campus employment and college work-study programs will have extra cash in their wallets and bank accounts.

Junior Alex Cartagena works as a game room attendant in Decker College Center. Previously, he was being paid \$5.25 an hour, but under the new pay scale he will receive a

95-cent raise.

"Who wouldn't like getting more money?" Cartagena said.

The law, enacted by the General Assembly in January, went into effect on Feb. 17, but student workers will see their raises put into effect retroactively to the beginning of the month.

Since student workers are

paid monthly, making the raises effective from Feb. 1 allows the change to be done more easily by the college, while creating an additional perk for employees, said Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice president for administration and finance.

Approximately 82 percent of students on the college pay (see "Minimum Wage" on page 2)

Egg Donors Sought

KATIE HICKEY
STAFF WRITER

A Maryland-based child placement agency called Family Building Center, Inc. (FBC), recruits many of its egg donors by placing classified ads in publications at colleges and universities in Pennsylvania, Washington D.C., and Maryland.

The agency's advertisement hit The McDaniel Free Press this issue, and the interest in college-age women as potential egg donors has sparked both controversy and enthusiasm for the egg donation practice.

"If you've already had kids, or if you're not planning to have kids, then you'd be giving another couple the chance to have children that

they might not otherwise have," Clare Bodnar, a junior, noted.

FBC specializes in egg donation, and offers a variety of other reproductive alternatives to women and couples who have been unsuccessful at conceiving or carrying a pregnancy to term in the past. Their interest in McDaniel College stems from their search for mature, responsible, stable women between the ages of 20 and 29 to become egg donors, according to Carol Rozencwaig, the Executive Director of FBC.

"We have a pool of 40 to 50 egg donors at any given time," said Rozencwaig, adding that she has been involved in helping infertile couples build families for over 20 years.

(see "Egg Donor" on page 3)



Rebecca Hufstetler (back), Clare Bodnar (facing) embrace after a powerful monologue. See more about Vagina Monologues on page 4.

ANDY CARPENTER

McDaniel Endowment Soars In 2005

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McDaniel's endowment grew 11.2% over the last fiscal year, surpassing the national average and avoiding the recent trend of stagnation in college endowments.

The national average endowment growth, 9.3%, was released last month in a report by the National

Association of College and University Business Officers. However, trends and numbers vary with reporting agencies.

College endowments and fund-raising levels have been flat in recent years, as the stock market and potential donors recover from the recession (David L. Warren, President, National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities per

www.collegeboard.com).

The market value of McDaniel's endowment reached just over \$72 million at the end of the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2005, a \$7 million increase from the previous year. Over the last ten years, McDaniel's endowment has shown an average dollar increase of \$4.8 million.

Endowments are vital to the economic health of a college

institution. What is an endowment?

President Joan Coley explains, "An endowment is like a huge savings account for the college. The college uses only some of the interest on this account each year for its operating budget."

The funds, which are invested primarily in stocks and bonds, yield interest

(see "Endowment" on page 3)

'Elimination' Leads to Some Strange Behavior

KATHRYN YOUNG
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"She was behind me for about two full minutes without my knowledge, and then things made a drastic turn for the worst...I was left alone in front of the Pub, and suddenly there was a hand on my elbow and a whisper over my shoulder - 'You're eliminated.'"

This account of junior,

Katelyn Kernan, is like that of many others who have participated in Elimination, the latest game craze on campus which included 100 McDaniel students from all classes.

Elimination officially began at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, February 6. The goal: eliminate your target person. After eliminating them you must then eliminate their target person and so on. Eventually one person is left

and that person is the winner.

For the past month, students have been sitting in GLAR talking about how they were going to eliminate their target, who had already been eliminated, and how they had almost been eliminated.

Once Kernan heard she was eliminated she knew she was "out of the game...I headed back to my dorm smiling. I was finally able to again walk alone in peace."

Sophomore Scott Gelman played Elimination in high school as a fundraiser and thought it would be fun to try it out on The Hill. No one can deny that the game has brought much excitement to those who are playing it.

Gelman assigned everyone a randomly selected number from 1-100. Here comes the tricky part - you must be alone with your target. This means completely

out of sight from anyone. Once you have gotten your target alone, you whisper to them, "You are eliminated."

If one does not eliminate their person within three days, they themselves are automatically out of the game. "Elimination was overall a fun game," said Rachael Darkow.

Darkow, a sophomore, admitted to being extremely paranoid while

(see "Elimination" on page 2)

Elimination Creates Excitement and Terror

(from "Elimination," Page 1)
playing the game. Darkow was out of the game three days after entering for not eliminating her person. "I wasn't taking the game very seriously until the first night I was told who had to eliminate me."

"You have to make an alliance...that is the only way to make it through this," stated junior Analie Shaffer. It was through forming an alliance that Darkow was able to find who had her as a target.

Sophomore Chelsea Houser disagrees: "A lot of people helped each other and formed alliances...I felt like I

couldn't do that, I couldn't trust anyone!"

Houser went about finding her targets on Facebook and getting to know "who people are." She got familiar with where they lived and hung out. "It's important to do research and make up strategies," stated Houser.

For her first target, Houser made up a fake survey and went to the Pub where her target hung out a lot. She asked to talk to him in private, so he could take her survey. BAM! YOU'RE ELIMINATED!

This is how it works. However, soon people became anxious and knew not to be

with anyone in private. "The person who had me ended up stalking me for days, she even found me in a remote area of the library," Darkow said.

Darkow didn't want to get eliminated, and like many others made her friends escort her everywhere—"even the bathroom!" Gelman agreed with these reactions and said that no one wants to be alone.

"But there is this rush...the rush after you eliminate your target," Gelman said. But Gelman saw something else when he started Elimination. "A lot of people are making new friends."

Both Darkow and

Houser admitted to having met a lot of new people. "Even if you weren't meeting them—rather, stalking them—it was still fun," Darkow said.

Houser laughed, "People would even hide in my room of our suite...I met so many people that I would have never known otherwise."

McDaniel is not the only school to try out the craze. Apparently George Mason a few years ago participated in what was known as "Assassination." Assassination followed pretty much the same rules as Elimination.

At George Mason tar-

gets had to carry around bags in order to show that they were playing. Once you got your bag grabbed, you were "Assassinated."

William Fitchko, a senior at George Mason, said everyone was so paranoid. "Some people when they had received the bagel from their target would hang them up for how many kills they had."

Gelman approximated that the game should take about two or three weeks. The end is coming but the winner is still unknown. But after Spring Break, look forward to Gelman and junior Kate Chapman conducting an "Elimination III!"

Minimum Wage Rises: Student Workers Rejoice

(from "Minimum Wage," Page 1)
roll will receive raises, with the cutoff line being those who were earning \$7 or less, Seidel said.

Although the cost of employing students is rising, Seidel said the school will not be cutting jobs to compensate.

"We will be able to absorb this, because we always budget conservatively," he said.

Some students think positively about this change, while others have mixed feelings.

"It's much better," said Nora Ibrahim, a junior who works in the foreign language lab in Baker Memorial Chapel.

"When you're going into work for a couple of hours, and you know you're only getting \$5.25, you might as well stay home. But now I know I'm doing something with my time that's useful."

But senior LaRhonda Burns, an attendant for both the game room and the infor-

mation desk in Decker, sees her raise as evening out the prices of goods and services.

"In some ways it's a good thing, because you're getting more," Burns said. "But in other ways, it doesn't make a difference, because of ... the economy. Everything is getting more expensive."

Burns said she will treat the money from her paychecks the same way she always does.

"I'm going to spend a little, and save some, although I should probably be saving more than I do," she said.

College Democrats Revived and Ready To Go

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One of McDaniel College's two political clubs, the College Democrats, has been resurrected under new leadership this semester. The club had "died out" since its former president and vice president left for a study abroad semester. With a new and committed leadership the club plans on expanding this semester, and has several plans in store.

The new president, Andy Cummings, a political science major, says the club's new goal is "to increase political

participation and awareness for people on and off campus." Cummings added that "any students interested in politics are welcome to join, regardless of their major."

One way the eighteen member club plans on raising political awareness is by holding political forums for students, with guest speakers who have expertise in the field. One planned guest speaker is Rep. Wade Kach, a delegate in the state legislature. The club also plans on holding a voter registration drive for the students on campus and the Westminster community in order to get people

to vote.

Josh Russin, the vice-president of the club, and also a political science major says, "We will try to get members involved in the congressional and state elections, and will also attempt to contact the democratic national committee." He added that "the club is likely to get involved with local democratic contenders participating in the local campaigns." Russin said that the club also plans on opening dialogue with the other college political club, the College Republicans.

The club also plans on helping to jumpstart a College

Green Party that will be separate and more liberal, and that could give students more choice.

Cummings and Russin are also members in the Maryland Student Legislature, a mock student legislature that discusses national and state political issues. They both encourage people to join, saying "students have an opportunity to debate issues; you learn how to draft legislation, and you get a better understanding of parliamentary procedures and also earn 2 independent study credits!" Russin said the club and the legislature is "looking for any

person who has even a minute inclination for politics," and added, "there is no reason why students on campus should be apathetic. There are many outlets for students to get their voices heard."

The College Democrats meet every other Wednesday, with the next meeting being March 15th, at 9pm on the third floor of Hill Hall. The legislature meets at the same place and time on Thursdays. Contact Josh Russin at jlr1084@hotmail.com for more information.

The Lighter Side: Fight Night, Round Two

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STAFF WRITER

I've said it before, I'll say it again. There aren't enough reckless and egomaniacal personalities on college campuses. Luckily, we have a couple here.

When girls get drunk, they cry; when real men get drunk, they destroy things. They mainly destroy things that can cause injury to themselves so that they can show

off their wounds to buddies and act like they're tough.

I've done it, so have you. Windows, mirrors, and walls have become primary targets for an intoxicated and irrationally angry youth. On Feb. 5th, a Rouzer-ian punched through a window

and left a trail of blood leading to his room.

Only God knows how Campus Safety managed to track him down.

This total disregard for his own well-being impresses me. It probably impressed the doctors in the

ER too.

More impressive however is the altercation on the 16th in Whiteford. A resident of the freshman girls' dorm got into it with her roommate's boyfriend. A shoving match ensued and no real punches were thrown -

unfortunately!

The privileged dame, whose boyfriend tried to beat up her roommate, should thank her lucky stars that she found the type of assertive, strong-willed man that every girl dreams of.

You hold on to him, he's a keeper, a modern day Prince Charming. Rather than sweeping you off your feet, he'll knock you off them. That's how Cinderella really lost her slipper anyway.

Campus Safety blotter

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2/8/06 12:02 a.m.	2/8/06 3:02 a.m.	tampering with fire equip.	fire extinguisher	1	Levine Hall Lot	inactive
2/10/06 2:01 a.m.	2/10/06 1:59 a.m.	vandalism	property	2	Penn. Ave. Houses	closed by POC
2/9/06 9:00 a.m.	2/10/06 2:35 p.m.	vandalism	structure	2	Rouzer Hall	inactive
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2/12/06 12:30 a.m.	2/12/06 8:15 p.m.	vandalism	property	2	Blanche Ward Hall	inactive
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Egg Donation Has Both Support and Opposition

(from "Egg Donations," page 1)

Despite the obvious interest in egg donation, the practice is also controversial for ethical, moral, and religious reasons. "I think it's unethical," said a female senior, who chose to remain anonymous. "My point of view is if God had wanted someone to have children, He would have given her the necessary equipment to have them."

Rozencwaig said that she has never experienced any controversy personally, but she is aware of the practice's delicate nature.

"I know that there are issues. Some people may call this not really donating, but rather, people are selling their eggs," she said.

Evidence of this side of the controversy can be found in our student body. The anonymous female student, who was interviewed separately, said: "I don't like the idea of

selling your eggs; it's like selling your children. There's a potential for there to be a life."

While FBC does provide its donors with a fee for their services, usually between \$6,000 and \$6,500 per donation, FBC's website describes its donors as women who are "motivated to help infertile women while earning a fee for their services." In other words, the money is not the primary motivation to donate eggs; rather, it is helping another woman realize her dream of motherhood.

Bodnar agreed with this idea: "It would be an added bonus [the fee], but I'd do it to help someone else. If you want to have children and you can't—that's a hard thing to deal with."

Another common debate over egg donation is the artificial nature of the conception.

At FBC, the donor's eggs go directly to another woman,

the recipient, who, according to FBC's website, "is capable of carrying a pregnancy to term but she does not have viable oocytes (eggs)." The donated eggs are then used in vitro fertilization, which involves the creation of embryos via mixing of the

Egg Donation Process

Interested in egg donation? Below is a summary of the donation process through FBC:

- After being interviewed by FBC regarding social and medical history, as well as egg donation procedures, the donor candidate's profile is shown to the recipients (all identifying information is blacked out).
- Once a candidate and recipient are matched, the candidate undergoes psychological and medical screenings to ensure that the decision to donate eggs is appropriate for her. These screenings include a clinical interview with a social worker or a psychologist, and a medical evaluation by the recipient's in vitro fertilization physician.
- After the donor has been approved, she is ready to begin the "ovarian stimulation cycle." This procedure could vary among facilities. At FBC, the first step is to synchronize the menstrual cycles of the donor and recipient, usually through the use of oral contraceptives.
- The second step, which occurs after the menstrual cycles are in sync, involves the donor self-administering daily hormone injections to stimulate her ovaries to produce multiple follicles (which contain the eggs). The injections are given for two weeks. During this time, the recipient will also be taking hormones to prepare her uterus for embryo implantation.
- The size, quantity, and development of the follicles are measured via blood tests and vaginal ultrasonography. Once the eggs are mature, the donor is scheduled for a retrieval procedure.
- While the donor is under light general anesthesia, the physician, guided by ultrasound, removes the eggs through the vagina. No major surgery is necessary. The donor is able to return to her normal activities the following day.
- Once egg retrieval is complete, the donor has fulfilled her commitment and will receive her fee. • Two weeks after the retrieval procedure, the donor schedules an appointment with the physician for a check-up. Information was retrieved from the Family Building Center, Inc. website, <http://www.familybuild.com>.

eggs and a male partner's sperm or donated sperm. This is then followed by the transfer of embryos to the recipient's womb, in hopes of resulting in a pregnancy.

"I also don't agree with the science of it," said the anonymous student. "It's not natural."

Clearly, egg donation has its supporters and its detractors, and members of the McDaniel College student population are among them. Please see related sidebar for information on the egg donation procedure.

"Fear Takes You To the Edge" at CF Event

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Are you afraid of the dark? Of spiders? Heights? Deaths? Snakes? Or even clowns?

Fear usually takes you to the edge, and in this case – literally.

A Christian Fellowship organized event, "The Edge, offered the campus community different perspectives that emphasized specific themes. On February 8, 2006, the theme was fear.

Josh Foster, a Christian and superhero fanatic, was the speaker of the day and while the general theme revolved around fear, the content of the

theme became that of the caped crusader in black – Batman. An average man (with the exception of his capital and heavy bankroll) Bruce Wayne is like any other man, who through intensive training and rigorous hardships transformed himself into the legend we all know as Batman.

"To bring fear to those who prey on the fearful," was the event's message.

Foster clearly expressed that we are all fearful of something. Whether your fear stems from critters under your bed or nostalgia, heights or bathtubs, fear is a human emotion that, depending on how you use it, can either help

or hinder you.

Jenna Layman, a senior, whose graceful voice rippled through ears at the Gospel choir concert, grew up afraid of being criticized (and of her fear of spiders; but then again, who hasn't?).

She comments on The Edge's success as being an emphasis to fellowship: "I judge [our success] not by what we did, really, but rather if even one person was interested in learning more about Jesus. That happened, and so it was all worth it! Plus, I know I got to meet a whole bunch of new people, and that

makes it a success to me."

As the campus community began to enter into the Forum, the aroma of Chic-Fil-A lingered about; freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors alike gathered to hear a message – a message of fear, of adversity, and of triumph.

Josh Foster explained that he looked up to Bruce Wayne (aka Batman) because he conquered his fears and used them for justice; Jenna Layman admired She-Ra, the princess of power, and tries to apply the courage that she uses in living a life after college.

Growing up, I admired

Wolverine, who had the ability to heal instantaneously, and I remember that, whatever pain I experience now is only temporary because all pain heals. What superhero do you admire? What fears have hindered you? Now, what do you plan to do about it?

Christian Fellowship is holding a Winter Conference retreat from February 24 to February 26, to bring together the faith of nearby schools and organizations. To find out more about this event, you can contact Jenna Layman at x8381.

Endowment Rise

(from "Endowment," Page 1)

income for the college, which is utilized in a number of different ways. In addition to annual earnings, the endowment grows through the generosity of alumnae and others who make gifts to the endowment.

Dr. Ethan Seidel, Vice President of Administration and Finance, elaborates, "Every year, we withdraw funds from the endowment to aid in operating the College. Over time, the earnings on the investments plus the gifts to the endowment have consistently exceeded the withdrawals for spending. Thus, the endowment grows in value."

When President Joan Coley took office, her top goal was to improve the endowment, which she has achieved short-term but is quick to recognize continued dedication and the need for future gain and improvement.

"Yes, I have succeeded, though I always wish we could have more," stated

Coley. "The college's endowment is lower than we would like."

"We have acquired the funds primarily through good fundraising, through good money management, and through bequests to the college," said Coley. "One of the major goals of the upcoming campaign is to add to the endowment. We're certainly not done with this goal."

Coley puts all the numbers and dollar amounts into plain language and hits home. "We have immediate needs that we want to spend our money on like the fitness center and the residence hall construction and renovation."

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On February 10th and 11th, McDaniel College's Women's Issues Group presented its 3rd annual production of Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues*. Last Friday night, I sat quietly in the back of Alumni Hall, anxiously awaiting the performance.

Amidst controversy about the show allegedly being pornographic and an impending snowstorm, I came to see what the hype was all about. As I skimmed through the various monologues to be performed, I braced myself. Were they really going to spend an entire play talking about vaginas?

The stage draped in pink and red, with VAG and V

signs spread throughout, set the tone for what would in my mind be a wild ride. Alumni Hall filled pretty quickly with men and women, young and old, white and black, Hispanic and Asian. As the show began, the (you guessed it!) all-female cast, danced onto the stage to Gloria Gaynor's anthem "I Will Survive."

The ladies took no time to get right down to business, and after that they went full speed ahead into the taboo world of female sexuality and sensuality. The show covered topics such as menstruation and birth. On a more serious note, issues concerning genital mutilation in Africa and the Japanese women forced to deliver sexual services to soldiers before and during World War I were also addressed.

I realized very early on

that *The Vagina Monologues* was not just about vaginas or even just talking about them. It celebrated women—their struggles, their triumphs, the load they bear. It's about blowing the roof off the house women have been trapped in since the beginning of time, about debunking the myth that the vagina should be a hush-hush subject. Most of all, *The Vagina Monologues* is about giving a voice to the victims of abuse and promoting awareness of this rampant problem in our country, and around the world.

If the point of the production was to move me, empower me, encourage me to get off my butt and do something about violence against women, and make me proud to be a woman—then job well done!



Katie Hickey (foreground) and Nia Jervay perform a monologue.

Vagina Monologues: Reexamine the Values

Amidst the controversy of *The Vagina Monologues*, I am saddened that people have forgotten the true meaning behind the show. As

cheesy as that sounds, bringing back memories of columnists who write about respecting the baby Jesus at Christmastime instead of our

credit cards, it really is a valid thought.

The Vagina Monologues was originally created as a way to expose people to the atrocities committed against women. Yes, it is controversial and shocking, but that's the whole point. People remember it for its shock value, and then consequently remember its message.

The Vagina Monologues strives to educate people about domestic and sexual abuse in this

country and around the world. Until we can accept that there is a problem that needs to be fixed, I believe it is important to continue the show in every town and on every campus in the United States. During the production, Alumni Hall proudly, or maybe shamefully, showcased T-shirts all around the first floor. Each shirt is part of the Clothesline Project, and each shirt represents a woman or man who was abused, assaulted, raped, or killed as the result of sexual and domestic violence and hate crimes. These shirts are all from Carroll County.

Our production on this campus raised over \$3000 for charity this year alone. I would like to challenge a supposed "non-objectifying" pro-

duction or fundraiser to collect that much money for charity in one weekend. I could then offer to halt the production of *The Vagina Monologues*, but that's just silly. You can do your thing and we can do ours, so combined, we'll have twice as much to give next year.

I believe my father best expressed my point after seeing me in the production for the second year in a row. "I'll be honest. I don't love watching it, but I appreciate it for all the help it gives to people. I'm proud of you." So maybe, we should just take a step back and reexamine the value of *The Vagina Monologues*. If a fifty year old conservative dad can, why can't you?

—Christine Frieman



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"Man, She's Hot" Is Not the Right Message

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"Man, she's hot!"

Sounds like the whistlings in a movie theater or the mumbles from a table in Glar, right? Not this time. Sadly, this observation was made by male members of the audience during this year's performance of *The Vagina Monologues*... and it was made more than once. When the male attendees of a female-empowerment function respond in such a way, I can't help but question the effectiveness of the event. Now, I could scoff at the situation and chalk it up to "typical males," or I could go so far as to say that it must just be McDaniel guys. That would be easy... too easy. Besides, we know full well that that isn't the case.

"V-Day is a global movement to end violence against women and girls. V-Day hopes that the true and

often devastating stories that are the foundation of *The Vagina Monologues*' will inspire people who see productions of the play to join V-Day in its efforts to stop all violence against women and girls" (www.vday.org). As both an audience member and former cast member (2004), I can attest to the inspiration that the performance brings with it. Some of the monologues touch on female genital mutilation in war-torn countries, child molestation, rape, and domestic violence and abuse. So when, amidst these heart-breaking stories, did an audience member find it appropriate to mutter, "Man, she's hot"?

While V-Day's mission is clearly not controversial, there is also a hidden agenda within the performance. In fact, the majority of the monologues performed are not even about violence against women and girls.

Most of the monologues promote sexual experimentation—with yourself, with men, and even with older women. For example, the infamous "Coochi-snorch" monologue ends with a sexual scene between a twenty-four-year-old woman and a sixteen-year-old girl. How does such a scenario aid in the fight against violence against women? Replace the twenty-four-year-old woman with a man and you unarguably have rape!

Some of the monologues encourage embracing our society's derogatory terms used for female genitalia. How does this aid V-Day's mission to end violence? The argument is that women must be better educated about their bodies; that, if our sexuality weren't so mysterious, we could better defend ourselves against abuse—physical, verbal, and mental. Overall, the production's mission is an

attempt to de-objectify women as sexual objects for men to abuse. My opinion on the effectiveness of these efforts is best summed up by the reaction of a McDaniel male student (who shall remain anonymous): "In all honesty, when I hear guys shouting 'vagina warriors! woo!' that doesn't exactly make me think of words like 'respect' and 'reverence' with regard to females."

As I witnessed in the audience, this student is not alone. While women on stage paraded their "Short Skirt," sampled various types of sexual "moaning," and made ample use of nicknames for female genitalia, audience members hardly responded with what I would call "awe and respect" (as is requested by the performance).

I hesitate to criticize V-Day and the efforts of *The Vagina Monologues*, mostly because the main purpose

seems authentic and the money that is raised goes to very worthy causes (for example, the Rape Crisis Center in Carroll County). Still, I think we must consider how much good the performance really does for our society. How many audience members walk away with a deeper respect for women... and how many walk away with new derogatory slang to use, new licenses for further sexual experimentation (and thus, exploitation)? Why, if the goal is to de-objectify women, do the performers need to be "hot" and sexy to make the point? Why not prove the point being made—that women are special and important because of their personhood, and not because of their sexiness. If we can accomplish that, then, maybe, instead of hearing audience members remark, "Man, she's hot," we'll hear, "Man, she's... a real... woman."

Alum Finds Success in Downtown Westminster

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For years, Johansson's Dining House has been a central location for celebrations surrounding college life at McDaniel. With the opening of O'Lordan's Irish Pub on the corner of Railroad Avenue and Green Street, it is hoped that new college traditions will be embarked upon.

At the heart of that hope is Alumni Wendy Vanscoy-Johansson.

A 1990 graduate, Wendy Vanscoy-Johansson could not have known the allure downtown Westminster would have as she began her college studies. Finding work at Champs (now Down Under Bar and Grille) as a waitress in 1987, Wendy unknowingly began her career as a restaurateur and master caterer/event planner. Working her way through college at Champs gave her an inside view as to how well established restaurants operated.

As Champs transitioned

into Down Under and Johansson's fine dining restaurant was unveiled, Wendy was immersed in the reality of being sophisticated life into what was known historically as a party bar.

Wendy implemented the knowledge she gained from her concentration in Art History at then Western Maryland to research and detail the decoration and overall ambiance of Johansson's Fine Dining Restaurant. The color schemes, antiques and well-chosen artwork bring elegance and charm to the near century old building.

With the experience of transforming two restaurants under her belt, Wendy and husband David Johansson focused their attention to restoring the oldest building in Westminster (built ~ 1790-1820). The plan was to capture the building's rich history through traditional Irish décor and design. This project was several years in the making

suffering such setbacks as a crumbling foundation and collapsed walls.

Through sheer perseverance Wendy and David were able to achieve their goals and open O'Lordan's in November of 2005. The Johanssons chose to use an Irish theme because of their love of old Irish pubs as well as Wendy's Irish heritage. In fact, Lordan is Wendy's grandmother's maiden name. She was from County Cork.

Wendy was able to spend time abroad in England and Russia during her time at Western Maryland (she admits that since the college name change it gets a bit confusing when referring to it). Because this time was the most salient from her college years and has contributed so much to the current successes of her restaurants, she would hope that more money and effort are placed in support of studying abroad programs.

When asked if she has any advice for current McDaniel students working towards the

goal of being a small business owner, her response was to "Be prepared to make the commitment and put in the hours."

Additionally, her focus was in reference to her relationships with her staff. She added that if you treat your staff fairly they will be more inclined to feel a part of the "team that is there to get the job done together."

Although in restaurant years O'Lordan's is still in its

infancy, by being centrally located in downtown Westminster its Irish allure is sure to attract McDaniel students, family, and alumni as well as the general public.

Wendy and David Johansson are "very pleased with the addition of O'Lordan's in [their] business ventures and feel that both restaurants are assets to the community and especially the downtown of Westminster."



Wendy Vanscoy-Johansson in the new Irish Pub in Westminster.

Lose the Vulgarly: Cussing is So Old School

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We've all done it. Let one slip. Or maybe let more than one slip. In some cases, hurled out back-to-back eight letter combs.

This is acceptable for the most part, but in rational, and reasonable time. I walk around this campus and its surrounding community and so often hear conversations backboned by vulgarity. It has become repulsive. Why has it seemingly become impossible to get our thoughts out without including cuss words, most of which have no contextual contributions?

Think about it. What's

the difference between "driving to the airport" and "driving to the f#@%ing airport"? If you are angry about the act of driving to the airport, I can tell from the tone of your voice. The f-word does little as an adjective. And by using "cuss" as a replacement for any noun, most likely you will have to further explain what the certain "s#t" is. Save yourself some time and be blatantly honest.

And it's not funny anymore because every swear word has been overplayed. It's way too easy and routine. Back on the middle school bus it was the best because only the toughest kid was saying it. It became some sort of status.

The kid with the assigned seat next to Donnie Detention was thinking to himself, "I can't wait until I can cuss one day." Now, cussing throws you into the everyday crowd, the unoriginally and slightly humorous mix.

When the elderly cuss, we think it's hilarious. And admittedly, it is. That's because it's a rarity. A huge reason why our generation is frowned upon by older generations is because of our reliance on swearing. Frankly, were better than that. I'm fed up with being at the grocery store or wherever and feeling embarrassed in front of adults because some gutter-mouthed towie dropouts are a few

spots ahead of me in line talking trash.

Trust me, I'm not attempting to speak from a pedestal, because Lord knows I do it, and this isn't a lecture. In a way it's a challenge, and more or less just an honest observation. This is not a plea to eliminate cussing. Cussing has a comical impact some times, when used correctly. There are ways to cut back.

Don't curse in front of strangers; it makes a horrible lasting impression. Save it for your friends. Or better yet, be creative. Be original when you are trying to let your buddy know what an "s#t hole" they are for drinking all your Kool-Aid.

And again, trust me. I guarantee some of you will get halfway through this article, glance back up at my name, laugh to yourself, and say "F#@% you, Todd!" Good job if that's you. That's extremely clever. Chances are you are already in over your head and consumed by the undetectable addition of cussing. If that's not you, I thank you. You have a chance.

It's gone too far. I urge you to be more aware of what comes out of your mouth. I promise that you still have the ability to form sentences, and make your friends laugh.

Dating: Who Pays the Bill?

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When on a date, who pays for the meal? Who drives to the restaurant? Who picks up whom?

On a date, or when getting ready for one, these are common questions that one may have. The common answer is: the guy!

In relationships, there is a known stereotype about what the man is expected to do. Why does this stereotype exist? Is it an old fashioned tradition that we have picked up from our parents or is it something that men like to do to make their date feel special?

"I always pay," said sophomore Ryan Barre, a Communications major. "Not to say that she can't, or to take anything away from the girl, but I feel as though when I take a girl on a date, she deserves to be treated like the princess she truly is."



Even though the guy may feel this way, the girl may not. Some women feel that this stereotype is unfair and unnecessary.

"I don't believe that guys should necessarily pay for everything," said junior Kristin Brennan, a Political Science major. "Relationships should be a fifty-fifty deal and that includes financially."

In today's world, dating is something totally different from when our parents did it. However, we still learn these guidelines and standards from them. Dating starts off in a group where everyone pays individually or it starts by someone buying someone else a drink. No

matter how you meet someone, you have to play this stereotype person by person. Everyone feels their own way about this stereotype and everyone reacts differently to it.

"I guess I'm against it," said Ryan Quillen, a Business and Economics major. "I see it more of a guideline - I offer to pay, but girls do too. I think it's just an old fashion stereotype from the way things were. I follow it sometimes, but often the girl wants to drive or pay so go for it."

That's the best piece of advice - go for it! If your date argues to pay then go for it, otherwise a girl may assume the stereotypical role and the guy will be forced to pay. In either case, in today's world stereotypical roles are being broken everyday and this is just one more that can be broken.

If You Feel Down, Pick This Up

What is one man's trash is another man's treasure.

Christmas may be over but this quote doesn't just apply to material things. Have you ever thought that love, peace and joy are treasures that some people take for granted? Therefore the next time you take advantage of a positive emotion...remember that someone could use it!

~Torreka Jordan

Name: Brian Kastner
Home: Seattle, Washington

When thinking about home, the first thing Brian notes is that "in Seattle, it offers a lot more [than it does here]." He says the city rains a lot more activities and things to do than Westminster. Another noticeable difference Brian acknowledges is nature. In Washington people are much more focused on environmental issues and there are so many things to do outdoors. Brian enjoys hiking on the scenic trails around Seattle. Washington, he says, is most famous for rain, and coffee [the Starbucks Coffee Company actually began in Seattle, as did Seattle's Best].

Name: Siri Hiltz
Home: Vashon Island, Washington
WA in 3 Words: Green, Mountainous, and Wet
Siri's hometown is "a small island in the Puget Sound in Washington. We're about fifteen minutes from the mainland by ferry boat (there aren't any bridges) so we can get to Seattle or Tacoma by boat as long as we check the boat schedules." As opposed to Westminster, "there's always something interesting happening at home, whether it's an art show or performance, or new building being put up, there's something to talk about." Siri says that the lifestyle in Vashon is very relaxed and laid back. For fun in Washington, the big city is the place to go. "I love just walking around Seattle. There are so many interesting people and events happening all the time. I also really enjoy the different landscapes we have. In the west there are forests and really green places, and when you move further east you can find rolling hills and vineyards and farms." In a final thought about home, Siri says "It's a great state with a lot of diversity."

Name: Kristin Lamb
Home: Lake Oswego, Oregon
OR in 3 Words: Green, Picturesque, Amazing
As an icebreaker during my first weeks at McDaniel, I was continually asked that pressing question: "Where are you from?" When I asked the question, I'd hear answers ranging from, "Oh, I live right up the road, about ten minutes away" to "Frederick County." Now, for all of you Marylanders, both of these answers make perfect sense, but we foreigners become lost in the web of Carrolls and Howards and Anne Arundels. Never before I migrated to Westminster had I met anyone who identified themselves by county. And, after several months of acclimating to Maryland-ness, I still find this practice somewhat odd.
When someone would ask me for the place I call home, I'd answer not "Clarkamas County," but "Oregon." And directly following my answer would come the response (or some very similar variation) of: "Why did you come all the way over here?" I wanted something new, something different - I'd respond. Now here is something different, something new for you!
For the past eleven years my home has been Lake Oswego, Oregon. A suburb of Portland, Lake Oswego is a town of 40,000 people and is home to eleven Starbucks. And while I LOVE to enjoy a rainy afternoon reading the day away sipping on a tall non-fat Caramel Macchiato with whip and two Splendas, my favorite thing to do is to drive the 10 minutes to downtown Portland and explore. There is an amazing music scene, tons of shopping - both high-end and B&H cheap - amazing restaurants with all different genre's of good eats, and of course, more pine trees than you could ever imagine.
Portland is an amazing city with every possible outdoor activity available from kayaking to rock climbing. And it is essentially the most wonderful place on earth - but maybe that's just my bias talking.

Name: Jason Fratto
Home: Taylorsville, Utah
UT in 3 Words: Beautiful, Mountainous, and Conservative
When describing the differences between McDaniel and Taylorsville, Jason says, "I live in suburbia, so when I came home to Westminster, it was kind of weird seeing rural areas and houses with actual backyards." Jason says Utah is most famous for the Sundance Film Festival, Mormons, and the 2002 Olympics. "It's weird to see the Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy this year," Jason says. "The Winter Olympics were in Salt Lake in 2002. The Olympics were one of the most unique experiences I've ever had." Downtown Salt Lake was packed with people, and it was very interesting to hear English, French, German, Italian, and many other languages being spoken all in the same place. It was cool to see the diversity that the Olympics creates, yet at the same time there is still a sense of togetherness."

Name: Christina Smith
Home: Rose Park, Utah
UT in 3 Words: Sheltered, Religious, and Beautiful
"I left [home] thinking my neighborhood was small. Then I saw Westminster," Christina says bluntly. "Rose Park is just 5 min. outside of Salt Lake City (10 min. or so by public transportation). It just amazes me sometimes how many people I know who have never left this, and other surrounding small towns to experience life just a few miles away in Baltimore. For those of us living in any neighborhood surrounding SLC, we have no choice but to go into the city b/c that is where the stores, food, entertainment, etc. are." A surprising difference between Utah and Westminster "is the fact that Utah is more diverse than Westminster... Westminster is just very...White." However, she says the biggest difference is "the fact that there is very little separation between church and state. The one thing most people know Utah for is the Mormon religion. Because of its dominance, it controls a huge extent of property in the state... Days that are important in the Mormon faith have been given special status by the state." She closes in saying "You should take the time to visit... There is a whole world of life, culture, and beauty out there that you will never experience staying in city made of one main road - called Main Street."

Name: Luke Brandeberry
Home: Victor, Montana
MT in 3 Words: Wild, Big, and Free
Luke's comments on his hometown of less than 200 people are as follows: "Victor is not really even a spot on the map... There is a liquor store and two bars and a bank. No Grocery stores, since most people take the 10 mile drive to Hamilton or Stevensville to get their food." He says one of the biggest differences between McDaniel and home is the wildlife. "I was fishing Lost Horse Creek with a buddy once, heard a huge splash and thought he had fallen in. I looked to my right and I was face-to-face with a giant bull moose about 10 ft. away." While Missoula, MT is around 30 miles away, Luke explains that "The term 'traffic' has no meaning in Montana." And while he believes Montana is a great place, Luke acknowledges there are some drawbacks to living there: "Its [Montana's] negatives come in the form of an October thru April winter."

Name: Matt Lufkin
Home: Overland Park, Kansas
KS in 3 Words: Simple, Conservative, and Beautiful
"My hometown is at the edge of 'civilization'. If one was to travel any further south they would see only corn fields and if that same person were to go north they would be heading right into the city. I have seen the soy bean fields next to the local grocery store turn into parking lots, and the cow fields next to my high school, divided and turned into rows of new homes," Matt says. Describing the differences between Westminster and home, Matt explains that "Kansas... has either long boring highways like US 70, or strait and narrow country roads with every manner of asphalt dirt, or sand... There is remarkably less diversity, and [fewer] people and cities. It seems that people are happier, friendlier, and in most cases in a better mood." Matt adds that currently Kansas is "most famous for all the creationism headlines in the news." In closing, Matt would like McDaniel to know that "[You] all should visit; there is a growing biosciences industry! Oh, and I hate the whole 'Dorothy' and 'Oz' thing - seriously get original."

Name: Jared Luner
Home: Collinsville, Illinois (a suburb of St. Louis, MO)
Describing home, Jared says that "St. Louis is similar to Baltimore. Parts of it aren't that nice, but it has a lot of fun neighborhoods and there's a lot to see and do." Jared explains the biggest difference between McDaniel and home is the big city atmosphere of St. Louis, where he enjoys going to Cardinal's baseball games. He adds that, "St. Louis is a lot of fun! It may seem like we're in the middle of nowhere, but there is a lot to do. Oh, and Panera Bread? We had it first and it's actually called St. Louis Bread Company!"

Name: Jason Stealy
Home: Culver, Indiana
IN in 3 Words: Chill, Lake, Wakeboarding
In comparison to Westminster, Jason says that Culver is "way better and a little bigger - with a lake." The main activity Jason enjoys at home is wakeboarding on the town lake which is bordered with houses owned by Oprah Winfrey and Tom Cruise (possibly where Tom has hidden the very pregnant Katie Holmes from the world?). If you ever find yourself wishing to visit Culver, Indiana, Jason enthusiastically points out his hometown's "benefit": "We are in the Middle East, near Saddam."

Name: Ember Fleming
Home: Duxbury, Massachusetts
MA in 3 Words: Open-Minded, Busy, and Beautiful
Ember describes Duxbury as being "very similar to the setting of the TV series Dawson's Creek. The town is small with its very own private beach. There is only one traffic light in the whole town and the only mainstream food chain is Dunkin' Donuts." Massachusetts is unique, Ember explains, because of bad drivers, lobster and New England clam chowder, and also because "it has just recently become one of the few states that has legalized gay marriage." When she is back at home, Ember loves taking trips to Boston with friends. She says that "Massachusetts - and New England in general - are great places to be. If given the chance to go there, do it! It is a beautiful part of the country with a lot of history and entertainment... There are mountains in the west, fields in the middle, and the coast on the east. Boston is a great city to visit and it has great concerts, food, theater, historical sites, and museums."

