HPV Vaccine
Could Save Lives
KATIE YOUNG
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A groundbreaking, recently approved vaccine that will prevent cervical cancer and genital human papillomavirus (HPV) has been recommended for girls and women from their pre-teens to their mid-twenties.

With a quarter-million women worldwide dying every year from cervical cancer, the Gardasil vaccine, approved in June by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, could save hundreds of thousands of lives.

Any sexual partner follows you for the rest of your life," said Joan Landy, physical assistant at McDaniel College's student health services. "You have to look at what gives cervical cancer, and it is true that the more sexual you are, the higher risk for HPV.

Cervical cancer is mostly caused by HPV, a virus that can be sexually transmitted but is different than herpes and the Human Immunodeficiency Virus. While there is no cure for HPV itself, there are treatments for the health problems it causes.

One recent McDaniel College graduate said that after learning she had cervical cancer caused by HPV, she felt afraid "for the fact that there is no cure for HPV" (see "HPV," page 2).

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Upholstered Furniture? Leave it Behind
KEKRIN LAMN
NEWS EDITOR
Is Blanche a cat's paradise? Some residents of the dormitory might argue, yes, not only is Blanche the humble abode of several mice, it is also home to many other unwanted creepy-crawlies.

These aforementioned creatures, including mice, bed bugs, and cockroaches, have caused such a ruckus for the college, that a new residence hall policy has been established to end the stay of these guests.

The student handbook denotes the new policy which prohibits, "upholstered or stuffed furniture, bean bag chairs, futons, recliners and wicker furniture," on page 50.

Emerald Christopher, Residence Life Coordinator for the Garden Apts., North Village & Fa. Ave. Houses, explains, "Last year students were storing furniture in our storage on campus or in club rooms, and because certain areas are not occupied during the year, rodents nest in the furniture and spread. Also, they are a fire hazard."

Christopher also notes, "Many colleges of comparable size have this policy as well because it is a safety hazard."

Christopher concludes, "...this policy affects every college-owned facility including North Village and the Garden Apartments."

"We recognize this is a new policy, and we're going to make sure students understand it," says Jo Lausby, health nurse.

Calvo Antes Up At Poker Tables
LESLIE SHIRK
STAFF WRITER
Imagine sitting at a Texas Hold 'Em' poker table, chips stacked in front of you and tension mounting, with poker professional Greg Merkow sitting in close proximity to the final barrier between you and a $10,000 prize. Peter Calvo was this individual sitting at the table this summer, with an initial $1,000 buy in and the winner after three rounds, of this hand-some sum of money at the 2006 World Series of Poker.

The youngest player at the 2006 World Series of Poker, Calvo flew to Las Vegas for the seven-week long series as a self-taught Texas Hold 'Em' poker player, where he would be rivalling both top-notch professionals and fortune-seeking novices.

"You think they're good on TV, but when you're sitting there with six name pros it's just amazing to see how consistently good they are and how few mistakes they made," said Calvo, 21, a senior majoring in Communications at McDaniel College.

Beginning his poker career as a freshman and amateur, Calvo met other professionals such as Johnny Chan, a ten-time winner of the 2003 World Series of Poker main event.

"It's the game everyone's focused on. The most popular," said Calvo.

During the tournament, Calvo met other namely pros such as Johnny Chan, a ten time winner of the World Series of Poker main event, Chris Moneymaker, winner of the 2003 World Series of Poker main event, and Ray First, a competitor (see "Calvo" on page 4).

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"What was the strangest thing you packed?
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Vaccine Targets Disease Linked to Cancer

"If I could have received this vaccine, then I would not have had to undergo surgery, pain, and having to miss class."

A Carroll County man suspected of assaulting and attempting to rob a McDaniel College student found guilty of that crime was charged in early September, two days after he had been arrested in the theft of credit cards from a state Senate candidate, authorities said.

On Sept. 1, police charged James L. Agans, 26, of the 1300 block of Redfield Drive in Sykesville, with attempted robbery, attempted theft, conspiracy, and assault for the first of two Aug. 28 attacks on students in Westminster, police said.

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At about 11:30 p.m. that night, authorities said a man approached an 18-year-old McDaniel student near West Main Street and Pennsylvania Avenue and attempted to steal his wallet. After a struggle, the student escaped uninjured, police said.

About 30 minutes later at West Main and Carroll streets, a 19-year-old McDaniel student was mugged. The 18-year-old McDaniel student was mugged.

At the time of Agans’ arrest, police said they did not have enough evidence to file charges in this case.

Agans was first arrested on Aug. 30 in a theft of a purse and credit cards from the Westminster home of Michelle Jefflerson, who challenged incumbent Carroll District 5 state Sen. Larry E. Haines in Sept. 12’s Republican primary election. Authorities said.

Police said Agans had taken Jefferson’s credit cards to buy $1,000 worth of gas, cigarettes and power tools, and he was arrested at a Westminster convenience store at which he had previously made fraudulent purchases.

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Following the assaults but prior to Agans’ arrest, a London-based art collector who had conspired with him through Pearson’s Web site.

The collector had offered Pearson a price for the works that was higher than those listed on Pearson’s site. Pearson became skeptical and, when he received the check, turned it in to the police, who told him that the check was faulty.

The collector never received the paintings.

Pearson’s experience in the arts includes degrees at multiple schools and various teaching stints. Pearson received his associate’s degree in arts from Fulton-Montgomery Community College, his bachelor’s degree in studio art from the Albany, N.Y.-based College of Saint Rose and his master’s degree from the Maryland Institute College of Art.

Before arriving at McDaniel, Pearson’s teaching experience included instructing students in painting, drawing and two-dimensional design at Iowa State University, where he received the Dean’s Award for Extraordinary Performance in Teaching.
Orza's Dedication Earns Top Honor, Cash, and Respect from College Community

CHRISTINE BOYNTON
STAFF WRITER

What does it take to become an award-winning professor? For Dr. Julia Orza, the winner of McDaniel's annual Ira G. Zep Distinguished Teaching Award, it was not just her enthusiasm, constant dedication, and inspiration from both of her college professor parents, but also her daily energy and excitement in the classroom.

"I think the students get motivated because I am motivated," she said.

Committing to her students is a driving force for Orza, coordinator of the counselor education graduate program and chairwoman of the education department.

"I've always seen myself as an educator," Orza said. "[The award] has helped me to see that this is really what I should be doing.

The award, kept secret until just before the spring awards ceremony, was so closely guarded that Orza was notified at 11 a.m. the day of the event, while she was attending a conference in Connecticut. Ironically, it is the first event she had missed in 11 years at McDaniel.

Though she was disappointed not to be present at the awards ceremony, Orza was nonetheless thrilled to receive the honor.

For the first time, the award came with a $10,000 cash prize, which will allow Orza to further her professional development. She plans to use some of the money to attend a conference in Hawaii. "It was an amazing feeling to get [the award]," she said.

Dorita Dorn, who has worked with Orza for five years, describes her colleague as an upbeat person whose personal motivation helps her students to get motivated to learn.

"An excellent teacher is a motivator," Orza said.

McDaniel student Jess Spreinkle, who has taken two classes with Orza, described her professor as a challenging, enthusiastic instructor who always puts her students first.

"She really made us think, feel and behave differently," Spreinkle said. "She triggered us to express ourselves."

Dr. Francis Fennel, coordinator of the graduate education program at McDaniel, nominated Orza.

"She's an outstanding teacher," Fennel said. "There are a lot of things that she does within her field that go above and beyond the call of duty."

Spreinkle relates a first-hand account of one such above-and-beyond instance where the instruction reached outside of the classroom.

"We had to do an immersion project...where we had to pick a group of people that we didn't agree with [or] were biased against, and immerse ourselves with those people," she said. "We had to research the group, and then go somewhere with that group. It was an amazing experience and one that I will never forget."

Outside of the classroom, Orza loves collecting wine, traveling to warm places and cooking.

"If I had more time I've secretly always wanted to be a writer," she says, smiling.

In the future Orza said she would love to travel to New Zealand and possibly participate in the McDaniel Budapest program. Other plans for the near future include writing a graduate-level textbook about diversity for counselors in training, and getting back to teaching her freshman seminar, "Learning in a Diverse Society!"

Though the $10,000 that goes along with the award is unarguably a nice perk, Orza said the most rewarding thing about her job is helping her students understand.

"I think what I like most about my job is when a student that I didn't think would get it 'gets it,'" she said. "I have never wanted the classroom to be second.

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Student Research and Creativity Grants for Fall

Students may submit applications for Student Research and Creativity Grants for Fall, 2006 beginning August 28. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. However, since there are limited funds available, it would be advisable for students to submit their proposals early in the semester.

To apply for an award, a student must have a McDaniel College grade point average of 3.2 and obtain the direct involvement or close sponsorship of a faculty member.

The awards are competitive. The grants are intended to encourage special projects that complement students' major academic emphases; they are not intended to cover the normal expenses of a course. The project may or may not be connected with a particular course or again, it may be a special studies outgrowth of a course. A grant may cover for instance, the cost of materials for such projects, or travel expenses to libraries or special collections.

Dean Falkner will be pleased to review proposal developed by students, in consultation with appropriate faculty, related to research or creative endeavors. Grants may range from $25 to $500. Applications are available in Dean Falkner's office.

Honor Societies and Academic Clubs

Each year there are many academically related activities conducted by honor societies and academic clubs. Ordinarily, the funding for these activities should come from the organizations themselves either through dues or fund raising. However, there is a limited amount of money available through the Academic Affairs Office to help offset some extraordinary expenses. If your organizations would like to request such funds for and academic activity applications are available in the Academic Affairs Office. The deadline for application is October 4. You will be notified by end of October for funding for the fall semester.
Poker Tournament

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J"the Pot-Limit Omaha.

They were pretty cool
guys, laid back, and I was sur-
prised at their willingness to
talk to people about their
strategies," said Calvo of the
pros.

While on breaks from the
competition, Calvo filmed a
documentary to use in his
Communications Capstone
project. Calvo will continue
to play on Internet poker sites
this year.

While he was disappoint-
ed that his World Series of
Poker experience didn’t end
with being named the
youngest winner ever of the
coveted bracelet, Calvo said
he wants to compete again
next summer. However, he
cautions the aspiring
amateurs interested in poker
to be disciplined and not to
play above their level.

"It was the best summer of my life," Calvo said.

"[It was] what I expected, but I thought I’d do
better."

Got a nice crib or hot ride? Wanna see it in the Free Press? Give Katie a call at ext. 3001

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President Joan D. Coley and new hubby Lee Rice at the Founders Convocation ceremony of 2005. A great love for the college is only one of the many things these newlyweds have in common.

Coley’s Secret Wedding Revealed

CORI SIMPSON
STAFF WRITER

McDaniel College’s President, Joan D. Coley, recently made public her mar-
rriage to Mr. Lee Rice, former Board of Trustees member. The secret ceremony took
place this past summer at a stop on the couple’s way to the Homestead Resort in
Virginia. With no family or
friends in attendance and no
messy planning, the couple’s
small ceremony was stress-
free, followed by a three day
honeymoon at the resort.

“I hope our marriage is
legitimate, because the only
witness in the room besides
the magistrate was a huge pic-
ture of John Wayne on the
wall,” Coley said.

Coley smiled as she
described the quaint ceremo-
y and John Wayne watching
the event.

Coley was not concerned
with all of the expected wed-
ding traditions. She did not
wear white, nor did she
receive an engagement or
wedding ring.

“I wore black and powder
blue for the ceremony. My
mother was concerned that
we did not exchange rings
because of the statement ‘with
this ring, I thee wed’,” Coley
said.

Apparently, that doesn’t
have to be true.

Although wedding ring-
less, President Coley is sport-
ing two beautiful white gold
and diamond bracelets from
Rice.

“This way, I can still wear
and rotate all of the rings I
already have,” said Coley.

Coley and Rice have known
each other for many years
through working with the col-
lege.

“It was important for me to
be with someone who cares as
much for the college as I do.
And Lee cares a great deal for
the college community,” Coley
said.

A graduate of Western
Maryland College, Rice has
held many interesting and
impressive job positions such
as the CEO of a company, a
rocket scientist, and a Board
of Trustees Chairman.

Currently, Rice works as a pri-
vate consultant for a company
that deals with hazardous
waste.

Besides sharing busy
lifestyles and a love for this
institution, Coley and Rice
find common interests in the
theater, plays, independent
films, and nice restaurants.

As their busy lives contin-
u, Coley and her husband
have fled Maryland in desti-
nation of the Budapest
Campus for a second
Convocation ceremony and,
in their free time, perhaps a
second honeymoon.
BELGIUM, DISNEY, PETS - THE GYM...

JENNA SWARTZ  FEATURES EDITOR

For most of us, summer is a time when we can forget the stress of school, enjoy the sunshine, and earn a little extra cash. Some students pursue work at internships, temp agencies, and corporations for a seasonal position, while others work in small, local stores to keep back in the world wide web. Take a look at some of the places McDaniel students went to work this past summer. The jobs people struggled upon are as unique as the student body here on campus.

JASON FRATTO, a senior French major, traveled to the little town of Thaumont, Belgium to work for ProLinguis, an English language school for children. ProLinguis focuses on the importance of oral learning instead of written, as most of the work done in the school was through teachers and students talking to one another and repeating common phrases back and forth. Eventually, these phrases made simple conversations between child and teacher. Jason taught English at the overnight camp to students ranging from 11-18 years old. Involved in teaching both larger classes and one-on-one intensives, Jason remarks that his favorite part of the stay was undoubtedly all the good friends he made from different cultures. He explains, "You get to know these people not just as students but as friends, and the relationship becomes personal very quickly." Jason feels that the entire trip and internship "helped improve my French and gave me an absolute worldwide perspective. I heard at least four different languages everyday, especially French, English, German, and Dutch."

JUNIOR Philosophy Major Andrew Cohen worked as a veterinarian technician at the Westview Animal Hospital, his father's practice in Catonsville, MD. Aside from doing routine pet vaccines and assessing various medical problems cats and dogs may have, Andy assisted with animal surgery preparations and performed x-rays. Cohen also helped with lab work like drawing blood and extracting serum to be sent off to the lab. For someone who worked as a cleaning dog kennels, Andy has been moving up in his summer job year after year, present in the animal examination room. He comments about his work at the vet, "I feel like I'm doing something with a purpose and that is really helping." When asked about any interesting occurrences at his work, Andy quickly responded, "One time a cat gave birth to a kitten with two heads. And once a beagle came in with his face hanging to the side from a serious dog fight..." Cohen has certainly seen some memorable things and has many stories to tell about his times at Westview Animal Hospital.

Mickey, for example, has at least 10 costumes a day." She also admits being in such a behind-the-scenes position proved to be very eye-opening. In the costume shop, she reveals how weed it was to "see 20 Mickey heads all up on shelves, in a row. It kind of kills the magic." Fortunately, Christine did not let this first impression change her opinion of the impeccable park, people, or job. Not only was she dressing the characters, she was also greeter people as they stood in the line for the rides, and could ride all the rides in the park for free, one of her favorite job perks. The best feature of a job at Disney is, of course, all of the cute kids. Christine relates with pure enthusiasm, "They really believe in the characters and love them so much. It's so real to them, not pretend like it is for me. When I go back, I want to dress in character this time. I'd like to work there for the rest of my life."

Senior Social Work Major Adrienne Dulaj was not expecting a job as a sales representative, but when she started working for Hale, a health company deriving its name from the expression 'hale and hearty,' this is just what happened. Trained to give talks about the importance of maintaining good health through vitamins, supplements and greater body awareness, Adrienne was on a mission to get people more in the know and in their bodies and the best ways to take care of them. The vitamins she sold included multi-vitamins, joint support formulas, COQ10 enzyme, healthy weight supplement, and vitamins aimed to strengthen heart and brain. By the end of her week long training, she knew the effects of each vitamin. She tells, "I really liked learning about healthy habits, because most of the stuff I didn't even know—from everything to the connection between dehydration and headaches to how to lower cholesterol." Though Dulaj tells that some clients didn't take the vitamin presentations too seriously, the best thing about selling the products was creating her own schedule and working the hours she wanted to. The structure of the job was so flexible, but the mission, to make people healthier, was very serious. Dulaj shares about her job at Hale, "It really opened my mind to being healthy."

Senior Education Minor Rachel Siegel reported to the Jewish Community Center 5 days a week as a preschool teacher. In the morning sessions of class she taught structured play in basketball, soccer, hula hoops, relay races, parachutes, and bean bags, all of the most important sports. Her favorite one to teach was "a toss up between hula hoops and soccer," she says. During her several classes of 15-20 preschoolers each day, her most memorable experience was "making a difference in their lives. I got to be a role model this summer and I learned that you have to set the standard for the kids. If you think they are capable of more, they will be more." Rachel also enjoyed the chance to teach the principles of the sports through her own way, at her own pace. Being a student of education, she feels that often teachers are slaves to the system because they don't always get to teach how or what they want. At the Community Center, amid her many sports-loving five and six year olds, Siegel found the freedom to put her own unique teaching strategies to very good use all summer long.

RACHEL SIEGEL
JASON FRATTO
ADRIENNE DULAJ
What is the strangest thing you brought to college?

- "I brought my stuffed Elmo!"
- "A goblet."
- "I brought a small Buddha figurine, but I'm not Buddhist."
- "My pointe dancing shoes."

Better than Chipotle or Cheap Tex Mex?

Ellery Wynn
Staff Writer

On June 26, 2006, Salsarita's Fresh Cantina opened its doors to the eager citizens of Westminster. This establishment is the 6th Salsarita's in Maryland and 32nd in the United States. The atmosphere is welcoming; the restaurant is well lit and nicely decorated. There are no servers, instead you go up to the counter and tell them exactly what you want and which ingredients you want in it, similar to other food establishments like Chipotle or Quiznos. They have a variety of tex-mex food options including tacos, quesadillas, burritos, nachos, and salads. For those animal-lovers, there are plenty of vegetarian options. Although, when I asked for the grilled veggies the employee held up a spoonful of mush and asked, "You still want them?" I declined. Their burritos are of slightly more reasonable proportions, so those used to the 10 lb. burritos from Chipotle, expect less. They have a taco salad that comes in a fun, edible taco bowl and they have delicious quesadillas that you can get with anything from grilled shrimp to ground beef. The prices are very affordable and they have daily specials, Monday-Fridays, perfect for college students. Mad Mondays include a regular quesadilla and side soup for $5.99 and Taco Tuesdays allow you to get three tacos for $4.99. There is an actual small bar set up, with a TV, stools and everything, but right now it is empty. They are waiting on receiving their liquor license from the county, so right now they only have virgin margaritas.

Overall, Salsarita's Fresh Cantina fills the hole of cheap tex-mex food in Westminster. It is casual, fast-food dining so don't expect 5-star quality food. They have a good variety of food at great prices.

Salsarita's Fresh Cantina
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Adelicious Burrito: EAT ME
**Crossfade is “Falling Away”**

**STACEY EYLER STAFF WRITER**

Recommended to me by a friend, I bought Crossfade's album “Falling Away.” Since I had never listened to a single song from this band or even heard of the band itself, I had no idea what to expect. In retrospect, the album probably did not have any sort of preconceived expectations attached to it. I had, I think, I would have been even more disappointed with this album than I already am.

Released on August 29, 2006, this album boasts eleven songs full of bitterness, heartbreak, and despair. And to go along with that were the sounds of blashing drums, guitars, and throaty vocals that sometimes made it hard to understand what the lead singer, Ed Sloane, was even trying to sing. While all of that was rather amusing to listen to and over and over again, it was not quite as bad as the fact that several of the songs, including “Already Gone” and “Why,” were repeated to end a nice little corner room in a suite in DMC. As Leah led me to the room, I noticed that the whole suite seemed fun and inviting as well as very clean. I then went into the room and was very much impressed by what I saw. While not the largest of rooms, these two ingenious girls had maximized every bit of space that they had. Leah showed me how she had assembled a small bookcase under her desk. She explained that she was an English major and needed all the space for books that she could get. Another interesting thing that I was shown was that they have a nifty little addition to their closet. They each have a closet to themselves, but where the two join is a secret cubby hole hidden by a couple of doors on the inside of the closet. This is not something that they did, they explained, but is still a handy thing to have.

The next thing that I noticed was the decorations that the two girls had put up around the room. This is what really made the room into the McCrib that it is. On the walls were several hung posters. These posters ranged from typical guy movies like Fight Club to chick flicks such as The Notebook. Another poster declared their devotion to Fall Out Boy, another to Johnny Depp, and one more to Sex and the City. Leah said that the only poster they are missing is one for High Fidelity. The next thing that caught my attention was their comic book collection. I don’t know how I had missed them before, but somehow I had. Leah’s was a bright, almost neon pink while Laura’s was a nice shade of purple. When I commented on the visual assault that was Leah’s, she told me it was okay since it was reversible to a safer shade. Just before I left, I asked each of the girls what their favorite thing about the room was. Laura responded that her favorite was all the girly posters they have hanging up. Leah’s favorite was the lamp they had in their corner; it was a tall lamp, generally inconspicuous except for the fact that at the top were five brightly colored flexible cords attached to the lamps. Having fully examined their room, judged it and found it awesome, I bid the girls farewell. I had done something that many dream of, and few achieve. I had found a room that well and truly earned the title of McCrib.

**Movie Review: “Little Miss Sunshine” Shines**

**STACEY EYLER STAFF WRITER**

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There was one song on this CD that stood out from the rest. “Never Coming Home” is a single track that closes out the album. Instead of focusing on loud drums and screaming lyrics, this song features a jazzy piano tone and much more subdued vocals. This song was completely different than the first ten tracks, but it fit in well because it carried on with the theme of despair that was evident in most of the songs on the album.

If you are a fan of Crossfade, then you should check out the album because you might enjoy it. If you are in a bad mood or feeling angry about something, then this would probably be a good CD to listen to. Or if you are driving late at night, pop this album into your stereo and bump up the volume; the sound of the drums alone will probably keep you awake. Otherwise, you are better off spending your money on something else.

**BRIAN ENGLAR STAFF WRITER**

There are several dorms here on campus, each of them full of interesting people and interesting rooms. In the midst of all of these various people and rooms, each set of residences hides away several rooms or apartments that tend to stand out above the rest. I was recently lucky enough to gain access to one of these storied places. This place that shall, from here on out, be known as a McCrib.

The residents of this hidden gem are Leah Beck and Laura Davis. They live in a family. An old Volkswagen bus from New Mexico to California to enter their 7-year-old daughter. The patriarch, an unsuccessful motivational speaker who lives his life by the “Nine Commandments,” his method to success. Alongside Toni Collette, who plays his wife Sheryl, Kinnear and Collette show the annoying characteristics of a marriage on the rocks; constant fighting, competition over authority, and other problems. Their son Dwayne, played by Paul Dano, is an outcast and a who recently tried committing suicide; his wife Olive, constantly being coached by her heroin addicted, father, played by Alan Arkin, who was kicked out of an assisted living nursing home several months ago. The most recent arrival to the family is Frank, played by Steve Carell, Sheryl’s brother, who recently tried committing suicide after losing his job as a notable college professor, but he replaced the most notable Peasant scholar in the country, and losing his position with the University of California. Leah said it was okay since it was reversible to a safer shade. Just before I left, I asked each of the girls what their favorite thing about the room was. Laura responded that her favorite was all the girly posters they have hanging up. Leah’s favorite was the lamp they had in their corner; it was a tall lamp, generally inconspicuous except for the fact that at the top were five brightly colored flexible cords attached to the lamps. Having fully examined their room, judged it and found it awesome, I bid the girls farewell. I had done something that many dream of, and few achieve. I had found a room that well and truly earned the title of McCrib.

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The film quickly drops its dark, realistic comedy when Olive earns a spot in the Little Miss Sunshine beauty pageant in Redondo Beach, California. The family soon realizes the only way Olive can compete is if they all take a road trip in their old, run-down, Volkswagen bus from Albuquerque, New Mexico to Southern California in three days. The humor quickly shifts to a classic, slap stick, physical, road comedy, but still manages to maintain its realistic feel.

“Little Miss Sunshine” is a very smart film and was widely praised by critics at the last Sundance Film Festival. The cast deliver exceptional performances, especially Carell and Arkin. Arkin is hilarious as the hedonistic, profane grandfather of the family, and Carell once again shows what a great character actor he truly is. Some of the most memorable parts of the film come from these two characters. Breslin does a great job for a child actress, especially considering how much screen time she has and the array of emotions she displays. Neophyte writer Michael Arndt’s script is clever and witty, but at the same time sensitive and heartfelt. The film was directed by husband and wife duo Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris, who do great visual work on the film. However, some aspects of the film may not be appreciated by all audiences. Some of the more intelligent, witty jokes may be lost on some viewers. Some viewers may be turned off by the independent style of film making, as well. The writer and director may be too accustomed to the independent style, as several scenes that are obviously meant to be more “mainstream funny” just come off as awkward. The climax of the film itself just comes across as odd and strung out when it is meant to be one of the funnier scenes of the film, which really hurts the overall quality of the film. Another thing that may have an adverse effect on the film is the amount of praise it has received from critics. Critics have loved the film, which makes viewers expect it to be a great, hilarious movie. The amount of hype has made the film somewhat overrated already and leaves many fans slightly disappointed.

“Little Miss Sunshine” is not for everyone. Fans of the “indy” genre will appreciate the film for its realistic qualities and great acting. Others will enjoy the more physical aspect of the film once the family gets on the road. The film is good, but not as great as many critics are making it out to be. Overall, “Little Miss Sunshine” is a fun film to watch and a rare chance for the independent film style to gain more mainstream exposure. It is rated R and runs 101 minutes long.
2,705 first year applications were received for this academic year. 1,988 first year students were accepted to McDaniel for this academic year. There are 6 International students from various countries including Hungary, Myanmar, and Zambia. 478 first year students and 71 transfer students decided to attend McDaniel this academic year. This made history, according to Gina Rende, Acting Director of Admissions.

Fun Facts About Freshmen and Life Around Them
The editors of The McDaniel Free Press are proud to present you with a new section in the paper called "Did You Know?" This section will be a brief sidebar of information that will fill you with facts you might not have known otherwise. Get more facts or information? E-mail Alyse Hollomon at a1000@mcdaniel.edu! Enjoy!

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This made the total number of new students on campus 58. This is "one of the largest classes we've ever seen in recent history," according to Gints Renda, Acting Director of Enrollment.
The new students on campus come from 23 different states, including California, Maine, Oregon, and Texas.
There are 6 International students from various countries including Hungary, Myanmar, and Zambia.
67% of the first year students are Maryland residents.
(Statistics according to Gints Renda, Acting Director of Admissions)

Peer Mentors Rock- I'm Used to It Here

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STAFF WRITER

Only a couple of short weeks ago, I made the transition from just another high school student living at home to a freshman on my own in college. Along with about five hundred others, during the summer, and even before, we were all suffering the effects of senioritis brought on by an onslaught of final projects and papers. It seemed like the day would never arrive, that we would still be candlelit scholars for as long as we chose.

On August 23, the reality was brought on, full force. Still fatigued from hours of last minute packing the night before, anxiety took over all other feeling. Most of us, like me, probably spent hours talking to friends only days before about the common worries of college. Will I get along with my roommates? Will I fit in my classes be hard? Will I make friends? Who will I be able to talk to? What will I be able to do on campus?

All these thoughts swam around in my mind as I checked in at each station set up to bring an freshman one step closer to being actual college students. Now, in retrospect, after having spent some actual time on the Hill, I almost feel ridiculous for having such worries.

Orientation definitely played a big factor in easing the transition to McDaniel. Let's start with one of my biggest worries: meeting new people. I felt unsure of myself, awkward around not only so many freshmen, but so many other upperclassmen serving as peer mentors, but the reality of it was that we were all awkward freshman! It hit me that we were all nervous about meeting each other, and from there, introductions took place, slowly but surely, and gradually, and the awkwardness disarmed.

Finding my way around campus was also pretty much another concern of mine. While I may have a good sense of direction, it's still a new place to me. Luckily, the activities of orientation and constant mini-tours by my peer mentor allowed me to really know the location of many of the buildings on our fairly small campus. It still didn't stop me from being lost on my way to my first French class, though. I'm finally used to getting where I need to go, but I'm still not used to having to climb or descend multiple staircases in order to get somewhere. I have yet to master the skill that my peer mentor likes to call "getting where I need to be without having to use my stairs." Honestly.

My living situation is not too bad. I have a corner room in Rouzer, which is pretty spacious, and it's nice to have my own space on campus. But, I can definitely do with out any of the nasty surprises I may find in the bathrooms or stairwells on a daily basis. I shudder to think what Rouzer was like before we arrived.

Finally, but most importantly of all, the food is actually tolerable. I've had worse food on other campuses, and if there is absolutely nothing that I like on the menu, I can always fall back on the pizza, which, personally, I find to be quite good.

In all, my time on the Hill has been memorable so far, that's for sure. I'm not at a lack of doing anything, whether academically or otherwise, and every day brings me a new surprise. freshman year as a new green terror is sure to be interesting.
Today we live our lives, and we do the best to be happy, while our country wagers two separate but related wars. The violence in the Middle East continues to rage on, but for the most part, we are happy. Yet we do not forget.

Senior Chelsea Phillips doesn’t forget, nor does she want to. She was a major volunteer for the Young America’s Foundation, which helps college campuses like McDaniel properly honor the five-year anniversary. She helped bring students together to make the American flag memorial in Red Square, which was displayed from September 10th to September 12th.

"It is vitally important that we do not forget the 9/11 tragedy," Phillips says. "[It is my desire that McDaniel students will continue remembering 9/11 on our campus in the years to come.]" Junior Waisu Chowdhury doesn’t forget either. As a Muslim living in America, he had to deal with the same degree of prejudice in the days following the attacks. He says that what the terrorists accomplished represents a misinterpretation of Islam. Five years later, he remembers not knowing what was going on, asking questions, and just trying to understand. Wheter it is by creating a memorial or just saying a prayer, everyone has their own way to acknowledge what happened. What truly holds as a testament to our American spirit is the way we have moved on as people. This school still has students to call it home. They still have parties every night of the week, and they still write papers at the last minute. They still live and die by the friends they’ve made here. The world may have changed, and the college’s name may have changed, but the students have not. We still remain as diverse, as close, and as passionate as we were before 9/11. The only thing the terrorists accomplished that day was showcasing it for everyone to realize.

So as we move on into another school year, we remember 9/11, and we continue to live, learn, and love. It has for five years, and it will continue to do so no matter what the future holds.
Lebanon Deserves Help with Recovery, Recapturing Identity, Regaining Independence

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Eight months ago, I sat in a corner of a crowded Israeli mall, sipping a coffee and watching people mill about the food court. One group that caught my interest in particular was a cluster of laughing young men and women, certainly a typical sight in any American mall. What made these men and women more interesting than their American counterparts, however, were the army fatigues and machine guns casually slung over their shoulders.

Nothing could have seemed more out of place to a group of relatively sheltered American students traveling abroad. It was quite clear that this was just another Saturday to everyone else in the mall, however, as soldiers and civilians alike chatted with friends and munched on ridiculously over-priced Big Macs.

Eight months later, two Israeli soldiers have been captured by Hezbollah Guerrillas sparking a 34 day war, and I can't help but wonder about the fate of those laughing young men and women an ocean away.

This certainly is not the first time tensions between Israel and its neighbors have resulted in conflict. Indeed, this is the second Israeli-Lebanon war, the first starting in 1982 as a response to raids from Palestinian groups in Southern Lebanon. During the resulting occupation of Lebanon by Israel, Hezbollah was formed (with the help of Iran) to combat the occupation. The next 15 years proved brutal for both sides, as air raids in Southern Lebanon were countered by rocket attacks in Northern Israel.

The 2006 conflict has provided an excellent repeat performance. Heavy shelling has destroyed what infrastructure Lebanon was able to rebuild, and missile attacks have wrought havoc upon Northern Israel once again. There is much debate over Israel's response in light of the heavy civilian casualties in Lebanon and loss of infrastructure.

When asked about this debate, Amal Khoury (Professor of International Relations) said that Israel's response to the soldiers' capture was not justified due to the disproportional nature of said actions. A large margin exists between the capture of two soldiers and the deaths of over 1,000 Lebanese Civilians.

Dr. Goldman (Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies) said that although the labeling of Israel's actions as disproportional is a fair criticism, the war must be looked at in the context of a Nation constantly forced to defend its right to exist. Israel's history and existential nature cannot be disregarded in forming a judgment of its actions.

Both professors call for more international involvement in helping Lebanon recover, while recognizing that the brunt of the effort must come from the Lebanese themselves. In a country torn apart by years of war and strife, however, it is uncertain how successful they will be in recapturing their identity and independence, especially if the international community becomes too involved.
Visa Application Process Has More Woes Post 9/11

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International students at American universities have always helped to enrich and diversify an institution's student body. McDaniel, with its satellite Budapest campus, is no exception.

However, the constant flow of students from around the world wishing to come to America to study has been interrupted, or at the very least, delayed since the September 11th attacks.

More stringent student visa application standards, the worsening perception of the United States around the world, and the relative ease that many international students have in gaining student visas to other English speaking nations have all pushed many international students looking to study somewhere else than in the United States.

For example, according to the Institute of International Education's website, the number of international student enrollments in America declined for the 2003-2004 school year by 2.4%, the first such decline in America since the 1971-1972 school year.

McDaniel has been affected by these developments as well. McDaniel's Budapest campus has had to change, and as a result many international students have been unable to come to Westminster to complete their studies in recent years.

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But now, according to Rose Falkner, the Director of International & Off-Campus Study at McDaniel, the College allows students in certain disciplines to complete their entire 4-year degree at the Hungarian campus because many students at MCB were unable to obtain visas to the U.S. after 9/11 (particularly students from Nigeria, China, and countries in the Middle East).

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Budapest Welcomes Students

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A colorful array of flags, brought in by a procession of representative students of McDaniel College Budapest, decorated the table placed at the dais of the college's auditorium. This sunny Monday, September fourth, welcomed students from overseas as well as Budapest’s own after the summer break, at this campus’ 12th Opening Convocation.

Speeches given by Dr. Laszlo Frenyo, Dean of McDaniel College Budapest; Dr. Joan Develin Coley, President of McDaniel College; and April Foley, the recently appointed Ambassador of the United States in Hungary, revolved around the special nature of this institution, as its student body reflects so many different nationalities and cultures.

The Dean briefly described the McDaniel system, its Liberal Arts philosophy, and the McDaniel system, its recent appointment of the college’s auditorium. This sunny Monday, representative students of the college welcomed everyone to a new semester.

The president expressed her pleasure at being able to attend the convocation here in Budapest. She gave the students a reflective question to ask themselves: what should the college do for them? She underlined that being a part of McDaniel Budapest was going to be a “life-transforming experience” for everyone. Dr. Coley encouraged the students to take advantage of the international environment and mingle in order to get to know as many new people from as many different cultures as possible.

Ambassador Foley stressed the internationality of the college, also alluding to students that they would later assume special roles in a globalized society, in which intercultural communication and understanding can be enhanced.

Also seated on the dais were Mr. Ferenc Somogyi, former Minister of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Thomas Vagi, Head of International Studies from Budapest. She gave the students “life-transforming experience” for everyone. Dr. Coley encouraged the students to take advantage of the international environment and mingle in order to get to know as many new people from as many different cultures as possible.

“Mesmerizing, beautiful, and one of a kind,” said George House, who added that he wanted to learn some Hungarian while he is here. Asked whether he would travel in Europe, he said, “I want to go see everything!” Kate Becker said “It’s beautiful, I love it!” “I haven’t been in Europe before, I’m very excited about being here,” she said.

Dave Wentz finds it “so easy to get anywhere. You just get up and go.”

The Messenger Delivers News to McDaniel

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McDaniel College Budapest, like the campus here, has its own paper called The Messenger. It has long been recognized as an integral part of college life on both sides of the globe.

The Messenger first came out in the Fall of 2002, and since then it has regularly and consistently been in print and published at least four times a semester. The Messenger and The Free Press are fairly similar in content. The first few pages cover news and events on and sometimes off campus, since the city is such an integral part of the college. This is usually followed by a short answer interview section connected to the news part. Since the college is such a small community (approx. 100 students, from 20 countries), people like having their faces and quotes in the paper for everyone to see.

Columns, commentaries and editorials make up the rest of The Messenger. The editorials and commentaries are mainly concerned with student related affairs such as transferring to the US and cultural diversity. Estefania Luraschi, a senior and the current editor of the paper says, “The students who want to connect and be informed about things on campus because there is so much diversity, people want to get to know each other, and the paper helps them do just that.”

Like our campus paper, The Messenger is voluntary and is made up and run by students, with one faculty advisor. Since its founding, the paper has faced severe writer shortages, but fortunately many students are willing to contribute, including study abroad students who have been supportive and a great help to the paper. The paper is printed on A4 size paper in the basement of the college building, mainly due to the fact that the paper’s budget is zero dollars and zero cents.

Despite its troubles, the paper continues to inform, bond and entertain the college community. Sven Pomykalo, the layout designer and distributor of the paper says, “The paper covers all the important events here, like the Dinner International, Picnic in the Parking Lot, basketball tournament, Winter Party, and tells students what they are and when they are happening. I like working for the paper because its fun and I get (academic) credit for it.”
Raven's Rally Fans, Limelight Hits Campus

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Having been used to seeing McDaniel College as the home of the “Green Terror,” and seeing that color all over campus, it was very strange to see a very different color all over campus over the summer.

The color was purple, and the reason why purple was the new favorite color on campus was because the hometown pro football team, the Baltimore Ravens, had returned to McDaniel for their annual training camp.

Numerous amounts of fans wearing Ravens jerseys were all over the place, especially the jerseys of Ray Lewis (#52), Ed Reed (#20), and Todd Heap (#86), and that did not even account for the number of jerseys worn by the many players on the field trying to make an NFL franchise.

Two thousand six marked the eleventh straight year that McDaniel has hosted the Ravens, who occupied three fields here on campus, including Gill Stadium and the soccer fields located near Gym Gill.

The Ravens moved in on July 27th, where they would stay till camp broke on August 19th. The Ravens then came to the campus to practice from 9 A.M. to around 11 A.M. spent some time with the fans signing autographs or taking questions from the media, and then usually had an afternoon session for about an hour. The team would also break to its nearby 200,000 square-foot facility in Owings Mills that owner Steve Bisciotti introduced last year.

Practices varied from defensive drills, running the offense, scrimmages, special teams and even conditioning. Head Coach Brian Billick could be spotted wearing his signature straw hat; constantly moving between different areas of the field. It was tiring to many just watching some of the drills, especially in the intense heat of July and August. Unfortunately, bleachers with protection were not provided for VIPs, and those who got a seat early enough.

However, there were other things that added to the festivities besides the practices. Nearby, a small area called “The Ravens Zone” provided places for food and drinks, local businesses to advertise, and even a small play area for future Ravens fans to have some fun.

The main attraction and the biggest thing most fans enjoyed was the opportunity to get autographs from their favorite Ravens players. Areas were set aside for fans to get those autographs, and they filled up very quickly. It took “poorly formed” to get an autograph. Fans 12 and under were fortunate to be allowed to get an autograph. Fans 12 and under were fortunate to be allowed to get an autograph. Fans 12 and under were fortunate to be allowed to get an autograph.

McNair and Ravens wide receiver Derrick Mason, who spent 8 seasons together in Tennessee, were one of the top QB-WR tandems in the league, and it looks like everyone here in Baltimore is glad that the salary cap era has brought them together. But did Mason ever think that he would be reunited with his old teammate?

Saturday’s game vs. Seton Hill provided fans and players alike with entertaining sequences. Here is one of the Free Press’ favorites...

“Never”, he said, with a smile on his face.

But some people would ask, “Why do the Ravens, an NFL franchise, practice here at a small Division-III college in the town of Westminster as opposed to training at that expensive, state-of-the-art facility nearby at Owings Mills?” Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice president of Administration and Finance here at McDaniel and one of the coordinators of the event, had this to say to answer that question.

“Having training camp at McDaniel allows the Ravens to open the sessions to the public. It is a very important aspect of their public relations outreach.” It is also in McDaniel’s specialty to host NFL franchises for training camp.

Baltimore football teams, such as the Ravens and Colts, have trained at many schools across the area over the years, including Towson, Villa Julie, and even on our campus from 1953 to 1971.

However, this benefit is not one-sided. Dr. Seidel also shared how the college profits from the three week event.

“For the college, there is an enormous amount of publicity and exposure to the public. Also, the Ravens and McDaniel share in the cost of many facilities’ improvements such as the artificial turf in the stadium.”

And there is a lot of publicity and exposure when there are approximately 60,000 fans and numerous media outlets attending the event over the three weeks.

Another question some would ask is if the Ravens take up three fields here on campus, do the Ravens interfere with the practice schedules of fall teams here on campus? Are McDaniel’s fall sports taking a back seat to the media attention gained by this event?

The answer is no. Dr. Seidel stated that the only team that was affected by the Ravens’ presence here on campus was the football team, and that the time in question was only about three or four days. On those days, the college staff coordinated with Ravens officials to use the stadium field for the Green Terror.
Finally, some fans and students will probably wonder if this relationship will last. Will the Ravens eventually leave McDaniel for another facility just like the Colts left Baltimore in the dark of night more than twenty years ago? Dr. Seidel stated that unlike former Colts owner Bob Irsay, who took the Colts away from us on December 18, 1983, “a day that will live in infamy” here in Baltimore, he was going to try to keep the team here.

“The Ravens and the College have a contract for the training camp through the summer of 2010. The 11-year relationship between McDaniel College and the Baltimore Ravens has proved mutually beneficial for both parties. We look forward to many enjoyable and productive summers to come.”

Now with training camp out of the way, I guess the question now to ask is...Are you ready for some football?

By now everyone knows that the Green Terror football team was beaten by Bridgewater, ranked 6th in the NCAA Division 3 southern region, in the season opener on September 2nd. The final score to the game was McDaniel 0, Bridgewater 41. So maybe the season hasn’t started all that well for the Green Terror football squad. Being from Ohio, I would like to point out a little known fact, in this area, (To compare, note) the Cleveland Indians. They started their ’05 season off horribly. They remained several games behind both the Twins and the White Sox for most of the season; but as the season went on, Cleveland came within one game of taking the Chi Sox’s number one spot. Now, the Indians didn’t make the playoffs and it certainly caused some trouble for the Cleveland fans. They started out their ’05 season off horribly. They remained several games behind both the Twins and the White Sox for most of the season; but as the season went on, Cleveland came within one game of taking the Chi Sox’s number one spot. Now, the Indians didn’t make the playoffs and it certainly caused some trouble for the Cleveland fans. They started out their ’05 season off horribly. They remained several games behind both the Twins and the White Sox for most of the season; but as the season went on, Cleveland came within one game of taking the Chi Sox’s number one spot. Now, the Indians didn’t make the playoffs and they lost to an impressive and talented team, the Yankees. The Indians still have a chance to do something this year. To be optimistic about the future is giving up on the football team’s future.

Unfortunately those are individual performances, and, after all, football is a team sport. In a 41-0 loss there have to be some negatives to the game.

Injuries were huge. There will be several personnel changes for the next couple of games due to a large number of injuries sustained in the season opener. This will probably cause the coaching staff to play less skilled or less experienced players. As coach Keating said, “We’re generally a young team and I expect we will improve weekly.” These injuries make a young football team even younger.

The future is something truly brilliant to us all. The future; after all, is why all of us are at McDaniel. Isn’t it? We are all hoping that going to college will help us in the years to come. To be pessimistic about the future is giving up before things happen. There are those among us who are already laughing about the football team’s season; those saying that the football team sucks because they lost to an impressive and more experienced football team. Don’t give up on the football team’s future.

Until proven otherwise, they still have a chance to do something this year. McDaniel fans need to remind themselves to keep the faith and keep coming out to support their football team.
New Coach Ready to Focus on Field Hockey

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"We don't have to share you?" posed the field hockey team when they were informed that their new coach, Melissa Miranda, would be coaching only them. In previous years, coach Muffie Bliss ran both the field hockey and lacrosse programs. Now, each team will have the full dedication of one coach.

This change was exciting for Miranda as well. "I can concentrate on one sport, a big advantage." She was offered everything she wanted, a head coach position of a single sport and some athletic administration work. Once she is out of season, Miranda wants to be able to spend more time in administration and eventually move up to assistant AD.

Teammates agree, "Now that we don't have to share our coach I feel that we have more of an opportunity to work harder in the off season to be able to improve as a team," said sophomore Jamie Smith. "I definitely think that splitting the coaching job was a good move," adds sophomore Michelle Fluty.

Growing up with one younger and one older brother, Miranda grew accustomed to their competitive nature. At a young age, her father taught her how to crab. Miranda said she "loved the thrill of the catch." This thrill was due to her competitive nature, especially because she did not use a basket.

Coach Miranda, has been playing field hockey since she was 14 years old. She started in her hometown, Virginia Beach, a place that Miranda refers to as a "field hockey hot bed of the south."

When she was 15, she had her first coaching job. Miranda coached a summer league for 6 and 7 year olds. She recalled that after practice every girl would "go crazy" when they had a good move. "Those girls were incredible," adds sophomore Jamie Janowich. "I have never seen a field that just meshed well."

A good fit. When comparing McDaniel's team to other schools she has coached, Miranda notes that this is "the best team I have ever coached" on a college level. This is due to the team's dedication to their success. "This team is the most dedicated team I have ever been a part of. They have incredible work ethic."

"We have a lot of enthusiasm and heart on our team and when we all bring it to the game we work great together," agrees Smith. Miranda loves to exercise and lead a healthy lifestyle. But in her free time, she can be the biggest couch potato. She has a huge fan of the WB, especially One Tree Hill and refers to herself as a "teeny bopper at heart."

She also spends free moments catching up with friends. Many of her friends have kids and are very busy. Thus, Miranda makes a point of calling them. She adds that, "I am so good at keeping in touch with friends for my space."

Miranda also has a fantastically detailed long-term memory and can perfectly remember events. For example, when she met her boyfriend in 1996 she was wearing red Umbro shorts, a tank, and had the best tan.

She can use this memory to store a countless number of plays. Smith explains, "She has brought a lot of new drills and new plays to the team that keep everyone focused and working hard."

Miranda's competitiveness and desire for hard work motivate her team to win. "If you are not driven to win then you wouldn't coach," she adds.

Fluty shares her excitement, "She really has a vision and we are all looking forward to working with her this season."

Miranda is looking forward to a strong season from these dedicated players and plans to "coach as long as I can stand it. It's a passion."

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Refreshed, Womens Soccer Ready to Win

MEGAN HILDEBRAND
SPORTS EDITOR

Green Terror women's soccer is back, and ready to win. With head coach Tom Gosselin and assistant coaches, Julie Boden, Ryan DeRubaugh and Trevor Brown, the team has been working hard since August to prepare for the season. The team ended last season with seven wins, ten losses and one tied game, which was not the ideal record for the team. This year the team has a refreshed dedication, and most importantly a clean slate," stated senior and co-captain, Meegan Mattson. This year's team has three seniors, Meagan Mattson, Jamie Janowich and Michelle Mullin, who will lead the team as co-captains. "I think our strong leadership will get us far," said Mullin.

The team is also composed of four juniors, four sophomores and four freshmen. Even though there are only sixteen women on the team they are hardworking.

Green Terror Football gives it another try vs. Seton Hill. Highlights inside.

Come out and support our girls' team at the next home game on September 18 at 4 against Marymount. Good luck to the women's soccer team!
Commuter parking poses problems - again

STACEY EYLER STAFF WRITER

As Alex Barnold arrives on campus for classes, she navigates her car toward the dozen parking spots located in the commuter and faculty lot behind Baker Memorial Chapel, only to see that each space has been taken. Her next movement forward is a figurative step backward: finding the next-closest place for her to walk to school from.

For many of the hundreds of commuter students like Barnold, the search for available parking in McDaniel College’s commuter lots has become a problem, with full lots - sometimes occupied by cars with out-of-state license plates - creating frustration.

“I seriously believe commuters have it the hardest with driving and parking on campus,” said Barnold, a senior at McDaniel College. “If it’s cold, rainy, snowy, or windy, who in the world wants to be bothered to walk a distance when there should be spots available closer to the college?”

Since the beginning of the school year, commuter student parking has continually been infringed upon by resident students who are also looking to be as close to the heart of campus as possible.

But with approximately 70 percent of upper-class students bringing their vehicles on campus, this semester’s 414 commuters must contend with residents’ cars, vans and trucks that occasionally reside in places where they do not belong.

“I don’t think that it’s fair when there are out-of-state cars or residents’ cars parked in the commuter lots,” said Jimmy Thompson, a sophomore. “We have to use our cars much more than residents, and we should be able to park closer to the school. It isn’t fair when we are not able to.”

Although the amount of commuting students outnumber the amount of spots released solely for their use, Director of Campus Safety (see “Parking” on page 3)
Lighter Side of the Campus Safety Blotter

ROB GOEKE
STAFF WRITER

(Editors Note: At a glance, the blotter doesn’t reveal some of the inane reports to which officers respond. Goeke’s column highlights some of the unique calls.)

If there is one thing that everyone at McDaniel can agree on, is it this: when you enter the Pub for a fourth meal, your expectations must be near rock bottom. How else can you deal with eating cold chicken fingers, dried fries and burnt cheese steak subs three times a week?

The fact that you have no other option for food could drive one to drink. But if you feel like your wanting to reach for the bottle after waiting 15 minutes for the ketchup to be refilled seems a tad alcoholic, don’t feel bad, for you are not alone. The very people who make the anti-gourmet cuisine at the Pub apparently can’t deal with having to cook crappy food without some suds in their system, either.

On the evening of Sept. 14, three Sodexho employees were documented for suspected alcohol use. It’s not certain that these were Pub workers, but it’s the only conclusion that makes sense. After all, if you had to inhale curvy fries for an entire shift, you’d probably want to drink your face off too.

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Imagine this scenario: our IQ equals our BAC. at the beginning of next semester: is a cooking class, I want the "Hey Fred, can you go to lunch at noon today?" there. Perhaps they’ll learn "Nope, I can’t, Pete. I have to make a decent burger."

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DoCS Beat: Students arrested on drug charges

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NEWS EDITOR

Three people, including two McDaniel College students, were arrested on the night of Sept. 9 by the Westminster Police Department for possession of marijuana, police said.

The two students — Peter J. Towe, 18, of Hockessin, Del., and Jarred P. Johnson, 18, of Waynesboro, Pa. — were each charged with possession of marijuana after their arrests at Harvey Stone Park near the college golf course, authorities said.

A third person who is not a McDaniel student — Nicole A. Bove, 18, of Kenner Square, Pa. — was charged with one count each of possession of paraphernalia and possession of marijuana, police said.

All three are scheduled to appear in court on Nov. 22, according to court records.

By the Numbers

32 Cases between Sept. 6 and Sept. 21
65 Reports & incidents related to those cases
13 Cases with alcohol violations
21 Total number of students and non-students cited or charged in alcohol-related cases
2 Non-students seen urinating in public at or near Whiteford Hall at approximately 2:10 a.m. on Sept. 9
7 Reports and incidents related to the public urination case: disorderly conduct, giving false information, alcohol in dry dorm, hard liquor, possession under 21, contributing to the delinquency and criminal trespass to property. It was the most charges related to a single case in the time period
1 Air gun or BB gun found by Campus Safety at 171 Pennsylvania Avenue

HPV Update

McDaniel College is one of the first colleges to offer the new HPV vaccine. If there is enough interest, the vaccine will continue to be available.

The vaccine Gardasil Protects against 4 HPV (human papillomavirus) types, which together cause 70% of cervical cancer and 90% of genital warts as reported by the CDC (center for disease control).

Even the safest sex does not completely protect you from these serious viruses that could eventually lead to cervical cancers and infertility.

"The health center can provide this vaccine if we have enough interest on campus," explained Joan M. Lusby, PAC.

"The vaccine is designed for girls/women from the ages of 9 through 26 years old. It is given in a series of three shots over a six month period," Lusby added. "Each shot at the present will cost $136.00. This can be put on your tuition account."

Students who get the vaccine will be given a receipt which they can submit to their insurance carrier if appropriate.

"Even if you have already been exposed you may still have some benefit from the vaccine," Lusby explained. "Exactly how much is not really known.

Students who are interested in learning more about the vaccine should call the Health Center. "We have two visits presently and need two more individuals at the moment to cover the second visit."

The Health Center extension is 2243, and it is located on the 2nd floor in Wadsworth.
In the days and weeks to come this semester, a few artistic men and women aim to add a touch more class to McDaniel campus. They intend to do this by showcasing some of the budding young Robert Frostis and Emily Dickinson on our campus.

These talented youths will write and read some poetry at spots on campus - at various points around campus. The poetry readings will take place every other Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Richwine Room, which is located in the third level of Hoover Library. Anyone is welcome to come to the readings, which are open to all students who wish to come and read some of their work, or just the work of an author they enjoy. The off weeks where there isn't a reading, there will be workshops in the same place at the same time to assist with any work the students have done and help improve it.

These readings are linked to the literary magazine, Contrast that is printed and distributed every spring here on campus.

"We hope to get people excited about the literary arts and strengthen their presence on campus," said Julia Rietermunder-Stone, who co-edits Contrast with Martin Camper. Contrast magazine has been around for 17 years, and is expected to stay for many more.

"I am most excited about Contrast's potential for bringing together writers from across campus," said Professor Kate Dobson, the magazine's faculty advisor.

Bringing young writers together is important, she added, because too many budding young writers work without a sense of community.

Another wonderful aspect of Contrast is the experience that it provides to the writers, editors and staff of the magazine. Contrast is a fully student run venture. Students select the work, create the design, do the layout, work with the printers, and handle the publicity.

All of this hard work takes much of the year to yield results, and this is why Contrast is only printed once a year, Dobson explains.

The group that gets Contrast up and running meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm in Hill 221. These meetings are organizational in nature and Julia and Martin plan to begin working in earnest in the spring. For anyone interested in further information, the Contrast staff has set up a group on Facebook and can be emailed at ContrastLitMag@gmail.com.

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**Contrast magazine showcases creativity**

**BRIAN ENGEL**

**STAFF WRITER**

The McDaniel College administration is expecting marginal growth in its financial aid programs, Seidel said. In addition, the new North Village buildings - which will house students while other facilities are renovated - will be able to accommodate a total of 90 more students.

"We will have plenty of space," he said.

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Szulgit's car painted
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Using his marine biology expertise, he advised the show's creators and writers about such specific situations as character placement and even occasionally got to add his friend's names into the show. Szulgit also was a consultant for an underwater diving show, called "Aquamuse," on Animal Planet. He had several on-screen interviews in the show and was even asked to become an actual Aquaman, but declined.

Szulgit also consulted for the movie Hulk. The movie's director, Ang Lee, needed to know how scientifically Hulk, the science in the move, was "awful." Behind and gladly settled in studying sea cucumbers.

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...What a "green terror" really is?

According to Wikipedia.com, a green terror is a "colorful freshwater fish in the cichlid family. The fish originate on the Pacific side of South America in the coastal waters from the Tumbes River in Peru to the Esmeraldas River in Ecuador."

This fish is known as being very aggressive. It's not just a green fish — it also has orange and blue in it.

McDaniel's mascot is a green terror and there is a reason why we received this name. According to President Joan Coley, "In October 1923 we played Washington and Lee in football and trounced them decisively. The opposing team called us terrors because we were so formidable, and the name stuck. Others said, 'There is not a green terror."

When asked what a green terror really is, President Coley said, "There is not a green terror. It is a concept. It is like the crimson tide of Alabama an idea rather than a thing."

Stillson shares sports news

LINDSEY GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Lookout athletes, there is a new Sports Information Director at McDaniel College. He goes by the name of Luke Stillson and hails from State University of New York -Oneonta.

Stillson graduated from the upstate New York college in the spring of 2003, receiving a degree in English as well as education. These two majors do not necessarily lead one to the Sports Information department at NCAA colleges, but it was Stillson's love for statistics and writing that got him there.

"I enjoyed statistical work and writing," Stillson begins, "so I just put those things together."

For most of his time as an undergraduate, Stillson found his niche with the basketball team working the scoreboard operations and working the Public Address system. This role lead him to the Sports Information Office, where he worked fully during his senior year.

Stillson is no stranger to the Centennial Conference, spending two years after graduating from Oneonta to Gettysburg College as an intern before moving on to Millersville University in Millersville, Pa. His time at Millersville University was brief but it did allow him to step into the Sports Information Director role on an interim basis. But it was only a transition position.

"There was no indication where the school was going," Stillson explaining his decision to leave Millersville. "I decided to pursue other options."

Once he arrived on this campus this summer, he had some time to gradually get acclimated to the new people and the new job but he also had to step into the Sports Information Office in Gill Gymnasium, according to McDaniel Athletic Director Jamie Smith.

One of the things about the job that interested Stillson was that he was already familiar with the conference. He was familiar with some of the people at other school's Sports Information Office. This, he says, makes it "a lot easier when you already know who you are working with."

Stillson is looking forward to the 2006-2007 year where he can get to work with the different coaches of the 20 sports teams on this campus. He is also looking forward to meeting student athletes, saying that "Being at the games and interacting with the student-athletes is the best part of the job."

He also hopes during his time at McDaniel that he is able to make sure student-athletes can get more recognition by the local media for their accomplishments on the playing field as well as in the classroom.

Stillson has a lot new ideas about sports at McDaniel College and he looks forward to working towards to trying to implement them. The athletic department is just as enthused to working with him this year and in future years.

Can long distance love ever prevail?

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FEATURES EDITOR

According to the Center for the Study of Long Distance Relationships, 14 million Americans are currently in long distance relationships. Dubbed the "LDR," this growing trend effects more and more college students too.

"Among college students, 25% report being in an LDR at any given time and 78% report having had an LDR at some point during their time in college. Among first year college students, estimates suggest that as many as 50% of students report an LDR," explains Pfeiffer.

The LDR challenges many McDaniel students, and they say they are finding creative ways to cope. With those ways to cope comes hope that their relationships will survive.

Senior Christy Childson, is currently in a long distance relationship with her fiancé, Matt. Matt recently joined the Army and is stationed in Colorado now, but in October, he will go to Iraq.

"It is hard for me because we spent every single day together for three years before he joined the Army. I miss him being able to visit me on my breaks and I miss him meeting me at my house every night. It took a while to adjust to the change," Christy said.

Greg Pfeiffer, Sophomore, is recently learning about long distance relationships first hand. His long-term girlfriend started college in Florida this past fall. He agrees with Christy that long distance relationships are definitely something it takes time to get used to.

"A month ago I could just call her up and we could get together pretty much any time we wanted," explains Pfeiffer. "Now I just get really lonely when I think about how far away she is. She is my best friend, and has been for a while, so it's weird to try to fill the time I would usually be spending with her.

As hard as it may seem, there is hope for long distance relationships.

The Center for the Study of Long Distance Relationships offers "despite what many people believe, LDRs do not break up at any greater rate than more traditional, geographically close, couples."

The quality of the relationship is not hindered either: "Couples in LDRs report identical levels of relationship satisfaction, intimacy, trust, and commitment," according to the research.

"Although it has been found that couples in LDRs tend to worry much more about infidelity, surprisingly, the numbers do not show that couples in LDRs are more likely to cheat than those in geographically close relationships."

"I don't worry about [infidelity] much since he is around guys most of the time," says Christy. "Plus, we talk all the time and both are still really in love."

Some parents do not mind seeing their child in a long distance relationship. Having space allows individuals time to make new friends, involve themselves more on campus, and focus more on their school work.

"My parents sometimes worry that things will change between us because we are far apart," Christy said. "It helps when they see us together...when we hug for the first time in so long."

Greg adds, "If you like being with someone when they're here, you have an obligation to at least try and transfer that feeling over to a long distance situation. If it isn't working, give it a chance...if it isn't working and you can't handle it, don't torture yourself. Most importantly, gain trust and hold onto it. You'll have nothing without it."
JT: 'Bringin' sexy back'

Laura Hutton
Sports Editor

When the first single off Justin Timberlake's sophomore album, "SexyBack," was released, I was not impressed. It did not sound like the Justin Timberlake I had been listening to for so many years.

Despite my initial reaction, I continued to listen to the song and it grew on me and the rest of the country as it became one of the biggest songs of the summer.

Upon the release of Timberlake's highly anticipated second album, FutureSex/LoveSounds on September 12, it became clear that "SexyBack" was not the only song that introduced a different sound.

The majority of the songs on this new CD are upbeat and dancy, nothing new for Timberlake. However, in this new album he uses slower beats and fast paced tempos in the same song.

In the Cry-Me-a-River-esque "What Goes Around...", Timberlake berates that you were gonna make me cry. "Near the end of the song, the beat changes from a slow and sad tone to a hip hop beat." Timberlake continues, "When you cheated girl, my heart bleded girl." The third track, Sexy Ladies, has a similar treatment. It changes so drastically that it is easy to assume the next song has begun. Especially because at the end of track three "My love," the title of the fourth track and Timberlake's current single, is repeated over and over.

These variations keep the listener on their toes. They are unaware of many song changes. "Thus, the album just flows. It does not have the instantaneous abruptness of other CD's.

Timberlake takes this album to the next level, and wrote each song. He is also certain to remember his dedication to Justified, his 2002 solo debut. By working again with Timbaland, he secures himself topnotch producing. Timbaland's influence is evident on track seven, "Chop Me Up," where he and Three 6 Mafia add their power to one of my favorite tracks on the album.

I am eager to see what Timberlake has in store next. He has made incredible transformations over all the years he has spent in the spotlight. Not surprising since Timberlake's music has been drawing a huge fan base since his Mickey Mouse Club days. This former *NSYNC member has definitely grown up and has proved once again the control he has with his solo career.

As soon as the first track begins, Timberlake draws listeners in and keeps them glued to the speakers through the album's entirety. His sweet mind-sticking lyrics, nonstop beats, and musical magnificence never end. Timberlake really is bringing "SeyBack."

Ever since I heard the eerie, graceful music during the ending scene of "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" I had been excitedly awaiting the release of M. Night Shyamalan's next creation. So, when "Lady in the Water," while a bit different, still delivers as an excellent live suspense thriller, Paul Giamatti's ability certainly shines in this role. "Lady in the Water" didn't have the unforeseen twist at the end, there is still a little hook, which made me shake my head at Night's uncanny brilliance.

Senior Lena Rader said that the commercials misled her, believing it was going to be a scary movie, but in the end pleased with the film. "I thought it was a different type of movie than anybody's done," she said. "I thought it was neat how he [Night] included a lot of the things I liked that he was a character." The final movie that I think is worth your money is "The Da Vinci Code." Aside from all the hoop-la that was built up by the media, Ron Howard made an excellent movie that honored Dan Brown's book. I thought Tom Hank's performance was what was required for the part; he plays a simple character, so his role was simple. To me, this movie is one of the best suspense movies I have seen in a long time.

So even though we're back in school, please, I urge you, before you get swamped with too much work, go out and rent/buy these movies and hold on to summer for just a bit longer.
It's a dark and lonely world when the one thing students feel they can count on is taken from them: the choice of chips with their fries at the Pub. Recently, the chips/fries option, along with other long time favorites, like the television, have unfortunately disappeared for the time being. Since the start of school and these changes, Pub goers have been outwardly disappointed. Above all, students have been trying to cope with this shift affecting many everyday diets.

As Sarah Shank puts it, “I want both the curly fries and Doritos. Is that too much to ask?” The combination of chips and fries is sorely missed by many who agree that it is, indeed, not too much to ask at all. Students and faculty visit the pub at all times of day, for fourth meal sustenance and of course, a variety of fried comforts. When students rely and depend on an eatery so heavily— for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and late night dinners too, changes like this are difficult to swallow. The chips and fries change has caused talk of issues that students feel passionate enough to speak out about. Lindsey Fairchild protests, “I pay a lot of money to go here, I want my choices.” This sentiment is echoed by campus wide Pub lovers.

Many students feel their dietary needs are not being met, or worse, disregarded. Though the Pub offers a different salad each day, for vegetarians and healthier eaters, some have complained about the veggie burgers, pointing out that cheese is extra on these burgers but not on the regular ones. Kaelynn Miller feels that this difference in price “is truly absurd.” Miller also asks, “What happened to all the specials, huh?” While Miller wonders over the death of the variety of specials, Jason Norton laments about the tuna sub, which was removed from the fourth meal option. He says, “it was the quickest thing to make there and probably the healthiest, and I was addicted to it. So long tuna...” he adds sadly.

This past summer, the pub announced that the chicken tenders would no longer be part of the fourth meal option, news that caused quite a commotion on campus. However, the chicken tenders were (and are still) loved so much that times students get frustrated by the fact that they run out of specials, especially when they are very hungry. This is clearly not the pub’s fault, but it was...
Frustrated - Why is the internet so slow?

The RIAA is Taking Sexy (and your other songs) Back... for Good

CHRISTINE BOYNTON
STAR STUDENT

Your internet steps working. Is that shock you're seeing? You're up on McDaniel's campus after all. But then you notice that your internet icon has disappeared.

