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Upholstered Furniture? Leave it Behind

KRISTIN LAMB
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 & Pa. 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." However, Jim Wiltgen, Assistant Dean of College Life at Gettysburg College stated, "We do allow students to

HPV Vaccine Could Save Lives

KATIE YOUNG
CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF

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 Lusby, physi-

cian 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 at 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, (see "HPV" on page 2)

bring in furniture as long as it does not affect egress [or exit] from the room."

Residents of Blanche are needless to say, upset about the new ban. "Why did they just now decide or realize that this could be a fire hazard when we've been doing it for years and a fire has never occurred?" Meredith Adams, a senior resident of the third floor asks. "We caught seven mice in a period of twenty four hours once last year in our room, and we were one of the only rooms without furniture from the clubroom," she continues.

Bed bugs, cockroaches, and mice were a problem for the entire building of Blanche

last year, and Adams asserts, "Mice live everywhere in Blanche, not just the clubrooms."

Because the policy is extremely new, the residence life office wants to make clear to everyone what is prohibited. "One of the things some students are confused about is what they can and can't bring," Christopher said. "...this policy affects every college-owned facility including North Village and the Garden Apartments."

Christopher concludes, "We recognize this is a new policy, and we're going to make sure students understand it."

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 as 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 handsome 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 rivaling 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 sen-

ior majoring in Communications at McDaniel College.

Beginning his poker career as a freshman and amateur playing Texas Hold Em' games with close friends and on Internet poker sites, Calvo has been practicing and refining his skills over the past three years. Using multiple strategies from numerous books, he has been gambling at Internet poker sites, for "10-12 hours per day, and usually at 10 different tables" said Calvo.

"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 in

(see "Calvo" on page 4)

John Wayne
Watches While
Coley and Price
Wed.

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Vaccine Targets Disease Linked to Cancer

("HPV," continued from Page 1) were actual cancer cells in my body."

"The more I read about it, and the more questions I asked and people I talked to, I realized that it's a lot more common than we know," said the graduate, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "This virus is present, [and] all we can do is to treat it before it becomes an issue."

Gardasil protects against the four types of HPV that, together, cause 70 percent of cervical cancers. In addition, the vaccine prevents other diseases in females caused by the four HPV types.

Since joining student health services as a full-time clinician in 1993, Lusby said a growing need for education about sexually transmitted diseases.

"There needs to be better education; women are undereducated when it comes to sex," she said. "Young men and women are at such a fragile age, a crossroad ... you need to ask yourself do you really want this person on

your list."

Lusby said that the younger a person is when he or she starts having sex - and the more partners a person has - the greater the risk for cervical cancer.

Lusby said she wants the HPV vaccine as an option for students, but "the Health Department doesn't even have the shots."

The three-shot series of the HPV vaccine is "worth the cost of 120 dollars for each shot, when you look at what it does," Lusby said.

The Food and Drug Administration recently licensed the HPV vaccine for use in girls and women between the ages of 9 and 26. The three shots of the vaccine are given over a six-month period.

Lusby said that women should get the vaccine as early as possible.

"The younger the better," she said. "It takes a long time

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

for it to become cancer and the virus doesn't necessarily become active until down the road."

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also recommends that the vaccine be given to girls as young as nine, along with girls and women 11 to 26 years old who have not yet received or completed the vaccine series.

The vaccine is most effective in girls and women who have not yet acquired any of the four HPV types covered by the vaccine, according to the CDC Web site. Girls and women who have not been infected will get the full benefits of the vaccine.

At the same time, females who are sexually active may also benefit from the vaccine, the CDC said. But they may get less benefit from the vaccine since they may have

already acquired one or more HPV types. Few young women are infected with all four of these HPV types, so they would still get protection from those types they have not acquired.

Whether the vaccine is effective in boys or men is still unknown, the CDC said. It is possible that vaccinating males will have health benefits for them. It may prevent genital warts and cancers, such as penile and anal cancer, and vaccinating males may have benefits for females.

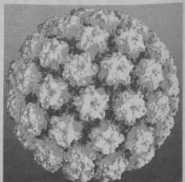
Although the FDA has licensed the HPV vaccine as safe and effective, some politicians want to block the widespread vaccination against HPV, especially in teens.

"They believe that chastity is the best way to prevent genital warts and cervical cancer," read an editorial blurb in *Bust*, a New York-based women's magazine.

Studies, however, have

found the vaccine to be almost 100 percent effective in preventing diseases caused by the four HPV types, although the vaccine has less effect in young women who have already been exposed to one of the HPV types.

"The vaccine is a wonderful idea," said the McDaniel graduate. "It is a form of preventive medicine that I think is very smart and cost effective. If I could have received this vaccine, then I would not have had to undergo surgery, pain, and having to miss class and work."



After Two Students Attacked, Man Charged

DAVID P. GREISMAN
NEWS EDITOR

A Carroll County man suspected of assaulting and attempting to rob a McDaniel College student in late August 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.

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 stu-

dent was assaulted by a similarly described man, who wrapped his arms around her and attempted to strike her face, authorities said. She was not injured. 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 the theft of a purse and credit cards from the Westminster home of Michelle Jefferson, who challenged incumbent Carroll District 5 state Sen. Larry E. Haines in Sept. 12's Republican primary

election, authorities said.

Police said Agans allegedly used 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.

Agans was charged with burglary, theft, fraudulent use of a credit card and two drug-related charges after his arrest for the credit card theft, authorities said.

Following the assaults but prior to Agans' arrest,

McDaniel's Department of Campus Safety issued a release that advised students on remaining safe.

Among their tips, Campus Safety cautioned students to avoid walking alone, to use their cell phones to call for help, to make detailed mental descriptions of any attackers and to never resist if they are mugged.

Portions of this story were modified from an article by the author for another publication.

Art Professor Sells Painting for \$22,000

TERRE MARTIN
STAFF WRITER

Months after a McDaniel College professor found himself unintentionally involved in a fraudulent plot, he ultimately sold a painting for more than \$20,000.

In June, Steven R. Pearson sold an abstract, colorful piece entitled "Contained & Controlled" for \$22,000, a purchase that thrilled him.

"When the gallery owner told me the price he sold the painting for, I said, 'Really? Thank you. Now I can pay off my cars,'" said Pearson, an assistant art and art history professor.

"[The painting] is about restrictions and controls put upon us from outside forces that try to govern our behaviors, and ultimately trying to rise above them," said Pearson.

Just one month prior, Pearson had received a fraudulent check for two of his other paintings from a

London-based art collector who had contacted him through Pearson's Web site.

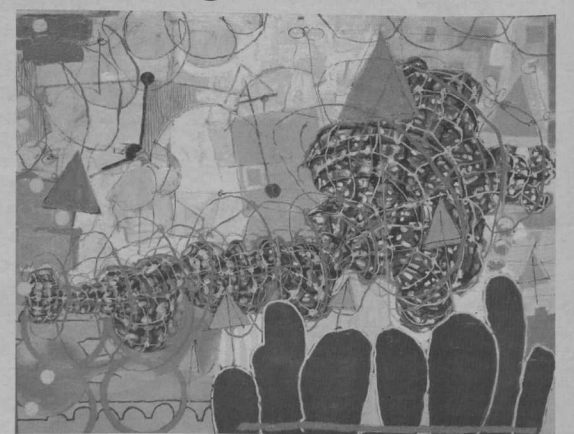
The collector had offered Pearson a price for the works that was higher than those listed on Pearson's site. Pearson became skeptical and, when he received the check, turned it in to the police, who told him that the check was faulty.

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-



Contained and Controlled

& three-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. Zepp 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 to not 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 Dorm, 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 Sprenkle, 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," Sprenkle 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."

Sprenkle relates a first hand account of one such above-and-beyond instance where the instruction reached out-

side 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.

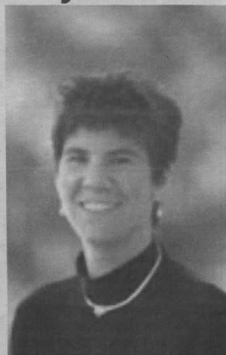
"If I had more time I've secretly always wanted to be a writer," she says, smiling.

In the future Orza said she would love to travel to New Zealand and possibly participate in the McDaniel College 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 undeniably 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."



JULIA ORZA

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

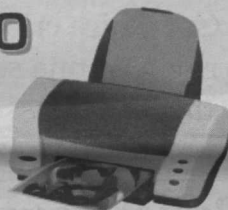
Each year there are many academically related activities conducted by honor societies and academic clubs. Ordinarily, the funding for these activities should come from the organizations themselves either through dues or fund raising.