Name: Connor Rasmussen
Home: Auburn, Maine
ME in 3 Words: Moose, Wet, Tree-Laden
Connor says that "Auburn and Westminster are about the same size but Auburn is going through urbanization." He adds that it is much colder in Maine and that there are lakes everywhere. The biggest difference between McDaniel and home is the southern atmosphere. Connor feels as though Westminster has much more of a southern feel than an east coast type of attitude. "Camping is the best in Maine because we have everything," says Connor. Maine is famous for lobster and being an ideal vacation spot. He also points out that "a lot of Stephen King movies are filmed here." In Portland, Maine, the biggest city of the state, Connor suggests listening to the excellent selection of live music or just enjoying the awesome city.

Name: Matt Laroche
Home: Pawtucket, Rhode Island
"Westminster is bigger," Matt says emphatically. He also comments that there are many more fast food chains and franchise stores in Westminster as opposed to Pawtucket. Rhode Island, according to Matt, "leads the country in Binge Drinking with 55.31% of the population aged 18-25 binge drinking regularly. Rhode Island also tops the Cocaine Use category with 12.05% using cocaine regularly." Matt would also like to inform the McDaniel student body that "RI is probably the best place in the world, and the universe."

Name: Jenny Csupo
Home: Trumbull, Connecticut
CT in 3 Words: Snobby, Fun, and Small
According to Jenny, in Trumbull there is much more to do than in Westminster. There are "definitely a lot more trees in Connecticut than in Maryland, and people have an accent in Maryland," Jenny notes, listing the differences between McDaniel and home. And though she says people in her hometown, "are snobbier than in Maryland," Jenny encourages everybody to visit Connecticut anyway.

Name: Eric Fuller
Home: Cheshire, Connecticut
CT in 3 Words: Small, Boring, and Cold
Cheshire, Eric contends, is "the bedding plant capital of the state" with bedding plant farms, green houses and nurseries. It's full of yuppies and professional people and a public school that has very successful sports teams... People from Maryland have a slight accent, in the way they pronounce words like 'home' and 'phone.' Everything down here is lot cheaper, especially gas and beer. One thing that sucks about food around here is there isn't any good pizza. I live in the new haven area, which has some of best pizza in the country. We aren't obsessed with crab cakes." Eric believes Connecticut is most famous for housing the ~~most largest coastline in the world~~, as well as "that kid from Dawson's Creek (James Van Der Beek) and Brian Leach (NHL hockey player) who both grew up in Cheshire. Finally, Eric insists, "If you want to live in a really nice state close to New York City that is too expensive and has terrible traffic, Connecticut is for you."

Name: Chelsea Ferruzzi
Home: Jenkintown, Pennsylvania (Philadelphia)
PA in 3 Words: Fun, Exciting, and Entertaining
"Jenkintown is 1 square mile and five minutes away from Philadelphia," Chelsea says. At home she loves going into the city for "shopping and eating cheese steaks." Chelsea would like to tell McDaniel that "Pennsylvania is a pretty happening place."

Name: Katie Lawson
Home: Forked River, New Jersey
NJ in 3 Words: Underrated, Diverse, Interesting
"Forked River is about five minutes from the bay and 20 minutes from the ocean, which means people have completely different hobbies than they do in a town like Westminster. For example, instead of golfing, we fish," Katie explains. She continues on the differences between Maryland and New Jersey: "There are no hills in South Jersey... the roads are different, we do not make U-turns or left turns the same way [as we do in Maryland]. We do not stop for pedestrians." Katie is upset that Jersey is stereotypically known to be "dirty," and so she rightfully defends her great state: "A lot of people have stereotypes about New Jersey that aren't true. The state has a lot more to offer than people give it credit for. Parts of it may not look like an ideal place to live, but you have to remember that those areas are crucial to the economy and the production of products that we all use."

Name: Laurel Kenney
Home: Charles Town, West Virginia
WV in 3 Words: Mountainous, Musical, Boondocks
"Charles Town," describes Laurel, "is fairly similar to Westminster. It's on the tip of the Eastern panhandle of the state so it's practically in Maryland. It's the 'bedroom community' of D.C. so there are a lot of commuters." She says that there are "quite a few 'rednecks' in Charles Town, as well as farmers: 'You can always find a cow.' Laurel says West Virginia is most famous for, among other things, John Denver, being a fat state, and incest jokes. Despite certain negative connotations incest jokes may impose on West Virginia, Laurel would like McDaniel to know that "it's absolutely beautiful."

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Name: Elissa Weil
Home: Parker, Colorado (20 miles south of Denver)
CO in a Word: Cold

"Parker was the ultimate suburban country town," Elissa says. "We had a lot of open farmland and our main road that got you to everything was only 4 lanes wide... The closest mall and movie theater was at least 20 minutes away." Every summer, everyone in Parker gathers at the one country club in town to swim, to play golf, and to play tennis. On activities at home, Elissa says that "the biggest thing in Parker [is] school spirit and everyone attend[s] all the football games on Friday nights... everyone [comes] no matter who you are. The games [are] pretty much the only entertainment around town." In the winter, everybody skis and snowboards and Elissa explains that "in Colorado everyone spends a lot of time outdoors, playing football, running, biking, hiking, canoeing, swimming, and anything else you can think of." Finally, Elissa insists that "the Rocky Mountains, which only take up half of the state... are not the only thing in Colorado."

Name: James Nesbit
Home: Georgetown, Texas
TX in 3 Words: Big, Proud, and Beautiful
Nesbit says that "Georgetown is a suburb of Austin so it's not quite as small as Westminster. I do have to say that I miss the live music scene from back home, but I suppose Baltimore isn't too far away. It's kind of nice being in a small quiet town. It's relaxing." Another aspect of life here James has noticed are the visible season changes: "Back home the temperature goes from 80 to 30 in a couple of weeks so we don't get to see all the fall colors."

Texas, James reasons, is most famous for being its own nation - the Alamo, as well as the saying "Everything's bigger in Texas." He would also like to inform McDaniel that Texas is "not full of gun toting Cowboy Rednecks who want to have Bush's baby. If you're looking for beautiful scenery, great times, and probably the nicest people you will ever meet, then take a vacation down to Texas. Oh yeah, and the food can't be beat." As a final note, Nesbit adds, "GO LONGHORNS!!!!"

Name: Autumn Nicole Hancock
Home: Sarasota, Florida
FL in 3 Words: Sunny, Relaxing, Laid-Back
Aside from the sunny beaches, Autumn points out that "Sarasota is recognized as Florida's Cultural Coast and is home to a professional symphony, ballet and opera. In addition, more than 10 theaters and 30 art galleries are located in Sarasota [including] The John & Mable Ringling Museum of Art." Autumn says the biggest difference between here and home is the lifestyle. "Everything is more laid back; everyone seems to take life day-by-day down there. Much more time is spent enjoying leisure... Some people say we live in beach time. I just feel like less people take life for granted down there. I guess it's hard to take anything for granted when you are always surrounded by such beauty. The sunsets will take your breath away." Finally, Autumn would like McDaniel to know that "Sarasota, Florida is much more than old-people, oranges, and people who mess up voting during elections. It's a different perspective on life, a perspective of appreciation for what you have, the beauty around you, and the people in your life."

McDaniel's International Club Floundering

DIEGO DE LE RIOS
STAFF WRITER

When you think of the International Club you would probably imagine students from different countries, different cultural backgrounds, different languages, exciting lively discussions and event planning—a thriving club.

Let's snap back to reality. The International Club is floundering. Its members are trying to swim up from deep down, from the hidden bottom of the ocean, and as its members, so-called International Students, are just about to reach the surface of the ocean they are being pushed back down by the gigantic, powerful, heavy waves of this institution.

This is OUR call for action and awareness.

The College does not

support the Club with a fair amount of money. People do not show up for events hosted by the International Club. It seems most students and staff members have no idea of the existence of our Club. This apathy tells us, essentially, that we are not welcome here. It feels like anti-international soil.

Yet, it also seems that the Budapest campus is the glory child. Budapest gets all the attention and awareness which international students here deserve.

Actually, we deserve it a little more.

The college is using our presence at this institution for advertisement. McDaniel is presented as an international and diverse environment. We partially provide this environment. We provide international recognition, other than

the Budapest campus. We spread the word in many countries and convince more young people from all over the world to come here—McDaniel College. The college is obviously very proud of the fact that it can attract people with the international aspect. Is that all we are good for?

We do the same work that all the other students do, maybe even better—remember, English is not our first language—yet, several of us have extremely high GPAs. We pay the same amount of money or we worked hard to receive scholarships. We are just as involved in college life. We live here like everybody else; except we are International Students, so we need to take care of many things in order for us to stay here. Do you have any idea what it takes for us to be able to stay in

America? Also, don't forget, most of our families are thousands of miles away. We are forced to be independent. We are forced to grow up a lot faster and stand on our own feet at a younger age, but that does not mean that the International Club or its members do not need support.

We, the international students of this campus, are a minority, and we believe that things need to change. Students and staff members need to become more curious. The administration needs to take action; provide us with a little bit more money and a present, active advisor, who will be there to truly support us. McDaniel College, this is the International Club, officially, asking for support and change, because otherwise the international flavor will be lost and remain deep down at

the bottom of the ocean.

Each issue of "Free Press" features "From Europe to the Hill." Whether you are a staff member or a student: Read it. Ask questions. Be curious. Sarah will address what you ask for. Get in touch.

If you read "From Europe to the Hill," today you will learn that International Week is coming up. This is a perfect opportunity for all of you, McDaniel College, to embrace the International Flavor, that the College is so proud of, and to learn more about international students. The International Week is YOUR opportunity. This could be your chance to show us we are welcome here. This could be your chance to make our voice louder.

This could be your chance to help us raise awareness. This is your chance!



60 Seconds

Compiled by
Laura Hutton



"The media isn't perfect, but they're trying to make people aware of important issues and that's what is important."

Jared Luner '09



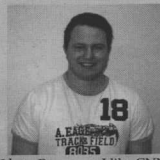
"The news media is so biased I often don't know what to believe."

Kacy Cribbs '09



"All news has its biases, and people tend to pick a news group that supports their biases, so that they hear what they want to hear."

Stefanie McCole '09



"I hate Fox News, I like CNN, they don't have as much bias as Fox, they have both sides of the news."

Matt Chilton '07

What do you think of the news media?

From Europe to the Hill: International Week

SARAH WOLFE
STAFF WRITER

Although I provide a lot of international flavor at this school, you now get the chance to encounter more of it. All at once! Do you want to know when and where?

Well, McDaniel College, from February 27th until March 2nd there will be the International Week hosted by the International Club. We prepared a lot of exciting events for you that you want to attend, because you are all curious and interested people. Also, you all want to support your international friends, because they support you too! It's a two-way road here—give and take!

So, my little cupcakes, pay close attention. You probably have the flyer, but get a pen and a piece of paper, just in case—or you could get a highlighter and highlight all the fun events in this column.

It all begins on Monday, the 27th of February. In the Budapest Café, there will be a Budapest and Study Abroad Reunion. You don't want to miss this, pastries and other yummy munchies want to be eaten, and the fabulous documentary "Paprika" (by



Brigid Seay) wants to be seen.

Tuesday, we will have somebody hold a very interesting lecture; we will give you specifics on this event. So, check your mailboxes and listen to your phone messages.

Now, Wednesday,

that, seriously, is the one event that you wouldn't want to miss for anything in the world. On this day, you can play your way around the world. We present fun games from different countries, for example, a mummy-wrapping-contest, and musical chairs. This is where it just begins.

As the International Game Day is connected to more physical action, we thought on Thursday we will treat you with a foreign film, called "Saving Face." Prepare your popcorn, the way you like it, bring a pop...sorry,

soda...and all your friends.

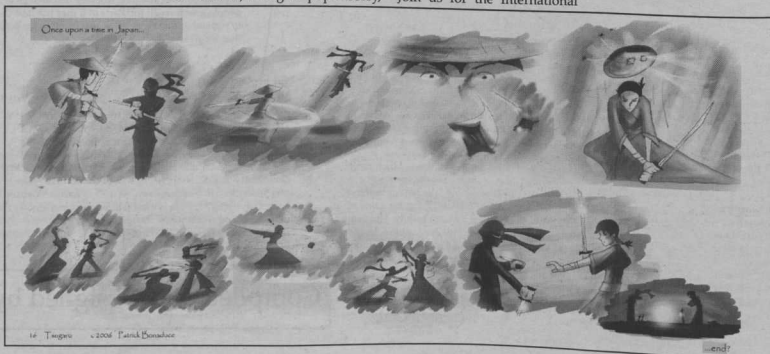
Also, as you all know, there were eight different Jan-Term trips to various countries, and during the entire International Week there will be an Off-Campus Study Photo Display of these eight trips. You can gaze at the adventurous and exciting photographs in Ensor Lounge. Maybe it will motivate you for next year, or you can vicariously live through them.

Come out and support us. Be curious and learn more about your international friends and acquaintances. Join us for the International

Week.

I, also, want to pull your attention to the fact that the International Club is organizing

Dinner International this year, on March 29th. The food will be delicious and you can literally get a taste of some countries represented at this College. If you have questions about the dinner or you want to buy a table or just tickets to come and enjoy you are more than welcome to contact me (e-mail: sew002@mcdaniel.edu). More information will be available soon.



Sarah's Two Sense - Women Get Bad Rap

SARAH BLACK
COMMENTARY EDITOR

Can someone please explain something to me? Why is it that in the majority, if not all, of the rap videos on TV have half-naked women shakin' their stuff in them? Aren't music videos supposed to be focused on the music? What do boobs and asses have to do with music? I can't find the relation between the two. I can point out three factors why there are more boobs than music in music videos: the misconception that sex sells, males' chauvinistic attitude towards women, and the stupidity of some women. Brooklyn resident "Substantial," originally from Maryland, is a rising hip-hop emcee who has spent the last several years developing his skill as an outstanding lyricist and upholding the art of beat boxing. In his opinion, 'sexy'



videos will always be around "as long as human beings are having sex," but that it is definitely overdone.

There has always been the misconception that sex sells, and unfortunately, it will probably always exist. For certain things, sex doesn't sell and one of those things is music. Sex doesn't sell music—music (ideally) sells music. For Substantial, he feels that for most areas this mindset applies, but he does have a problem with it. Besides believing that the use of sex is overdone, Substantial

also said that he has a problem "when it's the only thing they [rap artists] resort to; there are other ways to sell your product." In my opinion, if you make a good single/CD, people are going to listen to and buy your music. You could make a crappy song and have all the half-naked women you wanted in your music video—people are not going to listen to your music just because you have those women in your videos. And quite frankly, if you think you need sex to sell your music, have fun walking the plank in the music industry.

A second problem with these videos is all those chauvinistic men out there who think women should be "sexploited" (as coined by VH1) and are only good for their asses and silicone implants. Women are not sex objects, sex toys, sex anything.

Welcome to the 21st

century, men—women are now capable of doing a lot more than just getting you off in—and out—of the bedroom. It's like rappers have brainwashed some women into thinking that if they want to make lots of money, this is the only way to do it: by shakin' your junk on TV and looking and acting like a whore. Not only do those kinds of women make the rest of us decent, competent, au natural women look dumb, naive, and ugly (because for real, the majority of the girls in those videos sure aren't picked based on their looks), they also do harm by feeding the fire of men's prejudiced attitude toward women.

Of course, the rest of the non-brainwashed women can't get off that easy. "For the most part, the blame is shared by both parties," said Substantial. "No one can make you do anything you

don't want to do. You might do something that you know is not the best thing to do, but you still make the decision to do it." Why don't the rest of them get up off their asses and instead of going and shaking their "money-makers" and silicone breasts, go out and do something with themselves? You know, go to school or get a job, 'cause you can't honestly say that shakin' your ass on TV is a job. You know, if you want to go out and dress and act like a whore, walk yourself on down to the corner instead of showing your garbage on TV for the whole world to see. "There are far worse things they can do, but there are far better things they can do as well," said Substantial.

Every woman has a choice with what to do with her life—there are NO excuses.

Big Screen and Buffalo Wings Lure Crowd

TOM MICHAELS
STAFF WRITER

There's a new game in town for the sports bar junkie. If

you like beer, wings, and sports Westminster has it all.

Newly opened on Englar Road, Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar (BWV) has

given students and Westminster residents another place to watch the games. Time Out Sports Grille, located in Westminster Town Mall, used to be the standard for big screen TVs and daily drink specials.

BWW opened early last December and the early numbers have exceeded expectations, according to Carl Dixon, the front of the house manager.

"Before we opened we knew very little about this area," Dixon explained, adding that they never changed their focus or strategy in order to compete with other area sports bars like Time Out. "We just came in with what we had and it has been working so far."

Becca Griffin, Time Out manager and server, could not comment on Buffalo Wild Wings because it is still too early to tell whether it has affected their business. Griffin, however, said they will continue to offer daily specials and print coupons in local newspapers.

"If you want to sit down and have a quieter meal I would go to Time Out, plus the service is better there, especially on a busy night at Wild Wings," says Becky Allen, a McDaniel graduate student and Westminster resident.

Allen said she enjoys going to both Time Out and BWW to hang out with friends and watch the games. "Both places fit the needs of every sports

fan."

Gary LaBreck, junior at McDaniel says, "The food is better at Time Out, but I like the entertainment at BWW more, it has more room, TVs, and a better crowd."

Both restaurants have beer and food specials to lure in college students.

Tuesdays are 35 cent wings at BWW and Bud Light is the beer of the month for February (23 oz. draft for \$3 and change). Time Out offers \$1 Miller Lites every Monday, and \$10 buckets of domestic bottles every Wednesday.

Time Out and Buffalo Wild Wings both offer everything a college student would want—good prices, cold beer, and big screen TVs.

Morningstar Says Thank You

J. MORNINGSTAR
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On October 17, 2004, I was involved in a motorcycle accident at the intersection of Rt. 140 and Hugh Shop Road. I spent the next three months at Shock Trauma where I underwent over twenty three separate surgeries to repair a majority of my lower extremities and wounds. After time spent at Shock Trauma, I was moved to Kernan Rehabilitation Center where I spent two months. I spent those two months and an additional four months after I left Kernan doing rehab and learning to walk all over.

Over the past year and a half, there has been an outpouring of support from family and friends, and different organizations throughout the community. Three days after my accident Resident Life organized a blood drive that may not have influenced me directly but meant the world

to me because it showed that many people do care. So I thank Resident Life and all those who donated their time and blood.

A majority of my thanks goes out to all my friends on campus who took time out of their busy schedules to visit me in both Shock Trauma and Kernan. For those of you who I am talking about you know who you are and if you ever need anything at all I am at your disposal.

I owe a special thanks to Lisa Breslin who along with her two daughters and several other friends took the time to serenade me during the Christmas Holiday and bring useful gifts during her visit. One of those gifts was an amazing blanket made by the college knitting club.

An additional thanks goes out to the 2005 McDaniel baseball team who made me feel like I was still part of the team even though I was unable to help out. I'll never forget the

team motto that year "Together we will..."

I appreciate all other individuals who have helped me over the past year and a half. I am sorry if I have forgotten anyone, but I wanted to reiterate my appreciation for everyone's help. I am glad to be back in school and I am looking forward to being a senior and then graduation.

Thanks Again!



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Facebook is Fun Until It's in the Wrong Hands

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College students across the nation are addicted, and high school students are now following suit. In the midst of it all administrators and parents are growing more and more concerned.

What is the addiction? Why, Facebook of course.

The Facebook phenomenon has quickly gained momentum since its introduction in 2004. Students spend countless hours revising personal profiles and "facebooking" one another, checking each other's profiles and pictures.

The Facebook forum also allows students to create groups based on their common interests giving viewers a further glance into the personalities of those who frequent the site. Some of the most memorable McDaniel based groups include:

"Yeah....McDaniel Got Facebook and Now I'm Addicted," "Flynn's Friend's," which supports the men's basketball team, and "Really, Really, Ridiculously

Good Looking People." And the list goes on to include groups dedicated to specific sports teams, majors, and television shows.

With so much to do on the Facebook site, users cannot seem to pry themselves away. In a New York Times article, Facebook spokesperson Chris Hughes states, "the average user signs on six times a day."

While Facebook seems to be all fun and games for frequent users, many school administrators and parents are not thrilled.

Aside from the typical dangers associated with Internet communication, there is concern about the behaviors and beliefs that students share on the site. Student profiles have included raunchy pictures, illegal behavior, and derogatory or offensive comments. In the midst of these shocking behaviors, schools have begun to take action.

In response, high school administrators across the Washington Metropolitan Area have begun to elicit severe warnings to students. Parents have been forewarned of the potential dangers that

are associated with Facebook through seminars and meetings as well.

School administrators, parents, and employers have begun to take advantage of the information that Facebook profiles may offer. This new branch of Facebook users is not met with approval by many students.

The Facebook fan base has been further extended since the site has become available to high school students who are invited by college students with Facebook accounts. Although access for high school users is more limited, there is still growing concern.

In an era of Internet savvy employers, students risk squandering employment opportunities because of their Facebook follies. Often, the photos and comments present an image of an individual much different from the image presented via interviews and resumes.

In a Washington Post article, Internet lawyer Parry Aftab, the executive director of Wiresafety.org, said, "some colleges have expelled teenagers for violating codes

of conduct after discovering photos of underage students posing in front of kegs or writing about drinking binges, and employers often look up job candidates on the sites." The abundance of personal information that is shared on Facebook profiles is not only viewed by familiar friends.

The New York Times recently ran a story on an irate George Washington

University student who believed that campus safety shut down his party after learning about it on the Facebook website. The campus safety officers concern: illegal underage drinking. The same article discussed angry students at North Carolina State who received citations from Resident Advisors who perused the Facebook site and found pictures of students consuming alcohol.

Facebook is even acknowledged by the Federal government. After a student at the University of Oklahoma posted a comment about assassinating the president, the Secret Service began an investigation.

Facebook offers employ-

ers a candid view inside the real lives that potential candidates lead. Freshman Genai Moore says, "This type of invasion is unfair, students social lives should be separated from our academic and professional lives. We need an opportunity to openly express ourselves."

All of the recent Facebook controversy has some students thinking that the risks are really too great.

Senior Broderick Maybank says, "In light of all of the recent Facebook controversy with employers, I am definitely more cautious about what I post. I'm really considering closing my Facebook account before I graduate."

As school administrators, parents, and employers become more knowledgeable about Facebook, avid users may have to reconsider the consequences of their Facebook addiction, which may prove not to be as innocent and healthy as once perceived.

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Olympics: While You Weren't Watching

TOM MICHAELS
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Has anyone been watching the Olympics?

Ratings are down for the 2006 games in Turin, most likely due to other primetime shows like "Grey's Anatomy," "24," and "American Idol." Is Jack Bauer or Simon really more entertaining than watching American athletes compete for gold?

The U.S. has put together their best winter team in years and has a legiti-

mate chance of winning the overall medal count. The first weekend showed the U.S. dominance in men's and women's snowboarding half pipe, claiming two gold and silver medals. With 416 hours of coverage on four different channels, the Olympics are hard to miss.

If you haven't been watching here are the top 10 moments you've missed.

-Shaun White. "The Flying Tomato" won gold in the men's snowboarding half pipe after coming back from a shaky qualifying run.

-Michele Kwan drops out. After all the hype of her making a comeback she quits after only one day of practice. I think she just wanted a USA beret.

-Jeremy Bloom. After failing to medal in the freestyle moguls, he will now try out for the NFL by attending the combine next week.

-Bode Miller. The controversial alpine skier went 0-2 in his first two events. Was he skiing drunk again?

-Opening Ceremony. During the parade of nations, the background music was

retro American 80's. The home country Italy walked out to "YMCA."

-Curling. The least athletic Olympic event is one of the toughest tickets to get in Turin. For those who don't know: it's shuffleboard on ice. The men's bronze and gold medal matches are Friday, Feb. 24.

-Men's and Women's Ice Hockey. The women are on their way to repeat gold, while the men are heavy underdogs. Do you believe in miracles? It's much better than NHL, believe me.

-Zhang and Zhang. The Chinese figure skating pair won a silver medal after a disastrous fall by the woman. During a jump she landed in a split and had to be helped off the ice. They bravely continued and won silver.

-Bob Costas, one of the all-time great voices in sports is the lead primetime anchor.

-Ted Ligety, 21, youngest member of the U.S. ski team emerged from Bode's shadow and won a gold medal in the alpine skiing combined event.

Turnaround B-Ball Season Ends on High Note

RYAN CHELL
STAFF WRITER

As the clock slowly ticked down to zero, it looked like everything was going to end on a perfect note. The game would end in a McDaniel victory, Bob Flynn's first season would be an improvement, and the seniors that put in years of effort would be going out on top.

On Saturday against Washington, McDaniel got spectacular performances out of their senior guards, McDaniel guard Will Talesnick playing in his final game, had a career day and was very pivotal in the Green Terror's 94-89 victory. Saving his best performance for last,

Talesnick scored a career high 31 points in the win. He connected on 11 of his 17 shots (6 of 9 from 3 pt. range), and was perfect at the free-throw line. He broke Washington G Travis Moore's ankles on multiple occasions, showcasing his speed versus the Selinsgrove HS (PA) graduate. His free-throws at the end of the game also halted a Shoremen comeback. Also in his final game was 4-year starter Mike Dipiero, who added 17 points and 4 assists to help the Terror come out on top. Sophomore Josh McKay acted as the presence inside, scoring 11 points of his own.

The team will definitely miss Talesnick, Dipiero and the other seniors next sea-

son, but they really needed this win. The Green Terror came into this game on a three game losing streak, losing close games to Johns Hopkins and F&M, and getting blown out by Muhlenberg after two games were snowed out. Throughout those three disappointing games, the Green Terror watched as more spots in the upcoming Centennial Conference Championship disappeared. The victory on Saturday was their second win against Washington in three games this season.

Despite the past three games, this entire game was in McDaniel's hands. They were never behind after 15:39 in the first half when the Shoremen led 8-7. The Green Terror's

biggest lead would be by 13. They shot 53% from the field, 56% from 3-pt range, and an incredible 81% from the line. They scored 47 points in each half, and despite Washington having five players in double figures, they were able to come out on top.

With McDaniel not eligible for the Centennial Conference, the first year of Bob Flynn's tenure as head coach has come to an end. The Green Terror recorded a 9-16 record, including a 7-11 conference record. It may not look like much, but the seven wins in the conference were the most for the team in ten years. The nine wins overall have been the most for the Green Terror in eight seasons.

Playoffs were actually mentioned as well; something that had not been heard in awhile. Coach Flynn certainly has proved that he is the right man for the job.

This season has had its ups and downs, but it has been another season finished and put in the books. The players played their hearts out and their hard work paid off this season. It is now time for Coach Flynn and the coaching staff to prepare for next season by filling in rosters spots and recruiting new players. We will see how well this team does next year on the hardwood.



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Sports Recruitment Changing With Time

ROB GOEKE
STAFF WRITER

Part of the job of a McDaniel athletic coach is to recruit players to come to play on the Hill. The process has always been a year round job and it is only becoming more difficult with new technology and different player attitudes.

With the ascendance of various internet recruiting services and an often more proactive role taken by potential players and their families, the recruiting game, even at a Division III school like McDaniel has never been more difficult.

Perhaps no other program at McDaniel is more proactive and involved in recruiting than football. Given the sheer numbers of players needed to field a team, the program must bring in many new players each year in order to have a competitive team.

Head Football Coach Tim Keating gives each of his assistants a specific area along

the East Coast, like the state of New Jersey or Florida, to locate and then target potential players. Then, up to seven assistants will make various efforts to locate and contact potential players.

"We have to get out there and work it," said Matt Wilchinski, Special Teams and Inside Linebackers coach. "Recruiting has become much more competitive in recent years."

There is no set way the process begins. Often, each coach will send letters or call different high school coaches in their target area and let them know about the kind of school McDaniel is and whether or not that high school has any players that could play at McDaniel.

However, in recent years, potential recruits have taken up the effort of contacting the school themselves either directly or through Internet recruiting services that send personal and athletic information about the player out to

college coaches.

"The process has become a lot more electronic recently," said Keating.

This has affected other sports besides football.

"I often receive highlight tapes and from how good the player looks, I wonder why she isn't going to play at Connecticut," said Head Women's Basketball Coach Becky Martin. "I always take those tapes and the stuff I get from recruiting services with a grain of salt."

The process for basketball is much different than football because the number of players needed is less but the job isn't any easier.

"Even with all the e-mail now, it still boils down to forming relationships with each player so they feel [McDaniel] is somewhere where they can excel and have a good experience," said Martin.

Martin's goal is always to get the player to take a campus tour that she leads per-

sonally with the player and their parents.

"I feel if I can get a player on campus, the beautiful scenery sells itself," said Martin.

However, Head Women's Field Hockey and Lacrosse coach Muffie Bliss lets prospective players take the regular guided admissions tour and then meets with the player afterwards.

"I always let the player know what would be expected of her if she came here and where she would most likely fit into the program," said Bliss. "The key is honesty. I don't want to waste mine or their time."

In both of the sports Bliss coaches, much of the recruiting is still done by traveling to various Lacrosse and Field Hockey tournaments during the summer and evaluating players.

Bliss also makes an effort during Lacrosse and Field Hockey season to reach out to interested players.

"I definitely think recruiting in-season helps the program," said Bliss.

However, coaches always must be careful their practices do not break NCAA rules. Coaches cannot call high school recruits until the beginning of their senior year.

Since McDaniel cannot offer athletic scholarships like Division I schools, the recruiting job can be tougher.

"Gary Williams [the men's basketball coach at University of Maryland] can get a player to sign a piece of paper and know that he will be there when practice begins," said Martin. "We can't do that so we can never be sure how many players we will have when the season starts."

But perhaps the most difficult part of recruiting is that it is truly never stops.

"It's a yearly process," said Keating. "We're working on finishing what we already started and, at the same time, are working on 2007's class right."

After Bumpy Road, Wrestling Still Had High Points

JOEY MORNINGSTAR
STAFF WRITER

"It's been a bumpy road, nothing but ups and downs."

These were the words reiterated by freshman wrestler Zach Hetrick when he took a look back on the 2006 wrestling season. The McDaniel College wrestling team has had many high points throughout the season, but it has also been filled with disappointments. Still, coming into the Conference Championships on Saturday, February 18th the team has maintained a 12-7 record (5-2 Centennial Conference).

One of the major frustrations that presented itself this season to Coach Sam Gardner and the coaching staff is the team's weight management and communication with the coaching staff. Gardner pointed out that what was hurting the team the most was their commitment to the weight room which was reflected in their competition and overall team atmosphere.

Senior wrestler and one of many leaders, Tony Howard revealed what he thought to be the main problem with the season. The six month season along with the two hour practices really takes its toll on the wrestlers, he said,

adding that there was not enough down time to allow the body to heal.

Howard also noted that the weight room did not suit the schedule of many of the wrestlers. Much of the equipment the wrestlers needed is never available nor did the gym stay open long enough to get all of their work outs in. None of these variables helped the wrestlers maintain their own weight.

Regardless of the few downsides, the team has many high points.

Gardner says that, "We set the bar higher for the rest of the conference," Garner said.

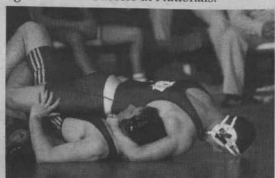
McDaniel features two

wrestlers ranked at the national level, senior Tony Howard (165) and freshman Andrew Winfield (174). Howard and Winfield and the rest of the McDaniel squad raise the bar for the competition in the conference.

In turn, going into the

Conference Championship, the team was as unified and focused as Howard has ever seen. Hopes were high as the team eased into matches at Johns Hopkins over the weekend.

Many of the wrestlers are legitimate shots at making Nationals in Ewing, New Jersey. Other than Howard and Winfield, senior Steve Colasounno (125) along with others are hopefuls to win conference and continue their success at Nationals.



Tony Howard wrestles an opponent.

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Seniors Say Goodbye As Another Season Ends

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It's about that time, time for the championships. This year, the McDaniel Swim Team hoped to score big at the Centennial Conference Championships at Franklin and Marshall with individual performances. Due to a lack of depth, they were not expecting a high team score. In fact the men and women placed 6th and 7th, respectively-

ly after Friday's competition. But the team looked to take home a few individual medals, and to commemorate the two seniors' experience at McDaniel College.

Junior distance swimmer Molly Bolek has recorded eight wins this season in the 1000 yard breaststroke, with splits that will be competitive at the championships.

Chris Reed won fourteen individual events during the season, and looked to take

home a few titles/medals in the sprinting events. On Saturday, he won the 100 yard breaststroke, taking home McDaniel's lone gold medal.

During morning trials on Saturday, Chris Reed recorded the fastest time in the 100 Breaststroke, as did Cassie Allen on the women's side.

In Saturday's finals, McDaniel finished 6th in both the Men's and Women's 200 yard medley relay. The team of Bennett, Bolek, Allen, and

Celinski placed fourth in the 800 yard freestyle relay. At the end of the day, McDaniel sat in 6th and 7th place.

Senior Cassie Allen put on a strong show and finished 3rd in the 200 IM and second in the 100 yard breaststroke.

Senior Brooke Bennett also had a strong outing through Saturday, helping out various relay teams and placing high in individual events.

Because the meet was suspended due to ventilation

problems, the team did not place. But with or without concrete final results, the team will sorely miss the performances of Bennett and Allen next year. A core group of returnees will spur the team this summer and throughout next winter. The Women finished with a team record of 5-6, and the Men finished with a record of 2-8.

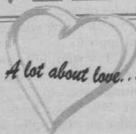
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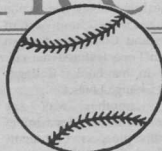
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Sen. Mikulski Unveils Tax Credit Plan

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On Monday, February 27th at 11:30 am Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD.) delivered a news conference in McDaniel Lounge. In her speech, she addressed high tuition prices and a way to help lower the cost of obtaining a top-notch education. Mikulski proposed

a bill that would provide a \$4,000 tax credit per student per year to help students and their families pay for the costs of attending college.

Each year the price to attend college rises and leaves more and more families dependent on substantial financial aid. Here at McDaniel, 85 percent of the students receive tuition help

through scholarships and financial aid. As prices continue to rise, even less than 15 percent of students will be able to attend small liberal art schools without help.

Mikulski believes that "higher education is part of the American Dream." Everyone should go to college and expand their knowledge because it is so important.

Thus, she wants to expand the availability of tuition aid so it can be achieved.

In addition to the \$4,000 tuition tax credit, Mikulski wants to double Pell grants. Through these need-based grants, one can receive up to \$4,050 a year. The financial aid supplied by these grants had not increased since 2002 (See "Mikulski" on page 3)

Admissions Lures more Students

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The search for McDaniel students stretches as far west as San Diego and as far north as Hartford. Admission directors use this "on the road" technique to take weekends or weeks to travel to various cities to meet with interested students and discuss why McDaniel is the school for them.

The Admissions department used this technique along with several other new methods to recruit more students, from more areas, with a variety of interests. (See "Admission" on page 2)



The breathtaking view of Krakow from the National Cathedral bell tower. Read more about students' experiences in Poland and Israel on Page 5

Female FBI Speaker Captivates Crowd

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Athena Varounis faced challenges in her life that many McDaniel college students can't even fathom.

Varounis, who spoke to a packed crowd in Decker Auditorium on March 2, 2006, was one of the highest-ranking female FBI officers at the

time of her retirement in 2005. In a heartening and humorous talk, she shared her struggles and triumphs as a woman in a male-dominated field.

After earning a liberal arts degree from Wilson College and spending time at a police station where she was not allowed to become an officer, Varounis was hired by the FBI. At this point, women

constituted only 2% of FBI officers, and faced many other gender challenges within the organization.

Varounis described the lack of sports and general equality with men. Then, with the advent of shows like Mary Tyler Moore and Charlie's Angels, women could be seen as authority figures, and the FBI opened its doors to

women.

Varounis gave a detailed and enthusiastic account of her FBI experiences, including the faults of early weapons and gear designed for women. She explained that she had a "tough" career during which she arrested over 300 people.

But she remains certain that she would not change (see "F.B.I." on page 3)

Alumni: Thank One Today For Campus Benefits

**ERIC HOIT
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It is a luxury to walk through McDaniel's campus and see a new academic hall, to have access to Hoover's endless resources, and to have personal relationships with elite professors who truly make themselves available. These are just a few advantages students here are fortunate enough to have and per-

haps take for granted. But where does the money for all of this come from?

Tuition, room and board, and the other fees it costs to attend a private college like McDaniel may seem like a lot, but it actually only covers about seventy-five percent of what is budgeted for a student's education. What about the other twenty-five percent? Well, it comes from donations by friends of the college, the

families of students, outside organizations - but most importantly it comes from the school's alumni.

Most alumni who give back like Dr. Lightner '59 realized the benefits he was awarded as a student due to previous donations: "First, I had received some scholarship aid while a student, so I felt that needed to be repaid once I had the funds to contribute. Second, once I

returned to the faculty, I realized how much we depended on our alumni and others to help make up the difference between the tuition/fees and the actual costs of providing the educational experience." The idea of affording current students the same assistance they had while attending McDaniel is common theme of inspiration among alumni, but for some it also has to do with a love for the school and

their experience while here.

Pam Zappardino '71 cherishes her time on the Hill: "All of my work since leaving McDaniel has focused on issues of equity, nonviolence, social change and peace. I learned the basics of all of that at McDaniel. I was mentored by many wonderful professors, including Ira Zepp, who taught me that questions are more important than answers. (see "Alumnus" on page 3)

Admissions: More to it Than You Realize

(from "admissions," page 1)

McDaniel's admission process from other colleges and is why there has been a 60% increase in visits over the last two years and a 19% increase in applications since last year.

"On the roads are conducted to connect with the people out of state that may have hectic schedules and are unable to come out to see us," said Stephanie DeSanctis, an associate director in the Admissions department. "We take the student to a quiet place such as a hotel lobby and interview them. This allows the student face time with someone from McDaniel."

Cities they went to this year included Seattle, Cleveland, Sacramento, Atlanta, Portland, and Tampa. After this year's "on the roads" the Admissions department received applications from students in every city they went to. According to Jill Morsberger, an associate director in the Admissions department, currently the McDaniel student body of about 2,000 students represents 32 states and the District of Columbia.

"Different areas are calling us to talk to their junior classes due to the changing

dynamics of the students," said Dean Martha O'Connell, vice president for enrollment management. She pointed out that the college became more appealing when the name changed in 2002 from Western Maryland College and when Loren Pope featured the college in his book "Colleges That Change Lives."

Another way the Admissions department recruits prospective students is through regularly given campus tours. This year, the department changed a few things about the tours to help satisfy everyone who went on them.

According to O'Connell, a tour can "make or break a student's decision" so it's "crucial that we concentrate on this."