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We as college students have decided to become active and take a stand. In the past, protestors have chained themselves to trees, gone on strike, or marched. But what about us? How can we protest about ourselves or their friends.

Recently, these changes have encouraged Facebook to become what some students describe as "social media." It's like taking a stand at a whole new level. It gives you a platform where you may not necessarily want to need or want to know. The problem is that it's too easy to get carried away. It's easy to walk into touch with friends from high school and friends that you wouldn't normally keep in contact with, but as far as the fan-girls, they just stir it up trouble," comments Senior Amy Fed. As Facebook junkies are well aware, Mark Zuckerberg has spent the past months renovating what used to be a social site for only college students.

The first change was an addition of a "status" to each student's profile. Users could update exactly what they were doing or at any given point through their status. Soon after that, Facebook was opened up to high school students, and employees at select companies or organizations. One of the biggest changes happened on September 5, 2006 when Facebook first introduced "News Feed" and then "Mini-feed."

"Facebook's "News Feed" revamps each user's home page, compiling the recent activity of all people within their networks. Recent activity includes updates to profiles, favorite quotes, even relationship status, as well as any new friends their friends have made recently. The addition of the "mini-feed" profile updates even draw on highlight by indicating on an individual's profile exactly what has changed. In addition to the news feed, Facebook has also crossed "notes" where students could comment and communicate with friends.

These changes have the majority of students in an uproar. For some, the addition of McDaniel College, Facebook has over 9.5 million members, and is currently in beta testing, and has been open to high school students, and employees at select companies or organizations. One of the biggest changes happened on September 5, 2006 when Facebook first introduced "News Feed" and then "Mini-feed."

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"Almost everyone." the said "And you can vote if you are involved with the McDaniel or Justin, who basically spends every waking moment legible to the wrong way, and you could be out of a job before you even get to an interview." Facebook was meant to be a part of your life, but like a growing list of people have found out, too much information is visible to friends within their network. Such as the group "Students Against Facebook news feed" and then "Mini-feed."

"The first change was an addition of a "status," "Friends of mine have been blowing up their friends' profiles," says Senior Alex Neto, agrees. "It's kind of weird when no one pays attention to us. We know it's like being in on a secret, but it's just such a shame. There's a part of their day, and it's just not that serious," says Senior Chris Bekker, who lists his friends. "Facebook: it's not that serious" as a tên of the group on its home page. Currently, Facebook creators are donating what could be the biggest change to Facebook yet, as they weigh the pros and cons of opening Facebook to everyone. However, viewers from different networks will still be unable to see each other's profiles without being invited.

Facebook creators have not announced the specific plans or dates for this release. However, we do know that a petition has been started on the Facebook "Get out of MySpace."

The first instance of copyright infringement was on-line downloadin...
Vote, but get to know the candidates first

MIKE HABEGGER
COLLEGE IN CHIEF

Elections are won by getting people to vote. They don’t need to know why they are voting, or for what, they just need to vote.

On September 12th, it was primary day in Maryland. My roommate, Jason Stambaugh (38), and I had the privilege of helping to elect Ben Cardin as the Democratic candidate for the “holy grail” of elections, a vacant Senate seat.

“We canvassed Ben Cardin’s base,” said Stambaugh. “Basically, our sole mission was to get the Jews in Pineville to the polls, because that was Ben Cardin’s home territory.”

Yes, it was mandatory volunteer work for a class, and yes, we got paid over a hundred dollars, but we learned a lot. Jason and I think that we are now ready to run a presidential campaign based solely on the experience we gained.

We drove to the Pineville staging area, arriving at 7 AM to hear Sarah Greenberg, director of canvassing, indoctrinate us on the importance of our job, as “Knocker & Dropper.” She told us how it was all about touches, or what Jason and I like to call, voter molestation. Apparently, it takes seven “touches” to get someone to vote. Imagine: You ring the doorbell at a house, making sure that the TV in the living room is turned on. As the resident answers the door, you are also calling them on the phone (1), holding up a sign (2), putting a door-hanger on their door (3), coordinating a truck to drive by the house that also has a sign on it (4), insuring that a Ben Cardin ad is on the TV (5), saying ‘Ben Cardin,’ and wearing a T-Shirt (6), and you have your seven touches. It’s probably a better idea to spread these touches out over a period of seven weeks, but right there, a voter has enough exposure to a candidate to have the potential to vote for him/her.

We witnessed a lot. Every house we visited was inhabited by the lovely Jews in Pineville, some of the most politically participatory citizens in America. Most have overgrown gardens, leading us to conclude that Ben Cardin’s base is very photogenic.

After canvassing about four neighborhoods, and visiting 190 houses each, we went to the Fort Garrison Elementary School, a polling station in Pineville, and were certified as a “Challenger and Watcher.” They had problems with counting the votes using the new electronic system, so we were prisoners of the campaign until about 10 p.m., when we finally were able to drive home and get to Buffalo Wild Wings.

Our precinct coordinator, Jake, said that the reason we were paid was because they expected the primary race to be closer than the general election. Kweisi Mfume proved a formidable opponent, garnering 38% of the vote, to Cardin’s 47%. Cardin’s opponent in the general election is Lt. Gov. Michael Steele, who has a good name, and is regarded as a good talker, but not much else. Ben Cardin has 40 years of political experience, nearly 20 of those years representing Maryland’s 3rd district in the US Congress.

“Ben Cardin, he stands for pragmatism...” said Stambaugh (this is perhaps wishful thinking...). “...and for solutions that seek not to polarize the electorate, but to do the heavy lifting for problems facing America today.”

Even though Cardin literally bought my vote, alas, I am not a resident of Maryland. I have bigger fish to fry at home with Rick Santorum.

Martin O’Malley is running for Governor against incumbent Bob Ehrlich, who is apparently “Changing Maryland for the Better.” You decide if that is true, and then get out to the polls on November 7th, and make it true.

P Gamma Mu, the social science honor society, is hosting a candidate meet and greet on Monday, October 9th, from approximately 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in Decker Auditorium. Among the candidates attending are Vincent DiIorio, Michael Zimmer, Julia Gouge, and Dennis Beard for county commissioner; Gary Bauer, Patricia Gaddbery, and Dave Roush for the board of education; Tanya Shawell and Frank Ramesse for delegate; Andrew Dick for congress; an O’Malley “presence,” and either Ben Cardin or a surrogate speaker. All members of the college community are strongly encouraged to attend.

PS, you can vote for Ben Cardin if you aren’t Jewish. Jason Stambaugh contributed to the reporting of this article.

Quit with CCHD

SARAH GROSH
STAFF WRITER

Stand outside Hill long enough and you’ll notice two things: one, you’re probably not the only one late for class, and two, a good number of McDaniel students are out getting their nicotine fix.

I should know; I’m usually one of them.

Any smoker knows that quitting isn’t easy, but there are things that can make it easier. Responding to an increase in the level of college students smoking, smoking cessation programs have begun offering grants for colleges to start their own programs. McDaniel is one such college, having received a $4,000 grant from the Carroll County Health Department. Smith House offers patches, gum, and other aids to any student trying to quit smoking completely free of charge. That’s a huge incentive, as a $50 box of patches or even a $30 box of gum usually falls outside the average college student’s budget.

The success rate of McDaniel’s smoking cessation program is difficult to establish, as students often neglect to follow up with Smith House after receiving their gum or patch. This situation is unfortunate as following a structured program and checking in regularly can improve your chances of quitting. With this in mind, Carroll County Health Department (CCHD) offers a seven week program where your progress is watched a little more closely. (Participants in this program also receive a voucher for free patches or gum.)

It’s hard to beat a program that helps you save money and your health at the same time. If you’ve been thinking about quitting, its time to get serious and let this opportunity pass by. I’ll be sure to let you know much success I’m having, but you’ll probably be better off if you have a 9:10 in Hill Hall.)

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DAN BORED SMOKES OUTSIDE ROUTES.
FRAN TUCKER
Annual condom throw at 'Choices': no go

KRISTIN LAMB STAFF WRITER

Peer mentors and members of the Choices cast and crew were extremely disappointed with the prohibition of condom throwing at the Choices theatre show during this fall’s McDaniel College freshmen orientation.

Traditionally, at the beginning of the play, members of the crew run through the audience tossing condoms to the freshmen to promote safe sex.

This fall, however, members of the first-year team — including new Assistant Dean of First Year Students Sarah Stokely and Associate Dean of Student Affairs Liz Towle — banned this tradition from Choices to avoid the possibility of offending students.

"The issue is not the condoms, the issue is throwing them at people," Stokely said.

Kim Rodney, a Peer Mentor, said the administration’s decision came out of reactions to last year’s performance.

"They cut it [condom throwing] out because people were offended the year before, but the point of it is to shock the hell out of them and get their attention," she said.

While both the administration and involved students said that alternatives to throwing condoms into the audience were discussed, Rodney said that resident assistants' opinions and feelings were "blatantly ignored" when the decision was made not to distribute condoms during the production.

"Originally we were going to have bowls of condoms laying around; we really struggled with how to make it work," said KC Delp, a Choices cast member.

Administration members said alternatives to throwing condoms were discussed, such as tapping to the cast in the theatre and leaving them in baskets for students to pick up themselves.

"Some suggestions were vetoed by the cast because the chairs are brand new, and the cast was afraid of what students would do with them [the condoms] during the show," Towle said.

Due to the lack of a physical throwing of condoms, the cast and crew made a giant condom that was lowered from the ceiling at the beginning of the show.

"It still had the same effect as throwing out condoms to the audience; I didn't even notice a difference from last year," said MJ Alexander, a member of the Peer Mentor Advisory Board.

Those opposed to the ban said the real issue is not the physical throwing of condoms, but rather the coverage and promotion of safe sex among McDaniel students.

"[Members of the administration] are just thinking the freshmen will abstain, and that is not the case at all," Rodney said. "We might have saved one or two people from being offended. However, they have caused someone to become pregnant or infected. Which is more important?"

Some students who prohibit condoms seem like just the next step in a systematic clean up of the show.

"I think Choices is getting cleaner every year," said Kori Rockman, a peer mentor. "Each year the administration has put more and more pressure on the crew to keep things G-rated."

Towle's said the concern was not in making the show cleaner but about maintaining its message. "A couple of years ago we talked to the cast about keeping the benefit of Choices," she said. "It became too outrageous, and the cast was asked to tone it down. It became more about pushing the envelope and seeing how far we can go. It was losing its educational value."

Alexander said she understood why the administration and some students might feel uncomfortable.

The reason they cut out the condom throwing is that they didn't want the first impression of McDaniel College to be "Free Condoms," she said.

But some cast members said the condom ban had a negative effect on the production.

"Maybe in years past condoms were used for shock value, but there is still a stigma about buying condoms," said Tom Shortridge, who played a rapper with an STD who did not use protection.

"Throwing them out in the crowd relieves some of that pressure. It makes condoms okay to talk about." Despite the controversy, Stokely praised Choices.

"I had heard when I came to McDaniel that a great deal of controversy surrounded Choices, but it was great," she said. "I was so impressed by the energy students brought to that production, [and] the energy the students derived from it was fantastic."

honey is cold-hearted

ROB GOEKE STAFF WRITER

In the six years he has been Vice President, Dick Cheney has become known for his abrasive and often rough demeanor. In one sense, he plays a hard ying to George W. Bush's soft, emotionally open way.

Mr. Cheney speaks in an even tone that fits well into the message of "staying the course" and "fighting terrorists." His disposition is often toughened up to reassure those who fear another 9/11 in a play away day.

However, though he may come off as a tough guy that some would want to go to war with, I believe there are serious flaws in the way Mr. Cheney talks about himself.

Firstly put, in having the Vice President speak on many occasions, I believe that he does not truly care about the well-being of the many military personnel fighting for America. Or, at the very least, he does not care about them as much as he should.

According toicasualties.org, as of September 23, there have been 2,685 American military deaths in the Iraq war that have been confirmed by the Department of Defense, with many more wounded.

Though this number pales in comparison to American deaths even on D-Day, it is still a dishawriting figure. Whatever way you look at it, 2,687 is a painful number and my heart wrenched at the fact that so many brave men and women have died.

With every news report I see of troops dying, I want to cry. It pains me to hear or read of these deaths. However, when I hear Mr. Cheney speak about the troops and their families, his even tone doesn’t waver or change.

Maybe it is my own bias or just a deep, subconscious need to be comforted, but I would like to feel that those soldiers the country are as passionate and pinned while talking about the war and those fighting it as I get when I talk about it.

But it is a gut feeling mostly based on observation. I watch Mr. Cheney on television and I see no change in his posture or tone from when he talks about the troops to when he talks about the economy. This criticism may be unfounded. It could be that Mr. Cheney is naturally cold, naturally numb, but I doubt it.

In my opinion, this is a problem. For all the transgressions Mr. Bush may be accused of, at least he appears to wear his heart on his sleeve. The same can clearly not be said for Mr. Cheney.

I can only hope that the feeling in the Vice President's heart is different than the one he shows. I hope he is pinned as much as I am. I every time a story crosses the wire about troops dying.

Because I don't want to be right.
With six new or revived study abroad opportunities, the McDaniel College Jan Term program is getting a facelift. New trips to China, London, Italy, New York City, Budapest and Guatemala have been added to the already vast selection of off-campus study tours for 2007.

"Our new Jan Term programs are a great opportunity for students to learn the history and physical environment of a country outside of a classroom," says Study Abroad Director Rose Falkner.

The popularity of these programs reflect Falkner's statements. The number of students traveling abroad for their Jan Term more than doubled over the last year, from 46 students in 2005 to '102 in 2006. Back in 2002, a mere 18 students made the journey.

This increase in enrollment resulted in the call for more opportunities to study abroad. These new programs are in addition to trips to Cameroon, Belize, Poland, Hungary, Israel, San Salvador and Mexico.

"Jan Term really is our signature program," says Falkner. "For a campus this small, we have an amazing array of study-abroad courses available."

One of these new courses takes students to China with Professor Ira Domser. Students will have the opportunity to visit the Great Wall, cruise on the Li River and tour Hong Kong.

Dr. Peter Bradley will attempt to bring a group of students to London this January after last year's trip was cancelled because of the terrorist attacks. This year's trip has no apparent conflicts.

While visiting the Pitts River Museum and the British Library, students will intensively study the philosophies of John Locke, Charles Darwin and Sir Isaac Newton.

This year's trip to Israel faces a similar dilemma. The current political situation in the Middle East may force Professor Emmanuel Goldman to change plans.

"Given the recent war between Lebanon and Israel, we will monitor the security situation and judge whether we will travel in the northern (Galilee) region as extensively as last January," says Goldman. "Historically, the Galilee is a quiet sector."

If all goes to plan, Goldman hopes to visit various concentration camps from World War II, including Auschwitz-Birkenau as well as traveling into Israel to study the country's history. This year, Hungary was added to this trip "primarily for the purpose of connecting with McDaniel's companion campus in Budapest," says Goldman.

For a more hands-on study tour, students can sign up for Dr. Amy McNichol's trip to Guatemala. Here, students will participate in a Habitat for Humanity project, building houses in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala for poverty-stricken families.

Finally, our sister campus in Budapest is offering a European economics class as another opportunity for students to experience a different culture.

"Jan Terms abroad are great for anyone that is either unable to afford or unwilling to commit to spending an entire semester or year in a different country," says Falkner.

Slowly but surely, the study abroad Jan Terms are becoming more popular among students. A survey of alumni revealed that the study abroad program offered at Jan Term was the highlight of all their Below are the projected costs and contact information for all of the trips:

London: Enlightenment Philosophy: Dr. Peter Bradley, x2565. Price TBA

Italy Through the Lens: Sue Bloom x2597, $2,805

New York Theatre Immersion: Elizabeth van den Berg, x2591. $900

Volunteer in Guatemala: Dr. Amy McNichols, x2461. Price TBA

Culture and Politics in Cameroon: Zephia Bryant, x2791. $2,625

Fishing and Diving in Belize: Prof. Herb Smith, x2413

Tropical Marine Biology: Dr. Samuel Alspach, 2403. Price TBA.

Viva Mexico: Dr. Thomas Devery, x2465. $1,884.
The untold tragedy of Christians in Iraq

Violence intensifies in northern Iraq as Kurdish forces and Iraqi police attack Assyrian Christians in the Nineveh plain. The Assyrian Christians, Iraq's third-largest ethnic group and second-largest minority, have lived for decades under the persecution of Saddam Hussein's Baath party. With the fall of Iraq's former leader three years ago, a new window of freedom opened for the oppressed people. But that freedom quickly vanished as a new terror bent on driving out the Assyrian Christians took over. In June 2006, the Baathist left the Nineveh plain and began committing numerous unlawful acts of violence against unarmed Assyrian civilians.

One such attack took place on June 30, 2006, in Iraq's Hamdaniya District. The incident began when Iraqi Police started waving their automatic rifles, shouting racial and religious slurs at unarmed Assyrian civilians. The officers continued their verbal attacks for some time until Steven Basim, a young Assyrian man, approached the officers pleading for them to stop their offensive behavior. An officer responded with a swift knock to Basim's head and the young man fell to the ground bleeding. The officers then began severely beating Basim as he lay on the street severely injured. Several Assyrian men endeavored to get the officer brutality but ended up falling victim to the same brutal beating.

Crowds of Assyrian civilians, infuriated with the officers' actions, began to gather around the spectacle. The officers, fearing the angry mob, began shooting into the crowd wounding several civilians. Things began to quickly grow out of control as civil unrest increased. The officers called for back up and Iraqi police forces rushed to the scene. Several police units responded but were unable to quell the violent crowd. The police forces rushed to the scene. Several police units responded but were unable to quell the violent crowd. The police

Supporters of the current government, on the other hand, are of the opinion that at least Gyurcsany was honest about it. This quote is an article for the International Herald Tribune by Judy Dempsey. Sept 20th: "Yes, he lied, but many other politicians have lied, too," said Ferenc Patlik, a writer. At least Gyurcsany admitted it. Now he wants to start talking about reforms. They will not be easy. Many people I know have problems paying the gas and electricity bills. But now gas and electricity prices have risen sharply, and the people have been lied, let's give him a chance. I voted for him, I continue to support him.

Iraqi police forces in the area have a task force for the protection of Assyrian Christians. While the Governing council in Baghdad passed the proposal, the US registered to give aid to the people. However, Prime Minister, Ibrahim al-Jaafari, continues to promise that the Iraqi government, on the other hand, has been unsetTLing following the leak of a tape in which Hungary's current prime minister, Ferenc Gyurcsany, said that the government has been lying to the people "day and night" about the economy in order to win elections. Hungarians have been dosed session of the ruling party for decades. However, Prime Minister Gyurcsany has announced his decision that he will not step down. "I am staying and I am doing my job. I am extremely committed to fulfilling my program, fiscal adjustments and reforms," he said.

"I know it's very difficult for the people, but it's the only decision for Hungary," (ITV, Judy Dempsey, Sept. 19).

As a Methodist College student at the Budapest campus, I can tell you that unless one is really in those squares where protesters are during the evenings and nights, one does not feel the impact of this situation. The college itself is not much affected. However, just by chatting with locals reveals the tension citizens feel - it is part of every conversation. Many are simply appalled that they have been played for fools and lied to. Zoltan Ludanyi, an IT student from Budapest, said, "Normally I am not at all interested in politics because I think politicians here are all the same. But now I feel that if we let this pass without raising our voices, they will think they can continue lying to the people many let that happen. I have been going to the protests, and I will continue to go in the hope that something might come of it."

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It's tough to rally school spirit at McDaniel

**MELANIE CHUPEIN**

Sweatshirts stamped with "McDaniel College." Students cheering for their classmates at a sports game. Window clings that read "Terror Soccer." Participating in campus-sponsored events like Relay for Life. Is this school spirit?

BethAnn Turner offers, "School spirit is supporting your school in sports and wearing their gear and colors. It's about supporting everyone in other activities like clubs too."

"Pride in your school," suggests Adam Dwoskin.

Lance Potschinke explains, "School spirit involves close bonds between students and their school, strong enough to cause those students to wear the colors and praise the school publicly."

"An abiding respect for the institution of your education," adds Adam Pritchard.

School spirit encompasses so much more than rooting for the football team or joining fellow students in an organization to promote similar interests and awareness. Just simply being proud to be a member of the McDaniel College community constitutes a form of spirit.

The most easily recognized aspect of school spirit is wearing apparel that is decorated with the college's logo or colors, green and gold. Sara Borin expresses, "This is more displaying your spirit, but it isn't enough."

Pritchard disagrees in that he feels, "Color is probably the most effective visual representation of school spirit without being excessively vocal."

With so many ways to express school spirit, it seems like there is a category for all to communicate their spirit. However, this still brings up an important question: does McDaniel have school spirit?

Turner shares, "We have school spirit to a point. I think it's more with sports or at Homecoming that we have it."

At other times, we don't."

Stephanie Glass strongly believes that school spirit only applies to sports and it can be seen in the money spent on sports and sporting facilities. Still, others would argue that this campus does have school spirit and that it seeps into more areas than just sports.

When discussing school spirit, the topic of the mascot is bound to cross people's minds. McDaniel's mascot is the Green Terror and Dwoskin insists, "Mascots are an icon for people's school spirit."

There's just one problem. McDaniel doesn't exactly have a mascot that goes to rally the crowd and even worse, no one really knows what the Green Terror is.

Denise Adams confesses, "I'm so confused about Green Terror. It's saddening and frustrating!"

"I heard that when the football team rushes it looks like a 'Green Terror,'" Turner says in an attempt to define the mascot.

Pritchard reveals, "The lack of a mascot does create a void of a rallying point. The vagueness of the Green Terror is more a joke than a statement."

Still, others disagree and feel like having an undefined mascot is not really a disadvantage.

Bianca Rieti reasons, "It doesn't have an effect. If there was [a mascot], it could excite the crowd but the student crowd excites themselves."

Similarly, Chris Martin admits, "Mascots aren't all that important. It doesn't contribute much."

Despite mixed feelings over the ambiguous Green Terror, most would agree that there is definitely room for improvement. Rieti suggests that a variety of events should be publicized. Dwoskin feels like an actual mascot or games would be beneficial.

Potschinke says he would volunteer to fill the position. On a different note, Martin would like to see more successful sports teams, especially the football team since it's probably the highest profile sport.

Glass shares a completely opposite opinion about improvements to this McDaniel's school spirit. She says, "Stop spending all our energy on sports and focus on the other parts of the school. How can we have school spirit when this school is a joke?"

McDaniel students have a lot to say about school spirit. There is an overall feeling that the student body is spirited but at the same time there is a lingering doubt surrounding it. Also, there seems to be a trend toward defining school spirit in more than just sports related terms.

Perhaps in addition to a tangible mascot, more could be done to publicize upcoming events and encourage people to attend. "Stop spending all our money on GLAR attempting to drum up excitement," says Keating.

There is an overall feeling that McDaniel's school spirit can be optimized, giving every student the chance to feel supported in what he or she does.

**FOOTBALL FANS SHOULD TURN SIGNS TO FIELDS**

**CHRISTOPHER FERRICK-MANLEY**

The referee held up both hands to call the touchdown. Cheerleaders on the sideline screamed. Fans in the bleachers pumped their fists. It was McDaniel's home football opener, and visiting Bridgewater had just scored six points.

The Green Terror opened their home schedule with consecutive losses. More intéressant the 0-2 home record is the complete lack of enthusiasm that McDaniel fans have shown during the two losses. At both the Bridgewater and Seton Hill games, opposing fans were conspicuous by their noisemaking. Our fans appeared to have been put to sleep by the abundance of tailgating cuisine. Luckily anybody paid attention to the Green Terror cheerleading squad. According to sophomore cheerleader Tara McKinney, "It is really hard to be cheerful and excited at a game when the crowd doesn't participate or get excited."

Bair Stadium is unique in its being the only drive-in football field in the nation. But it may be the source of the problem. The fans are more into their tailgating than the action on the field. That is a shame; live football is one of the most dramatic sports a person can watch. A football fan would be hard pressed, too, to see a live game at such a great price; admission is free at all McDaniel sporting events.

Head Coach Tim Keating admits to not paying attention to crowd during home games, he's busy with on-the-field duties. He was willing to admit, however, that "except for the fourth quarter last Saturday, [the Green Terror] have done little to generate excitement."

On the other hand, Green Terror Men's Basketball coach Robert Flynn has become somewhat of a campus celebrity for his visit into GLAR attempting to drum up support for his team and increase attendance at basketball games. McDaniel finished out of the playoffs at 9-16, but the crowd was consistently into the game, and very noisy. Despite the losing record, the basketball team was 6-3 at home. The football team is 0-4 in its last four home games over the last two years.

Alex Meyer-Stokes is a regular attendee of both football and basketball games at McDaniel. He points out that the existence of the student section at the basketball games leads to higher crowd involvement from the student body. The football games have no such student section. Meyer-Stokes believes that organizing the students into one place at Bair may make for a better home-field advantage for the football team.

"We had tremendous support during the conference championships years, 1997-2002," said Keating. "I think our play/performance warranted the fan support. Most everyone loves a winner as you know."
Sports community in Westminster, beyond

GEORF PECKHAM
STAFF WRITER

If there was one thing about Baltimore that couldn't be debated, it's that Baltimore is a sports town. It is a football city; it is a baseball city. It is a soccer city, it is a lacrosse city. It embraces these events on all levels, from the high school athletes to the professionals who participate for a living. The love of sports is obviously not exclusive to Baltimore, but there's something just a little bit different in the way this area watches these events than in other cities.

It extends through the areas surrounding Baltimore, from Towson to Reisterstown, from Dundalk to the Eastern Shore. It extends into Westminster and onto the campus of McDaniel College. McDaniel students may come from all over the country as well as the world, but many of them are from the area, some growing up right here in Westminster. McDaniel hosts the Ravens annually for Training Camp. To really see how much this community loves its sports, look at the Baltimore Orioles. As this beloved baseball team is about to end its ninth consecutive losing season, life-long fan and Dundalk native Nestor Aparicio organized a fan protest to prompt a change in ownership, appropriately titled "Take Back the Birds." Aparicio owns and operates WNST 1570, an all-sports AM radio station. It doesn't take long to listen to him on the air to know how passionate he is about the O's, and about sports in this area.

"We made history as a community, coming to the ballpark 50,000-strong when the team didn't win a single game in April of 1988 for Fan Appreciation Night. We watched the team," Aparicio said, referring to the season when the O's started 0-21. He knows the passion we feel as fans, even when our teams are at an all-time low.

These stories are just the beginning. There are many more, too many to name here. They illuminate the love we have for our teams. People remember where they were when their team won the big game. They remember where they were, who they were with when their team won the big game. They bring us together, and they give us something to be proud of. And whether you're from Baltimore, Boston, or even Budapest, it's not hard to see that this community revels in that in a big way.

Play the Play

Check out this killer play from Saturday's volleyball game vs. Swarthmore

McDaniel Volleyball pulled off a nail-biting victory against Swarthmore Saturday, Sept 23. Giving up wins in the first two games (25-30 each time), the Terror fought back and took the next two games 30-17 and 30-24 respectively. Swarthmore crumbled to a 15-9 loss in tie-breaking match. Each player fed the team's success, especially Freshman Taylor Hergott (11) and Junior Katie Seibel (41). Saturday's volleyball match marked the 18th meeting between McDaniel and Swarthmore in a series that dates back to 1985. The Green Terror lead the all-time series 14-3, but the Garnet took last season's meeting 3-0.

Photos courtesy Evan Ticknor, artwork courtesy Emily Biondo and Evan Ticknor
Cross Country Stars

Cody Crutchley

Cody Crutchley has the vital speed element. He excelled during last year's track season and qualified for Conferences in the 800 meter. During this race, he dropped from 2:09 to 2:04 and was the sixth freshman in the Green Terror Challenge.

"He has a good combination of speed and strength," Coach Renner adds. These qualities aid Crutchley as he works on improving his cross country skills and hones his abilities - speed and strength.

At the Waynesburg Invitational, Crutchley ran a personal best of 29:44 in the 8,000 meter. At such an early point in the season, Crutchley's progress lays the foundation for a strong cross country season hopefully leading into an amazing speed boost on the track.

"He usually leads our team in the faster workouts we do," states Dan White. "He has a lot of speed, and even though he would admit he's more of a track runner, he is also a very good cross country runner." If Crutchley is able to stay healthy and uninjured, he will undoubtedly have a good cross country season and be able to intensify things once track begins.

Despite injuries other teammates have endured, Crutchley remains optimistic in regards to the team's success this season, "we can work with one another in races and keep each other motivated."

Dan White

Dan White was excited with his start this season. His best time last year was 30:45 in the 8,000 meter. At their first race, Baltimore Metro, White ran a personal best of 30:36 in the 8,000 meter and finished fifth for the Green Terror. He was also the fifth of the men's team to finish at the Green Terror Challenge.

These strong finishes are exciting for White, "last season I was usually one of the last runners to finish on the team. This season I've been the fifth man for the team... and hope to improve on that," he explains.

White attributes this powerful start to the amount of training he did over the summer. "Dan will have a great season if he stays healthy, since he ran a lot over the summer with weekly mileage nearing 80 miles. As the season goes on his hard work will show."

Bowman attributes his improvements this year to the extra mileage he did over the summer, "I notice my mileage base has increased my strength in longer distance events, which also shows on our team workouts."

Kevin Bowman is not running cross country last year, has shown great talent thus far, and looks to be a strong part of the team.

"This class of runners has tremendous potential... it should be fun watching their continued development over the next three years."

-Coach Renner

Tim Eggars

Shin injury for the majority of last year prevented Tim Eggars from reaching his full potential. As a freshman, Eggars was able to run a few meets during the indoor season. He was never able, however, to completely let go without shin splints slowing him down. During the summer, Eggars struggled to beat his shin injury and run as much as possible. Nevertheless, he was only able to run about half of the summer; every time he was able to run for five days he would have to take five days off.

"Tim has been in the "one step forward - two steps back" mode for much of his time on campus," adds Coach Renner. In spite of this, Eggars has shown great improvements early this season.

"I did not have much of a base when I came back to school," Eggars said, "but my shin problems appear to have stopped, which has enabled me to start getting back to my old self."

During the Green Terror Challenge, Eggars ran a 30:18 on the 8,000 meter course, a personal best. He was the third Green Terror runner to cross the finish line.

Dan White describes him as the "most talented out of us sophomores and probably everyone else on the team. If Tim can get healthy, he could be up with Matt [Rouse] by the end of the season."
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Nobody from the sorority or the pledge class would comment because of legal direction from the national Phi Sigma Sigma sorority. This was the reason McDaniel staff could not talk about the allegations.

People involved in the incident, according to sources, were forced to leave campus and the party could not be resolved.

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Rumors fly, new dean catches the heat

ROB GOEKE and DAVID F. GREISMAN

When Beth Gerl, McDaniel's new Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs, arrived in Westminster, she could have never expected the tempest that awaited her.

In just over a month, rumors about possible policy changes linked to alcohol use touched off unprecedented student resentment across campus.

Student resentment boiled over into defamatory Internet postings and a postponed protest.

Gerl said she hopes to establish a positive, productive relationship with students.

"I think, based on my newness, that that brought some uncertainty, which is understandable but not accurate," Gerl said. "I don't want there to be opposition. I want there to be collaboration and partnership."

Some of the vocal opposition arose from Gerl's perceived role in stopping the off-campus Chi Delta Upsilon (XDU) party originally scheduled for Sept. 16.

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GEOFF PECKHAM STAFF WRITER

Members of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority have been under administrative scrutiny recently due to concerns that the group may have violated strict rules that govern the pledging process.

As a result, some students believe the Greek organization has already lost its pledge class, and it may be kicked off campus, though that, as of press time, is untrue.
Pledging process scrutinized

(Sorority, from Page 1)

Sigma Sigma chapter. One pledge who asked to remain anonymous, though, said that the stories are "ridiculous," and that all the pledges felt that there was no hazing going on.

It is the college's standard procedure to halt all activities of any organization on campus if it is under investigation for any reason, said Amanda Rose, assistant director of college activities. As such, the sorority is not allowed to use its clubroom or do any pledging activities until a final decision has been made.

Rose also explained that these privileges have not formally been taken away.

Lighter Side

ROB GOEKE
STAFF WRITER

When Campus Safety patrols our lovely campus, they usually have their eyes focused at waist level, checking to see if that Solo cup really does have a non-alcoholic beverage in it. Sometimes, however, a distraction can cause them to look elsewhere.

At 8:41 on the night of Oct. 1, some officers were on patrol and saw the sky light up. It wasn't a bird or a plane, but a bottle rocket - fired off from Rouzer Hall.

Freshman boys in groups, though, are hilarious. But bottle rocket-fired off wasn't a bird or a plane, but a thing to take away from this cause them to look elsewhere.

However, some fireworks always light up this time of year, including Jiffy Mart commercials that made him do just the subliminal messages he received from all the commercials that made him do it. He was hungry. So why wait for a candy bar into his pocket, creating what must have been the biggest overreaction by the non-students were located as having trespassed.

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Incident of a rape at a McDaniel College facility was dismissed in September after a review by local law enforcement, authorities said.

The sexual acts - which occurred at Harlow Pool prior to this semester - were determined by members of the CASA (Child Abuse/Sexual Assault) unit and the State's Attorney's office to have been consensual, police said.

Authorities said charges were brought on one count of extortion related to the case.

By the Numbers

22 Cases between Sept. 22 and Oct. 5
34 Reports and incidents related to those cases
4 Cases with alcohol violations
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1 Incident of students setting off fireworks from a Rouzer Hall dorm room
Recent highlights on the Hill 2006

Train dogs for the blind.

1st place winner John Floyd ate a total of 10 hotdogs in only a few minutes, receiving a trophy and a $50 gift card to Barnes and Noble. He seemed more thrilled about the title inscribed on the trophy than anything else, boasting he was indeed the Eastern Champion at Homecoming 2006. 2nd place winner Stephen Gomez and 3rd place winner Mark Whyte both led to be a part of such a great cause, even if they felt close to puking.

Jason Norton, said, "Some people were training in Clar all week. We’re just glad they found at this weekend tempt-
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‘Green’ week on recycling

JEN HARRINGTON
STAFF WRITER

“Plant a new tree, treat it with care, give it clean water and feed it fresh air” read Senior Kate Chilson’s shirt as she stood outside of Red Square’s recycling display on Wednesday, September 27th. Co-President of the Environmental Action Club, Chilson was one of many students who braved McDaniel’s trash piles and went dumpster diving in order to raise awareness about recycling on campus.

Armed with trash bags and gloves, about 20 members of the Environmental Action Club went dumpster diving on campus Tuesday night looking for recyclable trash, such as papers and cans. They carried their findings to Red Square, and created a heap of items that could have been recycled. A significant portion of their display was the result of an overabundance of Academic Course catalogs.

The shock factor was undeniable; while walking through Red Square Wednesday morning, McDaniel College students were greeted by what appeared to be a mound of trash. Surrounding the display were posters asking observers to think critically about recycling, or informing the public of waste statistics, such as the fact that the average American throws away 4.5 pounds of waste each day.

The display was the highlight of the club’s awareness week. On Monday, September 25th the club had an informative table outside of Clar about their projects and goals. On Wednesday, the club sponsored a tie-dying table outside of Clar, an activity that was featured in the Carroll County Times. On Wednesday the recycling demonstration occurred in Red Square. The club’s awareness week ended Thursday with a demonstration of various ways to recycle everyday trash, such as turning scrap metal into jewelry.

Previously, the majority of the club’s energy had been focused on off campus projects, such as the Chesapeake Bay clean-up. Currently, two students are working on improving the campus’s recycling program through independent studies. Footage of the dumpster dive and recycling display is being repeated on McDaniel TV, Channel 26.

CHRISTOPHER FEERICK-MANLEY
STAFF WRITER

Oh say, did you see Meyers-Stokes sing?

When Francis Scott Key penned The Star Spangled Banner in 1814, he probably did not envision it becoming a staple for the beginning of sporting events around the U.S. It is no different here at McDaniel. At our Homecoming game, Alexander Meyer-Stokes, will be performing the anthem before kickoff.

Meyer-Stokes, a junior out of Columbia, has an extensive background in the performing arts. He has been singing since he was four years of age and has been participating in choral singing since his sophomore year of high school. At McDaniel, he currently sings in the college choir and the madrigal singers, and previously sang with the gospel choir. This year he also serves as the Peer Mentor to MUL-1151: Music and Words: A Quest for Expression and Meaning.

He received the job of singing at the game from his former boss at McDaniel Alumni Relations, where he worked the call center during his freshman year. Going into the last few days before Homecoming, Meyer-Stokes is a little nervous. A little nervous, admittedly, but he has been on stage too much for this to scare him.

Homecoming won’t be the first time Meyer-Stokes has sung the Star Spangled Banner at McDaniel. He performed it with the gospel choir at basketball games last year. Other places he has sung include churches, retirement homes, high schools, and Newfoundland. Meyer-Stokes went to St. John’s in Newfoundland last summer for the Festival 500, a choral music festival, with the Carroll Chorus.

More McDaniel students enjoy what could be one of the last warm days of the semester. September 23 marked the first official day of Autumn.
The squirrels on campus have practically taken over. They freely roam everywhere, hiding in trees, scurrying across the street, and scampering across the quad. All of this changed recently when six traps were placed around campus, in plain view of the squirrels as well as the McDaniel community.

People's initial response to all the traps is that this is cruelty to animals. Seeing an innocent squirrel confined to a cage has sparked passionate opposition. "It is a terrible travesty to see the trapping," said senior Teri Hamer. "They are a staple on campus; everyone enjoys watching them run and play." With regards to the group, Hamer admits, "The Facebook group I started is half joke and half serious. I really don't think any harm should come to the squirrels unless completely justified, but honestly I'm not that heatedly against the traps if the class is learning something important from the experiment and taking all measures to ensure the squirrels are not being harmed any more than is absolutely necessary." This entire ordeal boils down to miscommunication and misinterpretation.

Dr. Esther Iglich's Conservation Biology class has set the traps in order to conduct a study that spans over a period of a few weeks. "The purpose of catching the squirrels is to mark and release them so that we may determine their home range—their territory—and see how far, whether McDaniel has several small populations of squirrels or one big population," said senior Anna Kulow. "Traps are being kept open for only an hour or two at a time, when students are available to mark and release them as soon as possible," Dr. Iglich explains. "We need to have a certain number trapped to make the estimation technique work." 

Lindsey Grieb, another conservation biology student, insists, "The squirrels are not being harmed, and they're getting a free meal. As long as the people taking care of the traps make sure to check them regularly, there should not be any problems." "Everyone in the class is committed to the squirrels' safety and health," Liz Mering adds. "We are a conservation biology class so most of us are strongly committed to environmental and conservation principles." The class needs to mark a total of twenty squirrels in order to obtain accurate data for this study. They have already reached the halfway point. The class spray-paints a small part of the squirrel as a means of tracking it. Otherwise, it would be necessary to trap even more squirrels. In addition to a bit of spray-paint, three squirrels are wearing radio collars in order to better follow them, which according to Dr. Iglich, is another important technique that has to be learned.

McDaniel College is not the only school to be conducting this study. "This exact project has been done to greater extent at other universities like Texas A&M and has been very successful as a learning experience," Kulow says. "As for the rumor that squirrels have been dying, she assures, "One squirrel was found ill in a trap and was taken to a wildlife specialist for medical treatment. The squirrel died, but the specialist determined that the animal was likely ill before entering the trap."

Additionally, there has been talk about the squirrels being attacked by hawks. "There was an incident where a bird tried to attack a trapped squirrel," Grieb shares. "I personally chased the bird away and released the squirrel, unharmed. That issue was addressed and the traps were moved to more covered locations where birds could not get to them." "Squirrels on campus are being attacked all the time and eaten by these hawks," Dr. Iglich explains. "I have seen them do this; it is part of the natural process which helps prevent the populations from overpopulating." The logic behind placing the traps in such obvious locations has backfired. Dr. Iglich reasons that the cages have been set where they are on purpose so the students can better see the squirrels once they are trapped, mark them, and then quickly release them. The idea is to be as cautious and minimalistic as possible. The problem with this strategy is that everyone else on campus also takes notice. As a result, many of the squirrels have been released from their traps. "This is unfair to those of us who want to learn this method of studying animal populations so that we may use it in the future for wildlife conservation," Kulow notes.

"My goal as is most conservationists is to prevent animals from becoming extinct. But in order to gather essential information on animals so that this goal can be reached, it is sometimes necessary to perform these studies."

"Doing a population count is not easy because we have a TON of squirrels on campus," Mering confesses. "We also are dealing with a problem that conservation biologists deal with all the time, which are well-meaning members of the public trying to help the animals. It is hard to try to educate people that our primary concern is the well being of the animals. This is a problem that has just come up in the last few weeks and we are currently trying to figure out how to manage to continue the project."

For now, the study has been put on hold so the class has time to discuss what is happening.

Conservation Biologists have to learn how to trap, mark and estimate population number, and home territories for animals," Dr. Iglich stresses. "Our efforts are being undermined by this group [who tampers with the traps]." It is important to understand that the squirrels are not being harmed and once a few more squirrels are marked, the cages will be removed.
Non drinking games lure many McDaniel students

BY JEN HARRINGTON

It was a typical Friday night on campus, and like any other weekend, Campus Safety was called to Rosen Hall because of a noise complaint. The spectacle swirling Campus Safety last year wasn’t the archetypal drinking scene with beer pong and shotgun underclassmen, but rather an unusually exciting game of Crazian.

“We got so loud,” shriaged junior Ward Shank. “They thought we were drinking because we were having so much fun.”

For students who prefer non-drinking games, it seems that on the McDaniel College campus, the possibilities are endless.

Crazian is a well-liked game among these students. Players are divided into four to five feet long and arrange 2 groups of 6 cups with a predetermined amount of drink, usually alcohol of some sort, in a triangle at either end of the table. Next, split into either two teams of two or two people in individual competition. The teams stand at one end of the table and try to throw a ping-pong ball into any of the cups on the opposite end of the table. If they hit it in, the other team has to drink. If every time the make their throws, they get the other team's cups. Either way, you just get another wave of the other team's cups. Either way, the goal is to get drunk, or to get rid of the other team’s cups. Either way, you end up with a healthy game of Crazian. This game is relatively simple, but can be very effective. You get a bunch of alcohol, usually beer or mixed drinks. You can try to drink with shots, but without modification of the game, you will die. Please don’t, I wouldn’t want that to happen. To play, you shout your drinks of choice. Every minute, on the minute, take the shot. Time counts to 60, and you try... you think. You usually go through about 6 cups, if that's your drink, and it's good.

Other creative team names of the league include the "Stump Generals," "RayLewisMVP" and "Your Don." In addition to team names and even team logos, the fantasy football fervor sometimes involves trash talk as opponents try and psyche each other out before big games.

The Alpha Sigma Phi league does a lot of smoke talking. It is unscrupulous and can get pretty brutal. On the league’s Web site, one team hoped for the dis- montothers, another team’s player, posting: “I hope Michael Strauss team don’t make it too far...it’s the Alpha Sigma Phi.” Fantasy football was originally invented in 1962 by two members of the Oakland Raiders’ management and two sports writers from Oakland during a three week road trip to the east coast. According to the fantasy Web site, the
table and attempt to flip the cup so that it lands upside down and stays that way. Research has shown that if you wet the table, the cup sticks much easier. Once the cup is flipped successfully, you go down the line until one line is done. The first side to finish wins.

There’s never enough time to do enough to study for exams, but mention a game of Flip Cup or Cranium and suddenly we have all the time in the world...

Forget homework - fantasy football rules

BY TYLER CARE

Each week, after Labor Day starts the official start of the NFL season.

The fantasy football season is a game where players "draft" NFL players for their fantasy team and earn points based on their performances in games. The fantasy football player with the most points at the end of the season wins.

In recent years, fantasy football has become the most popular fantasy sport in the United States and has evolved into a big business industry. It is no real surprise that the fantasy league boss McDaniel students too.

Senior Pat O’Toole is just one fish that has been hooked by the fantasy world.

Pat is a member of the Alpha Sigma Phi football league, an league in which Pat has named his team “The Bootleggers.”

“Most students opt to flip cups and play beer pong

BY BRIAN ENGLER

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KEEP ON DRIVING"
So you wanna go to graduate school

KATE MALONEY
STAFF WRITER

Crunch time for choosing and applying to a graduate school could not come at a worse time for an undergraduate. Many seniors are preoccupied with internships, research projects, papers, and other culminating experiences. Planning ahead for graduate school and breaking the process down into manageable steps is the key to a low-stress, high-success transition from college to graduate school. One can start preparing for graduate school as early as sophomore year. The following timeline is a good starting place for organizing a strategy but could be modified according to the school one anticipates attending graduate school. Some seniors may find they need to take time off from academic life after graduation to gain work experience, fine-tune career goals, as well as secure financial resources. Talking to a career counselor or other mentor may be helpful.

Sophomore Year
- Take challenging courses.
- Maintain a high GPA.
- Network with professors and alumni.
- Starting thinking about "life after McDaniel College." Explore academic and career interests and consider volunteering or applying for internships in your field of interest.

Summer following Junior Year
- Request information from schools to which you may apply including, acceptance rates, test scores, and GPA ranges.
- Visit campuses if possible, and talk with faculty members and current graduate students.
- Begin developing your personal statement, which may need adjusted for each school to which you apply.
- Register and study for admissions tests.

Spring of Senior Year
- Verify that application materials were indeed received.
- Continue researching the graduate programs to which you applied so you can feel confident with your final decision.
- Prepare for on-campus interviews, if applicable.
- Send thank-you notes to interviewers and also to professors who wrote letters of recommendation. Notify them of your success and decision.
- Make arrangements for this exciting and challenging transition, such as housing and banking.

Junior Year
- Take advantage of research opportunities with faculty members.
- Learn about current research and trends in your particular field of study.
- Prepare for and take practice graduate admissions tests.
- Investigate scholarship and financial aid options.
- Start researching schools.

Fall of Senior Year
- Take appropriate admissions test. The GRE is the general admissions test for graduate schools, but there are different exams for students applying for law, medical, and business school. It would be best to check with the institutions to which you may apply. Standardized tests may also be taken during the junior year to allow time for re-takes if necessary.
- Ask for letters of recommendation early in the semester from professors who know you well. Typically, graduate schools require three letters of recommendation.
- Request a copy of your transcript and check for errors since they may take time to rectify.
- Budget for application fees and transcripts—it can get costly!
- Proofread and finalize your personal statement. Faculty members and advisors may be able to assist in this area.
- Stay on top of deadlines. Be aware that schools will usually expect application materials to have arrived by the deadline. Keep a personal photocopy of all application materials.

Don't worry if you are already feeling behind—there are many resources available to you through Career services to help you get back on track!

'So you wanna go to graduate school'

SARAH BLACK
COMMENTARY CO-EDITOR

When I enrolled at McDaniel, I don’t remember signing a waiver relinquishing any of my rights as a citizen of this country. But apparently, with no formal papers, that’s what all of us ended up doing when we decided to attend McDaniel. There is only one right I’m speaking of, and while it may not be as important as others, the fact that the school policy is imposing on ANY of my rights bothers me. I’m speaking of the right to drink alcohol and the subsequent right to choose the alcohol we drink (if you’re of legal age). Even though this only affects those students who are 21 years old or older, everybody turns 21 eventually, so it does in the end affect everybody (whether or not you care is up to you). Our student handbook lists school policy and #6 states: "Hard liquor is prohibited on campus" (p. 63).

The first thing that comes to my mind is, "Well, who are you to say what I can and cannot drink? What if hard liquor is all someone drinks?" I personally hate beer, so my drink of choice is hard liquor—and I have that right to choose it. So you can stop telling me what I’m allowed to drink. It’s all about common sense and knowing and abiding by your limit, not what you’re putting into your system.

Asks about this rule, senior Kevin Mettee expressed his discontent: "I think it’s crap," he said. "I’m 21 years old; I should be able to drink what I want, especially if I’m drinking in my own apartment. How much worse is hard liquor than beer? I think it’s definitely imposing on my rights." People can get just as drunk off of beer as they can off liquor; it’s just a matter of how much you drink. And as Mettee said, it doesn’t matter if you’re in your own apartment; if Campus Safety catches you, they will make you dispose of your hard liquor.

This relates to a story (unconfirmed) that I heard while sitting in class: A couple of students, on their way back from the liquor store, ran into Campus Safety officers. The contents of their bags were various hard liquors, and upon seeing this, Campus Safety made them dispose of all of it, even after the students eagerly showed their IDs to the officers. Now whether this actually happened is not clear, but based on the rule, it surely could and would happen if you run into Campus Safety.

Honestly, not allowing people to drink hard liquor is not going to stop people from getting drunk or stop them from drinking at all. On the contrary, it probably makes students more willing to drink and get drunk off hard liquor, knowing that they’re breaking the rule. Senior Bryan Szesze also has some quarrels with this rule: "I think it’s pretty ridiculous, just because everyone has liquor whether there’s a rule or not," she said. "It’s going to happen. If we walk down the street and get a shot, that’s not nearly as safe as just taking it in our rooms. It’s not stopping kids from getting drunk." If you’re wondering why I’m making such a big stink of this issue now, it’s because before this year I wasn’t 21, so I couldn’t say anything without getting busted for or questioned about underage drinking.

This is college, not prison, so I think it’s expected that we should be granted all of our rights.

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In defense of steroids

KEN RUEGER
STAFF WRITER

Barry Bonds is at bat, 23 home runs shy of breaking Hank Aaron's all-time home run record. The blazing San Francisco sun reflects off Bond's oversized helmet. Sweat glistens on his massive, tree-trunk forearms as Bonds connects on a belt high fastball, sending it eight rows deep into the right field bleachers. Bonds drops his bat and shuffles his colossal, injury-ridden frame around the diamond.

Suddenly, bobbleheads don't seem as unrealistic. Professional athletes these days with their huge muscles and bloated heads do anything to gain the slightest edge on their opponents. There was a time when athletes talked of hot dogs and beer after a game. Nowadays, words like "herbal supplements," "protein shakes," "vitamins" and "steroids" are commonplace in the locker room.

And what's wrong with that? If your favorite baseball player or cyclist were injecting themselves with elephant hormones, how much would you care? Is it unethical for athletes to enhance their bodies with chemicals and supplements? The answer is no, and history will prove that. Steroids and artificial enhancements are part of the evolution of sport.

In baseball's early days, players played the game without a glove, catching the ball with their bare hands. Once Albert Spalding introduced the glove to the game, many baseball veterans chose not to wear them. Those who had grown up playing barehanded called the use of padded gloves "sissy" and accused those who used them as cheats. Eventually the use of a baseball mitt was accepted and became commonplace in the game of baseball. Today, player's use gigantic, webbed baskets to play the game.

In 1903, the first participants in the Tour de France rode fixed-gear bikes that weighed over thirty pounds. Imagine the look on the 1903 winner Maurice Green's face as today's peloton speeds by on their fifteen pound, carbon fiber multi-speed racing bikes. Sports evolve. Athletes use technology to innovate the game, finding new and exciting ways to play. There was a time that football players wore padded leather helmets. Now, football players wear suits of armor that allow them to play with unprecedented speed and recklessness.

Opponents of steroid use argue that the practice is dishonest and disrespects the history of the game. Babe Ruth did not use human growth hormones; Hank Aaron did not have his own personal trainer or take "all-natural supplements." Where does one draw the line? Critics accuse athletes of cheating when they inject themselves with a chemical, but nobody questions teams for hiring their own chiropractors and nutritionists.

Athletes are always looking to gain an advantage over their competition. It is only logical that steroids are the next step on this evolutionary process. Truth be told, games are more exciting and fun to watch. The 1998 home run chase of Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa captivated the nation and reinvigorated the popularity of baseball. Watching 250-pound behemoths crush a baseball over 500 feet is entertaining.

Barry Bonds will inevitably break Hank Aaron's record. Many people want an asterisk placed by his name in the record books. These people are hypocrites. They say Hank Aaron did not take steroids. Well, Hank Aaron and Barry Bonds played a 162 game schedule, while Babe Ruth played only 134 games each year. Had Babe Ruth eight more games every season over a 21 year career, he would have hit at least sixty more home runs.

The athletic community needs to forget about banning performance-enhancing drugs. They are impossible to test for and this entire anti-doping process is frustrating and annoying. To say that an athlete is putting steroids in their body is wrong, but cortisone shots and vitamin supplements are okay. Athletes need to be tested after a contest. To qualify for best letters on the hill, groups must also have a float in the homecoming parade.

Homecoming is a time for alumni to come back and check up on organizations they were in. This way the alumnae can meet the new members and catch up on what has been going on in these organizations.

All about Homecoming madness

ALYSE HOLLOMON
FEATURES EDITOR

Tailgating is a long tradition on the Hill for football games. Faculty, students, and alumni alike come out to the Hill hours before the game to eat, drink, and reminisce about football pastimes and their lives now. You may even see a few people rolling down the hill!

"My mom (who is an alumni) and I usually come up to the area the Friday night before the game to spend the night at a friend's place so we can get an early start Saturday morning," said junior Sociology major Caroline Cannon. "We meet my uncle who went here as well. We park our SUV in the end zone area. We watch the parade, walk around campus, then we return to the car to watch the game. We walk around and talk to people that they knew when they went here and that I know. My uncle usually visits his fraternity tent." Letters of different college organizations are put on the hills of the stadium. There is a competition for the best letters during the Homecoming game.

"As for putting letters on the Hill, there is no real policy," said Amanda Rose, Assistant Director of College Activities. "The expectation is that only college sponsored organizations will paint their letters on the field. Whatever is painted must be appropriate and tasteful. As for the awards, it is pretty much the Spring ICC rules that will be made for the chapter that wins the contest. To qualify for best letters on the hill, groups must also have a float in the homecoming parade." Homecoming is a time for alumni to come back and check up on organizations they were in. This way the alumnae can meet the new members and catch up on what has been going on in these organizations.

"To get ready for homecoming, the Omegas have a baby blue and white tent," said Amanda Rose, Assistant Director of College Activities. "Hopefully you got to partake in the wildness of Homecoming this year!" If not, make sure you catch Homecoming on the Hill next year and all the preparations that go with it!
Softball slugger hits homeruns and runs home with new Vera Bradley collection

CORI SIMPSON FEATURES EDITOR

Parental promises can spark fantastic perseverance in college students. The bribe of a family vacation to exotic locales can turn even the fiercest anti-book student into a class a teacher's pet.

Such promises have the same effects on the court or field as they can in the class room. Dangle the chance to have a new Vera Bradley bag in front of sophomore Whitney Williams and see if the leather of the softball doesn't peel off as it wails over the outfield fence.

"Since my freshman year, my parents have given me a new bag for every homerun I've hit," Williams explains.

"So far I have nine bags, six from homeruns and three from holidays, but my Birthday is this Saturday, so hopefully I'll have ten." Williams' hits contributed four homeruns to the Terror's winning softball team last spring.

Williams was one of two players, "named to the NFCA/Louisville Slugger All Region Team for her on-field performance during the 2006 spring season," according to the softball team's homepage. The fifth homerun was hit over the summer, and the sixth hit just this fall.

"Williams' passion for Vera Bradley bags is contagious," her dad has actually gotten into the hobby of collecting too.

"At a Vera Bradley BINGO game held by a local high school, the games got really serious. These ladies were going wild. My dad was really focussed on his card when we were playing for a hanging pocket organizer in my favorite Vera color...Unfortunately, we lost to a little old lady," Williams said.

The whole family has a touch of the "Vera Bug," and Williams claims that her mom is a Vera girl too.

Parents gave her mom a cosmetic bag for Mother's Day, and soon after, her mom got a bowler style bag, which zips all the way around. Mrs. Williams soon hopes to get a matching collar and leash for their little dog (some may jokingly argue a sign of true addiction.)

But where did this infectious craze begin for Williams? "I was introduced to the obsession by my teammates, Mary and Sam Abrams. My mom was introduced by their mom Kathy Abrams," Williams says.

There is simply something about matching for the McDaniel College softball players. "When we were in Florida, Mary pulled out a wallet, coin purse and make up bag that all matched her purse. It's just cute to match," Williams said.

"It's slowly catching on with the rest of the softball team, but some girls have yet to understand the hype of such expensive bags," she added.

Williams has a particular favorite color called New Hope, which is pink, black and green. "New Hope is Vera's breast cancer bag," explains Williams.

This style holds a deeper meaning to Williams whose grandmother was a victim of breast cancer. Most of Williams' bags are in the New Hope pattern.

"It is safe to assume that Williams' will definitely continue the big hits into next season based on her past performances. The main article on the team's webpage highlights Williams' hitting ability. "Williams excelled in posting a team high .440 batting average, eight doubles, four home runs, and twenty runs batted in."

With all of her bags, one might wonder how a single person could possibly make use of all of them.

"I rotate my bags based on the season and what I am carrying," Williams says.

"I have a lot of classes this semester in order to free up my time during the spring softball season. I have a lot of big books, so the Vera (a large tote style bag, which she is currently carrying) is the perfect size for them all."

Williams doesn't take her gifts for granted either. She takes good care of her bags and takes special precaution to not set them on the floor of her dorm room or her truck.

"They are very durable and they are washable, but I still like to keep them clean," Williams says.

"I spray mine with water repellent. Doing that keeps the colors from fading and keeps the material from being worn out."

Other higher-end priced purses like Dooney and Burke or Louis Vuitton simply don't strike her fancy and just couldn't motivate her to knock balls out of the park like she does for Vera Bradley products.

"Vera Bradleys have a classical look, they are so high quality, and have lots of compartments and there are sizes for all occasions. They are much more functional than other purses," Williams says.

She doesn't have the Vera Bradley print bedspread yet, but the home accessories have definitely caught her eye. Williams says, "Eventually I'd like to have the line of Vera furniture. She's especially fond of an ottoman which serves a second function as a holder of keepsakes. Should her batting records surpass the previous season, her parents might be inclined to combine all of her home-run and holidays for some furniture. Until then, she may have to settle for just a Vera Bradley frame, so she can display this article in style.
Kick lands thrilling Homecoming win

Ryan Chell
Sports Editor

With the MLB playoffs occurring and teams winning games “walk-off” fashion, one can wonder, can football games have “kick-off” wins? Well, that is what the Green Terror football team did last Saturday with their 17-14 homecoming win against the Gettysburg Bullets. With just three seconds remaining in the game, sophomore kicker Jay Leonard connected on a 46-yard field goal, the longest of his career, and the timing could not have been better.

Gettysburg still had two seconds on the clock and fielded the ball on a squib-kick from McDaniel; he attempted to repeat the old Stanford-Cal miracle, but to no avail. McDaniel was be assured their second win of the season, a win on homecoming, and their eighth win against the Bullets in the last ten meetings between the two teams.

The Green Terror (2-3, 1-1 Centennial Conference) opened up the game like they had something to prove. The Bullets received the ball first and marched quickly down the field with their option-attack and looked ready to score first and make the Green Terror play catch-up.

But just two minutes into the game, Gettysburg quarterback Matt Flynn got an interception back off the McDaniel’s 130 rushing yards on the game for a 53 yard average and he downed five of the punts inside the 20-yard line, which helps in the battle for field-position.

The crowd was in the game for the most part, as the many fans at Scott S. Bair took breaks from their brats, sausages, burgers, and steaks to root for the home team. Many fans cheered when the Terror got first downs, cheered when Gettysburg quarterback Matt Flynn got picked-up in the fourth quarter (Flynn was hurt on the play, but got up on his own power to go back right in the middle with fans applauding his toughness), and watched as Jay Leonard sealed the win for the Terror.

But McDaniel was determined to not lose their homecoming game in front of the home crowd, as they calmed down after Sturges run, exchanging punts with Gettysburg, and then running an effective two-minute drill to give Leonard the chance to kick the field goal, win the game, and to not give the Bullets the opportunity to come back and ruin homecoming.

With the old Stanford-Cal root of should have been a Terror McDaniel hopes to kick another opponent off their home field. October 14th against Dickinson.
Campus haunts bond community

Toilet blowouts a hassle for campus safety

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### Bust at 'the Blue House'

Ten students, one resident assistant cited for alcohol violations

**DAVID P. GREENSMAN**
**NEWS EDITOR**

Eleven McDaniel College students — including one resident assistant — were charged with alcohol offenses after police disrupted an off-campus party, authorities said.

On Oct. 22 at approximately 1 a.m., police were on patrol at the 100 block of W. Main St. when they heard a loud party at a building known to some McDaniel students as "the Blue House." They went around back and saw several people drinking from open containers, said Capt. Randy Barnes, a spokesman for the Westminster Police Department.

Authorities cited two of the building's renters, Brian Kurtner, a senior, 21, of Seattle, Wa., and Gregory Mihalek, a senior, 21, of Saratoga Springs, N.Y. — with furnishing alcoholic beverages to persons under the age of 21, police said.

Nine people received citations for underage drinking: Elizabeth Brown, a freshman, 18, of West Orange, N.J.; Alexandra Depjohn, a junior, 20, of Westfield, N.J.; Stephen (see "Bust" on page 16)....

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### Registration process changes again

When students opened their blue packet detailing the schedule of classes and registration times for next semester, many saw registration times that were later in the week than originally anticipated.

The change is linked to a new registration process that goes into effect in the next few weeks. Previously, all students had been grouped into specific registration times based on the number of credit hours they had earned from any combination of high school Advanced Placement credits, transfer credits and courses completed at McDaniel College.

In the past, it was possible for a first-year student who arrived at McDaniel with a large number of Advanced Placement credits to register before a student who had completed two full semesters at McDaniel.

The new registration process parallels the modifications for housing selection made by Residence Life last year.

Students are grouped according to their anticipated graduation date. Within these groups, they are then classified according to the number of credit hours they have earned. Anticipated graduation date is determined by the actual graduation date, even if a student completes all of his or her classes a semester early.

The specific date and time within each group is determined by how many credit hours the student has earned — those with a larger accumulation of credit hours will register earlier within the two-day period.

Students with an anticipated graduation date of May 2006 will register on Nov. 6 or 7. Those with an anticipated graduation date of May 2008 will register on Nov. 8 and 9. Anyone with an anticipated graduation date of May 2009 will register on Nov. 13 and 14. On Nov. 15, some students with an anticipated graduation date of May 2010 may register, while the remainder — and anyone with later anticipated graduation dates — will register on Nov. 16. Open registration begins Nov. 17.

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### Administration hoping hazing hotline helps

McDaniel College has set up a hotline for students, parents, professors and others to call anonymously with information related to hazing.

The Hazing Hotline number — 410-871-3114 or extension 3114 — provides an outlet for administration members to receive information on an illegal practice that led to the suspension of two Greek organizations years ago.

"I would prefer to get anonymous information than no information at all," said Amanda Rose, assistant director of campus activities.

Rose said the hotline should not be used as a measure being taken against Greek life, but as a tool to help them identify a problem.

The administration and trusts all fully support Greek life, but no one supports hazing," she said.

Rose said the administration is looking for information of any kind. Whether it is from a student who thinks his or her friend or roommate has changed behaviors, lost sleep, or seems to show signs of hazing, or if it is from a professor who has noticed that a student who he or she thinks is pledging is not showing up to class, is less participatory or has grades dropping.

In addition, Rose said the information can be applicable to any organization, recognized or not. She said she suspects various Greek organizations and sports teams of hazing, and that underground organizations may be doing what they want to anyway as they are less regulated and do not have access to the same training seminars and meetings that recognized Greek groups get from the school.

Hotline callers will reach a voicemail that only Rose has access to and which she plans to check frequently in order to quickly respond to calls. Any information gathered via the hotline may result in an initial investigation to check if the tip is accurate. If it is, the administration will investigate further, involving Campus Safety only when necessary.

To maintain anonymity, the voicemail messages will not be preceded by caller identification, though the "Message from extension" prefix will remain on calls from campus telephones.

Rose, however, said she expects most people will use their cell phones to call, and (see "hotline" on page 2).
Three Wise Men. Sometimes have more Fermented Urine and the people go a tad too far. This works and partygoers pers while offering tasty new favors like kazoos. After being reached via tele¬phone, Raab said she was unable to comment. In addition to their court appearances, Raab and the other 10 students also face citations and repercussions from the college despite their actions occurring off campus. The McDaniel College student handbook has at least two regulations under which the students could be penal¬ized. On page 5 under “Off-Campus Freedom of Students,” the policy notes that “[i]n cases of ... conduct that threatens the College’s relations with the community, the College will hold students responsible under the Proscriptions of Conduct for acts committed off campus.” The police detail that dis¬covered the off-campus party is a joint effort between the Westminster Police Department and the McDaniel College Department of Campus Safety, said Mike Webster, director of campus safety. “We have for many years—as the complaint volume from the neighborhood dicta¬ted—worked with the city to con¬duct a cooperative patrol where one of our officers and one of our officers either respond to complaints if they come in or identify on-view situations where some kind of neighborhood disruptions are likely being caused by college students,” he said.

Webster said the patrol, which mirrors those done by campuses around the country, does not have the campus safety officer engaging in any law enforcement efforts but has the officer present to doc¬ument campus code violations for action by the college.

The lighter side of campus blotter

ROB GOEKE STAFF WRITER

Editor’s note: Goeke’s commen¬tary highlights some of the issues he thinks campus safety responds.