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 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.

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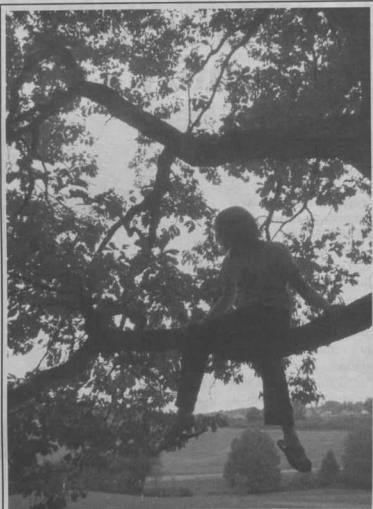
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Sam Snider-Held ('09) takes a quiet break from campus life on a tree branch by Harvey Stone Park. Students choose to relax in other hotspots around campus including the park between Hoover Library and Big Baker, and the hill between Blanche and Whiteford. BY ALEXANDER

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

Poker Tourney

("Calvo" continued from Page 1) the Pot-Limit Omaha.

"They were pretty cool guys, laid back, and I was surprised 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.

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."

FEATURES

Coley's Secret Wedding Revealed

CORI SIMPSON
STAFF WRITER

McDaniel College's President, Joan D. Coley, recently made public her marriage 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 picture of John Wayne on the wall," Coley said.

Coley smiled as she described the quaint ceremony and John Wayne watching the event.

Coley was not concerned with all of the expected wedding 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 sporting 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 college.

"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 private 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 continue, Coley and her husband have fled Maryland in destination of the Budapest Campus for a second Convocation ceremony and, in their free time, perhaps a second honeymoon.



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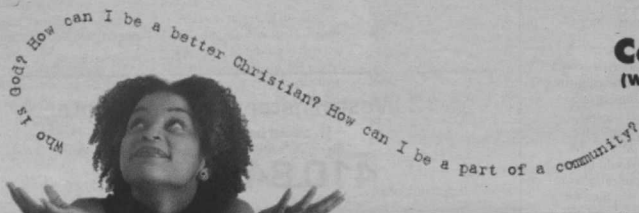
President Joan D. Coley and new hubby Lee Rice at the Founders Dinner of 2005. A great love for the college is only one of the many things these newlyweds have in common.



PETER CALVO

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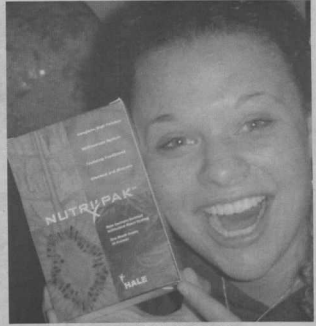
I Know What You Did Last Summer



RACHEL SIEGEL



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ADRIENNE DULAJ

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 shops back in their hometowns. Take a look at some of the places McDaniel students went to work this past summer. The jobs people stumbled upon are as unique as the student body here on campus.

Jason Fratto, a senior French major, traveled to the little town of Thiaumont, 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 very 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 Philosopher
Major Andrew Cohen worked

as a veterinarian technician at the Westview Animal Hospital, his father's practice for 19 years in his hometown of Catonsville, MD. Aside from doing routine pet vaccinations 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 started off cleaning dog kennels, Andy has been moving up in his summer job year after year, now a constant presence 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.

For Junior Christine Hechmer, Walt Disney World has always been a place of magic and wonder. When she got the offer to go work for the company this spring and summer in Orlando, FL at Disney's Epcot Park, she knew her dreams were really coming true. Her apartment was 5 minutes away from the park, so close she could watch the fireworks and parades from her tiny balcony. Hechmer's job as a costumer for lovable characters like Mickey, Goofy, and Minnie, at first caught her by complete surprise. She describes the experience of walking into the costume shop as "truly baffling because of the amount of clothing it takes to keep the characters in full attire.

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 weird 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 greeting 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 starting 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 vitamin supplements and greater body awareness, Adrienne was on a mission to get people more in the know about their bodies

and the best ways to take care of them. The vitamins she sold included multi-vitamins, joint support formulas, CO Kten 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

gym 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.



Touguides Kaelynn Miller (07) and Christina Hinkle (09) take visiting highschool Senior around the campus Quad Thursday afternoon.

Freshman Edition:

What is the strangest thing you brought to college?

Compiled by Ken Buerger



Jen Thompson, '10



Ellen Larson, '10



Jessie Dunn, '10



Rachel Sanchez, '10

"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 establish-

ment is the 6th Salsarita's in Maryland and 52nd 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.

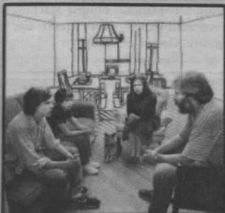
The prices are very affordable and they have daily specials, Monday-Fridays, perfect for college students. Mad Mondays include a regular quesadilla and side soup for

\$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.

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Sweet Daniel MacLea Suite Shows Colors

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 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 comforters. 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 comforter, 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

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A family is traveling in an old Volkswagen bus from New Mexico to California to enter their 7-year-old daughter in a beauty pageant. On the surface, "Little Miss Sunshine" sounds like a campy, childish, family comedy; when in fact, it is a smart, clever, dark comedy dealing with issues inside a dysfunctional family.

"Little Miss Sunshine" features a great cast, starring Greg Kinnear as the family's patriarch, an unsuccessful

motivational speaker who lives his life by the "Nine Steps," 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 strong believer in the philosophies of Friedrich Nietzsche, which influenced him to take a vow of silence. Their seven year old daughter Olive, played by Abigail Breslin, has dreams of being a beauty

queen ever since she came in second place at a recent beauty contest. Olive is constantly being coached by her heroin addicted grandpa, 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, being replaced as the most notable Proust scholar in the country, and losing a MacArthur Foundation genius grant to a college. 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 all 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 directors 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 movie itself. 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 actors. 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.

Crossfade is "Falling Away"

STACEY EYLER
STAFF WRITER

Recommended to me by a friend, I bought Crossfade's latest 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, it was probably a good thing that I did not have any sort of preconceived expectations about this band's latest musical efforts. If 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 bashing drums, guitars, and throaty vocals that sometimes made it hard to understand what the lead singer, Ed Sloan, was even trying to sing. While all of that was rather annoying to listen to over and over again, it was not quite as bad as the fact that several of the songs, including "Already Gone" and "Why," seemed to end

so abruptly that it did not even seem possible for a new song to have already started.

There was one song on this CD that stood out from the rest. "Never Coming Home" is a unique track that closes out the album. Instead of focusing on loud drums and screaming lyrics, this song features a jazzy piano tune 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 car stereo and crank 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.



Peer Mentors Rock- I'm Used to It Here

FERNANDO GOMES
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Only a couple of short weeks ago, I made the transition from just another high school student living at home to a freshman on his own in college, along with about five hundred others. During the summer, and even before, while 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 carefree high schoolers 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 roommate? Will 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 us freshmen 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 freshmen! It hit me that we were all nervous about meeting each other, and from there, introductions took place, slowly, but surely, and partially helped out by connections previously made on Facebook over the summer (though that did create some awkward moments for me). Not only that, but my peer mentor was amazing. She bestowed upon all of us her wisdom about McDaniel, including the secrets and hints they don't necessarily tell you in the view book, and soon it wasn't long before I knew a lot about the campus, and had gotten a real perspective on college life.

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 here. 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 be, 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 need to be without having to use any 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 without any of the nasty surprises I may find in the bathrooms or staircases 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 tolera-

ble. I have 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 here.

In all, my time on the Hill has been memorable so far, that's for sure. I'm never 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.

Hills Hurt, But Dorms Sure are Cozy

LAUREN LAKER
STAFF WRITER

Well, all I have to say is so far so good. I really can't complain, this experience will definitely be remembered. When I first came here early in the morning ready for admissions, I opened my trunk and all the upper classmen could say was "Wow!" What can I say, I had a lot of things in the trunk. It took them around four shifts to bring everything up. I mean I was moving out, I needed everything in order to survive. Later that week I even had to go to Wal-Mart to pick up some odds and ends. It was fun putting my room together, I always wanted to know what a true dorm room was like. Mine's okay, it's pretty cozy.