She said this year tours were given with two tour guides so prospective students could have more than one point of view on the tour.

Associate Director Heidi Reigel explained that after tours prospective students were able to sit in on classes and meet with professors this year. This helped "personalize their day more" because they got to become a college student for a day and experience what attending

McDaniel would be like firsthand.

Leigh Anne Redfern, the senior assistant director of admissions at Gettysburg College, emphasized the significance of giving campus tours to prospective students because it helped match a picture with the name of this possibly unknown college. However, she felt that providing detailed information online was a little more significant.

She then stressed how vital "e-communication" is with students beyond the Gettysburg area. This way the Admissions department can constantly communicate with prospective students and keep answering questions they may have.

"We just want to help students find the best match," said Redfern.

McDaniel has also learned the importance of e-communication. The college website has been redone so it is filled with information about the college, courses given and professors; it also has news stories from staff members and articles from the McDaniel Free Press.

"It gives a very honest answer about what they're looking for," said Gina Rende, an associate

director in the McDaniel Admissions department.

The freshman admissions counselor at Villa Julie College, Bryan Fischer, feels the "character of the school bears a lot of weight" when a student is deciding what college to apply to.

"I wouldn't say there's a special technique to recruiting students," said Fischer. "We have a profile of a student academically and we hope they will apply so we will let them in. We don't have to go out and grab them (prospective students). They are attracted to the college's character."

The McDaniel admissions department, on the other hand, makes sure the prospective student experiences the "character" of the college. This year they did this by finding out if a prospective student knew the area of study they wanted to focus on. They then gave this information to a professor in that department so they could contact the student and give them information on that major. This shows the student how interested the college and the professor are in them, even when they are still in high school.

"This sets us apart from other colleges," said

Rende. Between the Admissions department and the professors "it's really a team effort" to get the student to feel like they are welcome here, adds Rende.

Since the Admissions department has added all of these new techniques, there has only been a positive increase in numbers since last year.

According to Martha O'Connell, 1,942 admission letters have been sent out as compared to 1,782 at the end of last year. Also, the current number of deposits are 46 compared to 38 at this time last year; however, the deadline is not until May 1. O'Connell also mentioned that the minimum number of students in the freshmen class will be around 520 students. The main goal however, is to stay at capacity and to keep the resident halls filled.

The best method is to promote the college truthfully by showing what qualities it has and what the student can get out of the college by attending it. Whether it's through face-to-face contact, campus tours, e-communication, or how well known the college is, students will go to the college that best suits them and will prepare them for their future endeavors.

Lighter Side: Like 'Cops,' Only Less Classy

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(Editor's Note: At a glance, the blotter doesn't reveal some of the more inane reports to which officers respond. Wu's commentary highlights some of the unique calls.)

I've been watching the show Cops lately because it is hilarious. The comedy is a direct result of the stupidity of lawbreakers on the show and I wouldn't expect similar stu-

pidity within a community of collegiate scholars.

I guess McDaniel ain't no Harvard.

On February 17th, a student was driving drunk and hit a wall all while attempting to park in a handicapped spot. This begs the question - are the mentally challenged allowed to park in handicapped spots? If so, I don't see a problem here.

In any case, after being

approached by campus safety officers, the fella threw his car in reverse and drove away.

Golly, wish I could see it, wonder if he had a hemi. It's just too bad they knew who he was.

The next Cops worthy crime occurred on the early morning of February 19th. After receiving a citation for public urination, a student was caught crouching behind campus safety's Durango and

stuffing carpeting up the tailpipe.

Boy shoulda got hisself a tater or some roadkill. Ain't nothin worse than pullin a carcass out your tailpipe mmmhmm.

I could be wrong here, but I'm guessing both of these guys were wearing half-torn white beaters spattered with a little blood from a crossbow mishap.

It's really the fundamental

charm of McDaniel College. By day we can sit in class discussing advanced and thought-provoking issues. By night, we turn into drunken idiots pissin' everywhere, breaking stuff, and driving into walls.

That kind of dualism is the mark of a real American college.

Campus Safety Blotter						
Occurred From Date	Reported Date	Subcategory	Type	Outdoors	Building Name	Incident Status
2/17/06 2:18 a.m.	2/17/06 2:18 a.m.	alcohol	driving while impaired	1	Peterson Hall	closed by POC
2/16/06 12:00 p.m.	2/17/06 3:28 p.m.	theft	from motor vehicle	1	Gill Center Lot	inactive
2/18/06 12:11 a.m.	2/18/06 12:11 a.m.	alcohol	open container	2	Rouzer Hall	closed by POC
2/18/06 1:18 a.m.	2/18/06 1:18 a.m.	vandalism	vehicle	1	Blanche Lot	inactive
2/18/06 2:12 a.m.	2/18/06 2:12 a.m.	vandalism	structure	2	Blanche Ward Hall	inactive
2/18/06 5:10 p.m.	2/18/06 5:10 p.m.	trespass		2	Hoover Library	pending court outcome
2/19/06 1:08 a.m.	2/19/06 1:08 a.m.	decency offense	public urination	1	Penn. Ave. House	closed by POC
2/19/06 1:26 a.m.	2/19/06 1:26 a.m.	vandalism	vehicle	1	Penn. Ave. House	closed by POC
2/19/06 1:46 a.m.	2/19/06 1:46 a.m.	assault	hands/feet	2	Blanche Ward Hall	closed by POC
2/19/06 3:40 a.m.	2/19/06 3:40 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	2	Rouzer Hall	closed by POC
2/19/06 12:28 a.m.	2/19/06 12:28 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	1	Garden Apt Lot	closed by POC
2/19/06 4:11 a.m.	2/19/06 4:11 a.m.	tampering with fire equip.	fire extinguisher	2	Rouzer Hall	inactive
2/19/06 4:11 a.m.	2/20/06 10:46 a.m.	theft	from building	2	Rouzer Hall	closed by POC
2/20/06 12:15 p.m.	2/20/06 12:25 p.m.	tampering with fire equip.	fire extinguisher	2	Rouzer Hall	inactive
2/20/06 unknown	2/20/06 11:20 p.m.	vandalism	structure	2	Academic Hall	inactive
2/18/06 1:40 a.m.	2/22/06 5:43 p.m.	harassment	phone	n/a	off campus	open
2/23/06 11:34 p.m.	2/23/06 11:34 p.m.	disorderly	drunken	2	Hoover Library	closed by criminal charge
2/24/06 1:30 a.m.	2/24/06 1:45 a.m.	vandalism	structure	2	Rouzer Hall	report incomplete
2/24/06 7:00 p.m.	2/24/06 7:27 p.m.	trespass		2	McDaniel Hall	closed by report
2/25/06 11:20 p.m.	2/25/06 11:20 p.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	1	Penn. Ave. House	closed by POC
2/25/06 unknown	2/26/06 2:51 p.m.	theft	from building	2	Garden Apt	open
2/26/06 12:27 a.m.	2/26/06 12:27 a.m.	giving false information		1	off campus	closed by criminal charge
2/26/06 6:50 p.m.	2/26/06 11:02 p.m.	vandalism	vehicle	1	Rouzer Lot	inactive
2/27/06 2:00 p.m.	2/27/06 4:40 p.m.	vandalism	vehicle	1	Smith House Lot	inactive
2/24/06 11:15 a.m.	2/28/06 2:15 p.m.	crash	hit and run	1	Harrison Lot	inactive
3/2/06 11:04 p.m.	3/2/06 11:05 p.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	2	Blanche Ward Hall	report incomplete
3/3/06 1:32 a.m.	3/3/06 1:32 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	2	Albert Norman Ward Hall	report incomplete

SGA Makes College Life Easier For Students

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The Student Government Assembly (SGA) is a student run organization that exists primarily to represent students in the college. They are the "eyes and ears of the student body," said Andy Cummings, a junior representative in the assembly.

With the Dean of Students, as their current advisor, the Assembly has direct contact with the President of the College and College Executives, where

they can voice students' concerns and complaints, and push for change to make the college a better place for students.

This semester the SGA is driving for changing some of the most problematic issues that students currently face. Among other matters, the assembly is filing a complaint about the speed and reliability of the internet connections in the dorms on campus. The Assembly has also forced the administration into beginning to create a wireless network for the entire campus.

According to Cummings, the Government plans on lobbying for no payment requirement for credit transcripts. The assembly also plans to push for an increase of the number of credits a student is able to receive during a semester, from the current twenty-two, to twenty-six.

With an initial budget at the beginning of every year, the SGA co-sponsors and helps out almost every organization and event. This semester the assembly will help organize a 'midnight breakfast' during midterms and will

also participate in helping organize the Spring Fling carnival that will be held on April 22nd at the college.

Among several other achievements, the SGA co-sponsored the building of The Budapest Café, right next to the pub, and also strove for the building of the driveway between the Whiteford residence halls and Smith House. The group also helped create the Honor Code, one of their greatest and most noted achievements, over 100 years ago.

The Assembly has repre-

sentatives in offices such as campus safety, residence life and academic affairs, where they can directly file complaints and suggestions to these and other departments.

The twenty member Assembly has four members from each class year, and four executives. All students are welcome to come to the meetings that are held Tuesdays at 8 pm, in Hill Hall 104 to have their voices heard where they know they matter.

Mikulski Visits the Hill, Shares New Ideas

(from "Mikulski," page 1)

If they were doubled, students could receive up to \$8,100 a year.

Mikulski also wants to change the way banks operate with student loans. The fixed rate of interest on student loans enables the banks to make a lot of money and the government to lose a lot of

money when rates drop. Therefore, Mikulski wants the interest rates to be the same as the market rates. The money that the government would save during a change like this, would go to the students. Mikulski adds, "subsidize students; don't subsidize banks."

Although the bill Mikulski proposes would have a huge

impact on student and their futures, only a few were in attendance at the conference. McDaniel Lounge was packed, however, the majority of the people were not students. This could be due to the time of day. Many students spend the late morning hours in classes; however, it would have been nice to see

more students there.

Jared Luner, an attending freshmen student, states, "I think her goals are realistic. College is definitely more of a financial burden and things need to be done to help students and their families. This is a step in the right direction. I think Congress will create a new student aid program."

While on the other hand, Josh Russin, a junior, who was at the front of the room with Mikulski and gave a short speech, is not as optimistic. He states, "she definitely had a good cause, offering a tax break. I do not think it is going to pass, but I am glad that she is putting forth the effort."

"Women in the F.B.I." Talk Enlightening

(from "F.B.I.," page 1)

anything, if given the chance.

"If you can affect one life positively, twenty-five years of crap is worth it," she explained."

Another fascinating aspect of Varounis' tale was her role in the creation of Clarisse Starling, the heroine of Tom Harris' novel "The Silence of the Lambs."

The author approached

Varounis when she was the only female agent profiling criminals in 1996 and asked if she could mirror her actions and reactions to specific situations. Co-workers who watched the movie without knowing Varounis was involved recognized her influence.

Varounis' stories throughout her March 2 talk were often funny and sometimes heartbreaking.

She spoke about drawing the crime fighting character "McGruff," mourning the death of a female agent killed in action by a fellow agent and fighting to have the death investigated.

She revealed that she never married, and explained that as an agent you have no personal life: "The F.B.I. owns you."

For those interested in a life as an F.B.I agent, Varounis

emphasized the importance of a liberal arts education. "It teaches you to think," she explained. "The most successful investigators were not experts. You should never have tunnel vision. You learn how to think."

Students present for the talk seemed impressed.

"I learned more about what really happens, and she was entertaining," said Lauren Thomas, a senior at

Winter's Mill High School.

Sabrina Putro, a senior interested in pursuing forensics for the F.B.I, was also impressed: "She was awesome. It was great to get a women's perspective on a male dominated job."

Graduate student Devin Collins shared the same sentiments. "I'm actually thinking of becoming an agent... the advice was very beneficial."

Alumnus Support Students Through Gifts

(from "Alumni," page 1)

I am who I am today because of what happened while I was on the Hill. I want others to have that opportunity...So...I give back in any and every way I can. The slogan may sound hokey. But coming to McDaniel changed my life - really."

Apart from their motivation for donating, McDaniel alumni must decide between the overall fund, a restricted donation, which they may earmark for a particular department or program, and the annual fund that fuels the college's operations budget. "I support the annual fund, trusting the college to use the money for operations, student scholarships and growth of the endowment." Caroline Babylon '76 said, "I have also given to specific capital projects as I have been able and inspired. Scholarships and endowment growth are the most critical in my opinion, as they help keep tuition within financial reach for students and help stabilize the college's operating income."

Alumni are able to direct their donations through communication with the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual

Giving. The staff includes Robin Adams Brenton '86, Associate Vice President and Kristin Lathroum Lister '85, Assistant Director, two enthusiastic women who love their alma mater. They keep alumni informed as to the direction the college is heading, and why the McDaniel needs their support. But in regards to undergrad alumni donations, they have two major objectives, a monetary goal of 1.7 million and a participation rate of twenty-five percent. Both are important, but if the participation rate steadily increases it will directly influence outside funding that partly establish their decisions according to annual fund participation rates.

The participation rate is so vital to McDaniel getting aid from outside sources that everyone truly makes a difference and the amount someone gives is secondary; it is more important to get involved and be counted.

Laurie Chance' 85 adds, "The only advice that I can give to graduating seniors is to reflect upon their years at the college. Did you have a good experience? Did you get an education that will help

you in the real world...don't you want to give that same gift to future students? Don't they deserve to have the same opportunity that you were

given? Isn't it important to pay it forward in life?" She's right, it is both necessary and moral to appreciate the help students of today received

from the students of yesterday and make sure the students of tomorrow have the same advantages.

ALPS Helps Ensure Grads Stay Involved

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The McDaniel College Alumni Relations Office is taking steps to ensure that McDaniel College graduates remain active members of the College community long after graduation.

ALPS, The Alumni Leadership Program for Seniors, is composed of forty-two seniors who were chosen because of their outstanding leadership in activities and organizations throughout the campus.

Ideally these active student leaders will evolve into active alumni leaders. While ALPS is not completely new, the organization has recently been revived and has emerged most active this year.

"Everything has been going really well so far. I'm looking forward to ALP's continued growth. I hope the organization will further promote alumni involvement," explained ALPS member Nancy Sinnes.

ALPS members attend a variety of events that allow them to interact with the College's Administration. President Joan Develin Coley and College Trustee Mr. Kenneth Gill are among those College leaders that ALPS members will meet with this semester.

These intimate glimpses into the college's current and future plans work to encourage seniors to return as active alumni. Such participation is essential since the college relies on alumni for financial support and a variety of reunion planning.

"ALPS is a program that I truly love. We are a group of students dedicated to impacting the lives of those on campus through our own choices to lead," says ALPS member Warren Sims.

ALPS members work to encourage fellow alumni to maintain ongoing relationships with the College as well. As leaders of the McDaniel College community, ALPS members look forward to any opportunities that allow them to further enhance the College.

ALPS member Natalie Brown explains the importance of the organization, "ALPS members come away from the various programs and events with even closer ties to the school. We have an opportunity to develop very strong connections with the College."

Meloche Adds Personal Touch to Bookstore

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Number one rule on spotting super-heroes: watch the mild-mannered ones with the glasses. It is always the quiet, unassuming clerks, photographers, journalists and scientists of the world who might just save your life—if not your academic career.

Peter Parker and Clark Kent, then, can step aside, because there's a better alter ego on campus, and this one sells books at reduced prices.

Enter the Bookstore Guy.

Granted, Bookstore Manager Kyle Meloche lacks laser vision and the ability to fly, not to mention a head-quarters. But what he lacks in display, Meloche makes up in a positive and giving attitude, averaging 10 hours per day at work, and 14 hours during the first weeks of the semester, and all done in true hero-fashion: without complaint.

"I'm here to give service," said Meloche simply. As a veteran of the Bookstore since 1992, and a McDaniel student three years before that, Meloche has had ample experience working for the campus that he loves. In his long run on the Bookstore staff, Meloche has progressed from book seller to assistant manager to his current position of manager. But other than his position, time has changed little. He is still unable to recall a single customer whom he truly disdained. This sentiment is evident in

his method of handling visitors to the Bookstore, be they civil or surly.

"I just try to be positive and smile," said Meloche. "If I can't end up pleasing someone, I just try to put it out of my head." While this is a reality of retail, Meloche doesn't seem to have many problems with displeased visitors, often turning out happy customers like junior Adam Trexler.

Trexler, a biochemistry major, is most impressed by Meloche's positive outlook, especially when faced with the worst of situations: the inevitable book-buying and buy-back seasons.

"He's very friendly on book-buying days when everyone is being hit with these huge costs—it's just nice," said Trexler, adding that, without him, "the pain of spending so much money on books would be increased significantly."

Beyond this attitude, Trexler has also experienced Meloche's generosity. Needing a poster tube in which to send a rose to his girlfriend through the mail, he searched in the Bookstore and found nothing. Instead of turning Trexler away, Meloche walked to the back and gave Trexler a poster tube from the storeroom that was not for sale.

"He's continuously inconveniencing himself in order to help others," said Chava Roth, a coworker of Meloche and '05 alumna who consistently sees her boss helping students, staff, and coworkers with little regard to

himself. Even when Roth was sick for an entire week this past semester and could not come in to work, Meloche did not complain.

"He was completely understanding about it," Roth said. "Kyle is awesome," she added. "He seems to embody the close-knit, personal aspect of the store."

Sophomore international studies major Donnie Bell agrees. He, too, stood on the receiving end of Meloche's kindness. When Bell was about to buy a \$45 used textbook in "really bad shape," Meloche simply sent him and the book on their way gratis.

"He just grinned and gave it to me," said Bell. This generosity jumpstarted Bell's desire to begin a fan club for Meloche on the college-linking website, Facebook. While still a small group of eight people, 'Kyle in the Bookstore Deserves a Fan Club' shows the difference that the Bookstore manager makes at McDaniel for students.

Meloche's popularity, however, does not stop at students; faculty members rank among fans as well. Associate history professor Donna Evergates, a one-time teacher of Meloche, said that he is "always kind" when she is late in turning in her class book orders. Beyond such services, Evergates also recognizes how Meloche fits the campus so well.

"I think that because he's an alumnus, he really relates to students and faculty in a very special way and I can't imagine any other Bookstore manager could



Kyle Meloche is always willing to help

DEBBIE MATKOVICH

develop such a connection," Evergates said. "He understands the college from the inside."

Despite his influence at school, Meloche's job does not fill his entire life. He and his wife, Amy, had their first child this past November, and new daughter Emma Grace has become his daily inspiration.

"If I ever have a bad day, I try to think of the smiles she's had," said Meloche, laughing. "It just cheers me up." Other joys in his life include reading, fishing and especially cooking, as Meloche has always harbored a desire to become a chef and to eventually own a bed and breakfast.

Keeping in practice in

the meantime, he volunteers at the local Elks Lodge once a week cooking meals, as well as often preparing dinner for Campus Safety officers during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

From the Bookstore to volunteering to his own family, Meloche focuses on serving others. He continues to be a hero, if not through saving the world super-hero-style, then perhaps merely through saving a handful of students and staff members from a stressful day or an overpriced book.

Roth said, "He in this very quiet way is keeping the whole educational system of our college going because he keeps the books on the shelves."

Mild-mannered, glasses. You know the drill.

Germs Win the War in McDaniel Hall Bathroom

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STAFF WRITER

Every other week the McDaniel Free Press gives you a look at a student's dorm room. And every time one can find a television, at least two computers and iPods in their rooms. They are living in the 21st Century.

But this week McCribs is taking a different approach. We are not going to show you a student's dorm room full of technology, we are going to bring you into a dorm bathroom and what inhabits it. What we found is surprising.

McDaniel students might be in the 21st Century regarding technology, but one look into the 2nd floor bathroom in McDaniel Hall and you think you have gone back to the pre-historic ages, says one anonymous student.

After the morning rush hour, the bathroom is flooded with water from residents who leave the shower curtain outside the shower. The water drains out of the shower, onto the floor and gets into the cracks between the floor and



the shower. Residents are in a hurry to get ready for class. An excellent breeding ground for the Gang of Germs.

These germs travel in gangs that have been known to be seen hanging around dorm bathrooms the morning after Spring Fling. They tend to look for the best places on campus to move to, for a day, week, semester or year. This year they have apparently picked the 2nd Floor bathroom in McDaniel Hall.

The sink area, in the back of the bathroom, is another good breeding ground for the Gang. The girls on the floor do not clean out the sink after they have rinsed out their dishes.

"I walked into the bathroom and looked down in the sink and saw the brittle short dark black hairs in the sink that came from a guy," one female resident recalls.

"People need to just clean up after themselves and we wouldn't have this germ problem."

Sometimes a line of toilet paper can be seen running under the three bathroom stalls on the left side, giving the Gang of Germs a "red carpet" type of feeling. (Except instead of a red carpet it's a white carpet.)

"[The cleaning staff] 'shocks' the bathrooms [with bleach] once every two weeks," says a resident on the floor but that still does not kill the Gang of Germs.

In this condition one would think that the inhabitants of the floor are barbarians living in the stone age with Germs. It is no wonder that college students get sick a lot. They are re-infecting themselves with the same germs that have previously gotten them sick. These germs are not new. It is tough for some of the girls who try to keep the bathroom in a decent condition, to live in this atmosphere.

In the 2005-2006 War on

Germs it appears that the Germs are winning with a strength of guerrilla warfare. No matter how hard you attack it with the nuclear weapons (bleaching once every two weeks) or trying to put signs outside the door "urging" others to "please keep the bathroom clean, we

don't need a lake in the bathroom," one sign read, it does not matter the Germs are winning this war. It's Gang of Germs 1 - residents of McDaniel Hall 2nd Floor 0. Can the 2nd Floor make a comeback like the Red Sox did in the 2004 ALCS?

Dance Company Support Needed!

You don't have to travel far to see a great dance performance including tap, jazz, ballet, swing and much more. Come to Alumni Hall on Saturday, April 1st at 8:00pm to support the McDaniel Dance Co.

Tickets are only \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door. We will be selling tickets outside of Glar on March 29 and 30. We have worked hard all year to put on an outstanding show for the public and the McDaniel community!

For more information call me at extension 8031. See you there!

~Rachel Johnston

New Deaf Education Professor "Wonderful"

JANE LIBERT
STAFF WRITER

The newest member of the Deaf Education Department at McDaniel College is much more than what her job here depicts. Teaching American Sign Language levels two and four is what her McDaniel students know her for. However, there is so much more to the wonderful and very accomplished, Professor Kim Pudans-Smith.

"I graduated from here with a Deaf Education degree in 2000 and I loved the environment," she explains. "I

thought it would be wonderful to work at my alma mater." Professor Pudans-Smith received her bachelors degree from Gallaudet University and then attended a graduate program at then Western Maryland College.

In addition to teaching at McDaniel part time, Professor Pudans-Smith is a full time member of the faculty at Towson University. In addition to her time spent teaching, she is also an activist in the community.

"I am an advocate for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children in the state of

Maryland where they do not have equal access to education," she explains.

When asked what her profession of choice would be had she not decided to become a teacher, Professor Pudans-Smith stated that she would have been a lawyer.

Although she keeps very busy with her teaching and advocacy work, this professor knows how to take pleasure in life. "I really enjoy traveling. My husband and I do a lot of international traveling. We hope to travel at least once a year," she happily explains.

While she leads an

important life, Professor Pudans-Smith likes to relax like the rest of us. "I enjoy staying home with my husband and two cats while my son is in the University. I also enjoy reading when I have time, and doing some creative decorations around the house."

Overall, the newest addition to McDaniel's Deaf Education Department is an extremely interesting and wonderful lady. She speaks of her experience here as a positive one. "The people here are very friendly. It is nice to be in a place where several people

can sign," she explains.

Professor Pudans-Smith has one message that she hopes to get across to her students. She wishes for students to "be appreciative with what they are learning and develop understanding and sensitivity to others."

With such a valuable mission and such great experience it is apparent that Professor Pudans-Smith is an asset to the McDaniel College community.

Journey to Poland and Israel Changes Lives

SHELLY HORN
STAFF WRITER

"The woman slammed her window shut. Sometimes the world does not wish to hear of yesterday's pain, and sometimes it feels it has already heard too much." - Holocaust survivor Leo Bretholz writes in his memoir, *Leap Into Darkness: Seven Years on the Run in Wartime Europe*.

During Jan Term 2006, sixteen McDaniel students and one parent participant chose not to shut the window on yesterday's pain, but instead to embark on a trip that would cover numerous cities in both Poland and Israel. Each country possesses breathtaking beauty, however, Poland still bears blood and heartache from its soil.

This was the first Jan Term of this kind in McDaniel's history.

Led by Dr. Emanuel "Manny" Goldman and his friend and experienced world-traveler/coordinator, Mrs. Lucia Goodhart, the origin for the idea of the journey traces back to Elie Weisel's April 2005 visit to McDaniel that launched Goldman's nonprofit organization, The Interpreters' Forum, Inc.

This was the first visit to Israel and Poland for each of the McDaniel students, only one of whom is Jewish. Goldman, who is Jewish, has been to Poland twice before and Israel numerous times. However, he contends that multiple visits do not dull the pain of the lessons in Poland. In turn, he understands how

and why travelers who visit are impacted, regardless of their faith.

"You can't be a visitor or a tourist to these areas," states Goldman. "You experience it and it impacts you emotionally. It was not our intention for this trip to be a Jewish experience. We hoped that it would turn out to be an ecumenical experience. And that's what it was."

McDaniel students concurred, especially with regard to the visits to Majdanek and Auschwitz-Birkenau, the latter being the most well-known of the concentration camps in Poland. Some students attempt and poetically find words to express their emotions, while others grapple with words and settle on "indescrutable."

Senior Sociology major, Eric Freeman, admits to being caught off guard by the labor and death camp visits in Poland.

"Walking through those places was a surreal yet terrible experience," he remembers. "While there, I was struck by the immensity of evil and the effects of certain ideologies on the human psyche."

Sophomore PoliSci/German major Michael Habegger had visited a concentration camp before but found that he was still unprepared for this visit.

"I had seen Dachau in Munich a few years back, but when I stepped into Majdanek, I was taken aback," Habegger recalls. "The weight of 300,000 souls were thrust upon my shoulders."

The magnitude of Majdanek will stay with me forever, that someone had to think this up. The concentration camps didn't build themselves, someone had to do it."

Leo Bretholz, Holocaust survivor and author of *Leap Into Darkness: Seven Years on the Run in Wartime Europe*, clarifies Habegger's thought. "People use the term Nazis or Nazi Germany as if this activity was conducted by a small faction of people or only by the government," states Bretholz, who was visiting Dr. Goldman's Contemporary Jewish Thought class at the time of the interview.

"The correct term is Germans. This was Germany, a country of poets and thinkers. This was not solely German government or the ideas of one man; it was German industry. German engineers had to design the incinerators, workers to build them, drivers to transport people and materials. See, it was not only government; it was history, chemistry, transportation, geography, etc." Even in the bitter cold and snow of Poland, with visits to sites whose history bites deeper than the frigid temperatures, students found warmth.

"I expected to see Poland as a cold, bleak place," says Habegger. "Indeed it is, but I was pleasantly surprised to find that the people there are pleasant, and very similar to us."

Freeman echoes Habegger's sentiments. "As I travel the world more, I come to appreciate the universal nature of the human condi-

tion," he states. "It is easy to focus on our differences but have so much in common with people from other nations. We all fall in love, we dream, we quarrel, and the list continues on."

In stark contrast to the landscape of Poland, Dr. Goldman's group visited Galilee, Nazareth, and the Mount of the Beatitudes, among other sites in Israel. These visits yielded beautiful views but also proved to be profound to many individuals on a personal level.

"Israel was pretty much just as I had expected, at least in terms of the sights and landscapes," states Habegger. "It was right out of a Bible story. Yoram, our tour guide in Israel, brought the Bible to life as we journeyed around the state, and I really enjoyed that."

"It was interesting to see how the Bible verified archaeological digs and archaeological digs verified the Bible," he continues. "It was definitely a two-way street."

The group also visited the Dead Sea, located in Israel about an hour south of Jerusalem. Known as the world's largest "natural spa" in the world and the lowest point on earth (417 meters or 1371 feet below sea level), the Dead Sea is of most mineral-laden body of water in the world.

The water is warm and its unparalleled buoyancy causes everyone to float - including those McDaniel students that entered.

"Mad props to me," comments Habegger. "I was the

first one in. It was outstanding. It doesn't make any sense. You really don't have to swim, you just float."

"The Dead Sea was actually fun," Freeman concurs. "It was so salty that salt crystals coated all the rocks in a thick sheet, even underwater."

Many of the students confess that, though they believe that the term "life changing experience" is a bit cliché, they are, in fact, different from the experience.

"Life changing is a hackneyed term," states Freeman, who is slated to receive his military commission in the spring. He continues, "Despite this, I feel that I am different from before the trip happened. The changes are subtle, not overt. I am more aware of what happens around me and feel compelled to apply what I learned to my military career."

Jan Term co-leader, Dr. Goldman, continues to focus on the many lessons he learned from McDaniel students. "I can't tell you enough how impressed I was with the students. Even complete strangers approached me and commented on their respectful demeanor."

"Their attention and absorption of the experiences was unbelievable," he continues. "I was most impressed with these young people and their respect, sensitivity, and reverent behavior at all times."

"These students give hope."

A Lot About Love: Spring Break or Break Up?

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Spring break is right around the corner; this is a great time to relax, kick back, and to take a break from college and possibly your relationship.

For some on campus couples, this break may be just that - a break from each other. It will be 10 days in which each partner will separate and return home to their families.

Suggestion, take your significant other home with you for a night or two such as the first weekend of break or the last weekend. This way you can spend some time together, away from the crazy college life and you can let your family get to know your better half.

Another suggestion would be to take 10 days apart from each other. Some couples find that time apart can bring them closer. You'll find

that you'll miss the other person and you can't wait to see them. However, if you don't feel this way then this is a clue as to how well your relationship is going and that you may need more than just some time apart.

For those who are returning home to a loved one for spring break, live it up! Catch up on lost time and make each day memorable. Maybe try and do some group activities so it's not too over-

whelming spending so much time together when you're used to being separated from each other. It can be fun to hang out in a group for a while and then leave together for some alone time.

If you are together with your other half on break then try and do new things; try new restaurants, go to another city or area for a movie, go to the beach for the day, just keep things interesting. Even if you're not together

er then enjoy the independence and still try new things.

No matter how you spend your spring break remember it's a break and a time of relaxation. When you come back to school you want to be calm and collected for the remainder of the semester. Make your spring break count and have a blast!

Turn Up the Volume and Roll Down the Windows

KATIE HICKEY
STAFF WRITER

A wide variety of music is always handy to have on a road trip for the changing moods and preferences of your drivers and passengers. Compilation CDs and home-made mixes are a good bet for variety. Below are a few sure-fire crowd pleasers that may inspire a spontaneous in-car dance party and sing-along. (Keep in mind, this list is by no means exclusive!)

- "Livin' on a Prayer" by Bon Jovi - a party playlist staple.
- "American Pie" by Don McLean - whoever knows all the words is the hero of the day.
- "Don't Stop Believin'" by Journey - hold on to that feeling.
- "Pour Some Sugar on Me" by Def Leppard -

oooh, in the name of love.

- "Gold Digger" by Kanye West - "We want pre-nup, WE WANT PRE-NUP, yeah!"

- "Baby Got Back" by Sir-Mix-a-Lot - because you still scream the anaconda line when this comes on at a club-room.

- "Friends in Low Places" by Garth Brooks - a bar anthem.

- "Live Like You Were Dyin'" by Tim McGraw - by Journey - hold on to that feeling.

- "The Tootsie Roll" by 69 Boyz comes on?

- TV show theme songs - Doug, The Fresh Prince of Belair, Full House, Salute Your Shorts...you gotta love 'em.

Break on a Budget

JEN HARRINGTON
STAFF WRITER

So, March 10th rolls around, and although you have just received your generous work-study paycheck (as much as you can earn at \$6.15 an hour), you realize that your ideal spring break trip might not happen. But don't worry, an ideal spring break is just within your reach, all it takes is a little planning...

Encourage your parents to move to a fun (and preferably warm) location. This strategy is the most difficult, but provides optimal results: you get quality vacation spots, they pay for the week's room and board.

Never underestimate the power of day trips. Around this time most amusement parks offer discounted tickets online or in certain stores. Another option is to use deal services for day trips. For local students, coach buses leave daily from D.C. to New York City for as little as \$50 a ticket.

Spend the semester working at a hotel as a receptionist. Most hotels offer great room rates for employees.

Plan on simply not eating during your Spring Break vacation. Eating at restaurants is expensive, especially if you go out every night. Being able to afford a great Spring Break might mean budgeting very little money for food. Several students have told me they were amazed at how they could eat only eggs and toast for an entire week. Another option is to buy food in bulk.

Save change throughout the semester and take it to a local bank for cash. One student saved change specifically for spring break, and after one semester ended up with an extra \$125.

If tips 1-5 fail, your last option is to give the phrase "friends with benefits" a new meaning. Using Facebook as your guide, do a little online stalking and become very good friends with someone whose family owns a condo or a beach house. Note: this strategy takes intensive prior planning.

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Taking A Couch Break Satisfies Too

TODD KNEPPER
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"Every now and then go away and have a little relaxation. To remain constantly at work will diminish your judgment. Go some distance away, because work will be in perspective and a lack of harmony is more readily seen." - Leonardo DaVinci

Sometimes, a less treacherous and distant journey back to the couch you grew up on can make for the most satisfactory Spring Break. The original creator of the term "Spring Break" may have had this same idea in mind.

After all, it is described as being a "break." Down time can often be the best time. Here are a few familiar faces that plan to do nothing:

Senior, Kenton Dunson is returning to Savage, MD on March 10th. He claims that "everything is too expensive for college kids" and that he is currently broke as a joke. He hopes to get in some crucial sleep sessions and also continue producing Hip Hop beats to earn money. Kenton also admits "it's not even spring yet."

Caitlin Potter, a Junior, blew all her money during Jan Term in Belize on food and booze. She will be returning home, right outside of Philadelphia, and only plans on "getting a haircut, sleeping, eating everything my parents buy, and sitting in the basement." Caitlin considers her self to be a loser and is pretty upset with her lame agenda.

Finally, when asked of his master plan, Freshmen Buggy

Barry replied that he would be sitting on his couch in Floral Park, NY. "Al Bundy style" watching March Madness and eating close to thirty bags of Cheetos. "Will your high school sweetheart be around at all?" I asked. Buggy said, "Not until the west coast games are over."

While others shall return with tans, photographs, and BB&T overcharges, these three students will be rested up and ready to get back into the academic grind.



Service Fills Break Time For Some

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While some students will be traveling to a beach to soak up some sun, or traveling to their couch to watch t.v., the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship group members will be traveling to New Orleans to help its citizens clean up their communities, and help rebuild their lives.

Starting early on the Saturday of spring break, 11 students will pile into 3 cars to drive 20 hours to an old homeless shelter that has been made into a shelter relief for volunteer workers.

Jenna Layman, the trip organizer, found out about the service program through the National Organization of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, as well as through

a group called Urban Impact, that is located in New Orleans.

With a fee of \$200, the group will be provided with a place to sleep and with food. Once they arrive, they will be given different work sites to start cleaning up.

"It's going to be an exhausting trip," said Layman. "It's going to be challenging, but worth it." Layman said that the group will also get to hear some speeches about the social justice and urban issues surrounding the hurricane.

Michelle Prada is looking forward to the service that she will provide for the people of New Orleans, as well as the service she will get personally. "It's going to kind of burst your personal bubble," Prada said. "All we'll do is move trash, but it wasn't trash for those people, it was their house and their belongings. It's valuable to let people know you're there with them helping them."

The Catholic Campus Ministries group will also be spending their spring break helping others, with four of their members traveling to Washington D.C. to help out

in various soup kitchens and homeless shelters.

Stacey Fitzwater, the organizer of the trip, found out about the service organization through the Youth Services Operation Projects group. The students will be staying at the Church of the Epiphany in D.C., and will be given different work sites to travel to each day.

Fitzwater is looking forward to helping those in the city. "We'll be preparing food, but we'll also get a chance to meet with people and hear their stories."

The cost is approximately \$260 per person, which includes a place to stay. Fitzwater said that CCM has been saving money for this trip, and hope that next year they will be able to travel to a New Orleans for the continued help that will be needed.

Fitzwater shares the same feelings with Layman about their service projects. "It's a chance to do great things for others," said Layman. "I feel that God wants us to go, and this is what He wants us to do."

Destination: Seniorville

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With graduation less than 100 days away, Spring Break 2006 is the last vacation the senior class will ever have before officially becoming adults. Resorts in Myrtle Beach and Virginia Beach, Miami and Daytona greatly anticipate this time every year. Student travel services and just about every cruise line offers cheap tickets to hot spots like Jamaica and Cancun.

Dave Murray and I were quick to jump at the chance to experience an exotic scene. He will travel to Acapulco "to get crazy" with his roommates, as I'll be sailing the crystal seas on a Royal Caribbean cruise to the Bahamas with friends. So what will the rest of us do with our last chance to get away?

While Sarah Kraig is hiking in Arizona for the Natural History of the Southwest class, John Freundel might be staying on campus to do research for his senior seminar project.

Robby Bieschke will visit his best friend at St. Mary's College, while Dexter Marshall plans to visit a former flame in Atlanta.

Renee Libby and a pal are going apartment hunting in

The Ideal Road Trip: Must-Haves and Must-Sees

KATIE HICKEY
STAFF WRITER

Road trippin' with my two favorite allies
Fully loaded, we got snacks and supplies
(Red Hot Chili Peppers)

Ahhh, the road trip: a college tradition. Round up a few buddies, pack a car full of snacks, drinks, travel games, and good tunes, and then hit the road.

If a Spring Break 2006 road trip is in your future - whether it's for the entire week or just three days - there are a few must-haves for the "ideal" experience.

A reliable car, ample gas, an updated road map, a first aid kit, a cell phone, and prefer-

als, and soft rock or pop are always good bets for those exceptionally long stretches of road after everyone's energy has waned a bit.

And for the budget-conscious college student who doesn't want to buy a ton of food along the way?

"You have to have a lot of snacks and a cooler full of drinks," said senior Dave Moffatt.

A few tips for in-car dining: stash a trash bag or two in your car so you don't end up with stale Cheetos between your seats and Butterscotch Krimpet wrappers stuffed in your cup holders. Also, if you're toting a cooler, don't forget the ice!

Or you can chill your drinks prior to sticking them in the cooler. And remember: drinks = pee breaks, so scout out where you rest stops along the way.

Road trips that span several days require a plan for lodging.

Just take a page out of senior Eleanor Eaton's book: "My mom, my sister, and I went cross-country for five weeks. I slept in a tent on a cot," she said.