When you go to party after party on weekend after week¬end, they virtually feel bland. After all, one can only take so many games of beer pong and flip cup before one begins to question life’s point. To compensate, people try to enliven things with party favors like kazooz and strip¬pers, while offering lusty new drinks with names like Fermented Urine and the Three Wise Men. Sometimes this works and partygoers have more fun, but sometimes people go a tad too far.

At about 10 p.m. on Oct. 16, a student who probably does not have a future in event planning tried to make a party interesting by getting a smoke machine in a Garden Apartment. Naturally, the fire alarm went off minutes later and the Durango came soon after. Where there’s smoke, there will be stupidity. Perhaps the worst part about this story is that this took place two weeks before Halloween.

I’m sure the Boys In Green would have been more accept¬ing if you were having a little costume party with the smoke machine on Oct. 31, consider¬ing that Halloween is the skonkest of holidays. But when you bring down the smoker for a random party, that kind of stuff just isn’t going to fly.

Also, in the last edition of the Lighter Side your sage-like correspondent told you about freshmen boys setting off fireworks from Rouzer Hall. Well, it wasn’t Roman Candles this time, but the boys of Rouzer nonetheless outdid themselves.

On Oct. 15, students were cited in Rouzer for throwing beer bottles out of their win¬dow. But that’s not all, folks. This time, the boys had a target: Glar workers.

The chums apparently thought it would be funny if some poor pizza bakers taking a break by the loading dock were peled with some empty Miller Lites. This is one of many things that make this story hilarious, but I think the best part of this is the fact that this was reported at about 4 in the afternoon. But that’s okay. It was 5 o’clock in Newfoundland.

Way to ruin it for everyone, boys. It’s hard enough that we have to eat sloppy joes and chicken pot pies pretty much every day of the week, but now the people who cook the food have a reason to make it even worse so that they can stick it to us. Don’t blame me if the next hamburger you eat comes with some phlegm condiments.

But alcohol-induced stupid¬ity isn’t limited to freshman lads—you members of the fairer sex are holding up your end as well.

At 2:30 a.m. on Oct. 8, a girl in Whitford Hall was seen, as the official report stated, “screaming and shouting into a room.” I’m not one to play matchermaker, but I think that if there is one thing to hope for, it’s that this girl gets together with one of the beer-bottle¬throwing boys. Birds of a feather are delinquent togeth¬er.
Early action action not yet in danger of elimination

SHANNON WILLIS STAFF WRITER

Prospective McDaniel College students eagerly looking to come to the Hill will not be affected by other universities' choices to eliminate early admissions, administration members said.

In September, Harvard University announced that students seeking admission for the fall of 2008 would not do a lower-key admission. Schools is the same way Princeton and the University of Virginia, the main reason to avoid the anxiety that early to Princeton, I was under. University announced that McDaniel College. "McDaniel Although some institutions have agreed to attend that institution disadvantaged students. to apply early was an easy Maryland-College Park.

...ties' choices to eliminate early students out about the process a January-only [admission] applied. Had they gotten rid of this and moving to was accepted a month after I..."

"The changes have created concern in some students. One senior so they can take all the classes they need and graduate on time, but what if you are a junior and you need this class this semester and you have no choice? Will you be one semester late?" said sophomore Yenny Oladlran. "If I..."

I applied [early] because I knew that the other school I wanted to attend, said Miller, a freshman at the University of Pennsylvania. "It was a relief to know that I was accepted a month after I applied. Had they got rid of early action it would have greatly discouraged me from applying at all," Allison Samuels, however, said that early-admission could have caused negative ramifications..."।

"When I decided to apply early to Princeton, I was worried about the impression that I had a better shot," said Samuels, a freshman at the University of Maryland-College. "When I was deferred I started..."

Campus Safety gets Charger

SARAH GROSH STAFF WRITER

First it was a new and improved office across campus. Next, it was for the bleak winter months ahead. Now it's "an outstanding combination of fuel economy, campus control quietness, and durability." Campus Safety added the sleek 2006 Dodge Charger to its vehicle pool just shortly before homecoming. Seeking a replacement vehicle for their worn out jeep, campus safety didn't consider a charger but other officers certainly weren't going to turn one down once available. After approving their request for a four-door used sedan and considering a number of factors, the budget committee narrowed the possibilities down to a Chevy Impala or Dodge Charger. When a Dodge showed up on a Glen Burnie lot for $5,300 below their maximum budget, Campus Safety jumped at the chance. Sporting 390 horses at 6,400 rpm, the Charger is undoubted-edly a mean driving machine, changing their graduation dates. Because registering for classes relies heavily on a student's anticipated graduation date, students will no longer be able to change this date with a simple form. In the past, students could come in with a form filled out and could change their anticipated graduation date at will," Kiphart said. "Prior to each registration, we will look at the students' body to make sure people are in the appropriate class.

The new system will also help honor society advisers looking for an eligible list of juniors and seniors. Previously, this list was based solely on credit hours, causing advisers extra work as they reviewed each student's status. With these changes, the list of students will be more accurate.

The new system was tested with this year's Jan Term registration, though only an estimated 400 students felt the impact..."
Halloween means ghosts, ghouls, parties, and of course, pumpkins. Taking a break from the rigors of mid-term scholarship, McDaniel students found the time to participate in the wholesome tradition of pumpkin carving.

Above left: Jason Stambaugh '07, Mike Habegger '08, Erin Wilson '07, and Molly Boal '07 flex their muscles digging out pumpkin innards.

Left: Stambaugh draws a face that will scare squirrels right out of their fur.

Above right: The finished pumpkins, picking themes particular to their personas, Boal's attires: "It's Fine." Habegger's proclaimed "Sick Tight," and Wilson's promoted the capitalistic ideals of the free market system.

Swimmingly Single

This Daniel MacLea room features great decorations and a fantastic fish tank.
You haven’t got mail... but your roommate has

MELANIE CHUPEIN
STAFF WRITER

Between classes, you trek to your mailbox and insert your key. To your surprise you see a red card, indicating that you’ve got mail. You walk to the post office window and receive your package. Opening it, you hope it’s something worthwhile.

The good intentions of family, friends, and other loved ones come in all shapes and sizes. From pepperoni floating in a bag of ice to office supplies to homemade cookies to festive holiday decorations, there’s little that isn’t shipped to McDaniel College. Parents often send packages to let their kids know that they care and that they are thinking about them.

Rachel Stecyk received “a box of fun stuff” that included coloring books, construction paper, markers, crayons, colored pencils, glue, and glitter. She says, “I was really happy to get it because I love to color. It was from my mom. She called it my stress-release box.” Stecyk keeps this box under her bed and busts it out when she’s feeling bad or has a school project to do.

Elizabeth Meade gets packages regularly from her grandmother who means well but sends some pretty hazardous items. She explains, “I get random magazine articles that she thinks apply to my life, gum, empty Chinese containers, trash bags, and anything else you can think of.” Sometimes Meade receives notes, but most of the time she is left to decipher them. She feels that her grandma’s packages can’t be too practical but they’re usually fun and random. She adds, “Everyone loves Aqua Net, right?”

Meade also received an impressive package from her mother which contained a poncho. She admits, “I was amazed at my package because the poncho took her two years to make.”

Thoughtful trinkets and practical supplies are not the only things that care packages consist of. Parents can sometimes be a little off in their judgment and send objects that raise a few eyebrows.

Laura Descher shares, “I received my brother’s math homework and I called home to ask why they sent me math worksheets.” However, not all of her packages have been useless. She also got duck slippers that quacked while she wore them for two weeks straight.

Siri Hiltz was sent a package that contained some rather unexpected things. She says, “I got broken plates and sweaters that had been left at home for a reason.” She felt that the plates and sweaters were just strange, so she threw away the plates and hid the sweaters. On another occasion, her mother mailed her a light-up palm tree that Hiltz described as “really weird, but fun and exciting.” This palm tree became a contribution to the common room.

At times, packages may be questionable and other times they may be jokes, but there are also those that can be classified as creepy. Denise Adams knows firsthand just how strange some care packages can be. She receives interesting things in the mail a couple times a semester.

Adams says that her mom has sent her dog biscuits “because she thought that they were cookies” and another time she received “the clipings of dog fur in a small jar from my family’s long-haired Chihuahua.” She confesses, “I often call my mom to ask what something is. I thought the dog fur was some sort of voodoo thing, but my mom said that the dog’s wanted to contribute something.” Adams would categorize her packages as “bizarre and somewhat scary.”

No matter what they contain, care packages are appreciated. They are sent out of love and kindness. Everybody likes to get something in the mail besides those campus-wide flyers. Even if the package is filled with weird things, at least it makes for a good story.
Definitions: Drunk

(Editor's Note: Last week students in Lisa Breslin's EN1002 class talked about writing extended and brief definitions with purpose. Students were given several words and asked to define one of them in 100 words or less. Some defined "family"; others defined "friendship," "rober," or "drunk.

We'll share the definitions throughout the year, and we invite you to submit your own. Select one word that deserves your 100 word definition. Define it with rich details and then email it to features@mcdaniels.edu. Please include your name and telephone number.

Chris Jarvis

Being drunk does not always have to be linked to alcohol. A person can be drunk off many things — happiness, love, and sometimes just life in general. It does not always have to mean you feel good then horrible. Being drunk can mean you feel great about your day or how happy you are that your girlfriend is who she is. It can even mean that you got too much sleep the night before and, after being awake for a while, the giddy feeling, the stumbling remains. So here's to being drunk — on whatever source suits you.

Christie Morley

Being drunk is a lot more than the dictionary meaning. It's excessive indulgence with alcohol. It's 'nights out with friends having fun. It's spending the night next to the toilet so you don't mess up nice sheets. It's all the bad things that happen to people who are good. It's going down rocky roads. It's what causes problems in the family and with the law. It's what is tearing my life and my family apart.

Matt Tomczak

The word is most known as smashed, crushed, wasted, gone, shit-faced, and fucked up. It is found on every college campus across America and in an occasional country song here and there. Being drunk can make you pick a fight with somebody twice. Being drunk can take the life of your best friend — or it could even be the reason you're reading this today. Drunk is the state of being that causes 90 percent of your Saturday nights to be a blur.

Students find fall break not expected blast

CHRIS FERRICK-MANLEY STAFF WRITER

After seven weeks of exams, quizzes, and papers most students were relieved when Oct. 13 rolled around signaling Fall Break and four full days away from the pressures of college.

Fall Break started on a Friday the 13th, and perhaps that ominous date is the reason why quite a few members of the McDaniel community had some degree of negative experience during their time away from campus. Generally, nobody likes going to the dentist. Especially when facing the drill for cavities. When sophomore gourmand Billy Duffey was asked what he did during fall break, it was getting his cavities filled. That sounds like a pretty tough luck Fall Break. Stephanie Banik is a sophomore Business & Environmental Science major, and a very hardworking student. To complete both of her majors as well as BLAR classes in order to graduate on time, she is forced to take five classes every semester. In addition, on trips back home to Calvert County, she works part-time. Instead of hanging out with old friends from back home and having fun, Banik spent her fall break studying for her biology class and earning some money. Bad Fall Break experiences really aren't limited to students. History Department Instructor Stephen Feeley had one of his own, fittingly beginning on Friday the 13th.

On that day, Feeley was forced to cancel his 150-class because he needed to rush one, then another of his dogs to the emergency room at the veterinarian. His time away from students was made considerably less fun because it was spent nursing the sick dogs back to health. Fortunately, the dogs are both OK currently.

My own Fall Break experiences fall into this pattern. I spent around six hours in BWI airport waiting for my flight back to Boston on the Friday. On Tuesday the 17th when I was returning, I was stranded, in BWI for seven hours. My friend who was to pick me up was unable to contact me because his teething puppy had destroyed his cell phone. I eventually found another ride.

SARAH GROSS STAFF WRITER

The North Village apartments appear to be fortunate dwellings for the average college student. One complaint, however, continues to surface again and again.

"It takes nothing at all to clog the toilet," said one senior. "I mean, I had to deject; I'm sorry." Campus Safety received several frantic calls earlier this semester from upperclassmen stuck up the creek without a plunger.

"Apparently college doesn't prepare you to deal with absolutely everything," joked one officer. "Usually all that's needed is a few good plungers and the problem takes care of itself.

Problems at the beginning of the school year prompted some students to wonder whether the toilets were defective, but a drop in the number of complaints seems to contest that argument. Campus Safety attributes this change to improved toilet paper conservation and encourages students to use just enough to get the job done.

Just a quick stroll across campus and electrical issues replace plumbing as the student complaint du jour. "Our room and a couple more on our floor kept losing power," said Clare Bodnar, a resident of Elderdice Hall.

"They told me it had something to do with changing the circuit from 15 to 20 amps. I told them if they could just keep my power from randomly going out that would be awesome."

George Brenton, head of the physical plant, said the problem was a tripped breaker caused by a high rate of usage.

"When high power devices like a microwave, computer, mini fridge, etc. are running off the same breaker — and you or your neighbor decide to use the hair dryer — something's going to give," he said.

Brenton said the tripped breaker was replaced several weeks ago and there have not been any complaints since.

Students are instructed to contact their resident assistant for their building, who will then send a work order form to the physical plant.
FEATURES

Ghost stories connect campus community

GEORGE FECHMAN STAFF WRITER

A good story makes for a good conversation, but a good ghost story makes for a great one. Everyone loves to get scared every now and then, especially around Halloween time. There’s the allure of the unknown, the idea of something after death that we can only speculate upon.

McDaniel College students revel in these stories, especially since the campus has so many of them.

Some of the buildings supposedly inhabited by ghosts are Alumni Hall, Eldredice Hall, and McDaniel Hall. According to the website for the Maryland Ghost and Spirit Association, the college served as a hospital for soldiers during the Civil War. Their spirits still roam the campus. There have been stories of a ghost bounding in a ball in Whitford, or old-fashioned ghosts roaming around the theatre. The top floor of Eldredice is an especially popular place for spirits to hang out.

The details often include a former student who was killed or killed himself, perhaps over a lost love. Students are usually very eager to talk about the time a window opened and shut on its own, or the radio kept changing, or about that spot in a room that just felt very cold and very angry for no apparent reason.

The truth, according to Dr. James Lightner, is that none of these things actually happened. He was a student at the college in the 1950’s, and is the college archivist and historian.

“When you check the facts about the alleged ‘death’ events, they simply did not occur in the buildings supposedly haunted,” Lightner said.

It should also be noted that the college did not formally exist until 1867, two years after the Civil War ended.

Dr. Robert Kachur of the English department teaches that courses in horror fiction. He thinks the concept of ghost stories is a very interesting dynamic.

“They are often open to believing things like that. It’s a long standing tradition,” Kachur said. He suggested that the stories may be true in a non-literal way, but was not familiar with the stories and could not comment on what each story might represent.

He did have a theory, however, on what ghost stories in general symbolize for us as a culture.

“They might represent anxiety about the past. There’s a sense of connectedness or disconnectedness to the campus that students feel.”

He said that for many new students, McDaniel is something entirely new, and since the ghost stories are something nearly everyone can be interested in, it’s almost an initiation into the McDaniel community.

Regardless of whether the stories happened, for many people they are fun. They bring people together to participate in one thing that everyone has in common: the ability to get scared. Whether you’re a true believer or a skeptic, ghost stories really do inspire connectedness, at Halloween time or all year round.

U.S. ARMY

The U.S. Army is currently offering several sizable enlistment bonuses of up to $40,000. You may also qualify for up to $71,000 from the Montgomery GI Bill and Army College Fund. Or you could pay back up to $65,000 of qualifying student loans through the Army’s Loan Repayment Program. To find out more, contact

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ROTTC: What lies beneath the uniform

JENNA SCHWARTZ STAFF WRITER

While many students are busy making decisions about paper topics and Friday night plans, freshman Kris Gaasch made a choice about his future that will change his life.

Gaasch is one of several students who recently joined McDaniel’s ROTC program.

“I have always been interested in the military but I wasn’t sure I was going to sign up until the Sept. 11 attacks. I didn’t know was that it was something I had to do,” Gaasch said.

The training Gaasch will undergo to prepare him for the next eight years of his duty consists of physical training, including scheduled runs, sit-ups, and push-ups twice a week at 6:30 a.m. and a one-hour lab once a month.

Junior and senior ROTC classes are held at night so that students can focus on their different major classes during the daytime.

Gaasch’s time in the program is ultimately preparing him for the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in the Active Army, Army National Guard or Army Reserve.

In 10 years, like other ROTC students, Kris could find himself

self on active duty serving as a Staff Officer or in other leadership positions, including choosing to operate a battalion, as a Major stationed anywhere in the world. With so many options, his choice to serve is one that will likely be made with many new experiences and will take him far from home.

Though Gaasch describes his decision as an “easy one,” it is a choice that will no doubt have a major impact on the direction his life will take. Enlisting is not the only one who has found a calling, as the program is steadily increasing in prestige and popularity. A total of 16 freshmen have full ride scholarships this school year and the interview process for these positions is already underway for its 35 scholarship applicants for next fall.

Furthermore, the ROTC office expects to come across 150 students in 2010, the largest number of students who have ever fully completed the program at one time.

Commissioning simply means completing the entire four years of the program from start to finish.

Gump reports that McDaniel College’s ROTC program is the number one “Small School” ROTC program in the nation, and that the program outperforms schools that are much larger in size.

Of the 75 cadets enrolled at McDaniel, Mount St. Mary’s, and Hood College, 48 cadets are from this campus. The college’s ROTC program rivals that of other much larger schools like Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland.

Most anyone is eligible for the ROTC program: the minimal requirements include being a U.S. citizen of 17 to 31 years of age and most people are recruited as early as their last year of high school, having the opportunity to operate a battalion, as a Major stationed anywhere in the world.

ROTTC applicants who join the program receive four-year scholarships, yearly stipends ranging from $300 to $500 a month, and are also rewarded $600 annually for books.

In total, the value of the scholarships exceeds over $35,000 a year.

According to ROTC Enrollment and Scholarship Management Officer Paul Gump, the program’s aim is “to commission Second Lieutenants and to make better citizens. Ultimately, we want the program to perpetuate the good outside the army.”

But ROTC isn’t just about enlisting people into the Army; it also functions as a place where all students can challenge themselves and push their limits.

The program consists of classes for the first two years which anyone on campus can take as electives. The elective courses can be carried on after two years or can be dropped. Commitment to ROTC is not forced, just encouraged.

Either way, the benefits of the program are in its design—to push people away from their comfort zones—showing them not only their physical abilities, but giving them the opportunity to feel more comfortable in the role of leader.

To Brian Feser, head of the ROTC program and also a Professor of Military Science on campus, the best part of having students sign up for the classes is seeing people grow and on the program’s duration is “seeing the growth of the individual. Their self-esteem and confidence shoots up. I’ve seen people accomplish things they never would have dreamed.”

The wide range of goals students have accomplished are like the set-backs of any job, time away from home and long hours, but “the reward is intangible and hard to express because it is such a big one,” he said.

With a program that seems to be ever expanding, the ROTC still prides itself on being an integral part of campus life. Rather than sticking out and causing a commotion, ROTC prides and pride for the ROTC officers and students feel is a nice compliment to the college. Participating in Homecoming and holding an Alumni Reunion are traditions ROTC is intent on upholding. It’s important to recognize as a campus that we are a part of ROTC and it is a part of us. “We like to blend in,” Feser said.

As students, we all make decisions that will affect our lives, some much bigger than others. To Gaasch, joining ROTC means a chance to lead.

“This is the preparation I need to lead soldiers successfully,” he said.
Dining Service contributes to health epidemic. McDaniel College Center, are McDaniel- orated foods will gradually take a toll on a student's stage for future health complications. In addition to physical complications, obesity affects and individual's typical weight. The current weight students suffer from low self-image, suffers from low self-esteem. This low self-image helps protect against heart disease, but it can also cause digestive and kidney diseases. Obesity also encourages the deterioration of the knee cartilage, thus causing joint problems. In addition to physical complications, obesity affects and individual's typical weight. The current weight students suffer from low self-image, suffers from low self-esteem. This low self-image helps protect against heart disease, but it can also cause digestive and kidney diseases. Obesity also encourages the deterioration of the knee cartilage, thus causing joint problems.

Coffee: your froyo best friend

Caffeine is the drug of choice for many college students. It is a stimulant that can keep one awake and alert, but it can also cause harm if not consumed in moderation. Some studies have suggested that caffeine can contribute to weight gain and may increase the risk of developing medical conditions such as heart disease, hypertension, and Type II Diabetes Mellitus, and various digestive and kidney diseases. Caffeine is also known to decrease the effectiveness of some medications.

McDaniel College chemistry professor notes that all studies reviewed controversial data. "One study will tout the benefits and the next will knock them down. Personally, I hope they are correct in that it helps protect against heart disease, but I would not start drinking coffee for only that reason. So what is the most recent verdict? Is coffee harmful or helpful? The avid coffee drinker will be pleased to read about research's most recent determinations. Cash the latest Cup of Joy, cool off, and enjoy the sensuous aroma. Coffee can be your friend.

An astounding 1,000 studies over the years have analyzed the effects of caffeine. According to WebMD, this website that offers authoritative health information, coffee has been shown to provide many health benefits, such as improved cognitive function, reduced risk of certain cancers, and improved mood. However, too much caffeine can lead to negative effects, such as increased heart rate and blood pressure.

In the long run, it's not about the pound-packing or the calorie-counting—it's about making and maintaining healthy lifestyle choices. The Free Press delves into the hits and misses of health and nutrition.

Finding your center

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Artificial sweetener has painful side effects

KATHRYN YOUNG
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You can’t walk into a store or buy a stick of gum without being offered a dose of aspartame. Restaurant sweetener holders are filled with the white packets that obviously contain the fattening, real sugar and sit alongside the pink and blue packets of “Sweet and Low” and “Equal,” all of which contain aspartame.

It’s not always obvious that a product contains aspartame. I am one of many who drank Diet Coke like water and chewed sugarless Orbit without even realizing that my constant headaches could be a form of an allergic reaction from their leading ingredient, aspartame.

Aspartame is an artificial non-caloric carbohydrate sweetener. It is marketed under a number of trademark names, such as Equal, and is used in approximately 4,000 consumer foods and beverages. Nonetheless, aspartame has been a subject of a vigorous public controversy.

Foods and beverages sweetened with aspartame can help consumers lose weight. But does the loss of weight outweigh the chance of chronic migraines or worse?

Aspartame has been the subject of much public controversy regarding its safety and the circumstances around its approval. Some studies have even recommended investigation into connections between aspartame and diseases such as brain tumors, brain lesions and lymphoma.

Although many consumers have reported symptoms associated with aspartame, aspartame proponents insist that, even in large amounts, aspartame is safe and not associated with adverse health effects. It may not be scientifically proven that aspartame causes brain cancer, but according to Dr. Mary D. Lades' The Doctor's Complete Guide to Vitamins and Minerals, aspartame is the trigger for migraines in roughly 10 percent of all migraine patients.

I have heard of some individuals having problems with aspartame before. Years ago I had a family member that had to give it up because it was causing problems,” said Dr. Steve D. McCole, associate professor of exercise science and physical education at McDaniel College.

According to the seventh edition of Perspectives in Nutrition, complaints have been filed to the FDA by people claiming that they had adverse reactions to aspartame. These reactions consisted of headaches, dizziness, seizures, and nausea. Perspectives says, “It is important for people who are sensitive to aspartame to avoid it,” the textbook said.

Just as some people may develop hives from eating peanuts, people can develop migraines from consuming aspartame. If you do develop migraines after drinking or eating aspartame-sweetened foods, you’re definitely not alone. If you are like me and many others, you can either deal with the chronic headaches or just drink a big glass of “zero calorie” H2O.

“[Artificial sweeteners] do have a role in nutrition; they can certainly help reduce the amount of sugar in the diet, which can be a good thing,” McCole said. “But I wonder whether some people that use them develop more of a taste for sweet things and thus take in extra sugar in other foods to satisfy that taste.”

Aspartame At A Glance

Aspartame was discovered in 1965 by James M. Schlatter. Following a series of safety testing, it was debated as to whether aspartame may have caused cancer in rats. Because of this, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) did not approve the use of aspartame in the United States for many years.

In 1980, the FDA examined the relationship between aspartame and brain cancer. They found that aspartame does not cause brain damage. However, they went against approving aspartame because of the unanswered questions about cancer in laboratory rats.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan appointed Arthur Hull Hayes as FDA commissioner. Citing data from a single Japanese study, Hayes approved aspartame for use in dry goods. And in 1983, the FDA approved aspartame for use in beverages. In 1996, the FDA removed all restrictions from aspartame allowing it to be used in all foods.

You, Reader, have picked up this text. It is constructed as a newspaper, as such, is open to student participation. If you like to write, have story ideas, or like to take pictures, come out to the meetings held every Monday at 7:30 in the Writing Center. Any comments, questions, or reactions concerning the content and information disseminated by this paper can be sent to freepress@mcdaniel.edu. This is not filler, the author simply finds this funny. If you have a problem with his humor, the author apologizes. However, you will also notice, that the gray area reserved for B.S. has been filled. Props.
Stop, look and really listen to those rumors

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Like most of you, when I first saw the flashy new car on campus, my reaction was, "Dodge Charger," I grumbled, "so that's where our tuition money is going."

The student who generated an interest in the new car across campus one night reported that she thought they had a new CPS system. The next day, I was mulling over how to approach the topic (a phrase which here can be translated as procrastinating). I pulled my door shut behind me and realized that the door handle was locked and the keys were sitting on top of that pile of homework. I had yet to start.

My roommate, at Johns Hopkins, would not be there to save me from my memory deficit as usual. Though I wasn't eager to be rescued by her, there there — there was a way out of it all. I pulled the key out of my pocket and a more liberal mindset, but still with some tough questions. How many cars we had, where they were located and how much the vehicles cost.

For some students, the new Dodge Charger was normal for a campus safety department to have on campus rides, and yes, I knew that for the price of a new Dodge Charger they could purchase 50 street lights to possibly light Pennsylvania Ave or Whiteford parking lot. I wanted to know.

Even before I could ask, I was told that the car is used. Not only is it used, but bought for a deal through a trustee at McDaniel. One-hundred and sixty acres on its own is no small area, but it's not as much as you might think. When we spoke with the operations manager, Marken "Chris" Collins at Campus Safety, the next day, it was used for a couple of reasons. Not only is it used, but it's used for the 160-acre campus and the availability of maps on our phone, according to a survey conducted a year or two ago by Mike Webster, director of Campus Safety.

You might wonder what's in the occasional smiley; making for the content of the conversation, with the exception of the occasional smiley, making it easy to misunderstand. Of course, misunderstanding is not the only factor for generating rumors. Sometimes the situation is not accurately handled or explained, or our personal involvement or opinion taints our perceptions.

So what happened in the last few weeks at McDaniel, an answer to fall back on? We were on a break.

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Anniversary and current protest linked

Djerdj Matkovic
INTL PAGE EDITOR

Tear gas, rubber bullets and water cannons were a common sight in Budapest on the 50th anniversary of an uprising against Soviet rule in Hungary. A ceremony with the Prime Minister and foreign dignitaries was held in the main square of the parliament building in Budapest on Oct. 23. They were greeted by thousands of protesters who demanded the Prime Minister’s resignation. In September he admitted lying to the nation in order to win re-election.

Protests were common all over the country, with the majority of the far-right opposition party, Fidesz rallying most of the protesters and saying that the whole country was opposed to an “illegitimate government.” Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsany has denied calls to resign saying that the protesters are “an aggressive minority.”

Oct. 23 saw the biggest day of clashes between police and protesters in the capital. Officials said 128 people were hurt in clashes that continued late into the night. More than 130 were arrested.

Most protesters wore white ribbons as a sign of their opposition to the current socialist government. Fidesz has said that the police used excessive force against the protesters. Police Commissioner Peter Gergenyi said police did not use excessive force against demonstrators and acted within the law. He said police had found kitchen knives, iron bars, fireworks and catapults at the site of a five-week-old protest camp which police broke up early on that Monday. Gergenyi also said the camp was beyond its legal deadline.

At the parliament event, some veterans of the 1956 revolution refused to shake hands with the prime minister. The annual event commemorates the uprising against Soviet rule in the country since 1945. Some 23,000 protesters took to the streets on Oct. 23 and read a pro-democracy manifesto and sang banned national songs while pulling down a statue of Stalin in a square in Budapest. Soviet troops withdrew but returned with devastating force a week later, and quelled the rebellion.

The reporter read information from <http://co.uk> before writing this article. Estefania Laranchi, Messenger Editor, also contributed to this report.

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If you feel down, pick this up

“No one can keep sowing the same old seed and expect to reap a different harvest.”

We all aren’t farmers, but common sense just tells us if we want pumpkins to grow, we can’t plant watermelon seeds. That’s the same case with life; if you want a better harvest - you have to plant more seeds. Planting more seeds requires more work; so if you want better results this year, you must plant larger and better seeds.

—Torreka Jordan

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Tensions in east Asia as Korea goes nuclear

"If the US continues to put pressure on North Korea for its nuclear program then we will regard it as a declaration of war and we will take a series of physical corresponding measures." - North Korea Foreign Ministry

On Oct. 9, seismic activity measuring a magnitude of 4.2 on the Richter scale was detected emanating 600 miles from Pyongyang in North Korea. Shortly after the tremor dissipated, the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) announced the successful test-firing of a nuclear weapon. According to the KCNA, the weapons test took place in the vicinity of Hwadae, several miles from the coastal city of Kilju. The weapons test was reported to have been a major achievement and all radiation contamination was contained.

Following the test, members of the U.N. Security Council moved swiftly to condemn North Korea's nuclear experiment and demanded that the North Korean government return to the six-party talks on its weapons program. John Bolton, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., called for sanctions on North Korea to begin immediately, and many other countries joined the U.S. on its position. The sanctions would cut off Korea from much sought-after trade materials used in the manufacturing of such weapons of mass destruction. White House spokesman Tony Snow released a statement saying that "a North Korean test could be a provocative act against the stand of the international community and our call for moderation with regard to actions that could aggravate tension in Northeast Asia." On a phone call Monday to President George W. Bush, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe agreed with the White House's move to take decisive action against North Korea at the Security Council.

Tokyo defended its criticism of North Korea and declared that unilateral sanctions be taken on the small Asian Peninsula. These sanctions are unlikely to have serious consequences on the people in Japan, not including a community of 600,000 North Koreans living on the island. The North Korean immigrants in Japan now face losing all contacts with family members on the northern Korean peninsula. The sanctions imposed by the Japanese government are strictly economic products from North Korea, but North Korea does not have a big market in Japan. Japan only accounts for 4.7 percent of North Korea's $4 billion earned in overseas trade. In effect, Japan imposed a six-month ban on trade imports and on the docking and departure of ships from the northern part of the peninsula.

The Chinese government also expressed its resolution opposition to Pyongyang's nuclear test. A statement issued by the Chinese foreign affairs ministry said, "Improving stability in Northeast Asia is in everyone's interest. North Korea has ignored the concern of the international community, brazenly proceeding with a nuclear test." While China remains resolute on its opinion that North Korea must halt any attempt to build a nuclear arsenal, the Chinese government is also calling on all parties to deal with this situation in a calm manner, seeking a peaceful resolve to the issue. But as the nuclear crisis continues with North Korea, many nations fear that China will be too lenient with the Pyongyang government.

Many human rights groups from nine Asian and European countries have also gotten involved in the situation by calling on the current South Korean Foreign Minister and United Nations Secretary-General-elect Ban Ki-moon to quit ignoring human rights violations in North Korea. The joint petition, which was signed by South Korea, the United Kingdom, France, Norway and Germany, was issued right after the announcement of the Pyongyang emissaries' meeting with Chinese President Hu Jintao to discuss North Korea's nuclear aggravations and ways to resume the six-party talks. Nevertheless, North Korea still remains dogmatically defiant in the face of world pressure. North Korean ambassador Pak Gil Yon boldly stated to the U.N. Security Council that North Korea should be congratulated for its nuclear test instead of condemned with resolutions and sanctions. "It will be better for the Security Council of the United Nations to congratulate the Democratic People's Republic of North Korea scientists and researchers instead of doing such notorious, useless and rigorous resolutions or whatever," Pak said. Later, Pak Gil Yon told reporters that he was proud of the North Korean test and when asked about future tests Pak added, "That will be enough."

Kim Jong-il's regime demonstrated its determination for obtaining ballistic missiles last July with a test launch of six medium-range missiles and one intercontinental missile, which took the international community by surprise. The U.N. responded urgently to the launch, agreeing on sanctions against Pyongyang and pushed for North Korea to return to nuclear disarmament talks. Yet even in the face of sanctions, North Korea refuses to back down from its pursuit of a potentially deadly nuclear arsenal. North's Foreign Ministry said in a statement carried by the North Korean papers, "If the US continues to put pressure on North Korea for its nuclear program, then we will regard it as a declaration of war and we will take a series of physical corresponding measures."

So the world prepares for a Nuclear North Korea and the international community is re-reading itself to intercept and inspect North Korean ships looking for banned cargo based on the UN resolution issued by the Security Council. Australia has deployed its navy northward to begin enforcing UN sanctions. Japan is also eager to join in the inspecting as both the Japanese Navy and Air Force prepare for deployment in the Tsushima and Okinawa Straits on its western and southern coastlines.

Their hope is to use torpedoboat catchers and spotter planes P-3C AWACs endowed with radar to inspect ships going and coming from North Korea. Tokyo aims in the near future for not only an air blockade around North Korea but a freeze on Kim Jong-il's assets scattered around the globe in foreign bank accounts and a hundered ban on all goods including military equipment and luxury items.
College classifies ASL as foreign language

KEN BUEGGER STAFF WRITER

Despite a movement to recognize American Sign Language (ASL) as a language as an option for students to fulfill the foreign language requirement, the college officially classified ASL as a foreign language on May 1, 2006. This decision took place at the May meeting of the Faculty Council, where the council heard arguments on whether international language classes such as Spanish, French, German, and Latin should be offered as options for students to fulfill the foreign language requirement or whether ASL could meet this requirement.

The Faculty Council heard various arguments on both sides of the issue. The proponents of ASL as a foreign language argued that it should meet the same requirements as other foreign languages, such as Spanish or French. They emphasized the cultural and linguistic richness of ASL and the importance of recognizing it as a significant language for international communication. Additionally, they pointed out that ASL is not just a foreign language but also a language of ethnicity, culture, and identity for many deaf people around the world.

On the other side, the opponents of ASL as a foreign language argued that it should not be given the same status as other foreign languages. They argued that ASL is not a language that is taught in schools around the world and that it is not a language that is widely spoken as a first language by people who do not have a deaf background.

The Faculty Council ultimately decided to classify ASL as a foreign language, which means that it will be counted towards the foreign language requirement for students. This decision was made despite the passionate arguments presented by both sides of the debate.

More bandwidth to speed up local network

DJERDJ MATKOVIC INT'L PAGE EDITOR

McDaniel College will receive a major Internet bandwidth increase for students and staff with an upgrade from 9 to 45 megabytes expected to be in operation shortly.

Many students have complained frequently about the speed and reliability of the Internet connection from residence halls and apartments.

"It's slow," said Steve Slust, a senior, who lives in the North Village apartments.

"It's slow," said Steve Slust, a senior, who lives in the North Village apartments. "It's a shared resource that everyone should use responsibly," he said. "But it's not a good experience for everyone." He added that the bandwidth upgrade is a necessary step for the college to keep up with the increasing demand for Internet access.

"I think it's going to be a big improvement," said Emily Iglich, a senior, who lives in the residence halls. "We've been waiting for this for a long time." She added that she was looking forward to being able to download files faster and to have better overall Internet access.

Commentary: Why we printed "Bust at the Blue House"

FREE PRESS EDITORS

When The McDaniel Free Press decided to print that the 11 students—including one resident assistant—not only received alcohol citations from Westminster's Police Department but also learned that their names would be listed in the college newspaper, a reaction occurred that was not altogether surprising. Part of the newspaper's responsibility is to keep readers informed.

In the process of editing David Iglich's "Bust at the Blue House," the Free Press editors discussed whether including the students' names was the proper move. Earlier that day, Greisman contacted the resident assistant seeking comment on her citation and the possibility of it affecting her job. Shortly thereafter, some of the students involved in the incident—such as their friends, were contacted by several staff members. Students questioned the relevance of the story, as well as the decision to print names. Each was told the same thing: the story is news.

When English professor Bob Saporso was arrested two years ago on charges of driving under the influence, the Free Press held a similar debate over the legal issues in such a public forum. But ultimately went forward with the article. It should not be publicly ignored when a student in the capacity of resident assistant is charged with underage drinking.

Similarly, listing the other students' names is the responsibility of a college newspaper, an action carried forth by student reporters around the country. Though the Department of Campus Safety does not divulge names, the names and court dates of the offending students are public record, accessible to the media and to the McDaniel student body.

The choice did not come without discussion—many of the students are friends and acquaintances of the McDaniel Free Press editors and staff. But in the end, our job is to serve the majority of students by informing them instead of serving the minority.

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The Centennial Conference welcomes your continued support of your friends and classmates and hopes you will continue in building a positive spirit in the stands and on the sidelines.

Sincerely,

Steve Ulrich
Executive Director
Centennial Conference

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**Garnett deserves support**

"I know, and that’s what kills me. Last year, everyone loved Sam I am. Everyone was saying how great of a leader he was for the Clippers and all. How could they forget what he and Latrell did to you, how they stopped caring and ruined your chance at getting to the Promised Land the next year? How Latrell said $14 million wasn’t enough to feed his kids. How they left you with half a team and no dream.”

"It wasn’t just them, dawg.”

"I know it wasn’t, but I’m still angry. Maybe that’s what I can still learn from you, how to be a big man through hardship. Here you are, the greatest player on earth but stuck and paired. I remember how it was when Malik Sealy, your friend, your teammate, died. You kept his locker open next to you, showing the love and compassion you’ve always had.”

"Then there was Hurricane Katrina, how you gave enough money to build 24 families homes in the Bayou. What an act of beauty.”

"Thanks, B.”

"I know I’m going crazy, but with this, all I want to do is to let you know that when you lose a tough game and have to drive home on some January night in the Minneapolis winter, I want you to know that I’m here. I’m pulling you every day.”

"Thanks, Robby, it means a lot.”

"Now, what do we have to do to get you in a Bulls uniform?”
Volleyball lands fifth seed in tournament

LAURA HUTTON
SPORTS EDITOR

On Saturday, October 28, the McDaniel volleyball team won their last regular season game against Bryn Mawr. This win made them 5th seed in the Conference. On November 1 the team begins their conference tournament play against Dickinson.

Last year their record was 10-17, and 6-4 in Conference. This year their record stands at 17-9 and 6-4 in Conference. While their conference game results are the same, the results overall improved immensely. Last year they had a losing season by seven games and this year they were able to completely turn that around.

Proof of this change was evident from September 16 until October 11 when they had an eight game winning streak. Last year these games were tough so it was great to be able to bounce back this season and take the wins.

Two big wins this year were Swarthmore and Dickinson. They beat Dickinson last year; however, it was still a hard game. "Last year these games were tough so it was great to be able to bounce back this season and take the wins," explains senior Jamie Iodden. Coach Molloy explains, it has "definitely been a turnaround year for us. The ability has been there, but it finally broke through." She also explains that the team had a "whole new look and attitude."

There was a large change in the chemistry between the players. The team this year is very close and hardworking, "Not only is there a lot of talent, but we all play well together. And that's what wins the games," states junior Virginia Dale.

With each class, better players came in and expanded the range talent, propelling them to the success that has been seen this year. Iodden adds, "Our team plays with more heart and intensity than any other McDaniel volleyball team that I have played with all four years here."

The talent to have such an awesome year has existed for some time; however, it took the change in chemistry and determination to make it a reality this year.

They were really determined "to do well as a team" and they understood that everyone is a part and needs to contribute," explains Molloy.

A large part of the success is due to the strong freshman class. The freshman on the team came from competitive high school programs. Thus, they knew what was needed for a successful season. "We have a great freshman class. The freshman talent along with terrific veteran leadership has been the key to our success," remarks senior captain Sarah Fessler.

It was also helpful that the upperclassmen were not intimidated by these new strong players. "They really play well together and are so determined, believe they can win and pull it off," states Molloy.

Kevin Garnett: hardship, pain and beauty

Why the greatest breathing basketball player needs you now more than ever

ROB GOEKE
STAFF REPORTER

In my dreams...in my dreams...It's nice to finally meet you, Ticket. It's nice to finally meet you, Robby.

"I've been with you through everything. I've loved you through everything you've been with, but I don't know how much more I can take of you getting beat up like this. Another year of NBA is about to start, and I see nothing but pain and hardship in your future. I just wanted to let you know I was here for you, even if it seems like no one else is."

"Thanks, B. It's always good to know that people believe in you."

"And I always have. I remember when you came to Chicago as a South Carolina boy looking to play somewhere better. It worked, playing at Farray with Ronnie Fields, finishing out high school the way it should have always been: with you getting love and praise from everyone around you."

"That brings me back, man. Some of the best days of my life."

"Then you decided to go for the gold: the NBA. I remember reading about your big work out in front of all the scouts. How you came in so nervous, so scared but still showed them what you were and what you could be. You were drafted sixth and went to Minnesota. That gave me hope and gave me faith to keep playing even when I was cut in fifth grade. And you know what happened to me? I ended up starting every game. I put the work in, but you provided the motivation."

"That's beautiful, B. Here I am, just a kid trying to play the game I love. To have an impact like that on anyone is unbelievable."

"Thanks man, but it was hard watching you get to the playoffs every year, carrying the team and both Twin Cities on your back and then watching you go down fighting each year in the first round, but still go down. That killed me every year, watching you suffer, knowing that having to sit home in May and June was your worst nightmare."

"It was. You have no idea. No one does. I mean, to work from October to April and to see it all vanish in a week, it's harder than you can imagine."

"And then it came: 2004. You had Sam I am and Latrell to run with you. You played better than anyone could imagine and you got the MVP you probably deserved 5 years earlier. Even better you got the number 1 seed and finally got the first round monkey off your back. I was yelling and screaming, knowing that all... Cont'd on pg. 15
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Sex toys show irks administration

JEN HARRINGTON STAFF WRITER

An episode on McDaniel College's TV channel concerning sex and sex toys caused controversy and was promptly pulled from the station's lineup a few weeks ago. The episode entitled "Toyz" was hosted by seniors Sarah Wolf and AJ Lewis, and featured products sold by senior Ceci Randall, a consultant for an adult novelty business. The episode originally aired November 8 and ran from 12:30 to 1:30 each night until November 14. "Toyz" was removed from campus TV after several complaints were received from students, parents, and alumni questioning the appropriate nature of the show.

Channel 26 does not follow FCC regulations because it is a closed circuit network. The station's only stipulation prohibits nudity. Prior to each showing an announcement appeared on the screen warning viewers of its sexual content.

After fielding complaints, Dean Gerl watched the episode and set up a meeting with TV station managers, seniors Tom Shortridge and (see "Sex Toyz" on page 7). KATHRYN YOUNG & MIKE HABEGGER

On November 14, the National Board of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity authorized the charter withdrawal of the Maryland Delta Chapter at McDaniel College for failure to meet minimum operational, academic, financial, and membership requirements dictated by national Sigma Phi Epsilon.

McDaniel College recognized the importance of Greek organizations, both for the camaraderie they build and for the benefits they provide to the larger community," noted an email sent to all campus email addresses on November 15 to alert the McDaniel College community that the fraternity had been closed.

Christopher M. McCaw, Director of Chapter Services at Sigma Phi Epsilon, sent a letter to Dean Gerl, Amanda Rose and other administrators. In it, he said, "This decision is based upon the chapter's failure to meet or exceed minimum operational requirements as established by Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity."

Questioned further a few days after the email, McCaw reiterated, "There were no additional factors considered beyond what was stated in the initial press release regarding our Board's decision to close the Maryland Delta chapter." (see "Sig Eps" on page 2)

Bad GPA? No problem. Keep the cash

DAVID P. GRESMAN NEWS EDITOR

McDaniel College has relaxed GPA requirements for students with academic scholarship, according to a recent e-mail announcement by college officials.

In a move that will affect approximately 80 percent of the student body, anyone receiving an academic scholarship must meet the previous requirements depended on the scholarship amount, peaking at a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA for some students. McDaniel awarded a total of approximately $12 million in academic scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year. "The reason for the requirement didn't really make sense," said Patricia Williams, director of financial aid at McDaniel College. "The scholarship was awarded to attract the students to McDaniel. That really was the only reason. The students do not get an increase in scholarship if they do well."

And we also heard that students were taking easier classes because they were afraid of losing their scholarship. We sat down and talked about it...and we decided to eliminate it," Williams said.

Although the announcement may please the estimations 10 percent of students who have difficulty meeting their GPA... (see "GPA" on page 7)
The lighter side of the campus blotter

(Ed1tors note: Rob Goekes’s commentary highlights some of theinine calls to which campus safety responds.)

Usually, alcohol has truth telling powers similar to sodium pentothal. But that doesn’t mean you can’t tell a fat one if you get yourself in a hairy situation. It is with that reasoning that I commend the student caught puking in Whiteford at about 1:15 am on November 11.

Though people who vomit that late at night are either sick with the flu or have just seen candid photos of Britney Spears’ crotch, this student put any doubt to rest when they were confronted by Campus Safety officers by willfully admitting they had had one too many brews. I want to nominate this student for some sort of political office. If they are that willing to take this commendable moral high ground, when they’ve been caught up-chucking, one can only imagine how quickly they’d admit wrongdoing, if they were involved in a scandal as a member of Congress.

Not to sound like Steven Colbert, but America, we need more leaders to follow in this intrepid young person’s footsteps. Take the blame, admit the gaffe the next time you run into the men in Green especially when you are caught puking or urinating on an ATM. And that’s the word.

Now, throughout the semester, your noble corresponsand has copied you with numerous tales of objects being thrown or launched from the hallowed halls of Roscoe. First it was fireworks, then beer bottles (which were thrown in the direction of Clar workers at the loading dock). But on the afternoon of November 21, the wonderful

The lighter side of the campus blotter

Sigma Phi Epsilon loses National charter

(“Sig Ep,” from Page 1)
The campus-wide email was sent out on November 16 so that “people will know the facts and then they will be able to understand a lot more,” said Amanda Rose. “You have to look at the bigger picture.”

The decision, according to Rose, was not an enjoyable activity.

“This was a decision made by Nationals, and the school must recognize that,” said Rose. “No National enjoys closing a chapter.”

McDaniel Senior and “Sig Ep,” Christopher DeRose says, “there are two different sides.”

Despite the financial and manpower problems, admitted DeRose, fraternity members believed they were making progress.

“As far as we knew we had communication with Nationals about all of the improvements that we had made,” DeRose said.

According to legislation passed by undergraduate delegates at the 2001 Grand Chapter Conclave, established chapters must attain and maintain certain operational performance requirements. All chapters must maintain a minimum manpower of 25 and the Maryland Delta reported only 16 members in March, 2006. Since then the number, as mentioned in McDaniel’s Campus Wide email, has decreased to 12.

“In four years, I had never seen the Frat take the reins like now...we did lose a lot of people to graduation last year, but we had boosted recruitment,” said DeRose. “I don’t feel like it was fair...some board took a look at a sheet of paper.”

But according to Rose, Sigma Phi Epsilon had been on notice to close for a few years, and “Nationals said ‘enough is enough.”

According to McCaw, “Closure is always the last option we consider. Closure reflects the failure of not only the undergraduate chapter, but also the alumni, host institution, and national organization. When there is no immediate danger present, we look to provide what opportunities there may be to the local chapter and its volunteers to meet the fraternity’s minimum requirements.”

McDaniel’s all-campus average of 3.0.” Although the chapter met the minimum Greek life requirement of a 2.6 GPA, the chapter reported a GPA below the Sigma Phi Epsilon minimum requirement for two of the last three semesters (see chart ).

DeRose emphasizes, “As a group we aren’t perfect, but there are plenty of things that we were capitalizing on...this is a trying situation and will not give up without a fight, it’s not over until we say it is.”

McCaw noted in the letter that, “Maryland Delta has been unresponsive to the assistance offered by local volunteers, District Governor, and Headquarters staff. Beth Geri’s, Vice President for Student Affairs, personal offer to assist the chapter has gone unanswered.” The Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity was offered help from numerous sources, but did not accept it.

“These incidences don’t mean that Greek life is going to be done...Greek life just needs to get to a point where things like this aren’t happening anymore, and a lot of it comes down to the students,” Rose said. “It takes work and dedication...and the hope ran out on Sigma Phi Epsilon.”

For all those involved, “It’s honestly really sad, we don’t want to leave campus,” DeRose said. “How can you tell a brotherhood to just end. I would have transferred years ago without this Frat...if we are going to fight we need the school’s help.”
Hawk Gawk
A hawk dissects and chows down on a squirrel in Red Square, while students chronicle the gore.

Photos by Evan Ticknor

Rouzer trash, behavior out of control

"I am quite dismayed to learn this. The college has spent over half a million dollars fixing up Rouzer over the past two summers." President Joan Develin Coley

He has heard of people getting caught by RAs, but he hasn't seen his RA do the same. At this point in the semester, he "can't wait for next year."

Junior Jonathan Schultz, a Resident Assistant in Rouzer, doesn't feel that Rouzer's negative reputation is completely warranted. "I feel that it doesn't speak the truth about Rouzer and most of the guys that live in it," Schultz said. "It's the stupid things that happen in Rouzer that travel around campus and give Rouzer a bad reputation."

Schultz says that he has about four to seven write-ups a month, which can include anywhere from four students to more. He enjoys living in Rouzer for the most part because of its central location and spacious rooms but doesn't believe that the Rouzer residents' behavior is justifiable. "Their behavior is not justifiable because they should be acting as mature adults," Schultz said. "Seventy-five percent of the guys in Rouzer act as mature adults. It's that last twenty-five that ruin it for the rest of the residents."

Schultz says that the residents don't usually worry about the consequences of their mess and continue to trash the halls. Most of the students don't know that the floor or building will be charged for broken ceiling tiles or trash thrown on Glar's roof.

Liz Towle, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, has been at McDaniel since February 2001 and she assures that Residence Life is searching for a new RLC to replace Nick Ginigue who resigned in early October. She admits that she has heard many complaints about Rouzer from residents as well as the physical plant staff responsible for the cleaning and repairing of the building.

"If the person responsible for the damage is not identified, the charges are assessed to all residents of a particular floor or the entire building depending on where the damage occurred," said Towle about the college's policy on billing students for damages. If the students who are damaging the building are caught, then "those individuals would be billed and not everyone on the floor or building."

Towle is well aware of the chaos that occurs in Rouzer. "We are working on a number of solutions with the Residence Life staff and the Department of Campus Safety that we will soon be informing the residents of," Towle said, adding that turning Rouzer into a co-ed dorm isn't being completely ruled out.

"A discharged fire extinguisher is not unique to Rouzer," Webster said. "Webster doesn't want to trivialize the situation, but he says that discharged fire extinguishers happen in dorms like Blanche and Whiteford as well. As for the ceiling tiles, they describe them as "more of a nuisance thing.""
Definitions

Long-distance relationship: Being able to stay together and care about one another with no more than words spoken through a phone. It is trusting that you are being faithful to one another without ever having to say it. It is being creative in thinking of ways to remind one another that there is really love between you. It is understanding that we aren't always in the best of moods and for no obvious reason, and there is nothing the other can do but listen.

Stacy Eyer

Family: Your family is that small group of people who surround you through all of your weaknesses. There have been there for your highs and your lows. They bring out the best in you, because you bring out the best in them. They know all your secrets, and maybe even your sins, but they stand by you no matter what. Your family is that group of people who love you through thick and thin, and you love them for who they are and what they mean to you; and that's all that matters.

Stacy Eyer

You're it-tag is not just for kids anymore

Do you ever find yourself missing the simple days of childhood, the days when you didn't have to worry about when your next paper was due or when your next test would be? If so, then just know that you are not alone.

The further students get into their college careers, the more overwhelming life seems to get. It can be hard to find down time in between classes, sports, jobs, and several hours worth of homework to that list and childhood, the days when you didn't have to worry about getting any sleep.

So, when I arrived at campus. So, when I arrived at Rouzer, which I was honestly a bit shocked. We all know that Rouzer boys are not exactly either the cleanest or most decorative group of kids on campus. So, when I arrived at the room of Anthony Falgares and Matt Haushalter, I was surprised Greg Wagner says, "It's just a great way to get out and on the football field, the weather can become an issue. And with winter quickly approaching, it is unlikely that anyone is going to want to run around in freezing cold weather."

But fear not. Spring and warm weather are only a few months away. With hopes of continuing the Tag events, Brown says, "I'm hoping that with the spring, more people will come out."
Logical students use their planners to help keep their crazy lives under control. Can you relate to the frustration of trying to juggle the work of four classes, keep track of all of the campus activities you’ve volunteered for, maintain a flourishing social life, and find time for yourself to relax or workout throughout the semester?

It’s hard enough to remember what assignments you have due tomorrow, let alone a doctor’s appointment you scheduled two months ago that’s coming up just around the corner.

There’s no, “Oops, I forgot” or, “crap, I didn’t write that down” for a number of McDaniel College students.

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Jamie Ridgely, Maria Latham, and Kris Breeden are three very organized students. Faithfully, they document assignments and activities in their weekly planners, coordinate folders and colors for specific classes, and even keep color-coded whiteboards updated in their rooms.

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As a dedicated student who also commits her time to being the President of the Computer Student Association, a member of the All-College Council, a member of Kappa Delta Pi, and a member of CAPA review. In addition to school activities, Jamie also works part-time at Millers Market in Manchester where some of her hours fluctuate. Without writing all of this down it seems only human to get dates for all of these activities confused. Even thinking about home work makes your head hurt.

“I’m a rather busy person and I can be quite forgetful. Sometimes I feel frazzled even with my planner, I can’t imagine my life without one!” Jamie says.

Jamie also uses Facebook to stay organized. Some students might not even realize that they use the website for this, but Jamie finds it helpful that it reminds you of upcoming events like friends birthdays.

“Never has anyone probably witnessed a prettier planner than Maria Latham’s. The boxes of the calendar days are packed full, yet everything is still legible. All in tidy cursive or perfect print and in rainbow colors. It would qualify as a work of art,” Jamie says.

Maria is the personification of perfectionism, whether it’s writing in her planner or editing group work (just ask people who’ve worked with her before). She really takes pride in being organized, and it definitely pays off. “I’ve kept a planner ever since high school because that’s when I really started to get overextended. My high school’s planner used to come with stickers, and I was completely obsessed with them!” Maria explains. Maybe McDaniel should look into those stickers.

“I write down everything,” says Kris, who uses her planner to keep track of it all. “Everything from homework assignments to meeting times to dentist appointments and weekend plans.” She says. She even writes shopping lists in her planner to keep all of her notes in the same place.

Many students may refer to Dean Reiff as a lifesaver. As Dean, of Student Academic Life two of his multiple responsibilities on campus include helping students to become better organized and teaching students to become better organizers.

He sympathizes with the fact that, “College can be a chaotic experience.” Very little structure is provided for students, yet they are expected to figure out how to cope with all of the various demands of classes and extracurricular life.

“The problem for some students,” he explains, is that, “although they may know the right ways to study, their organization is so poor that they never get around to it.”

From his experience, Dean Reiff has calculated a general formula that puts the thought of being a triumphant college student in closer reach.

“I ask students to treat college like a job. Students who spend forty hours per week on their courses will not only be successful students, they will still have 128 hours left over each week. Take away 56 hours for sleeping, and that’s 72 hours for fun!” he says.

“So, we see now that college doesn’t simply have to be in black and white. You don’t have to dedicate all or your time to partying; or all of your time to studying. There is a happy medium waiting to be found somewhere between Hoover Library and the thirty-pack in your refrigerator.”

Although, as Kris will admit, she is sometimes teased about her obsession with organization (especially by her boyfriend who cannot believe she is 19 and still color coordinates her folders and notebooks), being organized is an essential skill as a student or employee.

And as Kris jokingly explains, “He’s really just jealous!”

These students may be extraordinary compared to the average college student, but realistically they recognize it’s hard to stay perfectly organized 24/7.

“I don’t pretend to be organized in every aspect of my life. There are definitely days during crunch time when my dorm room’s a disaster. But I put school work and school activities first... A little laundry can wait if it has to. It’s really about setting priorities for yourself,” says Maria.

Whether you practice the techniques of “micro time management,” which Dean Reiff explains is planning out every single hour of the day, or “macro time management,” where you use planners or calendars to remember important things (like Jamie, Maria and Kris) or if you do both, it’s good to be organized.
Liz Towle-one of McDaniel College’s gems

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that college students find themselves being sucked in to.

Towle proudly proclaims herself to be an addict of the television show "24." In her free time, she and her husband relax and watch DVD’s of past seasons. She also admits to spending at least 20 hours a week watching VH1’s "Blowin’ My House" and MTV’s "Real World - Road Rules Challenge." Her favorite cast members are Brad and John from the Real World, but don’t even get her started on CT.

"When I heard he was back I thought, ‘I’ll watch it, but I won’t like it’" Towle said.

Of course, Towle’s ability to connect with students goes beyond her knowledge of what the kids are watching these days. She has a genuine interest in the students and honestly believes in the student body, noting that they "uphold the values of the community" when it comes to issues such as cheating and plagiarism. The student body is the first of two things that Towle likes most about working at McDaniel.

The second thing that she likes the most? Her coworkers. "Liz Towle is professional, fair, and has absolute knowledge of her job." She also admires the way Towle handles conduct cases, stating that she does "the fairest thing for all involved."

Liz Towle’s ability to connect with the students while still conducting her job in a professional manner makes her admirable both as a person and an employee. To many students and her coworkers, she is truly one of McDaniel’s gems.

In an effort to counteract the WHINES, what have you enjoyed about the Fall ’06 semester?

By Cori Simpson

Step Show offers amazing talent; after-party lures many

CHANAN DELIVUK STAFF WRITER

This year’s Black Student Union’s annual Step Show, "Steppin’ for the Community," was a spectacular display. Not all of the Divine Nine Fraternities and Sororities stepped, with only one Sorority, but the competition was still fierce between the Fraternities.

The Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority automatically claimed their $1000 prize with Alpha Kappa Alpha Fraternity taking second and the Tri Alpha Terror Squad of Phi Beta Sigma’s Chapter taking first place and the $1000.

All teams presented a lot of step, some dance, and a bit of their Greek’s history to combine for a full night’s worth of entertainment. The UCS steppe-

rers, Self-Esteem Enhancers Steppe- rers and local Boys and Girls Club

Dancers offered great entertainment in between performances to keep the show going. The MC did a fantastic job. Though from Brooklyn, NY, he was able to handle the heavily populated and proud Baltimore crowd.

At the after-party, there was a lot of confusion at first as only 50 people were allowed in after things got cleared away with Campus Safety, but there should have never been an issue in the first place.

Despite this setback, the show, the turnout, and the idea of giving back to the community all fell through with the BSSU raising canned goods, hats, gloves, and clothing to donate to our local Shepherd Staff.

The Starry Night Bakery

Located at 330 One Forty Village Road, Westminster

The Starry Night Bakery is part local coffee shop and full bakery that features a great atmosphere, friendly service, and delicious, holiday treats.

The inside of this spacious bakery is decked out in shades of calming purples. The bakery is clean, and attractive - a holiday tree by the door adorned with coordinating black, and purple ornaments.

Free high speed internet access is available as well as ample comfortable seating. The holiday goodies look professional and range from miniature cheesecakes to two, for sugar cookie cutters. The two holiday treats I decided to sample were; a holiday bread pudding and a peppermint chocolate chunk brownie.

Bread Pudding

This dessert, filled with pockets of creamy cheesecake, fluffy chocolate, and cherry filling, was drizzled with amaretto flavored sauce to make a sweet and tasty treat. The ample portion could easily feed three, a good deal for only $3.50.

Peppermint and Chocolate Chunk Brownie

A large brownie topped with chunks of chocolate, covered with a thin layer of chocolate fudge and sprinkled with festive peppermint candy, this dessert was another fun holiday treat. The peppermint candy was a little tough to munch on, but looked pretty, and for only $2.25, you can indulge your chocolate cravings without denting your holiday shopping budget.

By Christine Boynton
Let these movies lift your holiday mood

Some pleased, upset over new GPA policy

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McDaniel TV forced to cancel sex toys show

("Sex toys," from Page 1)

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Let these movies lift your holiday mood

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This fall, the newspaper has featured some complaints of an entire season-long mixed pot of frustration, drain, buzzer, mysterious Campus Safety blabbering, and the trouble with telecommunications. We have covered the gazet, sharing a wide variety of content in our weekly edition. Raising all of our whines, in some ways we find there is always more to write about. From an orchestra of complaints that were set up at 7 a.m. even on Saturdays, tardiness of homework which only grows heavier by the day, broken computer keyboards, unwant ed critters in dorm rooms, blocked toilets resulting in night showers, to the pub workers not calling us names of orders once they are all filled up, we see there are some things that will always just get under our skin. Reporters have devotees for a good amount of grumbling, but we direct readers need the chance to let off some steam too.

Here's to venting. Let the good whines roll.

--Jenna Swartz

Someone has been playing the pots and pans like drums behind Blanche. I can't focus when I have to listen to the musical styling of the crackheads on PA Avenue.

I find it totally ridiculous that the school requires athletes competing on sports teams to complete gym classes. Student athlete already have knowledge of most physical activities, they are physically fit and commit hours everyday to physical activity. PE classes here are a waste of time.

What gets on my nerves? Professors who don't return papers and tests in a timely manner. I need to know if what I'm doing is working. The grade you give me, no matter what you say - is subjective. I need to know how you think.

The endless maze of phone calls to try and get some maintenance done in my room is a pain.

People who love to party but don't want to pay any price get on my nerves. Work hard. Party strong. Party responsibly. Grow up.

The pub went almost the entire semester without a tv. Why is there no tv in the pub? And chips OR fries. Come on!!!!

I think that the Budapest Cafe should be open on weekends too. I know a lot of people that would like to hang out there and get coffee on their days off.

"After looking forward to pumpkin pie for about a month, I went to Clar's Thanksgiving lunch. I got a piece of what I thought was pumpkin pie, but it was sweet potato! Yuck!"

"No one should be forced to buy a meal plan in Clar. The quality of the food compared to its price would be laughable if it wasn't so depressing."

"I can't sleep in McDaniel Hall because the Phi Alphs are always yelling and screaming."

"Why can't the heat be turned down, rather than waste the energy by keeping all of our windows wide open?"

"Some roommates are real slobs."

"Miss my dog."

"Why are girls so obsessed with silly boys?"

"It gets on my nerves when people don't get the most obvious hints."

"Our meal plans should roll over by semester."

"My whine? The Internet crashing about once a week and staying down for several hours, if not days."

"English professors who give tests about marketing strategies get on my nerves."
Survey says no drinking problem, but...

McDaniel Free Press. The first quote is from an opinion piece arguing against the printing of names of students who received alcohol citations from the Westminster Police Department. The second, from a heartening article about a study conducted by Sociology students, the results of which show that on any given night of the week less than 53% of the campus is drinking. And the last is from an article about exactly what it sounds like it would be: student behavior disrupting neighbors.

I don’t know what constitutes an institutional drinking problem; I’m guessing there is no such definition in the DSM-IV. The article about the study says, "Only a minority of students who can be classified as binge drinkers perpetuate". I believe that McDaniel College has a drinking problem when its students are disrupting neighbors and getting arrested. If these are the actions of only a few students, there’s no reason the rest of campus should be complicit in their behavior.

Slob bombs go off in Rouzer bathrooms

The bathrooms in Rouzer are fairly dean during the week, but once the weekend rolls around they become unbearable to step foot into. There are some things in life we can deal with, but the smell of puke and stale food ravage the fourth floor bathroom of Rouzer after weekend. At first, it seemed to students at all times - it would be impossible to clean up all the garbage that somehow seep out under the door and permeates throughout the hallways.

The trashcan is inside the bathroom not only for trash, but can and should also be used for throwing up into which would keep the bathroom clean. This would eliminate the smell to some extent; it would also keep the bathroom accessible through the week.

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You know what to do.
New housing leaves freshman out cold

LESLIE SHIRK
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Worrying about getting into desired classes is no longer the primary source of frustration for freshmen and sophomore McDaniel students. Now, the new lottery system has added another layer of panic for students. "I'm the final step when it comes to the hotline anonymously, how the College proceeds in response will depend wholly on the details provided in the call, according to Rose. "Besides, it's a Greek issue," said Rose. "Athletic teams can do some severe stuff and it has not been dealt with. Hanging isn't acceptable anywhere."