The one thing I'm worried about is gaining the freshmen fifteen. However, there are so many steps on campus that I doubt I'm gaining any weight. Hopefully that's the case anyway. I have to hike to the fourth floor everyday; it gets me out of breath every time I walk all the way up. Yes, I know that's sad but at least it's exercise. I try so hard not to use the elevator, but it's so tempting. McDaniel is like a gym just located outside; so many obstacles and steps galore. I plan to go

running everyday. The scenery isn't too bad so it's kind of fun to go for a run in the town.

Now, the food is a different story. You either get something good or something bad there's no in between. The other day I got a chicken wrap with a salad and that wasn't really anything to complain about. However, the day before that I picked the Alfredo pasta and turkey, which wasn't such a good choice. Lets just say the bathroom was my friend that night.

Everyone's very nice so far. I have met many new people who are always willing to help my poor self. I tend to get lost a lot but I'm getting to know my way around. It gets better and better each day. As for the boys I have seen a couple lookers, however, some must be hiding in their dorms still. But, looks are not everything. I have found very genuine boys who are definitely

worthy of treating a girl right.

Surprisingly the bathrooms haven't been so bad. The girls on the fourth floor of Whiteford are fairly clean. There is no hair in the sink or in the showers and no toilet paper just lying around. We are pretty clean. My first thoughts of the shower were iffy but it actually wasn't so bad. It's not as nice as the shower at home but it does the trick. The toilets have only been clogged once so that's a good start also. I'm very surprised and grateful that the bathrooms are so clean.

So far this experience has been one to never forget. I'm so excited to make some new fun memories here at The Hill. And I hope to also make a bunch of new friends to carry through my four years at McDaniel. Good luck to all the freshmen, and I hope your first year is a fantastic one.

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. Got more topics or information? E-mail Alyse Hollomon at alh001@mcDaniel.edu. Enjoy!

2,705 first year applications were received for this academic year
1,988 first year students were accepted to McDaniel for this academic year
478 first year students and 71 transfer students decided to attend McDaniel this academic year. This made the total number of new students on campus 549. This is "one of the largest class sizes we've seen in recent history," according to Gina Rende, Acting Director of Admissions.

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 Gina Rende, Acting Director of Admissions)

Last spring, rumors started to fly around campus that Rouzer and Whiteford were going to be co-ed. "We did discuss the possibility of housing first year students in Rouzer and Whiteford, co-ed by floor, meaning each floor would be designated men or women," said Elizabeth Towle, Associate Dean of Student Affairs. "There was a change in the renovation plan in the spring and the discussion turned toward building a new residence hall rather than a major Rouzer renovation and we decided that for now Rouzer would remain all men." Now the rumors can be put to rest.

* Renovations such as new carpet, fresh paint, and stairwell improvements were done in Rouzer this summer. Dean Towle suggests that if you haven't seen the new Rouzer go take a look. "It looks great!" says Towle.



In Memory: Remember, Reflect, Readjust

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The emotions on display at Western Maryland College on September 11th, 2001 weren't out of the ordinary given the circumstances. Some people cried, while others got angry. Many were shaken and at a loss for words. The Phoenix ran articles on the various reactions, with the front-page article appropriately titled "WMC family responds to terrorist attacks." Commentaries and 60 Seconds excerpts showcased feelings pain for the loss of life, as well as praise for a school that brought its students together in a time of crisis. Pictures of students giving each other hugs and saluting the American flag helped solidify the pride everyone had to be an American. Just as people all over the country did, the students of WMC grieved, but they did not despair.

Five years have passed since the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and many things have changed, both here and afar. Western Maryland College is now McDaniel College, and the Phoenix has been replaced by the McDaniel Free Press. The students who comforted each other outside of Decker have long since graduated and moved on to bigger things, while new students have arrived to make their mark on campus. The majority of McDaniel's seniors were juniors in high school in 2001. The freshmen were in 8th grade.

Yet everyone still vividly remembers watching the Twin Towers collapse, listening to news anchors rattle off the death tolls, and growing more and more frustrated over how something so horrific could happen to us. We all felt the same pain. We just dealt with it in different ways.

Today we live our lives, and we do the best to be happy, while our country wages 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. "...[I]t is my desire that McDaniel students will continue remembering 9/11 on our campus in the years to come."

Junior Wasu 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 did was stupid and represents a misinterpretation of Islam. Five years later, he remembers not knowing what was going on, asking questions, and just trying to understand.

Whether it is by creating a memorial or just saying a prayer, everyone has their own way to acknowledge what happened. What truly



The McDaniel Campus Conservative club, along with the McDaniel College Republicans and McDaniel College Democrats, planned and organized the creation of an American flag memorial on our campus. Young America's Foundation assisted by providing discount rates on 2,977 miniature American flags commemorating 9/11.

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. After all, life goes on. It has for five years, and it will continue to do so no matter what the future holds.

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This memorial was displayed from Sunday evening, September 10 until Tuesday evening, September 12th, 2006.

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 Guerillas 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.



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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.

International students who matriculated to the Budapest campus used to begin a four year program that included the first two years of study in Budapest and the final two in Westminster.

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).

"This decision enabled students to remain in Budapest after the first two years, rather than transfer to universities in other visa-friendly countries in Europe and the UK, Australia and New Zealand," said Falkner.

Falkner also cited the vigorous recruitment of international students by these countries after 9/11 as another reason why some students may not have the incentive that

they once did to earn an American degree.

"The visa application is time consuming and the students can easily be denied. This is something we're worried about when we're talking to international students that want to come to McDaniel," said Falkner.

International students who hope to study in America must fill out an application with a \$100 fee and then travel to their country's American embassy for an interview.

Once a student is denied an American visa, that denial acts as a black mark on their record because it severely inhibits the student from possibly getting a student visa to another country. As a result of this, many students see going to Australia or England as a less difficult alternative.

"Most students figure 'why take the risk?' The schools elsewhere are good and their visa processes are much easier," said Falkner.

The negative perception of America across the world has not helped attract international students, either.

"Some foreign students have a feeling that Americans are not very welcoming," said Falkner. "There is less incentive to leave their own country to study in the U.S."

Also, students that are natives of Middle Eastern or African nations have had an even more difficult time getting an American visa since 9/11 as a result of tighter restrictions. Recent events have not helped.

Concerns over international students were heightened after the September 11 attacks, given that one of the 19 hijackers, Hani Hanjour, had originally come to America on a student visa. This sentiment increased this summer when 11 Egyptian students failed to attend Montana State University and, for a time, were missing.

This difficulty in obtaining a visa is a contrast to the tales told by international students contacted by the Free Press.

"I didn't have any problems with the visa," said senior Agnes Pataki, a Hungarian student.

Senior Hajnalka Modis, also from Hungary, also had an effortless experience.

"Well I had no problems, I actually went online and looked through everything that was needed for the application so that was very helpful," said Modis. "Everything necessary was there. I also got help from the college (in Budapest) with it. It took only one day."

Analia Musso, an exchange student from Argentina, also received her visa with relative ease.

"I had heard from other people that [the visa application process] would be hard, but it was not that difficult or annoying for me," said Musso. "I got it the same day I had the interview."

Anjeza Kadilli, a senior from Albania, had a similar experience.

"I got my visa in Hungary, there was an interview in the morning and I got the visa in the afternoon on the same day."

However, Modis stated that other students' visa process did not go quite as easily.

"Usually the people who are denied visas are Chinese or Nigerian citizens," said Modis. "They probably want to curb the amount of migration that is going through Hungary. Hungarians usually get the visas with no problem."

Efforts made by the Free Press to contact other students were unsuccessful.

Overall, like the state of world affairs since 9/11, the visa application process has changed immensely and its effect has been felt at McDaniel.

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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 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

and Dr. Attila Horváth, Managing Director of College International.

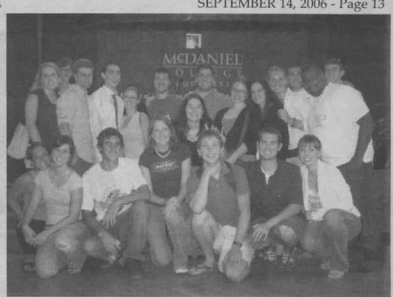
Following the Opening Convocation, students, professors and guests were taken by bus to a boat on the river Danube, where together with dinner and refreshments, they enjoyed a fine evening viewing the two sides of the city.

Semester abroad students had this to say about their first impressions of Budapest.