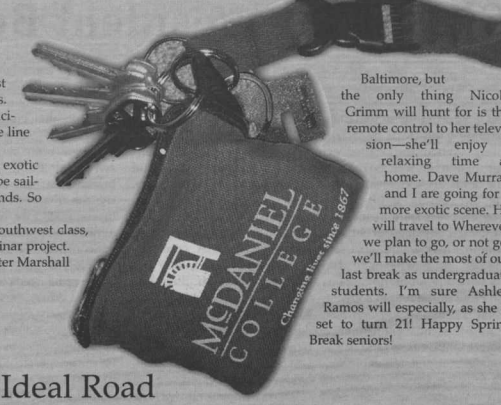
"You have to have good driving music," said Kaitlin McLean, a junior.

Any particular type of music?

"Cheesy 80s pop," said Christine Frieman, a sophomore. "And you have to sing along with the windows down or it's not a classic road trip."

Songs that almost everyone will know the lyrics to - or at least, the chorus - are a must in order to have car-wide karaoke bonding moments. Acoustic music, instrumen-

Baltimore, but the only thing Nicole Grimm will hunt for is the remote control to her television - she'll enjoy a relaxing time at home. Dave Murray and I are going for a more exotic scene. He will travel to wherever we plan to go, or not go, we'll make the most of our last break as undergraduate students. I'm sure Ashley Ramos will especially, as she is set to turn 21! Happy Spring Break seniors!



Stock On-the-Road Eats

KATIE HICKEY
STAFF WRITER

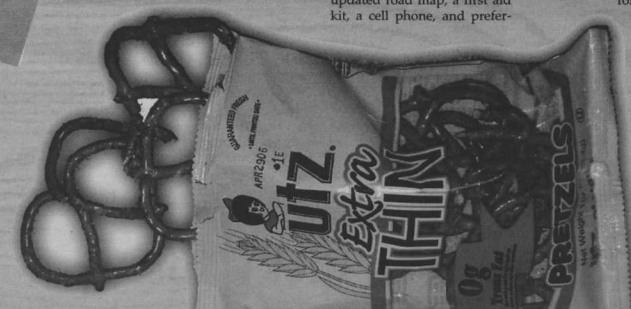
Here are a few suggestions for road trip munchies:

- Fruits and veggies - grapes, cherries, apples, carrots, celery, and grape tomatoes are easy to store and carry.
- Trail mix - check out Target and Walmart for tons of varieties in large, zip-seal bags.
- Crackers - Triscuits, Wheat Thins, and Ritz crackers come in lots of flavors and will satisfy your hunger pang until you stop for a meal.

- Handi-Snacks - the gold-standard from your elementary school years. The processed cheese product is still just as delicious as it was over ten years ago.

- Mini boxes of cereal - excellent for the morning drive!
- Anything "To-Go" - it seems like everything nowadays is being made into "to-go" packs. Browse around the grocery store for your favorite foods in easy-to-tote form.

Check out RoadtripAmerica.com for more suggestions and some road trip recipes!



Silence by President Bush Says Everything

ROB GOEKE
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Sometimes, silence can say so much.

When the leader of our nation is warned about one of history's greatest storm the day before it hits, one would expect some response. Nothing Hercules or super-human, just some sort of inquiry into what can be immediately done to lessen the blow of the nation's greatest hurricane.

Instead, a hush and merely a pointless and ultimately ironic statement: "We are fully prepared."

Sometimes, silence says too much.

We know now what happened to the gulf coast:

devastation on a biblical level, a city all but destroyed and American society's dirty laundry fully on display.

But what happened right before Hurricane Katrina hit is what truly matters and the day before catastrophe struck, our President sat silent.

What could have been satisfactory? What could he have done differently to appease me? If Mr. Bush had asked then FEMA director Mike Brown "What should I do right now to lessen the blow?" then I would be satisfied because then I would really know that he cared.

Maybe "how long should we wait before we know the levees will be okay?" Or even "what can I do

to save as many lives as possible?"

Sometimes silence can say more than enough.

The silence of Mr. Bush was more symbolic than anything. From the video briefing that was released, we see the image of a president disengaged, idly watching as a fractious situation grows out of control. We see a man unable to rise up at the moment he needs to most.

When someone is elected to the highest office in the land, we do not expect him to be human, we expect him to be president. He could not be like Moses and part Lake Pontchartrain with his bare hands, but we expect him to be doing all he can to make sure he is there for us when

we need him most. His silence sends a clear message that he was not.

He could have gone on TV and warned everyone to get out. He could have kept residents from returning to their homes until it was clear the levees were not (or were) breached. He could have sent a fleet of planes down to Louis Armstrong airport and loaded it with hundreds and maybe thousands of people from the Superdome and flew them to safety.

Were any of these things possible, or even realistic? Probably not. But by not asking Mr. Brown anything, the president displayed an attitude of "whatever happens happens." When an American city is under threat like New

Orleans was, when the coasts of Alabama and Mississippi could possibly be destroyed, this is unacceptable.

Sometimes silence says more than enough.

Is the president the only one to blame? No. Guilt for the Katrina recovery is ubiquitous. But if he was not asking questions, not concerned, not worried as hell for the people and the city, then what would he do if something was happening to you, in your backyard? Would you want your president to ask questions about what was about to happen or would you rather him sit idly by like he's watching CNN?

In all, that is what silence can unfortunately say.

From Europe to the Hill: Have A Good Break

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I hope you've all read Diego's commentary in the last issue, and maybe you feel like joining the International Club. I can only encourage you to do so. Remember, you come from a country- AMERICA. You do have a nationality, which makes you international. Unless, unless, you come from nowhere, which would make you non-national, but I don't accept that excuse. So, JOIN! YAY! Aren't you all glad we figured that out?

Also, I wanted to let you all know that you, you out there, who didn't come to events of the International Week, missed a lot. It was great, especially the International Game Day. I beat the crap out of the Unicorn Piñata, which I named Rupert

and whose head is now hanging in my room.



cuddle every night and he is still mad at me for having beheaded him. However, I've never hit a Piñata, and let me tell you, I felt like I was six years old again and somewhere in South America. People were chasing each other for the candy. A load of women and my little Diego in the middle of it, loving it, of course. Thank you for this great experience. Pinning the tail to the donkey, which was

dressed up, was also fun, as most of us ran into a plant wanting to pin the tail to the plant. Let's recap. The game is called, "Pin the Tail to the Donkey." For next time.

We, also, played my little sister's game, Babbajagbatje....(Sorry sis, I have no idea how to spell it. This is my best guess. As a good journalist I should have asked you, but then it wouldn't be as funny. Now you have something to bug me with.). Anyway, Babbajagga is Polish and means witch. Ms. Brian, way to go. You did great at this game (and thank you for coming).

The International Week was fun. Thanks to all of you who came to support it. Shame on all of you who didn't. However, you can make it up to us by coming to the International Dinner, which will take place on March 29th,

Wednesday. You should all come, because it will be fabulous and delicious. This should be reason enough. Don't you think? I mean, come on, Vietnamese, German, and other countries' foods. Treats, treats, treats. You don't want to miss this yummy event. Plus, you don't want to make me cry nor the other international students.

Now, I want to throw something completely random out there; but we are all used to that considering it's me!

You all remember that I'm German, some say Canadian, whichever you prefer-I'm open-minded. However, tonight I moved a little bit more toward the American side (mentally and physically). Yes! Yes, I'm joining a sorority. This may be a small step for mankind, but a ginormous step for Sarah E. Wolf.

At this very, oh so special moment I want to say hello and send smooches, hugsies, and squeezies to my future sisters (They said they would smother us, the new pledges, with love. All I say to that: Right back at ya!), and especially my lovely roomie, Lauren, who has supported and encouraged me to join.

I noticed that I didn't say which sorority I will soon pledge for. I wish I had a drum roll right now or something. It's kind of depressing that I don't. Ooops, getting carried away again. So, ready? Okay, here we go. It is.....Gamma Sigma Sigma. YIIIIHHH-HAAAA!

Now, I want to wish you all an amazing "DAYTONA-BEACHY-ISH" spring break! YAY! Smooches to you all.

If You Feel Down, Pick This Up

Be careful, then, how you live - not as unwise but as wise,
making the most of every opportunity.
~ Ephesians 5:15-16

It's important that you make the most of every opportunity you are given; whether it's giving a first impression, helping out a friend who's in need or handing in a simple homework assignment. Life is too short to take the small things for granted!

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Frigid Torino 'Goodbye' to Michelle Kwan

SARAH BLACK
COMMENTARY EDITOR

Now that the Olympics are over and all the buzz has died down a little bit, I thought it was time to talk about one event that stuck out in my mind: Michelle Kwan withdrawing from the figure skating competition. I was so happy to hear that she was no longer competing in the Olympics—she didn't deserve to be there in the first place.

To be an Olympian means you've competed against others and you have proven to be one of the best in your sport and deserve to represent your country. Kwan hadn't done any of these things; she never proved herself worthy of representing the United States (in 2006). Due to a groin injury, she did not



compete in any championships leading up to this year's Winter Games. As a result, the three best American figure skaters set to go to Torino were Sasha Cohen, Kimmie Meissner and Emily Hughes. Then Michelle realized that she wanted to go the Olympics and then she somehow managed to weasel her way in.

Thus, Emily Hughes

was bumped out of the top three skaters and was no longer set to go to the Winter Games. After taking over a spot that wasn't hers to take and making Hughes miss participating in the opening ceremonies, Kwan announced to the press "I won't be skating because I hurt myself again" (obviously not her exact words, but you get the gist of it). I don't understand why she bothered going in the first place. She did not deserve to go to the Olympics, yet, knowing this, she still somehow cheated her way in, and as a result, she almost cost her DESERVING teammate a chance at the Olympics—I cannot think of a more selfish act.

It now angers me that Emily Hughes is referred to in some news reports as "Kwan's

replacement," when the reports should refer to Hughes as "the American rightly taking back her spot."

Junior Matt Strawsburg feels differently however. "I was upset not to see her represent us in the Olympics; she's a perennial power for the U.S.A.," he said. Despite the controversy of how Kwan got into the Olympics, Strawsburg said "She is a really good skater regardless of that, and I'm still upset she wasn't there representing us."

While she is a beautiful skater and has a long history of championship-level skating, for Kwan to abuse her celebrity status to manipulate her situation is inexcusable, no matter what kind of history she has. I just cannot believe Michelle Kwan would commit

such a wrongful act. I grew up watching her skate and I know that a lot of people, including myself, wanted to see her win a gold medal in past years, but this year was different. Despite her past years of success and glory, this year Kwan did not EARN her spot.

That is what the Olympics is all about: proving to everyone that you have what it takes, that you are the best in your sport, and that you deserve to represent your country. Everyone BUT her competed for his or her spots. She did not prove that she was among the best, so how can anyone honestly say that Michelle Kwan deserved to go to Torino and skate with the best figure skaters in the world?

Life without 'the Facebook' is Liberating

KATHRYN YOUNG
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No more friend requests. No more tagging of photos. No more wall entries. How will I ever survive?

Two weeks ago I

decided to boldly go where apparently no one has gone...I deactivated my "Facebook" account! And I must admit I feel extremely free.

However, in my liberation, I still seem to get the same horrified reaction,

"Katie Young, why aren't you my friend anymore!" Yes, that is correct, by deactivating my Facebook account I have decided to "de-friend" about 200 people on campus.

No, silly kids. Actually like many, and probably worse, I would compulsively change and check my Facebook everyday. It was an addiction. I spent too many wasted hours "stalking" and "updating."

But in an attempt to break loose, apparently I decided to "divorce" my friend and disappoint many others. My friend from Elon University still hasn't grasped my decision. We were one of those goofy friends who decided to link a "fake" marriage on Facebook. Well when I clicked "deactivate account," I really meant, "Things will never be the same with my childhood friend."

Through all of my sar-

casm about Facebook, it has been difficult to live without it. It is nice to see your high school friends and how they are doing in college. But I have to wonder if Facebook is really necessary.

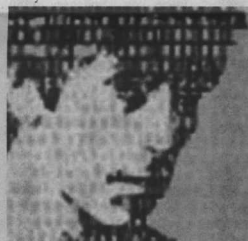
If you are really friends with someone and need to keep in touch with them, don't you think that you would have their phone number or some other means to contacting them? Why is Facebook such a necessity?

Not having Facebook isn't "social suicide." I feel that many people have become too obsessed with how many friends and groups one "appears" to have on Facebook. Not to even mention, the number of tagged pictures you

desperately want. This may be a stretch; was I the only person like that?

And now that I have deactivated all that I once knew, I can never go back. There have been people calling me their "hero," but really I am just an obsessive internet child who needs to get her "real" life accomplished.

If only I could get rid of AIM...



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In Defense of French Maids and More

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Browsing through the last Free Press Issue, it was difficult to overlook an unintended theme.

Admittedly, I have next to no knowledge on the *Vagina Monologues*. But apparently, they sparked an uncontrollable flow of femi-nazi periodicals.

From a discussion on the degradation in rap videos to one reporter's disgust at the phrase "man she's hot," the issue looked much like a feminist journal.

I consider it my duty to respond.

The rap video column claimed that men view women as sexual objects in boner-inducing outfits. I'm partial to the French maid.

As enticing and wonder-

ful the fantasy is, it's not a reality and we know it. I know it's hard to accept, but watching a couple of sweet, round fannies shaking around on TV doesn't change our opinions on women as a whole.

We've wanted women to be sexual objects long before rap, TV, or music.

We also know that women have the same fantasies about us. There's nothing wrong with it as long as they remain fantasies and don't become the basis for sexism.

Just like we should recognize that women are more than walking vaginas, women should know that men are more than brainless, 6-foot wieners waiting to penetrate something.

Another writer condemned a *Vagina Monologues* attendee for uttering the phrase "man, she's hot." Such a comment from a 20 some-

thing guy says nothing about his character or the effectiveness of the show.

I bet if a shirtless and aroused Brad Pitt showed up at her door she wouldn't be thinking about his emotional stability or how much respect she has for him as a man.

I guess my main point is that we aren't eunuchs. We like boobs, butts, and legs and we will not apologize for that! To deny our boners is to deny what makes us human.

So before you all get your panties up in a bunch about the raw deal your sex has, take down those pictures of shirtless guys that you cut out of *Cosmo* and realize that attraction is inevitable.

Stop worrying and whining about it and go make out with someone hot... I bet you're still thinking about those 6-foot wieners.

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NCAA Hoops: "Tourney Time" Marches In

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"March Madness" is here and for the next few weeks, it will become a part of life for many sports fans. With the Super Bowl and the Olympics in the past, the NCAA Tournament is the next "Big Thing" on a sport fan's list. Many people will be filling out brackets and competing in office pools, and watching the numerous games in hope of seeing the next NCAA men's basketball champion.

The various conference tournaments will be shown this weekend, as teams try to fight for good positions in the tournament bracket, or there may be "bubble teams", such as Syracuse, Indiana, and our own Maryland Terps, looking to just get in the tournament. With these games still to be decided, let's just focus on the circumstances of the tournament and offer a few early predictions for this tournament.

To start out, "March Madness" will start in a few days with the upcoming conference tournaments. Some smaller conferences had conference games last week. Based on the size of the conference, teams with the best conference records will battle for the conference title. For example, such conferences such as the Atlantic Coast

Conference and the Big East have had drastic changes on their tournament over the years due to the realignment of teams into different conferences. Ultimately, this is the time for "bubble teams", or teams not yet guaranteed a spot in the NCAA Tournament, to show they deserve a chance to win that National Championship by beating the best in their own conference.

After the conference championships have been completed, the national selection committee made up of college presidents and media personnel will choose which teams get to go to the "Big Dance." This will be decided this Sunday; a day commonly referred to as "Selection Sunday". You can then turn on to ESPN and see basketball commentators Dick Vitale and Jay Bilas fall in love with Duke and its star player, J.J. Redick (Bilas played at Duke, so we'll let him off easy).

The selection process can be a difficult process. With 32 major conferences and their teams fighting for 64 spots in the "Big Dance", it seems like a difficult process to do. How do teams get selected? Who gets in and who has to wait till next year? What are some of the circumstances that decide a team's fate?

After each round, the

playing field is cut in half. Soon there will be 32 teams, the "Sweet 16", the "Elite 8", the "Final Four", and then the Championship game. Then our champion is crowned and we will have to wait for next year's tournament to see it all again.

One of the interesting topics is who the dangerous teams are going to be in the tournament. Usually, the #1 seeds are quite dangerous; last year's championship was between #1 seeded Illinois and #1 seeded North Carolina (who won the game). Despite the fact that three of these teams lost key games in the past week, I think the obvious choices for #1 seeds are Duke, Memphis, Villanova, and Connecticut.

Senior guard and Player of the Year candidate J.J. Redick and Duke (27-2 overall, 14-1 ACC) have been many people's favorite to go all the way. Even though the ACC has been down this year, the Blue Devils still had a long road to travel. They went undefeated against ranked opponents, including key wins against Memphis and a blowout of then #2 Texas.

Connecticut (26-2 overall, 13-2 Big East) beat conference rival and fellow #1-projected Villanova (23-3 overall, 13-2 Big East) back on February 26th to help solidify a tie for the Big East crown.

Maryland native and Archbishop Spalding grad Rudy Gay, along with guard Marcus Williams, helped the Huskies go 8-1 against ranked opponents. That one loss came against Villanova, who they beat in the final matchup. And Memphis, despite their loss to UAB last Thursday (blemishing their 12-0 C-USA record), comes into March with a 26-3 record overall. The Tigers had big wins against ranked Gonzaga and UCLA teams.

But, there are 60 more teams in this tournament; all have an equal chance of winning it all. To get a good look at each of these teams, look at their respective conferences. For example, an average team from the ACC, Big East, or Big Ten could take out a weak conference champion like Gonzaga, Memphis, or George Washington. It isn't all about wins and losses.

With that, every year there are "Cinderella teams" that upset a powerhouse, win a few games, and destroy people's brackets. Last year, one expected Bucknell to beat Kansas. Speaking of Bucknell, they kept their team intact from last year's tournament. They also compiled a 12-game winning streak during the regular season. They could be rewriting that story all over again. UAB is another team that helped their cause by

beating Memphis last week. George Washington, despite a bad Atlantic 10 conference, could "surprise" some people even with a 25-1 record.

There are a lot of teams out there and many middle-seeded teams were dominant performers. One last tip to help choose winners in brackets is to look at the coaches. Coaches like Mike Krzyzewski (Duke), Roy Williams (UNC), Jim Calhoun (UConn), Tom Izzo (Michigan State), Lute Olson (Arizona), and Jim Boheim (Syracuse) all have tournament experience and know how to win here. The players are important, but these coaches know the formula for winning and they have championships to prove it.

Oh, you want a prediction? Most predictions at this time are wrong, but I'll give it a shot. My final four is Connecticut, Pittsburgh, Illinois, and Villanova. Why not have UConn and Villanova face off for maybe the fourth time this season? This time, it is the NCAA Championship, not the Big East Championship. Rudy Gay leaves the Huskies for the NBA, going out on top as a winner.



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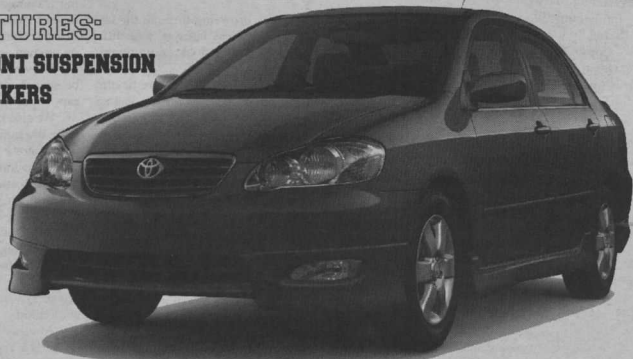
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Track's "Team Chemistry" Equals Great Season

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The Centennial Conference Championships, on February 25th and 26th at Ursinus College, marked the end of the indoor track season and the beginning of the outdoor season for most runners.

At this meet, the men came in fifth place in nine teams and the women finished eight of ten teams. Gold medals were earned by Broderick Maybank in the triple jump and Scott Koleszar in the 400-meter dash. They both also earned silver medals, Maybank in the long jump and Koleszar in the 200-meter dash.

The relay team of Adam Safely, Stuart Johnson, Scott Koleszar, and Nick

Wilbur earned bronze in both the 4x200 and 4x400. Kristin Duling earned a bronze in the 400-meter dash.

Before these medals had time to gather a speck of dust, the team was back on the field

to begin training for the outdoor season. Some focus, however, remained on the indoor season.

Two meets follow Conferences, these meets include. The ECAC Championships (held March 3rd - 4th at Ursinus College) and NCAA III Nationals (held March 10th - 11th at St. Olaf in Northfield, MN). These meets are reserved to those runners who hit qualifying marks.

On February 3rd, at the Shell Games in Morgantown, West Virginia, senior Broderick Maybank qualified for a provisional NCAA III national qualifying mark.

This jump earned him a ninth place ranking among all NCAA III long jumpers with his distance of 23'3". To compete at nationals, Maybank needs to remain in the top 12 or hit 23'9", the automatic qualifying distance.

"Qualifying for nationals is a huge deal," explains Coach Doug Renner.

"It means that the athlete

is among the elite athletes in his/her event for all NCAA III competitors."

Maybank's qualifying mark is even more amazing considering that he achieved this feat at his first meet of the season after returning from an injury.

Coach Renner notes that, "it is the second time in his career that he has missed significant training time because of an injury and has returned to qualify for Nationals in his first meet of the season."

Freshman, Kristin Duling has had an excellent season as well. She earned an ECAC standard at the Shell Games in the 500 meter dash, where she finished first and lowered the school record, yet again. Now the record stands at 1:21.11. She also received a personal best in the 200 meter dash with 27.83.

Her motivation comes from, "trying to reach my full potential, I'm only upset about a race if I walk off the track knowing that I could

have done better."

Freshman Sarah Costa acknowledges the improvements by many girls on the team including Duling and herself, "I am noticing a large improvement overall with the girls. I can see them running better at practice and better times at the meets."

At the Susquehanna Open on February 11th, Costa placed third in the 800 meter dash. She was also third back on January 20th at the Vince Brown Invitational, behind two NCAA I runners. Costa explains, "I run fast during practice because I know that if I push myself hard, then I will be able to get better."

Junior Matt Rouse, mile winner at the Susquehanna Open with a time of 4:31.91, is motivated by "seeing hard work pay off, that's what makes me want to train harder and get faster." He adds, "This past indoor season was good for me because I got back to training hard and running faster than I ever have in

the past. It was great for the freshmen on the team to get their first college track season under their belts to get used to the tougher competition."

Rouse expects the outdoor season to be "far more successful since we have developed chemistry within the team and everyone has set personal and team goals to accomplish."

The meets for the outdoor season begin on March 24th, with the Raleigh Relays and The Bridgewater Invitational on the 25th. By the end of the month, the team will be able to show if successes from the indoor season can propel them into a stronger outdoor season.

During the first weekend in May, McDaniel will be hosting the Conference

Championships and Coach Renner is convinced that "people will be amazed by the collective talent on our team."

Back in Action: Terror Hockey Hits the Ice

TOM MICHAELS
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Possible Headline: "Freshman Starts New Ice Hockey Club Team"

In the 1980s there was a Western Maryland College club ice hockey team. Now, with the inspiration and leadership coming from a freshman, ice hockey is trying to make a comeback at McDaniel.

In October 2005, Jon Zimmerman started the McDaniel College ice hockey club team. Zimmerman, club president and player from Lemoyne, P.A. was determined to play ice hockey at McDaniel.

Zimmerman researched the old Western Maryland ice hockey team and wanted to

bring it back to McDaniel. Over the summer he talked to Director of College Activities Office, Mitchell Alexander, who has helped him from the beginning.

After a month of electing officers, holding meetings and posting flyers the team was created. "The school and members of the club came together well and worked hard to make this club possible," said Zimmerman.

The team plays at Skate Fredrick, about thirty minutes from campus in Fredrick, M.D. They play 2 hour pickup sessions every Sunday night, and also have scheduled practices during the week.

Freshman player, Adam Fisher has played competitive hockey for 13 years. Fisher,

from Reading, M.A. said ice hockey is the most popular sport where he is from. The first time he saw one of Zimmerman's flyers posted he knew he had to join.

"Hockey is a sport that gets in your blood from a very early age; you live, breathe, smell, and taste it in all aspects of life. Since my last season ended last spring I had been missing the game, and getting out there and playing again is just amazing," said Fisher.

The team's goal for next season is to join the American Collegiate Hockey Association and play in the Mason Dixon League. They will play other area schools such as Gettysburg, Johns Hopkins, Dickinson, Salisbury, Mount Saint Mary's, and George Washington.

"We are hoping to join the league next year, but we'll need more bodies if we want to compete with other schools," said Fisher. "Unfortunately we cannot just accept anyone who wants to give a try mainly because we are looking to obtain a team that can compete."

Zimmerman agrees; he is looking for people with experience who want to play in a competitive high intensity level sport. "Each player is responsible for most of the payments, with a little help from the school. Hockey has always been an expensive sport, so it's nothing usual."

Currently, the team has 11 players and is coached by former Western Maryland and Towson player, Coach Maisel.

The Student Government

Assembly provides some financial support to help pay for ice time and the cost of jerseys.

"It has taken a lot of work from all the club members to get this started. The school has been very helpful and encouraging about the whole process. Special thanks to Mitchell Alexander for all of his help and guidance," said Zimmerman.

According to Zimmerman and Fisher, in order to take the club to the next level they need more players who have played competitive hockey and want to continue playing.

For more information, visit the team website: <http://htsportsports.com/?mcdanielgreenterror>.



The McDaniel College Women's basketball team defeated Gettysburg 79-63 in the opening round of the Centennial Conference Playoffs, but then lost to eventual champion

Muhlenberg, 55-56 in overtime. In the ECAC playoffs, McDaniel defeated Catholic 70-60, and then was defeated 67-60 by Pitt-Greensburg. The Green Terror finished the season with 20 wins and 9 losses. Here, Terror fans cheer on their team.

Swimming Championships Cancelled

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The Centennial Conference Swimming Championships held at Franklin & Marshall Colleges on February 17-19 were suspended and later cancelled due to a lack of oxygen in the Kunkel Aquatic Center. Several swimmers began coughing uncontrollably while in the pool, leading to evacuations of the arena on Saturday and an official suspension and cancellation of the meet. No medals won on Sunday the 19th have been awarded, and no official team results are recorded for 2006. McDaniel swimmers still complain of chloramines in their lungs, some two weeks following the meet.

Nothing has officially been confirmed, but swimmers and coaches concur that the air quality problems were due to a recent chlorine-shocking of the pool done the evening of Thursday, February 16th. Most aquatic institutions restrict access to the pool and poolside for 36 hours following a chlorine-shocking, a process that kills all bacteria in the water and produces optimal swimming conditions. Although shocking a small pool at home may not be all that dangerous, treating a pool the size of the one in the Kunkel Center requires a larger amount of chlorine, which, in turn, elevates the possibility of increased amounts of chloramines in the air.

One male swimmer for

McDaniel continues to have trouble breathing, and has recently sought medical attention from Student Health Services. One female swimmer reported having trouble ascending stairs two days after the meet, and another complained of a lack of endurance while taking an evening swim.

Originally, the story broke when F&M officials reported ventilation problems in the Kunkel Center. But Saturday, according to McDaniel swimmers, was the worst day of all. Even the most conditioned of athletes had breathing problems. Many complained of severe discomfort in the eyes.

"Your lungs got really tight when you were swimming," said senior swimmer Brooke Bennett.

"Everyone's breathing was heavy..." said junior swimmer Greg Mihalek. "[The conditions] mentally took you out of it."

According to blogs and sources close to the team, it has been rumored that officials shocked the pool again on Friday night in an effort to fix the problem.

The facility's ventilation system is designed to circulate air under normal conditions. With hundred of swimmers and parents on hand during the proceedings, the system was not able to compensate for the increased chloramines in the air that resulted from the chlorine-shock, and the subsequent consumption of oxygen by spectators and athletes.

On Sunday, the teams

warmed up, but then had to clear the pool for a thirty minutes. The meet began at 11:15 AM, but shortly after, officials ordered everyone out of the Aquatic Center, followed by an intense period of limbo.

Then, an official statement was released saying that "Despite the best efforts at Franklin & Marshall, College officials have been unable to get the appropriate officials to test the air quality in the Kunkel Aquatic Center."

Most interpreted this statement as cancellation of the meet, and two teams went home: Gettysburg and Dickinson. A period of sorrow and outrage ensued, from the swimmers and parents respectively.

The meet was officially moved to Swarthmore where trials would be held and commemorative ceremony would be held for senior swimmers.

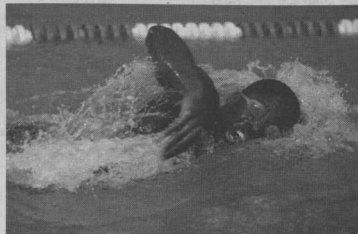
"It was chaos and no one knew what was going on," said Brooke Bennett.

Left with no other obvious options, "Conference officials [...] decided that no team scoring will be done for the remainder of the 2006 Championships and no team champions will be declared."

Moved by their experience at F&M, parents took control of the trials held at Swarthmore. They did all the scoring and timing, and created an atmosphere conducive to high caliber swimming and positive feelings.

But Bennett contended, "Swarthmore was a joke."

Indeed, McDaniel did do some of its best swimming at



CHRIS REED

DAVE SINCLAIR

Swarthmore. Molly Bolek edged F&M's Laura Selway by four hundredths of a second to take home the gold medal in the 1000 yard freestyle.

Chris Reed also was a winner in the 200 yard breaststroke. But it will be difficult, if not impossible, for Bolek and Reed to garner medals for their efforts, as two conference teams were not in competition. There will be an asterisk next to their names in the record books, an outcome that coaches Kim Easterday and Jeff Hiestand are fighting to change.

The Championships are the biggest event of the season, and seniors look forward to the meet all season. The events two weeks ago were far from a picture-perfect ending to a career.

"It was the last big meet, basically what you've been preparing for," said Mihalek. "It was hard because of circumstances not under your control, especially for seniors, even for non-seniors."

A web-log run by Steve

Ulrich featured results from the meet as they became available, and also allowed for comments to be made by fans of the Centennial Conference. All posts were made anonymously.

Many harshly criticized Franklin & Marshall for not addressing this problem earlier. One blogger stated that "[School officials] knew that it was a concern for weeks leading up to conference and did nothing... This is a disgrace!!!"

"They knew the problem, and they didn't do anything about it," said Mihalek.

Another stated that maintenance had been working on the problem for two months prior to the meet, and told F&M that the issue was resolved. But events on Saturday and Sunday provided evidence suggesting otherwise.

These sentiments were manifested in complaints that F&M had tried to "put on a fix," and Diplomat swimmers were booed at Swarthmore in competition on Sunday

Terror Fans: Baseball and Softball Previews

Baseball Wants Solid Season

JOEY MORNINGSTAR
SPORTS WRITER

Softball Expects Big Things

Coach Dave Seibert is shaking his head right now, wondering how this season will turn out. With the help of veteran players and a roster flooded with twenty one talented freshmen, Coach Seibert may be able to take it easy at least until conference play begins.

The McDaniel team is anchored by senior captains Jimmy Dahlgren, Drew Mitchell, and Kevin Salamone. Their supporting cast consists of seniors Justin Bilohavek, and Steve Jordan, and Juniors Adam Pelta and Tom Wenrich.

Filling gaps in the order will be the job of two young freshmen talents: Jon

Zimmerman and Matt Teter. The pitching rotation will most likely be headed by Dahlgren, but freshmen Chase Wolf, Shawn Yohe and Jimmy Isaminger will be competing for spots.

The team is looking forward to a good solid beginning to the season. So far the off-season has proven to be difficult, but hopefully it will all pay off in the long run and so far it has. Wednesday night, the Green Terror Baseball team took home its first victory of the season by winning a close 6-5 victory over Villa Julie, a non-conference opponent.

Entering his second year as Head Coach of the McDaniel College softball team, Phil Smith will take his star studded team and head into a season filled with top twenty five contenders and a forty game schedule that will hopefully prove his team as a Centennial Conference power house.

In order to get where they need to go they will rely on the leadership of all-conference seniors Abby Cannistraci and Megan Mitchell, and junior Mary Abrams. These ladies will lead a star-studded cast of newcomers Hayley Grist and Kelly Workmeister, along with help from sophomores Karyn Curley, Tina Danner, and Emily

Trainer.

The team goals for this upcoming season include its eleventh conference championship and its eleventh straight season with twenty or more wins. They will also be the first McDaniel softball team to play a forty game schedule.

Coach Smith's expectations far exceeds past years. "I am expecting big things from this year's team. This is no different than any other Green Terror softball team. The foundation for greatness has been built, and the players are here to go to a whole new level of achievement. As we say, tradition never graduates."



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More Greek Facilities Going Dry

ROB GOEKE
STAFF WRITER

The office of College Activities will require two more social Greek organizations to have substance free, or dry housing in Fall 2006. Two additional organizations will adopt this policy in the fall of 2007. This substance free requirement, which is backed

by the office of Student Affairs, will also apply to floors and clubrooms.

The Phi Sigma Sigma sorority floor in Blanche Ward Hall will become dry next semester. In fall 2007, the Alpha Nu Omega floor and the Phi Kappa Sigma floor will do so as well. This is in addition to the Alpha Sigma Phi and Phi Mu floors in Albert

Norman Ward Hall which are already dry.

Though the Phi Delta Theta fraternity did not apply for housing next year, their national policy states that all fraternity facilities must be dry. Thus, this policy would also apply to their organization. Currently, their clubroom is substance free.

These changes are

sweeping and apply to more than just Greeks. For example, if a non-Greek student was cited on a Greek floor or clubroom in the future, the organization that lives on the floor could face sanctions.

For Phi Sigma Sigma and Phi Kappa Sigma, this policy is in the organization's national bylaws and has not

(See "Dry" on page 3)

Panelists Discuss Same Sex Unions

SHELLY HORN
STAFF WRITER

It was standing room only in McDaniel Lounge on Wednesday evening, March 29, 2006. Over 200 students, faculty, and members of the community filled the seats, the floor, and stood along the walls for the much anticipated panel discussion "The Same Sex Marriage Debate."

The panel, organized by McDaniel's Political Science Department, was comprised of McDaniel College PoliSci/Int.Studies Associate Professor Dr. Christina Nichols-Leahy, a noted human rights advocate, Rev. Anthony McCarthy of Unity Fellowship Church in Baltimore, Dan

Furmansky, Executive Director of Equality Maryland, David Roch, a staff attorney with the ACLU, and Lisa Polyak and Gitanjali (Gita) Deane, lead plaintiffs in Deane and Polyak vs. Conaway.

The moderator was McDaniel Associate VP of Development Steve Kralhling-Haddad, who had also played a key role in the event's organization.

The evening began with a video presentation, including photos and interview clips, chronicling Deane and Polyak's 24-year relationship, the joys of being together, and the difficulties encountered as a same-sex couple with chil-

(See "Same-Sex" on page 2)



RACHEL COOKIN
The Black Student Union's Annual Fashion Show was as steamy as ever. Senior Rosslyn Benn played a fairy in the lingerie scene, as freshman Daniel Lebest looked on.

Graduates Join 'The Amazing Race'

LAWANN NELSON
STAFF WRITER

Once a McDaniel College student, now a thrill seeking contestant on CBS's "The Amazing Race". Barry Lazarus, a graduate from the class of 1965, provides proof that McDaniel College students accomplish a wide vari-

ety of distinguishable feats. Barry Lazarus and his wife, Fran Lazarus, are one of eleven teams competing on the ninth season of "The Amazing Race", which airs on CBS every Tuesday at 10 pm.

This season of "The Amazing Race" began on February 28 in ^{San}Colorado, which is also where the couple

resides.

Barry, 63, is a retired urologist and Fran, 61, is a retired accountant. The adventure seeking couple, who have been married for 40 years, remain active and energetic by participating in an array of athletic activities.

"Fran admits that she's running 'The Amazing Race'

to show that "old people" can compete just as well as most 25 year olds," explained the couple's biography on CBS's "The Amazing Race" website.

Contestants on "The Amazing Race" make their way across the world as they attempt to accomplish the challenges that are outlined 4n (see "Amazing Race" on page 3)

Professors' Salaries Among the Lowest

DAVID P. GREISMAN
STAFF WRITER

As an assistant professor of physics at McDaniel College, Jeffrey Marx earns a salary in the vicinity of \$47,900 a year, the school's average rate for teachers in his position. But as the breadwinner in a single-income family that includes his wife and 2-year-old child, he is confronted with the dilemma of working in an

unforgiving housing market where the mean household income is \$81,094.

Marx's situation is representative of an issue that many Carroll County employers are struggling with: how to compensate for cost of living figures that rise at a far higher rate than salaries can be increased. And for McDaniel College, the conundrum becomes not just how to attract faculty to The Hill, but

to retain them and, in essence, keep them at home.

"We're not in it for the money, but at some point money matters," Marx said. "But when one looks at the compensation for similar fields in the non-academic world, some people start to think twice about working in the academic world. That's not a healthy place for any school to be at."

Many McDaniel professors

note a substantial difference between their salaries and those of their colleagues at the other schools in the Centennial Conference.

McDaniel ranks in the lower tier of the Centennial Conference in the categories of average salary and average compensation, according to Academe, a publication of the American Association of University Professors. The publication defines compensa-

tion as "salary plus institutional contribution to benefits."

The Centennial Conference, formed in 1983 as a football-only conference for eight private colleges—including what was then known as Western Maryland College, has since expanded to 24 sports and 13 schools. Last October, Juniata and Moravian colleges announced that their football (see "Salaries" on page 3)

Panelists Discuss Same Sex Marriage

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-dren in the state of Maryland.

Deane, 42, a learning specialist at Goucher College and Polyak, 43, an environmental engineer for the U.S. Army Medical Department, were the lead plaintiffs in a lawsuit filed by the ACLU in July, 2004, on behalf of 19 Maryland plaintiffs. The suit charges that it is a violation of state constitution to deny same-sex couples the ability to marry and the many family protections that come with marriage.

"We each have one biological daughter, but to us we each have two daughters and we are their parents," stated Deane during the panel discussion. "If there was an accident of some sort, I would have no ER access to Lisa or our daughter. This situation leaves us very vulnerable."

The panelists were given a few minutes to introduce themselves and then answered a few questions from Krahling-Haddad, the moderator, before taking

questions from the audience.

It was obvious at the onset from audience reaction to questions and responses that the panel and the audience heavily leaned supportive. There were a few opposing views in the crowd, and they were heard early. Some of the first questions posed came from Pastor Larry Steen of Westminster Baptist Church.