After sanctions, sorority is welcomed back

Rob Goeke
STAFF WRITER

Though accused of hazing violations earlier this semester, the McDaniel chapter of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority has been allowed to maintain its charter's standing with the College while receiving a measure of sanctions from McDaniel's administration. The situation began the evening of Thursday, September 27, when Campus Safety checked on reports of loud noise, damage and hazing in Blanche Ward Hall in response to a possible hazing incident. Although two of the calls detailed specific hazing allegations; one alleged hazing by a social Greek organization, while the other alleged hazing by a sports team, according to Assistant Director of College Activities Amanda Rose. "We are trying to stop hazing for the entire campus," said Rose. "It all depends on how specific the information is. That is why our next course of action will proceed. We can not respond to the tip we received about an alleged disciplinary investigation." The hotline's number is 410-871-3114, or extension 3114. "If you have information about a Student Affairs office and with Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs Beth Gerl to make the hotline operational."

Other rumors were not confirmed in that story and could not be confirmed in time for this story's publication. As a result of circumstances surrounding September 27 events, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Amanda Rose and Residence Life Coordinator for Greek Organizations Lisa Jackson undertook an investigation which involved interviewing a "wide range of [Phi Sigma Sigma] chapter members," according to Rose. "We wanted to see how valid the concerns were," said Rose, "and determine if something was occurring on a larger scale."

The sorority's pledging process and other campus activities were suspended throughout the investigation. The interviews, which consisted of 13 to 15 specific questions, were face to face and occurred during one day in October. Members were asked to come to Rose's office to be interviewed whenever they had a free moment throughout the day. A few additional interviews took place the next day, according to Rose. Gert would not comment about which sanctions the group appealed, she felt the entire investigation and appeals process was "thorough."

I'm the final step when it comes to these sorts of situations," said Gerl. "When a situation like this gets to me [for appeal], I want to make sure that any unsafe and inappropriate behavior is stopped and that any necessary sanctions and education about hazing are provided to the organization." According to Rose, the allegations brought against the Phi Sigma Sigma were different in nature. They were not brought against Phi Alpha Mu and Gamma Beta Chi in Spring 2005, charges which eventually led to both organizations being suspended from campus.

"The concerns that were raised in Fall 2003, the charges against Phi Alpha Mu and Gamma Beta Chi were concerns of a different level," said Rose. "They were more actual and serious. For [Phi Alpha Mu] specific people came forward and were willing to be named. [Gamma Beta Chi] was caught in the act of hazing."

"If the chapter felt like they were being wronged, they had the chance to explain to me that the students who worked hard and earned so many credits should get a reward," said Gerl. "I don't want to treat a junior class like that."

Agreeing with Bowen, Towle believes that freshmen should think of things in terms of fairness noticing that the old system was fair, allowing everyone a chance to live in a place they really want; however, juniors and seniors tend to know what they want more having lived in other housing in previous years.

The question is will this new housing lottery be more effective or will it have problems similar to the previous system and further complicate the housing situation?

"I think the system works pretty well. No lottery system is perfect." This means that it won't matter what system is implemented, if students or faculty don't want to be there. "The sorority has grown and as a result of circumstances, a national level, both Phi Sig's and Gamma Beta Chi were concerns of a different level," said Rose. "They were more actual and serious. For [Phi Alpha Mu] specific people came forward and were willing to be named. [Gamma Beta Chi] was caught in the act of hazing."
College telemarketers have amazing tales

MARISSA GRAFF   STAFF WRITER

I work in the call center here at McDaniel. Let’s just say it is very difficult to remain sane and optimistic when calling people who really did not want to be bothered at 8:30 at night. I work there Mondays and Tuesdays every week for about three hours. We call alumni, parents of alumni, and friends of the college. Each of these groups are divided into three groups, Non-donors, SYBUNTS (gave some year but unfortunately not this year), and LYBUNTS (gave last year but unfortunately not this year). We, callers, prefer to call the LYBUNTS and SYBUNTS because they have given in the past and are probably more willing to give in the future. They are much more personable and willing to talk to us.

We have to bond with the alumni about their major; about what it is they are doing with their lives now and any-thing else we can think of. We have two goals for the call; one, to bond with the alumni and to update their information in the computer and two, to ask if they will give to the annual fund.

Non-donors are the worst people to call. They are the most unwilling to give and are the most likely to hang up on us. In one shift we get hung up on at least ten times. Some are nice enough to tell you they are going to hang up on you, others discuss whether they should hang up with their spouse, still others don’t even let you talk, and they will just hang up.

I have developed a new respect for telemarketers. Even though technically I am not a telemarketer I get treated like one every shift.

I treat their phone call with a little more respect because I know how much it sucks to get hung up on all the time, everyday. It gets rather depressing. After about an hour and a half we all start to talk to each other about the stories of our phone calls.

One of the good things about working at the call center is all the funny stories we have.

We have had people pick up the phone while having sex; some have told us that they were going to picket the college if we ever called again and even some who have told us that they weren’t going to give because they lived in Westminster.

The call center, even though very frustrating and sometimes depressing, is a place where we collect funny stories and develop friendships with each other.

Urinetown isn’t a place, ‘we just kill people’

JEN HARRINGTON   STAFF WRITER

“IT’s a dollar for a piss,” Officer Barrel drawled, his Irish accent resonating with each word, his police stick pointing at a donations box located outside of the bathroom. “What? This is crazy. We are going to be an interactive night from the beginning. We have interrupted, breaking the tension here at McDaniel. Let’s just say when calling people who really were at the start of the show.

"Urinetown" doesn’t follow the usual storyline of a prison; at the end of Act 1 it is revealed (accidentally by Officer Lockstock) that Urinetown is actually a metaphor for death.

Old Man Joe’s son, Bobby Strong (played by ’04 alumni Albert Perie) decides to take a stand against the company in order to avenge his father’s death. Through several instances of good timing and awkward musical moments, Bobby Strong meets and falls in love with Hope Cladwell, the daughter of his archenemy, Caldwell B. Cladwell. Caldwell is the devious man behind Urinetown Good Company. Bobby and Hope stand together against Caldwell, and rally the rest of the town together during the strong gospel number (and show highlight) “Run, Freedom, Run!”

Bobby is captured and killed during the fight, but his ghost continues to haunt one more song in a bizarre flashback back where the remaining townspeople (and Hope) cling to his memory. After a long fight, the townspeople succeed in kicking out Caldwell, and Hope takes over the company, allowing the townspeople to pee freely.

Little Sally, played by Junior Meghan Carlton, comments to the audience halfway through the show that a musical, a true musical, should end happily.

"Urinetown" doesn’t follow through on its own promise; the show ends harshly by leaving the town in a severe water shortage. The final ironic twist at the end arrives when the characters realize they were better off before the revolution, the way things were at the start of the show.

"Urinetown," ran on Broadway from September 2001 through January 2004. It was created in the 1990s by George C. Kostas, after he traveled as a student in Europe and encountered a pay per use commodity. "Urinetown" is an absurdist piece, making fun of itself, its title, the corporate world and conventional theatre. It is impossible to take seriously a musical whose opening number is "Too Much Exposition."

Nonetheless, "Urinetown's" large cast of 21 actors worked well together. Correlating with the unconventional nature of the musical, the choreography was strong and creative. Strong performances were given by Senior Tony Cimino, who played the convincing businessman Caldwell B. Cladwell, and Sophomore Nina Kompanek, who played Cladwell’s daughter, Hope.

Two students, Senior Chris DeRose and Junior Meghan Carlton, received Irene Ryen nominations for their performances. Both students will be competing in January at the American College Theatre Festival held in New York. Sophomore George Mocnhead, who played Hot Blades Harry, was nominated as an alternative.
You, reader, have laughed while reading this gray area. You, reader, are laughing right now. Wait, is the window open? You should make sure that the oven is turned off, for You surely don't want to die. In fact, the author may be in the next room, thoughtfully contemplating the meaning of these very words. I, author, will be burned alive, and You will be responsible for the death of the Author, Me, who makes You laugh on a bi-weekly basis. Perhaps more frequently than if You read this text in the bathroom, and again in the kitchen. Maybe this gray area is so thought-provoking, so stimulating, that You, reader, share it with your reading friends. Maybe they will want to meet Me, author. If so, my email address is mw5600@msudeniel.edu. Once again, thank You for picking this text up. Remember, it is constructed as a newspaper. I wonder what that means.

Happy Holidays!

But especially You, reader. By now you have grown accustomed to seeing this space filled up with mindless banter by Me, author. The days for reading these words are numbered. Inside sources tell Me, author, that the ad placed directly right of this location will probably be changed next semester. A pity, really—for Me, but especially for You, reader. You, reader, have laughed while reading this gray area. You, reader, are laughing right now. Wait, is the window open? You should make sure that the oven is turned off, for You surely don't want to die. In fact, the author may be in the next room, thoughtfully contemplating the meaning of these very words. I, author, will be burned alive, and You will be responsible for the death of the Author, Me, who makes You laugh on a bi-weekly basis. Perhaps more frequently than if You read this text in the bathroom, and again in the kitchen. Maybe this gray area is so thought-provoking, so stimulating, that You, reader, share it with your reading friends. Maybe they will want to meet Me, author. If so, my email address is mw5600@msudeniel.edu. Once again, thank You for picking this text up. Remember, it is constructed as a newspaper. I wonder what that means.

Happy Holidays!
Students earn insight at EU simulation

MATT COWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"Dr. Henry Reiff Is Dead."

One Monday morning this
fall, Jackie Alessi, a secretary
in the Office of Academic
Affairs, arrived at her desk,
only to discover this obituary
in the online version of The New
York Times.

There are many college stu-
dents today who believe it is
important to have a well-
rounded view of the world
today. Fourteen of McDaniel's
best and brightest recently
took steps to broaden their
view.

From November 16 to 18, a
group of McDaniel students
participated in a simulation of
the European Union with sev-
eral other colleges from
around the area.

The European Union is the
world's largest union of con-
federate states, consisting of
25 nations in Europe, which
addresses many issues of pub-
lic policy, such as economics,
foreign affairs, defense, and
agriculture. For the model
EL, a topic is selected each
year to be discussed amongst
the schools, with awards often
handed out to both individu-
als and schools.

The topic chosen this year
is human trafficking, which
is the commercial sale of human
beings, often for labor or sexu-
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in place to allow us to see what the stu-
dent really does know, and,
ultimately, I think that is what we're interested about in
education."

Kevin Selby, director of
Student Academic Support
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He came to McDaniel
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working in what was then the
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Wrestling season suffers tough opening

KEN BUERGER STAFF WRITER

With spirits high and a promising future, the McDaniel College wrestling team began its season as the team took sixth place out of seven teams at the Messiah Invitational in Grantham, PA.

Senior Steven Colasurdo won his 125-pound weight class to pace the 12th place Terror at a meet thoroughly dominated by larger Division I-A schools.

The wrestling team faced a different kind of competition at the beginning of the season.

The first of three home meets this year, the Green Terror Duals Meet, was cancelled due a fungus that has spread throughout the college wrestling community.

Although listed on the McDaniel wrestling website as a "rain-out," the meet was effectively "fungus-ed out" when it was discovered that many grapplers had contracted the fungus from the infected wrestling mats.

Coach Sam Gardner made the decision to cancel the meet in fear of spreading the fungus to other schools.

Gardner was unavailable to experience similar fungus outbreaks in the past few years, "Winning isn’t everything, with coaching it's the only thing, it is what you're paid to do," Gardner said. "The pressure of winning is present at times, but it's important to stay focused on training and preparing the team, always."

Coaching takes poise and passion to get the team to be where it needs to be, Gardner explained. Serving as a role model is also in the successful coaching mix, added the man who brought the most recent All-American at McDaniel in ‘05 and ‘06.

An important aspect of constructing a successful team also includes creating a team that bonds well.

A close team produces a snow ball effect of motivation that serves to inspire,” Gardner said. “Anything that is contagious in a positive manner is what a coach is always searching for.”

Sometimes Gardner brings team members out to eat on a Friday night to Buffalo Wild Wings to get them away from the routine of chores and bruises. Trips out together will help instill a team that is content and close, Gardner noted.

When the rowdy McDaniel wrestlers traveled to compete in the Messiah Tournament, it was evident the team was coming together just as planned. The "Big G" coaching methods proved effective.

"Building the best with what you have is your only option,” declares Coach Sam Gardner, head coach of McDaniel wrestling. The task of being a college wrestling coach is overwhelming at times, yet always fulfilling, he added.

With his recent success and demanding methods, it's clear the Coach of Terror Wrestling came here with goals in mind, and he is executing them just as he intended.

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GREG VERNON STAFF WRITER

The sounds of the whistle echoed through the padded walls as the smell of sweat permeated throughout the 40 by 20 foot room in the basement of Gill. Twenty exhausted athletes turned their heads in response to the whistle's shrill call.

Coach Sam Gardner is the man with the whistle; some wrestlers call him "Big G."

“Hard work and commitment are expected as part of belonging to the team,” stated Coach Gardner. “Part of being a coach means having control and a plan for how to use it.”

It is clear Coach Sam Gardner understands that aspect as he has inspired success with one of the winnigest sports teams at McDaniel for the past few years.

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From Sports Information

GETTYSBURG, Pa. - Katy Powell (Smithsburg, MD/Smithsburg) hit a turn-around jumper off the backboard as the buzzer sounded to lift McDaniel to a 54-52 straight win over the Bullets in the opening game of the second double-double of the season with 15 rebounds.

Courtney Goglinski (Passadena, MD/Chesapeake) opened the scoring with a steal-and-layup 32 seconds into the contest.

Drechsler knocked the game 32 seconds later with steal-and-layup of her own, sparking a 7-0 burst.

Heather Thompson (Dauphin, PA/Central Dauphin East) hit a layup at the 17:15 mark to cut the deficit to 7-4.

Allison Biggs (Sykesville, MD/Glenelg) knotted the game at 8-all with 14:39 remaining in the opening half, Reilly converted a three-point play 51 seconds later to ignite 23-6 run that gave Gettysburg a 31-14 lead with 3:03 to play.

Powell and Sally Grace (Catoctin, MD/Mount de Sales Academy) each hit their first of two 3-pointers on the night twice McDaniel possessions helping the Green Terror finish the half on an 8-2 run to cut the halftime deficit to 33-22.

Five points by Biggs and four from Theresa Hess (Medford, NJ/Shawnee) keyed a meandering 15-1 run over the first 6 minutes, 55 seconds of the second half to give McDaniel a 37-34 lead - its first since 2-0.

Courtney Fields hit a trey at the other end for the Bullets' first field goal of the half at the 10:22 mark, knotting the game at 37.

A Powell triple with 6:26 to play gave the Green Terror its largest lead of the game at 44.

Trailing 47-44 with 3:05 showing, Fields hit a jumper and Reilly converted two free throws to give Gettysburg a 47-46 lead at the 2:42 mark.

Two Thompson free throws gave McDaniel a 49-48 lead 1:1 seconds later before Drechsler drove the lane to hit a layup at the other end and give the Bullets a one-point edge.

With 44 seconds to play, Gogolinski hit a left-handed hook shot in the lane on a put-back to give her team the lead once again.

Thompson hit 1 of 2 from the charity stripe 18 seconds later to stretch the lead to 52-50.

Megan Hartman hit her only field goal of the night with 16 seconds remaining to knot the game at 52.

A traveling call and offensive foul allowed the two teams to exchange possession before setting up the final heroics.

Thompson finished with seven points and eight rebounds for the Green Terror.
Green Terror men on fast-break to success

RYAN CHELL
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2006 McDaniel men's basketball team is off and running and it seems as if the team might be running away with the competition.<br>
The boys team (5-3, 2-1 Centennial Conference) is off to one of the best starts in the past few years, as Coach Flynn's second year as head coach has begun and it seems to be having an effect.<br>

This year's team seems to have firmly grasped Coach Flynn's winning mentality, as the team has not fallen beyond the 500 mark this season. The Green Terror opened the season at the Lebanon Valley Tip-Off in Annville, PA as the team went 1-1 in the double header against the teams of Lebanon Valley and Hood.<br>

On November 21st, Coach Flynn got to bring his team to one of his favorite type of games: a home game. It had the effect that Coach Flynn desired: a McDaniel win in a rematch against Hood, 66-64.<br>
The Green Terror then played the second game of their next opening tournament against Salisbury in Townson on Nov 25th, returning to 2-2 after a 57-53 loss.<br>

But the question many would ask was: what happens when conference play begins? We now know that the Green Terror can beat Hood anytime they go up against each other on the hardwood, but what about their fierce rivals in the Centennial Conference?<br>

Well, the men had something to say to that, and they certainly answered the call to a challenge. Since the game against Goucher in the Providence Pride of Maryland Tournament, the Green Terror has played three conference rivals, and they came out with a winning record against them.<br>
The wins included an overtime win against Ursinus away from McDaniel and a home-win in front of the home crowd against Dickinson on the 28th. Maybe Coach Flynn has the right idea about having lots of fans at home games. Without them, it certainly does not make it seem like a home game. Fans can change entire games on their own; they can change the visiting team's rhythm and mess with their composure. And when one team is rattled, mistakes happen, and when mistakes happen, the other team capitalizes off those mistakes.<br>

Coach Flynn's formula was brought down to earth as Hopkins found the antidote, as the Blue Jays came into Gill last Wednesday to blow away the Terror, 91-6. Despite the loss to one of McDaniel's fiercest rivals, the Terrors are great position with their 5-3 record overall, and the 2-1 record in our conference. Momentum still seems to be on their side, and hopefully they can ride that success throughout the rest of the season to make themselves ready for the eventual Centennial Conference Playoffs. But again, the regular season is what they should be focusing on right now.<br>

But who are some of the key players who are helping this McDaniel team? We are now getting a second look at Flynn's style of play this year.<br>
Right now, the components of Flynn's success has been the play of sophomore guard Ryan Brandenburg and junior guard forward Brett Feolber. Feolber is averaging 14 points a game to Brandenburg's 13.1. I am sure that with those two performing well, making shots, and with a collective team effort, the team will continue to replicate its success in the second half.<br>

Now the only question that remains is: can the team finish the race that it has shot so quickly out of?<br>

Women's basketball eyes a good season yo

LAURA HUTTON
SPORTS EDITOR

As of December 4, the women's basketball team stands at 4-3 overall and 1-0 conference. Their only loss was to Juniata on November 17 at the York College Tip-Off Tournament. The team took this initial loss and did not let it affect their performance the next day when they beat York.<br>
Three wins followed York, including one against Dickinson. The team was especially pleased with this victory. It was their first in conference game of the season and a huge deal since they lost to Dickinson twice last year.<br>
"We are especially happy with the win over Dickinson, it was a huge game for us because we seniors wanted to prove that we are the better team, especially after last season's disappointing loss," explains senior Theresa Hess. The team this year is stronger and has "more speed" then last years team, states Coach Becky Martin. This is due to the development of each class. In particular, the sophomore class has taken strides in becoming much better players. Also, the freshman class is "instrumental to success" on the court, added Martin. <br>

A team that is able to grow like this should have no trouble as they continue to play through what is sure to be another strong season full of demanding games. "We always look forward to playing games in the conference, especially against Hopkins, Muhlenberg, and Dickinson, all of which are challenging. We had a rough time last year, so playing each one of these teams means a battle that we look forward to," said Hess.<br>

As they have shown in previous years, this team wants to be the conference champions. They enter each season with this as their main goal. "As always, our goal is to win a conference championship, shares senior captain Katy Powell, "we will improve as the season progresses and hopefully be competing for the championship at the end of the season." Martin comments on the goals of the team. "They did not win conference champs last year and are hungry this year. The five seniors have strong leadership and determination. They have two rings and they want a third." The strength of the team is vital. However, it is not the only important factor. The support from fans is also key to their success and basketball has always been known for drawing strong support from the campus. Martin explains that coaches of other teams comment on the commitment of the McDaniel community to their team. She also says that the support from the student body is "a great compliment" and she "proud of what this (see "Women" on page 15)
Coach Flynn remembered, missed

MIKE HABEGGER
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Bob Flynn, head coach of the McDaniel College Men's Basketball team, died on Friday, January 12 of a heart attack. He was 49 and is survived by his wife and three children.

Flynn began his basketball mission playing at Cardinal Gibbons under Ray Mullis, the winningest coach in Baltimore basketball history. The ubiquitous red towel on Flynn's shoulder was a tribute to Mullis.

After coaching at Mount St. Mary's College as an assistant for ten years, Flynn moved to a head coaching job at St. Mary's College from 1994 to 1999. In 1999, he went back to his beginning, coaching Gibbons back to prominence in the Baltimore city league. He came to McDaniel in 2005, his second season cut short.

Flynn will be remembered as a keen basketball mind, a down to earth teacher, and a lively—oftentimes hilarious—personality.

"It's just sad because Coach Flynn was more than a coach, he was a family man and he really took care of his players like we were one of his own," said sophomore forward Chad Arrington. "It's been a slow healing process, but I think everyone [on the team] is doing okay now."

Second-year student Marcellus Clement remembers Coach Flynn's antics in the school cafeteria.

"I know everyone is going to miss this tall guy who stayed in Clar on those special days to say COME TO THE GAME TONIGHT, 7PM SHARP!..." said Clement. "He is truly a McDaniel Green Terror."

The campus community was shocked by the news. On that Friday, word traveled quickly. Text messages and phone calls were made to those most closely connected with Flynn. On Saturday, the next morning, Dean Towle helped to distribute flyers that hung on doors notifying those on campus during Jan Term of the event. It contained personal words from College President, Joan Develin Coley.

"Since joining the McDaniel family, Bob has excelled as a coach, as a mentor to students and as a valued colleague."

The night of Flynn's death was tense and somber, awkwardly juxtaposed to multiple parties filled with students enjoying the unseasonably warm temperatures. The members of the men's team were notified piecemeal, with one notified informally another. Their reactions were understandably one of disbelief, (see "In Short" on page 3)

Beat cost of books

STACEY EYLER
STAFF WRITER

Ever heard the expression "Make the most out of your money?"

For many, this expression rings true. People are always out there looking for the better deal, looking for a way to save a few bucks. And for college students, solving a few bucks probably sounds like a good idea.

College is an expensive place, with the usual culprits being high tuition costs plus room and board. But there is another reason why college takes a toll on the students' wallets. And what is that reason, you may ask?

Textbooks—no class would be complete without them. More and more students are finding that textbook prizes at the bookstore are becoming increasingly high.

"I know the professors try and get us the cheapest books," said senior Christine Smith. "But if I can get them cheaper some place else, I will."

And in today's technology-savvy world, Smith is just one of many students who have found an alternative for buying textbooks: online shopping.

While buying textbooks online is not a new trend, it certainly has become a popular one over the years. Jade (see "Beat Cost" on page 4)

The McDaniel campus enjoyed its first real snow this week. Some students tubed and sledded on the ice, Westminster is expected to continue to experience freezing temperatures this weekend.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

MEGAN CHABREIN
NEWS EDITOR

Health Services has made a concerted effort to raise awareness about the importance of washing hands in order to prevent the spread of germs. However, the success of the effort is missing one key link, many students say: the soap.

"Even though we all learned this in kindergarten, in our busy lives we sometimes forget just how important this one little measure can be in stopping the spread of disease," an email to students from Health Services stated. Illustrated reminders have also been posted about proper hand washing procedure.

Yet, dorm bathrooms are not equipped with soap or paper towels.

"I think it's ridiculous because we pay $32,000 a year to go to school here and live on campus and they're not providing us with the basic amenities to live hygienically," said sophomore Lauren Howe.

Howe feels so passionately about having soap in the dorms that she created a Facebook group, "We Demand Soap & Paper Towels in Community Dorm Bathrooms!"

The group's slogan reads, "Who else thinks its ridiculous that community dorm bathrooms on campus aren't equipped with paper towels and soap? Apparently it's b/c these things were used inappropriately, but come on, give the new generation of McDanielites a chance to prove our worthiness of bath-room products."

Howe contacted Dean Gerl in October and was told, "The residence life office is looking into the matter." Dean Gerl assured in an email to Howe that "due to increased cost and maintenance, a proposal is being drafted to provide detailed information."

"I know a lot of students that just don't wash their hands and that's really gross," Howe said.

Other students on campus (see "Soap" on page 4)

Want students to wash hands? Let them have soap
King celebration brings vision, motivation

TORI BUTLER
CONTRIBUTOR

On Monday, January 29, at approximately 6:30 p.m., the Office of Multicultural Services (OMS) hosted its annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. The theme of the evening was "Honoring Dr. King by Continuing the Legacy of Leadership: New Voices, New Visions."

As a part of the celebration, McDaniels recognized elementary, middle, and high school students that keep Dr. King's dream alive through their leadership. The students discussed using their words to solve problems as well as standing up for their beliefs in the face of adversity. Others challenged the community at large to show leadership everyday just by opening a door or pulling out a chair. Their words and deeds were, as Dean Henry Reiff said, "our hope of seeing Dr. King's vision become a reality."

And on that night the audience heard the voice and the vision of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through critically acclaimed orator, Mr. Jim Lucas. Lucas' striking resemblance to King and his resounding presence transported the audience to another time and place.

Lucas used his time not only to preach but to teach. He told the audience about the Montgomery Boycott how it started as a protest that was only supposed to last a week-end but continued for 381 days. He reminded the audience that while fighting for freedom in Birmingham, Alabama—the most segregated city in the south at the time—King was arrested and put into solitary confinement. While in jail King wrote a letter to his fellow white clergymen (who did not welcome his non-violent resistance in Birmingham) to inform them that the blacks of the south were tired of waiting for their freedom.

Lucas also communicated King's concern for the sanitation workers who wanted to just be able to wash their hands before eating lunch and have the privilege to drive the trucks. Lucas reminded the audience of King's dream that America be a place where all people—regardless of their color, religious or socioeconomic status—would be able to hold hands and sit at the table of brotherhood.

By listening to the voice and vision of King, the audience was challenged to go out and be drum majors of peace and justice for all people.

The lighter side of the campus blotter

(Editor's note: Rob Cooke's commentary highlights some of the inane calls to which campus safety responds.)

"Oh, hello, are you here for the Open House? Welcome, my name is Sandy Krap and I'm a sales associate for Krap Hole Realty. Now the unit you are looking at is quite large and its regular occupants are about 18-20 year old boys. The owner is quite anxious to get rid of this property. It seems their tenants are, in a word, out of control.

"Though this unit, which everyone calls 'Rouzer,' has undergone a recent renovation, (Cough)... events have made this wonderful building a sure fixer-upper that you and your significant other will enjoy fixing and upgrading.

"Off to the left we have a wonderful elevator that everyone describes as 'shoddy.' That stench in the hallway is a combination of urine, alcohol, vomit, feces, and even some spit. Apparently, on January 26 a student walked out of a bathroom here and just hawked a loogie down on the floor like he was in the cupola. But this is nothing. A few hundred bottles of disinfectant couldn't fix.

"Oh, you see that broken window over there? Kinda funny story, some drunk guy thought that broken glass and skin was a good combination early on the morning of January 28. That's no big deal, stuff like that happens a lot around here.

"Let's check out an average room. As you can see, we have dressers, bunk beds and a big garbage bag filled with beer cans and a Malibu bottle. Hmm, that's not supposed to be there.

"Must have been left over from January 5 when some Campus Safety Officers heard a loud noise coming from this room. They knocked on the door and all the kids inside, in an attempt to hide their alcohol, tried to put it in that bag and throw it out of their window. Naturally they got caught.

"But the bottle of Malibu is still half full. We'll throw that in for free if you choose to buy.

"Let's make our way up to the second floor. Oh, it seems some ceiling tiles were broken on February 1. Campus Safety saw even more that were broken on January 23.

"Well that's not too big of a deal. Wow, it seems someone went crazy and discharged a fire extinguisher on January 29. Ha, well...we'll give you a semi-truck full of cleaning supplies if you buy. Lord knows your going to need it.

"Wait, wait, don't walk away. Rouzer is a great place to live. Everyone loves it. Sure you may have to pick up the thousands of dollars of damages the residents have caused this year, but look at the benefits: it's Rouzer, baby.

"Don't leave just yet. We have other enticing properties very close to here, including a unit called Big Baker Memorial Chapel. You'll love it, as long as you can put up with some occasional flooding. I mean, it happened January 27 and it's already all cleaned up.

"Please don't go."
In short time, Flynn taught lifelong lessons

gathering at the Garden Apartments. They could be seen lining the parking lot, along with a few friends in tears, waiting for the arrival of their coaches. A meeting was held in two of the players’ apartments, and shortly after, those in attendance departed—some crying, others laughing.

Those students partying were confused and unsure how they should react to the sight of grown men crying. Most continued late into the night partying away. Many other Centennial Conference schools sent cards and letters to both the Men’s and Women’s teams expressing their sympathy, and honoring his contribution to the McDaniel College basketball program.

The first seat on the bench formerly reserved for Flynn is now left empty, except for a red towel—a constant on Flynn’s shoulder during his coaching career, now a symbol of his legacy. A Facebook group was spawned almost immediately on the initiative of Chad Arrington, called “R.I.P. Coach Bob Flynn.” As of publication time, 774 people were members of the group. “I started the group just so some people who were my friends on Facebook would have a chance to know exactly what had happened to coach,” said Arrington. “It gave people a chance to pay their respects in their own little way and be a part of a group that I hope continues to grow.”

The first wallposting was done by Camara Kadete, a former player and current student at McDaniel. “Coach Flynn is the greatest basketball coach I ever had...he would always say ‘spend time with your family’ and ‘value all of the essential things in life.’” March for that man—he made jogging class fun!” posted second-year student Mary Beth Bounds. “He was a motivating person...God bless him.”

Some information for this article was gleaned from The Baltimore Sun on January 14. Additional reporting contributed by Kim Staub.
Beat rising cost of textbooks—go online

(from "Textbooks," page 1) line is not a new trend, it certainly has become a popular one over the years. Jade Roth, the Vice President for the text
book division of Barnes and Noble, has noticed the growing trend.

"Students have always looked for choice," she said. And with sites such as Amazon.com, Half.com, and Bigwords.com offering cheaper textbook prices, students are finding they have more of a choice than just buying textbooks at the bookstore.

This can translate into students saving a good bit of cash.

"Even with tax and shipping, I am spending less on online sites than I am at the school," said Smith. Senior Lindsay Martin agrees, "I have saved so much money since I started buying online," she said.

Cheaper prices are not the only advantage to buying textbooks online. Both Smith and Martin agree that one of the benefits of buying textbooks online is being able to get textbooks ahead of time. But do not be fooled—there are downsides to shopping online.

"I have had friends not receive their textbooks when purchased online or they receive them very late," said junior Eric Danforth.

Another downside? "It is easy to buy the wrong edition if you are not paying close attention to the description of the book," says Martin.

But even with the downsides, it is hard to ignore the opportunity to save some money.

With more sites offering students the chance to buy textbooks at lower prices, online shopping is a trend that is here to stay.

"I think students are realizing they can get what they need for much cheaper online, so that's what they do," Martin said.

Freshman Ted Kunkel had a similar reaction.

"It's disgusting enough without a lack of soap," said Kunkel with regards to living in Rouzer.

Kunkel usually purchases a bottle of soap from the store but if they are out of it, he resorts to using the bathroom outside the dining hall just because he knows that they have soap.

Despite many students' complaints about not having soap in the bathrooms, according to the Health Department, dorms aren't considered to be public so they are not required to be equipped with soap and paper towels or hand dryers.

However, Liz Towle, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, sympathizes with students and has submitted a proposal that will install soap dispensers and hand dryers in some of the dorms.

"Clearly I know that this is something that students want and that's why I put in the request," Towle said.

Towle believes that the soap was removed from the dorms due to "basic damage and vandalism" like removing the soap dispensers from the walls and covering the bathroom in soap.

"I hope in some way it's different this time," said Towle. If the proposal is approved, it will be implemented at the start of the next academic year.

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Wash hands campaign missing link: soap

(from "Soap," page 1) have similar feelings about the lack of soap in dorm bathrooms.

"I bought like a gallon of Soft Soap from Wal-Mart for $5," said senior Kim Spears, "so I think $20,000 a year can cover soap in the bathrooms for at least a semester."

"People always say that if we have soap in the bathrooms, people will use the soap to vandalize, but I think that any bad [actions] random drunk people do can be overshadowed by preventing the daily spread of disease," added Spears, a resident of McDaniels Hall.

When asked what it was like not having soap in the dorm bathrooms, junior Dave Wentz said, "It sucks."

"I think that quite possibly the school's lack of attention to this need could very well encourage an unsanitary environment for students to live in," Wentz said, a resident of ANW.

Foreign films to show at Carroll Arts Center

GREG PFEIFFER
STAFF WRITER

If you're tired of the movies playing at the local theater and wish for something more interesting and affordable, the Carroll Arts Center may have just the ticket. The Carroll County Arts Council is presenting its 4th Annual Foreign Film Festival, giving the community a taste of cinema from all around the world.

Beginning on February 2, and running every weekend until February 24, four very interesting and diverse films from different countries will be screened. Admission for the events is $5 for adults and $4 for members, seniors and students. The event is sponsored by McDaniel College and Carroll Magazine.

The first movie, titled Tsotsi, will be shown on Friday, February 2, at 7 PM and Saturday, February 3, at 2 PM. Coming from South Africa, the film involves a Johannesburg gang leader and his ascent out of a life of crime and violence. The film is rated R and has a running time of 94 minutes.

The next film is called All About My Mother, a film hail- ing from the country of Spain. It will be shown on Friday, February 16, at 7 PM and Saturday, February 17, at 2 PM. After watching her son's tragic death unfold in front of her own eyes, a single-mother named Manuela vows to find hope in some way it's different this time," said Towle. If the proposal is approved, it will be implemented at the start of the next academic year.

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Finally, The Scoot of Green Papaya will be shown on Friday, February 23, at 7 PM and Saturday, February 24, at 2 PM. It tells the interesting tale of a young girl's experiences as a servant in colonial Vietnam, eventually finding love and happiness with one of her masters. This film is not rated (suggested R), and has a running time of 104 minutes.

The Carroll County Arts Council is located at 91 West Main Street, a convenient walk from campus. Take a friend and enjoy the show!
Forget culture shock, Budapest fuels interest

GEOFF PECKHAM
BUDAPEST CORRESPONDENT

"Bucharest?! Bangladesh?... BUDAPEST? Where are you going?" This was the reaction of most people when I would tell them I was going to be studying in Budapest, Hungary for the fall semester of my senior year.

To people beyond the McDaniel College Campus, Budapest certainly seems obscure. To McDaniel College students themselves Budapest is an option to go abroad mentioned before they were even admitted as students. It is all to commonly rarely thought of again.

Originally, a biology and political science double major, I must admit I was one of those people...someone who never really thought of going abroad and had too many activities and requirements. With much thought during the spring of my junior year I realized that if I changed my major to Political Science and International Studies I realized that not only would I be doing something I was much more passionate about, but I would have the time to go abroad.

I really did not know anything about Budapest before the fall of 2006, but to make a long story short...I went for it. So on August 28th, 2006, after months of answering questions and explaining just where Budapest was, I hopped on a plane and began an adventure that unknowingly would change my life.

My first days in Budapest were simply spent getting used to just how I got here and how I was going to survive. I had to learn how to flush a toilet, turn off a light, say hello, thank you and good bye without making a fool of myself and stop smiling all the time, because that is not a custom welcomed on the streets of Budapest as it is in the states. While all these things seemed a big deal at first, it quickly became the norm and it was my first political science class that I began to understand the magnitude of studying at an international school.

In my political science class that consisted of 8 students, 7 countries were represented-Seychelles, Nigeria, Serbia, Switzerland, Hungary, Iran, and the US. As I sat in class being taught by a Hungarian professor that served in the Hungarian Army during socialism, I was looked at as a representative of the United States and every other student a representative of their respective country. When issues such as the 50th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution, arose, each student was able to give a different perspective from extremely different and unique backgrounds. Beyond classes we were able to discuss current world issues and compare daily activities that I would venture to say most Americans take for granted. I was able to get a different perspective about the world, the US and myself. The time I spent traveling was precious, but the time with my friends from many countries have forever changed my life.

I was extremely fortunate to supplement my time in Hungary with a large amount of traveling. My travels beyond Budapest included explorations both in Hungary and beyond. The fact that Hungary was located in Central Europe, though its culture is more defined by Eastern Europe to the charm of Hungarians, allowed me the opportunity to travel frequently. One trip that included the cities of Prague and Vienna, was almost an appoint of the tuition for the school and these sites gave us a better view of central Europe. Due to the locations AND the cheap airfare, (I went to Paris for under 60 bucks!) I was able to get to four countries in addition to the Czech Republic and Austria. This included Germany, Switzerland, France and Spain. This completed my experience abroad and truly gave me a small glimpse of the amazing world that exists beyond the US.

Since returning to the states, the transition between the hustle and bustle of European city life and a large international setting, to small town people and politics, has been hard, to say the least. Even more difficult is the ability to put into words the experiences of four months in the five minute conversations that normal people's attention spans allow for when they ask you "How was your trip?" The follow up question to the simple "How was your trip?" always seems to be "What did you miss?" I find it much easier to answer this...nothing. When I first thought of leaving to go to Budapest I thought of missing soccer, sorority choir, family, friends and of course the general excitement of being a college senior. But in looking back at what I missed most...it's not travel. Of course I missed my family and friends and in a perfect world I would have loved to have enjoyed all those activities of the fall semester. I walked the tiny streets of Prague, Czech Republic...played in the backyard of the Hapsburgs in Vienna, Austria...shopped at the Christmas Markets of Munich, Germany...hiked the Alps through out Switzerland...swam on the beaches of Barcelona, Spain and climbed the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France. On top of this I experienced things that challenged my thinking and literally made friends from all over the world.

So for those of you that are the people that asked me "Bucharest? Bangladesh? BUDAPEST???!!!" YES! Budapest, Hungary...and I LOVED it! Actually, no...Buda-pe-Sht because that is how it is correctly pronounced. If you did not know before, you know now. If you are someone who is considering going to Budapest or studying abroad in general...GO! It will be the best decision you have ever made.

And for all of you that have been, Eggesegedre!
Valentine’s Day Special
What is your best/worst/funniest Valentine’s Day memory?

Compiled by Cori Simpson

Katie Parks, ’07

“For as long as I can remember, every year my dad has given me flowers, chocolates and a card, so no matter what, whether or not I have a boyfriend, I know I’ll always get something from my dad.”

Julia Rietmulder-Stone, ’07

“I told my boyfriend it was okay to not celebrate Valentine’s Day as long as we celebrate our relationship on a regular day... So he conceded and brought me flowers.”

Cristen Callegary, ’07

“In middle school, my “At a basketball tournament in 9th grade I painted carnations to boys, but ed a heart on my chest sign the names of our other friends.”

Troy Tipton, ’09

“Last year the girls and I were all single so we decided that we were really better off than everyone who had a valentine because they were all out spending money on each other for no reason...and we would rather celebrate with Jose Cuervo and Jack Daniels instead. So we all just stayed in and celebrated Valentine’s Day with each other, and the two men in our lives: your and Jack.”

Kate Reinhardt, ’09

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Local band Ballyhoo! does it for the money

Do it for the Money, released late January, is the latest product of a band originally from Aberdeen, Maryland, by the name Ballyhoo! Their lyrics best describe both their intentions for the album and their style: "[w]e mix the reggae music with the rock-and-roll-hip-hop." Despite the range of themes tackled throughout the album, the feel stays laid back and informal.

However, the band's songs are by no means consistently

Enjoy Valentine's Day

CHRISTINA HINKE STAFF WRITER

Think Valentine's Day is one of the most depressing and lonely days of the year? Well not this year! Grab your best friend or a group of close friends and make February 14th a fun day you won't forget! Here are the top 5 ways, according to students, to do something different and have fun with your friends!

1. Treat yourself to a girl's/guys' night out by going to your favorite restaurant (Amanda Gushard-Edwards '09). 
2. Set up "Secret Valentines" with your friends. This works like a "Secret Santa" and set a price limit, pick names, and exchange presents! (Caitlin Concommon '09)
3. Buy Valentines for your friends and put them in their mailboxes! (Alyssa Gagen '08).
4. Go to a movie with all your friends (Fernando Gomez '10).
5. Stay in, buy snacks and drinks and have a party with all your friends (Valerie Moore '07).

No Money? No Problem! Here are the top 5 things you can do that don't require any money!

1. Send out e-mails or e-cards to all your friends so they know you're thinking of them.
2. Stay in and have a relaxing movie night with your best buds.
3. Get a bunch of friends together and play board games.
4. Get together with all your friends and make cards for each other.
5. Get a meal exchange from Clear and eat outside (if it's not too cold!)

When you give to a contest and the SGA will be working closely together with the theatre and art departments of the college," freshman class representative of the SGA Jessica Curtis said. The two departments will most likely contribute by pitching ideas and "help out in the making and final design of the mascot costume," Curtis said.

Even though it has not yet been determined how the best mascot will be picked, there is a possibility that "the student body could vote by picking out several finalists," Rachael Darkow, SGA junior class president said. The SGA will then pick the best among the several finalists.

The idea of a school sports team mascot was brought up at an SGA meeting last semester, after students "expressed interest in a school mascot," said Darkow. She said that students believed "The Green Terror" was too vague a representation.

The mascot, which will most likely be called "The Green Terror" will hopefully be revealed at this semester's Spring Fling, and auditions will be held for students interested in being the mascot for the occasion.

Drawing submissions should be submitted to mailbox #865. For any questions students should contact Rachael Darkow at red002@mcdaniel.edu. More information will be available through email and posters around campus.

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Faking it: A guide to surviving the Superbowl

KATEYNN MCGINLEY
STAFF WRITER

For every red-blooded sports fan all over the country, the Super Bowl is the Mecca of all sporting events. There’s probably at least a handful of people like me, who just don’t really get it. However, not understanding the intricacies of watching a bunch of grown men in spandex tackling one another doesn’t excise any of us from the obligation of, at the very least, attending a Super Bowl party.

Which means that the rest of the football-challenged portion of the United States will be required to spend the evening watching our friends become progressively drunker and smarter at the television (and each other) whenever the team of their choice screws up, gets screwed by the referee, or someone else insults their quarterback. While all this is going on, we sit quietly by ourselves, staring in blank confusion at the chaos around us and wonder if anyone will notice if we sneak out and watch a Screech in a gym.

No worries, fellow sports dyslexics – there’s hope for us. No worries at all. You’ll never see them, or think afterwards was ever a question. Worry less, find your ammo, and the rest of the football-challenged world will worry on you’ve got all year to recover.

1. Let’s start with the essentials: going to the Super Bowl is a big deal. You’ve got some points, a field goal is worth 3, and a safety is worth 2. If you’re going to root for, you’ll need to know on which one has colder uniform colors or the one quieter.

2. In terms of what you’re going to root for, you really can’t lose. The choice you choose on who has cooler uniform colors or the one quieter normally finds material. Seriously. Paul Prince is playing the halftime show. Billy Bob is going to sing the National Anthem, and KFC is starting in a commercial. You’re going to have plenty of ammo.

3. You’re supposed to be happy if the game goes into overtime. I know. It’s not fair. Pretend.

4. Under no circumstances are you allowed to say “Touchdown! Knees?” You will not get them, and people will hate you.

5. You are allowed to think that commercials are the best part of the Super Bowl. That’s what most people think anyway – even if they don’t admit it.

6. In what doubt, offer to fetch more beer/chips. But do it in a way that standing in front of the television and blocking the view at any time during the game of the commercials is going to cause you to get pegged with whatever inanimate object you’re going to have the next one.

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The Bear’s Devin Hester’s kickoff return for a touchdown was the biggest game of them all – the Super Bowl. During the trophy presentation, Peyton Manning was named MVP of the game. The Colts are for the second time, NFL champions.
Jan term adventures abroad

While most students were stuck inside, fighting the frost, several groups of McDaniel students were off exploring the world. Students were given the opportunity to snorkel and fish in Belize, build a house in Guatemala, and soak up art and culture in Italy...all while receiving credit! Feel free to live vicariously through the following composite of Jan Term adventures (Compiled by Amanda Klein).

Andrea Mandato-

Italy Through the Lens

Over this past Jan Term I went to Italy with Sue Bloom’s photography class. We traveled all throughout Italy driving up and down the Tuscan countryside and seeing such amazing historical landmarks such as the Pantheon, Coliseum, and the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City. My favorite parts of the trip were in our free time wandering around soaking up the culture, taking pictures and enjoying the food. The marketplace in Florence had beautiful cashmere scarves of every color, hand blown Murano glass bead jewelry, the finest Italian leather and the best gelato in the world. Our trip ended with a three-day tour of Venice where we got to take a gondola ride and feed the pigeons in San Marco Piazza. The trip was a once in a lifetime experience.

Michael Valentino-

Fishing and Diving: Belize

Belize was awesome. I really liked visiting the Myan ruins and I loved fishing. The weather was sunny and warm every single day we were there. Snorkeling was pretty sick too. I have never been to a place like that before and it was interesting to see a different way of life.

Lindsey Vitek-

Topics in European Economic History and Development

Budapest was an amazing experience. We were able to explore the city, and see so many new things. We loved the castles and churches and visiting the hot baths. Not only were we able to see the city, but we were given free time to travel. We visited Munich, Vienna, and Prague. It was exciting to have a class with so many international students and meet so many different kinds of people.

Carlton Klein-

Volunteer in Guatemala

The trip was good. Good - solid work during the day and time to relax in clubs at night. We put a lot of work in our house and it was rewarding. The people were incredibly friendly and we could see an active volcano from my work site. This was my third trip to Latin America and it is worth every penny.

Aces has plenty of smokin’ action, no plot

Jerome De Frances

Staff Writer

If you’re looking for a movie with plenty of action, violence, and gore, than head to your computer to find show times for Smokin’ Aces. The number of big time names in the film is only matched by the number of hit men all looking to make their biggest kill.

Mob boss Primo Sparazza (Joe Russo) has issued a $1 million contract out on Las Vegas magician Buddy "Aces" Israel (Jeremy Piven). The FBI has been monitoring the head of the family and hears about the hit. In an attempt to keep Israel and his testimony against the mob alive, he has been hidden away in a luxurious Lake Tahoe casino penthouse. All the while his manager (Curtis Armstrong) attempts to work out a deal with FBI director Stanley Locke (Andy Garcia). The death toll is high and blood splatters all over. Eventually, the reason behind the contract hit is revealed. An action packed movie, with a twist at the end.

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If you feel down...

Pick this up

By Torreka Jordan

"Instead of worrying about what we might do wrong, we should keep standing up on the inside and pressing forward, attempting to do something right. We can be so afraid of making a mistake that we end up never doing anything."

-- Joyce Meyer

Life is about taking risks and if we avoid taking constructive chances, we are denying ourselves of life. We all have to learn how to walk by faith and be confident in our decisions.
MARCELLUS CLEMENT

I can remember it like it was yesterday. There is this tall guy standing in the middle of Glat’s walkway, a guy around 6’5”, wearing a green terror jacket and khaki pants, holding his hand out and asking the question “Are you coming in?” This incredible guy was Coach Flynn.

In 2005 - 2006 basketball season, the group, “Flynn’s Friends” was started. This group was a collection of students who showed confidence and trust in Coach Flynn, bringing back a winning tradition to McDaniel. Men’s Basketball. T-shirts were sold all around campus for fans to wear to the game with the famous line of “Flynn’s Friends” on the front, and “Don’t Call It A Comeback” on the back.

In the first home game, along with the recruitment of fans by Coach Flynn, Flynn’s Friends showcased their cheers and support when McDaniel faced #6, Ursinus College. The game was a back and forth, but McDaniel took the win when Mike DiPierro hit the game winning shot from half court at 200 a.m. One of the toughest decisions that Mike and I had to overcome was whether or not eleven students’ names should be printed in The Free Press once those names appeared in Westminster City Police records. Truthfully, I was shortsighted about the crazy and endless impact that the decision to print the names would have had. All I thought of was how hard we had all worked, and how it would have been completely unfair to my staff to do what I considered my journalistic duty.

That saga proved to be a bit of a bumpy journey, but nothing more than a diet coke could solve, right Mike?

The Vagina Cast

On Friday and Saturday night, over forty lovely ladies here at McDaniel raised about five thousand dollars in their production of Eva Ensler’s The Vagina Monologues. The money raised is going to the Family and Children Services and Trauma Survivors. The show was acclaimed by audience members to be one of the best since its first production here at McDaniel. The cast and directors would like to thank everyone for coming out and cheering them on as they poured out their hearts in devotion to peace and vaginal justice.

KATHRYN YOUNG
FEATURES EDITOR

Maybe it was the unbearable heat, or the continuous “sweet tunes” from COONSY, or possibly even the leftover tea-cup in the corner overflowing with…well, I’m not even sure. All I know is that every other Sunday of Fall Semester 2006, I spent most of my precious time in the basement of Rouzer in the beloved “Newsroom.”

In 2005, I watched Beth McLane, then editor of the Free Press, go through wars with Macs and mice just to get the paper finished by 1:00 a.m. on Monday. So I am at a loss as to why I even signed my name to be co-editor of the paper for the following year. But to this day I believe that the only reason I made this decision was to change 2006 for me was The Free Press. It was fairly important that Mike Habebeberg (still co-editor) with his “Yay’s” didn’t make it into the paper or that Emily Biondo’s artwork for the center spread actually printed, but only at 4:00 a.m. I could have cared less. But I wanted to be there to support The Free Press that I know now as my family, not just as a paper that comes out biweekly.

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This copy is part of the free press issues. It looks like it is a sale about the creation of the McDaniel Green Terror Men's Basketball team, until this past January when he unfortunately passed away. In this piece, I discuss the late Coach Flynn's contributions to the McDaniel community.

If you have any questions or comments about the content of this issue, please contact me at (410) 751-8600 or via E-mail: freepress@mcdaniel.edu.
Troop surge a bad decision by George Bush

SARAH BLACK
COMMENTS EDITOR

OK, I admit it. I voted for Bush in 2000. I thought the choice in front of me was that if given the chance to vote for his impeachment, I would without hesitation say yes. I first believed in this blubbering dimwit from Texas, despite his faults (mainly his inability to get through more than two sentences without fumbling over his words or making up one of his own). How do I leathe thee? Let me count the ways... Not only has he sent thousands of U.S. troops to their death (and into a country we don't belong, no less), but he has also put this country into an enormous debt; a debt some politicians and statisticians say will take this country at least four generations to recover from.

Our government has spent billions of now wasted money on a pointless war that has been costly to our country in numerous devastating ways, such as the lack of support for the Katrina victims and lack of education funding across the nation, just to name a couple.

I think Bush is so far in on his head that if he were to recant his latest proclamations he would probably are paranoid, foolish and perhaps even look like a coward—but it would be the right thing to do. He's taking advantage of his power and is misleading the people. I have to wonder if Condoleezza Rice and others in Bush's office really believe in this war or if they are standing behind him because of their political obligations.

I'm not convinced of the reasons why it's necessary to spend billions overseas without concrete reasoning.

When we think of the money our government has been so willing to throw away

Enough is enough- impeach the president

EDITORIAL

Haven't you heard? He's done it... again. George W. Bush is no longer the President of the United States of America. Or was it November 7, 2006. Maybe he was finished August 28, 2005. Or was it the "Axis of Evil" speech on January 29, 2002. It certainly should have been over from the start in November of 2000. He's done folks. George Bush is no longer our president. He's not legitimately running this country anymore. Why haven't we impeached him yet? Let's skip the formalities please.

He should have gone after even proposing to lead our brothers and sisters to their deaths in Iraq. How many of America's youth have we lost now? Hmm, I believe it is 3,079. Yes, it's true.

But those numbers only tell the a small part, Saddam Hussein, the late hated, evil, tyrannical dictator of Iraq from 1979 to 2003, killed "many hundreds of thousands of people...the vast majority of them Muslims," says white

House.gov.

How many Iraqis, both military and civilian, have died since the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq? I started this war with the intent of finding Hussein and bin Laden. We've found and killed the former and I think it's evident we won't find the latter. We are making a mess in Iraq and half of the Iraqis don't even want us over there—why do you think they keep planting mortars for our vehicles to run over?

Senior Ryan Lillis finds Bush's war a "vicious" lack of proof of success.

"It is hard to argue with Bush's actions when it cannot be confirmed that efforts in Iraq are benefiting either the country we don't belong, no less."

He can't even get his troop surge plan pushed through— isn't he supposed to be the commander in chief of the military? He's making this war with the philosophy on this war that every time you buy something you are stepping on someone else's foot. He's taking advantage of the Katrina victims and lack of be confirmed that efforts in Iraq are benefiting either the country we don't belong, no less."

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EDITORIAL

How do we know what that means— it's time for Volume 7 of the McDaniel Free Press.

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Lots of love through ‘Locks of Love’

Kris Breeden, contributor

Almost everyone knows the tale about Rapunzel, the young girl who had extremely long, golden locks of hair. I, too, until recently, had long, golden locks of hair that reached down to my chest.

I had been growing my hair out in order to donate it to the organization called Locks of Love. This group accepts hair donations, which they use to make wigs for financially disadvantaged children who have lost their hair due to illness. You need at least 10 inches of hair to donate, and in the week before this semester began, mine was long enough to do so.

I had planned on letting it grow out a little bit more so that the difference in style wouldn’t be so drastic, but I decided I couldn’t wait any longer.

I made an appointment one afternoon and went alone, in spite of the fact that I was very nervous and probably could have used a support group. My hairdresser, Nancy, shampooed and conditioned my hair and then placed it in two even pigtails. As she left in search of a ruler, I looked at myself in the mirror and couldn’t imagine myself with short hair.

I was too afraid; I told myself I simply couldn’t go through with it. But then, as I was panicking in my head, this older woman sitting next to me, smiling and waiting for her own hairdresser, told me I was very brave.

Her voice snapped me out of my inner turmoil and I looked over at her and smiled politely.

She continued to talk to me, saying how proud she was of herself. She described how at one point she had an illness that caused her to lose 75% of her hair and how grateful she was for people like me.

Every doubt that had been running through my mind disappeared. I realized that even if I didn’t like having a short haircut, my college dining hall does not provide enough healthy options. You need at least 10 inches of hair for donation, which they use to make wigs for financially disadvantaged children.

I looked in the mirror and hated it. I didn’t feel pretty. I went home and looked in the mirror again, feeling a twinge of regret. But the longer I stared and the more I thought about it, the happier I felt about what I had done.

I don’t need Rapunzel locks to feel beautiful. If giving up my hair allows a little girl to see herself as a pretty princess again, what could be more beautiful than that?

If you want to know more about Locks of Love or are interested in learning how to donate, please visit their website: www.locksoflove.org

Glar is obstacle to prospective students

Bryan Collins, contributor

The slice was in the shape of a piece of pie, but that’s where the similarities ended. "Pizza and cheese casserole" read the sign. But all I saw was a green and yellow block oozing with grease. The olives slid down the side of the block like the blood spewing from an open wound. Flakes covered the top of the hunk like the dendrites of a sixty year old man. Its odor reeked from an open wound. Flakes covered the top of the hunk like the dendrites of a sixty year old man. Its odor reeked from an open wound. Flakes covered the top of the hunk like the dendrites of a sixty year old man. Its odor reeked from an open wound.

The food at McDaniel College is completely unacceptable and needs to be changed immediately.

The first impression of a school is a huge deciding factor in choosing the right one. At orientation and school tours, visitors walk in awe of the beauty of the McDaniel College campus. They notice the pride McDaniel has in keeping the campus clean and beautiful; they notice how nature is part of the campus and the architectural soundness of the campus adds to its beauty. Visitors also recognize the friendliness of the alumni and the thrive of learning that flows through our halls, and the teachers who are true experts in their areas. But even prospective students will have to enter the dining hall. At first, the view from the balcony may appeal to them. Then a whirlwind of smells attacks the visitors causing a strong discomfort. They realize it’s the trays of mug under categories such as Tuna Casserole or Turkey Delight. They would prefer not to even try the food but they have walked all over campus all day and they are starving. The food at McDaniel College completely destroys any respect a first time Visitor may have after his tour. It casts a shadow over the prestige of the college’s quality education and the stunning campus.

The McDaniel College dining hall does not provide enough healthy options. Athletes are forced to eat fatty foods or select from the minuscule options of healthy food offered every day. When I eat in the dining hall, I want to eat healthy. I do not want to spend hours a week and I need to absorb about 5,000 calories a day. But these calories need to have potential and not be covered in grease and fat. The only healthy food options are the limited and not very fresh salad bar, the small sandwich selection, or the repetitive wraps. The dining hall could easily provide a healthy selection of pasta dishes rather than chicken fingers. They could easily provide chicken that is not fried and covered in grease. They could also provide low fat and lean entrees, without investing unreasonable sums of money.

The students of McDaniel College pay a large sum of money for their education, which is acceptable for the fine liberal arts education they receive. But the food quality is not even remotely on par with the education. Few people actually like eating the food at McDaniel. However, many students are forced to because of the freshman requirement of a meal plan and limited options of other places to eat. The meal plan forces student’s only convenient option for food to be the dining hall. These freshmen have literally changed their diets dramatically. They can’t continue to eat in the dining hall so they do not eat, or they eat significantly fewer meals. Instead of gaining the freshmen fifteen, they are losing fifteen pounds. Not only does this hurt students physically, but it is hurting their academics. Without fuel for your brain and body, one can not function.

Freshmen should be required to have some sort of meal plan, but it should not all be limited to the grotesque dining hall. Part of the meal plan should be able to be spent in other places, like the Coffee shop, Grille, and around the town of Westminster. Fourth meal tickets, offered beyond the maximum of thirty meals, are not the best option.

Simply changing the meal plan is not the solution to our problem. Either dramatic changes to the entire food company needs to be made, or a new company needs to be hired. Universities with thousands more students than McDaniel College like the University of Virginia, the University of Maryland, and Towson University have exceptional food. Bad college food is a thing of the past and McDaniel College needs to catch up.

COMING SOON!

You better believe it. T. Rowe Price

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for Sales Development Program
White House funds abstinence education

KATHRYN YOUNG
FEATURES EDITOR

Extra! Extra! Read all about it... Well, maybe not 'extra' and a little more 'reduce-your-horn-dog-ways' and start the New Year right.

The U.S. government is expected to spend close to $50 million in 2007 on state-run abstinence-only "birth control" programs. These programs are aimed at people as old as 29.

Every year the government requires that 7% of the money that is given to schools must be used for community service programs. There are currently about twelve students involved in the program and the financial aid office is looking for more people to get involved.

Many of the positions available include working with children and offering home work help as well as other activities. A list of the other sites is available on the McDaniel College Financial Aid website under the "Federal work-study" section.

As Carpenter later points out, unprotected sex can not afford to underestimate or overlook any opponent." Powell is one player who has stepped up in the past 13 games. She leads the team in total points and points-per-game. "She is a senior that realizes this is their [the seniors'] year," women's Head Coach Becky Martin tells the Free Press.

During their run the Terror women have used their bench effectively, having six players with over 10 points in a game at least once. The bench has also performed well coming out after half-time, able to keep up their up-tempo pace, according to Martin. This current streak is an achievement but if you ask the Terror women, their focus is not on the streak, but on getting to the playoffs and winning the conference championship.

"We are putting all our energy into getting better and reaching the goal we set at the beginning of the season [winning the conference championship]," says Powell. This is the Green Terror's fifth consecutive year of having a winning streak of eight or more games in the middle of the season. In the past years they have had two eight game winning streaks (2002-2003 and 2005-2006), a 13 game winning streak (2003-2004) and a 15 game winning streak (2004-2005). (Data from d3hoops.com).
Puerto Rico trip helps swim team improve

LAURA HUTTON
SPORTS EDITOR

At 2:30 am on Wednesday, January 3 I wished I had planned January 6 our February 16-18. Upon arriving at the pool, my cell phone alarm as a huge push. A push that propels us into our second chunk of meets leading up to Chapter Champs, February 16-18.

Upon arriving in Puerto Rico, everyone is exhausted. All we want to do is go to the hotel and sleep. We have been on the move since very early and had not slept much before arriving at the Harlow pool that morning. However, we drive the hour from the airport to the pool and had our first Puerto Rico practice.

At that moment, the pool was one of the last places I wanted to be. The bus ride had given me a horrible headache and like everyone else, I was exhausted. Once I dove into the pool, my headache disappeared and the practice went from something I was dreading to a helpful event. Despite the amount of energy the trip took out of us, we fought strongly through practice.

In times like these, one realizes that swimming is more than just going through the motions; it becomes a mental challenge and a matter of pushing the pain and exhaustion away rather than letting it consume you. The importance comes in knowing that

we are all in this together and one person's negative energy can bring the entire team crumbling down.

Staying positive can be hard, especially while in such close quarters and working so hard so often. One just has to understand that it is about a love for the sport and the team and the understanding that whatever one swimmer struggles with all face together.

Not only is it a sport and time spent training in new and tropical places. It is a love/hate relationship, a way of life that one is always a part of with people who become a family and can never be forgotten.

Over the next six days practices stayed on a pretty similar schedule. Morning practice was from 6:30-8:30 am and 3-5 pm. The afternoon practice was run by the captains, seniors Molly Bolek and Mark Yankovich. The captains are the backbone of this team. Yankovich brings us together on deck before each meet to pump us up and Bolek always delivers in the pool. They are two of the most devoted swimmers I have ever known.

We left Puerto Rico on the 10th, after morning practice. We swam long course in a 50 meter outdoor pool. The pool at McDaniel is 25 yards. Thus, this new environment gave us the opportunity to lengthen and really tune our strokes.

On Monday the 8th, we had a day off and went to Old San Juan to experience the culture of the city.

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Though small in number, we make up for it with pride. In Puerto Rico, the guys played football in their Speedos and a tennis ball. They are completely crazy and their upbeat moods inspire us all to swim fast and have fun.

As Championships approach, we set out to prove to ourselves that we will fight until the touchpad is reached. Every practice has been leading up to the final big meet since pre-season began the last week of August. We have worked too hard and too long to back off now.

The Centennial Conference Championships will take place February 16, 17, 18 at Franklin and Marshall.
Men's basketball strong despite coach tragedy

RYAN CHELL
SPORTS EDITOR

On January 11th, the Green Terror's men's basketball team was 7-6, and 4-3 in Centennial Conference play. The team was off to its best start since 1987. The team had just earned a victory against conference rival Muhlenberg, and they were looking forward to playing in front of the home crowd who would be returning from winter break.

The team was close to eclipsing its win total from last season, and it seemed to be making improvements with Coach Bob Flynn in his second year in the coaching chair. But tragedy struck the next day, as the team and the rest of the campus received the terrible news that no one would have expected.

Coach Flynn, a former coach and AD at Cardinal Gibbons and the East coach in the 2004 McDonalds All-American Game, died the next day of a massive heart attack at the age of 49. It came as a massive shock to the entire campus who realized that the man who rallied so many fans in Glar to attend home games and who wore his signature red towel on his shoulder on the sidelines would not be with us anymore.

Terror's men's basketball team was off to its best start since 1987. The team had just...
Blanche bomb scare still a mystery

"We want to get to the bottom of this and keeping students safe is our number one priority."
~ Michelle Lieberman

[they should] share information with campus safety or even the police, "said Lieberman. "We want to get to the bottom of this and keeping students safe is our number one priority."

Mike Webster, director of campus safety, said the Westminster police are currently assisting campus safety in their investigation. Since it is "our offense" the college has enlisted the local police's help for things like "submitting fingerprint evidence to the FBI."

Webster and his team are actively investigating this incident and he assured, "We take every bomb threat seriously."

The department of campus safety has a detailed set of protocol for emergencies such as bomb threats, and that protocol was carried out on the night of the bomb scare. Webster noted that information linked to bomb threat protocol should not be made public. He believes that these aren't the kinds of issues that can be managed by committee," said Webster.

On February 8, the college received a bomb threat call or report, immediately complete the Bomb Threat form. From there, Safety and Security personnel take every bomb threat seriously.

Hazmat, a local bomb disposal unit, was called. They then called Westminster police, who took fingerprint evidence to the FBI. The bomb threat protocol was carried out on the night of the bomb scare.

Ice clean up worst in twenty years

BRIAN ENGLAR
STAFF WRITER

Snow Days tend to be wonderful, carefree days with very little, if anything, to do. Most often, it involves playing in the snow or bundling up inside your house or dorm to avoid the cold. However, for Phil Boob, physical plant employee, and the many groundskeepers and building staff, the situation is quite the opposite.

"For as early as 5:00 A.M., a time before the sun rises that may as well not exist as far as college students are concerned, until as late as 6:00 P.M., a time when college students' nights are beginning, 25 to 30 of McDaniel's hard working staff begin their 10-12 hour days to get the ice and snow bound campus back on its feet.

The aftermath of the most recent storm was the worst McDaniel and his crew had to manage in 20 years, Boob said. These sturdy caretakers have been using steel shovels, heavy scrapers, hand tools, calcium chloride, ice melt—anything they have that penetrates ice and enables them to clear the campus.

So far breaking through the ice has not been an easy task. "Sleet fell on top of snow. Rain followed. This rain saturated the snow/sleet mix and"

Tuition hiked but remains relatively reasonable

AMANDA KLEIN
STAFF WRITER

Ben Franklin once said, "An investment in knowledge always pays the highest return."

Luckily for McDaniel students, their investment in knowledge is soon to $28,940 a year.

President Joan Coley states, "While they are here on the Hill, our students are immersed in a vibrant learning-living community designed to enrich not only what they learn, but how, when and where they learn."