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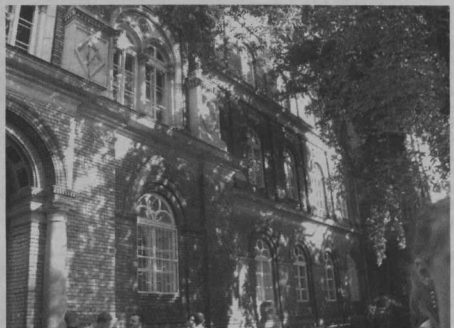


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Visa Application Process Has More Woes Post 9/11

ROB GOEKE
STAFF WRITER

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.

International students who matriculated to the Budapest campus used to begin a four year program that included the first two years of study in Budapest and the final two in Westminster.

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).

"This decision enabled students to remain in Budapest after the first two years, rather than transfer to universities in other visa-friendly countries in Europe and the UK, Australia and New Zealand," said Falkner.

Falkner also cited the vigorous recruitment of international students by these countries after 9/11 as another reason why some students may not have the incentive that

they once did to earn an American degree.

"The visa application is time consuming and the students can easily be denied. This is something we're worried about when we're talking to international students that want to come to McDaniel," said Falkner.

International students who hope to study in America must fill out an application with a \$100 fee and then travel to their country's American embassy for an interview.

Once a student is denied an American visa, that denial acts as a black mark on their record because it severely inhibits the student from possibly getting a student visa to another country. As a result of this, many students see going to Australia or England as a less difficult alternative.

"Most students figure 'why take the risk?' The schools elsewhere are good and their visa processes are much easier," said Falkner.

The negative perception of America across the world has not helped attract international students, either.

"Some foreign students have a feeling that Americans are not very welcoming," said Falkner. "There is less incentive to leave their own country to study in the U.S."

Also, students that are natives of Middle Eastern or African nations have had an even more difficult time getting an American visa since 9/11 as a result of tighter restrictions. Recent events have not helped.

Concerns over international students were heightened after the September 11 attacks, given that one of the 19 hijackers, Hani Hanjour, had originally come to America on a student visa. This sentiment increased this summer when 11 Egyptian students failed to attend Montana State University and, for a time, were missing.

This difficulty in obtaining a visa is a contrast to the tales told by international students contacted by the Free Press.

"I didn't have any problems with the visa," said senior Agnes Pataki, a Hungarian student.

Senior Hajnalka Modis, also from Hungary, also had an effortless experience.

"Well I had no problems, I actually went online and looked through everything that was needed for the application so that was very helpful," said Modis. "Everything necessary was there. I also got help from the college (in Budapest) with it. It took only one day."

Analia Musso, an exchange student from Argentina, also received her visa with relative ease.

"I had heard from other people that [the visa application process] would be hard, but it was not that difficult or annoying for me," said Musso. "I got it the same day I had the interview."

Anjeza Kadilli, a senior from Albania, had a similar experience.

"I got my visa in Hungary, there was an interview in the morning and I got the visa in the afternoon on the same day."

However, Modis stated that other students' visa process did not go quite as easily.

"Usually the people who are denied visas are Chinese or Nigerian citizens," said Modis. "They probably want to curb the amount of migration that is going through Hungary. Hungarians usually get the visas with no problem."

Efforts made by the Free Press to contact other students were unsuccessful.

Overall, like the state of world affairs since 9/11, the visa application process has changed immensely and its effect has been felt at McDaniel.

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Budapest Welcomes Students

ESTAFANIA LURASCHI
MESSENGER EDITOR

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 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 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

and Dr. Attila Horváth, Managing Director of College International.

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Raven's Rally Fans, Limelight Hits Campus

MARIO VALONE
SPORTS EDITOR

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 Bair Stadium and the soccer fields located near Gill Gym.

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 Biscotti 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. Fortunately, bleachers with protection were 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 "pointy elbows" to get an autograph. Fans 12 and under were fortunate to be allowed to get an autograph in the "Ravens Rookie Zone," where they were almost guaranteed an autograph from their favorite player.

Many players, such as Derrick Mason, Todd Heap,

and Ed Reed, were all generous with their time, as they signed many types of memorabilia and collectibles. One fan even tried to get kicker Matt Stover to sign his dirty shoe; Stover quickly shunned it away jokingly, saying "I'm not signing that."

A lot of fans watched and desperately wanted the autograph of the new man in town, and the man expected to carry the Ravens to the Promised Land, the Super Bowl, Steve McNair. Even though McNair had not taken a snap for the Ravens and despite the fact that was the face of a former division rival, the Tennessee Titans, many fans think he will be the answer at quarterback for a team that has needed one in an effort to succeed.

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?

"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.

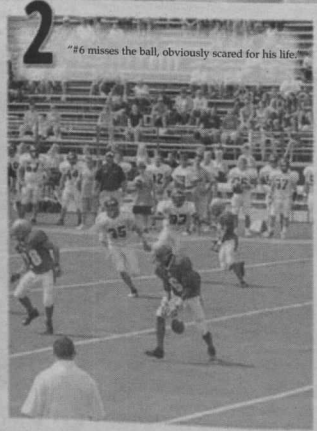
Another question some would ask is that if the Ravens take up three fields here on campus, do the Ravens interfere with the practice schedules of fall teams here on campus? Are McDaniel's fall sports taking a back seat to the media attention gained by this event?

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.

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



1 (Announcer): "Yet another punt by McDaniel. #6 Derek Thompson seems surprised that it got to him."



2 "#6 misses the ball, obviously scared for his life."

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Football's Season Opener: The Good, The Bad, the Future

RYAN CHELL
SPORTS EDITOR

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 D3 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 team, 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 Chicago won the World Series, but there was excitement in the area for about a month. This is just proving that there is always hope, even when things don't start off so hot.

For those who don't know football all that well, a lot of knowledge comes from playing Madden, there are several different formations to use. This season the football team is trying a new, for the team, formation. They call it the spear formation; in which, there are two

quarterbacks in the backfield. This formation caused some trouble for the Bridgewater defense; although no touchdowns were scored off of it, it is a glimpse of hope for the future games. Coach Keating said of the formation, "It is unusual, but not wildly so." He seemed happy with the results of the formation and thinks that it will be used for at least a few more games, if not throughout the season, to give defenses something to worry about.

There were players who, despite what the final score was, performed very well:

Drew Abbramonte had a dozen tackles, seven of which were solo stops. Drew also had the team's only interception of the game, which might have been the highlight.

Brad Baer, who suffered an injury at Bridgewater last season, saw his return to the Green Terror Quarterback spot. Brad had a total of 143 total yards, 70 rushing yards and 73 passing.

Derek Zabko had a note worthy performance in the home opener with eight tackles and a sack.

Too often forgotten are special teams. Tom Weinrich, the team's punter, "Did a good job punting," said coach Keating.

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.

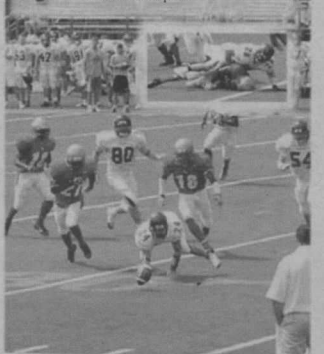
Injuries were huge. There will be several personnel changes for the next couple of games due to a large number of injuries sustained in the season opener. This will probably cause the coaching staff to play less skilled or less experienced players. As coach Keating said, "We're generally a young team 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.

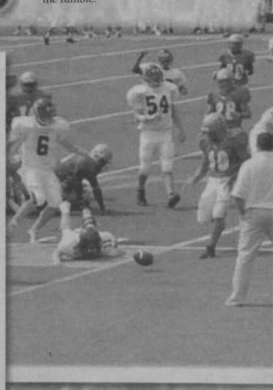
3 "Seton Hill sandwiches #20 T.J. Develin."



4 "#24 Steve Eader tracks down the ball. The tackle is complete."



5 "#11 Coney Briggs falls short of recovering the fumble."



New Coach Ready to Focus on Field Hockey

LAURA HUTTON
SPORTS EDITOR

"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 here, 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 Luty.

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 the coaches would take all the kids out for slurpees and spend the money they just

made. Thus, she did not make any money that summer, however, she discovered something she could do for the rest of her life.

Miranda was always into science while in school. Being an athlete drew her to this because she wanted to understand the way the body acts during intense sport training. These interests led Miranda to Longwood University in Virginia where she majored in phys. ed. with a concentration in exercise and health sciences. Her college coach also convinced her to pick up lacrosse for the first time.