Steen premised his questions and comments by stating that he believed that the discussion was to be a debate with more of an equally represented pro/con panel and not an agenda panel. Some Carroll County publications had listed the event as a debate on their calendar. Steen was there to listen to the panelists as well as express his views and those of his congregation.

Steen directed the majority of his questions to panelist Rev. Anthony McCarthy, Radio Personality and Associate Pastor of Unity Fellowship Church in the Mount Vernon section of

Baltimore that welcomes people of any race, faith and/or sexual orientation. Unity Fellowship is a church movement that began in Los Angeles in the 1980's, founded by actor and recording artist Carl Bean, a gay ordained minister since 1985.

McCarthy stated during his introduction that he is a gay man and a Christian and sees no conflict between the two.

"My God is a God of love and love is for everyone," stated McCarthy.

Sheen challenged McCarthy on Biblical principles as well historical principles.

Many of the panelists had argued that the church should not impose its views on the state, which met audience applause.

"With that being said, at which point does the state have the right to rewrite religion or 3500 years of history?" Sheen countered. "Marriage was a religious institution long before it was a civil insti-

tution and the two are inextricably tied."

Though the panelists and audience members were respectful with their questions and responses, many of Pastor Sheen's questions were met with audience sighs and eye-rolling.

McDaniel junior Sean Maslin, a Political Science major who exited the event early expressed some disappointment with the event. He had also anticipated a spirited debate, expressing more highly opposing views of this hot political topic.

"It felt like one giant pep rally," Maslin remarked.

Much of the evening was dominated by personal story sharing, a request for awareness and compassion, a call to support legislative action that avails these marriage rights for gay couples and an urging to oppose those that don't.

"These people just want the same rights, opportunities and protection from the state afforded any other loving, committed couple," stated

Dan Furmansky, Executive Director of Equality Maryland. "This fight is for families."

Furmansky and ACLU staff attorney David Rochafield most of the questions about legal and political matters. Rochafield is an attorney working with the 19 Maryland complainants in Deane and Polyak vs. Conaway. This case is listed as a victory for gay rights and the ability to marry in Maryland, though the winners expect more opposition.

Arguments were heard in a Baltimore City court in August, 2005 and on January 20, 2006, Maryland Circuit Court Judge Brooke Murdoch ruled in favor of Deane and Polyak, stating that denying same-sex couples the ability to marry violates the state constitution's Equal Rights Amendment, which protects against discrimination based on sex.

Lighter Side: Students Pelted with BBs

ANDY WU
STAFF WRITER

(Editor's Note: At a glance, the blotter doesn't reveal some of the innuendoes to which officers respond. Wu's commentary highlights some of the unique calls.)

I don't know what it is, but I think bb guns are hilarious.

For the most part, I think it's funny when people are shot with bb guns.

Thankfully, on March 25, a couple of unknowing students were capped in the neck and chest while walking past Rouzer.

I don't think we see enough of these incidents on campus. The McDaniel College weaponry rules are absurd and old-fashioned. This is America, isn't it?

As guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, we have the fundamental liberty to fire air-soft

rifles at our peers. If our gun laws are amended, fun and learning on campus will undoubtedly grow exponentially.

No more humdrum strolls to class...at any given moment, you may be shot in the head. Consequently, self-awareness and mental stimulation among students and faculty will increase, resulting in heightened academic performances and a jump in

McDaniel's scholarly prestige.

Dear President Coley, do what's right for our school and legalize bb gunnery. Chances are almost good that only a small majority of students will suffer serious injury.

On an end note, on the early morning of March 10, three students were documented for trying to break beer bottles by throwing them at the water tower.

These drunk and disorderly individuals failed to break the bottles as a result of their girlish and flaccid excuses for arms. They were apprehended by appalled Campus Safety officers while attempting to strip each other down and make out. These students were Todd Knepper, Judd Walter, and Paul Hugas.

Campus Safety blotter

Reported Date	Occurred From Date	Subcategory	Type	Outdoors	Building Name	Incident Status
3/3/06 1:32 a.m.	3/3/06 1:32 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	2	Albert Norman Ward Hall	closed by POC
3/4/06 12:47 a.m.	3/4/06 12:47 a.m.	vandalism	property	2	Whiteford Hall	open
3/4/06 1:43 a.m.	3/4/06 1:43 a.m.	vandalism	vehicle	1	Penn. Ave. House	inactive
3/4/06 2:46 a.m.	3/4/06 2:46 a.m.	vandalism	vehicle	1	Lower Tower Lot	inactive
3/4/06 11:05 p.m.	3/4/06 11:05 p.m.	alcohol	open container in public	2	Garden Apt	closed by POC
3/4/06 11:21 p.m.	3/4/06 11:26 p.m.	drug violation	simple possession	2	Rouzer Hall	pending court outcome
3/4/06 11:34 p.m.	3/4/06 11:34 p.m.	vandalism	property	2	Blanche Ward Hall	inactive
3/5/06 2:00 a.m.	3/5/06 2:00 a.m.	assault	hands/feet	2	McDaniel Hall	closed by report
3/5/06 2:25 a.m.	3/5/06 2:25 a.m.	assault	hands/feet	1	Rouzer Hall	closed by POC
3/5/06 3:15 a.m.	3/5/06 3:00 a.m.	disorderly	drunken	2	Blanche Ward Hall	closed by POC
3/5/06 4:25 a.m.	3/5/06 4:25 a.m.	vandalism	structure	2	McDaniel Hall	inactive
3/10/06 1:13 a.m.	3/10/06 1:13 a.m.	disorderly	drunken	1	North Village	closed by POC
3/10/06 1:41 a.m.	3/10/06 1:41 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	1	Whiteford Hall	closed by POC
3/10/06 2:03 a.m.	3/10/06 2:03 a.m.	alcohol	open container in public	1	Historic Drive	closed by POC
3/10/06 7:56 a.m.	3/9/06 unknown	vandalism	vehicle	1	Smith House Lot	inactive
3/10/06 2:07 p.m.	3/9/06 9:00 p.m.	theft	from building	2	Garden Apt	inactive
3/17/06 3:03 p.m.	3/17/06 3:03 p.m.	vandalism	vehicle	1	Central Receiving	open
3/19/06 11:15 p.m.	3/19/2006 11:15 p.m.	decency offense	public urination	1	Blanche Ward Hall	closed by POC
3/21/06 9:48 a.m.	3/14/06 4:30 p.m.	theft	from building	2	Eaton Hall	closed by report
3/23/06 9:08 p.m.	3/23/06 9:08 p.m.	tampering with fire equip.	fire extinguisher	2	Gill Center	inactive
3/25/06 12:14 a.m.	3/25/06 12:14 a.m.	assault	other dangerous weapon	1	Rouzer Hall	report incomplete
3/25/06 4:00 a.m.	3/25/06 4:00 a.m.	tampering with fire equip.	fire extinguisher	2	McDaniel Hall	report incomplete
3/25/06 11:55 p.m.	3/25/06 11:55 p.m.	trespass		1	McDaniel Hall	pending court outcome
3/26/06 1:11 a.m.	3/26/06 1:11 a.m.	alcohol	open container in public	1	Rouzer Hall Lot	report complete
3/26/06 7:01 p.m.	3/26/06 unknown	vandalism	vehicle	1	Historic Drive	inactive
3/28/06 6:17 p.m.	3/25/06 10:00 p.m.	trespass		1	McDaniel Hall	pending court outcome
3/30/06 11:03 p.m.	3/30/06 23:03	alcohol	possession under 21	1	Daniel McLea Hall	open
3/31/06 2:07 a.m.	3/31/06 2:07 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	1	Rouzer Hall	open
3/31/06 3:17 a.m.	3/31/06 3:17 a.m.	burglary	forcible entry	1	Daniel McLea Hall	report incomplete

Professors' Compensation Among the Lowest

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teams would move to the Centennial Conference from the Middle Atlantic Conference beginning in fall 2007.

Out of the 13 schools in the Centennial Conference, McDaniel ranks 11th in salaries for full and assistant professors, as well as in compensation for full, assistant and the average of all professors. The school is also 12th in salaries for associate professors, 10th in the average salaries of all professors and last in compensation for associate professors.

"I think most faculty believe that we need to raise salaries to stay competitive with both our sister schools in the Centennial Conference and with other colleges nationwide, since the new faculty that we are trying to attract are on the job market throughout the country," said Tom Deveny, professor of Spanish and comparative literature.

The college administration understands the problem of salaries in terms of comparing prices, but cautions comparing salaries at McDaniel to those in the Centennial Conference as a whole, said Ethan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance.

"The Centennial Conference is not a cross section of liberal arts colleges similar to McDaniel, [although] there are some [similar schools]," Seidel said. "The conference happens to include some very prosperous institutions, so it's very difficult for us to compete on a salary basis with them. There are some institutions with similar resource bases to us, and we probably compare a little more favorably to that group."

When listed with the Centennial Conference schools with similar resources, McDaniel ranks in the middle. "The average salary of McDaniel College faculty is higher than that at

Muhlenberg, Juniata and Moravian, [and] it's not as high as Ursinus or Washington College," he said.

Seidel, who also sits on the Carroll County Economic Development Commission, said the problem is symptomatic of tendencies in the entire Baltimore metropolitan area, where it is difficult for salaries to keep up with the rate of growth.

Since 1999, the median sold price of real estate in Carroll County has gone up at an average rate of approximately 11.4 percent a year, rising from \$160,000 in 1999 to \$274,900 in 2004, a growth of nearly 72 percent, according to figures provided by the Carroll County Department of Economic Development. During the same time frame, the McDaniel faculty salary has grown at less than half that of housing.

"It's just not possible for salaries at McDaniel to have kept up," said Seidel. "Tuition, room and board is close to 80 percent of our income. It simply is not practical to raise the cost of attending this institution at 11.4 percent a year. If the cost of housing doesn't stabilize so we can have some catching up, there will be a major problem."

Herb Smith has been a professor of political science at McDaniel for more than three decades. As he purchased his house prior to the real estate boom and because his children have already graduated from college, he has not experienced the same kind of financial constraints that he sees his younger colleagues endure.

"For many of our younger professors who are faced with incredible escalation in home prices - particularly in Carroll County - and are just starting a family, they are feeling a very profound financial crunch," Smith said. "There are people who are teaching overloads every semester,

[and] one professor taught two January Terms."

Seidel agrees that much of the problem with the salaries is with the newer faculty.

"It's a challenge for someone who does not own a home to acquire one on an entry-level faculty salary," Seidel said. He thinks many of the faculty that did not previously own homes are also those generally new to the profession. "We should be concerned as an institution. I think there is a recognition that we need to help people who are new to the area make the transition to the point where they can afford housing."

Yet with students supplying a majority of McDaniel's revenue, the college must look for alternative solutions, Seidel said. While fundraising is a continuous effort, there has also been a recent extra push to increase the school's endowment.

"We're in the early stages of a campaign to raise money for a lot of buildings and the endowment," Seidel said. "To the extent that we can grow our endowment, we increase the income that provides resources for faculty salaries and other needs."

As reported in the Feb. 24 issue of The McDaniel Free Press, the school's endowment grew 11.2 percent over the last fiscal year, increasing the endowment by \$7 million and surpassing the average national growth.

"On a comparative basis, our endowment is not as large as many of the institutions that we compare ourselves to," Seidel said. "So, we continue the effort."

Yet Seidel points out that despite the rankings of McDaniel College faculty salaries compared to Centennial Conference schools that have more resources, the school does well in terms of the member institutions of Colleges That Change Lives.

Colleges That Change Lives was a book written by Loren Pope and published in 1996 and revised in 2000 that featured the author's choices of the top liberal arts colleges and universities, based off of his research and interaction with students and graduates. McDaniel was one of 40 schools selected, and in 1998 the institutions formed a group of the same name in order to collaborate on recruiting efforts.

Of the 33 member schools that report their endowments, McDaniel ranks 26th in size, Seidel said. But of the 38 schools that report salaries, McDaniel ranks 11th.

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2004-2005 Compensation* Rankings for Full Professors in Centennial Conference

Johns Hopkins	144,800
Swarthmore	141,000
Haverford	132,100
Franklin and Marshall	131,700
Bryn Mawr	121,700
Gettysburg	114,900
Dickinson	111,900
Muhlenberg	100,300
Washington College	99,500
Ursinus	99,200
McDaniel College	95,900
Juniata**	95,000
Moravian**	92,900

* All data from March 2004 survey

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to our resources, and if you compare our salaries to similar institutions, we do a pretty good job," Seidel said. "If you look at the average salary of our faculty to all the four-year colleges in the country, we're at the 80th percentile. When you look at it on a rank-by-rank basis, our full professors are in the top quartile, and our associate and assistant professors are in the top third."

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Administration Seeks Dry Greek Housing

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been enforced until now.

In order to have a chapter at McDaniel, sororities are required to follow the bylaws of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC). These bylaws state that all sorority facilities must be substance-free. Nationally, Phi Sigma Sigma and Phi Mu are members of the NPC. Also, the Omegas are required to adhere to the NPC's codes in order to remain in good standing.

"We don't want the Greeks to be totally dry," said Assistant Director of College Activities Amanda Rose, "we just want them to have dry facilities."

Easier said than done, some Greek group members contend.

"For changes that are this drastic, we should have been given more time to implement them," said Mary Abrams, the president of Phi Sigma Sigma.

According to Abrams and junior Mandy Eason, the sorority's Archon (president) in training, Abrams was not informed that their floor would have to become dry for the fall 2006 semester until Wednesday February 22.

Abrams informed the whole sorority of the changes at their weekly meeting on February 26. Their application for Greek housing was due to Residence Life on February 27.

"There was a big uproar when I told them, especially from the younger sisters," said Abrams.

The reasons that the

Omega and Phi Kap floors won't become dry until the fall of 2007 differ according to Rose.

Given that the Omegas are a local sorority that has no national chapter to reference, Rose wanted to give the organization an extra year to deal with the affects of the change.

For the Phi Kaps, Rose felt that trying to have their organization adopt the policy for next semester would be too soon because they had already been awarded housing for next year.

Thus far, the Phi Kaps have accepted the changes and understand why they will occur.

"We hope it won't affect us negatively," said junior Mike Pascucci, president of

Phi Kappa Sigma. "[The fraternity floor] is more than just a place to drink and party, and we hope someone looking to go Greek is looking for something more than that."

Abrams recognized that the sorority was not following their national policy but she said that she still would have preferred some more time to adopt the new policy.

Since clubroom parties will cease to exist in their current form, College Activities will meet with representatives from each Greek organization in order to find a way to provide different social gathering like clubrooms in the future.

But since Philip Sayre, the Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs, is retiring at

semester's end, Rose and College activities are in limbo because they do not know what Sayre's replacement will wish to do.

"The college recognizes how big of an adjustment this is," said Rose, "and we are going to try to create something else that has that social opportunity in the future."

This new policy will affect many at McDaniel for the foreseeable future.

"I accept it won't be an easy change," said Rose, "but the college is willing and planning to look at those areas in which this policy affects in order to do our best to keep the Greek social opportunities available."

With \$ 2 Million Gift, Merritt Makes His Mark

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STAFF WRITER

Leroy M. Merritt, a 1952 graduate of Western Maryland College, recently pledged a gift of 2 million dollars to help fund the construction of the new fitness center at McDaniel, which will be named after him. Merritt, the chairman of Merritt Properties, founded his real estate development company in 1967 after having started in the construction business as a bricklayer.

When asked why he made the generous gift, Mr. Merritt said he would participate in "anything with improving lives of young people." "I

really enjoy caring for kids...who are our future," he added.

During his years in college, Merritt made his weekly pocket money by selling hotdogs to fellow college students. He and a friend made hotdogs on weekends that were sold for 25 cents each. They would get their meat from a local market called "Myers Meats," and then primarily peddle them through the men's dorms since the female students were subject to a 10 p.m. curfew.

"Leroy always had the brains for business," said Jack Molesworth, a friend of Merritt's who also graduated in '52 from WMC. Merritt and

his friend also bought and resold chrysanthemums to students and often sold ice cream too.

"He [Leroy Merritt] always had a lot of ideas," "he was destined to be an entrepreneur," Jack added.

Molesworth, the football coach at WMC from 81-85, a sport in which Leroy took great interest in, was a WW II veteran, and like a number of other students, wasn't of traditional college age. "We always thought of Leroy as the kid," he added, since Leroy was younger than most of his peers.

Leroy Merritt was a teacher for a few years after graduating, but the possibility of

being drafted for the Korean War made him quit his job. Ultimately, he was deferred from the army on the basis of hearing problems, but it was too late to get his teaching job back. So Merritt worked as a "block layer" over summers, where he learned about construction.

He later decided to build houses.

Merritt was from Dundalk, a predominantly working class settlement at the time. Neither of his parents went to college. He said about his time in college that he "learned a nice way to live."

Merritt's passion for helping others, especially women and children, is why Merritt

Properties is "consistently recognized as one of the most generous corporate givers in the Baltimore area," according to his publicist, Tamra Edwards.

The four million dollar construction project of the new fitness center is part of McDaniel's 10-year campus master expansion plan that was adopted in 2003. Construction is due to break ground in April.

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Relay For Life: Fight Cancer by Walking

CLAYTON ROSA
STAFF WRITER

Walking: the action of one that walks; to go or travel on foot; to move over a surface by taking steps with the feet at a pace slower than a run.

Walking
on April 28
in Bair
Stadium at
McDaniel
College: the
action of a
caring college
community
that wants to
help raise
money to
fund cancer
research in hopes
of finding a cure.

Relay For Life is an overnight event that commemorates cancer survivors and emphasizes community involvement and community spirit. On April 28, 2006, volunteers will begin walking at 7 p.m. until early the next morning, participating in sev-

eral fun events, and raising money to help support the cause.

This will be the second year McDaniel College hosts the event on the hill - last year, when it began, McDaniel College and the community of Westminster helped raise over \$17,000.

"This year we hope to raise much more, but we need your help to accomplish this goal,"

writes Rebecca Young, Public Relations Committee Member.

BethAnn Turner, who became involved in Relay for Life by working at the American Cancer Society at her house, was excited to hear

about Relay for Life coming to campus last year; she attended one of the interest meetings, became team captain for Whiteford Women Wishing for the Cure, and that nudged open a door that still remains open.

BethAnn Turner's involvement in Relay for Life is inspired by her emotional ties to two individuals who experienced cancer, a survivor and one relative who passed away.

"My godmother is a survivor of breast cancer and my aunt passed away of cancer.

They were both battling cancer at the same time. My aunt had been in remission, but then had a recurrence and passed away after 3 months," Turner explains.

"[Cancer] has affected me in both good and bad ways," Turner adds. "It was hard to lose someone so young, she was only 43, and it is hard to understand why the person has cancer. The good that has come out of it is, I am working with the American Cancer Society and raising money for the cure!"

If you wish to help sup-

port Relay for Life in helping to find a cure, or make donations, you can go to McDaniel College's Relay for Life website at

www.accesvents.org/relay/mcdaniel. If you wish to find out more about cancer, you can go to the American Cancer Society's website www.cancer.org. For more information, please contact BethAnn Turner at bd002@mcdaniel.edu, x8358, or Suzanne Gilbert, at srg001@mcdaniel.edu, x8259.

Relay
For
Life

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Disaster Child Care (DCC) is a national organization that trains volunteers throughout the United States to set up special child care centers in disaster locations to care for young children who have experienced disaster (while their parents are applying for assistance and putting their lives back together). It works in conjunction with the Red Cross and FEMA.

The child care training begins at approximately 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28 and ends at approximately 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 29. The registration fee, which includes curriculum, meals and lodging, is \$45.00, if registration is received 3 weeks prior to the date of the training. If received less than three weeks prior, the cost is \$55.00. The deadline for receiving the registration form and fee in the Disaster Child Care office is two weeks prior to the date of the event.

If you have an interest in supporting the needs of children after a disaster; are over the age of 18; in good physical and mental health; and work well under stress and adverse conditions...then come join this unique training event!

Potential child care volunteers are trained to recognize and understand fears and other emotions young children experience during and following a traumatic event. Since children don't always have the necessary verbal skills to express their feelings, volunteers are taught to provide play activities which gives them an outlet to express these feelings which might otherwise remain bottled up inside of them for many years.

Past responses include wildfires in Southern California; airline crash in Charlotte N.C.; terrorist attack in New York City after 9/11; and Hurricanes Katrina, Rita & Wilma in the fall of 2005.

For further information or to reserve your place in the training, call Kim Upton, Local On-site Coordinator, at 410-871-0814 - kim_lei@worldnet.att.net or the DCC Coordinator, Helen Stonesifer at 800-451-4407 ext 5 or hstonesifer_gb@brethren.org. To learn more about the Disaster Child Care program, visit www.disasterchildcare.org

The training date is quickly approaching, so please register NOW!

Graduates Join 'Amazing Race'

(from "Amazing Race," page 1)

each show. The pair of contestants who arrive at the chosen destination last are eliminated, while those teams that complete the challenge are given the instructions for their next destination.

Among the many destinations that the contestants have visited thus far are: Sao Paulo, Brazil, Boston, Brazil, Moscow, Russia, Munich, Germany, and Segesta, Italy.

"Fran and Barry are very fit, very athletic, and very travel wise. I think they'll do

quite well in the race," says Cary Cooper, Barry and Fran's longtime friend.

The McDaniel College community will be rooting for the couple as well.

After five challenging episodes, Fran and Barry are still going strong on "The Amazing Race."

Tune in to the next episode which airs on April 4 at 10 p.m. to support McDaniel's own.

Sources for this article include: CBS "The Amazing Race" website & News@McDanielOnline

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Kristin Lamb



"Beating my fraternity brothers at golf - giggity, giggity."
Junior Jason Fratto



"Hang out, play some sports, and just have a good time and relax."
Freshman Kelsey Lindholm



"Enjoy the beautiful weather, exercise outside, and host cheerleading clinics."
Freshman Jennifer Beckwith



"Other than throwing the football, playing my guitar outside - giggity, giggity."
Freshman Rob Holt

While She Cleans, Knight Loves To Chat

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Joan Knight's work history has taken her from the rolling conveyor belts of manufacturing to the rolling hills of McDaniel College, and from building tanks to cleaning buildings.

Her current job as a housekeeper at McDaniel has Knight starting her workday at the brink of dawn, when the sun and other people are just rising. Yet on nearly every weekday morning since November 2003, she has driven the 30 minutes from Woodbine, Md., to the McDaniel campus, beginning her shift at 6 a.m. and toiling until 2:30 in the afternoon.

Yet while her duties include tidying unsanitary restrooms and smelly garbage cans, those with even casual contact with the 47-year-old Knight immediately notice a few distinguishing traits while she works: her constant smile and her warm demeanor.

"She is very upbeat, very pleasant," said Tina Nguyen, secretary for the first year team, whose office is cleaned by Knight. "She is always cheerful, even when she is not feeling well."

Knight cleans portions of Rouzer Hall, Decker College Center and Elderdice Hall, designing her routine around efficiency. To save time and movement, she cleans her assigned areas as she ascends through the connected buildings.

First, Knight starts with Campus Safety on the lower level of Rouzer, and then

walks down the hall to Decker, moving one floor up to take care of the copy center and information technology offices.

Next, she dusts, vacuums and cleans the bathrooms for the whole of Decker's upper level, and then moves on to do the same in Elderdice.

As morning makes way into afternoon, Knight climbs the winding stairs of Elderdice, the burgundy carpeting of which matches the color of her work shirt. It is upon reaching the third floor, she said, that she receives the greatest joy provided by her job: talking with the dormitory residents.

"The people are enjoyable, because you get to talk to them, and you get to know some of the people," Knight said. "They become friends you can talk to. You look forward to seeing them."

According to a written survey of nine Elderdice residents, Knight's affable nature is the most recognized element of her character. Students used terms such as "caring," "very friendly," and "a sweetheart" to describe Knight's personality.

Unfortunately, Knight said, Elderdice also provided her sole aggravating experience as a housekeeper when the men's restroom was repeatedly vandalized over the course of several months last semester.

"On a regular basis, toilets in the men's bathroom were intentionally clogged, and used and unused paper towels were strewn throughout the bathroom," said Kenny Ditto, a senior who has lived in

Elderdice since last August.

Knight said the recurrence caused her to report the problem to the office of Residence Life.

Liz Towle, associate dean of student affairs, viewed the vandalism with Knight and posted a warning letter to the Elderdice residents that also praised Knight as being "conscientious."

"She does all kinds of things to make [the students'] living environment pleasant, and this is what she does well," Towle said.

And dealing with the situation in the men's room bothered her, Knight said.

"I got really frustrated," she said. "I come in and try to do my job, and it's like, 'Why bother?'"

Yet Knight continued to bother, cleaning the vandalized restrooms on a daily basis, fixing the toilets, and transferring the paper towels from the floor to trash bags.

Members of McDaniel's staff said that the Elderdice vandalism was not the only occasion in which Knight surpassed what was expected of her.

Nguyen, the first year team secretary, cited a day this past January when her office's paper shredder spewed its contents all over the floor. When Nguyen asked Knight where the vacuum could be located, Knight instead retrieved the heavy contraption herself, carrying it down two flights of stairs from the third floor of Elderdice.

Mel Whelan, building services coordinator and Knight's supervisor, said he often



Joan Knight goes above and beyond the call of duty.

receives telephone calls from the school staff praising her.

"Many, many times I get messages left for me, complimenting Joan's work and some of the things she does [that go] above and beyond," Whelan said. "Joan used to clean Forlines [House] - they just recently moved [their offices] to Thompson Hall. First thing out of their mouth is, 'Is Joan coming over?'"

While she is thankful for the praise she receives, Knight does not seek the awards or commendations that have so far avoided her. Instead, she relies on a work ethic that comes from the 24 years she spent building army tanks at the United Defense factory in York, Pa., just a few miles down the road from the town of Spring Grove, where she was raised.

"You always had to push and push to get the stuff out," she said. "I like that here, you

work at your own rate. As long as I know I've done a good job, it's all that matters."

When Knight is not working, she plays with her West Highland terrier, Tucker, and goes to boat shows with her husband, Dwight. Her four children have grown up and become parents, giving her six grandchildren.

After being laid off from her manufacturing job, Knight said she enjoys being a housekeeper at McDaniel. She does not know how much longer she will continue to work here, but after the frenetic pace of factory work, she is in no hurry to leave.

"[Housekeeping] is not really all that difficult, I guess, because of the [factory] job I had," Knight said. "You would have to lift like fifty pounds, and constantly keep moving all the time. I just think this is a whole lot easier."

Behind Blockbuster Counter Encounters

CLAYTON ROSA
STAFF WRITER

The door swings open. A customer walks in slowly, perusing through the movie titles while the employees go about their work. Suddenly, two Blockbuster employees find themselves held up by a man with a prosthetic arm and a BB gun.

Sounds like something taken straight from a comedy flick, doesn't it?

Maybe so, but Christine Beaver, McDaniel College student '09, shares a real experience that doesn't come packed



with a thousand laughs.

Unaware of the man's prosthetic arm and fake gun, Christine, who has worked for Blockbuster for nearly two

years, recalls this bizarre incident: "Considering the situation, I should have been a lot more scared than I was. But this was on the second night that I was closing as the manager on duty and the second time I've been involved in a robbery at Blockbuster, so I was more angry than anything else."

Christine's nightmarish experiences at Blockbuster mirror much of the madness in retail sales.

As an employee of Blockbuster, I have encountered racially intense provocations that tested my patience,

specifically detailing one situation where a disgruntled customer was unsatisfied with my performance then later that night, called the store complaining about that "black man."

"I have encountered quite a lot of customers who come in demanding some of the most awkward things from the employees. It is unreasonable, and at times, unimaginable," says Tara O'Reilly, Assistant Manager of Blockbuster.

Christine emphasizes that "many customers don't realize that the employees do not

make the rules or how the late fee policy works. Therefore, they tend to be rude and snap back at you."

Behind the counter encounters may range from a scuffle between employee and customer or to an armed robbery; however, whatever the case, employees must keep their cool and present themselves in a professional manner.

Customers today need to be aware of the patience that it involves when working in a job that involves lots of customer service, for in those circumstances, patience is truly a virtue.

Students and Curly Fries Reunite at the Pub

EMILY BIONDO

STAFF WRITER

Don't lie.

At some point in your McDaniel career, you had to wonder about them. Obsess about them. Eat them.

It's practically a staple of college life on the Hill.

But when they're gone, that presents another problem. A deep-fried, delicious problem, to which there are no easy solutions but to sadly stare at your plate only half-filled by chicken tenders.

Where did they go? And why did they leave you with this hungry fixation on curly fries?

"The curly fries were the best, so I wondered why they bothered to switch," said freshman history major Matthew Mead. The loss of the curly fries for an approximate four-month span starting in October had others more than wondering.

They were insoluble.

"It was so heartbreaking, oh my gosh," said freshman psychology major Meghan Skeehan. "They left and it was heartbreaking." Kat Stinchcomb, a freshman physics major, agrees wholeheartedly, even extending the thought to make that vital connection between her fries and her love life.

"It's worse than a break-up, not having curly

fries," said Stinchcomb. "At their departure from first semester, Stinchcomb was devastated."

"I didn't want to eat fries at all. I didn't want to come," she said. Stinchcomb's Pub trips each presented an emotional rollercoaster, especially after the recent shutdown of the fryers—and consequently the fries. "I prayed and prayed and prayed that by the time my order was up, they'd be back to curly fries." Good thing the roll of napkins at the condiment table can double as tissues.

The campus obsession with these fried ringlets, however, only serves to open the door to a greater world of Pub infatuation. The middle-floor Ducker establishment spikes the conversations of many a student—unsurprising, as an average of 200 to 250 students visit the Pub each night for a fourth meal, according to daily records of fourth meal card swipes. And it is the mystery that remains the main topic.

"There's nothing concrete about the Pub," said junior Allison Hurney, a business-economics dual major. "There's no rules, there's nothing written about it anywhere." Hurney cites fourth meal slips as a prime example

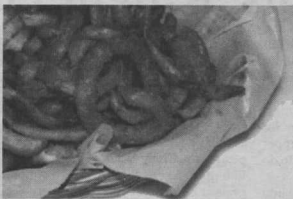
of initiation into the Pub's many queries.

"Nobody tells you how to fill out those little slips, so the first time, a lot of people look really stupid when they do it," she said.

With so many questions and meditations on his enterprise, Pub manager Jason Rollings can understand the concern.

"I guess they just want to know what goes on behind the scenes," he said.

Hurney certainly



does.

Why isn't there anything healthy to eat there?

"If you miss dinner, [the Pub] is the only other option," she explained, gesturing at an imaginary cheese steak with disgust. "You can get this grease-soaked steak club or starve to death."

To Hurney, even the fruit selection is lacking. "There is always one nasty orange and that's it," she said.

Fortunately for

Hurney, Rollings said that fourth meals may change to accommodate such wholesome choices.

"I just think students want to see more options, not just the greasy foods," he said. Rollings plans to add a vegetarian fourth meal to the pink-toned slip.

Rollings, as manager, decides the fourth meal menu based upon "what sells the best" with the campus. And fast food certainly sells.

"There's always going to be chicken tenders, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and mozzarella sticks," he said. However, he maintained that other options may be swayed based upon popularity, one of such being a healthier selection.

"A lot of what I order is just by student feedback," Rollings said, waving comment

slips that he had collected from students at the front counter in the past couple days. "I'm always open to comments."

Such philosophical debate on Pub rations, while heated, invariably leads the mind back to that one crucial question: where were the curly fries? Rumors have circulated—monthly fry patterns and over-stocked shipments, while creative solutions, have all have been wrong.

What if the students were to blame?

According to Rollings, the curly fries disappeared because the manager of last semester stopped ordering them.

While this previous manager could not be reached for comment, Rigby listed as a possible reason for her decision that curly fries take several minutes longer than straight fries to cook, which is "not that long but long enough."

The curly fries returned, however, simply because students began to speak up.

Rigby said, "A lot of the comment slips were just like, 'Bring curly fries back, bring curly fries back, bring curly fries back.'" Rollings, agreed, adding, "I realized they liked curly fries, so that's what I ordered."

Even with a few mysteries solved, the Pub still holds an intense attraction for students, giving a reason for social interaction and eating—not to mention definitive excitement. Freshman psychology major Amanda Gushard-Edwards has experienced such Pub-induced joy, and recalls the night with a smile.

"My roommate text messaged me," she said. "[It] said, 'Curly fries are back.'"

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Ben Harper Offers 'Unmatched Versatility'

TODD KNEPPER
STAFF WRITER

Unlike traditional Ben Harper's past epic albums, "Both Sides of the Gun" spares us from a lengthy, overly dramatic version of eighteen original tracks.

The early March 2006 release, which Ben Harper produced himself, groups nine songs each into two separate discs of similar taste and organized style; the first disc containing rock-based funk from the Zeppelin and Dylan mold, and the second disc packs a softer, more ballad style, symphonic sting, compatible to earlier Harper stuff.

Harper's intention is not to present a double album but to shed light on "both sides" of highlighted topics by use of two distinct recordings.

This move was nothing short of brilliant. This exploration appeals and pushes the point to the masses of music junkies. On one tip you have somber pleas to "remain human" backed by basic melodies and harmonic vocals, and on the other tip offers infused, in your face, more chant-like and aurally pulsating anthems.

Some critics have claimed that the second set sounds slightly the same, almost as if it could be played



at one continuous track. I agree but am not bothered by this. No one is used to Ben's softer stuff not being broken up by the sort of tracks that are now all stuck on the first set.

"Sweet Nothing Serenade" is a strictly instrumental track that aids in the

blending the first four songs with the last four.

"Both Sides of the Gun" doesn't musically venture places that Ben hasn't gone before, but "Gun" does lift up untouched topics. Tracks like "Black Rain" and "Gather 'Round the Stone" deal with the recent destruction of Hurricane Katrina along with the decision to join the Military.

The strongest ballad by far is "Happy Everafter in Your Eyes," a track that is sure to show up in a few weddings in the future.

Again, Harper's band, The Innocent Criminals, does a significant job of laying

down the basics. It's important not to leave them out when giving the respect due to this project.

But Ben - this guy stands alone right now in my mind from any other musician that's out. He's on his own planet, always in his own element.

Harper is a once in a lifetime talent with unmatched versatility. He has reached the peaks of an opening act for OZfest in the late '90's, to becoming a yearly appearance at Bonaroo, and teaming up with the Blind Boys of Alabama to win a Grammy for 2005's Best Traditional Soul Gospel Album.

Survey Questions For Whom the Bell Tolls

KATIE YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

One student's effort to determine whether the campus bells are a pain or pretty has left many students wondering for whom the bells toll.

Sophomore Charles Rasmussen finds the bells to be a nuisance. "I don't like the bells, they represent our culture's perception of time and frankly, I don't like being reminded every fifteen minutes," says Rasmussen.

Beginning this semester Rasmussen constructed a petition of three segments. One segment was for those who want to get rid of the bells completely, another to keep the bells, and the last was for the bells to go off every hour. Rasmussen received 200

signatures.

Senior Elizabeth Cosby signed Rasmussen's petition in the segment that was in favor of the bells. "I enjoy the bells, they not only signify time but they are a tradition," says Cosby. Despite Cosby's feelings, 35 other people signed to get rid of the bells.

The Baker Memorial Chapel bells are run by an electronic system. "There are no bells up there," exclaims Professor Emeritus and Historian, Jim Lightner. The system was installed when the chapel was built and dedicated in 1958.

The recorded sound done by Schumaker has rung the quarter hours since 1958. "Except when the system breaks down," says Lightner. The "tune" is the classic "Westminster Chime" from

Big Ben in London. There are four lines to it, and each quarter hour adds one line, until the hour plays the whole thing. Lightner also brings up that our Alma Mater is played at 8 a.m., Noon, and 6 p.m.

Third year students and roommates, Elizabeth Saxon and Kimberly Via, agree with Rasmussen. "It wasn't until this year that I noticed them, but living next to them makes them a nuisance and a distraction to my work," says Saxon.

Via acknowledged the bells to be a nuisance, especially for those who live in McDaniel Hall. "I would like the bells, if they began a lot later in the day," said Via. "I mean the majority of college students are not awake by seven a.m. on weekdays let alone on the weekend."

Rasmussen's main issue

with the bells is the fact that they aren't even real bells. "It's just irritating," Rasmussen exclaimed. "But most of the signatures I received were for the bells to ring once an hour."

Professor Pamela Regis of the English Department allowed Rasmussen to pass his petition around during her class time. Regis didn't think it went over as well as Rasmussen had hoped, but "it's free speech." Regis made the point that some of her students were commuters, and "commuters don't really care."

"So what do we make of all this 'ding dong the bell is dead'?"

Junior Katelyn Kernan says like Rasmussen, "I don't really like watches, never have, but without one it's

tricky to gauge what time it is when I am outside of my room, so they're like an invisible watch for me." Like any student, Kernan proposes to possibly turning them off during exams. "Then they're much more of a distraction than an aid," she said.

It is unknown as to how far this petition could go. With 200 signatures, but only 35 for the "silence" of the bells, it looks like the tradition shall live on for awhile.

"To me it's comforting to hear them ring, and I feel that by now people are so used to them...I don't see the point in getting rid of them...and I like hearing our Alma Mater," says Cosby.

"With all due respect to Ernest Hemingway

Annual College Press Day

TOM MICHAELS
STAFF WRITER

David Greene, White House Correspondent for National Public Radio will be speaking at McDaniel on Saturday, April 8 during the seventh annual College Press Day.

Greene, this year's keynote speaker, is one of the many events that will take place at College Press Day. The day will be filled with workshops and panels for students from colleges throughout the region. The event is sponsored by the McDaniel College chapter of the Society for Collegiate Journalists.

Co-Presidents of the chapter, Nicole Grimm and Pat O'Toole have put in countless hours organizing this year's event. It is intended for anyone who is interested in journalism, but is not limited to these students, according to Grimm.

"I am a biochemistry major and I have a great time meeting other students and learning more about different facets of journalism," said Grimm.

Anyone who wants to pursue a career in any aspect of journalism or obtain interesting information from the people who bring them their news should attend.

"David Greene will certainly have something to offer for everyone, and all of our speakers are full of anecdotal gems that keep their workshops fun and engaging," said O'Toole.

According to Terry Dalton, journalism professor and chapter advisor, Greene is the former White House Correspondent for the Baltimore Sun. He last spoke at McDaniel in 2004 for College Press Day in a panel of people under 30 covering the White House. Greene will be turning 30 on the date of this year's College Press Day.

Dalton, Grimm and O'Toole are expecting a great turnout. Students from Villa Julie, Elizabethtown, Mount St. Mary's, Goucher, Hood, and Messiah are expected to attend.