"However, senior Ali Gargon wondered why so many student requests go overlooked. "If we are paying all this money for tuition, all I want to know is why our concerns are overlooked."

In a January 29 memo regarding the tuition increase, President Joan Coley states, "While they are here on the Hill, our students are immersed in a vibrant learning-living community designed to enrich not only what they learn, but how, when and where they learn."
Snow and ice make the clean up daunting

"Snow," from Page 1

Rain followed. This rain saturated the snow/sleet mix and then froze. The result: inches of heavy, rock hard ice.

"It's like trying to move concrete," Boob said. In order to help clear this mess, the workers called a local contractor to hire a heavy loader and driver. Together they chipped until chunks loosened and they could haul them out of the way.

The primary concern for clearing was to get students able to access Glar so they could get food and warm drinks. Once Glar was open, they were able to reciprocate the favor by providing the workers with plenty of hot drinks and food. Once Glar was free, the priorities for clearing went to academic areas.

Now that most of the academic areas are relatively clear, the next goal is to clear Pennsylvania Avenue up to North Village. In order to do this, the maintenance people planned on working both Saturday and Sunday.

Forget time off. Events that need to be cleared for over the weekend included the women's basketball game (which was eventually postponed) and a small wedding.

Not all students recognize the difficulty these wonderful people have to go through. Students don't know about the 10-12 hour workdays and the dangerous drive to and from the college in weather everyone else either can't, or won't, drive in.

Thankfully, not all students take the employees' hard work for granted. Some students have stopped and said "Thank you."

The lighter side of the campus blotter

Minions wheel away cart of delectable food

ROB GOEKE
STAFF WRITER

(EDITOR'S NOTE: ROB GOEKE'S COMMENTARY HIGHLIGHTS SOME OF THE INANE CALLS TO WHICH CAMPUS SAFETY RESPONDS.)

It seems with each passing day that Engler Dining Hall comes closer and closer to becoming the "Three Hots" to our wonderful dormitory "cots."

Of course, sleeping and eating at a prison is not comparable to sleeping and eating at a prison. That would be giving Sing Sing too much credit. But when you consider what some students are doing to try to eat some decent food, well, you may begin to understand.

The evening of February 10 saw some hoity-toity event take place in McDaniel Lounge where people were being served by a couple of Sodexo. However, at 7:45 p.m., some students snuck in and stole a food cart and wheeled it into Blanche Ward Hall.

These intrepid thieves probably snacked on punch, cookies and those weird chocolate, cakey things that are inexplicably wonderful. They escaped too. Let it be known, minions of McDaniel, good food is to be eaten. Just make sure you're stealthy.

Also, your clever correspondent has seen and heard pretty much everything you can possibly imagine about the hallowed freshman boys dorm commonly referred to as the Palace of Rouzer Public Urination? Must be a Wednesday. Broken ceiling tiles? Sun must have risen this morning. Pagan animal sacrifices? I nary bat an eyelash.

However, one report caught my eye. On the evening of February 9, two young men were caught throwing a football down a hallway that has probably been witness to its fair share of orgies and muggings this year. Tossing a football.

I really have no idea what to say. Who knew that throwing a football was illegal. Not me - that's for sure. Of course, later that same evening, another Rouzerite was documented for "jumping over a railing in a dorm." He was drunk too, but I digress.

I'm just really glad that there are still three months remaining in the semester for these boys to continue to find new ways to get themselves into trouble. What could these boys get in trouble for next? Cartwheels? Selling funnel cakes in the stairwell? Multi-floor beer pong? Goodness, the possibilities are endless.
Construction a mess but worth the bother

MARIO VALONE
COMMENTS EDITOR

The Leroy Merit Fitness Center will be open this semester, according to Ethan Seidel, Vice President of Administration and Finance. According to Seidel, the project was to be completed in February, but it seems as though the building will actually open in March. The lobby will most likely reopen in May or June. The new fitness center will be over 2.5 times larger than the existing one, says Seidel. The fitness center is expected to contain new weight training and aerobics machines as well as a variety of other fitness equipment. The lobby will be greatly expanded featuring a food court and a media center. The fitness center will cost an estimated $4 million.

Although plans aren't definite, the Garden apartments are looking to be renovated, possibly next semester. Work is projected to start in the fall of 2007. The plans for the Gardens aren't quite known yet, according to Seidel. He stated that they were looking at renovating both the interior and exterior of the building. It would remain closed during the semester due to the addition of the new North Village apartments explained Seidel.

"After the Garden Apartments are renovated, we'll have a nice net gain in the number of apartments available for students," said Seidel.

 Bomb evacuation by DOCS fairly effective

(from "Bomb" on page 1)

Security personnel along with the Director of Safety and Security will determine whether the building or area needs to be evacuated. In the event of an evacuation, "Evacuated occupants should be assembled in the established fire evacuation assembly areas, but at least 500 feet away in order to protect individuals should an explosion occur." All entrances to the evacuated building will be secured and "Reentry should not occur until a thorough search of the premises has been conducted and a reasonable and safe amount of time has elapsed past the alleged detonation time."

"The Division of Student Affairs has offered a reward of $200 for information identifying or leading to the prosecution of the caller in this case," Liz Towle, associate dean of student affairs, said in response to the important security notice that was emailed to the entire campus.

If and when the suspect is caught, he or she will face severe consequences. "Charges would be filed through the Carroll County court system and through the College's judicial system," says Towle. "This type of offense if a student is found responsible would most likely result in expulsion."

Towle also noted that McDaniel is a community and that one person's actions have an impact on others. "We talk about being a community especially students in residence halls [where] their actions don't happen in isolation. They have an impact on their peers in very positive and very negative ways," Towle said.

On the night of the bomb threat, Blanche residents initially did not take the evacuation of the building seriously. Few students, if any, knew that a bomb scare had occurred. "I was in my room hanging out with some friends and all of a sudden the fire alarm went off and we didn't take it too seriously because we thought it was just a drill. So I left with my socks and my shower shoes," said junior Katie Keeler. "We stood outside and saw campus safety and didn't even know it was a bomb threat. We just thought somebody had pulled the fire alarm."

Senior Meredith Adams had a similar experience. "I wasn't really scared. I figured it was just a joke or some drunk person being stupid. But I was pissed because I was cold and uncomfortable and I just wanted to sleep in my bed instead of a classroom floor."

When Blanche was evacuated, residents were asked to stay away with friends or crash in Hill Hall for the two hours it took for campus safety, the police, and a bomb-sniffing dog to sweep the area and check for a possible bomb. "I didn't take it seriously at first because of all the previous fire drills we've had. When they said to move back from the building I felt like I started to really take it seriously," said senior Caitlin Cooney. "I think that campus safety did a good job of evacuating the building. But if there really was a bomb, I don't think Hill Hall would be far enough to protect people."

First floor resident assistant for Blanche, Denise Adams agrees that campus safety acted appropriately. "I feel that given the circumstances [campus safety] did a pretty good job. They took it seriously," said Adams, "but they didn't take every precaution. They didn't get people far enough away."

Adams thought it was a good idea to have campus safety and the administration's main focus is renovating existing residence halls specifically Blanche Ward Hall and the Garden Apartments. Overall, the main goal of the administration is to give students the best experience for the best price. "Our strategy is to try to be affordable," says Seidel.
But let us forget the ice
Snow days not only for grade school anymore

KATELYNN MCGINELEY
STAFF WRITER

College undeniably brings advantages that you lacked in your time spent at grade school; more freedom, a more relaxed learning atmosphere, better parties — the list goes on and on. Unfortunately, with all these advantages, comes one small price; your chances of ‘snow days’ are pretty much null and void. After all, when all of your classes are just a two-minute walk from your dorm, it’s kind of difficult to have a snow day. In fact, McDaniel College hasn’t had an official snow day since 2004.

So when the rumors of a snowstorm started circulating around campus and the lines at Safeway became progressively longer, many students were less than hopeful. After all, despite the numerous promises of the weathermen, this winter has been severely lacking a decent snowstorm. However, despite the collective skepticism of the student body, it did in fact snow. A lot. The snow began on Monday night, and continued until Tuesday, when the snow turned to sleet, and then tapered off into light flurries on Wednesday evening.

The result of the weathermen’s accurate predictions were the cancellation of classes on Tuesday, February 14. Some students took advantage of the newly slick campus and, forgoing the steps, took to the hills in makeshift sleds of laundry baskets and lunch trays. One lesson learned — you are never too old to attempt to think of more creative ways to fall down a hill. Freshmen Nikki Delulios and Alle Davis spent much of their Wednesday snow day helping other people free their cars from the snow.

“Although the weather didn’t create such a feeling of childhood nostalgia for everyone on campus. Many students’ cars are still stuck in the parking lots, pathways are cleared only sporadically, and there are still many sets of steps that are virtually unusable — unless you feel like taking your chances and sliding down them, since they are little more than diagonal sheets of ice. Commuters especially haven’t had it easy. Sammie Piper, a commuter who lives in Thurmont, has been stuck on campus since Monday, forced to sleep on the floor in a friend’s room. At first it was just that the roads were too bad to drive on," said Piper, "but now the roads are cleared. It’s just that I haven’t been able to get my car out of the parking lot.”

Since classes have resumed, the snow has changed from a welcome change in our schedules, to a nuisance. However, at the risk of sounding a little sappy, if nothing else, the snow does make you appreciate the sense of community that exists on campus. Freshmen Nikki Delulios and Alle Davis spent much of their Wednesday snow day helping other people free their cars from the snow.

“Whatever your snow day experience was — take heart. McDaniel. If you put much stock in what the weather reports are indicating, we might be in for a rough February.”
**A Chick-Flick? 'Definitely'**

CHRISTINA HINKLE
STAFF WRITER

Finding it impossible to stumble across a movie that everyone you watch it with can enjoy? Look no further than the funny, witty, and definite 'chick flick,' "Because I Said So." With an all-star cast of young, energetic celebrities such as Mandy Moore, Piper Perabo, and Gilmore Girls' Lauren Graham, the film is hip and entertaining. To top it off already amazing cast, Diane Keaton lends her sophisticated sense of humor to the film. Aside from each member of the cast being unique and entertaining, these four leading ladies share an on-screen chemistry of friendship that just can not be faked.

The film focuses around A mother (played by Keaton) and her three daughters (Moore, Perabo, and Graham.) Throughout the movie, Moore's character, Milly is searching for the man of her dreams, and is continuously sidetracked by her overly protective and single mother. Keaton's character uses hysterical tactics to try and find the ideal man for her daughter, and in the process finds love herself. Although this film is initially seen as a 'chick flick' it proves to be entertaining for all ages and groups of people. This all-star cast adds the film's script by adding a dimension of humor and friendship. I definitely recommend this film to anyone looking to get out and see a funny and cute movie.

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**Because they said so**

The movie's plot is basic. Milly, a busy architect, is continuously sidetracked by her overly protective mother, Diane Keaton, living her love life through her daughter. Keaton is a bossy mom who likes to use the movie's title in her speech (clever.) With a fairly realistic storyline - you hear about parents living vicariously through their children - how could I say that it is so unrealistic?

The characters were too cliché, especially Milly's boyfriends. There are two men that she is dating; one is a rich architect, the other a homely musician. The rich guy has fewer emotions, less patience, and is pushy and a stiff. The musician is a little bit wilder, he has a child - which

Six billion people, two sexes, one movie. How do their opinions differ? Read on and see how two individuals of opposing sexes express their views of a movie that seems to be a chick flik on the surface but may just have an ace up its sleeve. You might be surprised. Or not.

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**Cliché characters prove too fake**

MARIO VALONE
COMMENTARY EDITOR

Nothing like spending a snow day, one of two, at the theater with some buddies, but something felt peculiar when I asked for three tickets for "Because I Said So". Why? I was buying tickets to go see a "chick flick" - without a chick, rather, I was seeing it with two other guys. Although it felt strange, I started the movie with an open, accepting heart.

In a mere hour and forty minutes, I was transformed into a world of total unreality. The movie's plot is basically that Mandy Moore's, Milly's mother, Diane Keaton, is living her love life through her daughter. Keaton is a bossy mom who likes to use the movie's title in her speech (clever.) With a fairly realistic storyline - you hear about parents living vicariously through their children - how could I say that it is so unrealistic?

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**60 SECONDS**

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Alex Becker, '08

"Intro to Global Societies is the worst."

James Crosby, '08

"Obviously it's "Math Structures" if there is one class I would fall asleep in, it would be Survey of Western Art II."

Kelli Hawthorne, '08

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed."

Peter Gaitins, '08

"Colonial America. Do I need to say more?"

Sarah Wallace, '08

By Torrekj Jordan

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"Because I Said So" is correct, we get so caught up in doing well that we often forget the challenges we overcame to get as far as we are today. So when you are faced with challenges, consider them as a step closer to your success in life.
Sex- learn before you leap

KATHRYN YOUNG
FEATURES EDITOR

Lately I've noticed that, as college students, questions about sex were far from answered by the "birds and the bees" discussions offered by parents or any "health class" curriculum.

As a young girl in parochial schools, I relied heavily on my parents' knowledge and support — and they did a surprisingly good job.

However, a majority of my friends were on their own; there was a gap in accurate information which let to ignorance. This ignorance came with them to college students, questions made discoveries and decisions based on "on the scene" knowledge, and there was a gap in accurate information answered by the "birds and the bees." Parents rarely stop trying.

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But luckily, for many, no advice was needed. "Through advice and guidance growing up, my parents have instilled a sense of values that have developed into my ability to make my own decisions," said junior Clare Bodnar. "I think my parents do give good advice. Normally, the advice they are giving is based on personal experience," she added. And Clare realizes they only suggest what they think is best for her.

"I usually go to my mom for mother's advice," Jon Schultz admitted. "Essentially that advice translates to "Don't be a dumb ass," Shotcock explained.

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"For my high school graduation," said Schultz, "they gave me the Dr. Seuss book entitled Oh, The Places You'll Go! They had everyone name-d "daddy, but hang on to this advice," he listened, and some of the time, he wishes he would have listened.

Dave's parents recently advised him to use the word "no" more often to prevent a stressful situation. This is one bit of advice he wishes he had paid more attention to.

"I hope that as young adults we can be not only patient but also intelligent about sex and intimacy. I find courage to write this column because of one woman I can't name — believe she can and will conquer what is a nightmare right now, and as a result, many other students will learn from her journey," said Madison, "I think I have more going on this semester then ever before and should have listened," he said.

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"The advice my parents have given me is that if you want your kids to read an article for a while. You may find it helpful, don't forget to say thank you!"

"It's the most supportive advice you're parents gave you out about — especially your parents. Jon admits.

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Isaac offers outstanding career guidance

JULIA SAUNDERS  STAFF WRITER

One of the most daunting tasks for college students is beginning the hunt for internships and jobs, but thanks to the unrelenting work of Amanda Isaac, McDaniel students can take a breath.

With a year under her belt working as the assistant director of career services, Isaac has seen a wide range of students come in to seek her help. From the ambitious student with an exact plan, to the stressed out co-ed not knowing what a cover letter is, she has guided them all.

After watching the professionals charged with assisting students outside the classroom during her years at High Point University, Isaac made the climb to her current position at McDaniel. With prior experience as a residence life coordinator and the support of her adviser Liz Towle, she took on volunteer hours in Career Services and eventually received her position.

Though Isaac does not look at herself as an unsung hero, co-workers and students alike would beg to differ.

Leahanne Marino, a sophomore sociology-communications dual major, sought Isaac’s expertise early this semester to figure out what sorts of jobs she could pursue.

Marino said she was surprised when she received job and internship web sites long after her visit that highlighted specific jobs that would fit her field and personality.

Asked what she does to go above and beyond to help students, Isaac shifted the attention away from herself explaining that, “I don’t look at things like that. I think everyone working in Student Affairs goes above and beyond.”

Stephany Seargeant, a secretary who works alongside Isaac in Career Services, says Isaac has made major improvements to their office.

Seargeant said Isaac took the time to revise the center’s website for easy accessibility and provide important updates for students with deadlines.

Though she is not in the spotlight like many of her colleagues, Isaac takes joy in her job, passionately explaining, “I love watching individuals succeed.” Pushing aside the credit stemming from her hard work with students’ resumes, and individualized care and advice, Isaac says, “It is so rewarding when all of the [students] hard work pays off and they realize what they’ve accomplished.”

Even when she is unable to help a student, Isaac says, “If I encounter a situation, I try my best ... and try to follow up with the student.” She jokingly admits “I don’t know everything.”

Barbara Schneider, who has worked closely with Isaac as one of her secretaries for over a year now, said it was hard to think of specific examples of Isaac’s exemplary work because she goes out of her way for students nearly every day.

Finding herself worrying about students at home, Isaac confesses that the one problem with her job is, “there isn’t enough time in the day to do all that needs to be done.” Even so, she doesn’t let the stress of her job get her down. Schneider says that Isaac is someone she looks forward to working with because of her “joyful attitude.”

Even with the small amount of credit she receives from her co-workers and students, Isaac is quick to highlight the work her colleagues and students put in to make her job “so easy.” Isaac bashfully admits she has received a few thank you cards here and there. But others would argue that a few thank you cards are not nearly enough.

Though Marino is still waiting for replies from many of the businesses she applied to for a summer internship, she says she recommended that all of her friends to take a trip down to Smith House and talk to Isaac.

Chain of Hunger

Inter varsity Christian Fellowship began constructing a Chain of Hunger to spread awareness of children’s hunger throughout the world.

photos by Emily Biondo

Postered Elderdice single refined and relaxed

GREG PFEIFFER  STAFF WRITER

Dorm room culture has an interesting dynamic; personal ities are defined by different furniture schemes, organiza tional habits, and the posters that cover almost every inch of unused wall space. For most of us, having a roommate potentially complicates the situation. The division of such a small area between two individuals can make for arguments over where exactly that store-bought Futon can go. Thankfully, students do not face this issue, opting for the creative freedom as well as the peacefulness that comes with a single room. Steven Kregel, a junior here at McDaniel, is a fine example.

Steven resides in Elderdice Hall, and upon first entrance, his love for the arts becomes quite obvious. Scattered among the walls are works from his favorite artists, including Dalí, van Gogh, Escher and Monet. While some of the pieces are normal poster size, the wall above his computer is filled with smaller prints, an idea that stemmed from Steven’s creative thinking.

“I had this idea that started with a Salvador Dalí calendar. At the end of the year I ripped out the pictures and stuck them on my wall. Now I get art calendars all the time and use them instead of expensive prints. I get 12 great prints at a cheap price.”

While Steven enjoys admiring the artwork, he also finds satisfaction in his own creative endeavors. An avid writer, he is in the midst of writing a novel entitled “Free Winona.” And interestingly, he has a poster of the same name among the others. This idea has been with him for a while, showcasing the dedication he puts into having his creative side come to life on paper. Far from two-dimensional, however, Steven practices piano in his room and has recently started learning the guitar. He calls the keys his primary instrument, but says proudly that “it’s [his] time to pick up the guitar.”

To get an idea of Steven’s unique personality, look no further than the blue and red chess pieces sitting atop his desk. When asked about them, he says that they were originally “translucent, which looked really cool, but it was impossible to distinguish your pieces from your opponent’s.” Little details such as these bring out Steven’s humorous personality, and he seems to be right at home within the confines of his unique living space.

If you happen to catch Steven around campus, do not be surprised if you see him writing in the cafe or playing piano in Ensor Lounge. If you’re so inclined, ask him to play a game or two of chess. Just make sure that all the pieces have dried.
In the movie Mean Girls, the characters placed their high school social strata on an obvious and unfriendly map, leaving the McDaniel Free Press wondering: what happens when Mean Girls meets McDaniel?

After talking to several students, we found that in Glar, "people watching" is more popular than the food. Most students agreed that not only was there a clear breakdown of which students sat where.

"One time I mixed it up a little and sat in a section where I don't normally sit. I definitely felt like I was intruding on the groups that sat there," commented junior Christine Hechmer.

Junior Christine Frieman agrees: "My freshman year, I sat at someone else's table, and they told me I needed to leave."

Most groups (particularly athletes and members of Greek life) didn't have a clear explanation for where they sat other than "tradition." But "tradition" holds strong, and those who have set tables tend to eat there, with or without their friends.

Based on student opinions, we tried to piece together our own social map of Glar. Descriptions of the following groups come completely from the students' perspective, either from the groups themselves or other students' observations.

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**Front Top Tier**

- Phi Delta (Back corner against the wall)
- Track Team
- Men's Soccer Team
- Women's Basketball Team
- Floaters

**Back Tier**

- Baseball Team
- Sigma Phi Epsilon
- ROTC

**Center**

"Center Stage - closest to the food, socializing, and there's a 360 view."  
- Men's Lacrosse
- Bates
- Phi Alphas

**Back Floor**

- Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority
- Alpha Nu Omega Sorority
- Floaters

Members of both Phi Sigma Sigma and Alpha Nu Omega described sitting in their spots as "tradition."

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**Front Bottom**

- Intervarsity Christian Fellowship
- Music Majors
- Theatre Students

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**Back Right Tier**

- Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity
- First table on right hand side
- Intervarsity Christian Fellowship
- Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity
- "We like to see everyone walk in.
- Track Team: For as long as he has been on the Track Team, Sophomore Kevin Bowman says they have occupied this section of Glar. It's "tradition."
- "The Ladies." "Otherwise known as 'The greatest people you'll ever meet,'" jokes senior Amy Holland, referencing Mean Girls. "We sit here because we love to people watch!"

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**Middle**

- "Quieter, more secluded, pretty view of the campus" – "If you come to Glar by yourself, you sit on the porch."

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- "Closest to the food - socializing, and [there] there's a 360 view."
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George Bush deserves praise not bashing

A letter to the editor

CHELSEA PHILIPS

Thank goodness we live in America—Where we have the right to say whatever we want!

There’s no liberal media bias. There’s No Liberal Media Bias. THERE’S NO LIBERAL MEDIA BIAS. Right. And if you’ll buy that...

So, I picked up a copy of the McDaniel Free Press today and began flipping through the pages, skimming headlines. Front page: Coach Flynn: The McDaniel McDaniel McDaniel McDaniel was a great guy and asset to the basketball program. College textbooks are expensive—no student denies that reality. McDaniel dorm bathrooms need soap—I lived in McDaniel Hall sophomore year, so I’d have to agree with that.

So far, so good. The front page seems pretty PC But going back to the me. My protestant work ethic was a great guy and asset fewer people would share make decisions that we hope the current nomic theory ultimately boils me. If, we just will help us maximize our wealth in America is pret...

But back on topic, “life can be harsh” …or maybe you’d prefer “laissez-faire” capitalism! I don’t believe in that. Back to the thesis...

The McFianiel Free Press may not be completely liberal in nature, but it definitely has a bias and don’t for one moment think it’s conservative!

One final note on capitalism—it’s “laissez-faire” not “laissez-faire.” Apparently using some spell-check requires us to expand our minds too. But I digress.

What is this, a discussion on the difference between “good” and “bad” …or maybe you’d prefer the terms “good and evil,” because I have a more personal perspective about “evil.” But back on topic, “life can be harsh” …or at least that’s my perspective. I don’t believe in that. Back to the thesis…

One final nail in the coffin…apparently aberration (the ONLY completely effective way to the spread of STDs) is bad? Who knew?

Correction: Last week’s article, “Ending poverty enough,” was written by “The Author” and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the McDaniel Free Press.

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Sisterhood a chance to turn over a new leaf

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Phi Sigma Sigma, Alpha Nu Omega, and Phi Mu, this sounds like a mouthful of a foreign language to swallow down. These women represent the sorority life within McDaniel College's Greek system, and essentially the diverse faces our Greek life has to offer to our women.

Interested in recruitment? Or what is more commonly known amongst the student population as "rush?" Well, here's a front row seat to a preview of Spring 2007 Recruitment!

"Sororities foster deeper relationships than most clubs, because you see people in a variety of contexts, be it on floor, at philanthropy projects, socials, and you have a larger group of active people, versus what you would get in another club or service organization. I have sisters involved in the Theater and in the Social Work club," says Sarah Shanks, a member of Phi Mu.

I feel as though sororities allow you to create a more close-knit bond, not only with members from your individual organization, but with other sisters on campus as well. You also learn to recognize who is Greek on campus and no matter what organization, it is an intimate fourth round. We have an intimate fourth round, in which preference cards are given, allowing more opportunity for the women to get to know sororities and when preference cards are signed, indicating a binding agreement to one of the three organizations, according to Amanda Rose, Greek Advisor at McDaniel College.

In addition to giving the women a chance to get to know the sisters of each of the sororities, it gives the members in the organizations to develop a better sense of the women coming through the rounds.

Each sorority has had the theme of Sisterhood in Bloom in their recruitment process. In the spring, it's completely structured, allowing more opportunity for the women to get to know sororities and when preference cards are signed, indicating a binding agreement to one of the three organizations, according to Amanda Rose, Greek Advisor at McDaniel College.

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Each sorority has had the theme of Sisterhood in Bloom as their theme for the entirety of recruitment. From this broad theme, all of the sororities design individual parties, or rounds, to represent the four rounds in spring recruitment and entice the potential members to join their respective organizations.

What's so exciting about spring recruitment? Besides each of the sororities having the chance to attract their chapter totals with the larger groups of women from the freshmen class, it is the recruitment where each of the sororities have the chance to have an intimate fourth round with the potential women, usually a ritual round.

The final results from the recruitment process are announced at 5:00pm on Friday, February 16th 2007, when all of the sororities gather in red square and cheer as the names of the new members are announced from the Panhellenic Council, from the stairs of the Library.

Reflecting back on the past two weeks, the sororities feel that overall recruitment was very successful.

"Recruitment was strong in that all of the chapters did a good job selling themselves. We had a good group of women coming through Recruitment, with many of them being first-generation women who have gone out of their way to help others and try to ensure a fresh and creative set of rounds. Each end of the spectrum has its perks and flaws."

"If you have more girls that have gone through rush in your organization, they can help plan recruitment rounds so that they help alleviate some of the stress potential members face when going to rounds," said Levanduski.

"Girls who go through recruitment are usually more ambitious about the sorority from the beginning," said Lindsay Fairchild, Panhellenic Delegate for Phi Mu, and new President of Phi Mu.

Regardless of the sorority that strikes your fancy, this formal recruitment is an important process to come through, because it accentuates one of the most important aspects of sororities: the bonds of friendship. Sororities are unique in their own ways, and we might not always seem to get along, or agree with each other, but we do understand each other," says Levanduski.

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"Keep having events to teach the women about the values in being in one of the three recognized social sororities on this campus. PUBLICITY!!! Help women to realize that recruitment is great and all sororities can bring so much into a woman's life," said Betsy Beveridge.

"I think Panhel does a lot to try to promote recruitment and getting Greek. Greek Garden is one thing that we are doing to promote Greeks. Also we have an annual cookout," said Fairchild. However, there is always more that can be done.

The bottom line is that we are all connected as Greek organizations and are all impressive and unique in our own ways.

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The confessions of a Monologues moaner

CHRISTINE FRIEMAN

It's a new semester, and you know what that means—it's time for Volume 7 of the McDaniel Free Press.

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SARAH BLACK

COMMENTARY EDITOR

Oh Glar. I've had some good times in the dining hall, but I think I've had an equal share of unpleasant times in there as well. And more often than not, those bad times do not have to do with the food, but rather with the Glar workers.

In my opinion things started going downhill for Glar as soon as Sandy disappeared from the wrap station and then after disappearing completely, never to be seen again. But looking on the present, I would say that the overall politeness and friendliness of the Glar staff has dramatically decreased. Less workers smile at you, say "how are you" and the like. Some barely even look at you.

A bewildered junior said that "with some of the people you have to try hard to get them to lighten up or to crack a smile. I feel getting the women to smile is easier because I'm a guy." Some workers barely say anything at all, especially besides "What do you want?" Others will just look at you until you finally make an order. Even if I say "How are you today?" or "Thank you," I rarely get a response, but if I do, it's lifeless "you're welcome," as the worker turns away. There is a female employee who doesn't exactly rub every student the right way—at least not the females. "There's this one worker, she's got a bad rap with a lot of people, lots of girls," one student claimed. "She flirts with the guys, usually gives them bigger portions of food. I myself have been a victim of this girls-get-foood crime."

I can only think of one Clar employee (female) who offers a "How are you today?" or "What can I get for you?" And she is actually genuine. Another Glar student that students are a fan of is Cecilia, the cheerful, whistling and singing lady that greets everyone as they enter Glar. One student said he thinks that "the nicest worker they have is Cecilia."

It's hard not to make generalizations, but by their lack of politeness and friendliness, it's hard not to think that the workers resent us college students in some way. Maybe because they think we're in better situations or that we have more opportunities; I don't know. If it's resentment or just a complete lack of manners, neither is necessary.

Another bone I would like to pick has to do with some of the male workers in Glar. Some gawk, some stare, and others are just creepy. If I really wanted to be gawked and stared at, or have my boobs or ass stared at I would still strut around the college campus in an ity-bitsy, teeny-weeny, yellow-polka dot bikini—but I don't. So...the male workers shouldn't stare (or at least not make is so obvious). I'm not a big fan of the licking and slapping of the lips either.

The confessions of a Monologues moaner

CHRISTINE FRIEMAN

CONTRIBUTOR

Rule #1: Don't let your dad see you do it.

November 2, 2006, 7:43PM: During our first post-casting rehearsal, I discover that I have been cast as a lesbian dominatrix in this year's production of The Vagina Monologues. I am astonished, excited, and nervous all at the same time.

9:00PM: Rehearsal ends. 9:30PM: I have uninvited my father from the show. He agrees to send money instead.

A tumultuous rollercoaster of events led me from that moment to here, to the fishbowl in Westminster.

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**Students travel to Boston for Model UN**

**Trip gives students a ‘real-world’ experience**

**Djerdj Matkovic**

On Wednesday, February 14, nineteen students from McDaniel College traveled to Boston to represent Cuba in the annual Harvard National Model United Nations. According to their faculty advisor Dr. Charles Neal, the school has been participating for over forty years. This was Neal’s 25th trip.

It was like the Harvard Model UN because it gives students an opportunity to practice real debates, and participate with students from various countries,” said Neal. “It is also a chance to compete with some of the best schools around the world, and a great chance to learn about a new country every year.”

Due to heavy snow that froze the runway in Boston on Tuesday night, the delegation’s 45-minute flight-to-be was cancelled.

“T was frustrated—not because we were not going to fly but because the airline didn’t cancel the flight until we got to the gate,” said Senior Ian Hines.

Thanks to quick action involving a four-thousand dollar charge to co-head delegate Jason Stambaugh’s personal credit card, the delegation managed the trip aboard an Am-Trak train from BWI to Boston.

It took eight hours.

“It was fun,” said senior Ben Yingling. “It gave me an opportunity to meet new people, discuss different views, and overall, the trip was a very good experience.”

Once the delegates arrived in Boston, they encountered slippery conditions as the sidewalks in some places were covered with ice and snow that was four inches thick. The delegates had most of the next day free and used that opportunity to explore the nuances of the Boston area and to get settled in their rooms.

“We visited the Sam Adams Brewery,” said Jason Stambaugh. “It took over two hours to find that mythical place, but it was worth it.”

The actual conference began that afternoon, Thursday, at 5 p.m. with an opening ceremony where the Harvard staff was introduced. The students were elected on global issues that were to be discussed in individual committee meetings. McDaniel students expressed their presence at the ceremony by hanging the national flag of Cuba on a front balcony.

The first committee meetings were held that night, a time historically filled with awkward parliamentary procedures and unorganized intentions.

“It was an odd experience,” said junior delegate Jacob Morrisey-Stone. “It was a bunch of headless chicken running around with their heads slowly growing back, trying to figure out what they were doing.”

The Harvard National Model United Nations is divided into 25 committees, grouped five different ways, closely following United Nations committee structure. Each committee had a specific agenda that they attempted to work through and pass a resolution on. McDaniel students sat on 10 committees according to the representation of Cuba at the UN.

Senior delegate Lindsay Graham sat on a Historical general assembly committee, one Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

“We got a resolution passed, but not to Cuba’s liking,” said Graham. “[Unlike other committees, the United States acted more like the United Nations should have acted, playing the role well, but I still didn’t like the outcome.”

Even though students were obliged to represent their country’s positions, some allowed their personal opinions to come into play, thus subverting the flow of the simulation.

“It’s frustrating that people didn’t know their countries’ positions which made it hard to actually work with them—it wasn’t hard to represent Cuba,” said sophomore delegate Jared Luner. “Essentially every our position is it is the United States’ fault.”

This is not to undermine the significant amount of work that went into preparing for the trip. Many students participated in a Jan-Term class to research documents and position papers on Cuba. Committee sessions in the simulation lasted eight hours equally divided into coming and afternoon sessions.

After long hours of deliberation and negotiation, students had the opportunity on Saturday to unwind with a meal at Fire and Ice, one of Boston’s most unique and exotic dining experiences.

“It gave us a chance to talk about stuff that happened inside and outside of committee,” said senior delegate Lydia Eddy. “And we got to celebrate Dr. Neal’s birthday.”

For many students, it was their second time on the trip, making them mentors for committee business, and also experts on Boston nightlife and entertainment.

“I had a good time,” said senior Theo Sebekos-Williams. “I would do it again, but as a delegate, not a Head Delegate because I miss being in committee.”

Jason Stambaugh echoed these sentiments.

“Being Head Delegate is great because you have a lot of free time, but sometimes it’s more fun to be in committee,” said Stambaugh. “Sometimes it just feels good to get up there and rage in front of the committee.”

Before we left, Jason told me that I had to stand up and rage,” said junior delegate Mike Habegger. “I was a little hesitant to speak in committee at first, but eventually it became natural for me to stand up, and put the rest of the committee in its place. I really enjoyed the participatory nature of the UN Development Program committees.”

Dr. Mike Brittingham, an advisor to the students with Neal, reflected on his first trip to the United Nations committee.

“I have a lot of interest in simulations and I believe it was a valuable experience for students,” said Brittingham. “I was happy how well the students did and how well prepared they were.”

What really is Model UN?

The Harvard National Model United Nations is an annual conference of students from many different colleges, each representing a nation. The purpose is to give students an opportunity to experience the international political arena, and to train them in legislative debate.

This year McDaniel College represented the Republic of Cuba at the conference. Their goal was to play the role of the real Cuban delegation to the United Nations. With 19 delegates in 10 committees, the group debated and deliberated on key issues such as the war on terror and torture, sustainable development, nuclear proliferation, economic inequalities and historic issues.

**Above:** McDaniel students and faculty prepare pose before the opening ceremony with the Cuban national flag.

**Above:** The Imperial Ballrooms at the Park Plaza hotel filled with all delegates.

**Above:** Lydia Eddy and Amanda Cumsiler enjoy dining at mongolian restaurant with the entire delegation.

**Below:** Ben Yingling, Mike Habegger, and Dave Weber excited to represent Cuba.

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**Oh, the joys of being in committee...**

Djerdj Matkovic said in the middle of a committee hearing “I just wanted to inform you all that our great leader Fidel Castro is in good health and will rule our country for many years to come!”

On the last day of the conference, Jacob Morrisey-Stone and Lydia Eddy walked out of the session, with Senior Jared Stambaugh saying “Our leader is ill. We fear for our lives and we are leaving!” The Chair responded by saying “This is out of order! Are you guys really walking out?” Applause followed.

In the United Nations Development Programme committee, Mike Habegger and Jared Luner led a rendition of Happy Birthday to celebrate Kim Jong II’s 65th birthday on February 16. They also continuously harassed the United States delegates and the “Western Imperialist Pigs.”

Ben Yingling claims that he was manipulated by another delegate—sexually. Apparently, said delegate was extremely attractive, and thought she could bait Yingling’s vote with her looks.

He had none of it, and carried on representing Revolutionary Cuba.
American sports culture serves fan well

GEORGE PECKHAM STAFF REPORTER

There are always sacrifices associated with making a decision to leave everything you know and love behind for four months to study abroad, as anybody who has ever made that decision will tell you. Often they are worth it, but sometimes you still can’t help but miss what you decided to forego.

Super Bowl Sunday was, for me, one of those sacrifices. Yes, I admit it: I’m a sports junkie, like most males my age. I will also miss March Madness, Orioles opening day, and the majority of the playoffs for both the NHL and the NBA. But Super Bowl Sunday is practically an American holiday, and since football is pretty much my favorite sport, it was particularly depressing to think that I might miss it (not nearly as depressing as it would have been were the Ravens playing...: that one still kind of stings).

Then again, it is the SUPER BOWL. It’s one of the biggest television events of the year. Anywhere from 80-90 million Americans watch it annually. I almost want to say something to him, but his team beat my team this year, so I decide against it. Besides, there are more Bears fans than Colts fans here.

Or so I think. Peyton Manning throws a touchdown pass to a wide open Reggie Wayne. The place goes wild again. It goes on like this the rest of the night. Every big play, every turnover, every score, regardless of the team, people cheer. This wouldn’t be out of the ordinary at any bar in America. But I’m in Hungary.

It occurs to me for everybody here, myself included, it doesn’t matter how the game turns out. It’s an American football game. It’s THE American football game, and for many of the people here who are away from their country, it’s a brief return home to their culture, their hobby, their sport. People in Europe like the other type of football, what we call soccer, and that’s great, but let’s face it: in the States, our version reigns supreme.

Maybe it’s been a while some of these people have watched a football game. Maybe I’m overanalyzing the whole thing, and it’s really not a big deal. But for me, right now, this is a return to something I thought I might have to miss this year. I’ve been in Budapest for two weeks now, experiencing a new culture and loving every minute of it. But for a few hours late into the night, I got a slice of what I know and love, and I am grateful.

Indoor track team ready for championships

(“Track,” from Page 16)

February 17. The team will travel to Haverford College for the Centennial Conference Championships on February 24-25.

Coach Renner comments, “Our goal is always to come out of conferences with as many personal best performances as possible. Our expectations are always the same—have athletes work hard to be the best they can be. In our sport, it’s not always about winning. As a matter of fact, one might finish 7th in an event but still improve their personal best. Who’s to say that athlete isn’t a winner, also?”

The runners are hoping to improve their times and finish the season on a high note. They have a lot of energy and are ready to compete at conferences. “The greatest thing about conference championships is going out on the track and competing for a medal, it is such an adrenaline rush!” exclaims Taylor who is enthusiastic about continuing to improve her time in the 400m, as well as contributing on relays at the conference championships.

The Green Terror Track women have a lot to boast about and much to look forward to, including ending their season with personal bests and numerous memorable moments.

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Terror swims at Conference Championships

RYAN ChELL
SPORTS EDITOR

While many of us were sleding or trekking our way through frozen water last weekend, others were swimming through it.

The men and women of the McDaniel Swim Team finished their long season last weekend at 2007 Centennial Conference Championships at Franklin and Marshall. The meet was held in three days, starting from Friday to Sunday and would decide who would take the championship home. This would also be the final time some seniors would be diving in the pool with their teammates who they had trained, practiced, and fought with for their college careers.

The meet began on Friday with events such as the 200 Freestyle Relay, 500 Freestyle, 200 Individual Medley, 50 Freestyle, and the 400 Medley Relay. McDaniel had to do their best to gather as many points cumulatively, to be kept for the entire weekend.

In the 200 Freestyle Relay, the men and women both copied each other’s performances, each gaining 26 points and their place finished.

The women included seniors Molly Bolek, Kate Burns, and Mary Yankovich, along with freshmen and sophomores Katie Dorrian and Stephanie McCole, and freshmen Wes Henry and Stephen Gomez. Later on that day, the future leaders of the men’s team showed their success by finishing 1st in the 500m. Gomez and junior Chris Reed finished 2nd and 5th respectively in the 200-yard Freestyle. Brendan Ramsey brought in 31 points to the Green Terror. Gomez finished with a respectable 1:59.66 and Reed had a 2:01.16.

Everyone was looking at the women’s side as well, especially to see how senior Molly Bolek would perform in her final swim here at McDaniel.

Bolek, senior captain of the team, had a pretty good day going for herself helping the team. In the 500-yard freestyle, Bolek earned seven points, and then she later joined Kaiti Reynolds, Maaret Klaber, and Kate Burns to earn 24 points with a 4:22.45 in the 400-yard Medley Relay. Bolek did well in all the events and her leadership will be remembered for her fine Green Terror career in the water.

In the last event on Friday, Red, Gomez, Yankovich, and Henry emulated their success from earlier in the day, earning 26 points in the 400-yard Medley Relay for the men.

The men finished the day in 6th with 86 points and the women had 71 points of their own.

Franklin and Marshall owned the pool in front of the home crowd, as they were first in the men and women.

Saturday then came for the swim team. McDaniel brought with it the hope that they could improve and maybe turn things around.

And it seemed as if Saturday was a better collective effort for the Green Terror.

Starting off with the 200-yard Medley Relay, the quartet of Bolek, Reynolds, Klaber, and Burns recorded a 2:04.01 which was good enough for 7th best in the field and gave the Terror another 24 points.

The men responded in their 200-yard with a 1:43.54, which was the Terror men 26 points of their own.

One of those men was Davey Blake and he broke his national duals and wrestled after Sunday’s action. Though things did not go their way in the championship, they are going to focus on the hard work and dedication that these swimmers put in four years worth of practice.

They wrestled one on one with events such as the 200-yard freestyle, 400 freestyle and the 200 medley relay. They beat conference rival Gettysburg 42-9 with nearly every wrestler on the team winning their matches. The match included a first-period pin by Nightengale and two forfeits by Gettysburg, giving auto- matic wins to the men (125) and heavyweight wrestler Ryan Deiter. Senior Steve Colasuonno (133) and Freshman Brandon Vane were each pinning and scoring in their weight class.

“Gettysburg was a good note to another good day in the water would fall one point short of earning a victory for the Terror,” says Bond.

This year’s R.J. has been up-and-down for everyone. He got 8th in the race to earn 11 points of his own. The winning continued to roll for the Terror men; the men’s 100-yard breaststroke team broke the pool record in the winning-circle with second.

It was another good note to a very uplifting day for Green Terror.

At the end of the second day, the Terror women had 135 points and the Terror men fell one point short of earning 100 points for the day, to put them at 185. Franklin and Marshall lost its lead in the women’s field, but still held its lead in the men’s.

One more day in the water would decide who would go home with a championship in their arms.

The seniors of the Green Terror swimming team will be putting away their suits for the last time here at McDaniel after Sunday’s action. Though things did not go their way in the championship, they are going to focus on the hard work and dedication that these swimmers put in four years worth of practice.

They are a team that has been scratched from other events. Track, however, cannot be categorized solely as an individual sport.

Like all sports, track requires the constant encouragement and support of coaches and teammates through events, meets, and practices. It is apparent the Women’s Indoor Track team possesses a strong foundation of support and unity. “The bond I have with my teammates is one that cannot be broken,” according to senior Blair Taylor.

This season has been a successful one for grad student, Kelly Gruber, who is completing her eligibility this year.

Gruber won the conference championship last spring in the 400m and earned a qualifying time of 51.04 for the 400m. Gruber’s other accomplishments include finishing within 1.15 seconds of the national record in the one mile and equaling the school record in the 1000m. “She has been racing and training at a very high level,” states Coach Doug Renner on Gruber’s success.

Other highlights from the season include junior DD Lehr, who has matched her personal best at 9’ in the pole vault.

Standout times include 7th place in the 400m. Kacey Decker, set a new school record in the high jump.

Despite the small numbers, the runners also feel this season is one to be very proud of, not only for success, but for team unity and passion. “The best part of the Indoor Track team is the bond that we form because of our strong desire to run. It is unlike other sports because when someone asks why we run, we can’t explain it to them; it is just a passion that only a true runner can understand,” says sophomore Sarah Costa.

The season regular season meet is the Jim Taylor Invitational at Susquehanna on Saturday, (See “Track,” on Page 15)
Coach's wife sends heartfelt thanks

Dear McDaniel Community,

I wanted to thank each and every one of you for the love, support and kindness you have shown my children and I since the passing of my husband, Bob. Caitin, Michael, Ryan and I were overwhelmed by the large number of people from the McDaniel College community who attended the viewings and funeral and who have sent us numerous expressions of sympathy.

My husband LOVED this school. He proudly talked about every sports program, the fantastic faculty and staff and the tremendous student body. I very rarely saw my husband speechless, but when "Flynn's Friends" was created, his silence spoke volumes. What a wonderful tribute to him that was! Despite the 50 minute drive (that he swore only took about 35) he never complained once about his daily commute, although he was lobbying me pretty hard to make a move back to Westminster. When Caitin received her letter of acceptance from McDaniel, Bob could not have been prouder or happier. He was so excited for her to experience the McDaniel College, he had come to know and love.

We believed he would spend many happy years as the McDaniel Men's Basketball Coach. As I have already told the baseball players, he loved you all the same. Hopefully his enthusiasm and optimism for basketball and for life will be kept alive through each of you.

Bob's death has left a tremendous void for my children and me. However, what also has become apparent is the impact Bob had on most everyone he knew and loved. He was so excited for her to experience the McDaniel College he had come to know and love.

We are overwhelmed by the love/ support and thank you all so much for your love.

Sincerely,
Tina Flynn

Baseball eager to succeed

CHRIS FERRICK-MANLEY

McDaniel's young baseball team is looking to build on last year's experience (9-23, 4-14 in Centennial Conference play) and make it into the playoffs.

Head Coach David Seibert will be the first to admit that his team is short on upperclassmen. Seibert believes his coach's expectations might be a little too high given the youthful nature of the team. He is also worried about what could happen if a losing attitude breaks out, and the team does not feel like it can win. He referenced people who quit the team.

"I don't feel the team is bad, but I don't know what will happen if people don't get along or don't take things seriously," said Seibert.

Teter on the other hand does not think the team needled the players who quit. "If someone is going to quit, there is no reason for them to be here.

The Green Terror begins their season at home against Villa Julie on Thursday, March 1st at 3:00 pm.

Women's lacrosse warms up in cold weather

LAURA HUTTON

"This is a very hard working, dedicated team and we are outside playing when it is below zero degrees, literally. Ask the guy's team where they play when it is minus zero degrees," Amalie Shaffer cleverly observes.

Shaffer is a senior member of McDaniel College's women's lacrosse team, who spends their practices in the cold, working up a fire on the inside while they freeze on the outside. It is this fire and strength that defines a dedicated team.

The team is "very focused and driven. They are practicing very well as a team and trying very hard to come back, but out there, not individually." They are extremely coachable and have the opportunity to do wonderful things, both in and out of conference," states Coach Muffie Bliss.

Formerly the head coach of both the field hockey and lacrosse programs, Bliss is now able to devote all of her time to lacrosse and states that it has "given me the opportunity to work with the girls in the fall and focus on recruiting for future years. It has also helped me to prepare for this season and competition more thoroughly."

This extra preparation with their coach is not the only thing propelling the team to do well; they also have the powerful lead from their captains, seniors Emily Funk, Michelle Muller, and Connie Wueneschl.

"We couldn't ask for a better group of leaders . . . they lead us in a non-conventional way but they always complement each other. Aside from a great amount of talent they all possess they are driven, motivated, and determined. All of them lead in the classroom as well; if any of them had below a 3.8 I would be surprised," adds junior Lee Oliver.

The team is getting pumped up and prepared for their first games of the season. The women's lacrosse team is hungry to win, and "we haven't had a bad practice yet," notes Bliss.

Chemistry is what keeps the team going. If it did not exist the players would not be propelled to play harder and harder each day in freezing conditions. The team looks forward to their games and strives to make conference playoffs and improve last year's 5-4 in conference record.

Their team bond along with their talent makes them a compelling force. They are ready to start playing games on a quickly approaching March 1 and look forward to their spring training trip.

"Every game is exciting to me," notes Oliver, "but as with every team there are those unspoken rivalries. I can't wait to get revenge on Montclair. We maintain the year while in Florida for our Spring Break trip."

Though they look ahead, strive to beat Montclair and go to playoffs, they remain focused on the task at hand and play one game at a time. We play in a very hard conference with a lot of good competition but as long as we work hard and believe we can do it we will accomplish anything," concludes Schaffer.

The women's lacrosse team plays their first game of the season at home on March 1 at 4:00 pm.
George Brenton becomes jack-of-all-trades

Plant, George Brenton plays an integral part in the life of every member of the McDaniel College community and is a student advocate — but you would not recognize him if you saw him. In a random poll of 15 students, not one could even roughly identify Brenton’s position on campus.

Brenton oversees the college’s three physical operations: grounds and special events, building operations and maintenance, and building services. Whenever anything in a building needs to be repaired, whenever the slipperiness of the sidewalk makes it to be shoveled, whenever someone decides to empty rolls of toilet paper across the bathroom, Physical Plant is there to save the day.

Yet most of their work remains widely unnoticed due to the fact that they tend to maintain things all along, and we take it for granted. It is not until something goes awry that the 70 men and women in uniform abruptly become the most desired people on campus.

Perhaps at no other time was the role Physical Plant plays on our campus more noticeable than during the power outage that occurred on the Friday before finals week last fall. There was a fault in the line between the BG&E substation and the main campus, making the problem the campus’s responsibility to repair.

Brenton and his staff immediately went into action, collecting information on the problem, bringing in an outside specialist to fix it, and reporting to the administration’s emergency response team. Throughout the outage, Brenton did all he could to ensure that students were comfortable and safe, a theme that echoes throughout talks with him.

“In the priority list, students come first,” Brenton said. “That’s kind of the mantra. As a Physical Plant, nobody’s here unless the students are here.”

Keeping him busy day and night (see “Brenton” on page 4)
College bell tolls three times

EMILY SWEENEY STAFF WRITER

When we come in, we ring it. When we leave, we ring it. The bell in Memorial Square is our very own punch clock. But the day students graduate isn't the last day the "bell tolls for thee."

The bell, known by many as Old Main Bell, tolls a third time when alumni pass away. On the first Tuesday of the month, members of the Student Alumni Council call out the names of their predecessors and then their graduating year. With one ring, a final ring, those predecessors who have died are honored.

Members of the Student Alumni Council are the newest part of this tradition. Before this month, Alumni Office staff rang the bell. "We felt that it would be a wonderful tradition for the members of the Student Alumni Council to take on," said Kristin Lister, assistant director of alumni relations.

The tradition in itself is not very old according to Dr. Lightner, the college historian and board of trustees member. The bell has only been ringing since 1969. In that short time the tradition has even changed a little.

At one point the names of deceased alumni were noted on temporary plaques, according to Lightner. "Many folks (including alumni) don't know about the tradition!" Lister explained.

Giving this tradition to the Student Alumni Council is helping to bring it to the attention of the student population. Student Alumni members appreciate the ceremony.

"It is so touching," said Senior Maria Labroum. "Maybe if attention towards this tradition grows it'll be expanded into even more of a student event. Personally I'd suggest bringing back the plaque idea so that even if you don't hear the bell, you can still see whose being remembered."

The Student Alumni meetings are at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. At the close of the meeting, group members read names, ring the bell and continue to build this promising tradition.

The lighter side of the campus safety blotter

ROB GOEKE STAFF WRITER

(Editors note: Rob Goeke's commentary highlights some of the insane calls to which campus safety responds.)

Throughout my four years here at McDaniel, my butchical area has sat on its fair share of rickety, worn-in dorm room chairs with Soviet-era foam that is the width of a sheet of paper.

My rear is possibly the most valuable part of my body, so the old brown or burgundy chairs with Soviet-era foam that inhabit your typical room are just not sufficient. Apparently, I am not the only one that thinks this way. The night of February 26 saw a young student sneaking into Eaton and swiping a cozy and inviting chair to give his glutes a respite from the splintered surface that he has had to endure the whole year. Alas, the chair never reached its new home. As the student in question wheeled the chair across Red Square, two Campus Safety officers saw and followed him. On approach, the student switched course and tried to talk the boys in green to letting him return it. Obviously, that didn't fly.

I tend to think of this young man as a freedom fighter, taking an active stance against the man in order to try to obtain more comfortable seating. After all, I think we can all understand why he tried to steal the chair because the more foam that's under your fanny, the better.

Also, the famed ice storm hit everyone hard, as the blower was peppered with reports of people slipping, tender benders and the like. One high-light: the Durango had trouble parking and got dingled.

But my personal favorite happened on the afternoon of February 20. A poor student was stuck trying to move their car from the ice and stow in Old Gravel Parking lot. One of the many plow trucks that covered campus after the storm (And did a good job, by the way) got about 30 hours of sleep between the Wednesday and Thursday. Thanks guys!) drove past and tried to help the student by moving some snow out of the car's way.

Of course, in the process of doing so, the plow hit the car's bumper. Sucks to be them. There was also an interesting alcohol citation early on the morning of February 18, as students were documented for "preparing to play drinking games." peaked my interest.

"Were people stretching? Warming up? Gargling water or working on breathing or chugging techniques? Testing the durability of ping pong balls? Shuffling playing cards? Inquiring minds need to know.

After all, the citation was at 2:30 in the morning. When 99.9% of the campus is winding down, these hearty souls were only "preparing" to wind down. They shouldn't be cited, they should be applauded for their courage.
Silly string program launched for troops

LINDSAY GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

You find it scattered on the bushes, grass, steps and walkways in front of your house the morning after Halloween. You see athletes celebrating with it after they have won a championship game. Now a weapon in the War on Terror?

Yes that is right. The U.S. military in Iraq is using silly string to protect civilians. Before entering buildings soldiers spray the plastic string guts into the building to test the safety of the building. If the string falls to the ground, soldiers know it is safe to enter but if it hangs in the air, they know trip wires are present.

Courtesy of Bobbi Hollingsworth in Human Resources, McDaniel College is getting involved. Hollingsworth heard about donating Silly String cans to troops from her church. “We [currently] have twelve cans from the college,” said Hollingsworth. “In my family somebody asked for a check. We are hoping for more donations.”

Money is also needed because it is expensive to ship. It is hard to send care of Silly String overseas because the product is labeled as hazardous material and needs to be treated with caution. This means that it is going to have an effect on the shipment price due to delivery of the product. It is an easy and effective way of supporting the soldiers.

According to a one McDaniel student, Silly String that is bought at a local Dollar Stone will be shipped to the troops. Hollingsworth will cover the cost of shipping. But Hollingsworth is not stopping when it comes to supporting the troops. After her son-in-law was deployed for his second tour of duty in Iraq, she noticed that there were a lot of support groups for families and friends in Carroll County.

In November 2006, Hollingsworth started working with Jose Flores, an Army soldier who served tours of duty for the U.S. military, on a support group for county residents. The group will counsel and provide feedback for people with brothers, friends, sister or parents overseas. “It is a place where people can come and feel comfortable,” explained Hollingsworth.

The project is now in its final stages of development. Hollingsworth and Flores are in the middle of finding sites to hold the meetings. Preliminary sites are VFV and American Legion Halls as well as the McDaniel campus.

“[It] depends on the demands,” said Flores. “We don’t know what they need.”

Flores and Hollingsworth, at this point, do not know the people who will be attending these group meetings. Whether they are mostly husbands, wives or parents of soldiers, children of soldiers or friends of soldiers, will dictate where to hold the meetings and what people want to talk about.

The pilot program is set to take off on April 1 and by then Flores and Hollingsworth will have a clearer idea of what families and friends are concerned about. The program will also provide resources to find out information for families regarding their loved ones, says Flores.

In the past McDaniel students are no strangers when it comes to supporting our military overseas. The Alpha Lambda Delta first-years honor society and the D.V.A.S have contributed in the past year-and-a-half.

In December of 2005, the D.V.A.S Affinity Group set up a table outside of the dining hall for people to write or drop off cards or letters for the troops. After collecting 150 cards and letters they sent them to a friend’s brother’s platoon overseas. The first year honor society also wrote cards and letters to troops overseas.

Hollingsworth wants McDaniel students to know that they are encouraged to support the troops by dropping off cans of Silly String or cash donations to the Post Office or the Office of Human Resources, next to Campus Safety.

Cocktails addresses racial stereotypes

(from "Show on page 1)

Monologues to McDaniel four years ago, is happy to be in another show that is raising money for the domestic violence safe house.

She also believes that it is awesome that her son-in-law is a soldier who is participating in this production. According to her, the cast earns the front row seats of the football players.

“Everyone gets along really well despite being very different,” said Hamer. She also acknowledged that a few of the men in the cast were hesitant to accept a woman into the show.

“I think they are happy with me now, I hope anyway,” Hamer said.

She only had time to write one piece for the show, and the subject is on the difference between bad men such as rapists and wife beaters, and men who are less serious pieces, she believes that it is bad men who deserve scorn, not men in general.

Patrick Stinson is one of the two cast members who has previous experience in theater. He became interested in Cocktails from Szalig’s posters. Stinson described how there were only four people at the first meeting; their first goal was to recruit more people.

He thinks the concept of Cocktails is profound and original. Stinson believes that the guys who are performing in Cocktails are breaking an unwritten social code of silence.

“People assume that guys can just sit around and talk about their dicks but they can’t,” Stinson said.

Stinson is somewhat worried that the subject matter of the show will offend people. However, he does not believe it is the fault of the show if people get offended.

Hamer is worried that some people’s political or religious beliefs might prevent them from coming to see the show, but she does not think anyone will be offended.

Soul food unites past ideology with reality

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As black history month comes to a close the Black Student Union chose to celebrate African-American heritage and culture through the tradition of Soul Food. The BSU held a Soul Food dinner in McDaniel Lounge on Tuesday, February 27th. The theme of the program was unity, which was evident in the diversity of the audience.

The program was created with an explanation of the evolution of soul food. The origins of soul food can be traced to before the slavery era, where Africans had mostly a vegetarian diet of grains, legumes, yams, sorghum, watermelon, pumpkin, okra, eggplant, garlic, and chestnut. As Africans entered into slavery in the United States their diet changed; the staple meal was meat. Soul Food was thrown away foods from the plantation house. Their vegetables were the tops of turnips, beets and dandelions. African slaves began to include new greens in their diets such as collards, kale, cress, mustard, and pokeweed. They flavored their food with land from the slaughtered pigs and cracklin’ (fried bacon pieces). They also ate the scraps of meat from their master’s table that included pig’s feet, hog jowl, ham hocks, chitterlings, pig ears and tripe, just to name a few.

Mealt ime to the African slaves was a time to have “good times.” The “family” would join together and feed not only their bodies but started their souls after enduring a hard day’s work. The recipes and the stories associated with the food is part of an oral tradition that has been passed down from generation to generation.

The name “soul food” is a product of the use of the word “soul” in the 1960s, as one can see the name stick.

After a dinner of fried chicken, string beans, corn bread, salad, macaroni and cheese, cakes, and pies the BSU used the time following to feed the souls of the audience.

The BSU sponsored a performance by the Pin Points Theater Company, an educational theater company that promotes the vast intellectual accomplishments of Africans and African-Americans. The play that the company performed was entitled “The Meeting.”

“The Meeting” asks the question what would have occurred if Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X would have met in a hotel room preceding their tragic deaths? The actors of the production started a variety of quotations of the two, both challenging the view of the other Malcolm asking the question, “How has legislation prevented the murders of civil rights workers or the four little girls in the basement of the church?” Martin responding that he was just not trying to solve the problems of negroes but solve the problems of America.

Malcolm did not believe in non-violent action. He stated that “aggression in the name of self defense is honor”. King reminded him not to confuse nonviolence for non-action. For most of the play Malcolm and King were verbally at each other’s throats and they even arm wrestled a few times to demonstrate their power. What brought these two civil rights leaders together at the end was their children. The setting of the play was after the bombing of Malcolm’s house. King brought a gift from his daughter, Yolanda (her favorite doll) for Malcolm’s daughter Ayatollah. After receiving the gift Malcolm’s heart was softened. Both realized if only they would have joined hands together sooner pushing in the same direction the impact that they would have had.

This play demonstrated if only those of us who believed in the same message, but different approaches joined together, the impression could change one person which could eventually change the world.
Brenton manages ‘the Hill’ like his home

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He arrives at work by 6 a.m. She’s the only one who cleans Peterson Hall. She always has a smile on her face. Who is this woman who toils away at a thankless job five days a week?

Clotilde Galarza, or Lori as she likes to be called, is a housekeeper in Daniel MacLea who rarely fails to strike up a friendly conversation while sweeping the stairs. Any reference to her immeasurably sparks a smile. Galarza cleans DMC every day, a job that is often overlooked, yet it is very much a part of her life.

Every year changes the children and I want to meet everybody.” According to her boss, Mel Whelan, building services coordinator, Galarza is well liked and has an impact on other people’s lives.

“I get all kinds of compliments about her from faculty, staff, and students,” Whelan said. “They just think she’s marvelous.”

Galarza’s hard work and dedication to her job and the institution is apparent in the way she makes sure the building is clean and tidy. She is always willing to listen to the problems and ideas that others have, and she takes the time to solve them.

“Her dedication to her work and her interactions with students make her an unsurpassed hero,” Whelan said. “I want to see people like her.”

In 1998, Galarza was born in Peru and came to the United States in 1999. She is a very friendly person, always ready to help others. Her dedication and hard work have earned her the respect and admiration of those who work and study in DMC.

“I remember Lori in a panic while informing me that there was a bat in one of the stairwells in DMC,” Whelan said. “She was very nice and friendly. She says hello and talks to me every time I see her.”

Galarza is a hard working and dedicated employee who has lived in DMC since 1996. She is married and has two boys, Manuel and Santos Galarza. Together, they have two sons, Matthew and David, and reside in Westminster.

“I had my formative years in Pennsylvania. He ended up working for the temperatures in each College regalia, and they have always been kind to me. It used to be a hobby before, but now it’s a profession, too.”

Sophomore Kim Staub, who recently moved back to DMC, remembers Galarza for “saying hello while cleaning the stairs.”

“One day I was reading in DMC lounge and she wanted to make sure her cleaning in the hallway didn’t disturb me,” Staub said. “It was really kind of her to ask, even though she wasn’t bothering me at all.”

For now, Galarza is happy with her job and she humbly shares the idea of being an unsung hero. She loves working here, and said, “Everybody’s beautiful over here.”

Galarza is an amicable member of the MacLea community who diligently does her job while eagerly interacting with students, faculty, and staff.

“She’s tops. She’s enthusiastic. She’s thorough,” said Whelan. “There isn’t anything that she doesn’t do on her own.”
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FEATURES EDITOR

A perfect Hollywood comedy: Father and son attending the same college together. Imagine the things that could go wrong.

Actually, one doesn’t have to look as far as California for this scenario, it exists here on McDaniel’s campus. And so far, everything for them has gone just right.

Nelson Strydinger, 58, and his son Dennis, 18, have been attending McDaniel College together since last fall.

A situation that many students would consider awkward, Dennis actually thrives under the pressure of the academic competition.

“I love the competition,” Dennis says, “but I’m convinced because I don’t know if my department (Pol. Sci. and German) hand out A-pluses, and that’s what I need to top his summa cum laude German) hand out A-pluses, and certain offices I need to know, and he kind of knows the system, so I have a direct source of information,” says Dennis.

Pushing each other to work hard is certainly a good thing, but when the “post-getting” starts going on at home, someone’s got to be there to defuse the scuffle.

Nelson explains, “I think my wife, Esther, sometimes finds it a little exasperating, but we have been married over 25 years and I have always been this way.”

And there is another

Small room, ‘Sahara-like temps,’ but this crib is just right

EMILY SWEENEY
STAFF WRITER

Step one: Figure out how you want your space used. Rachael Stecyk ’09 has a relatively small room, but she’s making it work. Her standing lamp is snug by her bed. The TV is so perfectly balanced over the fridge that it seems like it came built in. And even the printer over her desk doesn’t play sports or anything; but yes, on a sub-level, it’s a remarkable arrangement.

As experienced as he is, though, Nelson admits that he had to play catch-up with his son’s grades. "Fortunately," he explains, "I am somewhat of a perfectionist. At first, I was the one playing catch-up. Dennis has been a straight A student since 9th grade, so when I first started at McDaniel, I guess I had to prove myself." But the tables quickly turned, and Nelson has more than one's got to be there to defuse the scuffle.

Dennis will not deny the other perks of sharing a campus with his

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Father, son savor academic competition

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Styngder, Audrey, (currently attending North Carroll Middle School) condition her way into the family tradi-

Then again she’s seen bigger

rooms.

Guess this room is “just

right,” to quote Goldie

Locks. It is cozy, despite any con-

struction flaws, and it’s deco-

rated well.

Clean room tip #1. Don’t put it down, put it away.

So much time is spent just putting things away or where they belong, that it makes sense to remind yourself to put things away, not put them down. Make this a mantra that you repeat every time you or one of your roommates have something in your hands that you’re tempted to put down, rather than put away. It really takes little effort and could save you a bump on the head from tripping.

Father Nelson Strydinger, 58, and his 18-year-old Dennis.
If you could go anywhere in the world for spring break, where would it be?

"I would go to Fiji because they have awesome beaches and great spas."

"I would travel the world in a private jet cuz I would be able to go anywhere I wanted."

"I would go to Australia because they have awesome beaches for surfing."

"I would go to Fort Meyers, Florida to hang out with my boyfriend and meet his family."