She graduated in 1999 and found herself coaching whenever she could, including her vacation time. So, at the age of 26, Miranda decided to become a coach full time. McDaniel is her first head coaching job. The past four years, Miranda was an assistant coach for Eastern Mennonite University and Washington and Lee. She is excited about this new job and explained "McDaniel is 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 is 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, "she is too good at keeping

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 1998 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."

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 Defibaugh 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 new and refreshed dedication, and most importantly a clean slate," stated senior and co-captain, Meagan Mattson. This year's team has three seniors, Meagan Mattson, Jamie Janowich and Michelle Mullen, who will lead the team as co-captains. "I think our strong leadership will get us far," said freshman Becky Parks. 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 hardwork-

ing. "I have never seen a group of women work so hard in training," commented co-captain Jamie Janowich.

"Team coherence," as Mattson put it, is very important to the soccer team because that was a problem for the team last year. This year the team has chemistry and is close on and off the field, helping them play better together. Team chemistry is one reason why freshman Becky Parks joined the team,

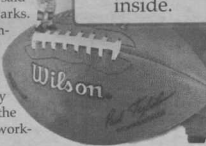
felt like I would mesh well with everyone on the team."

Each year the women play important games, but there is always the one game everyone wants to win. Janowich would like to beat Washington College, a team they lost to in double overtime, but this year Janowich said, "The team is ready for that game." Other teams that are on the list to beat are Haverford and Muhlenberg. One team

goal is to make it to the Conference Championships, which according to Parks, "will be attainable if we continue to have a positive outlook and work well together." The teams in the Centennial Conference are: Franklin and Marshall, Gettysburg, Johns Hopkins, Swarthmore, Bryn Mawr, Haverford, Muhlenberg, Dickinson, Washington, and Ursinus.

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!

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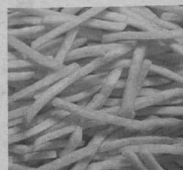


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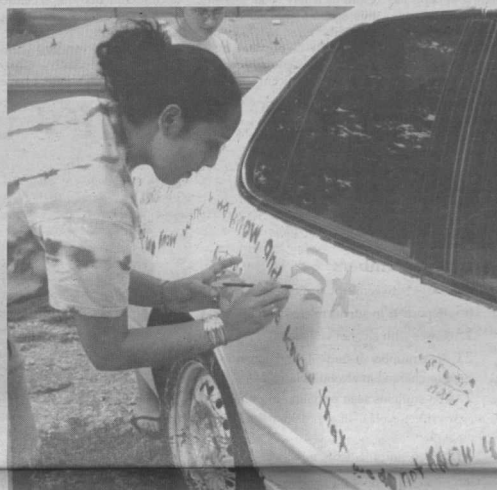
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First Year Seminar class, "Eureka! Revolutionary Moments in Science," paints professor Greg Szulgit's car during the beginning of the semester.

Szulgit shines

ELLERY WYNN
STAFF WRITER

There is a new teacher in the biology department, one who can get even the most squeamish student to be stand near, let alone be interested, in a scorpion or a container of slugs. Dr. Greg Szulgit is a that professor, and he is passionate about his work and life in general.

Szulgit received his undergraduate degree in biology from Boston University and went on to get his Ph.D. in Marine Biology from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California in San Diego. He came to McDaniel after teaching for five years at Hiram College in Ohio, where he won the Outstanding Faculty Award in 2004. Szulgit came to McDaniel because he enjoyed everyone he met, and he liked Westminster and its location near other cities and relatively close to the ocean.

In addition to being a college professor, Szulgit has had a variety of other interesting jobs. He paid for graduate school by working as the technical advisor for the TV show "The New Adventures of Flipper."

(see "Szulgit" on page 4)

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 relegated solely for their use, Director of Campus Safety

(see "Parking" on page 3)

For two years, freshman class will swell

RACHEL BROWNLEE
STAFF WRITER

Over the next two years, the sea of freshman at McDaniel College's annual orientation will be swelling as the college welcomes an increasing number of students.

As part of McDaniel's five-year strategic plan, college administration members hope for the undergraduate population to reach as many as 1800 students by the end of 2008, growth that may benefit the college's student life, faculty

makeup and physical infrastructure.

"It's actually possible to be too small," said Ethan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance. "As the student body has grown, we've observed increased diversity [and] social interaction."

"While still remaining small, it helps to have more people with whom to exchange ideas and share experiences. The increased vibrancy of the student body has been very noticeable to long time observers of the col-

lege scene," he said.

In 2003, the president appointed the Strategic Planning Committee - made up of administration, faculty and student members - to review and revise the college's strategic plan.

As part of the plan, McDaniel was to increase its student body by 200 from its 1600 students in 2003, meanwhile maintaining the college's status as the median-sized school in the Centennial Conference, Seidel said.

By early September, under-

graduate enrollment had reached 1779 students.

Instead of increasing the burden on the McDaniel's facilities and faculty, the growth will allow the school to renovate and construct buildings and to hire more professors to accommodate the rising number of students.

"It's nice to have more and up-to-date classroom and laboratory facilities," Seidel said. "A new fitness center, new and more varied athletic facilities. We need to have enough students in order to make

good use of these facilities."

Hiring new professors to keep class sizes low meets the desires of the existing faculty and administration, said Thomas Falkner, college provost.

"Faculty believe that smaller classes provide a better learning experience than larger classes, and we want the college to maintain the right balance between student enrollment and faculty size to accomplish this," Falkner said.

(see "Enrollment" on page 3)

Lighter Side of the Campus Safety Blotter

ROB GOEKE
STAFF WRITER

(Editor's Note: At a glance, the blotter doesn't reveal some of the insane 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 curly fries for an entire shift, you'd probably want to drink your face off too.

That's not all, my friends. Among the usual underage alcohol citations and public urination reports, there were two separate reports of fire alarms being set off while students were cooking.

According to Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster, this sort of student cooking stupidity is somewhat common. So it's no big deal, right? Well, there is enough concern that in a recent meeting

Webster had with residence life coordinators, the idea of holding a "How to Boil Water" class was seriously discussed.

I hope that we the students at McDaniel College are not so dense as to need a class to tell us how to operate a stove and oven fan. I'm just worried that this move is a signal that the educational quality at McDaniel could hit a steep decline. Imagine this scenario at the beginning of next semester:

"Hey Fred, can you go to lunch at noon today?"

"Nope, I can't, Pete. I have

Stove Operation '1101 at 11:30."

"Actually, dude, I can't either. I have '1-1: Make sure it's 2' at the same time."

I urge my brethren to fight back; we're only dumb and irresponsible when we booze. Frankly, if you booze, you always lose. Do something smart for once and boil a pot of water correctly. Then the powers that be won't think our IQ equals our BAC.

One thing for sure: if there is a cooking class, I want the drunk Sodexho employees there. Perhaps they'll learn how to make a decent burger.

DoCS Beat: Students arrested on drug charges

DAVID P. GREISMAN
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. Towle, 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 Kennet 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 cancers 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 cancer 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

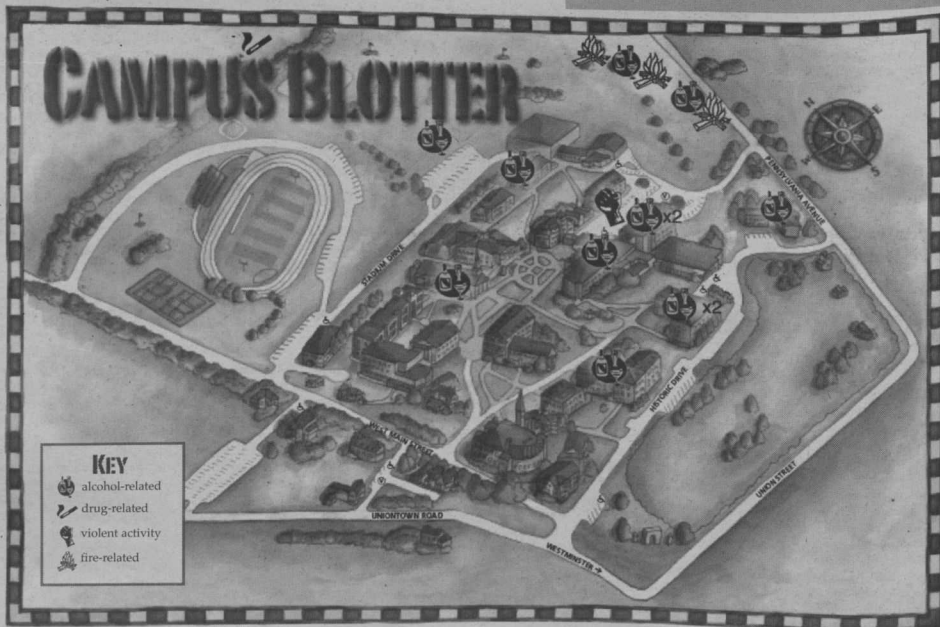
shots over a six month period," Lusby added. "Each shot at the present will cost \$136.00. This can be put on your tuition account."