Throughout the day workshops will be set up in Lewis Recitation Hall; students will be able to pick and

choose the ones that interest them the most.

"We are very excited to have Mike Preston, sports columnist for the Baltimore Sun, as one of our guest speakers. Also, Stacey Lynn Musnell, Senior Account Executive for Baltimore Magazine will be holding a unique workshop designed to help students secure advertisements from local businesses," said O'Toole.

Chris Assaf, a Baltimore Sun photographer will give a presentation on photojournalism and show some of his photos. There will be a student panel on how to land journalism internships, and a radio panel. Also, Greg Garland, investigative reporter for the Sun will talk about investigative reporting.

"The success of this annual event depends on the hard work put in by the students in our chapter," said Dalton.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m.; David Greene will be speaking at noon in McDaniel Lounge. Workshops will run in the morning and afternoon.

Diversity Week '06: ¡Oye El Grito!

On April 13, 2006, as a part of Diversity Week, El Grito de Poetas will be performing at 8:00 p.m. in Ensor Lounge (location may change). El Grito has a variety of poems that range across the spectrum, and if you attend, tendrás la oportunidad para oír el Grito de Poetas - you will have the opportunity to hear the cry of the poets.

El Grito De Poetas, which translates into "The Cry of the Poets," is a spoken word poetry group that has established a reputation around the greater New York metropolitan area as an elite force of Latino poets. El Grito De Poetas is known for performing at established venues, such as the Nuyorican Poets Café, the Bowery Poetry Club, and colleges and schools across the Northeast. From poems like Advocate of Wordz, "My Woman Bleeds for me," which acknowledges his admiration towards women, to more Latino conscious poems, El Grito has it all!

- Clayton Rosa

Going Greek Changed Everything

ALYSE HOLLOMON
FEATURES EDITOR

In the spring of my freshman year I received something that would change everything. I received an unexpected bid from the sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma. I had always thought about trying to join a sorority, but when it came time to rush, I decided to wait until the following fall.

When I got the bid I didn't know what to do. But a few of the sisters called me and told me that they were eager to get to know me better and they thought that I should accept the bid. So I did it!

Since I was only a freshman and I didn't play any sports, I didn't know that many people. That was another benefit of going Greek – being social in the college community.

"I would suggest going Greek because it allows students to become more social with other members of the col-

lege community and it may help those students to network and further their career after college," said Allison Smith, a senior Art History and History major and member of Phi Mu. "Greek life has allowed me to become a more well rounded individual."

Being in a sorority has not only changed my social life, but it has helped me to become a leader and become more involved in the community. I've always liked volunteering, but it's more fun now since I get to do it with 50 of my sisters.

"Greek life isn't just about the social life," said Georgena Kafes, a sophomore Art History major and member of Phi Sigma Sigma. "Since I've been in, I've gotten so much more involved with the community through food drives, attending soup kitchens, and raising money for the National Kidney Foundation."

Finally, going Greek is

about the family you make. After I went Greek I realized that the girls in my sorority are more than my friends, they are my sisters. They are my family and they are there for me through thick and thin. It's nice to have that support when college life or work gets stressful and busy.

"These boys are my brothers, they're my family," said Andrew Drechsler, a sophomore Business major and member of Phi Delta Theta. "That alone is a reason to go Greek – for the family you become a part of."

I've had no regrets since going Greek. If you want to get involved on campus and in the community I would suggest rushing in the fall to see what Greek organization best fits you. Hopefully, you will feel the same way that I feel when I proudly say I am apart of the Greek community or when I wear my letters.

Lindholm, a freshman.

With five fraternities and three sororities one could argue there are enough social chapters on campus to accommodate everyone. "I don't like the idea of being grouped, being stereotyped by pledging a certain sorority," says Leah Beck, a freshman.

Other students admit they are dissuaded from joining a sorority or fraternity because of stereotypes placed on the entire Greek system.

"I don't see myself as a frat-guy," says Samuel Snider-Held. When asked how he could best describe a typical fraternity brother Snider-Held says "Now go back to the quad and resume your hackey sac tourney! I'm not gonna lay down for some frat boy bastard with his damn Teva sandals and his Skoal Bandits and his Abercrombie and Fitch long sleeved, open stitched, crew neck Henley smoking his sticky buds out of a soda can while watching his favorite downloaded Simpson's episodes every night!" in imitation of Stewie Griffin from the popular TV show "Family Guy".

On a more serious note, the major stereotype that discourages students is the matter of hazing.

"It's the few bad sororities that keep me from pledging any one group. They give the whole system a bad reputation," says Beck as the conversation moves towards rumors of hazing.

Hazing is illegal. Chapters have been revoked from McDaniel because people have come forward about with cases of hazing. The diffi-

culty with this article and the matter of hazing in general is that no one wants to step forward. No one wants to put a voice to their complaints. No one will admit to illegal hazing because they don't want to upset friends or, even worse, an entire frat.

There are some cases where hazing actually benefits everyone. The typical "No Drinking Rule" during pledge period, or group studying in Hoover every night are positive forms of "group unification". The fact that there is the chance there are people hurting others explains the pessimistic connotations towards hazing and the Greek system as a whole.

When I first agreed to write this article I had not realized just how difficult it would be to put my feelings towards the Greek organization down on paper. Getting students' permission to quote them was an equally challenging task because we all know people involved in Greek Life.

The truth is at this point in my life I can't see myself pledging any sorority (and after publishing this article, I'm not too sure any would accept me). I see the benefits that going Greek have to offer. I know a number of people who will be angry because of this article and that's fine. Someone, however, needs to step up and voice the bad traits about Greek Life.

Greek Life is for many people, but not for me.

NAME OF FRATERNITY/SORORITY: Phi Mu

SERVICE OR SOCIAL ORGANIZATION: Social
NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 37. We have 28 Current Collegiate Sisters, 3 Abroad and 6 New Members (who we count as sisters)

NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS: 6

PRESIDENT: Betsy Beveridge

NEW MEMBER EDUCATOR(S): Kaelynn Miller

MASCOT: Lion; Sir Fidel

COLORS: Rose and White

OPEN MOTTO: "The Faithful Sisters"

CORE VALUES: Love, Honor, Truth

QUOTE FROM MOST RECENT BID DAY SHIRT: Yellow, Starburst wrapper on the front, Everyone knows the Pink Ones are the Best

MOST RECENT SERVICE PROJECTS: Collected Spare Change for the Children's Miracle Network and Food For a Local Food Bank, we are gearing up for a HUGE Easter Basket Raffle to Support CMN

OTHER BRIEF COMMENTS:

We have "dry" housing and clubrooms. This does not mean that we are a dry sorority, it just means that we don't have alcohol at Phi Mu related functions.

We are a fun and diverse group of women, we are always looking to meet new and interesting young women.

We truly value sisterhood, service, scholarship and social, they are the foundations upon which we build every event.

NAME OF FRATERNITY/SORORITY: Gamma Sigma Sigma

SERVICE OR SOCIAL ORGANIZATION: Service
NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 56
NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS: 29

PRESIDENT: Diana Burke

NEW MEMBER EDUCATOR(S): BethAnn Turner, and Alex DeJohn

MASCOT: Penguin

COLORS: Maroon and White

OPEN MOTTO: Unity in Service

CORE VALUES: loyalty, friendship, equality and service

QUOTE FROM MOST RECENT BID DAY SHIRT: Gamma Sig is not who you are...it's who you've always been.

MOST RECENT SERVICE PROJECTS: Benefit Concert for Conner's Way Foundation (over \$1100 raised), cooking dinner at the Hope Lodge and Johns Hopkins Children House, Adopt A Highway

NAME OF FRATERNITY/SORORITY: Alpha Phi Omega

SERVICE OR SOCIAL ORGANIZATION: Service
NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 45
NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS: 8

PRESIDENT: Katie Saris

NEW MEMBER EDUCATOR(S): Sarah

Coppersmith and Jimmy Dell

MASCOT: Golden Eagle

COLORS: Royal Blue and Gold

OPEN MOTTO: Be a Leader, Be a Friend, Be of Service.

CORE VALUES: Leadership, Friendship, and Service (to the fraternity, campus, community, and nation)

QUOTE FROM MOST RECENT BID DAY SHIRT: We do not have Bid Day shirts, but our most recent fraternity shirt says "BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD" -Ghandi

MOST RECENT SERVICE PROJECTS: toy drive, collecting

supplies for troops in Iraq, cooking dinner at the Johns Hopkins Children's House, planting trees, helping at the MS Walk, co-sponsoring the Blood Drive, helping at the Boys and Girls Club, Earth-Day Clean-up, Relay For Life team, assisting with HYPE Carnival

NAME: Phi Delta Theta

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 23

NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS: 1

PRESIDENT: R.J. Seabeck

NEW MEMBER EDUCATOR: Tyler Drake

MASCOT: Owl

COLORS: Azure and Argent

QUOTE: "We don't rush, we take our time"

MOST RECENT SERVICE: cleaned our

sponsored road OTHER COMMENTS: Involved in many intramural sports, floor hockey champs, and on our way to a softball title

NAME OF FRATERNITY/SORORITY: Alpha Sigma Phi

SERVICE OR SOCIAL ORGANIZATION: Social

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 38

NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS: 13

PRESIDENT: Pat O'Toole

NEW MEMBER EDUCATOR(S): Scott Morrow

MASCOT: Phoenix

COLORS: Cardinal and Stone

OPEN MOTTO: Causa latet; vis est notissima (The cause is hidden; the results well-known)

CORE VALUES: Silence, Charity, Purity, Honor, and Patriotism

Quote from Most Recent Bid Day Shirt: "These are the times when ordinary men are asked to do extraordinary things."

MOST RECENT SERVICE PROJECT: Our Daily Bread soup kitchen, Harvest Ball at the Westminster Senior Center

OTHER BRIEF COMMENTS: Winners of the Brant Cup, awarded to the best Greek organization on campus, for the 2004-2005 academic year.

NAME OF FRATERNITY/SORORITY: Sigma Phi Epsilon

SERVICE OR SOCIAL ORGANIZATION: Social

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 17

NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS: 5

PRESIDENT: Chris DeRose

NEW MEMBER EDUCATOR(S): Robby Dodd

MASCOT: What ever strikes our fancy

COLORS: Purple and Red

OPEN MOTTO: Work hard, play hard

CORE VALUES: Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly love

QUOTE FROM MOST RECENT BID DAY SHIRT:

"We score between periods."

MOST RECENT SERVICE PROJECTS: Study

Skills Class, Self Defense, Dodge Ball, Hurricane

Car Wash

NAME OF FRATERNITY/SORORITY: Alpha Nu Omega

SERVICE OR SOCIAL ORGANIZATION: social

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 25

NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS: 3

PRESIDENT: Stephanie Capps

NEW MEMBER EDUCATOR(S): Jessi Lepson, Beth Jones

MASCOT: Panda Bear

COLORS: Baby Blue and White

OPEN MOTTO: Sorores non sanguine sed amicitia: "Sisters not by blood but by friendship"

CORE VALUES: Obviously our core value is sisterhood and friendship. Many people think that just because we are a social sorority that we are just all about partying, but this is not the case. We enjoy social events, but we also take great pride in serving the McDaniel College and Westminster communities through service projects.

QUOTE FROM MOST RECENT BID DAY SHIRT: "If you were out with an Omega last night, raise your hand. If you weren't...raise your standards."

MOST RECENT SERVICE PROJECTS: Adopt-a-Highway, Safe Spring Break Program, Domestic Abuse Fair and Hygiene product drive, and we will be participating in Relay For Life later in the semester.

OTHER BRIEF COMMENTS: We also sponsor the Mr. McDaniel Pageant every Spring Fling, and we are the only local sorority on campus.

NAME OF FRATERNITY/SORORITY: Phi Sigma Sigma

SERVICE OR SOCIAL ORGANIZATION: Social

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 45+ 7 new members

NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS: 7 (recently initiated 6)

PRESIDENT: Amanda Eason

NEW MEMBER EDUCATOR(S): Meredith Adams

MASCOT: Skunk

COLORS: Blue and Gold

OPEN MOTTO: Diokete Hupsala (Aim High)

CORE VALUES: Lifelong Learning, Inclusiveness,

Leadership Through Service

QUOTE FROM MOST RECENT BID DAY SHIRTS: "Raise Your Hand if You're a Phi Sig. If You're Not, Raise Your Standards"

MOST RECENT SERVICE PROJECTS: Soup Kitchen, Canned Food Drive, Clothes Drive (done last week)

Greek Life is Not For Some

MJ ALEXANDER
STAFF WRITER

If you've ever been woken up on a Tuesday night at 2:30 a.m. by a pack of girls screaming a crude version of "I'm a Little Tea Pot" than you might understand my dislike towards pledging, and the whole Greek Life organization.

With such a small campus pledge period is all the more apparent during spring semester. It is not out of the ordinary to see a group of girls all wearing the same bright pink shirt walking into Glar. It's difficult for students who don't care for Greek Life to avoid.

"I'm not against the idea of Greek Life; I just think they should be less obnoxious to the rest of campus," says freshman girl sitting outside Whiteford. Her window faces the pavilion and she has been woken up by singing several times this semester. When asked why she doesn't place a formal complaint to someone, she shrugs "I don't know."

The truth is Greek Life is better suited for larger universities. McDaniel's campus is small enough. "There aren't that many students here; McDaniel already has that family atmosphere that state schools lack," says Emily Taylor.

Some students complain there is no individuality within a fraternity or sorority. The group mentality often deters students from considering going Greek. "I like to be able to do my own thing, not constantly be committed to one specific group," says Kelsey

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Busting Major Myths about Greek Life

KATIE HICKEY
STAFF WRITER

MYTH #1: People in fraternities and sororities "buy" their friends.

Members of Greek organizations pay monthly dues (excluding the summer months) in order to be considered "active," and the amounts vary among chapters.

New members also generally pay "one time" fees before they can be initiated.

Dues are necessary, however, to allow the group to hold and sponsor events, provide resources for members, and purchase items for new-member recruitment.

Organizations that are national must also pay monthly fees to their fraternity or sorority headquarters. These fees cover bills and money for the local chapter, which pay for leadership opportunities, conferences, the organization's national magazine, etc. The money also helps to pay for manuals, leadership materials, and educational consultant visits.

MYTH #2: You must be or will be hazed in order to join a fraternity or sorority. Hazing is NOT a required part of any chap-

ter's membership; across the nation, the fraternities and sororities that choose to haze their pledges are in the minority.

Greek organizations are not founded on hazing. They are founded on the principles of love, honor, friendship, service, scholarship, and other ideals.

Hazing has not been proven to do anything but create cliques and cause problems. More and more chapters are being shut down because of hazing; it is not being tolerated.

MYTH #3: You must drink alcohol if you are in a fraternity or sorority.

The social aspect is just one function of fraternities and sororities; it is not the focus. If a person joins just for the social aspect, he or she does not grasp the full value of what it means to be in a Greek organization.

If alcohol consumption becomes the reason a fraternity or sorority accepts or rejects members, then the organization is heading down a dangerous path.

MYTH #4: Greeks only associate with those students in their fraternity or sorority, or

other Greek organizations.

Greeks at McDaniel are involved in many other campus activities, such as athletics (in fact, there are Greeks on 12 different McDaniel athletic teams), SGA, CAPBOARD, the Honors Program, service groups, and the McDaniel Free Press. Being Greek means being well rounded and diverse; getting involved with activities outside of your fraternity and sorority is the only way to accomplish that!

MYTH #5: Members of fraternities and sororities are all the same.

If a Greek organization has many members that seem similar or are involved in a lot of the same activities, it does not mean all the members are the same.

It is not uncommon for Greeks to recruit people from their extracurricular activities. Fraternities and sororities want to attract and have diverse members; a chapter consisting completely of music majors, for example, would turn off students who cannot sing or play an instrument.

Each member contributes something different to his or her Greek organization and should be seen as an individual.

Watch for the Senior Issue Coming Next!

Room Draw Changes Bring Some Discontent

PAT O'TOOLE
STAFF WRITER

There are very few areas on this campus where one's merit is actually an advantageous attribute. The turn toward fairness as opposed to compensation for hard work is difficult for some of us to swallow, but we mostly take it in stride due to the few benefits one can garner by producing a solid academic record.

Over the past couple of weeks, one of those mainstays of rewarding merit was taken away from students, and the result has been widespread confusion and discontent.

When students recently received the bright pink packet containing the information for this semester's room draw, most looked over it without paying much attention to a little fact which totally changed the outcome of the selection process. Under a WordArt representation of the word "NEW!" the packet stated that room draw would now operate based firstly on the graduation date of each student and secondly on the lottery number drawn by that



student (or the apartment as a whole if they are jointly applying).

This new procedure is a drastic change from the system of the past, wherein a student's total number of credit hours would determine his or her status in the room draw and lottery numbers were used only to separate those within the same range of credit hours.

Under the old system, a person "graduating in 2007" with, for example, only 65 credits would have been considered a junior and would have been ranked below everyone who had at least 85 credits (the cutoff for seniors). Under the new system, though, that person would be lumped in with all others pur-

portedly graduating that year and would have an equal chance of drawing above them. The fact that the student with 65 credits was obviously scraping by over his or her first five semesters and would have to take heavy course loads for the final three semesters simply to graduate is no longer a factor. Equally, the person in another apartment group who took 20 credits a semester to achieve senior status is now on the same level as the person who will barely graduate.

From my point of view, the system has essentially moved from one in which academic virtue was acknowledged to another where pure luck becomes the main focus. Now the only stimulus for taking heavy course loads is the advantage those with more credits receive during registration for classes. Maybe the college likes to encourage students to return for a fifth year, as that is certainly a nice payoff once the scholarship money runs up. Yet if McDaniel is looking to reclaim its spot on the lists of top liberal arts colleges, shouldn't the institution be attempting to increase academic productivi-

ty? By removing one of the few tangible incentives for academic prosperity, the net effect certainly has to be a decrease in effort. Taking 16 credits a semester is a lot of work, and taking 20 is even more—but college should not be something that comes easy.

"I always thought it was an incentive to get people to take more classes and try harder academically," sophomore Mike Habegger said in reference to the old system of housing.

As an honors student, Habegger has struggled to find housing after finding out too late that his abundant credit hours would not help him this year. He has been forced to live with a group of seniors to secure a spot in Garden.

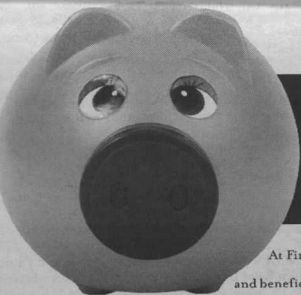
Habegger's troubles elucidate another issue with the change: students were not made aware of the shift early enough to make the necessary arrangements. At the time the packet was released, affinity housing applications were already due, rendering that option unavailable. With more time to prepare, those students relying on their credits to get apartments could have

looked for other options.

Why was it necessary to move so drastically from a merit-based system to one that is almost entirely based on luck? It seems that there could have been a compromise, such as giving preference to those graduating in 2007 and then ranking those within that group based on their credit hours. People often think only in extremes, and I believe that that approach causes problems.

To clarify, I am not opinionated on this topic because it affects me personally. I did not go through room draw and am therefore not directly tied up in it. I understand the administration's reasoning for the change, but I have written my response to it from a differing perspective, one that I wish had been considered more fully before the change was enacted.

I would invite someone who has benefited from this new system to respond to my commentary. I have simply taken one angle on it, but there are certainly differing perspectives to the issue.



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"Flight 93," Fictitious Story of a Tragic Day

SARAH BLACK
COMMENTARY EDITOR

"September 11, 2001. Four planes were hijacked. Three of them reached their target. This is the story of the fourth."

This is the tagline for the upcoming movie "Flight 93," from the director "The Bourne Supremacy."

Honestly, I think it's disgusting—morally disgusting—that they, Hollywood, would try to make money off such a horrible tragedy—a tragedy that some (including myself) consider the nation to still be mourning over.

Junior Josh Murray considers this event a shaky issue still today, almost 5 years after. "I don't know if they should be making that into a movie. It's a touchy subject."

Upon searching information about this film, I came



across an official site: www.flight93themovie.com. My first thought was to find out if proceeds from this movie were going towards the Flight 93 Memorial, and they are not. I also found some quotes about the movie and by the director that seemed weak and lacking facts. For example, "This film attempts to understand the abject fear and courageous decisions of those who...transformed from a random assembly of disconnected strangers into bonded

allies who confronted an unthinkable situation." The key word in this quote is "attempts"—meaning they are trying to imagine what happened because they DON'T know what happened on that plane.

Besides the recorded phone calls, and the recordings from the plane's black box, we have no idea what went on in between those time frames. The filmmakers can't fill in the gaps with facts, so they are using assumptions of what they THINK happened.

Junior Alex Barnold also has strong opinions about this film: "That's so wrong. No matter what kind of message it sends out, that's totally wrong that we would use that as our form of entertainment."

The director is quoted as saying "The time has come for contemporary cinema's

leading filmmakers to dramatically investigate the events of that day." NO, it's not. Movies are for entertainment—that's it. Besides that, fiction filmmakers are the last people we should rely on to perform a job as monumental as trying to figure out what happened on any one of those planes on September 11.

I am infuriated just at the thought of this tragic event being made into a movie. I take it personally because my family narrowly escaped tragedy on that day. One of my aunts, as a flight attendant for American Airlines, was supposed to be on the plane that ended up in the side of the Pentagon. She switched schedules with one of her colleagues, so instead her colleague took her place on that day. So when that plane went down, my aunt lost her entire

flight crew; her friends, whom she had worked with for several years. It is only due to this chance of pure luck that my aunt is still with my family today. So when I look at the movie photos, and I see the fake flight crew posing for the camera with their fake smiles and their fake uniforms, it's gut-wrenching for me, and I want to scream. Despite the fact that I didn't lose anyone in those devastating terrorist attacks, I still feel very connected to that horrible day.

Aside from the recordings we have, no one can imagine what those passengers went through during their final moments, yet we're willing to make a movie about it. For Hollywood to fabricate those last moments is sickening and appalling.

Everglades a Mix of Fear and Excitement

CORI SIMPSON
STAFF WRITER

If anything, this column about canoeing through the marshy wet lands of the Everglades during Spring Break is an understatement about what really happened. The full truth will only ever be fully comprehended by the six souls that experienced it all firsthand.

Our mission was to follow markers to our campsite on a chickee, a platform on stilts in the water. But we never made it to the chickee; instead, we spent the night on an island roughly three miles from civilization in a place made famous for the co-existence of alligators and crocodiles.

Two people to a canoe, along with tents, sleeping supplies, cooking supplies and a heavy cooler. It was another girl and me in one canoe, two girls in another canoe, and a boy and our instructor, Jen, in the other.

The two canoes with girls got right to it, weaving and winding through the creek in Hell's Bay. Since we were moving so quickly, Jen, the faculty advisor who chaperoned the trip, told us to continue following the markers that would lead to our campsite.

So we took off, leaving the last canoe behind; we

just didn't realize how far behind.

On our way we saw at least eight alligators. The first one I was directly in front of the canoe, staring right at me and not moving. I tried to splash water on it to scare it away because our canoe was headed right for it, but it didn't budge. I flinched, thinking that it would rock the canoe a little, but we didn't hit it. Creepy!

We had been canoeing for what seemed like 2 - 3 hours (nobody had a watch)

and the sun was beginning to set. When we finally reached the spot where the chickee was supposed to be, we were horrified.

No chickee. No other people. No other signs of life; our own voices echoed back through the darkness, through the miles and miles of crocodile-infested swamp.

Ten minutes before the sun was completely out of sight, we heard someone talking in the distance. It was Jen and Alex. What a relief - but not a complete relief.

We were still "misplaced," it was now dark, and we still needed to find a place to sleep for the night.

We canoed around a little longer in the dark, in circles - and Katie flashed her light on the water ahead of the canoe. Bearly little sets of gator eyes glared up from the water below us.

Eventually Jen gave us two choices: sleep in the canoes and tie up to the banks, or set up the tents on this little campsite on the ground that we noticed when we were tak-

ing laps trying to find the chickee. We chose the campsite, which was called Lard Can (hysterical, I know). It looked just big enough for one tent, but the fact that it had a Spot-A-John made it enticing.

We all passed out in our tents, preparing ourselves for the early journey back to shore.

At five o'clock we woke up, packed up camp and headed out. The spiders had been busy that night spinning webs across the water amongst the trees. After about fifteen hit my face and stuck to my hands, I opted to limbo underneath them.

Eventually, we made it back to the first road we entered, sat down in our soggy clothes on the side of the road and ate bagels while we waited for the last canoe to pull in.

We were safe and sound, but it was only Tuesday.

We did a lot of things while in Florida - we swam with wild manatees and dolphins, snorkeled in the coral reef, joined flamingo dancers at a Cuban Restaurant, dined in an authentic Greek Restaurant, and visited Ernest Hemingway's Key West home (notorious for thirty-some cats, some with six or seven toes).

We even ate alligator.



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If You Feel Down, Pick This Up

"The greatness of a man's power is the measure of his surrender."

~ William Booth - Founder of the Salvation Army

Have you ever considered that your power is the strongest when you admit that you don't have much? Think about a time when you had trouble with a homework assignment or a paper...and you decided to ask for help. The greatest moment was when you realized your spirit was humble enough to ask for guidance and overall direction. So the next time you feel as if you are ashamed to wave your white flag, remember it could save your life!

~ Torrecka Jordan

From Europe to the Hill: Thanks To Robby

SARAH E. WOLF
STAFF WRITER

Alright. McDaniel, first of all: A HUGE, CINOROUS THANK YOU to everybody that came to the International Dinner. It seemed to have been a success. The members of the Club received a lot of good feedback from people that attended.

In fact, a lot of students said that they would like to join the club.

I just want to, again, emphasize how happy I am that so many people showed up and enjoyed themselves. The music was fabulous... I want to thank every-



body who sponsored our little Club. Not so little anymore, eh? And, of course, I want to congratulate the members of the International Club for all their hard work and time. Sometimes you really need to work together as one!

I think that day we were able to accomplish that!

Everybody had their individual job, just like a brain cell has its little job to focus on something, but we were able to function as one, one big brain.

Next year it should be even better, because now we know what not to do! But right now, I want to really take advantage of having this column, (like I have never done that before.), and speak out a huge compliment and thank you to Robby Bieschke! Thank you for ruining my make-up that night, Robby!

You got me all teary and emotional!

No, but for real and serious this time: It was very inspiring what you said dur-

ing the Same Sex Marriage panel discussion 'that took place the same night as the international dinner.

It made me, little German girl, or Canadian, so happy that You stood up for yourself and for what You believe in.

You were so strong, and proudly said what you had and wanted to say. I think more people should be that way.

You set an example that night, stood up for a lot of people, who are not strong enough to, and spoke out of their hearts. You said things that they feel, exactly like you, and

You made those voice-

es loud! You made those voices be heard! Thank you for that, Robby. I'm glad that I've met you and that I was there to witness that particular moment, standing right next to your side!

Cherish that moment. Always keep it in your heart, because I know that a lot of people, who heard you speak that night, will!

Alright, crazy McDaniel College, a slightly different column this time, but hey...makes it more interesting, eh?

Until next time, "stay classy," McDaniel, and be international! Smoochies and hugsies to you all!

Heat Will Get Worse Before it Gets Better

MJ ALEXANDER
STAFF WRITER

Coming in as a freshman this year to McDaniel College I received lots of advice on what to bring to the dorms. The Fan made my Top Ten list. It was understandable that a fan would be needed during the hot summer months, and there are always a few balmy days during the beginning of autumn. Not to mention fans come in handy when trying to rid your room of that nail polish remover smell. But I never thought I would use my beautiful, three-setting desk fan during the cold winter nights.

The heating systems in all the dorms and even the academic halls are faulty at best. Whiteford is known to be freezing on one side of the hall

and humid on the other. Rouser is stifling and odorously (but that's another matter altogether). Blanche is riddled with hot water pipes that burn unwary college students.

The question has been asked countless times every year: WHY IS IT SO HOT IN HERE??

"It is a real problem at night when we leave our window open," John Kelley, a freshman living in Rouser says, "because at 3:00a.m. dump trucks come to pick up trash outside Glar. Wakes you up every night."

The current AC/Heating unit installed in all McDaniel buildings, Honeywell, is outdated. Students complain that there

is little point in trying to change the room temperature.

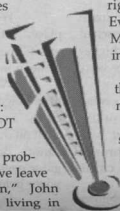
"You turn the heaters off, and they just come right back on. Everytime," explains Joe Morningstar, a junior living in Blanche.

The college is in the process of finding a new improved system.

"The ultimate goal," says George Brenton, Director of McDaniel College Physical Plant, "is to have a control system that allows the climate to

be adjusted not just from building to building, but from floor to floor within each building."

Students won't, however, see any advancement in the dormitory heating systems for another few years.



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NYC Trip Sketchbook*

Hey, wouldn't it be funny if I wore this shirt on the trip?

I don't know... would it be funny if you were shot?

Um... yes?



*yes, yet another homage to Gabe and Tycho

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Track Starts Out Season On the Right Foot

JOEY MORNINGSTAR
STAFF WRITER

The outdoor track season looks like it's going to hit the ground running. Sophomore team member Adam Safley summed up his expectations for the season in five words: "Expect big things to happen!"

Coach Doug Renner is expecting the same thing from a star-studded lineup.

Each relay gives the team an opportunity to face tough competition. There are even a few Division 1 programs on the schedule. Facing Division I athletes is a way to measure

the talented roster, and it gives the team confidence for the rest of the season.

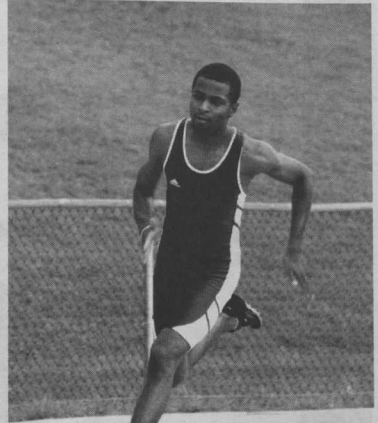
Their main focus is to build for the Conference Championships.

On the women's side of the field, Renner has tons of freshmen with tons of talent. Coupled with the veteran upper class, they are a dangerous combination. Looking forward to a solid season is freshman Kristin Duling.

Duling had a great indoor track season breaking various school records. Duling is one of the many freshman talents that Renner will rely on during the season.

You can't mention the track team without talking about senior Broderick Maybank. However, they're going to be a few more surprises on the men's side. There is junior Scott Koleszar, the undisputed speed demon and junior Matt Rouse who is a powerhouse in the distance.

McDaniel started the season with a strong showing at the Bridgewater Invitational on Saturday. The Terror picked up numerous wins and produced multiple place winners at the non-team scoring event.



Stuart Johnson won the Men's 100 meter dash with a time of 11.28, giving McDaniel 10 points in the event during Saturday's meet at Goucher.

Box Scores from March 25:

MENS

Maybank - 1st in the Long Jump, 1st in the Triple Jump
Josh Murray - 1st in the Discus
Joe Palkovic - 2nd in the Javelin
Matt Rouse - 2nd in the 1500 Meter
Adam Safley - 3rd in the 400 Meter Hurdles, 4th in the 110 Meter Hurdles
Tim Eggars - 4th in the 5000 Meter
Men's 4x400 Meter Relay took 2nd

WOMENS

Blair Taylor - 2nd 400 Meter Dash
Kelly Gruber - 3rd 400 Meter Hurdles, 4th in the 1500 Meter
Stefanie McCole - 3rd in the 100 Meter Hurdles
Women's 4x400 Meter Relay took 1st
Kacey Decker - 1st in the Triple Jump, Tied for 4th in the High Jump
D.D. Lehr - 3rd in the Pole Vault
Kristy Costa - 4th in the Long Jump

(These results were taken from the McDaniel Athletic Website)

Korean Karate Club Teaches Self Defense

ANDY WU
STAFF WRITER

With a Soo Bahk Do tournament on the horizon, the Korean Karate club is preparing to represent McDaniel College against the likes of Johns Hopkins and other surrounding organizations.

With approximately ten members, the group meets three times a week to study the discipline and plan events. The club works to bring in a speaker and demonstrators yearly while fundraising and inviting experts to help polish their skills.

The typical session consists of stretching and cal-

isthenics followed by practicing intricate and choreographed fighting sequences (forms) and ending with learning different one-step situational maneuvers.

Meetings are rather informal and highly enjoyable, an atmosphere provided by the experienced and encouraging instructor Dr. Joseph Scholz. A 4th degree black belt, Dr. Scholz boasts 20 years of teaching experience and helped start the club two years ago.

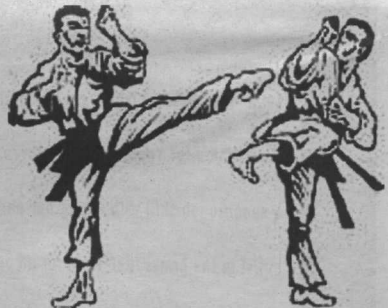
Along with his physical capabilities, Scholz offers a deep knowledge of the history and values rooted within the martial art.

Erin Balsamo, a mem-

ber of the club and of the track team, enjoys the mental side to Soo Bahk Do. A veteran of several martial arts disciplines, Balsamo prefers Korean Karate because "it offers tradition and philosophy while others go right into fighting."

Always open to new members, the organization offers stimulation of the body and mind as well as unique self defense skills that apply to real fight situations.

Perhaps the most valuable asset the club offers is the ability to defend oneself. According to member Joe Evaristo, "Karate could be the difference between a few bruises and a hospital stay."



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Baseball Has Momentum After Big Win

RYAN CHELL
STAFF WRITER

The number 1131 is considered a very unlucky number. Many people are afraid of it or they stay away from this number completely. But as the McDaniel baseball team started its Centennial Conference schedule last week, they would be haunted by this dreaded number in their first two box scores.

Last week, the Green Terror faced off twice against the Gettysburg Bullets to open up the conference schedule. They played at home last Tuesday, and they played at Gettysburg last Friday. However, the results would not be very different.

Last Tuesday, the team had the benefit of playing in front of the home crowd here at Preston Field. McDaniel jumped to an early 1-0 lead, but that would be all that they could muster that day. McDaniel starting pitcher Chase Wolf held the Bullets scoreless for the first four innings, but he was hit late by five runs and by a comebacker in the arm. Gettysburg would add one more run in the eighth inning to close the game, 6-1.

Gettysburg pitcher Tobin Whitman, who was 1-3

coming into the game, was unfazed during the entire game. He personally shut down the McDaniel offense; pitching a complete game and striking out 13 McDaniel hitters. He struck out the side in the first and fourth innings, and caused half of McDaniel's outs on his own. Plus, he allowed only five hits to the Green Terror lineup.

When asked what his team needs to do to be successful this year, Coach Dave Seibert looked at this game as an example of what needs to be changed. "We need to put the ball in play more," said Coach Seibert, "that's 13 times we didn't put the ball in play. That's got to get much better if we are going to be better offensively."

The Green Terror had another chance to even the score and their conference record when they faced the Bullets again last Friday; this time away from Preston Field. The thirteen would again be in the box score, but this time it was Gettysburg's run total. The Bullets would blow the Green Terror away, 13-1. McDaniel was not only 0-2 in the Centennial Conference; they were 0-2 against their rivals right up Route 97.

Gettysburg would run away with an early lead

against McDaniel starter Jarrett Smith, who allowed eight earned runs and twelve hits in just four innings of work. His replacement, Jimmy Thompson, could not stop the bleeding either; allowing five runs (four earned) in two and a third innings.

Bullets starter Brian Spicer would match Tuesday's pitching performance by Whitman with a gem of his own; going eight innings, striking out eight, and only allowing a run. McDaniel's offense was still lacking in this game; catcher Justin Keltz's 3-for-4 day and shortstop Drew Mitchell's 3-for-3 day with the team's only RBI were the only highlights for the Green Terror.

McDaniel had another Centennial Conference rival to face twice in a row last Saturday: Muhlenberg. The first game turned out to be a game of pitching and defense as the Terror fell one run short in a 2-1 Mules victory. Despite Green Terror pitcher Jimmy Dahlgren going seven strong innings, his lineup only got three hits and he received the loss to even his record at 2-2.

The Green Terror would make up for their lack of run support in the second game of the double-header to

help pitcher Chase Wolf recover from his loss earlier in the week. Despite only having scored one run in each of the past three games, the Terror kept the one in the box score but added another one's digit, scoring 11 runs and getting 17 hits in seven innings to gain their first conference victory of the season. Drew Mitchell, Dustin Shaffer, and the top of

the lineup would account for 9 of McDaniel's runs. It looks like they put the ball in play that day.

The Green Terror (6-11, 1-3 conf) return to the diamond April 4th against Dickinson; hoping to gain momentum from their colossal win last Saturday.




DAVE SENCLEAR
Freshman Matt Teter rounds the bases during Saturday's game against Muhlenberg

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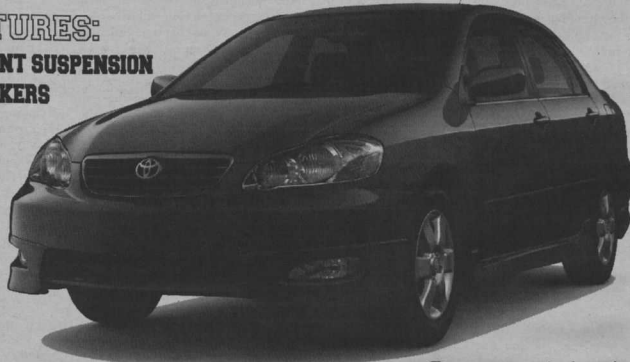
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
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Women's Lacrosse Season in Full Swing

MIKE HABEGGER
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2006 spring sports schedule is in full swing, and McDaniel Women's Lacrosse has already played a full plate of competition thus far into the year.

The Terror followed two straight wins (Washington, Cabrini) with a tough 15-16 loss to Swarthmore. Ahead 15-10 with 10:56 to go, Swarthmore ended the game on a six goal run. Kate Crawford scored the game-winner with 1:52 left.

The game against Elizabethtown last Thursday ended in a McDaniel victory, 14-8. The team used six straight second half goals to put the game out of reach. Caitlin Shellhorn, a senior from Babylon, NY and second on the team in goals scored, scored three times, and Kim Lowry, second on the team in assists, had one goal and three assists.

With a tough conference matchups coming until the conclusion of the season, the Terror must string together some wins.