Glar suggestions- paper napkin democracy

KATELYNN McGINLEY
STAFF WRITER

There are serious problems to contend with in this world. People are angry, they are hurting, and they want their voices heard.

Well, fret not, McDaniel students, because you finally have a medium through which to express those concerns that undoubtedly keep you up at nights.

Got a beef? Got a beef about the lack of beef (or beef like substances) in Glar? Are you, like everyone else in the world, wondering why the cookies have stopped being soft? Simple solution - write it on a napkin, tack it to the comment boards, located in plain view in both Englar Dining Hall and at the pub, and voila - instantly, you are taking a stand on what is important to you. And apparently, cookies, and the status of the soft serve ice cream machine are very important to you, the students.

Some of the other eloquent comments and concerns, in addition to everyone's curiosity as to whether or not the cookie maker from last semester was fired/murdered/relocated to the wrap line, are one student's melodramatic plea for the return of 2% milk ("seriously, I WILL DIE WITHOUT IT"), and a grammatically incorrect, but very effusive thank-you to the pub staff for their 'husle' [sic]. The latter of which prompted another student to leave a comment wondering how the pub-thanking student had managed to get accepted here.

One thing that the napkin commentators all seem to agree on (other than, seriously, what happened to the cookies?) is that Cecilia, the lady who swipes our meal cards and calls us all "baby," is basically an awesome person, and that she deserves a raise, and possibly a hug.

One Glar employee, who preferred to remain anonymous, thinks we should all just shut up and drink our Gatorade. "The food isn't bad. I don't understand why so many students complain about it." But, the employee is quick to add that "the comment boards are a nice idea. We have fun looking at them."

While it's nice that everyone cares about how often the ranch dressing containers get refilled, what I'm saying is this: why is the campus only interested in our opinions about Glar? What if there was a comment board for every division of campus life? Maybe a comment board devoted to dorm life, where the residents of Whiteford Hall could mention that they are slightly worried that the building is possibly going to collapse on them as they sleep (ok, yes, I am a bitter freshman girl, but I'm just saying).

The bottom line? If you have a problem with the Glar/Pub food, staff, or if you just want to thank someone for giving you extra scalloped potatoes, you have been provided with the means to do so.

However, be warned - any misspellings you make will be mocked freely and enthusiastically.
Student's points misguiding misleading

Greetings, Editor,

Wow. Where to begin? I suppose I'll start by saying that reading the letter by Chelsea Phillips, her attempt (George Bush deserves praise, not bashing, 23, 2006) made me take a close-er argument to the anonymous letter from the previous issue, entitled Enough is enough letter from the previous issue, but I am sure I understand the gist of it, based on her comments. The majority of her points were awkward, mis-guided, misleading or redundant, and I would like to address them.

1) The existence of a "liber-al bias" in the media has been known for centuries (well before the New World, there was old-world yellow journal-ism), as her argument showing how a sense of a liberal bias in an element of the media, namely the McDaniel Free Press, is unnecessary. The only sign that liberal bias-lets tend to be strongly right-leaning, mostly notably among them, Fox News and Rush Limbaugh. By this age, one would hope we'd have learned to check our sources and use multiple outlets for our news, but this is appar-ently a hypocrite in this respect, as my news comes in the form of the New Times New Pori-STAR and the New York Times-SAT, stations on my 45+ minute commute to and from school, and CNN when I can. Though those shows are close to cen-ter, they still can be said to be left-leaning. Regardless, I rec-ognize the presence of bias and am account-ant for it in the reports I read and hear.

2) Plenty of feminists and macculists have come out against Ms. Vaga-nia Monologues, but her play is important, as it and the VDAY foundation raise funds to support the fight against violence against women. The core of the play is the unifying factor amid all women, with which has also been the unifying factor among the sources of violence against women, namely the presence of a vagina or a vulva.

Superficially, the play can be seen as trivializing the fact that the point is that the impact of the play is intended to be much deeper and expands the connection among things that make a woman a PER-SON.

The choice of what Ms. Phillips calls "political deviancy, sexual perversion, and male-bashing," are only parts of the play, interpreted in an antis-pastic fashion, are intended to give a less cloying, subjective, parts of our society and rooted in the vast and vast of research and preparation of the play. The elements of truth are what make the play more than just a Lifetime network after-noon special. It's not what you do when your boyfriend hits you, again. I was not able to attend this year's perform-ance, but I was somewhat disappointed, but I wouldn't chalk up a poor performance on a terrifically endowed and snowy night to make the play itself being bad. As for the question of, "[would we allow men to attack women who are] the same sex of men?" Of course not, but the fact remains that such attacks are rampant and infused into the very fabric of the societies of the world. According to A Natural History of Rape: biologi-cal bases of sexual coer-cion, there is not a single soci-etv on record without some incidence of rape. The two that had been believed to have occurred free of context were later found to have been covered up by the society in one case, and a social modifi-ca-tion of the other.

The Monologues raises awareness of this problem and related acts of violence against women. I agree with attempt to work toward a solution. "Feminists of the world, unite!" Indeed.

Richard Rorty defines the left/right, liberal/ conser-vative dichotomy as the bal-ance and fight between autonomous agents who wish to change and preserve, or wish to conserve and maintain the status quo.

Converting the status quo in this case means endorsing the pay divide, glass ceiling, and institutionalized objectifi-ca-tion of women. In that case, let the liberal media reign. The reason the media tends to be left-leaning is that the com-panies that own the major media outlets own the state of things and wish to keep wish as things as they are-the only thing they have faith in is against change. Historically, this has meant fat, balding, middle-aged, white men telling us what to do with our bodies (Sonia Renee Taylor). Essentially, they would like to continue the conditions that allow women to become wealthy, which has typically meant underrepresenting some minority or another within those industries. By the way, the wealthy upper-class at the expense of the lower-and marginalized-classes.

To quote Chris August: "When someone can't keep his mouth shut," those initiators of change tend to become the enemy who wish for things to improve.

4) On the point of "liberals" and the VDAY movement, I believe." I know of not a single respected individual advocating that [sexual] abstinence. But the ridiculous, hyperbolic state ment which few outside of a hypersexual cult would pro-cess to support. Every sexual education/ health class that deals with reproductive and sexual health, there is a way in some way or another that abstinence is the ONLY 100% effective safe-sex practice, as it is assumed that heterosexual sex (if it can be said that "no sex" is "safe sex"). The prob-lem comes when the "educa tion" is not teaching that kids move beyond a cloistered, abstinence-only educational environment and are unfamil iar with the very fabric of normal con cept- and disease-control mechanisms within an uncon trolled, sexual environment, they will be less likely to protect themselves and others. THAT is why the lib erals want comprehensive sex-education and not "absti nee-only" sex-lectures.

5) Regarding the economic discussion, I agree with Ms. Phillips in that "not ALL econ omists agree," and I believe that nearly a failure or that all people are intrinsically selfish. However, much as we have learned so well from the crys tal-ball nation-state, neither have we been a truly capitalist nation-state, even the "great Satan" of Mr. Bush has the world to account for.

According to the Manifesto of the Communist Party, Marx and Engels would describe capitalism as and the other socialists state that: socialist, or as some other deriva-tion besides communist. And if the Communist party and "The West" do not prac-tice true capitalism, either. Where her frame of reference depends upon every single member of the commune working toward the good of the community, everyone on the same footing, pure capitalism depends upon everyone working to ensure the pro-duction and consumption so that money will be back to promote prosperity for the individual. In other words, in capitalism, the more money as possible, I need to make sure you make as much money as pos-sible, so you'll give your money to me.

6) And, at last, I address the title and core of Ms. Phillips' article: President George W. Bush.

I agree that Mr. Bush and Mr. Hussein (though sig ni-ificantly different individuals) are very much alike.

Mr. Bush has not ordered the killing of thousands of his own citizens. But he did create an unprovoked war in Iraq, which has led to 3157 American deaths and says he "might agree to disagree." Please note that sending roughly 21,000 com bat troops to Iraq where 100,000 more support staff, specialists, officers, and enlisted men and the Provincial Reconstruction Teams will each receive scores of individu als from the Foreign Service. Either we send them, or we do not.

His decision to use "cow-boy diplomacy" or as one pundit called it "coercive diplomacy." When his policies of "abstinence-only" sex-education and not "abstinence-only" sex-lectures. This is a failure or that -which is what led to the war in Iraq simply to upstage his father and allow his cronies to follow through on their masturbatory fantasies of completing what they left under President Clinton. The war in Iraq has killed, in Desert Storm has happened for those reasons and for the immoral, I wish we would not trouble the benefits of a sympathetic partner in the Middle-East, not for any actu- al threat.

As such, there are even greater atrocities occurring around the globe, which we are no longer prepared to tolerate due to our thin-war military.

Additionally, by "over-reaching our boundaries" and taking over the actions of the international community, we have worn thin our alliances and our friendships, destroyed our credibility in the international forum, and enraged the angry passions of countless more individuals who now wish us harm.

The current and selfish desires of a megala monian who usurped the Oval Office and has abused his position to -which is what led to this quagmire to begin. Certainly, Mr. Hussein was a dictator and by no means a good man (I choose not to say "bad," as the Scrabble dictionary defines "bad" as "Not at all good," and while I don't agree with his tactics, he did manage to move money from the structure of his country dur ing his time in power), but Mr. Bush's cattle herd intentional ly (or, I suppose, I could represent information to support the case for war in Iraq and still failed to garner inter national support for invasion from the UN Security Council or General Assembly. As a result, we overreached the vast majority among the 100,000 more support staff, and overthrew the tyrant in a manner of weeks, true. But we did so with a horri-fically underdeveloped strate-gy for follow-through, did not protect sensitive sites like power plants, computer caches, and museums housing some of the oldest civilized artifacts in the world, and left behind millions of unexploded ordnance, and the conflict and internal struggle which has murdered or dis placed millions of innocent Iraqis, who want to live with their brave men and women who protected the war crime and obey their orders. They pass us so admirable and valiantly and should be celebrated. They deserve praise.

The petulant and inappro priate abuse of the truth that led to this war in Iraq simply to upstage his father and allow his cronies to follow through on their masturbatory fantasies of completing what they left under President Clinton, the war in Iraq has killed, in

I do believe he should be impeached? If it can be proven that he has broken the law, then yes; otherwise, no.

But, President George W. Bush has disregarded the concept of traditional values through his distribution of money into the homes of Americans, has threatened our national defense with his "cowboy diplomacy" des erated the Oval Office with his own disrespect for the boundaries of the institution, and has been accused of misunderstanding the benefits of capitalism with his tax and social policies which support that poor and increase the hardships on the poor.

THAT does not deserve my praise or the praise of anyone, yours, David Schein II
SYMBOLIC INTERPRETATIONS OF DEATH

Professor Susan Iloom's Digital Photography class went on a mission to find the meaning of life and death... so to speak. The assignment was to find expressions of death, whether they be on campus, in a graveyard or in someone's backyard. The results were felt both as in art and in life lessons.

Senior Chris Badeker said, "The void created by death penetrates every aspect of life. I think many students have been trained naturally to find the beauty in life and this assignment helped them find the beauty in death." Pictures are selected works from photographers in the class, each depicting their own expression of death and its nuances.

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On a recent shopping trip to Wal-Mart, I couldn't help but notice out of the corner of my eye, the excessive amounts of green hanging from a few racks near the school supplies and cards sections. Stopping to take a look at the display, the array of quirky items made me smile.  
The first items to catch my attention were the multiple "Cat in the Hat"-like hats featured in solid green and green and white stripes. Scanning down the rest of the display, it took about three seconds for me to figure out what all the accessories were for. Green necklaces adorned with shamrocks, green "St. P" nameplate necklaces, shirts featuring "Kiss me, I'm Irish" and other assorted phrases, green shamrock bobber headbands. And one of my personal favorites—green construction worker-like hats with gold labels featuring the phrase "Got Beer?"  

"Yes, that's right. St. Patrick's Day is finally descending down upon the small town of Westminster. Traditionally celebrated as a religious holiday in Ireland, here in the United States, it's safe to say that we have a slightly different way of celebrating. "I work at O'Lordan's Irish Pub, so I know that a lot of people are going to be coming here to celebrate," said senior Carrie Smith.  

Drinking has come to be one of the better-known associations with the Irish holiday (those construction worker hats at Wal-Mart were a big hint). But let's not ignore all the other symbols associated with the day: leprechauns, shamrocks, Luck, and gold. However, the biggest symbol of them all—even bigger than beer—is Green.  

Since those long-gone days of elementary school, it has been ingrained into our memories that St. Patrick's Day equals green. It's green this, green that, green everywhere. Many people, including Smith and her family, put green up around their homes. And even more people like to wear green, probably to show their Irish pride or possibly just to avoid getting pinched. I mean, really, who wants to suffer the fate of getting pinched for their lack of wearing green? Millions upon millions of people around the United States claim to be of Irish descent. But what about those of you who aren't lucky enough to be Irish?  

Don't be disheartened. St. Patrick's Day isn't just for the Irish these days. "Everyone can celebrate St. Patrick's Day. My grandmother, completely Lithuanian, was born on that day, and she always celebrates both," Junior Megan Millhausen said.  

And with March 17 right around the corner, celebrating will be the trend of the day. With parades, games, and open bars; people of all ages are sure to have some fun times. And lucky for us college students—or maybe unlucky, depends on your point of view—St. Patrick's Day falls right at the end of McDaniel College's spring break. So go out, have fun, wear your green proudly (or have fun pinching those who forget their green), and celebrate the day of the Irish. Is there any better way to end spring break?  

"It's fun to be Irish, if only for a day," said Millhausen.

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Christina Hinkle  
Staff Writer  

There's no doubt that Spring Break is the most needed vacation of spring semester, but what is there to do? Sure traveling can be great even more while driving on the over-populated streets of New Jersey. But for some reason, the drive always seems worth it.  

Of course it would be fun to travel like a lot of students are doing this vacation, but there are a ton of people who just don't have the money; I think I know I don't. Although it seems completely lame, I think the best trip you can take for Spring Break is one where you wind up at home; it's relaxing, stress free, and an all-inclusive vacation.

If you live far away, it can be very fun to take a road trip home, but sometimes can be boring if you are alone. You can always invite a best friend to go along for the trip or if you have room in the car, offer a ride to someone who lives close by; this can be a quick and interesting way to make a new friend.  

If you can't find anyone to travel with, driving alone can be a great way to relieve the stress of school. If it's a nice day, just roll down the windows and don't be afraid to sing (and dance if necessary) in the car. If you're home, I guarantee there are a ton of places you can take road trips to that will make you feel like you're on a mini-vacation with your friends. I know for me, I always like to go down the shore (as we call it in Jersey), or into New York for the day to go shopping, but there's so much you can do right around your house. If you live somewhere close to school, you can always get a group of friends together and take a day trip to Baltimore or D.C.  

Of course, if you live too far to drive home or if you're not going home for Spring Break, take a road trip to a friend's house or to your favorite local vacation spot. Wherever it is that you decide to go, whether alone or with friends, always remember the necessities: great mix CDs, tons of tasty snacks, and a camera (if you're traveling with friends). This will help you make your trip more memorable and wacky.

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Pack CDs, snacks- It's Spring Break time

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SARAH BLACK
COMMENTARY EDITOR

I have a bone to pick with society. No, this isn’t a politi-
cal commentary, so you can’t complain about the Free Press being biased—hey, it’s not our fault no one wants to stand up for Bush!

No, this bone I want to pick has to deal with the recent pulling of the race card to highlight the accomplish-
ments of certain celebrities. The particular race card I’m speaking of is the black one. I’m all for recognizing peo-
ple’s achievements, but I really don’t think that one of the recognitions should be the fact that these people are black—
or any color at all. Take for example this year’s Super Bowl and the team coaches, Lovie Smith and Tony Dungy. I think before I heard congrat-
ulations to the coaches for making it to the champi-
onship, I heard they were black—is that really neces-
sary?

I feel that still acknowledg-
ing the fact these people are a different color makes it seem as if color is still an issue. And it shouldn’t be. Another exam-
ple is from this year’s Golden Globe Awards. The first thing I heard about Eddie Murphy and Jennifer Hudson—before I heard that they had both won awards, that they were black and had one awards. Again...why?

Senior Laura Borchers expresses her concerns: “We shouldn’t recognize the color of an individuals skin. By acknowledging the race, peo-
ple are encouraging separa-
tion among individuals, for something that was fought so hard against,” she said. “As a country, the United States encourages equality among citizens which isn’t being dis-
played through the acknowled-
gement of race. Why should color define a person? Color should not be acknowledged unless it was a reason why an individual is receiving an award.”

I can understand these real-
izations occurring in the 70s, 80s, and maybe the 90s...but not now, not anymore. We’re in the 21st century, I don’t think we need to make color an issue anymore, for purpos-
eses good or bad. However, Senior Terre Thomas believes it is a good thing to recognize a black person’s color. “It’s good of all we’ve fought for.” She said. On the other hand, she admitted that for people who don’t discrim-
inate in the first place, “its sig-
nificance might not be seen by them.”

It’s absolutely ridiculous when we allow a newspaper headline to read: “Is Obama Black Enough for D.C.”? The oppression of black people is over, yet whenever we pull the race card, we are making it seem as if blacks are still suf-
ferring. I would hope that they are not, but the repeated recognition that a person is black in a way is causing an unintentional oppression. Our society is so intent on pointing out the differences between people, that even in this day and age, we still haven’t risen above our prejudices.

Our constant recogni-
tion of peoples’ skin color is proof that racism is still an issue in this country.

We are, without rea-
son, continuing the cycle of racism because we simply cannot look past someone’s skin color. We are supposedly in a land of equal opportuni-
ty but we seem to con-
tradict this idea by con-
stantly recognizing that someone has accom-
plished a great deal, and oh my goodness, they’re black too! A person’s skin color is almost always the first thing we dis-
tinguish about that person; we’re set out to identify the differences in people. Someone’s color should not be an issue any longer. Period. Why can we praise people just for their successes alone? Why do we have to point out their skin color? It’s the 21st cen-
tury and we still can’t call ourselves as a nation, colorblind. It’s ridiculous and incredibly sad.

Barack Obama- Not black enough!

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By Torreka Jordan

Regardless of what we do people are going to criticize our choices, actions and beliefs. However, the confidence you seek is found

in you.

By Elbert Hubbard
American philosopher and writer
Careless? Unfortunately, STDs spare no one

KATHRYN YOUNG FREE PRESS CONTRIBUTOR

Maybe you only hook up with good-looking clean people. Maybe you're smart and proudly part of The Honors Program. Maybe you have the cutest boyfriend who is the spitting image of "McDreamy.”

Well, sadly enough, no matter how clean your chosen person is, how amazing your GPA is, or whether your boyfriend belongs on TV, it doesn't change the fact that that half of all people will have some sort of STD in their lifetime.

It is extremely tempting to pass by this column because who wants to hear about STDs? Who wants to know that you won't be affected by them. However, STDs can happen to anyone and the majority of college students, who think they know about STDs, only know that they don't want them.

Do you know which STDs are curable and which aren't? Or did you know that some STDs can be curable, but you're fine because you and your partner have been tested.

We'll discuss that.

STDs have been tested, for all STDs, and gone eight weeks without any sexual contact; have gotten tested for herpes, HIV, hepatitis B, gonorrhea, syphilis, and have no exterior unidentifiable bumps on your genitals. you can still have an STD. In fact, the scariest thing about STDs is that the majority of people who spread or have them don't even know it.

However, even if you know how to protect yourself from getting an STD, there is always the possibility that you could get one anyway. A McDaniel student dealing with herpes says, "Even if you are educated, you can’t imagine that it will ever happen to you. I knew all that information and I still didn’t protect myself; when it comes to STDs, you have to be well informed and use that information not just know it.

Luckily many STDs are curable after they are detected, and in the case of herpes, it can be lessened through treatment. No one advertises when you have an STD, especially, but because of that thousands of people are contracting an STD everyday.

The best advice if you are someone living with an incurable STD is to stay positive and love yourself. It will slow you down, but if you become intimate with someone, you must disclose your condition. You will face rejection but sex), however it is important to realize that a condom doesn’t mean 100 percent safe (2). Get tested regularly. (3) Keep a mental note of your sexual history. (4) Ask about your partner’s sexual history.

A year of well-deserved rewards for many

GEOFF FECKHAM FREE PRESS CONTRIBUTOR

We’re still very early on into 2007, and we’ve already seen two feel-good stories come to fruition in the form of two individuals in the public eye. Two men who are at the top of their game, yet the top prize their careers had to offer had eluded them until recently.

Peyton Manning is a Super Bowl champion. That’s cool. Martin Scorsese won the Best Director Oscar. That’s even cooler. Anyone who pays attention to the professional football world or the film industry would know that as good as these two are (and when it comes to what they do, they are among the best) they had never reached the pinnacle of success (for Peyton a Super Bowl ring; for Martin an Oscar). This made for endless conversations and debate over whether these men would ever be recognized for their achievements.

Both are highly touted professional in their respective fields. Both are very popular and prevalent in the public eye. Both have come close many times to the ultimate prize before, only to come up empty-handed. Manning had a postseason record of 3-6 before the 2006 season, when his Indianapolis Colts became champions after beating the Chicago Bears. Scorsese had been nominated six previous times before finally winning with his gritty, bloody good time of a film, The Departed.

For these two men, it took a while to get on top. But right now, for them, life hasn’t been sweeter. Because they’re so good, and because it has taken so long, their lack of that specific type of success was a major conversation piece, only applying more pressure. For those who have followed their careers, watching them succeed was sweet in its’ own right.

Here’s the point: these men continued to work hard, despite certain failures and pressure, and can now truly enjoy what they have rightfully earned. There’s something to be admired about that.

We all have goals we wish to pursue, things we wish to accomplish. We don’t all have the strength to maintain our ambition when failure comes our way. It’s easy to give up, or to lose focus, or to succumb to pressure. It can be human nature to just say, “it’s too hard,” and more往往 without reaching what it was set out to achieve.

We also also human nature to keep that goal in your sight, and stone-cold beat it. Peyton did it. Marty did it.

Now we find new people to put pressure on. Hasn’t Eli won anything yet? How come Leo can’t win an Oscar? That’s human nature too.

It’s been a year of rewards for me too. I’m finally studying again after wanting to do so for so many years. Perhaps that’s why I’m writing this now, in hopes that at least one person will read it and decide to go for it. Why cover “it” is, a job, a girl (or boy), that ultimate goal which has always eluded you, go get it. No excuses.

It’s still early in 2007. Here’s to more success, for those in the public eye and those who aren’t. Here’s to getting accepted to graduate school. Here’s to the Cubs or the Orioles winning the World Series (you never know). Here’s to all of us who have things we want to accomplish, because guess what, hard work will always pay off in the long run.

Speak freely, often

LANNIE PRICE

I am writing to "George Bush deserves praise, not bashing" by Chelsea Phillips. Although I, too, could write a page-long rant about how Bush and his administration have not had the "luxury of time to expend on a non-income related task" either.

The McDaniels Free Press is exactly as the name proclaims it free. From bias, free from the "liberals" telling you that I believe. What I do see, however, is the reflection of a school with conservative students in the minority. It could be for this reason, Ms. Phillips, that you have not seen many articles or letters to the editor written from the point of a Republican. That, of course, is not the fault of the students involved in The Free Press, or 'The Advocate,' whomever he she is.

Take the initiative and represent what you believe in. Otherwise, don’t bash Bush or write an article or letter to make your point. While I agree the Vagina Monologues is a bit too much, it is a liberal way for women to bond as well as raise money for a great and worthwhile cause. So if you don’t like it, in my opinion it’s the audience’s fault that you don’t like it.

The easiest way, of course, (3) Keep a mental note of your sexual history. (4) Ask about your partner’s sexual history.

It’s a new semester, and you know that means—it’s time for Volume 7 of the McDaniel Free Press.

Come out to meetings each Monday at 7:30 PM in the Writing Center. There, you will meet the lovely and lively Free Press staff. If you like photography, we want you. If you like to write, we want you. If you have story ideas, we want you.

“Join the few, the proud, the fearless, the McDaniel Free Press.”
A letter to the editor

PATRICK STINSON
READER

Reading Ms. Phillips' letter to the McDaniel Free Press, I am appalled at the lack of critical thinking that Ms. Phillips shows. It saddens me that there are still people living in the 1950s, where equality of rights is still the norm.

Ms. Phillips' letter is a perfect example of why capitalism fails. She argues that there are inequalities in society, but then goes on to say that capitalism is the system that created these inequalities. This is a fallacy of the status quo, where the problem is the solution.

In reality, inequalities are rooted in social and economic factors, not in the system of capitalism. Ms. Phillips' arguments are based on the assumption that all individuals are equal, which is not the case in reality. Inequalities are produced by power structures, not by the system itself.

Ms. Phillips' letter is a call for more free market policies, which would only exacerbate these inequalities. The capitalist system is inherently unequal, as it is driven by profit and not by the needs of society.

In conclusion, Ms. Phillips' arguments are flawed and misleading. She is ignoring the root causes of inequalities and propose solutions that would only make things worse. It is important that we have critical thinking and not fall for fallacies of the status quo.
Three students win cash for Art from Heart

AMANDA KLEIN
STAFF WRITER

On February 9th, three McDaniel students submitted a collaborative entry to the “Art for the Heart” contest, a competition designed to raise money for the American Heart Association.

That very day, they found out that they captured first place. The three artists, senior Alexandra Coley, junior Chloe Watson, and junior Lee Oliver, won a $150 prize. In addition to winning a cash prize, their sculptural painting was auctioned off at the Heart Ball, a charity event that was held in Baltimore on Saturday, February 10th at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel. Over 600 guests were in attendance and the Heart Ball ended up raising $570,000 for the American Art Association.

According to the American Heart Association, “Event proceeds are distributed for educational programs, research, post doctorate fellowships, and grants-in-aid that lead to medical and public health benefits that ultimately benefit the wellness of our community.”

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Advice for Rouzer

MARIO VALONE
COMMENTS OF RECORD

One hundred thousand dollars have been spent on repairing damages done in Rouzer Hall. Being a freshman male, I have been placed in Rouzer Hall and feel that there should be a two-step program for Rouzerites. I feel so strongly in fact, that I have made a website to show off the program.

Five easy steps:
1. Admit that you live in Rouzer
2. Admit to the damages you have caused
3. Tell yourself that you no longer need to do anything
4. Ask to be let off the hook
5. If you still feel inclined to cause damages to the building, then your energy should be put towards something more productive (lifting heavy things, running, etc.).

Many McDaniel College students and faculty members have expressed reactions to the decision made by the City Council to put a dent in their hope of having the same success as those stylish shops found in Baltimore. This decision is expected to have the opposite effect of what the community leaders are hoping for.

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“Let's feel great to contribute this work of art that we put time and effort into to a good cause,” said Watson. “It was great that we won, but the bigger picture is what this was about.”

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BECKY SNIDER STAFF WRITER

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Vagina rant original

A letter to the editor

With regard to Chelsea Phillips’ letter to the Editor (February 23, 2007), we would like to cite the following quote from The Clare Boroe Luce Policy Institute: “We’re talking about The Vagina Monologues—a ‘play’ based on interviews that feminist playwright Eve Ensler claims have been conducted with over two hundred women. The topic? Their anatomy [sic].”

As we at The Luce Policy Institute believe that The Vagina Monologues—a “play” based on interviews that feminist playwright Eve Ensler claims have been conducted with over two hundred women. The topic? Their anatomy [sic].—are of great concern and importance to all Maryland’s former governor and everyone throughout the state, or learn gymnastics.

Sometimes it takes more than a personal effort to take care of the needs of everyone. There are times when group actions need to be taken. If such is the case, there are necessary steps to correct the situation.

a. Using a neighborhood watch program as your template, start a hall watch program for those students who patrol the hall themselves.

b. If the neighborhood watch program doesn’t work, start a fight club, a group that will correct any problems and secretly attacks those that cause damages.

c. If you don’t know how to know the problems of Rouzer will continue. In fact, to use a cliché, only time will tell, but if we all take the steps described above, there is a greater chance of success. So, let’s help one another out and strive to not be severely punished. Even if the threats were just that, threats, we all still need to be scared.
A tennis story through Africa, Europe, U.S.

DJEĐI MATKOVIC
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I'm sure all student athletes in college know how difficult it can be to balance their academic life with sports, or as I like to call it, the most important thing in the world! Fortunately most students manage to keep (at least somewhat) good grades and still participate in their beloved sport actively. Unfortunately for me, when I enrolled into college, I had to give up the one thing that mattered the most when I enrolled into college: I had to give up the sport actively. Unfortunately for me, when I enrolled into college, I had to give up the one thing that mattered the most at the time: tennis. I like to believe that athletes are superior to other people, not only physically but mentally as well (sorry non-athletes). I've been playing tennis since I was young), and I've loved tennis because I've always believed that playing tennis came before anything else (and as a superior being, I thought homework was for losers). Without trying to be too cocky, I've been playing tennis when I was 10. I was actually really good at tennis.

I only got very serious into tennis when I was 12. I was lucky too. My family and I moved to Zimbabwe thanks to my dad's job. The first thing that may come to mind with Zimbabwe is, "Oh, do they have giraffes there?" Yes, they have rhinos too and you know what else? Really good tennis. Sports are very popular in the southern-African country and tennis is one of the most imposing. I was lucky in that I had a chance to be coached by the two most brilliant and most recognized coaches in the country.

Training with them really paid off. I was ranked #4 in the country for my age group for two years straight, and had won two national tournaments in doubles in just one year while coming second quite a few times in singles. I was also number one on my school team and managed to lead the school team to the top of the rankings. I felt like I was on top of the world. I kept playing professionally for the next few years, and just as I was at the top of my game, we moved back to my home country, Serbia (ex-Yugoslavia) was recovering from a horrifying war and was under a dictatorship. So as you can imagine, it wasn't the best place for a tennis career. I begged my parents to cover the high-costs of training in the cold winter. They did, although they really couldn't afford four hours of practice a week. In comparison, in Zimbabwe I played six days a week for two or three hours a day. I was devastated, but could not give up on the one thing that really mattered in my life. My freshman and sophomore years of high school were a joke. Due to economic mess-ups by the ministry of education, the teachers protested on and off all through those two years. I had plenty of time on my hands and I used it. I'd stay in shape by jogging or riding my bike. I'd often move the bed in my parent's room (quite a workout in itself) and practiced volleying against the wall for hours on end, thus my excellent Boris Becker-style net play. I knew my parents were in a fairly tough financial situation so instead of taking a bus, I walked 45 minutes to practice four times a week in order to save on bus tickets (which really only cost like a dime each). Yeah, I was nuts. But I was doing what I loved and no one could take that away from me.

Moving time again - this time, to Hungary where my dad was assigned to work in the Serbian Embassy. There, (sadly) the teachers weren't on strike, and I enrolled into an academically difficult English Grammar school for my junior and senior years. I had almost no education for two years and here I was catching up two years of work and learning that I missed out on, while learning Hungarian (which was compulsory) in a totally foreign country. As hard as it was, I knew I had to take a break from tennis. That break took almost four years. During that time I did play some pick-up basketball and soccer with my school friends, but nothing came close to tennis. It was my niche. By this time it wasn't the only thing I truly loved (yes, I matured very late) but I missed it greatly. As college came around, I wasn't even thinking about tennis, and there was no chance I could get back into my true form.

In spring of '06 I transferred to McDaniel in Westminster. When I saw the gorgeous green hard-courts in the far corner of the college it brought back too many good memories. I decided to email the tennis coach and see if I could join the tennis team. Sadly, the season had already started and I couldn't join until the fall when practice for the season started. That summer I went back to Serbia and for four months, my life was tennis.

In the fall I came back and practiced hard with the tennis team. I was happy, not only because I managed to become #2 on the tennis team, but because I was playing better than ever. Now the team is training vigorously for what seems a promising spring season, and I have (cheesy I guess) managed to prove to myself that anything is possible. Even decent grades.
Plenty of interest to launch women's rugby team

LAURA HUTTON
SPORTS EDITOR

A club team that recently left the Hill is making a come-back. The women's rugby club, formed by Krista Hopkins, will be joining other spring sports teams on the fields beginning this semester.

Hopkins, a junior, transferred to McDaniel this year. She played rugby in high school and contemplated starting a team while she was at community college. Upon arriving at McDaniel, Hopkins was determined to start a club team.

On February 12, Hopkins sent out a campus wide email to determine the student's level of interest and 38 people expressed a desire to play. As long as they remain with the team, Hopkins said they would have enough people for a "B-Squad with substitutes."

Senior, Stacy Fitzwater started playing rugby when the club started spring 2004, the second semester of her freshman year. Having never played the sport before Fitzwater commented, "I had finished soccer season and was very much a physical activity. I was also really interested in learning a new sport. Plus, rugby is one of the few excuse females have to get really rough and tough and it's far more intense than football."

Fitzwater recalls the only game the team played, was a scrimmage against Mount Saint Mary's University. It was pretty intense since they're really well established club team, but was a lot of fun and a great experience," she said. Although she will not have time to really participate in the developing team due to time constraints and graduation, Fitzwater is glad that a new club is organizing.

Sophomore, Kaitlyn Giddings was instantly drawn in, "When I got the e-mail about the team I knew right away I wanted to join. I have friends at other schools who play and say how much fun it is. I expect to have a lot of fun learning, a new sport and meeting new people."

Yet the team however, is not quite ready to start playing games. Hopkins' goal for this season is to give her players "a good basis in understanding the game." She said, "I doubt we'll be able to play any real games as such a new team since we have so many members that have never even had a rugby ball before." Many members also lack the necessary equipment.

"To play, soccer cleats (softball cleats are not allowed because the toe spikes are painful), high soccer socks, a jersey, rugby shorts (thicker cotton), and a mouth guard are needed. Some players use "scrum caps" to protect their ears, they are most often used by advanced and professional players.

Even though she has 38 girls, Hopkins is more than happy to acquire more players. "The cut-off will probably be mid-April... after all the intro practices for learning the fundamentals are over. If somebody tries to come in after that, they're welcome to try, but we're not necessarily going to be able to do a whole lot of extra teaching."

She is also very open to those who have no experience: "All I ask is that they're receptive to a new sport and at least try everything," said Hopkins.

Looking for competitive activity, but lacking time to devote to a varsity sport drew freshman Sabrina Klinger into the rugby club team. She is new to the sport and "most excited to just learn how to play."

She said, "I know it is a very competitive and aggressive sport and I am ready for the challenge of learning the rules." She also looks forward to building a "friendship and sportsmanship relationship with the other girls on the team."

Hopkins hopes that the team will become strong and focused this year. Next year she wants to have a full year rugby team and begin playing games once the spring season starts.

Klinger said, "I believe this year will be a learning experience for all of us and then in the future years it will become a well developed competitive team."

For now, Hopkins and her team wait for the snow to melt and the fields to dry so they can begin practices. Hopkins jokingly adds, "Mud is fun, but not that fun."

Men's and women's golf swing into action

LAURA HUTTON
SPORTS EDITOR

During the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 seasons, the men and women took home both Centennial Conference Championship trophies. The men hope to make it a trinity whereas the women are going for their third consecutive year.

"Our goal is to always try to win the Centennial Conference Championships," says men's Head Coach Scott Moyer. "This, in turn, will allow us to represent the school and the conference in the NCAA National Championship."

"This is the first time that the winner of the conference championship this year will receive an automatic berth into the NCAA Division III Golf Championship Tournament in Indianapolis, IN."

The road to a third championship is going to be tough because Gettysburg and Franklin & Marshall want to take the championship away from McDaniel, says coach Moyer. But the team is focused on practicing this spring as if it was the last round of the championship.

"The spring season is where we will have to work the hardest in order to be ready for the conference championships," says junior Zach LaVoie.

The men are coming off a successful fall schedule, showing improvement in each of the many tournaments they played, says junior Gerry Butler. LaVoie and freshman Alex Campbell earned Medalist Honors in two tournaments. Butler also finished in the top 20 in the final three tournaments in the fall.

"Hopefully LaVoie and Campbell can continue their winning ways," says Moyer, about the Terror men heading into the spring season.

The Terror graduated three seniors last year, including the conference player of the year - Steve Perrone. So this year's group of upperclassmen, Butler, LaVoie, Meier and seniors Gary LaBeck, has to provide leadership and show the younger players the way.

"I feel as though I should show more leadership to the underclassmen," says LaVoie. "Show them that we have a very good chance at going to nationals this year."

The Terror men will kick off the spring season and their road to a third conference championship with a tournament in Gettysburg, PA, hosted by Gettysburg College, on March 27 - two weeks after their Spring Break trip in Myrtle Beach, SC.

The women enter their spring season seeking to retain the conference title that McDaniel has held for the past five years. The team is different than it was two years ago, but as the season progresses there is improvement with each tournament.

"Our goal every year is to get better, as a team and as individuals," says women's Head Coach Mike Diel. "We ultimately strive for the conference championship."

There is a more parity in the conference this year than there was a few years ago. Gettysburg has been McDaniel's top competition for the championship year in and year-out, but in 2007 Muhlenberg is better, as well as Franklin & Marshall. These three schools have the opportunity to take the trophy away from McDaniel for the first time in five years.

For the Lady Terror to repeat as conference champions the players will have to pick it up, play their best and try their hardest in the spring to improve their game in each tournament. "We need to play our best to win a sixth straight championship," says coach Diehl. "And peak at the right time [conference]."

The Lady Terror will tee-off their spring schedule hosting a tournament at Links at Gettysburg at the end of the month.
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Lighter side of the campus safety blotter

PRESTON WELLINGTON III SOCIETY STAFF

(EDITOR'S NOTE: ROB GOEKE'S COMMENTARY HIGHLIGHTS SOME OF THE INNOCENT CALLS TO WHICH CAMPUS SAFETY RESPONDS.)

There is a column that usually appears in this space that increases my greasy finely. Today this ballyhoo named Rob Goeke comes on, and makes fun of these sinners for their libations. Apparently, there is a sizable population of indulgent wretches who inhabit this damned college that gets some sort of fornication-entertainment out of these tales of malfeasance. I, Preston Wellington, a noted scholar and intellectual who only ended up attending this institution because I wanted to provide everyone with an example of what it means to be classy are shocked and appalled at these despicable actions and plead with you, member of the student body, to change your dastardly ways. Did you know my house is so big, we have a moat? It's called the Connecticut River.

When Friday comes, I do not open the first can of Stradivarius or Keystone, whatever you slowly proletarian imbibe with, at the moment my last class ends. No, no. Preston Wellington, III, like my father and my grandfather, hit the library and begins preparations for Monday morning's academic exercises. Did you know the silent difference between Johnny Walker Red and Johnny Walker Blue by a mere sniff? If you hogwash-drops are lucky, I may let you cut my grass in five years.

See, that is the problem with you uncouth wretches. You take your time in the academic arena as a dreary obligation. I look it as an opportunity to increase my knowledge so I can continue to oppress the poor people like you and the Negroes. Did you know my middle name is Pemberton? I could Smite you like the good Lord smote Sodom.

Where I come from, Greenwich, Connecticut, we sip cognac and play polo. I consider Brooks Brothers a low end retailer. Filet Mignon is to me what a Filet Mignon to you is Chuck Steak to me. And people who play "Flippy Cup" or whatever you beastly call it, are people who should be serving me my hamburger and fries whenever I'm in the mood to see how the other 99,999,999,999%. Did you see how many 9's were there? I belong to more county clubs than you have pairs of boxers.

So keep drinking and excreting on trees and such. I'll enjoy my port wine. Did you realize I make Jay Gatsby look like a Saturday night fox? I've seen people cry nothing to me. I will put on an argyle sweater vest with my loafers. Maybe wear on an ascot if you please. Enjoy my port wine. Did you know my middle name is Pemberton? I could Smite you like the good Lord smote Sodom.

For now, the halted lawnmowers will let the grass continue to grow past a safe three inches," said Mike Habecker, co-editor of the McDaniel Free Press.

How long will this lawnmower be stopped outside of Whiteford Hall? Only time will tell...
UNKNOWN GHOST SCARES CAMPUS COMMUNITY

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Unknown ghost scares campus community

Car, student halved- friendship still strong

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One room deserves anonymity

There is room on McDaniel’s campus that deserves anonymity.

The sights and smells of this room have defied Campus Safety odds for years, and within months, the room’s residents will graduate and probably boast that they smoked more weed than Cheech and Chong and never got caught. Their room is their mecca.

Fifteen lava lamps offer a variety of undulating colors, and posters of Bob Marley and pot leaves glow under black lights soon after the sun sets. More than 20 plants (not daisies) grow year-round and provide highs to more than 20 students a week.

The beds and desks provided by the administration were donated to a club room or late night bonfires on the golf course long ago, but the room welcomes guests with three futons and 22 pillows.

Flat screen television, Bose surround sound, and incense that continually burns when the two residents are home contribute to the rooms “hey-come-light-up-and-fall-back” attitude.

How can two residents have enjoyed so much latitude and not get caught?

By day, the residents of this pot haven have perfect class attendance and impressive grades. Their pot haze and glazed eyes remain undetected. By night, well it is always 5 p.m. somewhere, the bongs gurgle and pipes flame – and the residents find their muse - or consolation.

Many of you have been there. Many of you have vowed “what happens in this room stays in this room.” And so, challenging the odds that the room and its residents will remain off Campus Safety’s radar - this room on McDaniel’s campus deserves recognition, and anonymity.

Check out this great photo that describes little and protects much. Two relatively unsuspecting lava lamps on a desk. Looks like a computer desk. Maybe they use the computer to do work. Maybe they use it to surf internet porn. They probably use it to get acid trips while watching Windows Media Player crank out Aphex Twin. Aren’t photographs great? They anchor the story in a reality sometimes distant from the text. What are you reading? What are you thinking about? Is this a joke? Go to the bathroom, you know this caption is too much excitement for you to handle. The truth is

Compiled by Horatio Inshallah

“Habegger and Matkovic must have been convinced that something was amiss with the space-time continuum of that area, a result of the paranormal phenomenon residing there. The fascination of discovering an alternate reality without scientific rules pulled the two back into a room that ultimately provided nothing more than a final resting place for the ultimate pursuit of perfect knowledge.”

“Habegger and Matkovic knew they had to find out who was responsible for the death of the newspaper. Who killed it? And why? Time moves slowly when you’re staring down the barrel of a gun. In my opinion, Habegger may still be alive, somewhere in the bowels of Rouzer Hall, trying desperately to escape his inevitable death. You can’t dodge bullets, but you can move in slow motion. The Free Press may disappear, but the truth remains stable, unmoving, and the only way you can confront the truth-death is with guns blazing.”

Why did the editors go back into the newsroom?
Editor found dead, another missing

BOB WOODWARD

ALIAS

On Saturday, March 31, Djerdj Markovic, 22, of Serbia, was found dead in the McNald Free Press newsroom located in the basement of Rouzer Hall. The cause of his death is unknown.

Investigation is underway to determine how Markovic died. At the time of his death, Markovic was working as co-editor-in-chief of the McNald Free Press, providing a reason for his presence in the newsroom. The editors had been working late into the night on the latest edition of the bi-weekly paper.

So far, police have not released the cause of death, investigation has been closed indefinitely, and will commence investigation within the week.

Their projects were focused on uncovering the truth, wherever it could be found. It has been speculated that the job was too ambitious and they were in the newsroom for a long night. According to witnesses, the pair's last known activity was leaving the newsroom at approximately 11 PM, not yet turning in their stories for the next edition.

Reports of Markovic's death and the disappearance of Mike Habegger, a co-editor, has been speculated that the death was caused by hisbecca or because I know if we go easy it.

Injuries to Markovic's body, unless for "That..was, how do you paper, but after the death of Matkovic, the disappearadce of Habegger?

PhysiciansState that Markovic's death was caused by a combination of factors, including a heart attack and suicide. A coroner's report will be released in the coming weeks.

Parents of Markovic's roommate, Habegger's, have expressed their shock and grief at the loss of their son.

The McNald Free Press will continue to publish its bi-weekly edition with the help of the remaining editors. The newsroom will remain open indefinitely, and there is no evidence of the Disappearance of Habegger, aside from the DISSAPPEARANCE of the roommates.

The McNald Free Press is a student-run newspaper covering local, state, and national news. It is published bi-weekly, and is available at the student newspaper office in Rouzer Hall.
HAVE YOU EVER GOTTEN THE FEELING THAT YOU WERE BEING WATCHED OR SPOTTED BY SOMEBODY FROM THE ROOM NEXT DOOR OR THE APPARATUS ACROSS THE STREET OR THE LANDLORD IN THE NEXT APARTMENT? HAVE YOU EVER HAD THE FEELING THAT THE UNFOLDING WORLDS OF OUR MINUTES OR LIVES WERE BEING WATCHED OR SPOTTED BY OLYMPIC-LIKE MINDS AND MIGHTY LIKE YOUR GOVERNMENT AGENTS OR BY LOUDNESS AND VIBRATIONS OF YOUR COMPUTER OR BY THE BHOOS OF YOUR ROOMMATE'S BREATHER? HAVE YOU EVER HAD THE FEELING THAT THE UNFOLDING WORLDS OF OUR MINUTES OR LIVES WERE BEING WATCHED OR SPOTTED BY ALIENS OR THINGS AND THE UNFOLDING WORLDS OF OUR MINUTES OR LIVES WERE BEING WATCHED OR SPOTTED BY GODS ...

YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT. THIS IS THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTING (WITH CONCERN) IN THIS WEEK'S ODD PLANET EARTH SERIES.

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IT'S THE BIRTHDAY OF THE HIGH FALUTIN' LADY, AND NO ONE KNOWS IF SHE'S ALIVE OR DEAD... OR SOMETHING. OR JUST BECOMING OLD IDEAS AS LONG AS I THINK IT'S NEW, IT'S OKAY.

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Why we printed

Pick this up

The McDaniel Free Press

Dominated against:

message

the discrimination students of color sometimes receive when they venture off the McDaniel campus. Instead of racist verbal remarks, this year we have observed students of color being asked to the movies and the symphony, and just being asked how they are.

Senior Adam Cole, who is the first black student to

wasn’t this kind of dis- ignation, said Zephia

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shatter all doubts

HUNTING FOR GHOSTS ON CAMPUS

Those of you who are fearful of the unknown have probably heard the stories of strange things that have been reported on and off campus. From lions and tigers to the infamous McDaniel Beast, the list of paranormal occurrences continues to grow.

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listening to those rumors

Seniors receive scare

“Sometimes there is no language that can describe the fear and the anxiety that I felt when I found out that someone was in the dorms,” said one senior.

Missing from McDaniel

Faith is a compass

The McDaniel College community lost a valued member of their family when Faith Johnson, a beloved student, went missing last week.

Infest Several Dorm Rooms

SGA installs

Quake

In the fall of 2005, the Student Government Association (SGA) installed new security measures in response to a series of incidents involving electronic break-ins.

Anti-Mainstream

Soaring high above

Three albums that you haven’t seen on the billboard

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Guided ghost tour suggests spirits roam around campus

BAYLEY FANNIN
OCTOBER 14, 2023

Lindsay explained. This play can be a battle or a suicide or anything that the spirit wants you to see. A spirit is also a real human who died. These can appear anywhere and can be with them in the event they want to see.
Dear Ms. McKay:

I'm writing to you to appeal a decision by McDaniel College's Conduct Board not to let me 'walk' on the graduation ceremony this May. As a second semester senior I'm scheduled to receive my diploma at this ceremony.

The reason the Conduct Board has decided not to let me 'walk' at the graduation was due to my behavior surrounding this year's Spring Fling party, which was held on Saturday, April 22nd. That weekend I'm ashamed to admit I had a little too much to drink. This was also the time when McDaniel College Trustees were visiting the college. During the Trustees dinner the night before, I streaked through Englar Dining Hall, got up on a table and danced to the song 'Freeek' by George Michael, thanks to a CD switch I made that afternoon with the CD of the national anthem. On Saturday, after much drinking the whole morning, I was dared by some friends to spray paint the president's house calling her a number of unpleasant names. Needless to say I won the bet. On Saturday I also borrowed my uncle's fire truck and filled Gill Center with water, which not surprisingly ruined the event that was organized indoors due to rain.

I have since wholeheartedly apologized to the president, the entire board of trustees, the Conduct Board, the students attending Spring Fling and the lady who was hospitalized due to a heart attack after my streaking act in Englar. Needless to say I won the bet. On Saturday I also borrowed my uncle's fire truck and filled Gill Center with water, which not surprisingly ruined the event that was organized indoors due to rain.

I hope you can find it in your heart to appeal the decision by the Conduct Board and let me walk. My family and I would be forever grateful.

Sincerely,

Djerdj Matkovic

My submission for the Green Terror mascot competition that won't win

So when I first got to this school, I thought it would be easy if the mascot was literally a terrorist. I mean, we are a collective "Green Terror" making us individual "Terrohorns." This is probably why Admission would never have me. One time I convinced a student to come to school here. He thought it was weird, but if he lived down in that he would be somewhere else. He's here now, a key participant in the college community. It's proof that I'm not a failure, and that this school has appeal.
An editor’s weapon of choice!

Ever wondered what your paper or article would look like if every word was replaced by a “synonym”? Well wonder no further…we were crazy enough to actually do it. So that article on page four that doesn’t make any sense at all…well it’s all synonyms of this article! Have fun comparing, if you can figure out how to read it!

Great page filler- Djerdj’s phone. 3:22 a.m.

10 SECONDS

Why are we still in Iraq?

Compiled by Islamic Jihad

Britney Spears

Lisa Breslin

Dr. Robert Kachur

Joan Develin Coley

Max Payne

"Are we still in Iraq?"

"It’s the right place, at the right time, for the right reason, for the right president."

“We are looking for DNA samples that prove Howard Stern is that baby’s father.”

“We’re Changing Lives?”

"It is nothing but a path of vengeance doomed for failure, and that is what all of us crave—a taste of something real—tragedy.”
Frozen squirrel leads investigators to many intriguing, fresh discoveries

By Cynthia Schafer

The exhausted endurance race around the football field. The site of the unbelievable yet remarkably true event that led to the tragic passing of Nikolay Azaralamatovich, a.k.a. "The Nutcracker".

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The first touchdown came off an interception which was recovered at the four yardline. The second came once again off a blocked punt.

Investigators say Nikolay struggled in the thick pike for about 8 seconds before giving up hope and eventually freezing to death. Fellow runner Absolut Boris was with Nikolay the night of the incident, but has no recollection of the happenings after 6pm that evening. "I was with Nikolay and we just finish chugging our second bottle (burp) and I was kicking his *** in game...next thing, I know...my *** but is hurting in police station," said Absolut, still smelling like alcohol.

This incident will most definitely further strain the ties between the two immigrant communities on campus, and it will surely not help them develop better relations with the immigration office which has been accepting generous gifts from both communities in order to keep their status as refugees at the college.

Funeral proceedings for Nikolay Azaralamatovich will be held on the second pine tree from Elderdice Hall. Third branch up. The funeral will come at a rough time amid ongoing police investigations that include, and are not limited to, the trafficking of Italian Playboy bunnies to college students, the smuggling of mail-order brides by the Russian squirrel community, the illegal racing of both rabbits and squirrels in RC cars and on foot, as well as the investigation concerning the missing nitrogen from the science labs.

In an unrelated story, a male and a female rabbit escaped from the town prison...so far only 276 have been found.

Terror football errors produce two losses

This has been a building year for the Terrors, and head coach Dale Syprague, which has been plagued by injuries. Unfortunately for Pete Wilson and Andy Stephaneinelli, and eleven other departing seniors, they will not be around to get a taste of the success that their hard work this year has been striving for.

The Terrors last home game will be this weekend on November 8 for parents weekend. WMC will play Swarthmore who will come into the game with a 3-4 record.

This article was originally printed in the Phoeni:x.

With gratitude we are missing you, our dear friend, Vitaly.

We are looking for copy editors, and we thought we were alone. Thanks for reading.
The MCDaniel Free Press

Students enjoy spring break all over the world
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Right battles back against Left
Page 12

Spring Fling madness
Page 7

INSIDE

Male students falling behind females

In an age when many previous visions of equality are finally being realized, one group which never before needed special attention may soon become the focus of academic policies and campaigns. But this imbalance has little or no root in discrimination or external forces; there is no quick solution to this problem because, uniquely enough, the group is perpetuating its own subjugation.

A pandemic is sweeping America's colleges and universities: males are outperforming females. Nearly every seat was filled at Union's highest accolade to science writers in the field of earth and planetary sciences, "At Colleges, Women Are Leaving Men in the Dust" illustrated this very point, reporting that for every five women who earn their bachelor's degree, only three men accomplish this feat. Now, the significant minority at American colleges and universities (men make up only 42 percent of undergraduates), studies have shown that men study less and socialize more than females.

As reflected in those studies, males' underachievement is less of a systemic issue and more of a conscious choice to not take advantage of natural abilities. After all, males consistently outscore females on standardized tests but are somehow missing the mark in the classroom.

This phenomenon has hit close to home, too, as the all-female GPA at McDaniel has steadily fallen short of the all-female GPA in recent years. Since at least 2000, the all-female GPA has hovered around 3.2 compared to the males' meager 2.9. Females also outrank males four to one in the Honors Program while males outnumber females three to one in the academic deficiency list (students who have fallen below a 2.0 cumulative GPA).

While these statistics may be alarming, the institution as of yet does not view the gender gap as an issue which calls for resolution. According to Dr. Gretchen McKay, director of the Honors Program, discussion of the issue has been restricted mostly to an hour-long session held two years ago at a retreat for deans and directors. The consensus at that time, McKay said, was that the issue is due to the fact that while females are forced to acknowledge that careers and higher degrees are not guaranteed following graduation, males have fallen into a trend of complacency which causes them to see their academic performance as being unrelated to future success.

In a world where females still struggle (see "Gender" on page 3)...

Warning about date-rape drugs issued

In an attempt to improve Greek life, McDaniel College brought in a team of professional consultants to evaluate the Greek community during the week of March 19. Two consultants Tom Jelke and Karen Katz, visited McDaniel on March 20 and conducted extensive research through March 22. The pair, based out of Miami, Florida, is employed by T. Jelke Solutions, an independent consulting firm specializing in fraternities and sororities.

"Our goal was to have a third party to evaluate the Greek community of McDaniel as a whole," said Greek Life Coordinator Amanda Rose. "How every one lives it—the good and the bad. And be able to give us recommendations of what is being done well and what is not.

Jelke and Katz conducted extensive interviews and attempted to get a broad perspective..."
Global warming expert speaks to students

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Global warming really made a difference. It's a fire under the whole subject and it looks like it's really taking off this time in part because the media have finally come over to the idea of global warming being real and that it can't be argued away by contrivance," Kerr explained. "We'll see what comes of it."

Throughout the lunch gathering and his lecture, Kerr also revealed that the United States is far behind European nations, who have begun to take the initiative to address the issue of global warming.

"We're lagging," said Kerr. "The Europeans in general and Britain in particular are well ahead of us in not just talking about global warming but trying to do something about it."

Kerr added that the United States has failed to start getting serious about global warming due to the current Bush administration and our refusal to sign the Kyoto Protocol. "They [the Bush administration] are entitled. It's their administration and it's certainly been a big factor over here," said Kerr. "It makes a tremendous difference which way your leadership is going."

Kerr also discussed that the United States' reluctance to act quickly has been due to a preoccupation with the depletion of the ozone. "People worry more about ozone than global warming even though ozone has been taken care of effectively," Kerr said.

Another factor that accounts for America's reluctance to focus on global warming is the oil situation. The price of gasoline is very high and is well out of control.

"The price of gasoline eclipsed stories about the climate crisis," Kerr said.

Despite writing for Science for nearly 30 years as of this August, Kerr joked about not traveling much in his job because most of the people he writes about do field work. "I still haven't felt an earthquake even though I've been writing about them all these years," admitted Kerr.

Between his discussion with students and faculty and his lecture, Kerr aimed to engin the minds of the government to the idea of global warming being real.

"It's real. It's serious," said Kerr.

Students had mixed feelings about Kerr. "He did it as a favor to McDaniel College. He is a writer not a public speaker and he told us that at the beginning of the presentation," said senior Muriel Cruickshank. "Subconsciously we're comparing him to Al Gore and that's not fair."

The lighter side of the campus safety blotter

ROB GOEKE
STAFF WRITER

(Editor's note: Rob Goeke's commentary highlights some of the issues that affect campus safety.)

I don't know about you, but the thought of a Steven Gerrard free kick in the game of soccer lights a hot and steamy fire in my loins. So if you're one of those boys breaking in Garden Apartments, the boys in green probably didn't waste any time and were into one of the buildings to investigate. As they were walking down the steps, they spotted a creative student, clearly training for a tryout with Manchester United, kicking the Durango just for fun.

The officers told the student to stop, but he began to run away. Once the officers caught up with the student, they naturally asked for his student ID. The student refused and told the officers their first name. When the officers opined for the student's last name, the student responded with "Guess." Of course, "Guess" wasn't really the student's last name.

I mean, if you're in a situation like this, you have to come up with something creative, like a false name, to try to save your hide. I like to call myself Blackbeard Goeke whenever I get into something sticky, Richard Claycombe or LeRoy Panek could work. Or the ever-popular George Bush.

Moving on, usually you get cited for alcohol violations for doing something drunken and idiotic. However, a poor fellow got cited at 4:30 in the morning on March 24 for not really doing anything. He got wasted and was probably cavorting with some of the fine females of Whiteford Hall, but probably tried to talk about global warming. "Global warming is an issue," he said. "But I'm not one of those girls just don't like to hear about it and was kicked to the curb."

Instead of schlepping back to his room a defeated man left to look at Victoria Secret catalogs, this fellow made it to the lobby of Whiteford and passed out. Perhaps the funniest part of the story was that it took the Campus Safety officer "three vigorous rubs" to awaken the fellow. Hey, at least he got action from someone that night.

Finally, things are starting to slow down in Rouzer. I am greatly pained. It used to be I wouldn't even have to come up with jokes to make this column funny; these boys would do my job for me. Now, the only thing they have to write about is two guys breaking windows. At least one broke a light cover and lied about it, with a lacrosse ball no less.

I issue a challenge to you boys of Rouzer: you only have a month left. Don't let it go to waste by being good citizens.
Male students lack motivation, fall behind

"The portrayal of masculinity has always been rewarded for men, and doing well academically is not one of those things that excites masculinity or is considered masculine...," Harlow said. "Sports are very masculine; doing well in school is nerdy. Femininity is not displayed through sports, so the things that women are rewarded for don't all come out of that."

The logical conclusion that the gender gap stems from pre-existing ideals of complacency and misconduct which are finally reaching hazardous levels has some basis in observable evidence. Professors in many disciplines report that male students are generally less engaged and more apathetic than their female counterparts, outward behaviors which result in inferior motivation. Instances of males slouching, sitting in the back of the classroom, and slow to answer questions are all common

"Women are a little more driven; they don't feel that things are just going to work out for them, that everything is going to be handed to them on a silver platter," Reiff said. "I think there is a little bit more of a feeling of entitlement with male students."

Reiff also thinks that males are more likely to come to college for the sole purpose of playing a sport or engaging in social activities while females have more of an academic focus for their education. Dr. Roxanna Harlow, associate professor of sociology, it all comes down to what society defines as being appropriate for either gender.

"I was protective over my drink. Victims are just that, they don't all come out of that." RAINN (from "Greeks" on page 1)

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Date rape drug cases on the rise in the area

"The consequences of the global society are trending away from this complacent privilege of male birthright," said Dr. Herbert Smith, professor of political science and international studies.

"I don't think it makes sense to cry and moan about it, nor do I think it makes sense to be angry with a national phenomenon, so that's just the way it is," Reiff said. "I think there's a middle ground where we have to identify things that we can change and the things that we cannot."

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"Use it--you don't lose it Greeks reviewed"

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"Some faculty members are in fact considering removing combat apathy in both genders, an effort which may have more of an impact on male students," McKay is considering the use of a pedagogy which employs role-playing games in order to make students more fully, a method piloted by Dr. Peter Bradley, assistant professor of philosophy. McKay observed Bradley's classes during the pedagogy and noticed that the males were more far more receptive to the teaching method.

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Hazing hotline targets Greeks, sports teams

AMANDA KLEIN STAFF WRITER

The McDaniel College student handbook defines hazing as, "Any act or omission created, intentionally whether on or off College premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule."

In recent years, the prevalence of hazing among Greek organizations has resulted in the invoking of several fraternity and sorority charters. In order to prevent hazing within the remaining recognized Greek organizations and sports teams, measures have been taken in an attempt to eliminate hazing once and for all.

At the beginning of the 2006 academic year, a "hazing hotline" was created in order to encourage students to anonymously report any incidents of hazing among their Greek or non-Greek campus groups. The hotline, which operates 24 hours a day, is simply an unanswerable campus line through an email recording. Students, parents, faculty, and staff are encouraged to call this number to anonymously report any incidents that are perceived as hazing.

Amanda Rose, the assistant director of activity offices, hopes that the hotline will provide a line of communication between students and administration.

"The hope is that we can minimize hazing, and make sure that students have an avenue to be able to be heard," says Rose.

Rose is the only person with access to the voicemail, and is the only person to hear the anonymous messages. After receiving a hazing tip on the hotline, Rose determines the validity of the message, and moves forward accordingly. In significant cases, Rose will involve Campus Safety, but will not reveal even to them the exact content of the message that was left on the hazing hotline. When Rose determines that a hazing tip is valid, a second call to the group's charter is temporarily suspended in order to hold a judicial hearing. As for the tip to Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Rose, that are guilty of this practice.

"It was meant to be a hazing hotline," says Rose. "Its not meant to target the Greeks. Hazing is very prevalent among our athletic teams. This is a way to hopefully bridge the gap between Greeks and everyone else."

Sorority member Andrea Mandato agrees.

"I think its pretty stupid," says Mandato, "but I don't think hazing was meant to target the Greeks. It was meant to be a hazing hotline. During the fall semester, the hotline received four to five valid calls. 'We've gotten calls that have led to investigations,' says Rose. "The hotline has definitely served its purpose, and I think it will continue to do so in the future."

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Although some may be skeptical of the reasoning behind the creation of the hotline, it has so far helped to minimize hazing incidents on campus, and will hopefully continue to do so in the future.

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Halo Defined

What is Halo? It falls under the genre of FPS, or First-Person-Shooter. Basically, players possess futuristic weapons on a battleground, all the while attempting to eliminate each other by whatever means necessary. Players take it very seriously, and the network provides a fair way to play the game. For instance, when two players are on the same screen, they cannot look at where their opponent is hiding on the level. The network places gamers on different screens, resolving the issue. Another interesting concept that comes with the network is the use of headsets. Players can communicate with one another in different rooms, making for the use of some very colorful language and vital trash-talk.

Halo Game Night a success

GREG PFEIFFER STAFF WRITER

Double kill. Running riot. Betrayed. On some days of these phrases may seem odd to many, but to a dedicated group of people, they are all too familiar. These words comprised the popular Xbox title Halo, a game that has gained a huge following since its release in 2001. When Halo 2 was released, it has even become more popular among gamers of all ages, establishing itself on college campuses across the country.

Like every other college student, James Smith has also created an online community to play Halo. At any time of the day, a student can log into the network and play against others across campus, all without leaving the dorm room. Some play for fun, others to humiliate their friends, or as a work from class. Time well wasted, indeed.

"The tournament itself gave us students reason to pit their skills against other players, only with a bit more incentive: cash. The event took place in Ensor Lounge, and in the end, it was a gamers dream. Two large projection televisions displayed the game in breathtaking fashion, while talented gamers from around campus were rewarded for their hard work.

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For the winning Team Merkhouse. He said that the game is "hilarious, with the point of hurting academics, but once you start, you get sucked in." Each team, who sported black t-shirts with their logo on the back, won $50 for beating the other four-man teams. The 2nd and 3rd place teams also received prizes. Accord to Eagan, his team overcame the other teams by "taking out the big guys," and 3rd place received "mystery" prizes. According to Eagan, his team overcame the other teams by "taking out the big guys," and 3rd place received "mystery" prizes. Accord to Eagan, his team overcame the other teams by "taking out the big guys," and 3rd place received "mystery" prizes.

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Excitement for Press Day

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News reporter, columnist, author and distinguished member of the White House Press Corps

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7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, 2007
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Free and open to the public.

STAFF WRITER

In spite of its small size, McDaniel College will be the focus of a large amount of attention as it welcomes professional journalists to its campus as part of two high-profile events coming to campus.

On Thursday, April 12, renowned journalist Helen Thomas, often referred to as the "First Lady of the White House," will be giving a speech in the Forum. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., Thomas will be giving a speech entitled "From JFK to George W: Holding Their Feet to the Fire -- Helen-style." Hosted by the President's Office and the departments of English, Political Science, and Communications, the event will likely bring more attention as it comes from the community in addition to the college.

On Saturday, April 14, only two days later, McDaniel's chapter of the Society for Collegiate Journalists will host its 8th annual College Press Day. Beginning at 10 a.m. and lasting until 3:30 p.m., the event will include nine different workshops dedicated to giving student journalists from college campuses throughout the area the tools they need to become better at their trade. Professional journalists from several large papers in the area will be hosting the workshops, and Kate Hampson, associate producer for Dateline NBC and a member of the Community of College Press Day (CPD) committee, will be giving a speech in the Forum.