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 vials presently and need two more individuals at the moment to cover the second vial."

The Health Center extension is 2243, and it is located on the 2nd floor in Windslow.



Contrast magazine showcases creativity

BRIAN ENGLER
STAFF WRITER

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 Frosts and Emily Dickinsons on our campus.

These talented youths will write and read some poetry at some open readings 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 Rietmulder-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 p.m. 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.

Parking Enrollment will continue to climb

woes

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Mike Webster said not all commuting students are present simultaneously and that commuters are allowed to park in all available student lots.

Nevertheless, students like Steve Hohne would prefer residents to park at a further distance instead of occupying commuter lots.

"We have to come and go far more often than the resident students," said Hohne, a junior who drives in from Westminster.

Webster said the Department of Campus Safety writes violations for vehicles illegally parked in commuter lots and that a vehicle will be towed after being cited eight times.

Hohne, though, wants Campus Safety to issue more tickets.

"Every day that residents don't move their cars, they should get ticketed instead of just getting ticketed once," he said.

At Villa Julie College, which has separate campuses in Stevenson and Owings Mills, commuter students have similar complaints.

"Parking at Stevenson is horrible," said Ashley Anderson, of Westminster, a sophomore. "They were forced to...repaint the parking lot to make spaces smaller. If a student parks near the front of the lot where most of the students park, it is likely that their car will get hit by another car, or at least the car's door.

"The running joke is, 'We don't want our car doors dinged. Thanks,'" she said.

Rather than contend with other students' vehicles, Barnold said she would prefer to see more faculty lots include commuters as well.

"If I get here early, why shouldn't I get a better choice of spot like the teachers?" she said. "Most of the time, it sucks."

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This fall, the average class size was 17.56 students, compared to 16.50 in 2005 and 16.88 five years ago. The McDaniel Web site lists the average class size as 17 students.

The largest class this semester was Western Civilizations I: Origins to 1700, which had met its capacity of 55 students. The departments with the largest classes tend to change annually, said Jan Fazzari,

institutional research analyst for the department of academic affairs.

"In most departments there are some courses that are above the college average and some below, and we try to avoid the situation where a single department has a disproportionate number of large classes," Falkner said.

Departments that feel their classes are too large may request the hiring of new faculty, Falkner said. The college

recently added positions in multiple departments, and is planning on adding new communications and molecular biology professors next year.

Along with limiting class sizes, Seidel said a larger faculty helps other elements of students' learning experiences.

"Having more students allows us to have a larger faculty, and having a larger and more diverse faculty actually results in a richer and more

diverse curriculum," he said.

With the increased student population, the McDaniel 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 "Aquanauts", on Animal Planet. He had several on-screen interviews in the show and was even asked to become an actual Aquanaut, but declined.

Szulgit also consulted for the movie *Hulk*. The movie's director, Ang Lee, needed to know how, scientifically, *Hulk* could stretch to twice his normal size without ripping his skin. So Lee's technical director called Szulgit. To help answer the question, Szulgit referred to his research on sea cucumbers, which stretch without ripping their skin and then return to normal. Szulgit shared this information with Lee's technical director and in the beginning of the movie there is shot of David Banner studying sea cucumbers. Although this made it into the movie Szulgit said the rest of the science in the movie was "awful".

Szulgit left Hollywood behind and gladly settled in as a college professor. At McDaniel, Szulgit teaches a variety of classes including Introduction to Biology, Invertebrate Biology, and Eureka, a first-year seminar

about revolutionary moments in science. He takes a unique approach to teaching and even had his first-year seminar students paint his car. They had to cover it with images representing what they had studied in the class. There were pictures of cloned sheep, people's ideas of world views, the Copernican model, quotes from Descartes, and many other things, although it is still not complete. When asked why he had his students do this he replied, "my car was boring," and that it was a great bonding experience.

Szulgit hopes to teach a January Term in the near future. He would also like to teach a class that melds together science and religion, or science and art, or all three.

In the small amount of spare time that he has, when he's not teaching or involved with student clubs, he likes to play and listen to folk music, do art projects, and travel. He likes to play folk music and is "good on the spoons", but can also play instruments like the washboard, stand up bass, and the boudhran, an Irish drum. Lately Szulgit has launched another creative endeavor—a comic strip, which he started with drawings he included in letters to his girlfriend.

From comic strips to painted cars, crazy past jobs to his current passion for his work at McDaniel, Greg Szulgit is capturing students' attention.



(Above) Peer Mentor Chanan Delivuk, '08, lends her art expertise to the project, painting the hood of Szulgit's car. (Right) A driver-side view of the finished project, detailing revolutionary moments in science.



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 at 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 he was working with and the new job but he also had to step in and do some things right off the bat, like moving into the new 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 also is 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.

"I am looking forward to [Luke] carrying on the things that Steve Peed established," Smith tells the Free Press.



Did you know?

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

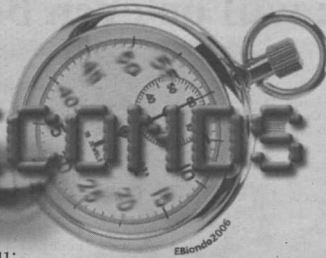
According to Wikipedia.com, a green terror is a "colorful freshwater fish in the cichlid family. The fish originate on the Pacific side of South America in the coastal waters from the Tumbes River in Peru to the Esmeraldas River in Ecuador."

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 terrorists because we were so formidable, and the name stuck. Others started using the name, and it appeared in print, and that became our identity."

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."



What do you think of the Facebook Newsfeed?

Compiled by Shannon Willis



Katelyn Brawn, '10

"I love facebook! I like being able to meet new people and it's a lot easier than MySpace since I'm technologically incapable."



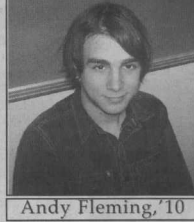
Kim Clemens, '10

"I don't like the newsfeed. I feel like I'm being watched. Some things should be kept private."



Liz Eiler, '10

"I don't really care about the changes. You can always just minimize them."



Andy Fleming, '10

"I don't care but it is a little weird that I can see what someone said on someone's wall at one time."

Can long distance love ever prevail?

CORI SIMPSON
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."

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 Chillson, 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 claims, "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 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."

A key factor in maintaining a healthy LDR is keeping the lines of communication open. With technology advances like cell phones, instant messaging, web cameras and Blogging, couples are able to communicate around the clock, no matter where they are.

Greg and Christy have both found that the best way to communicate with their significant others is over the phone. Hearing the other person's voice proves to be really comforting.

Christy and her boyfriend reassure each other that it will all work out in the end. They both agree that although it is

hard being apart, if you truly love someone, it is worth the wait.

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 still 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."

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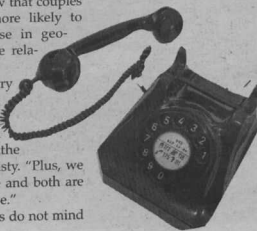
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Summer movies: will be even better in winter

SARAH BLACK
COMMENTARY CO-EDITOR

Summer's over and we're back in school with our noses in our books...OK, so maybe the first half of that statement is true.

The end of summer can also mean for some the end of "free time" to do whatever it is one wishes to do. For me, some of this free time was for good ol' summertime movie watching. And so, I have narrowed my list down to the top three that I think are worth

renting or buying if you didn't get a chance to see them at the theater: "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest," "Lady in the Water," and "The Da Vinci Code."

With the ending of the first installment of "Pirates" came the highly anticipated second chapter of this swash-buckling trilogy. A hypnotized octopus, the guest appearance of a dead captain, and the return of an all-star cast led by Johnny Depp all made for a highly satisfying sequel (not to mention this movie packs in double the action compared to the first). However, senior Ellen Inverso enjoyed the movie for a different reason. "I liked what a lot of people complain about...the cliffhanger," she said. "You know something good is coming next. I also loved the makeup. It was very realistic, all things considered." Personally, I could have done without the inclusion of the "crackens." And just to leave you with a hint: there's a bit of a shake up in the relationship between Elizabeth and William, due to Sparrow....0000000000.