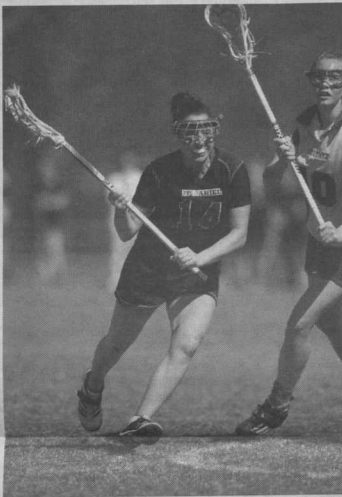
"We have a really tough conference so all of our games there will be very

competitive," confirmed senior Crystal Chandler. "Especially Gettysburg, F+M and Dickinson." Indeed, the teams have a combined record of 22-1 through Saturday.

The Terror hope for a nice season with the Wuenschel sisters (Connie and Kerrie) leading a talented core group of Kim Lowry, Caitlin Shellhorn, and Tara Smith. Freshman expected to contribute are Lindsay McDonald, Chelsea Ferruzzi and Michelle Fluty.

With close competition in the league, the team hopes that playing smart will help them win some games.

"One of our many strategies is to limit our turnovers, we see this as a key to win-



Kim Lowry makes a play in a recent game against Goucher. DAVE SENCLAR

ning any game," said Chandler.

On Tuesday March 21st, the squad faced Centennial Conference rival Washington College. Under the grey clouds on the second day of

spring, McDaniel dominated most of the game, winning 14-10.

"We really capitalized on a lot of our opportunities and played well for 60 minutes..." said Chandler. "...and we came out on top."

Midfielder Connie Wuenschel has led the Terror's offensive attack this so far this season, leading the team in goals, assists, and points. She also is tough on defense, finding herself at the top of many defensive categories. Lee Oliver has wreaked havoc on defense. She leads the team in

caused turnovers with 13.

During Spring Break, when most students were lounging around with friends or working, the Women's lacrosse team found itself in

West Palm Beach, FL. There, they played and lost to Skidmore and Montclair State by a score of 7-8.

Other teams went on trips during spring break. Men's lacrosse went to Duke to play Messiah on March 14th. The baseball team traveled to Arizona for five games. Softball played nine contests in the Rebel Games in Kissimmee, FL, and the Tennis teams went to Virginia Beach for a pair of matches. And the golf teams went to Myrtle Beach for a warm-up tour. The men's golf team played especially well at the Gettysburg invitational, placing second behind a team record low by Susquehanna University.

Success is on the minds of every athlete at McDaniel, each hoping that this will be the year. The women's lacrosse team certainly has its mindset on winning.

"We are hoping to make a run for the conference title," claimed Chandler. "I think it is very doable based on the talent we have this year. We are looking to...get a bid [the] NCAA's. I think if we continue playing well we will be there at the end."

Keeping With the Times, Tennis Springs Forward

LAURA HUTTON
STAFF WRITER

The men's tennis team had a strong start to their season. Back in September during their brief fall season, they won their only game 4-3 to Villa Julie.

Over spring break, they traveled to Virginia Beach and played their next three games.

The first, against Randolph-Macon on March 11, was a strong 5-1 win.

The second, on the same day, was another powerful win; they beat Guilford 5-2.

Two days later, on March 13, they played Virginia Wesleyan and suffered a crushing loss of 0-7. Since this loss, men's tennis has not been able to capture another wins.

The team's record now stands at 3-4 and they have lost their only conference game on March 25th against Franklin & Marshall.

On March 27, the team suffered another hard loss to Villa Julie (3-4). This was especially tough considering that they beat them in the fall.

The men have nine more games before the Centennial Conference Championships April 28-30. So, they still have a lot of time to improve their game, learn from previous play, and develop their newer members.

"We're a fairly young team considering that we only have one senior," explains junior Brian Kastner, who is the team's captain and has the Number One spot.

"We added one freshman this year, Adrian Pettaway, who is working his way into the line-up; he has more dedication than I have seen from any other player."

R. J. Seabeck, a junior, along with the assistant coach, Richard Fussel are also new additions to the team. According to Kastner, Fussel

"brings a new energy to the team that is very refreshing to see."

With a strong freshman player and other team members who are developing their game, both new and seasoned, the tennis team should be racking up the wins in no time.

According to Pettaway, "everyone is hitting the ball and moving well on the courts."

Team members believe that great improvements should be evident by the end of the season.

These improvements should lead to an increase in respect from the other teams.

"In the past, I think most teams see us come in, and we don't get much respect from them," Kastner acknowledges.

"We have been seen as a team that has some depth and not really strong (or) top of the line."

Kastner says he hopes to, "set a strong example that hopefully carries down the ladder to let our depth take over from there."

Their next home games are on April 2nd at 1 p.m. against Gallaudet, April 7th at 3:30 p.m. against Washington, and April 10th at 3 p.m. against Catholic.

The woman's tennis team is having a similar season. Their record is 3-3 and they have lost both of their conference games.

They demolished Villa Julie back in September (8-1) and Randolph-Macon on March 11th (8-1). The tables turned, however against Bryn Mawr (1-8) and Gettysburg (0-7), when the women suffered sizeable losses.

Despite these small setbacks, junior and team captain, Katie McLean notices the strength of her team: "I see a huge improvement all around on our team this year. We lost

some key players last year but everyone has been able to step it up."

She also acknowledges that it is not easy: "We're in a real competitive conference and there are lots of tough matches ahead."

Eleven games remain for the women before the Centennial Conferences.

The women's team will have home matches April 7th at 3:30 p.m. against Washington, April 8 at 1 p.m. against Haverford, and on April 10 at 3 p.m. against Catholic.

"It's gonna be an awesome season," said Pettaway.

Senior Tribute

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Your years in college are priceless. They are filled with eating Glar food, walking to a party on PA Avenue in the freezing cold, 30 page papers, always being broke, crazy professors, but most importantly, they are filled with times that you *lived for, laughs* you had with good friends, and making every memory a moment that you would *love* forever.

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Bed Bugs Creep Back Into Dorms Again, and Again, and Again

AMANDA KLEIN
STAFF WRITER

It's the middle of the night. You're tossing and turning. You feel like you have an itch that you just can't scratch. You envision little legs crawling all over your body.

For most, this occurrence is just a dream. But for McDaniel residents, this nightmare is all too real.

Welcome to the insect epidemic of 2006, an outbreak that is infesting the minds and beds of numerous McDaniel students.

According to a March 16 memo from the Office of Residence Life, "bed bugs were found in two Blanche Ward rooms this spring semester and one room during the fall semester. When bed bugs are detected, the students are relocated, all clothes

and linens are removed from the room and laundered, and the room is left vacant for the remainder of the semester so continual fumigations can take place."

One such room was Blanche Ward Hall room 303, where inhabitant junior Lindsey Vitek was forced to move out of her dorm and into another during midterm week.

"It was horrible," says

Vitek. "I was so stressed out balancing school work, moving out, and washing all of my clothing and bedding. It was such bad timing because this all happened the week that I had three midterms."

Since the March 16 memo was released, two more rooms in Blanche Ward Hall were declared to have bugs, and the residents were forced to move out. Stephen Fordyce, former resident of

room 215, was appalled by the way the college handled his situation.

"We got bit by insects and we let the school know," says Fordyce, a junior. "They said that we had roaches and they bombed our room over spring break. We went back in after break and we were bit again. They finally told us that we had bed bugs, and we were moved into the Best

(see "Bed Bugs" on page 3)

Gender Linked to Learning, Leadership

EMILY BIONDO
STAFF WRITER

It may be more prudent to start calling them "Bachelorette" degrees.

As more and more college campuses are being populated with a strong women's presence and even stronger women's success rate, McDaniel is no exception

to the trend.

Nationally, women's undergraduate enrollment has increased "more than twice as much as men's" since 1970, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. The 2004 women-to-men ratio of 55-45 reflects a striking shift in balance from 1970's 41-59 divide.

McDaniel's current

female/male ratio of 55-45 is directly on target with national statistics; population, however, is not the sole point of divergence for the sexes.

According to Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Henry Reiff, the 'gender difference' has been a surprisingly sizeable topic of discussion among the McDaniel deans this year. He said the

college has a "higher proportion [of females] that are academically outstanding," while there are fewer males "at the top," and more "males that come into contact with the conduct board." Reiff added that men are "simply less involved in extracurriculars with the exception of sports."

Statistics support
(See "Gender" on page 5)

Been There...



...Want To Go Back

COURTNEY KIEF

This high-flying stranger was the winner of the belly-flop contest — three rounds, pain, splash, and style — aboard The Royal Caribbean Cruise ship The Majesty of the Seas. Frozen beverages in hand, poolside onlookers gathered to cheer on their favorite contestant. The ship traveled to Nassau, Bahamas, Coco-Cay, Bahamas and Key West, Florida along with seniors Dawn Williams, Kaycia Rowe, Courtney Jordan, and Courtney Kief for SPRING BREAK 2006!

Immigration Policy Concerns Students

SHELLY HORN
STAFF WRITER

On April 9, 2006, The McDaniel Writing Center was a virtual ghost town, abandoned by most students for one of the first truly warm and sunny days of spring. While other students strolled the campus, played volleyball, or took their assignments to a blanket sprawled out on the grass, three McDaniel women huddled around a computer in the Writing Center, working together on what would have seemed to most as a group project, whose deadline lurked around the corner.

These three students — Laura Miller, Kristen Warfield, and Marina Wilson, were, in fact, not working on an assignment for a class but polishing a letter to Maryland Senator Paul Sarbanes — making their voices heard on pending immigration reform policy — their only deadline, self-imposed by civic responsibility and pangs of advocacy.

Though all three women helped to write and edit the letter, junior Laura Miller, initiated the process after the three attended a Latino Issues Advocacy Workshop together in Washington, D.C. in the beginning of March.

"We had attended [the workshop] together," said Miller. "And I received an e-mail about what was going on in the Senate Judiciary Committee and thought we should show our support by writing a letter."

The workshop was hosted by the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), the largest national Hispanic Civil Rights organization in the

(See "Students" on page 2)

Students Send Letter to Senator Sarbanes

(Continued from Page 1)

U.S. as part of their National Issue Briefing and Advocacy Day held March 8-9 in Washington, D.C.

Miller, a Secondary Ed minor, hopes to teach Spanish and ESL after completing her degree. She explained how her academic pursuits at McDaniel help her awareness of this issue.

"I am a Spanish major and so we talk a lot about issues facing Latinos in the U.S.," said Miller. "I think it is an issue that a lot of times gets overlooked and that a lot of people are not familiar with or are misinformed about."

The workshop proved fruitful for the group of women who attended.

"It was a really nice

opportunity for me to listen to a bunch of issues facing Latinos explained thoroughly from a reliable source," Miller stated. "It was also really valuable because they trained you how to advocate, like talking to the representatives and writing letters."

Miller, Warfield and Wilson opened their letter with their support of immigration reform: (excerpt)

"We are writing to you as a group of constituents in support of the comprehensive immigration reform bill. The [bill] encompasses what I necessary to fix our broken immigration system, namely creating a path to citizenship for current undocumented workers, creating legal channels for future immigrant workers,

and protecting American and immigrant workers."

The women also urge the Senator to consider the final language of the bill, as the legislation passed by the Republican-controlled House last year is limited to border security and makes undocumented persons, as well as those who assist them, vulnerable to felony charges. Under current law, undocumented presence in the U.S. is a civil offense while the proposed legislation would make it a felony.

Excerpt:

"The are currently 12 million undocumented workers in the U.S. who are supporting and contributing to the American economy and way of life. The country has come

to depend on this massive work force. These individuals are not criminals. They are simply seeking the American dream, chasing the desire of a better life, following the path our own families have taken for centuries in this country of immigrants."

"To criminalize someone for providing the basic necessities of life to another human being is unjust. A priest helping an immigrant to find shelter is NOT a criminal. A humanitarian worker providing food to an immigrant is NOT a criminal..."

McDaniel Spanish Professor, Dr. Amy McNichols, helped to edit the letter and was impressed by the student initiative to write it.

"Several students signed up to spend a day in Washington at the issue briefing," stated McNichols. "I was very impressed when two of them, Laura Miller and Marina Wilson, decided to spend the next day, National Advocacy Day for NCLR, advocating for immigrants' rights on Capitol Hill."

"There is a great group of students on this campus who are reaching out to the Latino community in a variety of ways," said McNichols. "Their dedication to this volunteer work is inspiring to me as a teacher."

"This is why I do what I do."

Would The Real Jamie Marple Please Stand Up?

SARAH E. WOLF
STAFF WRITER

Everybody who's standing: sit down. Everybody who's sitting: lay down. Okay people, are you ready for this?

In collaboration with Dr. Robert Lemieux, this semester's Quantitative Research Methods class created a fake person on Facebook, Jamie Marple. Marple's Facebook page, complete with a picture of a boy and a girl together, offered very little personal information about "Jamie," in fact, the name Jamie was purposefully gender neutral.

Even though little was known about Jamie Marple, his/her page lured a load of wall posts, and 334 friends from our own campus.

Yes, a fictitious person has more friends than most of us on Facebook.

Well, not really friends, but "close" acquaintances.

"Do I know you? I should..." wrote one guy (who obviously thought Jamie was a girl).

Another person was overexcited to hear from Jamie and said that they should "go for coffee and catch up." Somebody else believed he knew Jamie from

his fraternity.

However, other people were a little more suspicious and asked where they knew each other from.

The real suspicious people actually played detectives and checked Jamie's Facebook site for hours. They read all wall posts, which were posted by the class members, and the messages were obviously all gender neutral. In fact, one couple, according to one of my class members, got into a huge argument about whether Jamie is a boy or a girl.

Unbelievable how much impact a fictitious, made-believe real person has

on other peoples' lives.

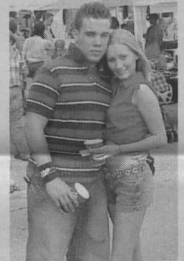
Now, we understand that some of you might be a little upset, but listen, it's all in the name of research, and you helped your peers to do an interesting, controversial study.

And to make up for having deceived you, there'll be an "I Got Fooled by Quantitative Research '06"- Facebook group. Huh? Isn't that something? Eh?

However, I promise I had nothing to do with this. Alright, the guilt is overcoming me already, but I didn't mean to - it was group pressure. I swear!

Stay faithful little

readers though, and until next semester: Have a great summer, and stay classy, McDaniel!



Lighter Side: Lessons on Men Streaking

ANDY WU
STAFF WRITER

(Editor's Note: At a glance, the blotter doesn't reveal some of the insane reports to which officers respond. We'll comment on highlights some of the unique calls.)

Spring Fling, the drunkest day of the year offered no newsworthy stories from the blotter. Fortunately, a

couple of twisted individuals acted very silly in the days before.

On April 10, a young female teenager was spotted by library personnel on a computer. She was asked to leave because the facility is designated for research only. After staying put and being repeatedly approached by an employee to leave, she did what all teenage girls do,

threw a tantrum.

She started yelling and screaming with claims that the library staff assaulted her, possibly ran around holding her breath, stomping her feet, and pulling her hair. Girls like this make me never want to have a daughter.

Interestingly enough, she flipped out because she was looking up porn in public! Nothing I could say would

make this "crime" any funnier. I'm just glad they didn't catch me.

Turns out, all she just had to stand outside North Village to stare at a donger.

After losing a bet, an unnamed student (you know who you are and so do I...if anyone else wants to know, ask me, I'll be glad to tell you) stripped down and ran out of his apartment directly into

several Campus Safety officers. What a shame.

Needless to say, he was written up for indecent exposure and failure to adequately represent the male race.

The lesson here is, don't streak unless you have boobs.

Campus Safety blotter

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4/2/06 3:15 a.m.	4/2/06 3:15 a.m.	vandalism	property	2	Whiteford Hall	inactive
4/3/06 2:49 a.m.	4/3/06 2:49 a.m.	trespass		2	Rouzer Hall Lot	closed by POC
4/5/06 2:26 p.m.	4/5/06 2:27 p.m.	tampering with fire equip.	fire extinguisher	2	Rouzer Hall	inactive
4/7/05 1:07 a.m.	4/7/05 1:07 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	2	Daniel McLea Hall	closed by POC
4/7/06 1:45 a.m.	4/7/06 1:45 a.m.	alcohol	possession under 21	1	Albert Norman Ward Hall	closed by POC
4/8/06 5:58 a.m.	4/8/06 6:02 a.m.	vandalism	property	1	Penna. Ave Houses	inactive
4/8/06 8:05 p.m.	4/8/06 8:09 p.m.	drug violation	possession	2	Penna. Ave Houses	pending court outcome
4/9/06 1:35 a.m.	4/9/06 1:33 a.m.	vandalism	structure	1	Penna. Ave Houses	closed by POC
4/10/06 7:36 p.m.	4/10/06 7:15 p.m.	disorderly	disturbing the peace	2	Hoover Library	closed by unaffiliated
4/14/06 12:34 a.m.	4/14/06 12:34 a.m.	disorderly	drunken	1	Blanche Ward Hall	closed by POC
4/15/06 12:25 a.m.	4/15/06 12:25 a.m.	assault	hands/feet	1	Garden Apt	report complete
4/15/06 3:50 p.m.	4/13/06 11:00 p.m.	vandalism	property	2	Blanche Ward Hall	closed by POC
4/17/06 7:15 a.m.	4/17/06 unknown	vandalism	property	2	Rouzer Hall	inactive
4/18/06 8:35 p.m.	4/18/06 8:33 p.m.	trespass		2	Whiteford Hall	closed by report
4/21/06 12:34 a.m.	4/21/06 12:34 a.m.	assault	other dangerous weapon	1	North Village	closed by POC
4/21/06 9:23 p.m.	4/21/06 9:23 p.m.	decency offense	indecent exposure	2	North Village	closed by POC
4/22/06 1:14 a.m.	4/22/06 1:14 a.m.	assault	other dangerous weapon	1	Garden Apt	report incomplete
4/22/06 8:00 p.m.	4/22/06 8:00 p.m.	vandalism	vehicle	1	Gill Center	inactive

Students Misplaced From Blanche Rooms

Bed Bug Attack Drives Everyone Crazy

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Western for three weeks, and now I still don't know where I'm going to live."

Vitek encountered similar circumstances, as the school sprayed her room repeatedly before they were able to determine what type of insect was biting her.

"First they said we had fleas, which they told us were from the mice that were all over the 3rd floor, so they sprayed for fleas, and set down mouse traps," said Vitek. "The traps didn't catch one mouse, and the biting continued, so they made us throw away our couch, which they said was the cause of the problem. The biting continued, so Orkin guessed that our room was infested with spiders. Then they sprayed us for spiders while we were in the room. We still got bit again and again."

Over a week later, Vitek woke up to find an insect crawling up her pillow and an enormous bite on her face. She said the insect resembled a ladybug, only much larger and darker in color. She captured the bug and immediately called Orkin to test the insect. The next day, it was determined that she had bed bugs.

"We had nowhere to sleep after they told us we had bed bugs," says Vitek. "They finally found us a room to move into, but we had to wait until the girl who lived there moved out. We slept on friends' couches for almost two weeks."

You might be wondering where these insects came from. According to Melvin Whelan, Building Services Coordinator, they are nestled deep in students' couches that were once stored in clubrooms in the basement of Blanche.

"Clubrooms were an incident, because they were left dirty over the summer.

Mice got into them and when students returned from summer and moved furniture in, the mice got into their rooms, along with the insects they carry. Also, when students get couches from places like Good Will, its another way to bring insects in," Whelan states.

According to the Maryland Department of Agriculture, the ideal way to eliminate insects is not to use pesticide sprays, but to incorporate a program that is referred to as Integrated Pest Management, or IPM. The program is described by the Department of Agriculture Web site as taking the following measure: "...focusing on correcting conditions that encourage pests by reducing the amount of food, water, and harborage available to pests and eliminating unnecessary pesticide applications."

Later in the document it is stated that, "...relying solely on pesticides to solve pest problems will eventually fail because of pesticide resistance that leads to loss of control and a resurgence in pest numbers. Also, with an improper application of a pesticide there is the potential to contaminate the school or work environment and expose staff and students to pesticide residues. In order to provide safe, effective pest control that is compatible with sensitive areas, integrated pest management (IPM) has been utilized as the preferred method of pest control."

On the contrary, according to Whelan, the sprays that are being used by our current provider, Orkin Pest Control, have proven to kill more insects than ever before. He states that in the past three years of working with Orkin, he has seen far better results than those from McDaniel's two previous providers, Terminex and Western Pest Control.

The repeated use of pesticide sprays is major concern for Georgina Klein, parent of a McDaniel student whose room was infested with bed bugs, and former member of the Essex County, New Jersey Task Force on Integrated Pest Management.

"Public schools and colleges across the country are adopting an integrated pest management approach to controlling pests in classrooms and dorms," says Klein. "This approach focuses on the health and safety of people while minimizing the pest damage to property."

However, this is a program that McDaniel does not use, and, according to Klein, IPM is one that would be simple to enact and prove to be far safer for residents. She believes that by taking advantage of resources available through the Maryland Department of Agriculture, the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service, and the Governor's Pesticide Council, it would be almost effortless to implement an IPM program.

"The McDaniel College community should live in an environment that deemphasizes the use of chemicals as the main treatment to control pests such as fleas, bed bugs, mice, and spiders," Klein says.

Klein is not the only one who believes in the success of the IPM program. Gary Alpert, Ph.D., an entomologist from Harvard School of Public Health, is the author of "IPM Program for Pest Control in Harvard University



A bed bug, similar to the ones found in Blanche Hall.

Housing." In his article, he states, "The use of chemical pesticides may disperse pests to adjacent areas and create health problems for the user, as well as other occupants."

As Alpert's statement predicts, several days after room 303 in Blanche became vacant, the residents of the room directly next to it began to get bit. Junior Kimberly Bloom, a resident of that room, complained of bug bites two weeks prior to spring break. She was moved into the Best Western for the week prior to spring break, and was told that her room would be examined and sprayed while it was vacant. She was also told that the school would be replacing her mattress and bed frame.

"The school told us that our room was all clear when we got back from break," says Bloom. "The first night I slept in my bed again I got bit all over my legs. My roommate Mary and I have slept on our futon together every night since then."

According to the most recent report, five rooms in Blanche Ward Hall have been evacuated. However, only two were confirmed to have bed bugs. Building Services Coordinator Melvin Whelan says that these other rooms were cleared out merely as a preventative measure.

"At this point, 303 and 120 are only confirmed room with bed bugs," says Whelan. "All the others were moved as a precaution, and the college went in and threw all the furniture away, or the furniture has been treated. The rooms will continue to be fumigated over the summer."

Whelan says that the insects that are infesting the other three rooms are fleas: "A couple of rooms had fleas in their couches and we helped them move the couches out to get them out of the building."

According to Vitek, this was not the case.

"They made us throw out our couch and when we called Campus Safety to help us, they said that they only had one officer on duty and couldn't help us," says Vitek. "Not only did we have to move out the couch ourselves, but we have not seen a penny for it. The cover alone cost \$200, and I don't even know how much more we spent on the couch."

The cost of living with bed bugs is not cheap. The school does offer students reimbursement for expenses caused by the insects; however, enormous amounts of money have to be laid out by the students themselves. In addition, it can take weeks for the receipts to be approved by the college, and to pay back the students.

"My laundry cost \$91.04 to be washed and I spent almost \$200 at Bed, Bath, and Beyond on new bedding, since all of mine had to be thrown away," says Fordyce. "I know that my roommate spent nearly \$200 too."

"It cost \$263 to wash me and my roommate's laundry at the laundromat," said Vitek. "And in addition to that, we had to buy new blankets, pillows, mattress covers, and mattress pads."

The saga continues. More residents of Blanche Ward Hall have begun to complain about bites. The future of the infestation of McDaniel looks hazy, but one thing certainly looks clear: until McDaniel College recognizes the benefits of Integrated Pest Management, the bugs have found a new home, and it looks like they're just getting comfy.



The enlarged view of a bed bug's head and thorax.

Binge Drinking on the Rise, Raises Concerns

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What are the hazards of binge drinking? The mindset of college students across the nation might be, well, you could spill your drink. But binge drinking is far more hazardous than the lighthearted quip implies, and the phenomenon is growing.

Between January of 2001 and December 2005 we have had 670 alcohol related incidents on campus, according to statistics provided by The Department of Campus Safety (DoCs).

"I am not sure the number of alcohol related incidents is increasing [necessarily]," said Mike Webster, Director of Campus Safety. "[Rather] increased awareness is leading to lower tolerance of crimes compounded by alcohol abuse."

Dr. Paul Mazeroff, psychology professor at McDaniel explains, "Binge drinking is defined as heavy episodic drinking [of alcohol] with the

intention of getting drunk [followed by] an extended period of intoxication after the drinking stops." The quantity of drinks follows the four or five criteria, four drinks for a woman and five for a man.

"We start at 7:00pm and have as many drinks as possible. Usually a [drinking] game helps people get going. Then we're blitzed and we go out," said Junior Chris DeRose, who is 21, the legal drinking age. "[It's] something to do. Everyone wants to get drunk. I don't know why we do it, honestly."

DeRose's description of a party night mirrors binge drinking scenes across the nation.

40.1% of college students reported engaging in binge drinking across campuses nationwide according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

"Drinking gives me the freedom to do what I want, and not be held accountable for my actions," said an anonymous McDaniel stu-

dent. "I can say oh, I was drunk and everything is ok. People get that."

"Anything that impairs good judgment, motor skills, and coordination puts you at risk," Mazeroff explains. "Just take for example stories of kids drinking and falling out of windows." Those examples often arise in Mazeroff's Drugs and The Mind class.

Dr. Mazeroff explains in more detail: "The limbic system is responsible for emotions and impulses, while the frontal lobe [of the brain] is in charge of reasoning and keeps the limbic system under control. Alcohol on the other hand puts the brain to sleep; resulting in an inactive frontal lobe. Suddenly, not so good ideas become great ideas. Teens and young adults, who already have underdeveloped frontal lobes, are now in greater risk of doing harm to themselves and others."

54,444 undergrads on 131 college campuses nationwide were surveyed on the consequences of alcohol by The

Core Institute of Southern Illinois (2001). 31.8% reported incidences of arguing and fighting, 29.0% reported driving a car while intoxicated, and a staggering 40.5% reported doing something they regretted later.

"This past weekend I woke up and noticed that I had ripped my jeans and had a gash in my knee. I don't know how it happened," reports an anonymous McDaniel student. "I must have fallen on the way to my dorm."

500,000 college students' nationwide reported serious injuries due to alcohol as reported in 2002 by The MADD Organization, Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

On McDaniel's small campus we have had 39 cases of violence and/or injury due to alcohol since 2000 (DoCs).

One such injury occurred in September of 2002. An intoxicated student fell off the caboose located next to the football field. The student was transported to Carroll County

Hospital due to a large gash in her leg (DoCs).

Each year McDaniel's College Activities Office offers new solutions to combat episodes of binge drinking, to avoid incidences like these. Various programs take place throughout the year to inform students of the dangers of alcohol.

"Alcohol Awareness Week is pretty important here," notes Senior Diego de los Rios. "[There is] a simulator to show you how alcohol makes you drive, and then there's a performance piece on date rape [due to intoxication]."

"The school sponsors [an alcohol] awareness program at least once a semester. [Not including Alcohol Awareness Week]. Resident Assistants are required to promote them," explains Joe Palkovic, a senior and veteran RA. "The only problem is, besides the sports teams and Greek life students who are required to go, no one else willingly attends."

Need for Deaf Resources Sparks Problems

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"So, it's an amazing self sac flinging ee mows lyon dov't her toe ashamed," read the computer screen that Kathryn Griepentrog was viewing, a device deaf and hard-of-hearing students at McDaniel, transcribers and interpreters work as necessary liaisons between them and the hearing world. The services of these ambassadors are as vital to the students' educations as walking sticks and guide dogs are to blind people navigating the streets of New York City.

Unfortunately, as with the string of apparent gibberish masquerading as text for Griepentrog to read, problems can surface, forcing students and faculty to grasp for rapid, effective solutions.

"The transcripts were loaded with errors," said Griepentrog, a 19-year-old English major. "It basically took longer for the notes to be edited before they were sent to me. With all of my classes, I didn't have time to look at them before they were finished."

Griepentrog, a sophomore who is neither completely deaf nor completely fluent in American Sign Language

(ASL), had not encountered any problems prior to the spring 2006 semester, when her transcriber, Gemma Wilson, needed surgery that would keep her off the job for months. Without Wilson, she lacked a trained person who could type real-time transcripts of the lecture and class discussion to read.

"Having a transcriber in class allows me to participate, take notes and not lose myself in the frustration of not being able to understand what is going on around me," Griepentrog said.

Although the school's Student Academic Support Services (SASS) employs 16 people to work in the classroom with deaf and hearing-impaired students, only three are transcribers, according to Lynda Casserly, coordinator of interpreting/transcribing services. The remaining 14 are interpreters, translating class lectures into ASL. One of the transcribers also works as an interpreter.

With the other transcribers already assisting other students, and with classes about to begin, Griepentrog was left in a quandary of how to understand what her teachers and classmates were saying.

To remedy the situation, Casserly contacted two outside

agencies, hiring Gore Brothers Reporting & Video Company Inc., a Baltimore-based firm. Gore Brothers sent a CART reporter, or Computer Aided Realtime Translation, to transcribe Griepentrog's classes. CART reporters use a combination of stenotype machines, laptop computers and special dictionary software to create "instant translation of the spoken word into English text," according to a Web site for the Northeast Technical Assistance Center, a Rochester, N.Y.-based organization that assists programs for the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

Both Griepentrog and Casserly were unhappy with the quality of the work that Gore Brothers produced. The "amazing self sac flinging ee mows" made up just one portion of text full of grammatical and spelling errors, and a majority of the transcript lacked punctuation and attribution to the numerous speakers.

In contrast, transcripts created by the transcribers usually employed by McDaniel read like a finished film script, with complete sentences following speaker attributions and only the occasional error, Casserly said.

Yet at about \$150 an hour, for

eight hours a week and for eight weeks, Casserly said she was unhappy with the results of a contract that, at a total of approximately \$9,600, costs three times what SASS pays its regular transcribers.

"I also pay a person to edit the notes," Casserly said. "She had to sift through like 60 pages of things that didn't make sense, and spend like six hours at a time."

With time on the contract remaining until Wilson - Griepentrog's transcriber - returns in April, and with Griepentrog's studies suffering under the current conditions, Casserly had to act rapidly and effectively once again. She contacted Gore Brothers and convinced them to hire Crystal Casserly, her former daughter-in-law and a past transcriber at McDaniel.

"[The school] had somebody that could give a more complete product," said Roz Dennstedt, office manager for Gore Brothers.

Crystal Casserly joined up with Griepentrog on Feb. 21, and the differences are marked. The turnaround time on notes has been lessened, taking only 45 minutes for an hour-and-a-half class. And on the day Crystal Casserly replaced the

CART reporter, Griepentrog was able to direct her concern toward the next day's Shakespeare exam, instead of worrying when she would get the notes for her other classes.

Yet even throughout the ordeal, Lynda Casserly said that Griepentrog never complained.

"She's very accepting," Casserly said. "She's very appreciative. She said to me, 'I know that you're going to make it happen.'"

Before this semester, SASS had never needed to hire transcribers from an outside firm, Casserly said. And to ensure that a similar quandary does not occur again, Carrie Waddell, a learning specialist in SASS, has begun training to become a transcriber.

Despite the adversity, Griepentrog maintains a positive outlook.

"SASS has actually done more for me than I ever had imagined, because they were the ones who came up with multiple solutions and let me ... pick which service would be most helpful," she said. "[They've gone] to great lengths to find me somebody who can come in and provide the support I need to keep up with my classes."

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Thank you to all who helped with the *Free Press* this year, especially former editors Rob Goeke, Pat O' Toole and Katie Martin



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Members of the Society of Collegiate Journalists enjoy College Press Day on April 8, 2006. From left to right, Pat O'Toole, Beth McLane, Sarah Black, Nicole Grimm, Mike Habegger, and Chanan Delivuk. Left, Mike Habegger enjoys a panel discussion.

Gender Differences Evident in Colleges

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McDaniel, the women's average undergraduate GPA for fall 2005 was 3.2, as compared to the male average of 2.82. Females also dominate extracurricular activities—as of November, men occupied only 23 percent of presidential positions of non-Greek college activities.

Despite the facts, a hesitation to generalize leads the general population to still ask: is there really a gender difference?

Sociologically, the answer is yes. In fact, Associate Professor of Sociology Dr. Debra Lemke said, "There are gender differences in just about every aspect of life." Lemke maintains that women "tend to have higher grades than men," as there is "some stigma to doing too well" for the male sex.

"It's cool to be a good drinker, it's cool to be a good athlete...but it might not be cool to be smart," she said. While Lemke distinguished these as social generalizations, she argues they are still relevant because society is influenced by these labels.

"The fact that this stereotype is untrue doesn't mean that people don't believe it," said Lemke.

Lemke's peer, Dr. Roxanna Harlow, who teaches the Sociology of Education course, also justified the use of these seeming generalizations.

What we say is in general, more often than not, [these trends in gender] tend to occur, but there are independent cases," said Harlow. She noted that females generally tend to be more detail-oriented and self-motivated in completing assignments, whereas men "are much more likely to talk in class...more willing to be more assertive of their opinions." This, she said, is related to the traits for which society rewards males, among them strength, assertiveness, and aggressiveness.

Dr. Jean Shin, fellow sociology professor and associate dean for first-year students agreed, saying, "[The] cultural dynamic [in college] involves how we...define masculinity."

There are, however, clear exceptions. Junior political science and French major Jason Fratto has a 3.83 GPA, while his activities include serving as president of the Inter-Greek Council, junior representative of the honors program, peer mentor, and a French tutor, as well as participation in the foreign language and first-year honor societies.

Fratto, contrary to the sociological trend in male behavior, finds that "achieving academic excellence [is] something that is very important." He does see some difference in gender. "The only difference I see in general...is that girls seem more involved in clubs and groups that are more extracurricular; they seem to be more willingly driven to participate," said Fratto. A women's studies minor, Fratto had some ideas about the reason for this disparity. "I don't know if it's internal drive or the fact that we live in a male-dominated world and...women feel the necessity to have to exert themselves to create an equal playing field," he said.

Lemke agrees with Fratto's conclusion, asserting that, in the work force, "women's education doesn't buy them as much as men's education."

Shin presents another theory. He said, "It just boils down to the same phenomenon: more girls applied."

Surprisingly, this idea is inaccurate. Fall 2005 statistics show that there were in fact 22 more male applicants to McDaniel than female. However, of those accepted, 917 were female and 865 male. According to Dean of Admissions Marty O'Connell, this is simply the result of the admissions process.

"We review every sin-

gle application that comes in; we are looking for the most able students," she said. O'Connell recognizes the growing need to attract males to the college, even citing advertising advantages such as "having an attractive campus with a golf course."

"If more men play golf, that is one postcard that is going to be more attractive to them," said O'Connell. O'Connell also said the Admissions office makes an effort to keep male applicants in the pool, as potential applicants look for diversity and "gender balance" on campus. As a result, she acknowledged putting an emphasis on calling male applicants to remind them to complete and turn in their applications, as well as using postcard reminders to

the same effect.

Little on campus is being affected by the ongoing trend of gender differences. Women's head basketball coach Becky Martin has not taken notice of any changes beyond a heightened interest in playing time from prospective female players. This drive to succeed is something Martin is "starting to see with women."

In another aspect of college life, Greek associations reflect the trend of higher female GPA than male among sororities and fraternities. However, there is a difference from the general gender trend in that more men than women proportionally participate in Greek organizations. Amanda Rose, assistant director of college activities and director of

Greek life, predicts that the rise of women in colleges will "make Greek life much more plentiful on campus" for both men and women.

"The women will have influence over the men and the men will have influence over the women, [so] even the guys will reap the benefits," said Rose.

As far as solutions to the disparity among genders, Shin said that there is no "simple remedy," adding, "I don't think [experts] saw it coming to the extent that it's happening." He instead suggests as part of a more complex solution: "educating students no matter what gender."

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Immigrants Are Our Family Members Too

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Welcome to 1850. Congress has just enacted the Fugitive Slave Law, making it a felony for anyone to aid an escaping slave in any way towards their freedom. It one of the darkest chapters in our nation's soiled history.

Welcome to 2006. A bill proposed in the U.S. House of Representatives makes it a felony to aid anyone who is an illegal immigrant staying in these United States.

So many like to think that we've come a long way since 1850. In reality, we haven't accomplished anything.

"If you prick us, do we not bleed? If you tickle us, do we not laugh?"

If you poison



us, do we not die?" William Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice.

I know I have one brother and one sister with whom I share blood. But I also know I have more than 6 billion other brothers and sisters that bleed as I do, hurt as I do, believe as I do. They're yours too.

There are 11 million of my brothers and sisters that came here searching for the same thing my ancestors that came to Ellis Island were

searching for: Life. Peace. Hope.

They want nothing more than to have an opportunity to achieve the dreams that you and I have: to maybe make a life for themselves where their children can attend a college like McDaniel some day.

The vast majority are here on our soil not because they are evil but because they are good. The fault as to why they are here rests on our shoulders for it is us that could not keep our borders secure.

Now that our siblings are here, we cannot throw them out. The problem must be attacked at its source: the border. If it can be secured, then this quagmire will cease. From then on, your brothers and sisters will enter our land in peace. Legally. The way

they should.

If you are John or Jane Q. McDaniel Student, you probably had it okay growing up. But what if you didn't have the things you were blessed with when you were young?

Put yourself in their shoes. That's what my 11 million siblings experienced. That's why they came here.

Imagine living your life on the edge of paradise. Outside looking in. Your mother is barely hanging on. Your father has a distant look in his eye. Your spouse can't help you makes end meet in the long run.

What would you do? Would you stay on the outside, knowing what could be if you chose to go in?

If you answer like a human should, then you know why your 11 million

brothers and sisters must stay.

My 11 million siblings are the same as you and I. Human. They came here because the system was porous enough to allow them to. They cannot be removed from a land that was not competent enough to keep them out.

A problem is never solved by making it go away.

These people are your brothers, but they need tough love. These people are your sisters, but they cannot have a free pass.

If they stay and the borders are properly patrolled, then you will learn to love your 11 million brothers and sisters like your familial brothers and sisters.

They want what you want. Never forget that.

MTV: The Home of Cheesy Reality Shows

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"Yo yo, what up world, this is Sway coming at y'all with an MTV news brief. The fellas of MTV have recently changed the formerly known title of our station, Music Television, to Mainstream Television."

"They figured that since all our shows were targeted at a young and rich early teen demographic, this would be more suitable. I hope this doesn't offend nonna y'all who tune in for the 26 minutes of garbage-juice music that we play each day. That's the latest for now; stay tuned for more ten til the hour every hour. Peace World."