Terry Dalton, professor of English and the school's journalist instructor, was integral in setting up both of these events. Dalton had contacted Thomas with the idea that she would come talk in his class, and eventually she agreed. Dalton and Thomas were able to make the arrangement happen.

A stark Contrast from the years before

STACEY EYLER
STAFF WRITER

Sixty-two submissions, two nights of selection, add in hours of work, and what do you get? The final version of McDaniel College's very own literary magazine.

Serving as a creative outlet for English and the school's journalist instructor, Contrast Literary Magazine has been an annual campus publication for more than 17 years. Under the leadership of editors Martin Camper and Julia Riemtulder-Stone, seniors in the English Department, the magazine is always so positive," O'Toole said. "Everyone in attendance is there for a common goal and always report that they have learned a lot. We have a lot of people who keep coming back year after year and await hearing details about it each spring."

O'Toole said that workshops will focus on layout design, features writing, sports writing, photography, and covering sensitive issues on college campuses, to name a few. As the advisor to the Society for Collegiate Journalists, Dalton is also heavily involved in College Press Day. Whereas students come and go, Dalton has been planning the event since its debut seven years ago.

"This is a labor of love for me," Dalton said. "Few things please me more than professional journalists and student journalists from this region get together for a whole day of interaction and mutual admiration."

Take advantage of both of these opportunities to gain information about journalism, no matter what your level of interest may be.

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**Still reeling and healing**

Kenny Ditto '06, support services clerk for the college's post office, recently visited New Orleans to photograph the devastation and the restoration of cities wiped out by Hurricane Katrina.

"Much of the outlying areas still remain in shambles as a result of flood damage following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita," Ditto noted. He shot these photos while touring the Ninth Ward and St. Bernard Parish.

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**Sometimes parting is sweet sorrow**

CÖRI SIMPSON  
FEATURES EDITOR

Clothes live a tough life. They get sweated in, torn up, spilled on, stretched out, battered and abused in every possible way.

In a sense, a good pair of jeans is like a best friend. They are there for you any day of the week, at all hours of the night. You walk all over them - sometimes if they’re too long - but they’re forgiving. They simply fray or rip, wait in a dirty hamper to be washed, and are ready to be worn again.

Maybe that’s why people have such bonds with their clothes and wear them ragged. Like an old piece of candy you find in your book bag, that’s discolored, misshapen, and might even be growing a little mold, you simply can’t let your favorite clothes go.

Rachel Darkow, Ned Kane, and Connor Rasmussen are advocates of broken-in clothes. Jeans with no where to put their wallets, pants with holes everywhere besides in the shins and t-shirts with no armpits are only a few items found in their collections.

Darkow, a junior, has had a pair of Old Navy boot-cut jeans since her sophomore year of high school and Rasmussen, a pair of pants from grade six. Kudos to still being able to fit into them, by the way. But really, why hang on to them for so long?

"They are the perfect light color and they have been washed so many times I could probably wear them to bed," Darkow said.

During the early stages of ripping, she would give them to her mom-mom to patch, but recently it seems any amount of patching only delays the inevitable.

"I was wearing spandex underneath them so my underwear wouldn’t be showing, but with the warm weather coming, it’s getting a little toasty for that," she said.

Kane, a senior, knows what it’s like to favor only a couple pairs of pants, tending to wear the same pants everyday for a few years, only giving them up when he finds a suitable replacement. But it’s tricky to keep clothes around for years when you’re faced with drunken nights, fence scaling and mischief. Your clothes are bound to end up in any shape but mint condition.

"I have a pair of shorts from high school I stapled patches onto the holes in the back, worked fine until one of the staples bent out a little and I sat on it," explained Ned. "But most of my clothes end up getting held together by safety pins and patches with punk bands on them so they can look super cool."

Based on his personal experiences, Ned claimed confidently that "clothes are meant to be worn and ripped; it’s more fun that way."
For others, it involves laughing at the drunkards wandering around. There are still others who simply enjoy the free music and giveaways.

Who is the wonderful person behind this day that, for McDaniel students, is comparable to the best day of the spring? That person is Amanda Rose.

Leading up to this day, as usual, is a week of events. As told by Rose, the events will be interesting and diverse. Monday will have a giveaway of some kind; Tuesday will be free airbrushing. Wednesday will have a student talent night in the pub. On Thursday there will be karaoke in the gym. The final night, Friday, has a game show similar to Deal or No Deal with a total of $500 to be awarded.

For the past three years, it has been the magical day of wonderment. However, this has not stopped Rose from making sure the students had fun. For the Spring Fling, taking place April 21 from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM, are to have it in Red Square and Quad. If it happens to rain again however, Rose says that the events will either be put under tents or moved in the gym, if it is available.

Events for this Spring Fling include an obstacle course, bouncy boxing, bull riding, a Jurassic adventure, and one interesting addition, four way tug of' joust, all inflatable.

Along with these fun bouncy toys, there will be two bands playing music. One band is known as Ewabo. They are a self-described steel orchestra band playing Caribbean Calypso. The other band has yet to be determined, but it’ll likely be a band that does covers, but has some original songs as well.

Also, pretty much every organization will have tables and/or booths set up around the events. Many of them may have giveaways or things to buy on the cheap.

In the way of food, there will be traditional Clar fare for those who want it, but Rose plans to have some different kinds of food, likely to be simple finger foods.

As for Campus Safety and the enforcement of alcohol rules, it has been rumored that as long as a student’s beverage is not obviously alcohol and students aren’t obviously far too drunk, there shouldn’t be any problems. Administrators confirmed this. So, the old standby of red Solo cups is likely okay. Basically, if you aren’t blatant about it, you should be safe.

As, like So, there’s what Spring Fling will be this year. Hope you enjoy it and have a safe one! See you on the bouncy toys!

Just like twins- students share stories

If you were looking for twips at McDaniel, you’d look for people who look the same.

Some twins, though, don’t have their siblings on campus or maybe the two don’t look alike. In people who look the same, or act alike, or are together a lot, others could say they’re just like twins.

This is off-hand slang, like ‘you hit like a girl,’ that gives people weird misconceptions. Even people educated with workshops and Disney Cannel shows and movies might first think twins at least look alike, if not the same personality.

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Residence Life needs better Rouzer response

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Nothing... Seinfeld, the self-proclaimed show about nothing, ended in 1998 with an episode in which Kramer and Seinfeld were imprisoned for seeing a crime in progress and doing nothing.

Nearly a decade later, the residents of Rouzer Hall face a similar sentence — fines and fees, rules and restrictions — for their inability to meaningfully interact with the city. The result: a lackluster community living environment.

As if that wasn't enough, students have accused Residence Life of being indifferent and ineffective. In a recent survey, only 32% of students said they were satisfied with the quality of life in their residence halls.

On campus, there is a sense of frustration that something has to change. The question is: what needs to be done?

Amidst the chaos, Residence Life is trying to respond. They've announced plans to hire additional staff and improve communication channels. But will these measures be enough to turn things around?

The key is accountability. Residence Life must be held responsible for creating a safe and inclusive living environment. Students deserve better.
Are you ready to lose that V-Card?
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Swiped, deflowered, cashed in, and lost — why is it that when we discuss virginity, we talk about it as if it is something we misplaced and want back?

Any female, or male, plans on how they will lose their virginity. But all the planning in the world cannot decide whether you are ready. So how do you know if you really want to have sex?

Many don’t lose their virginity the way they planned. But at the same time, it is a relief to be parted from the moment that maybe wasn’t the first time you had it all planned out.

Whether you are a virgin or not, you are faced with an upcoming decision. And no matter how much advice you receive, ultimately, losing your virginity is a decision you must make on your own.

Making the decision to have sex, especially for a virgin, can be extremely difficult; because in all actuality you have no idea what it will be like. You hear “It hurt so much...” or sometimes even, “Wow,” from the people who obviously had a good first time.

The mixed reviews from friends can add to certain mis-conceptions. And these misconceptions make the decision to have sex even harder.

But you may not lose your virginity the way you had always dreamed. And that is OK, because after all, not everyone can find the perfect guy, sunset, and insertion.

The thing to remember is that you must be completely comfortable with the situation, and that you doing it yourself. It’s fine to have a game plan, but with every “Plan A” there is a “Plan B.”

We have to get over talking about sex as if we are setting ourselves up for emotional disappointment. With anything, if it’s the wrong situation you could feel that way, but if you’re ready, you most likely won’t feel disappointment.

Deciding if you are ready for sex depends on a variety of factors. First, before anything else can fall into place, you must feel comfortable with your partner. This means that you can trust your partner on an emotional and physical level.

Second, you’re reason to have sex must come from you, not from others around you. And finally, the act of sex itself should be something that you are at ease with physically, psychologically, emotionally, and spiritually.

When you’re a virgin, sex seems so intense, but when it happens, it’s like “That’s it.” This isn’t saying that sex isn’t a big deal but you will have many chances to make up for the crappy first time or crappy boyfriend.

At the same time, even though it is easier to say no to sex when you’re a virgin, not being one doesn’t mean you can’t have a good time. There can be a significant amount of pressure to have sex.

Sex columnist Amber Madison says, “Being one of the few virgins in your group of friends can feel like being the girl who always doesn’t get the joke.” But you have to remember, that doing it for someone else isn’t quite the same as doing it for yourself!

Recycling decline may be fault of students

MARIO VALONE
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McDaniel’s recycling efforts have declined over the last 20 years, due to bins being filled with non-recyclable material.

According to students and administrators, McDaniel’s recycling program needs a makeover. Recycling bins are being filled with garbage resulting in a decrease in percentage of materials able to be recycled.

“McDaniel is one of the least green campuses, and that is a problem,” explains student recycling advocate Laura Fralinger.

According to Fralinger, recycling containers are being used to throw away normal garbage. She took several photographs of recycling bins filled with garbage, material that isn’t recyclable. This confirmed what she expected all along, that students were contaminating the recycling containers, she said.

For a while now, word had it that recycling was being thrown away with the rest of the garbage—a possible reason for some students’ treatment of the recycling bins as normal trash receptacles. Student Matt Haushalter, says this is the reason most do not recycle.

However, some administrators dispute that myth, insisting that what can be recycled is indeed recycled.

“Recycling that isn’t contaminated gets recycled,” said Mel Whelan, building services coordinator.

Outside Rouzer, on Monday March 26, there were black bags for regular garbage and white bags filled with recycling. The items were clearly separated.

Yet despite these efforts, Whelan confirms that recycling efforts have been trend- ing for the worst over the past years. According to Whelan, when the school started recycling in 1990, the school was recycling roughly 20% of its materials. Now, McDaniel is recycling a mere 9%.

Some people place blame for poor recycling efforts on the students.

According to some casual research done by Fralinger, most dorm recycling bins are being filled with normal garbage. When she walked around campus she found that, “Not one (recycling toter) was free of trash.” This means that students are throwing their garbage in with the recycling, ruining the recycling process.

According to the student handbook, the campus has red containers throughout campus for aluminum, green bins in departmental offices and computer centers for paper, and gray totes for aluminum, plastic, tin and glass in residence halls.

“Most colleges are accepting the responsibility of changing their ways to reduce their impact (on the environment), however I feel McDaniel is far behind,” Fralinger said.
The Right-Wing "Rant"er Responds
(The Author: CHELSEA PHILLIPS)

To quote Mr. Stinson, what's your favorite bumper sticker? "Socialism = Raving Communist"? Or "If you're not for us, you're against us"? You may believe the truth of this, as Mr. Stinson does, but I do not. For the record-Merriam Webster's Dictionary defines the word 'bias' as "an inclination, interest or concern that causes a person to see or judge things differently from others." I would say it's human nature. For this reason, I must insist that The Free Press is not completely objective in its reporting. I have borrowed a copy of its content. For the record, The Author wants to argue on behalf of your own beliefs. (Observations of a liberal, student, March 8, 2007)

And I applaud the students who took the time to voice their opinions. Instead of business as usual, the Free Press, last three issues have given us an opportunity to witness students concede (or not) support of biased defenses of their beliefs. Isn't it wonderful to see what a little diversified opinion in a newspaper does to awaken public sentiment? Maybe some more of that...and addition of these are important--arguing "opinion pieces about things that matter to them." Our worldviews dictate how we perceive the world around us. And that's ok. We don't all have to agree on everything. But let's agree on this: people are not blank slates; as such, they are incapable of completely forming their own outlook. Also, media (be it spoken, print, or electronic) is created by people. Since, people consider the following question: Is it theoretically (let alone actually) possible for journalists to be completely impartial in their reportage? We are all human beings after all—not robots. We think, we feel, we write (especially when we write editorially) we express our opinions—intentionally or not (it's completely human). For this reason, it is impossible to completely divorce our inclinations and opinions from our writing. And why would we want to anyway? Whoever gave 'bias' a connotatively negative meaning didn't truly understand what it meant to be biased. Bias isn't bad. It simply means we don't all view the world the same way. We come from diverse backgrounds and have diverse perspectives on life. Actions are perceived differently by different people. Our worldviews dictate how we witness and interact with the world around us. And that's ok. We don't all have to agree on everything. But let's agree on this: people are not blank slates; as such, they are incapable of completely forming their own outlook. Also, media (be it spoken, print, or electronic) is created by people. Since, people create media and people cannot remove their inclinations from themselves, some aspect of bias creeps into the reporting of news.

Moving on...a second important point about the Monologues. Before addressing the production itself, I would like to clarify two criticisms levied against character... First, while I have not paid money to buy a ticket and get into the production, I have borrowed a copy of the script from a former cast member and personally read every line. Thus, before making unwar- ranted accusations, journalistic integrity would recommend authors check their facts.

Second, the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute (quoted in the Vagina rant not original, March 8th letter to the editor) unfairly offended the play does not validate that NO ONE was offended by it. Or do you pur- port to own the definition of humanity at-large?
The third issue I'd like to take a look at is the Iraq War and President George W. Bush. While the commentary con- tained in the Author's piece was extensive, I would merely like to respond with three brief comments. Firstly, it's true I disagreed with many of Former President Clinton's policies and person- al actions. However, I never lost respect for his position. The American Presidency is much larger than any individual who occupies the Oval Office. During their tenure, every President makes count- less decisions (some wise, some foolish). While I would never advocate "blind support" for any President, I do believe that a certain level of respect should be afforded our leaders. If you don't like their foreign policy decisions, don't vote for them (again) or come up with better strategies yourself! Name-call- ing and personal attacks ("blaming dumb Texitans," "malgematics who hate our country"") isn't the way to respond with three brief comments.

On another note, The Author insists that The Free Press is unbiased, and that it's writers are completely objective in their coverage. Well...what a waste. How can both claims be simultaneously true? If the existence of media bias has already been acknowledged as Mr. Schein insists it is, there be no need for this discussion, now wouldn't there? The existence of media bias is NOT universally accepted (NOTE: The Author), let's consider the basis of the bias argument. In 1990, Merriam-Webster's Dictionary defines the word 'bias' as "an inclination of temperament or out- look. It's not bashing (a title selected by the editor) to get them to jump out of their shells. Guess not all students counter discrimination on their campuses, CBLP's web site specifically states that the organization's goal is, "to equip [students] with the ideas, encouragement, and tools they need to advocate for your conservative ideas." One such tool is a brochure enti- tled, The Vagina Monologues Exposed. A recent article (2) titled, "The V-Day exposed campaign" har- bor no "deep resentment" toward Students because it's an "unintentional phenomenon" and also disapp- prove of violence toward women (and men).

While the Monologues may raise money for a positive cause, does that mean the production itself is positive? That's left up to you. Considering that: IF torturing prisoners provides pertinent informa- tion that prevents future ter- rorism, and saves the lives of millions, THEN torturing should be allowed. Ends don't justify Means.

I've come to a point you may disagree with. But please allow me my first amendment right to state my opinion, within any fear of repercus- sions. Also, Mr. Stinson, simply stating that you were not to have dealt with is economic policy. You can argue about capitalism until you're blue in the face. And as an individual, The Author and myself believe in the same thing (09) like about our market economy. But after making bold claims about what "any economic policy should say or believe, (she may want to consult an economist, or at least begin by taking a course in economic theory) before arguing that change his/her mind...or at least moderate his/her harsh brush comments. If Mr. Stinson doesn't believe in the most basic economic class McDaniel offers—Intro to Political Economy—is she not conscientious that there are economists who do not believe that all people are greedy and will set up policies to deprive others (poor people and third-world nations) of an equal opportunity to succeed in our capitalist economy? And finally, possibly my favorite topic to discuss; not to mention, the topic of my second class this semester, American Conservatism. Richard Cheney can define the "left/...liberal/conservatism" debate in much the same fashion. As The Author insists, "get off your couch and do something." Don't take your freedom for granted. When you see yourself as a conserva- tive, liberal, progressive, moderate, libertarian, socialist, communist, or whatever please take advantage of your enormous opportunity to change the world. If you read something in The Free Press you disagree with, please write a letter to someone else instead. Write a Letter to the Editor. If your professor makes a state- ment you disagree with, don't remain silent. Speak your mind.

The Author may come from different backgrounds, with us different perspectives, and support different worldviews. But we're all Americans. And as Americans, we've got to extraordinarily blast the government to articulate our opin- ions. Similarly, everyone in the world possesses such enor- mous liberty.

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What the media doesn’t tell you

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Bombing. Invading. Arguing. Politics. We all read the headlines. It’s hard not to. Keeping track of it all is difficult, never mind depressing. It seems you can’t open a newspaper, turn the television on, or check your email without being told of just a few more deaths from a suicide bomber in Baghdad or a car bomb killing twenty civilians. Is this really the world we are living in today?

Yes. War can be a sad reality. The actions in Iraq are not all negative though and this is where I want to step in. The media seems to zero in on the tragedies of war. We are in Iraq to help them out, are we not? There is so much good happening and it’s being overlooked. Whether the media finds the information unimportant or unentertaining, I believe they are wrong on both accounts.

My cousin, LCPL Gavin Lutz of the US Marines, and a junior at McDaniel College, has been stationed in Ramadi, Iraq since August of 2006. He sends newsey updates every few weeks to friends and family. While the updates mention the close-calls he’s experienced with IED’s (road side bombs), VBIED’s (car bombs) and mortar attacks, he goes into much more detail and is much more passionate about the missions he is sent on. Gavin and his unit specialize in Civil Affairs and the projects they’ve been working on are making a difference in the lives of Iraqis.

To quote his most recent update you’ll get a small idea of what he does on a daily basis: “Assessing projects, taking contract bids, hiring contractors to build the project, and then periodically checking in on them to ensure it is being completed. Along with other missions I go to meetings at different places or escort Humanitarian Aid/set up Humanitarian Drops and other things as well.”

The “projects” include building schools, renovating homes, and getting running water into villages. The “other missions” include giving out school supplies to teachers, starting a women’s town council, forming a court system to judge Iraqi prisoners, building an Adult Literacy Center from scratch, and giving children coloring books, soccer balls, dolls, balloons and footballs.

“It’s gratifying to see children smile at the simplest things. Today we blew up balloons and threw them out to the kids around. You’d think they’d never seen a balloon before. It was quite amusing watching a balloon pop in one kid’s face… he was shocked.”

If it were not for Gavin’s updates I wouldn’t be aware of all the good that is happening in Iraq. I have yet to read a headline that states “Iraqi Children Receive Soccer Balls-Smiles Everywhere.” The media is great at giving us the political end of things but what should really be celebrated is left unnoticed.

Gavin is just one of the thousands of Marines and soldiers serving in Iraq but h experiences go way beyond the headlines we see everyday. The media needs a wake up call to what is really happening.

“We all know that whatever decisions are made (i Congress) they have our best interests at heart. But I have to combat the media again and say we are not losing this war. We have and are giving it our every opportunity to succeed. It’s like a construction worker building a house the U.S. is supplying all the tools needed but the Iraqi worker has to actually do the work themselves.”

Gavin is nearing the end of his tour of duty and will be coming home to America. His unit’s responsibilities are being picked up by other Marines and progress will continue to be made. The U.S. is in Iraq to help the citizens live better lives; without the guidance of American soldiers, Iraqis would continue to struggle.

“We the troops, all want to come home individually that is for sure. But we as a group I can tell you do NOT want Iraq to fail, for our work to be for nothing, for the friendships and bonds we have made with these people to be destroyed and those people consumed by violence. There is good here; it is very much around. It will take time, and people MUST be patient. In the big picture, the troops don’t WANT to come home and leave work unfinished. We’re the U.S. we can and we will follow through.”

As you go on with your daily lives, reading more articles about bombings and watching another car bomb go off on your five o’clock news station, just remember what the media isn’t telling you. Underneath all the tragedies there is good, and it’s this good that needs recognition.

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London adventures 'just around the corner'

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In a city the size of London, you never know what'll be around the next corner. Hopelessly lost, I was speeding double-decker bus, sometimes it makes for an exciting day out to explore your city. I went out last Saturday for a day of pecking around corners. A series of them eventually brought me out to the Tower of London and Tower Bridge.

Not a very exotic locale for the Londoner but nevertheless an awe-inspiring sight. I walked across it, over the Thames, to one of my favorite places in London for a stroll - Butler's Wharf.

According to Wikipedia, "Butler's Wharf was built in the 19th century as a shipping wharf and warehouse complex. Since the 1980s, Butler's Wharf has been transformed from a run-down derelict site into luxury flats and restaurants on the ground floor."

The wharf is a charismatic little area, with a few fashionable shops and a couple of waterfront bars and restaurants, the cobblestone alley between rows of buildings, iron supports bridge the gaps between buildings and crossing high-rise buildings, an unusual and artistic photo-op.

A spidery lane twists off into a row of shops on one side and opens up into a charming piazza on the other, tucked away from the thronging high-rises of the commercial area, and the commuter, and the constant hum of daily life. You won't be bombarded by free newspapers or the advertisements you have to watch out for that speeding double-decker bus, as the road is blocked off to traffic.

Photos are for reflecting, not impressing

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Think of every big trip you've taken in your lifetime, and you'd probably think of the all pictures you took. When you look through them, you really mean it. Do it now. Go ahead, I'll wait.

Are you done (for those of you who actually did)? What are you thinking right now? If you're like me, you're probably thinking of that one universal truth regarding trips and cameras: photos never do the real thing justice.

You can show someone a picture of the Great Barrier Reef or of the Colosseum or of the Great Wall of China, and they might get a little impressed, but not nearly as impressed as you were when you saw it for the first time. You can't comprehend just how amazing some things in this world are until you see them for yourselves. It might seem that taking a photo is just a way of showing people you were there, a bit of bragging rights underneath a 507-piece puzzle of glass.

But this column is about much more than your scenic vacation pictures. It's about your personal pictures. Look the friends you've had, your family, the things you did together. Look at your personal pictures. Look the friends you've had, your family, the things you did together. Look at your personal pictures. Look the friends you've had, your family, the things you did together. Look at your personal pictures.

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Rome for a wife, Bavaria for a mistress

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Yes, it is official: Geoff Peckham has fallen in love.

Many thought it would never happen, that I would never end up the other half of my life, the partner for the rest of my days, but love can strike at any point, to any person, I felt the sting of Cupid's arrow and fell in love with the city of Rome, as I made my wish in the Trevi Fountain, and gazed upon the might that is Rome from atop the towering top of St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

My heart belongs to Rome. How could I not be smitten? She's cultural. She's sophisticated. She's beautiful. And the food she's given me has been delicious. We've had Europe thus far. I sit and sip my Chianti at one of the many outdoor cafes as the evening rolls along. The lights flicker on and off, and across the water of one of the many fountains of the many piazzas that you think of when you think of Rome. I love the atmosphere, and feel like I could do this every night. Yes, Rome is the place.

But indecisiveness rings true, for not even a week later my train arrives in Munich, to see the Bavarian capital. It is a true, for not even a week later my train arrives in Munich, to see the Bavarian capital. It is my heart that has fallen in love. For a wife, Bavaria for a mistress.

For a pleasant afternoon, grab a latte and relax in the piazza. Or duck into the trendy shops and boutiques that line the street. After a slow day, stroll down to the water along the docks for some spectacular views of Tower Bridge, and a scenic waterfront lunch with some friends in one of the dockside restaurants or pubs. Grab a pint around sunset and sit in the outdoor seating. Nothing beats watching the sun set by Tower Bridge over a pint.

The wharf is a great place to meet some new and interesting people as well (in my case, a large group of fun Australians, mid-pub crawl.) All in all it's a great little area, right next door to the heart of London, but far away enough for a few moments of your own.

I hadn't really expected anything more than a lazy afternoon stroll around a city I thought I had gotten to know pretty well. However, I ended up having a great day, walking around, and then meeting up with a group of really fun Australians right on the banks of the Thames.

I had found my exciting corner and rounded it. I'm looking forward to seeing what spontaneous adventure London has to offer next weekend... and to finding the corner it's hidden behind.

My time in Bavaria will be my hidden love, a few days full of scenic mountainsides, good people, lovers of beer, and a little enchantment. Thus, I think I'll take the Italian city for a wife, but leave a little time for a little region in Germany.

Budapest will always hold a special place in my heart, but I'm bound to wander, and I couldn't help but fall for the charm of these places.

Of course, I still have Vienna, Prague, Amsterdam, London, and a long weekend in Ireland before I leave Europe. I think I'll hold off on that marriage certificate, as well as booking that shady motel room, because I just might fall in love again tomorrow.
NCAA Tournament predictions predictable

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Last year’s NCAA Tournament was a ‘Cinderella’ story. However, this year, it’s a whole new ending to a new type of fairy tale.

Last year, George Mason, a ‘mid-major’ from the Colonial Athletic Conference which includes teams like Towson, surprised all NCAA fans as they made their way to the Final Four, even upsetting #1 seed Connecticut. And early this year, many people were asking who was going to be this year’s George Mason. However, many were disappointed to see no mid-major run in this year’s tournament; the Final Four consists of two #1 seeds and two #2 seeds.

When the NCAA Tournament began on March 15th, there were very few upsets that destroyed people’s brackets. Three out of the four 9-8 seed match-ups ended with the 9 seed winning (Purdue over Arizona, Xavier over BYU, and Mich. St over Marquette), but those are the most common upsets because none of the typical #12 seeds over 5 seeds happened either.

Two of 11 seeds ended up winning against their 6-seed opponents, with Winthrop beating Notre Dame and Virginia Commonwealth (a CAA school along with George Mason) made the biggest upset of the first round, sending Mike Krzyzewski and ACC powerhouse Duke home. This would be the first time since the 1996 season that Duke would fail to reach the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament. #2 seed Wisconsin (who I had not only in the Final Four but in the title game) lost to 7-seed UNLV 74-68, which proved to be the first real ‘bracket-buster’ game of the tournament.

The rest of the NCAA Tournament went the way of the top seeds. Of the four brackets, three of the Elite 8 games had the #1 seed versus the #2 seed on who would go to the Final Four. The remaining game had #1 seed Florida versus a #3 Oregon. It seemed as if the top seeds of each bracket were determined to not allow another George Mason ruin their hopes for a national championship.

After two weeks, we have finally reached the Final Four. The teams still in the hunt are Florida, UCLA, Georgetown, and Ohio State. Florida and Ohio State are #1 seeds in their brackets; UCLA and Georgetown are twos in theirs. Florida will face UCLA on March 31st; Ohio State will play Georgetown on the same night as well, with the title game being played two nights later on Monday in Atlanta.

Knowing that all four of these teams are some of the best teams in the country, we should get a very good championship game no matter who wins or loses. All four of these teams were in the Top 25, some in the Top 5 for most of the season. All these teams had winning streaks of 11 games or more during the season. We could even see a rematch of the NCAA Basketball Championship, which had Urban Meyer’s Florida Gators winning the game over Jim Tressel’s Ohio State Buckeyes.

In my mind, it looks as if the winner of the Ohio State-Georgetown game could go on to win the championship. Ohio State (34-3, 15-1 Big Ten), currently on a 21-game winning streak, had the biggest scare during the tournament of the last four teams. The Buckeyes, trailing against 9-seed Xavier, hit a last-second shot to send the game into overtime and rallied from a 20 point deficit to beat 5-seed Tennessee. Led by first-year and projected NBA star Greg Oden along with guard Mike Conley Jr., the Buckeyes seem to be the favorite to win the championship so far.

However, Georgetown (30-6, 13-3 Big East) is not going to go down without a fight. Only allowing 57.8 points per game, the Hoyas are led by 7 ft. center Roy Hibbert (12.7 ppg and junior forward Jeff Green (14.4 ppg). Hibbert is probably the most dominant player Georgetown has had since Patrick Ewing played for them (his son is currently on the team.) Pay attention to the battle between Greg Oden and Roy Hibbert in this game; it should be a very physical game between these big, dominant, future NBA centers led by Coach John Thompson III, who continued his father’s legacy of coaching at Georgetown, they should be the best team to end the Buckeye’s 21-game winning streak. Well Ohio State ended up winning the game just as I have predicted. The final score was 60-67.

The other game hosts the offensive team of the Florida Gators (33-5, 13-5 SEC), who are trying to become the first team to repeat as basketball national champions since the 1991 and 1992 Duke teams, against the defensive-minded UCLA Bruins (30-5, 15-3 PAC 10). This is a rematch of last year’s title game, with UCLA looking to avenge that loss. Despite having all five starters scoring in double-figures, the Gators are led by forwards Cory Brewer and Joakim Noah. If the Gators can control Josh Shipp and Arron Afflalo of the Bruins, the Gators should make up for UCLA’s great defense by stopping them from scoring.

Florida has been great at times this season; it has also struggled this season, and of the four teams in the Final Four, it had the easiest trip to reach it. UCLA has been great this season, but it cannot control an offensive team as good as Florida. Where Florida goes from this point on could decide if Coach Billy Donovan decides to stay or get the 1 million dollar raise to replace Tubby Smith at Kentucky. The result: Florida won 64-76.

And in the rematch of the football championship, the Ohio State Buckeyes stops the chance for a repeat national championship, as well as a clean sweep of championships by Florida. Ohio State wins, 75-70; Greg Oden goes on to the NBA just like Carmelo Anthony did a few years ago, and Billy Donovan checks on that Kentucky vacancy one more time.
Kissimmee, Florida for their has gotten off to a winning to the Rebel Games in Terror softball team traveled break, these athletes were perfect place to be over spring mate may seem like the most training trip. Although the 4-3, ly, including an absolute of Neumann the guys were taking care of this process. Due to confiden- terror's recruiting efforts this off-sea- and seven on their training Florida, the ladies are not discouraged. Karyn Curley declares, "As a junior, I've never felt closer to my teammates and I am very excited for this season because I know that if we work hard together and this will make us an even better team...it's not often that you get a team this close that also has the athletic ability to be great." Terror Softball team is a young team of just fourteen players. Coach, Phil Smith, states, "Expectations are the same, to play hard and represent the college well on the field and in the classroom; of course to make the conference playoffs again." Coach Smith is certain of the ladies and their ability to adjust to new positions and play well together.

Lacrosse works as a team for positive start

The Men's Lacrosse team has gotten off to a winning start in 2007. With a record of 4-3, the Terror won their first three games very convincingly, including an absolute pounding of Neumann 25-1 in the home opener. Taking the chance to get out of the mediocre weather that plagued the Mid-Atlantic, the Terror took a trip to California over spring break. While many of us were frolicking on beaches in Florida or Mexico, the guys were taking care of business and showing the west coast what real lacrosse is, handling a skilled Whittier College team and losing an extremely close game to one of the nation’s top teams, Ithaca. Senior Steve Hoffman proclaimed "Even in the loss, the Ithaca game was a really good one for us because we were able to hold our own against a top team." Through seven games, freshman Gibbs Preston leads the team in points with 17, followed by Steve Hoffman and junior Chris Edmonds each with 15. Matt Buschman '08 and Jared Nutter '07 round out the top scorers with an impressive 14 and 13 points respectively. On the defensive end, Ben Yingling '08 has been the dependable backstop that has led the Terror to their 4-3 record, stopping 64 shots through seven games.

Search underway for new basketball coach

McDaniel College is currently assessing resumes for the men’s basketball head coaching position, vacant since Coach Bob Flynn tragically and unexpectedly died of a heart attack in January. A committee of administrators, faculty, and coaches are reviewing the 100 plus applications sent in. Members of the basketball team will also be given the chance to meet some of the candidates and offer their feedback during this process. Due to confidentiality however, the athletic department is not at liberty to disclose any of the names, reports athletic director Jamie Smith. "We’re very pleased with the applicant pool so far," said Smith. Smith mentioned that ideal qualities for a job applicant would be recruiting experience, understanding McDaniel, and understanding Division III philosophy. One candidate for the job has been leaked out, however. Kevin Selby, the interim head coach after Flynn’s death, is leading the Green Terror’s recruiting efforts this off-season, and also holds a full time job as the director of Student Academic Support Services. During his time as interim head coach, his additional duties as director of SASS forced him to work 14 hour days, 7 days a week. However, if he was given the head coaching position, he would step down from SASS. "It’s always been my dream to be a head basketball coach, you need to follow your dreams," said Selby. Selby, who has been an assistant coach for four different head coaches, would like to remain involved with the team in some capacity no mat- ter what.

There are eight returning letter winners for the Lady Green Terror. Juniors, Curley and Diana Rosenmeier were named all conference players last season along with Emily Trainor, who was also named an NFCA All-Region All American, Rosenmeier and junior, Brittany King, were named to the NFCA Scholar Athlete team last season. According to Coach Smith, "All our upperclassmen are very solid players and should be able to carry the load for us this spring." With such a young team, the freshman will also be key factors to a suc- cessful season. The ladies are positive and excited about not only to play softball, but also to become closer friends.

This year’s team has a lot of talent, we are extremely strong offensively. If we can cut down our defensive errors I do not think there is a team in our conference that can shut us down. We all believe in each other’s abilities, and we realize that we are a TEAM and not individuals when we step on that field," declares Rosenmeier. The team is determined and looks to have a great foundation based on team unity—and that is a building block for a championship team. The ladies next home game is at 3 p.m. on April 5th against Franklin & Marshall College.
Another dorm needs help

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In 1922, the cost of building McDaniel Hall was $137,190. Today, the purchase of a single home is more than that, and the cost to replace McDaniel would reach millions of dollars. Sadly, McDaniel has spent 85 years in decline since its construction in the Roaring 20s.

There are many complaints today from students who live in McDaniel. "If they were going to renovate one building on campus it would be McDaniel," says junior and third-floor resident assistant M.E. Poven. The problems with McDaniel according to the students are almost endless. They range from ants, dirtiness, shower problems, bathroom issues, hot water and heating deficiencies, walls caving in, bad windows, and appliance problems.

As sophomore Anna Nydick bluntly put it, "The whole building is a problem. They need to tear it down."

George Brenton, director of the Physical Plant, disagrees. "Structurally the building is very sound," says Brenton. He insists that most problems are simply cosmetic. And he should know; he lived in McDaniel in his senior year of 1985.

The biggest problem across the board is that, "Those bathrooms are in need of help," admits Liz Towe, associate dean of Student Affairs. She adds that the bathrooms were great in their day but no are "McDaniel" as per page 6.
‘First lady of the press’ visits McDaniel

(From "First Lady" on page 1) begins at Starbucks with a box of issues on one side and the Washington Post and New York Times on the other. News is so sad. And now, newspapers are being wiped out. Independent media, how will it shape the future?

"Corporate media has encouraged reporters not to be energetic. But now, reporters know our chief weapon is skepticism." What do you think of the press' criticism of the government during and after Katrina?

The government failed to see the magnitude of Katrina despite all the warnings. The government waited too long and didn’t react. The government failed in every way.

Earlier in the day, Thomas spoke to a more intimate crowd—the students of Professor Terry Dalton’s Media and Politics class. There, she answered questions ranging in all topics for the students. Your reporting style has been described as unapologetic and tough. Has it always been that way or did you cultivate it that way?

"Of course. But so what? I spent 57 years working for wire services and typing in 'he said' 'she said'—no slant. It was good training. But I never bowed out of the human race. I still think, still care, and still believe. But just not in my copy. Once I started writing my column, the editors would say: 'Where's the edge? What's your opinion?' So now I wake up every morning and ask myself, 'Who do I hate today?' Then I write my copy. I'm often intimidated. It's tough to ask a president why we went to war, but the public is wondering, and he walked in where angels fear to tread.

Who was your favorite president to cover?

"I liked covering them all. I feel like I'm covering history. But Kennedy was best of all. He was the man for peace. He made people feel like there was hope."

During both the class talk and the lecture, Thomas shared some words of wisdom to the students in the crowd. When one student asked how to break into political journalism, Thomas advised students to get internships and learn from the pros. She then said, "Attitude is everything. If people think you care and want to learn, you can go anywhere." Another piece of advice she shared with the crowd, "Follow your star," she said. "Know what you're capable of and do it."

These are wise words coming from one of the most respected journalists in the country today.

Despite the seriousness of the subjects Thomas spoke about, she was able to lighten the mood and get the crowd laughing with a few witty comments. When asked who would make the best president out of all the declared candidates for the 2008 election, Thomas responded, "If elected, I will serve."

The response to Helen Thomas' visit was overwhelmingly positive. "I think she is a very nice but a very smart woman who is incredibly good at her job and has opinions that she is not afraid to let known," said junior Megan Mullhausen.

Professor Dalton shared a similar view. "Reporters can be tough and aggressive without being nasty," he said. "She's proof of that."
Gastrointestinal virus attacks students

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Freshman Katie Hecht thought it was just a case of food poisoning when she fell ill and symptoms began within a half hour. She suffered from "intense stomach pains and nausea." She was also feeling "very faint and weak" with a fever. She was taken to the hospital, where she was diagnosed with gastroenteritis, also known as gastroenteritis, is a highly contagious illness that causes nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, appetite loss, fever, weakness, and dehydration. She says that these symptoms can be "pretty rough and usually stay around for up to five days" according to Health Services. She adds that she received a shot called Phenergan that helped her. "I feel bad that people first lived here and got well here." Lusby said. "Most of the people who have lived in the North Village Apartments have been sick, and they are the ones most affected by the situation." With the outbreak hit near a week ago, Lusby said, "We're not used to getting 20 to 30 phone calls from parents."

The quick spread of the GI virus is not uncommon on a college campus, where people are living in close proximity. The best ways to prevent the spread of any disease are to wear masks, avoid sharing food with others, don't share any food or drink, and be sure that bodily fluids are cleaned up properly. Lusby suggested in her first email.

Sophomore Devon Brackbill, who contracted the virus last year, took precautions when he heard about this year's outbreak of what he referred to as "the black death." "To be on the safe side, we went out and stocked up on toilet paper for food borne bacteria or parasites," Lusby said. Lusby believes that the reason some students went to the hospital was because the initial outbreak hit near a weekend. "The weekend was a factor," Lusby said. "Most students were home and out here and well here." Health Services provides a hot meal to students who have been sent home for the day, and they do not want to take the time to cook.

The school's campus plan for renovation of the six dormitories.

Brenton and Posey say that McDaniel is the top two on the list, and they do not want to take the time to cook.

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(From "Donation" on page 1)

Cash pledge for OMS not yet honored

(From "McDaniel" on page 1)
VA Tech- Senseless tragedy inspires prayer

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I don’t know what to say. What can you say?

I wish there was some magic set of words I could use to ease the suffering of the students of Virginia Tech must be experiencing right now. The uneasiness every college student in America must be feeling right now. But unfortunately there isn’t. So as young adults we must endure the grief, so that we can move on.

Senseless doesn’t begin to describe what happened at that campus on April 16th. Tragedy doesn’t convey the emotions associated with learning that 32 people were murdered in an environment that supposed to be safe, and environment that was no doubt as familiar as home to them, the same way McDaniel is familiar to us. It was safe, and know it will no doubt ever been seen in that same light again for many of those students. So what do you say?

There will no doubt be comparisons to the Columbine shootings 8 years ago. I would have liked to think such horror could be learned from by now, but sadly there truly are some sick people in this world. Old pain is mixed with new pain. The same questions are asked, and again it seems there aren’t any answers. But we have to react in some way, and that’s what this column is.

This massacre should have a very profound effect on everyone who hears or reads about it, but in particularly college students. It doesn’t matter that McDaniel College and Virginia Tech are completely different schools, with different atmospheres and different student lifestyles. They are both schools. They serve the same purpose, and for that both institutions are lumped to that barrage to the same extent, but I will still feel the anguish involved.

This, it could have been some of the brightest minds who were killed at that school. We’ll never know. The only thing to do right now is reflect on it in whatever way we feel we need. Spend time with the friends you have. Be grateful for them and their safety. Such an event puts things like that in perspective. Our lives will go on, and for that we should be grateful.

To those who lost their lives, and to the family and friends who have been left behind: you are in my prayers. You are in the prayers of McDaniel College, and in the prayers of every college student who feel the same safety and stability that you felt before that fateful day. That familiarity will not be taken for granted again.

God Bless.

If you feel down, pick this up

The angels are always near to those who are grieving, to whisper to them that their loved ones are safe in the hand of God.”
~ The Angels’ Little Instruction Book by Eileen Elias Freeman

We are all praying for the comfort of those who lost beloved family members, friends, students and teachers in the events of Virginia Tech. May your days be filled with warmth knowing that others around the country are praying for your security during this time of mourning.

By Torioka Jordan

Word Up

As part of the Office of Multicultural Services’ Diversity Week, 2007, Clayton Rosa (left), helped organize the second annual “Word Up,” a spoken word performance featuring Substantial (right), and 21 poets (below). Though the event had to compete with Alpha Nu Omega’s Mr. McDaniel, Ensor Lounge was packed with eager students for the performance, in which artists discussed race, abortion, and sex through original poetry.
Spring Fling

what happens in spring fling stays in spring fling and on facebook.

hope for the future.
Honor Board values 'integrity, credibility'

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Despite the six-page section dedicated to McDaniel's Honor and Conduct Board in the Student Handbook, most students are clueless when it comes to knowledge of the board.

Within a journalism class of ten students, it was apparent how little is known about the Honor and Conduct Board. A female student said, "They don't take it seriously…well I don't know, maybe they do."

"This [integrity and credibility] is what we value," says Associate Dean of Student Affairs Elizabeth Towle. "The board meets to discuss academic violations as well as conduct violations…any academic case goes before the board, any conduct case goes before the board."

According to the McDaniel Student Handbook, academic violations referred to the Honor and Conduct Board could lead or result in the student being removed from the residence halls, suspended or expelled from the college.

While referring to the rise in plagiarism, Towle notes that there are always honor problems, but that she went "three months without seeing a conduct case." In 2006 the Honor and Conduct Board met 20 times; in 2005 it met 25; and in 2004 the board met 21 times.

A group of 10 faculty members and 10 students are selected to serve on the Honor and Conduct Board (two faculty members and two students are present at each board hearing). Two faculty members are elected annually, while student members are selected by the Student Government Assembly (SGA) and serve until graduation. Faculty members are elected from within the faculty and serve a three-year term.

Associate Professor of Sociology Dr. Roxanna Harlow has been at McDaniel for seven years and currently serves on the board.

"We really try to give people a second chance…we are always willing to take a second look at complicated factors," says Harlow.

In terms of how the SGA elects student members to the Honor and Conduct Board, SGA President Ellen Inverso says that spots open up for the following year's board and the Dean of Student Affairs Beth Gerl sends out a notice through campus mail.

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The conduct procedures, on the other hand, start directly in the Student Affairs office. The Associate Dean of Student Affairs investigates the charges and the role of the board is to determine whether the charge is true. In conduct procedures, a resource person may be brought into the hearing. However, this person may not be present during the board's deliberation.

Results of conduct cases include the charge, excluding any names, and the sanction that was chosen may be released to campus news media upon the conviction. If the accused student is found responsible for the charge, McDaniel may release the name of the responsible student, but not the victim or victim's names.

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Halo 2: a positive outlet for male students?

When junior Steve Hoffman calls fellow junior Cory Nellissen "an addict," it only needs to mutter a simple quest- tion to find out what Nellissen is up to.

"Are you playing?" he asks.

The ominous seconds of silence that follow communi- cate an unspoken agreement between the two friends, a resounding, "Yes." In the quest to discover the root cause of the gender gap, the video game Hoffman is referring to, Halo 2, is an obvi- ous candidate for a possible culprit. The game is highly addictive, with several stu- dents indicating they spend up to six hours a day playing it.

Further investigation, how- ever, reveals that Halo 2 may be a desirable distraction for students, keeping them from the time they spend playing the game under control.

Ultimately, a picture of the game emerges that suggests academic and gender dread for some, but a positive social outlet for others.

A fairly small yet dedicated group of male students on campus has caught onto the national trend of playing the science fiction first-person shooter, a video game for Microsoft's Xbox console. Halo 2 has gained an unprec- edented following among college students due to its fast-paced and interactive gameplay, allowing up to 16 players to face off across a network. As a result, students report it is possible to get onto Halo 2 at any time of the day and find someone willing to play. The game's highly addictive nature ensures that once students begin playing, they end up staying with it for hours on end, with many players on a set schedule of playing.

According to senior Nick Moretti, one of the first people to get the game's ability to pull people in.

"On average, the games last 10 to 20 minutes," he said. "But don't you notice any of the time passing, and usually you feel like the game was too fast. You feel like the game was only five minutes long and you want to play again."

It is tempting to admonish Halo players for the amount of time they spend playing the game, but Hoffman and Nellissen (aka Cancer) have not taken over their lives, but rather it has become a useful tool for distraction. As Most of the "garners" estimate there are between 20 and 30 students who are consistently on the school's network, with an even larger group of students playing on a less frequent basis. Moreover, it would be hard-pressed to find a male student who has not been enticed for at least several hours by the thrilling and futuristic sounds of the game, of which Microsoft has sold nearly 10 million copies worldwide, according to information. Halo 2 is sold by a third party for $40.

With the release of Halo 2, students have been able to "system link" two XBOXes together, allowing up to 16 players to play on both consoles. Halo 2 has been successful in overcoming the binding of playing video games, allowing students to continue playing the game even after the end of the school's network.

The general consensus suggests that if it were not for Halo, the sorts of students who end up dropping out of school would continue to play video games, according to Hoffman and Nellissen.

As a result, students deserve to be allowed to play the game for their own discretion. Hoffman and Nellissen report that while they spend several hours a day playing Halo, they do not think their grades suffer as a result. Hoffman is typically doing as well as possible so as not to detract from Halo time, so it may actually be a motivation. When asked if they would play Halo if they were not in college, Hoffman replied, "I probably would major- ly fall into this category. However, Hoffman did recall two students who ended up leaving because of Halo. "But I feel it is a result of being unable to control their Halo playing."

Despite such extreme tales or other stories of people getting hooked on Halo and not doing a paper or studying for a test, the common trend with Halo players seems to be that those students may get put off until the next morning but the larger assignments play take precedence over game time.

The extra time spent playing Halo is more likely to come out of partying or sleeping than out of schoolwork, according to all of the students interviewed.

"I feel it is definitely better than going out drinking every day," said sophomore Shawn Yohe (aka MMK Murr Holley). "It's a lot cheaper, too. I can pick up a controller and play instead of going out and paying $40 for alcohol on the weekends."" Other players noted that while playing might take up time during days in which you are not doing assignments, it is more a factor of inadequate time management. As Hoffman and Nellissen have both been able to "system link" their Halo systems over the college network administrator said that allowing students to continue playing the game was more desirable pastime for many students who are being heard and carried through the school system.

A sleight of activity is taking place on the video game front, demonstrating the desireability of the game. In March, the College's Hoffman tournament was held to allow students to showcase their Halo abilities. This summer, plans call for installing a dedicated line for gamers so there is no interference on the college's network. The move to a T3 line for the college has made it possible for the Information Technology office to send students access to Xbox Live, an international network which allows students to connect with players with millions of other gamers worldwide. The extra bandwidth supplied by the T3 line made possible for it to eliminate some of the band- with to Xbox Live gamers. The move will certainly be a relief for many students, but is not worry, however.

"We took a portion of the bandwidth for other purposes down, not used and gave it to Xbox Live," said Hoffman.

Students have turned to Xbox Live as a way to avoid the system link to almost become a thing of the past. The benefit of Live is that students do not have to worry about being cut off from school or their friends from home, reforming connections that may have been broken since high school. This benefit, in addition to the distraction from drinking, could change Halo into an even more desirable pastime for college students in the eyes of administrators.

Students who do not control their gameplay, may need to be taken into account.

"At this point, educating students on the degree to which video gaming may influence students is probably the most viable approach," Reiff said. "We're probably not too far from the days when we are having gaming interventions and support groups VG Anonymity."
Women’s lacrosse headed to playoffs with win

Kerrie Wruenschel (Sykesville, MD/South Carroll) recorded five goals and added an assist to lead McDaniel to a 17-12 victory over Muhlenberg in Centennial Conference (CC) women’s lacrosse action on Saturday.

Katie Reimann led the Mules (8-7, 2-7 CC), who wrapped up the No. 9 seed in the upcoming CC tournament. McDaniel will travel to Ursinus, who fell to Dickinson 12-8, for the first-round game on Wednesday. Game time will be determined Monday.

Trailing 7-4 after back-to-back goals from Morrongiello and Reimann, Wruenschel tallied an unassisted marker midway through the first half to spark 7-0 run that gave McDaniel an 11-7 lead.

Five different Green Terror players scored during the run. Marissa Capuno broke up the run with an unassisted tally just one minute before the break to make it an 11-8 game at the intermission.

Wruenschel started the second half scoring off a free-position goal at the 3:45 mark. Amanda McGovern and Riemann added two more unassisted goals for the Mules to pull the visitors within 12-10 but that’s as close as they would get down the stretch.

Erinn Hopkins (Monrovia, MD/Urbania) opened the game’s scoring 30 seconds in. Muhlenberg tallied three times in over the next 6 min - (4:23 seconds), and a pair of Michelle Mullen (Pasadena, MD/Chepeakea) goals just 11 seconds apart knotted the game at 3-3.

Riemann and Taylor Armstrong then scored two more unanswered goals in a 45 second span to take the lead, 5-3.

Emily Funk (Salisbury, MD/Parksdale) made a pair of three-point goals for the Mules, pulled McDaniel within 5-4.

Outdoor track- women fourth, men place fifth

Matt Rouse (Williamsport, MD/Williamsport) won the 3,000-meter steeplechase in a Mason-Dixon Invitational-record 9:50.98 to lead McDaniel in outdoor track and field action on Saturday.

Kristen Duling (Hampstead, MD/North Carroll) led the women, winning the 400 in a time of 1:02.31.

As a team, the Green Terror women placed fourth of the eight competing teams with 56.33 points. The men finished fifth of nine teams with 71 points. Host Gettysburg won both team titles.

The women’s 4x400-meter relay team also crossed first in a combined time of 3:12.26. while Kacey Decker (Berlin, MD/Stephen Decatur) finished in a three-way for second place in the high jump, clearing 1.47 meters.

Decker was also third in the triple jump (10.22 meters) and fourth in the long jump (4.85).

Men’s tennis closes season with decisive 7-2 win over Ursinus College

Djordje Matkovic recorded his first, last and only win of the season, winning 6-2, 6-1 at No. 2 singles.

Corey Graybill completed a two-win day with a 6-0, 6-2 victory at No. 6 singles to lead McDaniel to a 7-2 victory over Ursinus in Centennial Conference (CC) men’s tennis action on Saturday.

Dan Hovorka and Chris Reed (Bowie, MD/Bowie) also added two-win days for the Kastner Conference (CC) men’s tennis day with a 6-4, 5-7, 6-3 victory.

Baseball splits at Muhlenberg

Tom Wenrich (Wernersville, PA/Conrad Weiser) went 3-for-4 with three doubles, two RBIs and three runs scored in the opener to lead McDaniel to an 8-6 victory at Muhlenberg in Centennial Conference (CC) baseball action on Saturday.

The Mules (8-19, 4-10 CC) earned a split, defeating the Green Terror (6-22 CC) 16-6 in the second game.

In the second game, Muhlenberg scored 12 runs in its final three at bats to turn a 6-4 deficit into the 16-6 victory.

Triples from Pomroy and Mike Hart, including one of the two-RBI variety from Pomroy, keyed a four-run sixth inning.

Four walks and a hit batsman, including two with the bases loaded ignited a six-run seventh inning.

With one out, a Wenrich double plated Zach Croft (Laurel, MD/DeMatha) to knot the game at 1-all before a Troy Tipton (Hanover, PA/South Western) sacrifice fly and Brent Toms (Hagerstown, MD/North Hagerstown) RBI single gave the Green Terror a 3-1 lead.

An Eric Pomroy triple and Joe Carlo sacrifice fly trimmed the deficit to 3-2 in the bottom of the frame.

In the second double of the game in the fifth keyed another three-run frame before Wenrich completed the hat trick to go with Tipton and Toms singles in the seventh to push the lead to 8-2.

Sparked by a Christian Conti one-out solo home run, the Mules plated four runs in the bottom of the seventh to secure the final margin in the top spot.

Chris Costa, Matthew Block and Conti contributed to the big inning with RBI singles.

A Jason Bender pinch-hit double keyed the bottom of the eighth when Muhlenberg tacked on its final two runs.

McDaniel opened up a 2-0 lead in the top of the third behind a Jon Zimmerman (Lemoyne, PA/Cedar Cliff) triple before a Carlo two-run single in the bottom of the frame.

After the Mules plated a single run in the fourth, a Toms two-run double and Croft RBI single in the fifth gave the Green Terror a 5-3 lead.

A message from the McDaniel Men’s Rugby Club

Join the group that sports snowballing interest all over campus. Practices start Tuesday, April 17th on the field behind Baughler’s Restaurant and will continue to run every Tuesday and Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. until the end of the semester. Practices will break for summer and commence again in the fall. For more information, contact Ben Cockshott (bkcc003@mcdaniel.edu) or join the “McDaniel Rugby” Facebook group. No prior experience is necessary. The game is suited for all body types. Simply show up to practice if you are interested.
and saddened by this tragedy and will sorely miss Luke.’"
On Wednesday, April 25 at about 12:30 a.m., Hoffman, who worked in Montgomery County, made a stop for a suspected DUI. The driver of the vehicle got out of his car and began running. Officer Hoffman was struck by another police cruiser while chasing the suspect, according to previous news reports in The Baltimore Sun.
In an attempt to avoid hitting him, the other officer swerved and drove his cruiser into an embankment where he hit a tree. Both officers were flown to Maryland Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore and the driver was released later Wednesday. Officer Hoffman died early Thursday morning from injuries sustained in the accident.
Dr. Lauren Dundes recalls Luke’s enthusiasm for police work, a field he was interested in pursuing from the start of his McDaniel career.
“If I heard the news I pulled out his internship form. He had worked for the Maryland State Police,” Dundes said. “He often used words like ‘wonderful opportunity’ and ‘great experience.’ I remember how enthusiastic he was. It is so sad that someone one who was so wonderful at law enforcement had his life and career cut short. I am glad he got to study what he loved.”
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Terror hires new basketball coach

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Softball team sanctioned, wrestling coach fired

Students and faculty who knew Luke Hoffman are still reeling over the tragic death of a dear friend. The sociology major and 2005 McDaniel graduate was killed while on duty April 25; he was an officer with the Montgomery County Police Department. “I remember Luke as a model student. I could always depend on him. He was a bright face in class—quick to laugh and always smiling,” said Dr. Deborah Lemke. “He was well liked by students and faculty. We are shocked...”

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Games. "The girls were reminded in the initiation flyer, "Each player should be sure to bring an extra $10 to Florida..." This money funded the purchase of beer. One girl recalls another girl being so terrified of being left alone with the other girls at the condo that she threw up. As one final means of humiliation, the new players had the word "vag" and a picture of a vagina drawn on their arms written in permanent marker.

The girl alleges that the pictures that were taken of initiation were deleted by Coach Phil Smith at the airport, insisting that they weren't that bad. It wasn't fun. I didn't even want to be in Florida because of the way the team treated certain people and the coach treated certain people," the girl said.

One player, who no longer plays for the team wishes to set the record straight. "My parents and I decided, 'tradition' or not, hazing and humiliating your teammates to boost your own ego, and humiliating your team against Coach Smith or Coach Eyler. However, a former player insists that last year there were multiple complaints filed against Coach Smith from parents and players and Jamie Smith and Dr. Fritz did nothing.

As for the wrestling team, action has been taken in regard to the coaching staff. "We did make a change in the head coaching with wrestling," Smith said. "It just felt like we needed a change of direction there." The head coach, Sam Gardner, and the assistant coach Davey Blake, are still recognized as such on the McDaniel athletics website. Gardner doesn't have a full understanding of what is happening with the wrestling program. He recently met with Smith.

"We've done it through elimination of games and suspensions," Smith said. "When asked how much he knew about initiation, Smith said, "I'm not in the position to say anything." Jamie Smith, Athletic Director at McDaniel for the past seven years, commented on the disciplining of the softball team. "We've made a change in the head coaching with wrestling," Smith said. "It just felt like we needed a change of direction there." The head coach, Sam Gardner, and the assistant coach Davey Blake, are still recognized as such on the McDaniel athletics website. Gardner doesn't have a full understanding of what is happening with the wrestling program. He recently met with Smith. Gardner says that Smith has been honest about his knowledge and experience with wrestling. "Jamie Smith has admitted to me, and to others, that he doesn't know anything about wrestling. Yet he makes this particular decision without consulting anyone...who might be able to give him an informed opinion of his performance as a coach," said Gardner. "So I was fired based on an uninformd opinion of my performance as a coach," said Gardner. "I was fired based on an uninformed opinion of my wrestling-specific coaching skills and without a formal evaluative tool that lays out my deficiencies."

Gardner regrets that he was fired without "empirical evidence," but he remains civil. "I love McDaniel, and I love my wrestlers. If I were holding them back or knew of a better candidate than me that was out there, who is willing and able to lead this program, I'd have stepped down in a heartbeat," Gardner said. "I find it very difficult to believe there are many candidates out there who will do a significantly better job than we have been doing. If Mr. Smith realizes this and wants to talk about reinstating me I'd have no problem sitting down with him. I harbor no ill will towards him or this school."
Male students define success differently

Special Report: This article is part of a three-part series investigating possible reasons for the gender gap which exists between male (3.2) and female (3.7) GPAs.

Every child has had his or her very own example of the family refrigerator — a macaroni and glue collage or an "A" on a spelling test. The family refrigerator is a vital part of a child's success. If a child does not have a full refrigerator, it is a sign that a child's success has not changed since those days, but when the content of the refrigerator turns from milk to beer, from fruit to food for drunken idiots. Today, countless jokes at the expense of the officer on Spring Fling that was not the be able to stand upright in Durango. It is only by divine providence that the officer driving hit the brakes. I would tell you what time the accident took place, but I don't remember much of anything from Spring Fling. I think the driver said he was not the only person acting up. On the evening of April 21, a kg was found in one of the male dorms. However, officers only stumbled on the steel treasure because some mental giant passed out over the hearing screen and had left the back door of the house open when he went home. Sarah Henry Reiff, dean of student affairs, said "Don't wallow in the breast of philosophy. "We have very bright male students who I'm not going to say aren't bright — they just don't do a whole lot of work. There are definitely some in the middle, whereas the female population seems to have more of a gradient." One of the main reasons for this is the level of thoroughness applied to assignments. "On my exams or my papers, women are much more likely to go into depth, full explanations, whereas sometimes I think in my head, "I wonder if they practice what is the frequentest activity, the words fewest number of words they are going to use and get full credit?"" she said. Harlow said she has to work really hard to get what I wanted, whereas they knew it would just come to them.

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For many males, "success" and "failure" are terms which are only applied when a definite effort toward something has been made. And it is apparent that little or no effort was made, then there can be no true failure — and success is defined as hard in athletics as academics is to succeed. There's not really another option other than success for female seniors like Molly Bolek. "Don't wallow in the breast of philosophy. "We have very bright male students who I'm not going to say aren't bright — they just don't do a whole lot of work. There are definitely some in the middle, whereas the female population seems to have more of a gradient." One of the main reasons for this is the level of thoroughness applied to assignments. "On my exams or my papers, women are much more likely to go into depth, full explanations, whereas sometimes I think in my head, "I wonder if they practice what is the frequentest activity, the words fewest number of words they are going to use and get full credit?"" she said. Harlow said she has to work really hard to get what I wanted, whereas they knew it would just come to them.

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Dom is the ‘Poppy’ of campus safety

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For 12 years, one handlebar mustache has reigned over the McDaniel campus.

Before he came to McDaniel, this friendly face tried his hand at managing a tobacco shop, delivering flowers, and even firefighting. Finally, when his wife got a job teaching in Westminster, he found his way to McDaniel College.

Dwelling in the lower level of Winslow is Dominic DiMartino, a senior Campus Safety officer at the college. For over a decade now DiMartino has been a prominent figure in the Department of Campus Safety.

"He's your typical grandfather figure," says officer Jeremy Sherfey, who has been working with DiMartino for three years. Sherfey recalls the time that DiMartino offered him a home-cooked breakfast. The young officer accepted the offer and was welcomed into DiMartino's home as if he was family. He walked in to find a "variety of pork products" entered a building with smoke pouring out of it. DiMartino has nothing negative to say about his job at Campus Safety. He is "lively spirit," according to Bronson. Perhaps this is the reason why this gentleman has in the crossfire of the hose and begun screaming for them to turn it off. DiMartino and his partner just laughed and acted as though they could not hear their buddy screaming in the distance.

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A fellow firefighter had entered a building with smoke and steam pouring out of it. DiMartino and another member of his company were working the hose. After the problem had been solved, it was time for a little fun. Somehow, the firefighter inside the building had been caught in the crossfire of the hose and began screaming for them to turn it off. DiMartino and his partner just laughed and acted as though they could not hear their buddy screaming in the distance.

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He always comes in with a joke," says Joshua Bronson, a supervisor at Campus Safety, but Bronson also says DiMartino is "professional." The supervisor describes DiMartino as a "lively spirit," and he truly enjoys being in a work environment with DiMartino. Bronson has yet to hear a complaint from Officer DiMartino. He is always able to get the job done, and does so willingly, with a smiling face, according to Bronson.

DiMartino has nothing negative to say about his job at McDaniel, but he still likes his time away from the office. Above all, he loves going home to his wife Robin, his daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren.

"It's a great thing being a grandparent," says DiMartino, commonly known as "Poppy" around the house. His face lights up when talking about his family. All he has to do is think about his grandchildren, Emmy, and grand-nephew Joseph. Emmy is just 3 years old and has already stolen Poppy's heart. Joseph is almost 2 months old. At the thought of Emmy, DiMartino breaks into a smile and chuckles, "You look at her, and you can see the wheels turn." He is captivated by childhood innocence and enjoys spending days with his family.

Aside from being Poppy, DiMartino loves to read about history. Winston Churchill, John Mortimer, and Jack London are a few of his favorite authors. He is easily able to recall dates of various inventors. Despite his efforts, no one could seem to recall any specific "useless knowledge" gained from DiMartino. Sadly, DiMartino also sees no future in being a contestant on a game show, but he will watch a little Jeopardy now and again.

DiMartino shows absolute no signs of slowing down. He plans on working for at least eight more years until he retires and settles down. He has no definite plans after exiting the work force and just hopes to relax with his family and read.

The next thing on the agenda for DiMartino is to try his hand at "outdoor pig cooking," which has become an ongoing joke around the DoCS. They're planning a pig roast this summer at which DiMartino will roast the pig. It will be a while before Poppy reaches his goal of becoming "Master of the Roast," but his fellow officers are glad to see him stay around.

Sherfey shares his head in reverence when talking about DiMartino. "He's Dom; he's just amazing," concludes the officer.

Bachelors Dominate Wings for Scholarship at Wing Bowl

On Wednesday, April 11, The Bachelors of Alpha Gamma Tau held the 1st annual Wing Bowl at Buffalo Wild Wings (that junk was off the hook). This event was to raise money for the Alpha Gamma Tau Scholarship, a scholarship that will be awarded to a Carroll County High School senior. It was a great turnout with nearly 30 contestants competing for the title of Westminster’s biggest wing eater.

As approximately 700 people, the crowd moved with anticipation as Jesse "Bachelors" Nagle started the countdown, and the poor hot wings had no chance. The overall winner was Torrie Sam Shaw (a last minute entrant who set the all-time record for fastest wing eater in BWB history). The winner for McDaniel were Jazzy Toleak, representing the Jewish population, and Football Coach Dave Murolo for the guys and girls. Sarah Schuck for the girls, Kara, older sister of her "shotgun" Doleckach, absolutely crushed wings, finishing third overall and putting several men to shame. The restaurant was filled with McDaniel students and Greek life was very well represented with the Phi Kappa Phi Alphas, and Omegas’ end to form and even the Alpha Sigma and Sig Tups entered contestants. To the Greeks that didn’t show (Phi Deleb) for shame, for shame. In fact, to all the students who didn’t show, shame on you all. Thanks for all that came, come on out again next year.

Submitted by Jesse Nagle & Albert Lond

Compiled by Christina Hinkle

Valerie Moore
"I am going to be working over the summer, then applying to grad school for education."