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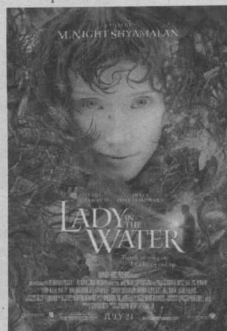
"Lady" didn't have the unforeseen twist at the end, there is still a little hook, which made me shake my head at Night's uncanny brilliance.

Senior Lenea Rader said that the commercials misled her, believing it was going to be a scary movie, but in the end, was 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 himself in the movie; 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.



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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 dancey, 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 an ex for cheating and croons, "is the way it's really going down? Is this how

we say goodbye? Shoulda known better when you came around. 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 bled-e-d 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 song 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 constant 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 "SexyBack."



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* Justin Timberlake continues to be a sensation.

Shifts from abroad

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"I'm more sure of myself and more adventurous," says senior Melissa Gallo, Spring 2006 study abroad in Budapest participant. "I was mugged in England, spat on by a whore in Budapest, and ate rotting shark in Ireland...I think I can handle most other things by now."

Studying abroad is certainly a life-changing experience. It expands horizons, alters worldviews, and in Gallo's case, it may thick your skin a little as well. "I feel like I have gained a much broader perspective on the world," says senior Erin Wagner, who spent six months at the University of Nottingham in Nottingham, England for the 2006 Spring semester. She, like Gallo, found herself changed through her time spent abroad.

This life-altering aspect of study abroad is not a new concept. It is pretty much synonymous with the phrase "study abroad." However, what is thought of less frequently is the after-effect of the experience: what happens when you return to everyday life in Westminster, Maryland?

According to junior Lisa Bingham, who spent the past summer in Montpellier, France, the transition isn't an easy one. "You go somewhere and you live that life for so long, and then you come back and you're kind of like 'Ohhhhh...'" she says. "You just want to go back to what you had gotten used to."

Wagner shares similar frustrations. "The pace of life is much faster here in the US, and the sense of humor is a lot different. I miss the English wit and sarcasm," Gallo,

too, notes a difficulty transitioning to back home.

"The toughest thing to re-adjust to was living in the city. I became very comfortable and happy with being able to access everything so quickly, and there was always a lot going on. Going from the culture and history and fun of Budapest, back to Westminster, is a bit jarring," she says.

Rose Falkner, coordinator of study abroad, is well acquainted with this feeling. "Many students say they were in just a few weeks, but had a much harder time adjusting once they returned home," she explains. "They find their friends who have not been abroad cannot always understand their experience."

In order to help returning students cope with these frustrations, Falkner hosts a dinner each semester, for students who have recently returned from study abroad. Here students have the opportunity to share photos and talk about their trip with other students that may also be experiencing difficulty in re-adjusting.

"I think [the students] really appreciate the chance to talk about their experiences," says Falkner. However, don't let the brief post-return emul feel by some dissuade you from studying abroad. "It does wear off," says Falkner. "They do get re-adjusted." Students agree, adding that they do not regret a minute of their overall experience.

"Studying abroad was absolutely the best thing I've ever done," says Wagner. "If you have the chance, you definitely should do it. I saw much, much more than I ever thought I would!"

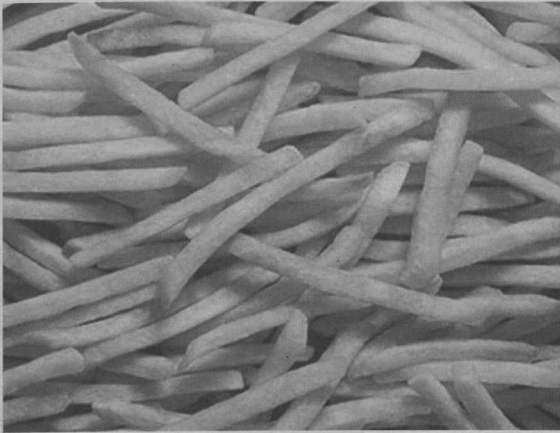
Pub chips & fries? The choice of no return

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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 go-ers 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 is a sentiment 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 they were kept on the fourth meal menu due to immediate student concern about their extinction. Betsy Beveridge proudly backs this up by shouting, "Chicken tenders rock! I'm happy they stayed!" The return of the tenders gives

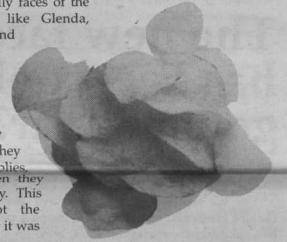
some justification for student optimism about return of the chips and fries. Besides, even a dark, lonely world needs a little hope.

The friendly faces of the pub workers like Glenda, Kathy, and Shawnee are constants, but sometimes students get frustrated by the fact that they run out of supplies, especially when they are very hungry. This is clearly not the pub's fault, but it was

a common reason for some student dissatisfaction. Patrick Lyons explains, "They almost ran out of all the food options I wanted. They didn't even have chicken one night and I thought-What the crap?" What the crap, indeed. What is the meaning of all this Pub change?

Shawnee Mosley offers one explanation for the disappearance of the chips and fries choice. "No one ever gets the fruit- maybe if more people actually ate the fruit, they'd bring the other choices back. We don't make the decisions, we work for Sodexo. We're just following orders. But we're happy to serve all the nice kids here."

Many students wait and wonder if the pub will ever return to its former chips and fries glory. Only time will tell. Though one thing seems certain: no matter the changes, people still flock to the Pub for its food, chips or no.



If You Feel Down, Pick This Up

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Toreka Jordan

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Vote, but get to know the candidates first

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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 ('06), 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 Pikesville 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 Parkville staging area, arriving at 7 AM to hear Sarah Greenberg, director of canvassing, induct

trinate us on the importance of our job as "Knocker and 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 this: 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,' (6), and wearing a T-Shirt (7), 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.

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

After canvassing about four neighborhoods, and visiting 190 houses each, we went to the Fort Garrison Elementary School, a polling station in Pikesville, 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.

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.

Pi 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 DiPietro, Michael Zimmer, Julia Gouge, and Dennis Beard for county commissioner; Gary Bauer, Patricia Gadberry, and Dave Roush for the board of education; Tanya Shewell and Frank Rammes for delegate; Andrew Duck for congress; and 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.

"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



This photo of Ben Cardin was printed on the door-hangers that Jason and Mike left at houses in the Pikesville area.

Quit with CCHD

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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.

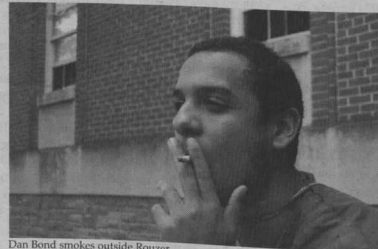
I should know; I'm usually one of them.

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 is unfortunate as following a structured program and checking in regularly can significantly 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 not let this opportunity pass by. (I'll be sure to let you know much success I'm having, but you'll probably already know if you have a 9:10 in Hill Hall.)



Dan Bond smokes outside Rouzer.

EVAN TUCKER

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Annual condom throw at 'Choices': no go

KRISTIN LAMB
STAFF WRITER

Peer mentors and members of the Choices cast and crew are 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 Choices cast and 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 peer mentors and resident assistants' opinions and feelings were "blatantly ignored" when the decision was made to not 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 taping them to the seats 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 presence 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, but we may have caused someone to become pregnant or infected. Which is more important?"

Some students said prohibiting condoms seems like just the next step in a systematic clean up of the show.

"I think Choices is getting cleaner every year," said Rori 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.

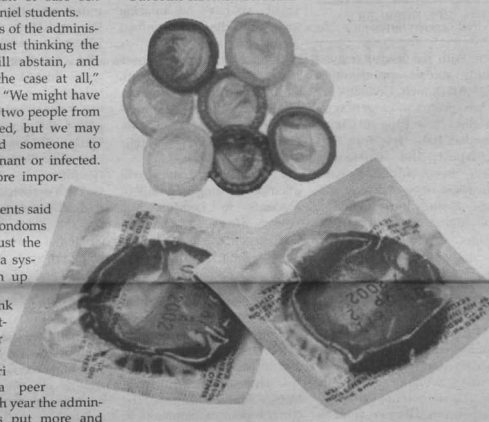
But some cast members said

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 rapist 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."



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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 yard 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 effective because his toughness can act to reassure those who fear another 9/11 is simply a day away.

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 conducts himself.