MTV has hit an all time low. I can name about 10 shows that are completely pointless, corny as all hell, and catered to 16-year-old

hoodrats that put rims and fluorescent tube lights on used Dodge Neons. Just when I thought it couldn't get any worse Yo Momma is released. This is a show based on trash-talking, hosted by Wilmer Valderrama.

They create these extremely rehearsed scenes composed of flashy cars, dumpsters, and the trendiest individuals in America, in attempt to reenact a real live ghetto clowning session. Eventually, Wilmer pulls around the corner in his all black juiced up ride and referees the final battle. The contestants say to themselves, "Thank Goodness he showed up, now we can finally battle. Wilmer has so much street credibility." Competitors use recycled jokes and make humorless attempts at insulting each other. I've seen one dude use the same punch three times in the same show

and another tool tell a guy that his "mother was so fat..." and consecutively tell him that his "moms was so skinny."

At the end of the day for all their intellectual efforts, the winner gets "one thousand dollars in cash money" from MC Wilmer who informs them in the voice of a San Francisco roller-blader. This program is tragically bad.

Yo Momma is a blatant spin-off of another god-awful show called Wild N' Out. This is another boring program that has way too many loud white guys and some noticeable staged parts. Wild N' Out is hosted by a former Nickelodeon gangster turned bubble gum rapper named Nick Cannon. It's kind of worth tuning in to see the Indian chick that continues to get paid for never making anyone in the audience laugh. Her name is Rasika Mathur and her career buzzer/bell

ratio is at 98.8%.

Other shows of the Dairy Family are Date My Mom, Next, and My Super Sweet 16.

Date My Mom has a really awful finale in which a limo pulls up and one lucky mother hands her daughter off to some gelled-up community college dropout. They automatically lock lips and skip down the shoreline as the girl's mother looks on.

I've only tuned in to Next a few times but it seems to always be the homosexual episodes. Five feminine males start out on a bus waiting their turn to get a chance at the hunk (usually named Pierre). It turns out that if any of the daters are on their date longer than 20 minutes the remaining bus members end up shirtless and disinterested with the point of the show.

Sweet 16 highlights spoiled rich girls luxurious

sixteenth birthdays. For the first half of the program they boss their divorced parents around into renting out the right clubs, hiring the right performers, and inviting the coolest of the cool. The parents in turn get a little bit upset but are finally rewarded with a fake hug from their little one after they get a brand new Lexus drop top and a diamond-encrusted Rolex.

MTV has a lot of work to do, but I don't mind flipping past it to get to Dog the Bounty Hunter as long as it isn't that half hour slot filled with Nickelback and Hillary Duff videos. Playing more generic music isn't going to fix this problem. MTV needs to can the preschoolers who come up with their program ideas and search for a new plan of attack.

Debate? Students Deserve To Hear All Sides

The April 6th edition of the McDaniel Free Press granted front page publicity to the March 29th "Same Sex Marriage Debate," which was organized by the Political Science/International Studies Department, along with the Provost's office, and moderated by the Associate Vice President of Development Steve Krahling-Haddad. The event was billed as a debate, the tables were arranged as if it would be a debate, and a number of professors, students, and members of the community attended with the expectation of hearing some debate. But there was no debate. From the moment the six panelists were introduced, it was clear that the word "debate" had been only a ploy used by the Political Science Department to put butts in the seats.

The widespread dissatisfaction with the event's one-sided nature must have quickly reached the ears of the Poly-Sci faculty, as only a day or so after the "debate," rumors began to float around campus that honest attempts had been made at bringing in representatives of the opposing viewpoint to serve on the discussion panel. Krahling-Haddad even made mention of the invitations that had been sent to Maryland state legislators who oppose same-sex marriages in his introduction. Nevermind that it is plainly obvious to anyone who studies politics for a living that legislators who are in session will almost always turn down an invitation to debate any issue at a small, out of the way, obscure liberal arts college like McDaniel. What a glorious façade of

legitimacy our school enjoys! They honestly claimed not to be able to find any representatives willing to debate against same-sex marriages in one of the most conservative counties in the state of Maryland!

I find it noteworthy and ironic that not one single Political Science professor attended the following week's "Sex, Love, and Same-sex marriage," a talk given by Catholic priest Rev. Leo Patalinghug, even though it was held at the same time on the same night of the week. I suppose the department found itself collectively too busy that night to hear a counter-argument from someone who agreed to come present a view opposing same-sex marriage at the drop of a hat, and was found only two blocks away from campus. It is funny how that event,

which was not billed as a debate, gave a fairer treatment to both sides of the argument. Funny how that event, held in a classroom less than half the size of McDaniel Lounge (the location of the "debate") was packed with 50+ students, not one of whom was required to be there for a class, as was the case for the prior week's "debate." Funny how, in a town with 20+ churches that oppose same-sex marriage, not one pastor was asked by our Political Science department to make a non-religious argument against it. Funny how not one local politician who opposes same-sex marriage was asked to argue against it. Funny how more than 50 fliers for the talk given by Fr. Leo were ripped down around campus in the week leading up to that event, and the room was still filled

beyond capacity.

This irony tells me a few things. First, it tells me that students on this campus, whether they agree or not, want to hear both sides of an issue. Second, it tells me that our Political Science faculty does not. Third, it tells me that the department is trying to deceive the students by appearing to respect both sides of the argument on every issue. Actions speak louder than words, and the faculty's actions have communicated to me again and again in my four years at this college, that they do not care what the opposing viewpoint says. How intellectual.

-Joe Palkovic, senior, History major



Left to right Beth Jones, Sara Yingling, Holly Schoenberg, and Caitlin Schellhorn at the Alpha Nu Omega formal.

(computer's language, not mine) and it was ruined. I had to re-do the whole project in 48 hours. (2) Group projects - as a nontrad, commuter, mom of three kids, these are a logistical nightmare! (3) Any time my kids were sick and I had class/assignments due - the Mom guilt kicks in...

Biggest success: Honestly, under the above circumstances? Just finishing is the biggest success. I know many people in my position who aren't able to finish, or take 15 years to finish etc. for whatever reason. To complete the BA in 4 1/2 years, starting from scratch (no credits), is the biggest success and was only possible with the cooperation and support of my family and friends.

Mentor(s): Many of the faculty and staff have made major contributions to my education and my experience at McDaniel as a whole. However, Lisa Breslin has been and continues to be who I would call my "mentor." I came to McDaniel with a love of writing which she cultivated and encouraged. She is truly a professional and has a wealth of experience. I am a much better writer because of her advice and input. She was also a "go to" person for me for everything from car breakdowns to lunch money. :) Definitely a stress-reliever and life-saver!

Advice: (1) Hang around people who are smarter than you (2) If you have the opportunity, study abroad (3) Focus on majors/minors but, on occasion, take a class that has NOTHING to do with either - something fun. (4) Meet and befriend someone who looks nothing like you. (5) Hang in there and finish what you started.

Name: NATHAN KLUNK

Favorite Memory: Sledding down the golf course



JOHN FLOYD

Worst Memory: Registering for classes

Biggest Success: Making it through four years of College
Mentors: Dr. Madsen and Dr. Craig - Dr. Madsen helped me get the classes that I needed and made sure that I stayed on track. Dr. Craig planned out my Elementary minor so that I could be successful in the program and teach to the best of my ability.
Advice: No matter how much work you get keeping plugging through it, and remember to have fun with the people around bc they will become possible friends for life.

Name: EBONY PORCH

Favorite Memory: My 19th birthday. I had received some sad news but through it all, my friend Leah Williamson, who was also a floormate, arranged for a few others to sing Happy Birthday for me with a vanilla cake. Also, my friend and fellow cadet at the time, Sabrina Putro sang Happy Birthday to me while her friends played instruments in the background.

Worst memory: Taking two pills of No Dozs to stay up and prepare for a presentation that I botched by crying and having panic attacks.

Biggest success: Making and keeping the good friends that I have had since freshman year and becoming closer to those that I went to high school with.

Mentor: Kyle Meloche...although he is just a faculty member to most on campus, he has helped when it comes to what supplies to get and what to wait for. Suggestions for art assignments. He has just been a good friend to talk to who actually listens and has something to say.

Advice: Do not get caught up in the websites such as Facebook or Myspace. They will suck you in and put you behind in the important things. Honestly though, college is to me high school these-

quel. Have ya fun and keep ya friends close, yet stay focused on your assignments. You got here without slacking, so do not start now.

Name: SUZANNE KRISTENSEN

Favorite Memory: Being a member of the McDaniel Playback Troupe

Worst memory: Trying to juggle school, homework, and projects with being a wife and mother of four. I don't recommend it.

Biggest success: Accomplishing my goal of being the first in my family to attend and graduate from college while meeting and maintaining the high expectations I placed on myself.

Mentor: My theater professor, Ron Miller. He has a way of helping one keep things in perspective. He is very in tune with his students and the stress levels we are under, which was a relief for this non-traditional student. He helped me in an unusual way in that he recognized the difficulty of raising a family and being a student and was flexible in ways to help me meet my obligations. Ron welcomed my children to rehearsals and class meetings that I would have had to miss had they not been permitted to attend. It seems like such a strange way of helping, but I can honestly say that his understanding made a world of difference to me and helped me maintain my academic workload without additional stress.

Advice: Work hard, give 100%, be involved, enjoy your college experience without regrets.

Name: JOE PALKOVIC

Favorite Memory: Spring Break trip to Florida, 2005, with Catholic Campus Ministry to help people recover from hurricane damage.

Worst memory: 10 400's in 70 seconds or less with 2 minutes recovery...and basically any really hard track workout (especially the ones that made me throw up)

Biggest success: Hopefully coming in top 3 in the Conference Decathlon as a senior, but that won't happen until may 5th and 6th (the conference championship meet is at home that weekend so be there to cheer for me)

Mentor: Dr. Bryn Upton, helped me think about and articulate why he is wrong about everything. Also helped me train for track and write good papers.

Advice: If you want to teach, fulfill your education requirements in grad school - the education minor is an awful idea because you get stuck taking 20 credits worth of classes every semester, half of which you hate, plus you have to do internships that make



"Criminals in Love:" Jeff Goeller is on the left as "William," and on the right is McDaniel sophomore Pete Kendall as "Junior." Goeller said this show was the most enjoyable, educational, mind-opening, and heartfelt experience he has had working on a production. "McDaniel College and McDaniel Theatre have brought countless blessings to my life and this extraordinary production is one that I will always cherish," he added.

you even busier, such that you don't have time to participate in more than one or two extracurricular activities or clubs. And don't believe the lies of the Political Science department.

Name: KELLY SHAW

Favorite Memory: All the random nights hanging out with the friends!

Worst memory: Bed bugs

Biggest success: Sociology honor societies, making a difference through many community service projects with Phi Sigma Sigma, Dean's List

Mentor: Dr. Shin! he was always very encouraging and not just a professor but a friend as well

Advice: Don't forget to have fun because these four years will FLY!

Name: SAMANTHA SMITH

Favorite Memory: Living in Rouzer with Chrissy Radomski, Erika Walker, and Megan Porter freshmen year

Worst memory: Reality Class
Biggest success: Making the best friend i'll ever have

Mentor: Kate Dobson... Helped me graduate ha

Advice: Do you senior seminar first semester senior year and get all of your hard classes out of the way... Have fun while it lasts cause the time flies by



Ebony Porch and her roommate Shalandia Wills

Name: DANI UNFLAT

Favorite Memory: Spring Fling 2005

Worst memory: Having one of my roommates pee on my laundry!

Biggest success: 2002 FH Conference Champions

Advice: For those of you that are EDU minor... put some thought into your exit portfolio before the last couple of days before its due. It will save you a lot of time and energy!

Name: CHRIS WASHINGTON

Favorite Memory: Walking onto the playing field.

Worst memory: Football ACL Tear

Biggest success: I am the only male in my family to complete 4 yrs of undergrad and that i am going on to grad school.

Mentor: Greg Nibblelink, helped me rehab and stay positive post ACL reconstruction, and look on to bigger things. Dr. Orza, she helped me realize things about me, my past, and present are interrelated, not all my fault but that I can move on past the negative to find the positive.

Advice: Keep fighting for your dreams because they are watching you, don't let them get away.

Cupid's Arrows Hit Several Smitten Students

LAURA HUTTON
STAFF WRITER

During their time spent at McDaniel College, many graduating seniors found love. These couples are engaged with plans to get married shortly after they graduate from the Hill.

Joe Palkovic met Mary TenEyck when they were in high school; they attended St. John's at Prospect Hall in Frederick. The first time Joe realized that he was supposed to be with Mary, they were both dating other people. They were talking in Baker Park in Frederick "about how her boyfriend had told her he was in love with her; she did not feel the same way. I told her right then that I was also in love with her," Joe shares.

Shortly after that discussion, they broke up with the other people they were seeing and dated most of their senior year. The following year, Joe went to separate colleges, Joe to McDaniel and Mary to Loyola College in Baltimore.

Joe's second realization occurred when "I was praying in a church, asking God what I should do with my life. A noise caused me to look up and open my eyes suddenly, and the first thing I saw was a statue of Joseph holding the child Jesus, and I knew then that I was called to marriage-

and fatherhood."

On a warm December night, in a grove behind the church where he grew up, he proposed.

Joe is not the not the only senior at McDaniel who found love with a non-McDaniel student. Autumn Nicole Hancock met her fiancé Zack Hurst, through her roommate freshman year, who was friends with him in middle and high school. The roommate called Zack and told him that her Autumn would be perfect for him.

On September 2, 2002 they met while Zack was on campus to visit his friend; he and Autumn became close immediately. "When we met, we ended up talking for hours about everything. We just hit it off. We've pretty much been inseparable ever since," said Autumn.

On their one year anniversary, Zack proposed while they were in Autumn's dorm room. He wrote her a four page letter about why he loved them together so much. After Autumn finished reading the letter, "he then said, 'I love you more than anything or anyone in the world. You have made my life more wonderful than I could have imagined it to be. Autumn, I would give anything to spend the rest of my life with you. Will you be my wife?' 'Yes! Of

course!'" Autumn exclaimed.

She describes true love as a continuous process, not a specific moment. "Everyday you learn something new about them and you love them more and more each day. I have known he was the one every day for the past three years and seven months."

They plan to marry at St. John's Catholic Church in Westminster on Friday, May 26, 2006, less than a week after graduation. Then, on the 27th, they will move to Florida where Autumn will attend law school.

Tara Lester is also moving south after her wedding. On June 23, she and Brad Carman are set to marry at Tara's home church in Calvert County. Then, they will be moving to Texas, where she will be earning her masters in National Security at Texas A&M while Brad works. "We don't even know anyone in Texas - so it all seems like one big adventure!", Tara explains.

Big adventures are nothing new to Tara and Brad, who studied abroad in Budapest together before they even started dating. "We came back even closer than before and we had a blast traveling with each other."

Tara and Brad were introduced by Tara's roommate of all four years, who took freshman seminar with Brad and

even dated him for a few weeks.

Tara is not sure when she knew that he was the one: "it just seemed really serious from the start. But I know that I considered it a very good sign that we didn't get on each other's nerves in Budapest." Since their relationship was so serious from the beginning, the topic of marriage came up early. She knew the proposal was coming, she just did not

know when.

Brigid Seay and Travis Johnson are known by many as the "red headed" couple on campus. They met freshman year in their Latin class and started dating the following summer. Last summer he proposed on a cliff in Harper's Ferry; they plan to get married in August on TJ's farm. "I love him very much and can't wait to begin our lives together," Brigid said.



KELLY SHAW
Kelly Shaw was the first girl that Josh Marvel met at McDaniel during freshmen orientation in Red Square in August of 2002. They stayed friends all through college but when some of his friends told her he was interested in her, they started hanging out more. They kept in touch during the summer months and right before senior year began, he asked her out. After graduation Josh plans to move to Maryland, from Delaware, so he can be closer to Kelly - according to them, they "plan to stay with each other for a loooooong time!"

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Baseball Seniors Stay Strong To the End

JOEY MORNINGSTAR
STAFF WRITER

The McDaniel baseball team walked off a rain soaked field on Friday in an extra inning, loss to Washington College only to be flooded by an atmosphere of frustration.

McDaniel went into the top of the ninth with a 4-3 lead only to have Washington come back and score a run to tie it up. Then in the top of the tenth Washington plated four runs to go up 8-4. McDaniel tried to amount a rally only to score one run for a final score of 8-5.

On a team that has only five seniors, three juniors, and the rest freshmen, coach Dave Seibert has relied on his five seniors to lead the way. "The seniors mean a lot as far as the experience factor. They are carrying a young team that looks up to them."

Even though the record does not show it (8-19, 3-11 C.C.), the team has good chemistry despite the gap in experience and it all has to do with his senior leadership, Coach Seibert noted.

Player Profile:

#24 Jimmy Dahlgren: Jimmy has been the most consistent player for the Terror and one of the senior captains. After transferring in from the University of Charleston he solidified his place on the team as a pitcher and first baseman. Currently he is batting .340 in 27 games. He anchors the pitching staff with a 3.23 era in 7 appearances with a record of 3-3. Last year Jimmy was Terror's offensive player of the year and pitcher of the year. When asked about his thoughts of the season he said, "One word, FRUSTRATING." Jimmy plans on attending graduate school at

McDaniel and playing one more year.

#2 Kevin Salamone: Kevin leads the team in batting this year with an average of .344. He has spent all four years as the starting third baseman, only missing one game sophomore year. This is why he is one of the senior captains leading by example. While on spring break in Arizona, Kevin picked up his 100th career hit and only needs nine more to break the school record. Kevin summed up the season by saying, "It was better than last year, and we should have had a better record. We were in a lot of close ball games but just couldn't finish." After school, Kevin plans on returning home and working in marketing or insurance.

#3 Drew Mitchell: Right behind both Jimmy and Kevin in batting average is the final

senior captain. Drew is batting .338 in 22 games and anchors the infield at shortstop. Drew spent much of his junior year hurt, but as he came on strong in his final year. After baseball is finished, Drew will switch his focus to his post-graduate plans. He is a member of McDaniel ROTC and is currently a Captain in the Cadet ranks. Once he graduates he will attend LDAC in the summer and continue his goal of being an officer and branching military intelligence.

#32 Justin Bilohlavsek: Justin has spent a majority of his career at McDaniel running the helm for the team by being their starting catcher. Both his sophomore and junior years he was honorable mention for the conference and is hitting .230 in 27 games. His lethal bat has landed him duty as the DH for a majority

of the year, showing how important it is to have his bat in the lineup. After college, Justin plans on returning home and eventually running his fathers HVAC business.

#11 Steve Jordan: One of the individuals that you may not notice around the diamond, but his presence is ever felt is the last senior on the team, Steve Jordan. When Steve entered McDaniel he was listed as a catcher, but over the years he has transitioned into one of the every day outfielders.

Coach Seibert noticed this as being one of Steve's important qualities. When asked his opinion of the season he said, "It has been really frustrating. We should have won more games." After graduation, Steve's only plans is to work in the real world.

Rutland Shuts Down Players All Season

MIKE HABEGGER
SPORTS EDITOR

Chris Rutland plays defense. He does it well. Sometimes, he guards 6'8" power forwards. At 6'3" 180, Chris is not your typical college level forward. He makes up for size with hustle. During the last four years, McDaniel students could go out every night and be guaranteed to see Chris wrestling a ball away from an opponent in an effort to save a possession. That's just what he does. Is Chris your typical beloved "hard-working white guy"? Hardly.

"I like offense better but I also love shutting down the other team's best player."

Let's be honest. You really like to play defense? Just because you're good at it doesn't mean you have to like it. And that is what Chris Rutland did his entire career for the Green Terror.

One would figure that Chris, who grew up in the 1990s, would idolize His Airness, and try to take over games on the scoring end. But it was actually #33 that caught his attention the most.

"I always tried to pattern my game after versatile players that play with a lot of heart and could play multiple positions," said Rutland. "...like Scottie Pippen."

But it was Chris' father Chris who got taught him the game.

"He was a great player at Mt. St. Mary's and he can still play a little bit," said Rutland.

Chris began his basketball journey to McDaniel College at Archbishop Spalding, where he was an integral part of the school's most recent BCL and MIAA-A cham-

ionships. He was a captain on the team and was named the Team MVP during his senior year for his efforts. Spalding's Press Guide for 2001-2002 described Rutland as a "heady 6'3" shooting guard/small forward, who is the team's most fundamental player." He also led the team in assists, charges taken and games started. These were attributes that carried over perfectly into his college career.

Chris came to McDaniel as a result of assistant coach Kevin Selby's efforts.

"He was at almost every game and after I visited the campus I knew I wanted to come here," said Rutland.

Known for fundamentals, Chris began his career at McDaniel as a role player coming off the bench. By his junior year, his consistency was invaluable, and he started 24 games, recording 42 assists and averaging 5.6 points per game.

If you attended any McDaniel games in the past four years, you were sure to notice Chris' name as soon as you looked at the program: #1 - Chris Rutland.

"I started wearing #1 my sophomore year of high school and have stuck with it since then," said Rutland.

In 2004, Chris grabbed 13 rebounds in a game against St. Mary's.

This past season, Rutland started all but one of the games he played in, helping the squad make a run for its best season since 1997-1998. His favorite memory from his career here was winning the final game of the season against Washington, an aesthetically pleasing contest that

excited everyone in attendance as McDaniel shot 56% from three point land to get the win 94-89.

"It felt great to go out with a win and the whole team celebrated that night over at my place," said Rutland. "It was a great time."

What will Chris do now that college is over? NBA? Try again.

"I start work at T. Rowe Price in Owings Mills on May 30th."

Where they can be sure to appreciate the benefits from this man's hard work, busi-

ness fundamentals and ability to assist others. Let's just hope he can lead the company in charges taken.

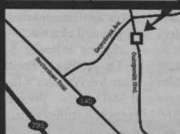
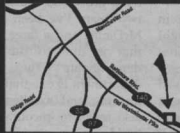
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Smith Savors Family Time; Copeland to Yale

CLAYTON ROSA
STAFF WRITER

Biochemistry majors' Katie Smith and Matthew Copeland are looking forward to a relaxing summer after graduation. Smith plans to spend some time with her family, friends and her husband, Ethan, before she packs her bags and heads to graduate school at Yale University in Connecticut.

Copeland, who is also an art history minor, hopes to make it to the bar one last time with his friends before he moves into a graduate position at the IpiB (Integrated Program in Biochemistry) program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison later in the summer.

For her senior seminar project, Smith got the idea to research a protein in the envelope of the HIV virus,

called gp41. Alumnus, Dr. Sam Hopkins, prompted Smith's interest in this protein, and urged her to do her project over the development of a peptide inhibitor, T-20, that would inhibit the protein gp41 in the HIV virus. After being introduced to Hopkins by professors, Dr. Richard Smith and Dr. Marilyn Smith, Katie Smith decided to research the protein gp41 with Dr. Richard Smith.

"Dr. Smith has always gone above and beyond for me," said Smith about her professor. "From allowing me to work for him for two years, helping me with graduate school decisions and writing letters of recommendation, to giving advice on courses, he has always been there to help me."

Copeland agrees, saying that professors, Dr. Randall Morrison and Dr.

Melanie Nilsson have helped him significantly for graduate school decisions and access to various internships.

Copeland's senior seminar project consisted of using "yeast as a model organism to study the functional role of the L4 ribosomal protein," said Copeland. He explained that he made deletions of a particular region of the protein, and studied the "viability of the yeast by doing growth plates, sucrose gradients, and Northern blots." Copeland summarized his research into a 45 minute presentation, senior paper, and into a poster. He got the idea for this project when working at UMBG (University of Maryland, Baltimore County) last summer through an internship with the National Science Foundation.

Both Smith and Copeland are proud of their

own academic accomplishments, and will miss their time at McDaniel, but what they will miss the most is the friends that they have made.

"I am most pleased with the people I have chosen to befriend," said Copeland. "I think that the people that one chooses to spend the majority of their time with are a reflection of that individual. I consider myself fortunate to have been able to spend the past four years with people that I am equally proud of."

Smith agrees, saying that it is because of her experiences in college that she has learned to prioritize her life. "I learned so much and did my best in all of my classes, but I also maintained close relationships with the people in my life that mean the most to me," she said about her family and friends. Smith also knows that although perseverance is an

important trait to embody as a college student, she hopes that future students will take advantage of any research opportunities or internships as she did.

"It's really helpful to figure out what you want to do in your life, and it gives you a broader perspective of the field you want to go in to," said Smith.

Out of all the memories from the four years of college, and the hard work from these two students, Copeland summarizes both of their feelings about graduating.

"I will miss the small feel of the campus and the good people that I have met over the years here," said Copeland. "You cannot simply replace good friends when you move to another location."

Risky Business: Moffatt Thrives on Thrill

KATIE HICKEY
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever noticed a sand-colored Toyota Tacoma complete with a roof rack and a kayak - parked on campus and thought: "Who carries around a kayak in Westminster?"

The owner of the Tacoma is senior Dave Moffatt, and that telltale kayak is one of 3 that he owns. While most athletes at this age are involved in sports like lacrosse and soccer, Moffatt has been an avid whitewater kayaker for almost 10 years, as well as a rock climber for 15 years.

All physical activities have their share of risks, but Moffatt's sports of choice

come with their own unique hazards.

"Rock climbing is dangerous because of the possibility of traumatic falls or equipment failure," said Moffatt. "And while the risk for injury is not as apparent in kayaking, the life-threatening dangers of water sports - especially with the difficulty of whitewater rescue - are ever present."

Considering his interest in these activities, it's easy to label Moffatt a risk-taker.

"Dave is what I would call a calculated risk-taker," said senior Chris Simms, who has known Moffatt since freshman year. "Being the intelligent person he is, I doubt he would ever jump into a creek and try to wrestle an alligator."

Or would he? "Of course not, I'm scared to death of water," Moffatt said, laughing.

Given his hobbies, does Moffatt consider himself a risk-taker?

"Not usually," he said. "While some of the things I do tend to be seen as risky, I think I limit myself to things I have a better chance of succeeding at than messing up. But I've been wrong a couple times."

Such as? "I've missed my clip [while climbing] and fallen 25 feet. My bayer caught me though. That was pretty scary," he said.

According to Moffatt, it's the risks that add the thrill to activities like climbing and

kayaking.

"I think the pressure and the challenge to do things right are why I like them," he said. "Fear keeps you sharp."

One of his more risky pursuits included running a 26-foot waterfall at Great Falls outside Washington, D.C. Great Falls rapids are categorized as Class 5.

"In Class 5 rapids, you get the highest amount of danger and difficulty," explained Moffatt. "There is a real danger of drowning if you make a mistake."

During the summer, Moffatt imparts his knowledge of kayaking and climbing on pre-teens as a counselor for Passages Adventure Camp in his hometown of Richmond,

VA. This summer will be his fifth as a counselor.

After graduation, Moffatt, a double major in Biology and Philosophy, plans to pursue a research position in Biology and eventually go to graduate school for anatomy, which in itself may be considered a risky move by the squeamish.

While running whitewater rivers and climbing cliffs are dangerous activities for the majority of us, they're "adrenaline rushes" for Dave Moffatt. So what's the riskiest thing he says he's ever done?

"Procrastinate on my senior sems."

Music Majors Develop Strong Comaraderie

KATHRYN YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

"There is a real spirit of camaraderie between all the music students; we're here to learn from one another, not to try and compete with one another. This can't be said of every music school that there is out there." With hopes of opening her own private piano studio in the fall, Senior Sarah Lantz takes great pleasure in having been part of McDaniel's music department.

Lantz is not the only senior involved with McDaniel's music department that feels this way. Although not a Music Major, Brent Pertusio says, "I do a lot of work with the music department; I might as well be a major." Brent plans to continue being an

organist and choirmaster at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Bel Air, Maryland; something he's been doing for three years now.

Sarah Hale has been in McDaniel's choir all eight semesters here and describes it as a "very rewarding experience." Hale has been involved in various choirs since she was seven years old. "I'm going to be attending the University Of Baltimore School Of Law starting in August, but I feel like music will be a constant in my life. I love singing because it takes all my concentration and I can just block out everything else going on in my life. Choir has allowed me to meet many people from different majors that I might have never met."

Lantz gives credit to the Music Department. "It has

helped me to gain confidence in myself as a musician in aspects of performance and basic music knowledge. I have grown so much in the two years I've been here at McDaniel and a large part of that is due to the music department. The music department is one that fosters learning and excellence, but also seeks to encourage and build up its students. I've never felt intimidated or discriminated against."

Lynne Wheeler has been in Dr. Marjorie Boudreaux's choir for Wheeler's four years at McDaniel. "We have sung in several different languages, including Spanish, Hebrew, Latino, Chinese, Latin, French, German, and Russian. We've also been able to sing pieces by people like Bach, Mozart, Stravinsky, Praetorius,

Bernstein, Handel, and Purcell. Margie is very talented and it's been a very rewarding experience to be in the Choir."

Wheeler puts choir up with the Hill's Gazebo as her favorite things on campus. "The one thing I'll always remember though, which was the high point in my entire college career, is studying abroad." After graduation, Wheeler plans to use her love for Spanish in some form of fashion. "McDaniel has helped me with this because it was through the school that I got to study abroad, really inspiring me to study Spanish even more and to want to use it for the rest of my life," Wheeler concludes.

Pertusio has ended his semester with a choral directing class, "which has been

very helpful in developing good leadership skills and directing technique." Looking ahead Pertusio says, "I can definitely use the skills I've learned here in whatever I go into... I'm not done with McDaniel College yet, and have been considering ways that I can give my time, treasure, and talent back to this school."

Hales finds music relaxing yet challenging. "I have definitely improved my musical ability here at McDaniel with being exposed to many different types of music I wouldn't have otherwise." All in all these four wonderful musically inclined students' impression of McDaniel can be summed up by Lantz, "I feel really lucky to have had such a wonderful college experience."

Giving Back: Seniors Devoted to Service

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She helped Hurricane Katrina victims in Mississippi by aiding in cleaning up some of the rubble from their homes. He is a therapeutic behavioral aid to an underdeveloped child in the community. She has been a consistent volunteer in soup kitchens, helping to feed the impoverished within the city.

To seniors Suzanne Gilbert, Warren Sims, and Natalie Hardy, giving back means gaining more.

Gilbert, a Social Work and Political Science dual major, traces her service roots to her childhood in a small town where her parents were community leaders.

"My parents were always very active in our small town community," Gilbert explains. "And since they were my main role models growing up and since service is part of the social norm in small towns, I thought volunteerism was an expected norm. I always liked how I felt about myself and about my community while doing service too."

Sims, who will be graduating with a degree in Social

Work, plans to continue his education pursuing a Masters in School Guidance Counseling. He hopes to someday be fortunate enough to gather together the young people who have been shunned away by their parents, social services, and their families, and give them an opportunity that everyone should have - an opportunity at a good, fulfilling life.

"I enjoy inspiring and motivating people," Sims says, "to live in their full capacity, because if they don't,

the rest of us are cheated from seeing what great influential people they could have been."

"I desire to help young people not only prepare for entrance exams for college but also encourage them to discover what they are great at now so they can refine and polish it so," Sims adds. "Coupled with a higher understanding, it can be complete."

Hardy, a Business/Economics dual major with a minor in Art History, expresses her love for

community service and the influential change that it had on her life: "Happy Helpers for the Homeless forced me to realize that several people live in complete poverty in Baltimore City. It is the most touching experience to hand these people food who have very little."

Sims and Hardy share similar experiences at McDaniel College, as both have had the opportunity to be peer mentors.

"As a mentor to students coming to college for the first

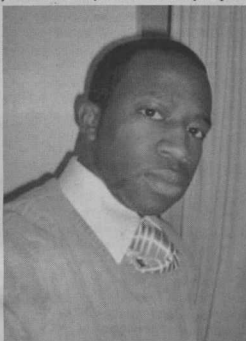
time or transferring, who you are seen all the time," Sims says. "This has encouraged me to maintain a life of integrity."

"I was able to be a peer mentor for two years and meet and acclimate 30 new McDaniel students," Hardy adds. "They rely on me to help them with class and to show them how to get involved. It was always very important for me to be a good role model for them at all times and I have stuck to that."

Typically, volunteer work may not rank high among young college students; however, Gilbert's experiences contradict that.

"We all benefit from volunteerism, whether we recognize it or not," Gilbert said. "I was never discouraged to serve and personally think that the reason why people don't serve is because they don't know how. It can be intimidating to get involved."

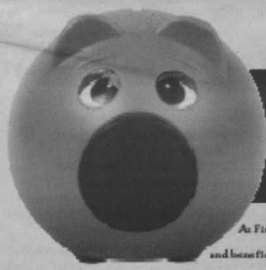
Suzanne Gilbert, Warren Sims, and Natalie Hardy plan to continue spending their lives sacrificing what they have for the benefit of others, because to them, giving equals gaining.



WARREN SIMS



NATALIE HARDY



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Senior Tribute

For four years, we've lived, laughed and loved together here on the Hill. This issue is dedicated to those seniors who have made the most of college and life: some found their calling, some found their soulmates, and some simply found themselves. This is for those who will step into the world and remember the times on the hill that changed their life. This is for you.

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Seniors Hickey and Kief Live, Laugh, Love

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Live, Laugh, Love...Remember! Nobody Does It Better

In just about any McDaniel student's profile on AIM Instant Messenger, you'll most likely find the hot new mantra "Live, Laugh, Love, Remember!" These four words have become a challenge to take advantage of every moment they have while going through the next four years. As the class of 2006 prepares to close the door on their McDaniel College experience, a few of its members definitely bring these simple words to life.

Katie Hickey, a Biology major, Secondary Education minor from Baltimore, Maryland, is a self-proclaimed science nerd who says that the best word of this phrase to describe her is laugh. "There's

nothing quite like laughing so hard that your stomach hurts and you need to stop and catch your breath! I love those moments," she said. Not only does Katie enjoy laughing herself, but she makes a habit of sharing her laughter with others. Senior Katrina Culley said, "She's the girl who, if there is too much tension in the room, will start singing and dancing around...to lighten up the mood."

Hickey's sense of humor is certainly home-grown. Her parents always told her to find something to laugh about in every situation and that's exactly what she has done. Katie is passionate about the things she loves and in the fall she'll be transferring that energy to her students as she student teaches. To share her passion for science, she'll eventually become a science teacher, while graduate school is in the near future. The only

problem? She can't decide which passion she'd like to pursue most: education or science. Go figure.

Courtney Kief, an English major, Secondary Education minor from the Eastern Shore, is known for bringing a little something extra to every place she goes. From doing flips in the snow from a ledge off Hoover Library to a good, old-fashioned foot race, the fun-loving Courtney is always ready for an adventure. Senior Rob Douglas has nothing but great things to say about his friend when he reminisces about their Jan Term trip to the Florida Everglades sophomore year. "As we start to graduate, I always look back at those pictures and Courtney is always smiling and hugging everyone. Courtney's humor and laughter always kept everyone happy."

A firm believer in "dig-

ging your heels in, getting your hands dirty, and experiencing everything," Courtney will student teach in the fall. No doubt her witty sense of humor and utter zest for life will rub off on her future students. As far as plans for the future, she says, "Financial stability is nice, but as long as I'm happy, that's all I need. I'm an idealist," she says lightly. For Courtney, all of these words are connected. "In order to live, you have to be able to laugh at yourself, and what life deals you, and love is a huge part of that, because

if you show people love maybe they'll learn to love too." Taking life for granted is not even in her vocabulary, and everyone around her knows it.

Among the seniors who "Live, Laugh, Love, Remember," Katie Hickey and Courtney Kief have definitely taken these words to heart.



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Suzanne Kristensen, right, lounges with her daughter Natalie, during the Ice-breaker Picnic during Orientation Week in August 2005. Suzanne was a Peer Mentor for non-traditional students.

Name: SUZANNE LYNN KRISTENSEN

Favorite Memory: Being a member of the McDaniel Playback Troupe

Worst Memory: Trying to balance my family (4 children and a husband), school, and homework. I didn't get much sleep!

Biggest success: Being the first in my family to graduate from college and achieving the high academic standards I set for myself.

Mentor: My unofficial mentor was Ron Miller. He probably doesn't even realize how much I looked up to him or how much encouragement he gave me as a student. As a non-traditional student, I was faced with challenges that most students don't have to deal with during their educational career. Ron has a

way of sensing when stress levels are too high and need to be addressed. His calm manner really helped me reduce my stress levels and think more clearly about my goals.

Advice: Give 100% to everything you do. Let your teachers get to know you and the quality of student you are. If an instructor knows you are a dedicated student who strives to do your best, he or she is more willing to work with you when life's emergencies rear their ugly heads. Also, be involved in campus activities. Visit the art shows and attend the theater productions! And, finally, take time now and then to relax and have fun.

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Off to Graduate School

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As warm, sunny weather marks the end of another spring semester at McDaniel College, Senior Seminar presentations are nearing completion and graduation preparations are in full effect. After the GRE's, the LSAT's, and the MCAT's. After the application fees and the acceptance letters, seniors all over campus are anxiously anticipating the next step in their educational journey.

After sifting through an array of acceptance letters, Stephanie Dirla decided to attend the Cell, Molecular, Developmental Biology & Biophysics PhD program at Johns Hopkins University. Stephanie admits that the thought of starting over at a different school is intimidating, but she's confident and ready for the challenge.

There will be a lot of traveling far away from home as seniors enter into their chosen graduate programs. Courtney Jordan is looking forward to beginning her next fall semester nine hours away from home at Clemson University's Professional

Communication Program.

Autumn Hancock will also be traveling a significant distance from McDaniel to attend her dream school, Stetson University College of Law in Gulfport, Florida. As an added perk, Autumn and her husband will only live an hour away from her parents' home in Gulfport.

Autumn says, "It's hard to realize that there are people that you see everyday and now there is a good possibility that you will never see them again."

Sarah Hale is not traveling far from home, but she's as excited about attending University of Baltimore School of Law, especially since she's eligible for in state tuition prices.

It's back home to the nation's capital for Danielle Magid, who will be attending American University in Washington, DC. She is hoping that a Master of Arts degree in Special Education will enable her to begin a career in school administration.

Rachel Goodwin breathed a huge sigh of relief when her mother called her and read her acceptance letter

to University of Maryland College Park's School of Criminal Justice and Criminology.

Departments all over campus are celebrating the success of their graduates as well.

The Social Work department is proud to announce that twelve of their graduates will be attending graduate programs in social work, public health, or counseling at the following graduate schools: Columbia University, NYU, University of Maryland, University of Pennsylvania, and Eastern Carolina.

The Physics department is as proud of Danielle Keresztenyi, Laura Baggle, Tyler Drake, Rebecca Ward, and Mark Siebeking who will be attending graduate school in the fall.

Wherever the graduate school destination, seniors are ready for the next big step.

Danielle Magid echoes the sentiments of many seniors when she says, "I loved my time here at McDaniel, but I am ready to move on to the next step in my life."