Jessica Volz
"I will be moving in with three of my sorority sisters this summer and will be going to grad school in spring ’08 to become a school psychologist."

Rachel Dickey
"I am taking a year off before grad school and driving to Maine and Mexico."

Ali Gargan
"I got accepted into grad school, so I will either be starting grad school soon or starting to work."

Colleen Hanley
"I am going back to school to get my teaching certificate."
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One student's mistake, another's deliberation

KATHRYN YOUNG  FEATURES EDITOR

"I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this piece of work, nor have I knowingly tolerated any violation of the Honor and Conduct Code," says that last year and other students have been drilled into the heads of McDaniel students since their first year. But if all students were to have been drilled into the heads of McDaniel students since their first year. But if all students were to

Wit a rise in cases that come before the Honor and Conduct Board, the students as well as the faculty members who are members of the board have become familiar faces to both Dean of Student Affairs Beth Gerl and Associate Dean of Student Affairs Elizabeth Towle. In the period of fall 2004 to spring 2007 there was a total of 36 cases that were heard in 21 conduct hearings. Except for the spring of 2006 when there were three honor hearings and seven conduct hearings, there were 12 honor hearings, from 2004 to 2007, out-numbered conduct hearings.

Associate Professor of Sociology Dr. Roxanna Harlow, who has been at McDaniel for seven years and currently serves on the Honor and Conduct Board, says that this year there seems to be a lot more honor hearings than usual.

Harlow, who was among the faculty voted to be on the board for a three-year term, isn't the only board member to feel like they receive an e-mail "for some conduct thing". She adds, "Sometimes twice," as Harlow puts it.

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Shaivitz Oppel, director of gift giving to JSU’s adviser, Gail Carpenter was highly influential by the Jewish students at her college because they taught her about their faith. She believes that the JSU offers a “taste of a different culture” and she adds, “Going to some cultural events is such an opportunity to learn about a culture unlike your own.”

Carpenter observes that there aren’t many Jewish students on campus and this is strong. Oppel believes Baltimore is a “vibrant, Jewish community.”

JSU’s main struggle has been attracting and retaining committed, responsible leadership.

“Good leadership has always been the problem,” Oppel said. “I will support everything they do but they have to come up with the leadership.”

Siegel’s first duty was to publicize JSU and recruit members, which, “was difficult as there are few Jewish students on campus who are interested in getting involved,” she said.

Siegel graduates this month and the duties of the JSU president have been passed to sophomore Zach Lubell, who volunteered to fill the position at “the point in JSU history [when it was] on the verge of collapse.” Although Siegel doesn’t believe that Lubell “saved” the JSU, she admits that she “never gave up on it” but [her] time as president was complete and [she] realized it.

“My goal is by the time I graduate [to] set up a very strong foundation of the Jewish community on campus,” Lubell said.

He describes the process as “slow but steady [and the organization] is growing in numbers of actual Jewish people who want to be involved.” His long-term goal is “to have a culture as well as a religion,” and believes that JSU needs to be able to meet and talk with students who come from a similar background, as Judaism is a culture as well as a religion,” said Siegel.

Azoulay has said that next year the JSU plans to hold monthly Shabbat meals open to the college and community and hopes for social exchanges with other colleges that have established Jewish groups.

“The JSU maintains a positive attitude about the future and hopes to plan more events and activities to create a greater awareness of Judaism while also exploring important topics. “I feel really good that for the first time they have the leadership that will provide opportunities for all students, not just Jewish students, and others to mix and mingle,” said Oppel. “They’re going to do great things for Jewish students and the campus.”

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Coley’s Secret Wedding Revealed
The Free Press reveals that President Joan Devlin Coley secretly wed husband Lee Rice. The couple had no one in attendance, except a picture of John Wayne. Coley and Rice didn’t exchange rings, but they did have a three day honeymoon.

Dateline: October 12, 2006
Rumors Fly, New Dean Catches the Heat
The New Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs, Beth Gerl, smashes rumors of McDaniel becoming a dry campus, Greek free, and adding a point system for Campus Safety officers for writing students up. A protest, supporting a “wet” campus, almost broke out due to the rumors that started flying when Chi Delta Upsilon’s annual party was called off by Gerl.

Dateline: November 2, 2006
Ghost Stories Connect Campus Community
Apparently McDaniel is quite haunted. There are ghosts in Whiteford, Eldridge, and ghosts from the civil war. According to a college historian, however, none of the stories of the ghosts’ deaths are true. Instead Robert Kachur, who teaches a course on horror fiction, suggests that the stories might represent anxiety about the past.

Dateline: December 11, 2007
SigEps Lose Charter
Due to falling below minimum GPA, member, and financial requirements, Sigma Phi Epsilon loses their charter. Director of Chapter Services, Chris McCaw, said “Closing a chapter is always the last option we consider.” SigEp member Chris DeRose argued, “In four years, I had never seen the Frat take the reins like now.”

Dateline: February 8, 2007
Coach Flynn Remembered, Missed
McDaniel men’s basketball coach passed away, at 49, on January 12 due to a heart attack. McDaniel defeated Gettysburg in their first game without their illustrious coach. Players wore Flynn’s Friends t-shirts, to honor their coach. Those who played for Coach Flynn, like Camara Kadete, remember him as, “The best coach I ever had.”

Dateline: February 23, 2007
Ice Clean Up Worst in Twenty Years
During February, McDaniel was smashed by a huge snow storm. Crews of 25 to 30 worked 12-12 hours a day to get the ice and snow off streets and walkways. The real problem was that sleet fell on top of the snow, which was followed by rain.

Dateline: March 8, 2007
Rouzer Residents Warned and Fined
Rouzer, known for being a dump on the weekends, has suffered more damage this year. Residents were gathered to talk about the damages and the eventual payment for the damages. The building’s second floor residents will have to pay heaviest, $3,594.40 split between the 55 residents.

Dateline: April 1, 2007
Lawsuit Filed Over Lawnmower Noise
In the April fools issue of the Free Press, Djordj Matkovic decided to write an article on how the American Civil Liberties Union was complaining about lawnmower noises. He quoted Mike Habegger, editor of the Free Press, for the entire article. Apparently a “large” landscaper was looking for the editors of the paper to cause some ruckus. Happy April Fools.
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Seniors share fond memories of English Department

What has college taught you?
Sounds like a silly question, right? College is a place of learning, of course. Students pay good money to go to class every day. But what about outside of the classroom? What have you learned?

"I've learned to be more mature. I've learned the value of listening to others' opinions. I've learned I can be independent," said senior Katlyn Hood. "I'm a much different person now than I was in high school."

About to earn a Bachelor's Degree in English with a minor in Women's Studies, Hood is just one of many seniors from the English Department preparing to start a new chapter in life.

"College went by really fast," she said. "I'm happy with what I have done in college though, so even though it went by fast... I'm ready to move on to whatever is next."

And what's next for this senior? Law school at the University of Baltimore. All of her hard work over the past four years will certainly pay off in the upcoming years.

But Katlyn Hood isn't the only student graduating with a degree in English. Take a look at some of the other notable seniors of the English Department.

KATLYN "KATIE" HOOD
Hometown: Baltimore, MD
Major: English
Minor: Women's Studies

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: I have done what I set out to do—to do my best and succeed.

Favorite memory: The many fun times, like Spring Fling and Homecoming with my friends and roommates. And some of the cool events I participated in or was able to go to, like Elie Wiesel coming to campus, meeting Eve Ensler, and peer mentoring.

Worst memory: I really can't think of anything. Any bad experiences only helped me in the long run.

Best mentor and why: I don't have just one, but probably a good three. My first is my mom because she went back to college when she was 40 and proved you can do anything when you put your mind to it. The second would be Dr. Dobson who, through her classes, encouraged me to want to go to law school again, and her character taught me to believe in myself more. My third is Becky Carpenter who is my advisor. She was the first teacher I had, and she taught me so many things about feminism. She taught me how to let go sometimes, and not be a conformist. Always.

JULIA RIETMULDER-STONE
Hometown: Lewisberry, PA
Major: English

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: Having a GPA above 4.0 when, at UMBC in 1999, my GPA was 0.57.

Favorite memory: Sledding at the golf course.

Worst memory: There were many days when I thought, "This is the worst day ever," but since I can't remember any specifics right now, I think they must not have been so bad.

KENTON MARTIN CAMPER
Hometown: Reisterstown, MD
Major: English, Spanish

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: In terms of schoolwork, my English Senior Seminar paper and feeling that I've gained enough competency in a foreign language that I can communicate in it. More broadly, being a part of the team that produced this year's edition of Contrast.

Favorite memory: Any number of moments that occurred in the early hours of the morning involving friends and laughter with pages and pages of Faulkner or Cervantes needing to be read.

Worst memory: Freshman move-in day: it was commercial oven hot with the humidity of a sauna, and my room was on the very top floor of Davis.

Best mentor and why: Dr. Kate Dobson's class changed my life, quite literally. Her character taught me to believe in myself more. My third is—Prof. Bill Spence and Dr. Mary Kendel-Simso because I could always talk about more than just school with them.

JENNA LOUISE SWARTZ
Hometown: Mt. Airy, MD
Major: English
Minor: Writing

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: Having read a lot of great books and made unforgettable, lifelong friends (and lovers). I am proud of all the hard work and quad time I have put in.

Favorite memory: My favorite memories revolve around Budapest and living in a hotel for four and a half months with the hard work and quad time.

Worst memory: I cannot think of anything. Any bad experiences only helped me in the long run.

Best mentor and why: Dr. Kate Dobson's class changed my life, quite literally. I am now addicted to reading memoirs daily.

DAVID P. GREISMAN
Hometown: Columbia, MD
Major: English
Minor: Journalism, Writing

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: Writing job with Carroll Magazine. I continue to talk with both about life, school and work. Outside of McDaniel, Gina Davis of The Baltimore Sun. At The Baltimore Sun, Gina Davis — along with the rest of the staff at the Carroll bureau — took me under her wing and helped turn me from a journalism student into a student journalist. I not only looked at her as a coworker — she was also a friend.
The psychology department at McDaniel College is a very strong program, which is fortified through the help of amazing professors and advisors. Like most of the majors here on campus, the psychology department is one that offers it's students a small, hard-working, and encouraging learning environment. Senior Jill Hoffman has worked closely with her advisor Dr. Madsen, but has established a close relationship with Dr. Morris, who she considers her mentor of her senior year. Erin Wilson has had her opportunity to work in his lab with talented students and to participate in some of the department's largest research projects.

Major: Psychology
Hometown: Westminster, MD

Favorite Memory: Spring Fling freshman year-when I met and hung out with my best friend and my rock throughout the next 4 years.

Worst Memory: Trying to get around this campus on crutches freshman year.

Best Mentor and why: Dr. Mazeroff. He has always had faith in me and when he chose me to come in his lab and work with me as his peer mentor this year it was such a compliment because he knew that I could be a mentor for first-year students, just as he was my mentor.

CAITLIN MCGILL
Hometown: Baltimore, MD

Business and Economics

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**Mathematics**

By Emily Sweeney

Watson, Biggs master academics and basketball

A former McDaniel Women's basketball member will soon be working as a software engineer. Amy Watson will be working for BAE Systems, a contractor for the Department of Defense. Actually, basketball does not have much to do with her future job, though she says it holds great memories for her. Her career as a basketball player on a team which she says won two conference championships and attended the NCAA tournament three times is only one of the things she got from McDaniel. Another is her Mathematics major. Watson says her major was what helped her most in getting her job. And she thrived with this major. She was a recipient of a Maryland I-Fund's National Security Scholarship and was noted by Dr. Bono, head of the Math and Computer Science Department, as a noteworthy graduating senior along with Allison Biggs.

Allison Biggs also received attention with a NSSP National Security Scholarship and a summer internship with Lockheed Martin. Oddly enough, Biggs was a McDaniel Women's basketball player as well. Like her academic interests in math and basketball, their major has great variety. Watson says "A math major here covers a lot of material, and it focuses on a lot of analyzing information. There are a lot of math courses and a few computer science courses."

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**Physics**

All five senior Physics majors earn accolades from Dr. Jeffrey Marx. Most of them were still busy at press time. Kate Chapman notes that her favorite memory from McDaniel years will be "living in the house with all my friends." Chapman also shares highs from her academic journey in the Senior Salutes with her peers in the Chemistry department.

"The entire physics department is amazing. They are all very encouraging and make physics fun are worthy of tribute," Chapman added.

Other outstanding physics majors include: Frank Ingellis, Keith Greenway, Kate Chapman, Jim Petrillo, and Rob Jones.
**THEATRE ARTS**

By Laura Hutton

**Behar will spend summer with Theatre on the Hill**

The theatre arts program at McDaniel College stresses the study of theatre history along with production and performance. It provides students with skills useful in their pursuit of professional careers and graduate work. The summer program, Theatre on the Hill, provides students with the opportunity to continually broaden their art by performing musicals and plays from June through August.

Senior, Jess Behar has been devoted to her art during her time here at McDaniel and looks forward to her summer with Theatre on the Hill.

**JESS BEHAR**

Hometown: Owings Mills, MD

Major: Theatre Arts

Thing you are most proud of: My contributions to the theatre department

Favorite Memory: Scotland

Worst Memory: death of Meatball

Best Mentor: Elizabeth, Ron, and Ira

Plans after graduation: Theatre on the Hill

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**ART & ART HISTORY**

By Staff Writer

**Art seniors find professors helpful as mentors**

One of the most important decisions a student has to make while in college is determining a career path. For the following students, the decision was easy. Not only have these seniors found areas of study that they love, but they have also excelled in those areas.

The Art and Art History departments at McDaniel College happily recognize Meghan Ambra, Chloe Watson, Alexandrea Gargon, Cynthia Reimbold, Jenna Entwistle, Jessica Bernstein and Hajnalka Modis as outstanding seniors. Their achievements range from winning awards at art shows to graduating with honors.

The students' mentors, not surprisingly, are their professors, who they describe as supportive, encouraging and helpful critics.

Congratulations seniors, for your hard work and success as students at McDaniel College, and more specifically, as outstanding representatives for the Art and Art History departments.

**CYNTHIA REIMBOLD**

Hometown: Galena, MD

Major: Art History

**Best mentor and why:** Dr. Susan Scott has been wonderful to me over the past four years. She is responsible for my sparked interests in Asian art, specifically.

**Favorite memory:** The art club called ARS NOVA and have been president of the organization for the past 1 1/2 years. Also, being accepted into the Art Honors program.

**Worst memory:** My worst memory would probably be getting locked out of my room at 3 in the morning...no key, no phone, no idea what to do. Finally caught someone going to the bathroom and he let me use his phone to call campus safety.

**Best mentor and why:** Steven Pearson. He pushes and encourages our ideas and examples great criticism. He's really influencing and expanding the art department for the better and his determination for the art department is fantastic and undeniable.

**MEGAN AMBRA**

Hometown: Concord, NH

Major: Studio Art

**Thing you are most proud of your work at McDaniel College:** I am proud that I have been able to employ my communication skills in Spanish to help Spanish-speakers learn English in Palabras to Words and Global Friendships. I am also pleased that I was able to get into a doctoral program in Spanish literature and have been able to employ my communication skills in Spanish to help Spanish-speakers learn English in Palabras to Words and Global Friendships. I am also pleased that I was able to get into a doctoral program in Spanish literature and have been able to employ my communication skills in Spanish to help Spanish-speakers learn English in Palabras to Words and Global Friendships.

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**FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

By Mario Valone

**17 Seniors Graduate With Foreign Language Major**

The foreign language department has 17 students graduating with a major from the department. The department chair, Maritime Mutard noted that all of them deserve applause. Spanish professor, Barbara Granlund applauded "several students that were very involved with the local Hispanic community and created several programs to their benefit."

**LAURA MILLER**

Hometown: Manchester, MD

Major: Spanish

**Thing you are most proud about your work at McDaniel:** Forming the group Mano en Mano, which works with Latino children and families in Carroll County, and all the great activities we have held.

**Favorite Memory:** Going to Queretaro, Mexico with Dr. Deveny for the 2006 spring semester canceled due to snow.

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**THE SENIOR Salute**

**CHLOE WATSON**

Hometown: Leesburg, VA

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**Favorite Memory:** Visiting Athens, Greece in my sophomore year while studying abroad. Having the opportunity to see the Parthenon in person was an amazing experience.

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**ALEXANDREA GARGON**

Hometown: Columbus, Maryland

Major: Studio Art/Art History/Graphic Design

**Favorite Memory:** My entire year studying abroad in Salamanca, Spain. Getting students to speak Spanish in the Tertulias held by the Spanish house. I am also pleased that I was able to get into a doctoral program in Spanish literature and that I will be able to further refine my skills so as to be able to teach college Spanish in the future.

**Worst Memory:** Nothing about it was enjoyable.

**Best mentor and why:** Dr. McNichols and Dr. Deveny because they are both very motivating, have a passion for Spanish and teaching, and have been very inspiring.

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**BIOLOGY & CHEMISTRY**

By Katelynn McGinley

*Seniors balance extracurriculars with time in lab*

There's a common misperception that being Biology or Chemistry major means that you spend the majority of your years in college toiling over a microscope. The 2007 Bio-Chem class at McDaniel are out to prove that theory wrong. These seniors thong out by their peers as excelling within their departments, had to make certain sacrifices to fit their grueling course loads—like Teri Hamer missing out on Spring Fling her Junior year to take the MCATs—but overall, they managed to make it work. They are just as involved as any other student on The Hill. They play sports, they have water balloon fights in the quad, they take late night Wawa runs to keep their energy up while studying for finals, they are our peer mentors, and they are our friends. Best of luck to the 2007 Biology and Chemistry graduates.

**KATE CHAPMAN**

**Hometown:** Towson, Md  
**Major:** Physics and Chemistry  
**Favorite memory:** Living in a house with all of my friends  
**Worst memory:** hasn't happened yet... graduation  
**Best mentor and why:** one of the teachers I've had in the physics and chemistry departments have been amazing!

**TERI HAMER**

**Hometown:** Egg Harbor Twp, NJ  
**Major:** Neuroscience (Self designed combination of Science and Psychology)  
**Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College:** I'm really proud of being part of the group of amazing women who first brought the Vagina Monologues to this campus and who have continued to make it stronger and better each year. I know I'm leaving the production in good hands! Along those lines, I'm also proud to have participated in the first annual production of Cocktails for the same cause. And I know this one sounds really, really dorky, but I'm still really proud of myself for correctly figuring out my unknowns in Organic Chem II.

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**CHELSEA PHILLIPS**

**Hometown:** Frederick, Maryland  
**Major:** History & Political Science (Minors: Psychology and Philosophy)  
**Favorite Memory:** I have thoroughly enjoyed my college experience and have many wonderful memories! If I had to pick the main reason why my time at McDaniel has been unforgettable—maybe it's the students. When you first tour the campus with admissions' office staff, they tell you there's a "sense of community" here. That the professors and students care about you, as an individual. What they don't tell you is that this community of people doesn't just affect you during your few brief years spent on the Hill—they change your life. Forever.

Certiainly I have had many great classes with great professors, I have cheered on the football team through good and not-so-good seasons. I have sung my heart out at karaoke nights in the pub. Danced at parties until the sun came up. Participated in countless club events and student organizations. I loved my poly sci senior sem class last fall. And I have many obliviously funny memories of eating at glar, walking around campus, and hanging out in various apartments. But it's not the things I did at McDaniel that I'll remember fifty years from now. What I'll remember are the people I did those things with.

From my first day on campus and "team transfer" sophomore year, to May 19th when with tears blurring my vision I am forced to remove my last item from the most fabulous apartment on campus, NV 191, (or Stackhouse Hall...) McDaniel will always be my home away from home and the people here will always be my family.

**Worst Memory:** Being a senior and graduating.

**Best/favorite mentor and why:** I have really enjoyed working with Dr. Wendy Morris in the psychology department. Dr. Morris is very good at making the learning process enjoyable. Not only is she very good at making course content understandable, she also provides her students with numerous, creative "hands-on" experiences. For example, my favorite memory from one of her classes involved a banana and a water gun! Additionally, last spring Jill Hoffman and I designed and ran an independent psychological study on improving lie detection, under Dr. Morris' supervision. This experience was very beneficial in that it allowed me to directly apply what I had been learning in class about psychological research to a real-world situation. Even more exciting, the results of our study were very promising! Since then, Dr. Morris, Jill and I have been invited to present our data at three national conferences this year.

**JASON STAMBBAUGH**

**Hometown:** Medford, NJ  
**Major:** Biochemistry and Biology  
**Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College:** being a great research advisor, Dr. Alsapc for being a great advisor and believing in me, and Dr. Smith for not yelling at me (that much) when I asked too many questions or spilled/broke stuff and for being a great teacher.

**THERESA ANNE HESS**

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**Major:** History  
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**Best mentor and why:** A friend, Todd Burrier, for his guidance and wisdom about life and business. I met him through my work with Young Life.

**J. ANDREW W. CUMMINGS**

**Hometown:** Lisbon, Maryland  
**Major:** Political Science  
**Minor:** None  
**Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College:** My work on the Evangelical Christian vote in my senior sem. I got an A+ and it felt good. It was a great culmination to four years of work.

**Favorite memory:** All the conversations that I've had about life, logic, politics, religion...etc, on late nights with friends. And all of the hysterical antics that go along in the average political science classroom.

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**Best mentor and why:** My family.
SOCIETY

By Melanie Chupin

MAGNUSON: Sociology was a good choice

Four years ago, Melissa Magnuson came to college and "basically packed my entire life and brought it with me." Toward the end of her freshman year, Magnuson chose sociology as her major because she really enjoyed it and since then, "There haven't really been any moments where I have regretted choosing my major." Currently she is doing research for honors in her major with Dr. Dundes about Myspace and how the profiles of men and women in relationships differ. Magnuson is just one of five outstanding seniors recognized by the sociology department's Dr. Deb Lemke, for their excellence.

MELISSA J. MAGNUSON
Hometown: Baltimore, Maryland
Major: Sociology w/ a concentration in Criminal Justice
Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: I am most proud of the research I'm doing this semester to get honors in my major. It's nice to research something I'm interested in without many of the typical constraints of a class.
Favorite memory: Well, probably my favorite experience was going to Belize class.
Worst memory: Probably when I first got to college and realized how much I really didn't know and how much more work I had to do compared to how much I had in high school!
Best mentor and why: At McDaniel, probably Dr. Dundes because she's not only my advisor, but she's also someone that I've always been able to go to for any kind of advice.
Future plans: I've decided to put grad school on hold for a little while and instead try to find a job. I haven't found one yet, which is a little scary, but I'm doing some sort of investigative work, but it can take a while to get into that field, so I will probably have other jobs before then.

LINDSAY S. MUSGRAVE
Hometown: Fairfield, Pennsylvania
Major: Sociology w/ Criminal Justice concentration
Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: I am most proud of the fact that as a commuter student, I was able to earn my BA with a respectable GPA while maintaining a full life outside of school (i.e., working, recreational sports, etc.).
Favorite memory: I got married during the summer between my junior and senior year. Our daughter's due date was close to my fall semester finals. She and Dr. Dundes made it possible for me to continue my studies throughout my pregnancy and made adjustments for me to finish my senior fall semester when I could not be in class for the majority of the last month.
Her teaching style and personality make the materials easier to understand and she earnestly appreciates feedback. She has been very supportive, is a great person outside the classroom, and had the effect of making me want to be a better student during my two years at McDaniel College.
Future plans: Short term, I will be finding a reliable job that pays the bills while I wait for my husband to return from deployment. Ideally, I'd like to have a career that helps people and contributes to society. However my only long-term, concrete plan is for my husband and I to provide a comfortable and stable home for our five month old daughter and possible future children in the hopes of raising happy, healthy children into happy, healthy adults.

KURT M. RAUSCHENBERG
Hometown: Emmitsburg, Maryland
Major: Sociology w/ concentration in Criminal Justice
Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: I am very proud and honored to have worked with the sociology department at a local middle school to mentor 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys to instill respect and responsibility.
Favorite memory: My favorite memory was the day I was sworn in by LTC Feser as a contracted Army ROTC Cadet.
Worst memory: My worst memory was when I had to watch the movie "Little Women" for Theories in Sociology and then write a 20-page paper about it.
Best mentor and why: My best mentor at McDaniel was LTC Feser. He taught me more about leadership than I could have ever learned anywhere else and gave me all the tools I needed in order to succeed as a soon to be newly commissioned Army Officer.
Future plans: I am getting commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Maryland Army National Guard as a Field Artillery Officer by the ROTC on the morning of graduation. I will then report to Fort Sill, Oklahoma the first week of June for six months of training. I will then report to Fort Belvoir the following week for six months of follow on training for newly commissioned officers. After I come back I will be attached to the 2nd Battalion 110th Field Artillery National Guard Unit located in Westminster Maryland as a qualified Field Artillery Officer.

PAT O'TOOLE
Hometown: Frederick, Maryland
Major: Sociology and Psychology with a Criminal Justice concentration
Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: It has gotten me into a good grad school and will allow me to pursue what I enjoy.
Favorite memory: Accepting the Brant Cup two years in a row.
Worst memory: Hearing of Coach Flynn's passing.
Best mentor and why: Ralph F. Burns, because his memory has shown me how to put others before myself.
Future plans: I am pursuing my Master's of Science in Criminology at the University of Pennsylvania.

MELISSA WILSON
Hometown: Westminster, Maryland
Major: Sociology/Criminal Justice Concentration
Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: I am most proud of the personal drive that kept me moving forward and helped me to stay strong when I felt too overwhelmed.
Favorite memory: I don't have one in particular. But when I leave here, I feel that I will reflect most on the relationships that I have built and intend to maintain with my sociology instructors.
Worst memory: All of those long, long nights, which created very long next days.
Best mentor and why: I don't think that I could name a best. Dr. Dundes, Dr. Lemke, and Dr. Mugg have all influenced me in their own way and all have offered my very different perspectives (which are also tools) to aid me in approaching school and life situations. As a sociology major, I recognize the importance of diverse perspectives as it helps in generalizing and understanding the behaviors and opinions of people in our world. I would have to say, however, that Dr. Dundes has gone far beyond her job as an advisor and teacher to aid me in my personal life, which is well respected and to be never forgotten by me.

In the fall of 2007, senior Tori Butler will be starting her Master's of Divinity at Duke divinity school. Butler says "I chose divinity school, because I know God has put a call on my life to be in service to him by ministering to youth and young adults. I have regretted choosing my major. Currently she is doing research for honors in her major with Dr. Dundes about Myspace and how the profiles of men and women in relationships differ. Magnuson is just one of five outstanding seniors recognized by the sociology department's Dr. Deb Lemke, for their excellence.

Seniors Anja Kadilli and Jamie Nash show their Green Terror spirit at a women's basketball game at Johns Hopkins. The two dedicated fans came in support of their friend and roommate, senior Theresa Hess. 'Go Green Terror!'
**Senior Salute**

**MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

By Greg Pfeiffer

Lon and Newgent noted as standout individuals

Talented and creative minds scatter this campus and make it what it is; an excellent opportunity to gain a higher education and a breeding ground for hopefuls that pursue a varying set of career paths. There are no students that better encompass this idea than our senior class, specifically those involved with the music department. Two of these seniors, Kriston Ion and Jennifer Newgent, were noted as standout individuals for their dedication and hard work throughout their McDaniel careers. Don’t be fooled by the common misconception that music majors have it simple: Ion makes it perfectly clear that “people underestimate what a music major actually has to do.” Below is a bit more information about these two very bright seniors, highlighting their most significant experiences.

KRISTEN ION

Hometown: Gaithersburg, MD

Major: Music Education

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: This one is not that easy to answer. I am proud that I am the first student to pioneer the S-year Music Education Degree program, where at the end of my fourth year I receive my bachelor’s in Music Education and at the end of my fifth year, I receive my masters in education. I am also proud that I have re-done the entire choral music library for the music department and created a database that makes it easily accessible.

Favorite Memory: After my fourth semester of theory at the end of my sophomore year, I received my masters in education. I have never done on my own. I would say, she is one of my closest friends on this campus.

JENNIFER NEWGENT

Hometown: Westminster, MD

Major: Music

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: That I’ve been able to maintain a thriving relationship both with my family and my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ throughout my time in school.

Worst memory: Getting a B on a theory test twice in a row.

Best mentor and why: My best mentors have been my parents. They have been constantly there for me. They know me best and know what I’m likely to have trouble with; and then tell me about it; sometimes directly and sometimes indirectly, depending on which will help me get the point better. I owe a lot to them.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

By Becky Snider

Sliding, losing weight, and studying mark four years

Communications: A department here at McDaniel that is truly amazing. “You have to reach for everything that you want and I’m one who has never stopped reaching—no matter what my goal may be,” said Communications major Greg Wagner. Indeed Wagner certainly knew what he wanted to accomplish when he undertook an intense weight loss program for his senior project. Though Wagner did not simply choose to do this for his capstone. “My film is based around weight loss, but the ultimate themes are acceptance and self-discovery,” says Wagner. Wagner is one of several students here at McDaniel that stand out. The dedication needed to accomplish what you want to is a common quality shared by students in the Communications department.

GREG WAGNER

Hometown: Gaithersburg, MD

Major: Communication (minors: Business Administration and Writing)

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: My capstone film for my Comm major is absolutely the thing that I am most proud of. My capstone film for my Comm major is absolutely the thing that I am most proud of. It is a film about weight loss. It is a film about weight loss. It has made me feel like I had to quit the team.

Worst memory: Getting a B on a theory test twice in a row.

Best mentor and why: My best mentors have been my parents. They have been constantly there for me. They know me best and know what I’m likely to have trouble with; and then tell me about it; sometimes directly and sometimes indirectly, depending on which will help me get the point better. I owe a lot to them.

NELSON STRYDINGER

Hometown: Manchester, MD

Major: Communication

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: I have many things that I am proud of at McDaniel College, but I will restrict myself to just three moments. Winning the 2005 Public Speaking competition was truly rewarding. I would always receive compliments from Brannon, but to
**FEATURES**

**BECKY SNIDER STAFF WRITER**

*Spring is officially here. So why is McDaniel a ghost town on Thursday nights?*  

You might ask why this television show is one of the top television shows on TV at the moment. This question is easily answered in any episode of one of the current third season. The show combines an excellent mixture of drama and comedy that keeps the audience entertained and glued to their seats. According to Spahn "The characters say all the funny stuff...it just draws you in." In recent months the show has gained a large following. When asked why Grey’s Anatomy has gained such a following, junior Dominique Covelli said that “it’s one of those addicting shows.” Some argue that the show is so addicting because it has a quality of it to that makes it different from other hospital shows currently on air. This is explained by the fact that “the drama is always very, high impact.”

So while you prepare for finals and look forward to the upcoming summer, keep in mind that the end to the third season of Grey’s Anatomy is only a flick away. The season finale premieres on Thursday May 3 from 9pm to 11pm. The two-episode finale is supposed to be great. I guess we will have to wait and see.

**McDaniel’s Van Wilder**

**JEROME DEFRAENCES STAFF WRITER**

It is very common for someone to see a movie and leave the theater thinking about how awesome it would be to be the real life version of the character. They also may come to the realization that they know someone that is similar to one of the characters.  

When Steve Stiller was introduced in American Pie, every guy in America that readied for the show was hoping to be able to have their closet friend and their girlfriend, and the show to be watched the show.

"Van Wilder", what everyone refers to him, is a staple here on the hill. Many Van Wilder, Boardman attempts to coordinate or be involved in almost all of the social events McDaniel students are involved in. Whether it is at Champs, Timeout, or a party you are almost guaranteed to see Boardman there. "Surely, with drink in hand, he will be bouncing from table to table like the social aficionado he says. "Everyday I’m hustlin’ bustin'," his own take of Rick Ross ‘Everyday I’m Hustlin’." Any person that attempted this would most likely be shunned and asked to leave the table but Boardman has the confidence and social pull to be welcomed by all. I propose Boardman wants to be in the room first time when he can to emulate him. In one particular scene in the movie, Van coaches the Men’s Basketball team. This year, Boardman attempted to do the same thing by becoming a self-proclaimed coach for the Men’s Soccer team. When I called Boardman earlier this year he answered his phone “Sam Boardman, assistant Men’s Soccer coach.”

Self-proclaimed or not, those associated with the team think of his coaching ability. Andrew Wu an 06' graduate and current graduate assistant coach reveals, "Boardman is a delight to work with. His infinite knowledge is surpassed only by his ability to communicate the awe and respect of the players.” If I had a baby, Sam Boardman would be the loving godfather.” It is impossible to list all the similarities between Boardman and Van because they seem infinite. I have merely scratched the surface, but I can say that their joint action with Boardman cannot be easily forgotten.

To know Van Wilder, though, McDaniel College should do all it can to produce some sort of shrine that future students can worship. Van Wilder harbors diverse group

**By Lindsay Graham**

*Five sophomores. Three athletes. Two golfers. And one house.*

It sounds like an ad for an ABC program. Freshmen Elyse Massa, Amanda Becker, Brooke Dixon, Amber Dukehart and Jackie Kahler harbor me into their home for the last seven months.

WATCH YOUR HEAD! The house is relatively small. The ceilings of the basement and second floor are so low that you can reach up and touch them, providing a warm feeling for the residents.

E.M. STANDS FOR ELYSE MASSA: Second floor resident occupying the double room. Massa, has her Varsity letters hanging above her bed, denoting her side of the room. Massa is a former high school golfer for Emmaus High School in Pennsylvania and a current player for the women’s team.

"WE USUALLY KEEP IT VERY CLEAN!" Living in a house compared to a dorm requires more upkeep. There are the bathrooms, hallways and doorways that must be cleaned. But the girls from 6 Ward usually do a very good job at it as Dukehart tells the Free Press.

Compared to some of the other houses on the block, there is ample parking (four spaces) located behind the spacious yard of the house, just out the back door in the kitchen, which is next to the fish.

The sophomores have used every inch of available space to their advantage. They have even put a television in the doorway used to be, to provide a desk space for one of the rooms. And a good idea for dealing with an area that does not provide enough space for two desks.

The house is also home to three athletes, as is evident from the two golf bag sitting in the dining room; two of whom play for McDaniel teams. Massa is a two-year veteran of the Lady Terrier golf team and Dixon is a third year player with the softball team. Becker also tees it up on McDaniel’s golf course some weekdays and weekends for fun.

Off-campus living may pose challenges, but the five girls have met those challenges and all of them plan on coming back to 6 Ward Ave for their junior years.

If you feel down, pick this up

“No one can cheat you out of ultimate success but yourself.”

— Ralph W. Emerson

By Torrieka Jordan

If you can reach up and touch ceilings of the basement and the house is relatively small. The secret of the Dance Company is Brooke Dixon, Amber Pili...
Rouse represents ‘the best in college athletics’

LAURA HUTTON
SPORTS EDITOR

Senior biology major Matt Rouse has been a prominent member of the cross country and track teams at McDaniel College for his entire college career.

Rouse started running his freshman year of high school. He improved immensely in the 12th grade with the help of his distance coach who prepared him for success in college.

At McDaniel, Rouse has become a strong leader and a motivational force for his team. “Matt has been like a binding factor for our team,” states sophomore Cody Cruclhey. “He leads by example with his determination and perseverance in going for his goals, on and off the track.”

Indeed, his example has impressed the race times of other runners.

“His knowledge about the sport has helped teach the younger members of the team to learn racing strategies as well as pacing,” says sophomore Kevin Bowman.

Rouse identifies Bowman as a future leader of the team. “He’s a hard worker and is never satisfied with anything less than constant improvement,” adds Rouse.

Not only has he helped to improve the times of others, Rouse has also greatly improved his own times. His favorite memory is “breaking our school record freshman year with a 7:57 and edging out Muhlenburg for a Conference medal.”

This year alone, Rouse has set personal bests in each of his events ranging from the 400 to the 5,000 m. His increased speed in shorter distances is notable because Rouse was typically considered a distance runner. Nonetheless, whether it is one lap around the track or a distance of 3,000 to 5,000 m, Rouse dominates, amazing his teammates and coaches with his versatility.

Rouse has the most pride in his 3,000 m steeplechase abilities “because it’s a mentally and physically tough event and it’s not for anyone. I’ve also gotten 2 Centennial Conference Medals in the steeplechase and am going for my 3rd on Saturday,” May 5th during the Centennial Conference Championships at Havertford.

Rouse’s determined leadership qualities have driven his successes in running and team unity.

“Matt has always been the leader of our sophomore class,” adds sophomore Dan White. “He’s had led through example with his hard work ethic and has more importantly become a great friend to all of us guys on the team.”

Assistant Coach Bryn Upton has worked with Matt for the past two years and has recently had the opportunity to teach him in a history class. “Matt exemplifies the best in college athletics,” says Upton. “He has pushed himself to be an elite athlete in this conference and reached a point where every time he steps on the track he has a chance at breaking a school record in any one of several events. He is the kind of athlete and person any coach would want on a team and any professor would like to have in a class.”

Junior Tim Snyder adds, “Matt has shown unsurpassed dedication to this team, both in cross country and track. Not only was he a great team leader, he was also one of the best runners to step foot on this campus.”

Next year, Rouse will attend the University of Maryland’s Dental School and may join Head Coach Renner’s club team if time permits.

“Dental school comes first,” Rouse states, “but I’m definitely going to continue running one way or another.”

Even though Rouse wishes that he “had another year or two left to be here when this young team goes from good to great,” he is leaving behind a great legacy for his teammates to use in their pursuit of greatness.

Snyder adds, “as the lone cross country senior next year, I will do the best I can to fill his shoes, but there is no replacement for Matt Rouse.”

Loan debt poses challenges to graduating class

BECKY SNIDER STAFF WRITER

There has been a recent concern for student lender companies that have formed in the last two to three years. The main thing is for students to be able to keep track of their loans.

Most students have enough on their plates when it comes time to consider paying off their loans after graduation. There are two basic choices given to students after they graduate. One, the student can consolidate their loans meaning that they would pay once a month at a fixed rate. Or, two, they can keep the six month grace period to begin paying off their loans.

This decision is of course case-by-case. Some students choose to start paying back their loans as soon as they are able. Senior, Vicki Levanduski says “I want to start ASAP. I want to make steady payments to shorten the length of time it takes to pay them off.”

Other students however choose to pay their loans off over the course of a few years. Junior, Kristie Online who will be attending graduate school this fall is waiting to start paying off her loans. She is able to do this due to the fact that she will still be in school. Lon says, “Since I didn’t consolidate my loans, I have a six month grace period to start paying them off, which is really nice.”

The Associate Director of Student Financial Aid at McDaniel, Ellie Geiman says, “As long as they are seeking a masters and are at least half time, the undergraduate loans can be deferred until they graduate from grad school.” She is referring to students who wish to put off paying back their student loans immediately after they graduate.

The normal frame of time that students should anticipate paying off their student loans is about 10 years on average. According to Geiman, “their student loan is normally the first major payment students make after graduation.”

On the subject of paying back their loans, The Financial Aid Department recommends that students consider lenders that have been in the business for a long time.

The key thing is to look for companies that have been around for a while and have a good reputation.

Campus seamstress fixes holes for cheap

CORI SIMPSON
FEATURES EDITOR

Many readers related to an article in the last issue of the Free Press that concerned the reality of parting with worn out clothes. Lucky for you, dependable seamstress Katie Cooper has volunteered her skill of mending clothing for a price that any college student can afford.

After learning the very basics from her mom and Grandmother, Katie began sewing costumes and was eventually called upon by her friends and boyfriend for help sewing their clothes back together.

Hole repairs can be made using patterned fabric chosen by the client to display their unique style. Katie also uses actual jean thread that she explains is much stronger than regular thread.

“If the person doesn’t want the stitch to be seen, I have many other choices of thread that can be double stitched to make it stronger,” Katie said.

Cost varies depending on the complexity of the repair. “The fabric is what mostly contributes to the cost,” explained Katie. But not much fabric is normally necessary unless you’re missing the entire rear of your pants.

Small repairs can be made in only a couple of days, while larger projects may require closer to a week to be completed. Either way, the cost is quite a steal compared to the amount that tailors charge.

Plus, her location couldn’t be more convenient. If they want, students can email Katie a thorough description of what they’d like done. After replying to their problem and quoting a price, students can then send their article of clothing and payment via campus mail, and have the piece of clothing returned to their mailboxes when done.

“I just need to know exactly what’s wrong,” she explained, so if your request is complicated, it might be better to meet face to face.

As Katie’s flier advertises: Don’t let holes put a damper on your party time. From loose buttons to giant holes, all can be repaired in a timely fashion.

Katie can be contacted at klc009@mc.daniel.edu or at 609-731-5024.

Don’t delay, have your favorite clothes mended before summer.

Greek Games

Fraternities and Sororities competed against each other last week in games of strength, skill, and savvy.

Photo by Christina Hinkle
To those who lean left, words from the right

A letter to the editor

STUART M. CLARKE

I have been observing with great interest the ongoing dis- cussion in the past several issues of the Free Press between those who respect, "The Author," and others, and wanted to take the opportuni- ty to contribute.

First, my father has spent thirty years working for the investigative division of NBC News in Washington, D.C. I can therefore tell you, from firsthand experience, that there IS a left-leaning, liberal bias in the mainstream media. This is present in CBS, ABC, NBC, CNN, the New York Times, Washington Post, Associated Press, and most other media outlets and net- works as well. This is not to suggest that "negative" sto- ries on Fox News do not sometimes spin to the right...but, as stud- ies have shown, the percentage of "neutral" political sto- ries on Fox is far greater than any other network, while NBC has the most "negative" sto- ries about Republicans and "positive" stories about Democrats of any network.

No matter. As long as a Republican wins (according to Rudy Giuliani) in 2008, America will be safe and will do free trade and capitalistic parties. Notice my sarcasm. On the contrary, a Republican president will likely be forced to continue his time playing politics with troops increases in a very unpopular campaign. Not to mention the money, which we tax payers shell out to protect our troops from the dangers found in the mission, accompl- ish-free-state of Iraq. Do you have any idea how much we are spending to defend this important Democratic Party policy. Notice my sarcasm.

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Second, according to Bush it is the responsibility of the govern- ment to provide equal suc- cess to everyone, or redistrib- ute wealth to make all the same. The benefits of a capi- talist society lie, rather, in equal OPPORTUNITY—all Americans have the same chance to achieve success if they are willing to work for it. Equal opportunity breeds success stories and hard workers. Equal success gives rise to meaningless triumph and free riders. It is no coinci- dence that the world's only remaining major communist regime, China (Kim Jung Il is only globally important to himself), has survived by pri- vatizing industry and opening markets to free trade and capitalism.

To put it another way: there has never been a successful socialist regime. China (Kim Jung Il is only globally important to himself), has survived by pri- vatizing industry and opening markets to free trade and capitalism.

As noted above, the United States is the greatest country in the world because of its freedoms and liberties. Whether you agree with the War in Iraq or not, those freedoms exist because of the bravest and most dedicated fighting force in the world, overseas protecting our way of life. Every American owes them the greatest possible support, every day. America can either fight terrorists here at home, or on battlefields abroad. Thanks to these brave soldiers, America is able, unlike Europe, to do whatever it pleases without the constraints of the United Nations. The "insurgents" in Iraq cur- rently are tied to al-Qaeda—this is not to say that people are not being attacked in over five years. The "insurgents" in Iraq cur- rently are tied to al-Qaeda—this is not to say that people are not being attacked in over five years. The "insurgents" in Iraq cur- rently are tied to al-Qaeda—this is not to say that people are not being attacked in over five years. The "insurgents" in Iraq cur- rently are tied to al-Qaeda—this is not to say that people are not being attacked in over five years.

Therefore, if the troops have to be there, why not support them instead of doom- ing it to failure? How would you feel about accomplishing a task if you were told it could not be done? I am not saying that disagreeing with the war is wrong. I am merely recom- mending that one can disagree with a policy and avoid undermi- ning the morale of our sol- diers, and while still hoping for it success.

Finally, grouping all conser- vatives together on the far right is about as easy as categorizing all Democrats to Martin and Charlie Sheen, who believe that America destroyed the Twin Towers on 9/11. I would dare say that the overwhelming majority of Democrats on campus would disagree with that sentiment. If you generalized all of society is wrong...so is the other. The beauty of American politics is that we have the right to disagree with the individual parties. Rudy Giuliani is a social liberal. Mitt Romney is a social conser- vative. They are both run- ning for the Republican nomi- nation.

Thank you very much to the Free Press for under- standing, and to all the readers who took the time to read this editorial.

Republican candidates ignore real issue

A letter to the editor

JASON BUSH

Do you really feel safer? Do you really believe that 21,000 extra troops in Iraq are going to make you sleep better at night? Whether it is from the mouth of Tony Snow or to make you sleep better at night? Whether it is from the mouth of Tony Snow or other Republicans, while NBC "positive" stories about any other network, while NBC "positive" stories about NBC, CNN, the New York investigative division of NBC "neutral" political sto- ries have shown, the percent- age spin to the right...but, as stud- ies say that everyone's favorite This is present in CBS, ABC, Associated Press, and most works as well. This Fox News does not sometimes "fair and balanced" network," can therefore tell you, from anywhere. 

The Author," and others, and issues of the Free Press To those who lean left, words from the right...but, as stud- ies have shown, the percentage of "neutral" political sto- ries on Fox is far greater than any other network, while NBC has the most "negative" sto- ries about Republicans and "positive" stories...and down right inconsiderate to do so. But I will. His name is Fox News does not sometimes "fair and balanced" network, is no...and down right inconsiderate to do so. But I will. His name, which could...I believe where our money is, there our heart will be also. Spending up to two trillion dollars in Iraq says something about our country.

Do you want our genera- tion to be the first to be caught...or for its wisdom in banding together to solve a problem that affects every human life?

Terror spellers

Can you spell "polymath," "threnody," and "cryptanalyst"? Third place winning Green Terror Spellers Julia Rietmulder-Stone, Martin Camper, David Greisman, and Devon Brackbill know how--and more Next time you see Julia, Martin, David, and Devon, con- gratulate them! Go Green Terror Spellers!
'Church' to preach at VA Tech funerals

SAARAH BLACK COMMENTARY EDITOR

I think just about everyone is guilty of having talked on his or her cell phone while driving. But what about texting while driving? I have witnessed plenty of people doing this. Because it takes your eyes off the road and it involves using at least one hand, I would never consider doing this while driving. However, I cannot speak for anyone else. But this uncertainty has caused some politicians to make DWT (driving while texting) illegal. Good idea or bad idea?

Personally, I think it's a great idea because the simple fact that people do this all the time scares me—you're driving a 2,800 pound killing machine and you're going to take your eyes off the road? Yikes.

So far, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, California, and the District of Columbia outlaw the use of handheld phones while driving, and 38 states are currently considering 133 bills that would regulate the use behind the wheel, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

According to the Wall Street Journal, in Oregon, if you are caught texting in a one-year span, your fine can reach $720 for any driver caught texting or holding a cell phone to an ear. In Arizona, a bill is pending that would make DWT a ticketable offense.

I'm split on this issue,' said Senator Jimmey Dill. 'Half of me says it's no one's business. But the other half says it makes sense because they're trying to keep people safe on the roads.' Senior Alison Bradley however, supports the idea of making DWT illegal. 'I think it's good because it [texting] involves more concentration than just talking because it involves your hands,' she says. 'I support it.'

I am definitely jumping on the bandwagon for these kinds of bills—anything to help make the roads safer from the countless number of idiots on the road! They're everywhere!

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The Hookup- reciprocity is not always a must

KATHRYN YOUNG
FEATURES EDITOR

Everyone’s so eager to say they “hooked up,” but when it comes to actually hooking up, do we really have it all together?

When you have your first real fulfilling sexual experience, are you comfortable and disturbing at the same time. Early experiences are often awkward because, like any new experience, you are doing something that you haven’t done before.

Although many of us have already faced firsts, such as “touching it,” there can be some getting used to feeling completely comfortable during sex acts.

Most of being comfortable with sexual experiences is through personal myths that are supposedly the rules of hooking up.

Hooking up is something that you learn about as you go, and in most cases when you look back at your earlier experiences, you cringe. But in any event, girls still feel that they are supposed to do certain things and are forced to experience things they didn’t actually want to.

Of course, there is the “fact” that you must reciprocate. A guy pleases you sexually, girls have been trained to think that they should do the same in return.

Just because he is quick to touch you, doesn’t mean you should do the same, and in no way does this mean you are ruining the hookup. And if the guy is only pleasing you in order to get the same, then he isn’t worth the hookup anyway. You owe him nothing, except that which you are comfortable with.

After you have made the decision not to go along with reciprocating, there is sometimes the pressure that he will get “blue balls.” Although uncomfortable for him, he will survive, and it is nothing on his own hand can’t solve. Being worried about something like reciprocating or “blue balls” is a waste and yet, it unfortunately still haunts many girls, only increasing after high school. Likewise, it would have been nice if our earlier experiences had taught us that sex acts are never the answer to getting a guy’s attention.

Sure, you have their full attention while performing the sexual favor, but not all attention is good attention, and attention doesn’t equal liking or a guarantee that it will happen again, or that he will ask you out.

The old cliché, if you want a guy to like you they must respect you, is fact, not myth. After the encounter, there is nothing more than another hookup, and beyond that they will never know what else you have to offer — which you will of course.

Just because the jobs, that is, hand and blow jobs, aren’t technically sex, Mr. President, they can still be just as physically and emotionally draining if you aren’t comfortable with performing them.

In fact, I remember the day when the step between being fingered and giving a blow job wasn’t much smaller than the step between oral sex and intercourse. Just because you aren’t having sexual intercourse with multiple people, doesn’t mean you should be giving out free blow jobs, either.

In any case, it is important to remember, that even as experienced college students, we can still be hurt by the wrong decisions we made in high school. Before you do anything, just make sure it’s something you really want to do.

Will Miss
From Jen and Jenna

1. Miss Cecilia
2. The Quad (our second home)
3. Spring Fling
4. The house
5. The Wall
6. Midnight Breakfast
7. Danny’s at 3 am
8. Living next door to your best friends
9. The new gym
10. Choices
11. (We know its supposed to be the Top Ten, but we couldn’t resist) Cheap medication from Smith House, and still being on your parents’ health insurance

Won’t Miss
1. Clar food
2. Being attacked by killer bees in the Quad
3. Using Facebook to remember your spring fling.
4. Pub food and the feeling after you eat pub food
5. The walk of shame past the wall.
6. Exam Week
7. Campus Safety at 3 am
8. Roach in instead dorms.
9. Construction at 6 a.m.
10. freshman Orientation. And freshmen.
11. Smith House (the name Health Services will forever be known as) always suspecting that you are pregnant. Even when it’s a sinus infection.
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Baseball leadership rolls down Hill

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The McDaniel baseball program has been itching for success throughout the last several years and their 8-20 record makes it evident that it won't come this year either.

Every athletic team has its problems, however the roots of this team's troubles are different from those that most teams typically encounter. Often times, losing records can be attributed to a lack of talent and hard work, or bad team chemistry. However, the case is different with McDaniel baseball. There is a considerable amount of talent and the team's work ethic is clearly visible. The squad has excellent chemistry among members, which leads some to believe that the underpinnings associated with the team's sub par results are quite unusual.

Taking a deeper look at the situation, it appears the team is lacking leadership as well as team chemistry. However, the case is different with McDaniel baseball. There is a considerable amount of talent and the team's work ethic is clearly visible. The squad has excellent chemistry among members, which leads some to believe that the underpinnings associated with the team's sub par results are quite unusual.

During his time as a player, Seibert also experienced a lot of losing, which he attributes to having no leadership. He felt that it was hard to put faith and trust in their captain who would scream at people for everything and anything, and nobody from the large group of young players wanted to step up and lead.

With the team getting even younger since last year, these leadership problems still seem to be causing trouble for the team. Sophomore second baseman Matt Teter says he's heard stories of past captains calling team meetings to let each player know what is expected of them; yet that hasn't happened since he's been on the team. On the other hand, Teter says this year's team is the most bonded it's ever been. Wrenich has done a good job leading the team by example but it is hard for only one captain to control a team of 32 players.

Although the team has a considerable amount of youth, it appears that the lack of leadership could be the result of the coach not defining roles. Both Green and Coons experienced poor communication when they played and it appears the problem is still there. According to Green, Seibert is a good guy but doesn't let incoming players know his plan and inform them of what he wants their role to be. When Coons was playing, he felt that the constant losing, lack of leadership, and negative comments led to a "self-fulfilling prophecy" for most of the players. "Consistently losing, we would say how bad we were, which actually made us perform even worse," said Coons.

Seibert, on the other hand, believes that the team needs to win. He feels that to lead you must have confidence, and to have confidence you must win. Seibert has coached the team to a 24-62 record since 2005 and has a career record of .500 at 333-338-4. Asked what he has to do with such a young group of kids to be successful, he replied, "I have to be patient. I can't get down on them. I have to be positive so they want to be here."

Perhaps that statement is proof that he knows exactly what needs to be done, and it just hasn't happened yet. It seems as if a lack of communication has also led to a lack of motivation.

"Seibert has it in him to be the coach this team needs, he just has to let loose and show some emotion," Coons said. "He never argued any calls and it felt like he wasn't into the game." Asked about the team's motivation, Teter said the players are more motivated than ever and want nothing more than to win.

Regardless of what has caused them, it is clear that this year's team still has problems with leadership and communication. Even if it is no one person's fault, it seems as if everyone is on a different page and that can only spell disaster. Next year will be crucial in finding out where the problems of leadership lie.

Matt Teter said, "Coach Seibert tells us all the time that we are the ones who win and lose games. Bottom line we need to go out there and win." Teter couldn't have put it any better and only time will tell which path this team will travel down.

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Intramural sports appear to be lagging

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Intramural sports are an alternative for many students on college campuses across the country, and it is no different at McDaniel College. The intramural department here on campus offers a wide variety of sports for students to remain active and participate in with their fellow classmates. Although not on the professional level, intramural sports competition is not left out in intramural sports.

There are currently 11 listed sports listed under the intramural department, with more sports apparently being added to the list, one being rugby. In the sports, there are options for male, female, and co-ed divisions of each team, depending upon student representation.

The intramural sports are offered in both the spring and the fall, respectively, with four different “seasons”. In the fall, the flag sport, football, outdoor soccer, golf, four-on-four basketball, and hockey

McDaniel golf- senior player’s perspective

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There were definitely some good times playing golf for the Green Terror women’s golf team, from forming a long friendship with my coach to winning the Conference Championship, each of the past three years.

If you were to ask me four years ago if I would have played golf at the collegiate level, I would have laughed at you. In high school most of the boys only played to have something to do in the fall. None of them had the idea of continuing into college, and it was not until my high school coach asked me if I was thinking about golf in college, that I started thinking about it.

He had a daughter that went to Fairfield and played there, so he knew a little about collegiate women’s golf. He was the one who found McDaniel for me. At the time, McDaniel was the only school that offered it.

That first year, we played through torrential downpour-during rain as well as windy days. At that time, there were still remnants of snow on the ground. Up in South Hadley, Ma, in the Mount Holyoke Invitational, the second day was cancelled due to the amount of snow that had accumulated. As a team, that first year we played through torrential downpour-during rain as well as windy days. We knew that we would have to keep a sharp eye out for any bad weather.

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Hatton stresses balancing athletics, academics

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and exhausting, but he knows that it's meaningless if his players don't have the grades to compete. Consequently, he has a study hall set up for players needing help in school, stressing that they need to prepare for the real world that they will soon be living in.

He stresses to all recruits even before arriving that he wants his players to be upstanding members of society, and that includes doing well in school. He believes "there is a light switch that goes on [sometimes]," allowing students to realize their responsibilities. Some have this happening earlier than others, which is why he stays on top of them about such issues. Although he takes the responsibilities of his job very seriously, spending the majority of his time working, Hatton loves to be able to relax. When he is not working, he loves spending time with his girlfriend Carol who coaches women's lacrosse at St. Mary's College in southern Maryland. Hatton enjoys traveling which is why he went to Chicago to see his beloved Bears play this past winter. During the lacrosse season, the lack of free time limits his activities to plopping down on the couch watching sport events and playing his X-BOX 360, but he doesn't mind. He's not big on doing outrageous things just to say that he has done them.

In fact throughout the past three years, much of Hatton's free time was spent finishing masters in counseling at McDaniel. He wanted to be able to understand people's differences in order to relate to them and understand them.

"I like to think that I am a step ahead of the older guys because they can trust me," Hatton said in referring to his players. Being young has allowed him to apply his newly acquired coaching principles to the responsibilities associated with being a student. "He doesn't mix up the priorities of being a player or student, allowing the players to be more comfortable with him," explains senior mid-fielder Jared Nutter. As far as goals are concerned, Hatton sees making the Centennial Conference tournament as a must this season. He believes his team has the ability to play at an All-American caliber as long as they let the team's goals come first. In the long run, he sees no reason why McDaniel lacrosse can't consistently be a Top 20 program.

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As a safety for the McDaniel Green Terror football team, Drew Abbamonte could tackle and cover anything. Now he has to go up against the thing many college students either are or are not soon forget.

Abbamonte, who first played for the Terror in 2003, certainly left an image over four years that Coach Keating will surely miss next season, while the Terror's opponents are probably glad they will not see #37 covering their best receiver over the top or delivering a smashing hit to an opponent going over the middle.

Over four years from 2003-2006, Abbamonte racked up 11 interceptions, which puts him 11th in school history. His 161 interception-return yards are 6th in the Green Terror record books. He ranks 3rd in McDaniel history in total tackles with 310, and has a number-one ranking in unassisted tackles with 174.

Over the past few months, not only has Abbamonte been racking up tackles and records, he has been adding awards to his resume as well. Starting in November, he was one of four Terror football players named to the All-Centennial Conference Team with him being the only one named to the first team. After that, he was named to the 3dOooldBall.com All-South Region third team, the Eastern College Athletic Conference All-Southwest first team, he was added to the 2006 Don Hansen's Football Gazette NCAA Division III South Region team, and to top it all off, he was named a second team All-American for Division III.

Obviously, Coach Keating and the rest of the football coaches are going to have a big hole in fill in the back of their defense, along with their leadership next year. Abbamonte made his mark over four years and gave everything he had to help this team win. He will take this formula with him wherever he goes in life, which will help him succeed in whatever he puts his mind to, and if

Keating can find a player with half the heart and determination that Abbamonte showed on the gridiron and on this campus, the Green Terror will do just fine the next year.
Yank' goes the distance as men's captain

BY ALYSSA ROMASCO

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'Yankovich and Bolek are fierce competitors when in the pool, but still find time to relax and kick back as friends. The two have been close since their freshman year on the swim team.'

Mark Yankovich, or 'Yank', to many of his peers, has been a varsity swimmer for the Green Terror for four years. An Exercise Science major and Sports Coaching minor, Yankovich is involved in a multitude of college activities including intramural sports, the Allied Health Club, Alumni Leadership Program for Seniors (ALPS), and an Alumni Leadership Program for Seniors (ALPS), and the Tri-Hampton YMCA. Yankovich graduated and competed in the YMCA National Championships in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Deciding at the last moment possible, Yankovich chose to attend McDaniel, planning to swim for the Green Terror. Swimming was a commitment, but I found a great group of friends on the team. It helped me to become more competitive with the sport because we were always pushing each other," said Yankovich.

Yankovich's accomplishments did not come without hard work, dedication, and obtaining. "During his senior year of high school, he was challenged with a knee injury, yet continued to swim. Following high school graduation, he had knee surgery. "Yankovich was unable to swim many breaststroke events during his freshman year at McDaniel. He was forced to transform into a distance swimmer in which he was quite successful. As a freshman for the Green Terror, he needed sixth in the 1650 Freestyle, yet managed to place third and medal at the Centennial Conference Championships, defeating the fourth place finisher by over fifteen seconds."

Dislocating his knee in his first race sophomore year, Yankovich acted as team manager for the remainder of the season, and was forced to undergo surgery at the end of the fall semester. During his junior year he continued again with distance freestyle, and as a senior he competed in breaststroke again. "Though the 2006-2007 Men's team was small, they were very strong. "It's a great feeling when you see at a meet with only five or six guys on your team and you defeat the larger opposing team. It's a lot like David vs. Goliath," said Yankovich."

Yankovich was at practice consistently and so was his pleasant and sociable personality. "Head Coach, Kim Easterday, said, "Mark has been an incredible leader and swimmer throughout his career. His positive attitude and encouragement has been a key to the success of the men's swim team." It is no surprise he served as captain his junior and senior years alongside friend and fellow swimmer, senior, Molly Bolek.

"Mark is one of the most passionate swimmers I have ever been on a team with. He is an absolute powerhouse, and has four years and head the team together for two years," said Bolek.

His unending enthusiasm and encouragement helped lead the Green Terror to fun and memorable seasons. Yankovich had a way about him that always seemed to lighten the mood at tense times. He always pushed himself to go faster and continue to do his best; his personality is one of the best in the conference and works unbelievably well with all our team.

"Swimming has been such a large part of my life for so long that the amount I will miss it is indescribable; but the team will continue with a lot of success."

"We're going to have to work extremely hard to fill her shoes next year," adds sophomore Katie Dorian.

Bolek is a strong swimmer and an amazing captain. She will be missed next year; but the team will continue to grow from the roots of such a strong leader.

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Mark epitomizes all that is good about sports. His enthusiasm, work ethic, and love of the sport were noticeable on his recruiting trip. Throughout his four years here those qualities grew in him. "Mark developed into one of the finest captains this program has ever seen," said Assistant Coach Jeff Holtz.

"Mark's positive attitude, work ethic and team-oriented approach will be missed next year. He is someone who is never out to win games, but is out for the team and the whole program. He is someone you can rely on during tough times and someone you can have a good time with when the game is over. His spirit will be missed by all."
New basketball coach hired

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where Coach Flynn had us last year," adds junior Brett Foelker.

For the two years Flynn coached at McDaniel the team has improved immensely and they hope to keep that up with Curley next year. Smith states, "I look forward to Kevin continuing the positive momentum that Bob Flynn developed. I am confident that Kevin will keep the program moving in a positive direction."

The team thinks that this new coach will be able to provide the last big push to propel them into playoffs next year. "I hope that we will be successful and that he can be the missing piece that this team needs to get back to the Centennial Conference Playoffs," states Arrington.

Hatton moved to Boston to pursue a career in the business knowing that the world of coaching is small, he believes it's important to make as many connections as possible in order to learn as much as possible. Although nobody can question his work ethic, everyone who knows Hatton will tell you that his ability to communicate with others comes natural.

"Matt is a people person, and truly loves meeting new people," said Jamie Smith, the athletic director at McDaniel.

Despite everything Hatton has learned as an assistant, he knows his duties as head coach are vast. He must play the role of coach, parent and friend, finding a healthy mix of each, which is what the increased space needed. Asked to name the biggest difference with being a head coach, he said, "I have to wear a lot more hats now. There is so much more responsibility." He realizes he now must play the role of coach, parent and friend, finding the healthy mix of each, which is one of the hardest things for a coach to do, according to Hatton.

Hatton does his best to help his players excel both on and off the field. The preparation that he puts his team through may at times seem demanding (see "Hatton" on page 21).

New Leroy Merrit fitness center opens

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You can finally go inside the glass building. No, this is not a reference to metaphorical glass ceilings and elevators; the new section of the gym, opened Friday, April 20th, does have an elevator, but it is not glass. Nor is it working at the moment. However, a section of the Merritt Fitness Center can now be accessed. Just give the lady or gentleman at the main desk your McDaniel ID and follow the directions which lead you past the bleachers, to the door on the right, through a room that, for now, has no use, and through a final door to the left to enter a piece of the new fitness center.

Entering, you are facing the back of the room, with a view of the help desk and a sprawl of new machines. And then there is an open staircase up to treadmills. Entering it feels like a spy training facility: lots of metal and really modern. Overall, people like this look. "Nice" has been used a lot to describe it. In fact, Ashley Tuck ‘09 tried to avoid using the word too much in her impression. She noted two aesthetically positive qualities: the color scheme and the Green Terror design on the machines.

Michelle Alexander ‘09 among her positive comments about the visual impression of the fitness center noted that it is "very bright." This feature comes from the window-like appearance of the entire front wall. One flaw in the visual impression of Merritt Fitness Center (that admittedly will be fixed later) was pointed out by Nick Moschini ‘10: the stairs scuffed and splintered grey painted wood, amidst the rest of the room’s glass and metal.

The good looks of the building being established, there are also positive comments about the usefulness of new equipment. Currently, the equipment available for use are the cardio and some selectorized machines. For those not fluent in gym-speak, the cardio equipment are those such as the bikes, treadmills, and ellipticals.

Jamie Smith, Director of Athletics, says there are new almost three times as many cardio machines as in the old weight room. The selectorized machines currently available in this center are pin-operated, meaning that you set weight levels by putting a pin under the weight.

Greg Wagner ‘07 appreciates the "up to date equipment." He says the machines now have higher weight limits. According to Wagner the old leg extensions had a limit of 220, whereas the new ones is 290.

Tuck and Moschini commented on the lack of free weights. Smith says that these would be a positive change.

Take a look

at the Terror seniors!

Find all of your favorite senior athletes on the following pages.

Don’t look too hard, or you may go back in time.