Simply put, in hearing 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 to icasualties.org, as of September 23, there have been 2,687 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 disheartening figure. Whatever you look at it, 2,687 is a painful number and my heart wrenches 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 running the country are as passionate

and pained 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 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 shows 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 pained as much as I am every time a story crosses the wire about troops dying.

Because I don't want to be right.



Jan-Term abroad opportunities continue to grow

KEN BUERGER
STAFF WRITER

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 concen-

tration 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



China: Art and Culture: Ira Domser x2592, \$2,500

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Poland, Israel and Hungary: Landscapes of Memory, Routes, ADAM EARNER, 2006
of Hope: Dr. Manny Goldman, \$3,000.

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 Deveny, x2465. \$1,884.



On Friday, September 22, students crawled out of their beds as early as 4:30 in the morning to register for the Jan Term Photography trip to Italy. Students lined up outside the registrars office (some with pillows and blankets) and kept count of their placement. They knew 35 people would get to go, yet more than 48 hopefuls waited.

COURT SIMPSON

Demonstrations a concern for citizens, not students

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Budapest - Demonstrations. Throongs. Teargags. Violence. The last few days here in Budapest have 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. An Associated Press article from September 19th read: Hungarians have been protesting heavily, demonstrating for marches and gatherings. They demand the prime minister's resignation.

On the tape, a speech recorded last May during a closed session of the ruling MSZP (Hungarian Socialist Party), Gyurcsany used colorful language saying, "We

screwed up. Not a little, a lot. No European country has done something as boneheaded as we have" (AP, Sept. 18th). It is still not known who leaked this tape to the media, but no investigation has been initiated to find out. Protests turned violent early Tuesday (Sept. 19), and police fired teargags at people who tried to storm the MTV (Hungarian National TV station) building in an attempt to have their petition broadcast to the nation. About 150 people were injured, and at least two cars were set on fire.

It turns out that the violence was mostly caused by "a radical fringe of extreme rightists and soccer hooligans" (AP, Sept. 20), however most of the demonstrations and protests were peaceful.

Prime Minister Gyurcsany

has announced his decision that he will not step down. "I am staying and I am doing my job. I'm extremely committed to fulfilling my program, fiscal adjustments and reforms," he



Rioters set fire to car on the streets of Budapest. The demonstrations there have become increasingly violent.

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

As a McDaniel 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 chatting with locals reveals the tension citizens feel - it is part of every conversation.

Most people 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 right now, I feel that if we let this pass without raising our voices, they will think they can continue lying to the people. We can't 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."

Supporters of the current government, on the other hand, are of the opinion that at least Gyurcsany was honest about it. This quote is from an article for the International Herald Tribune by Judy Dempsey, Sept. 20th: "Yes, he lied, but many other politicians have lied, too," said Ferenc Palik, 26, a waiter. "At least Gyurcsany admitted it. Now he wants to start tackling the reforms. They will not be easy. Many people I know have problems paying the gas and electricity bills. But now that he has admitted he has lied, let's give him a chance. I voted for him. I continue to support him."

Right now, people are waiting to see what will happen, and it looks like protests will continue at least for the next couple of days.

The untold tragedy of christians in northern Iraq

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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 where the Baathist left off.

The Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) paramilitary security squads along side the local Iraqi police swiftly moved into 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 insults 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 banter.

An officer responded with a swift knock to Basim's head and the young man fell to the ground bleeding. The other officers then began severely beating Basim as he laid on the street severely injured. Several Assyrian men endeavored to stop the police 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

priest Fr. Loius Kassab intervened with the police forces on the young man's behalf. However, Fr. Kassab negotiations were unsuccessful and the Assyrian group stormed the police station, freed young Basim from the holding cell, and took him to acquire medical attention.

There is a growing concern among the Christian Assyrian

fears.

"Saddam Hussein, for all his faults, did not allow religious influence in the government," said Rev. Ken Joseph in an interview with former Prime Minister, Ibrahim al-Jaafari.

Islamic extremist groups continue to take responsibility for continued terror attacks such as the attacks that occurred in the districts of Ba'asheeqa. In separate incidences Kurdish terrorists abducted two Assyrian boys from their homes then murdered the children. The bodies of both 15-year-old Fadi Shammoun and 14-year-old Julian Afram Yacoub were discovered discarded along a roadside like common garbage. Their bodies were barbarically mutilated, burned, and beheaded.

"Killing innocent Christian children has become fashionable in Iraq, forcing many Christians to flee their homes and villages, money-less and helpless," said Roise Malek-Yonan in her testimony to the U.S. House Committee on International Relations.

Attacks like these have dramatically increased during the past months as Kurdish forces step up their harassment of Assyrian Christians. On August 1, 2004 the worst attack on Assyrian Christians came when Islamic extremist bombed six churches. This was soon followed by five more church attacks on October 16, 2004.

The increasing violence has prompted Assyrian authorities to call for a mandate that would replace nonresident

Iraqi police forces in the area with a task force of 800 local Assyrians. While the Governing council in Baghdad passed the proposal, KDP Lieutenant Governor, Khisro Goran, continues to prevent the legislation from being implemented. Without the implementation of a new Assyrian Police force Iraqi police and KDP paramilitary forces continue to carry out their acts of violence against civilians unopposed.

On July 1, 2006 KDP paramilitary forces seized the central fuel distribution center for the Hamdaniya District of Nineveh. Since then, gas stations across the Nineveh plain have fallen under control of the KDP forces. The KDP forces then siphon off large portions of the gasoline to be sold on the black market. The result to the local populace is high price gouging or the restriction of much needed gasoline for producing electricity and fueling vehicles.

Concern fills the minds of the Christian Assyrian community as they view the current KDP and Iraqi police push into the Nineveh plain as an attempt to annex their region into a much larger KDP controlled area. This comes as no surprise to most Assyrians as the KDP has been pushing to transform northern Iraq into the separate democratic government of Kurdistan ever since the fall of Saddam Hussein. Assyrians of the Nineveh plain fear that the creation of an independent Kurdish state would mean subjugation or permanent expulsion from their ancestral homelands. With no help in sight from the central government and the KDP in control of the region, little hope remains for the still persecuted people.



Assyrian Christians protest the prejudicial treatment suffered under the Kurds

then grabbed Basim and fled from the mob back to the local police station.

A group of young Assyrian Christians, fearing for Basim's safety, planned to assault the police station and secure the young man's release. This attempt was halted when local

community that this kind of violence is religious in nature and will only increase. Assyrians have blamed Jihadists for inciting most of the violent acts against the Christians and the creation of the new Islamic Republic of Iraq has only increase their

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It's tough to rally school spirit at McDaniel

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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 Pototshnik 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 at games would be beneficial.

Pototshnik 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 join clubs and organizations so 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 sights to fields

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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 distressing than 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. Hardly anyone 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

even 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 interested in 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 visits into GLAR attempting to drum up support for his team and increase attendance at basket-

ball games. McDaniel finished out of the playoffs at 9-16, but the crowd was constantly 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 championship years 1997-2002]," said Keating. "I think our play/performance warranted the fan support. Most everyone loves a winner as you know."



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Sports community in Westminster, beyond

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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 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.

It may be the Westminster

Owls, the local high school football team. Large numbers of alumni still attend the games every week, and the team affects so many people because the school is so big.

"It reminds me of Friday Night Lights," said junior Jess Spear, who graduated from Westminster in 2004. She cheered for the Owls then, and she cheers for the Green Terror now. "It was awesome to look up while cheering and see so many people [in the stands]. Spear's comparison to the popular Texas high school football movie is not inaccurate. But this is not Odessa, Texas. This is Westminster, Maryland.

The passion lies in the college sports. Towson has the Tigers. Johns Hopkins has the Blue Jays. Maryland has the Terps. And of course, McDaniel has the Green Terror. Many colleges in the Baltimore area have a hardcore legion of fans, as well as stories and legacies that will last forever. In 1959, the

Western Maryland College Green Terror Men's soccer team upset the current NCAA Division III champions Drexel. It is often considered one of the greatest sports victories in Westminster's history.

Johns Hopkins can boast one of the best Men's Lacrosse programs in the nation, most recently winning the championship in 2005. The Blue Jays also have a century-old rivalry with the Green Terror, playing 83 times since 1894. The Maryland Terrapins won the NCAA Men's Basketball championship in 2002.

It lies within the professional sports. This community embraced the Baltimore Colts as family, when legends like Johnny Unitas, Alan Ameche, Lenny Moore, and Raymond Berry dominated the league, winning four NFL championships, including the 1958 "greatest game ever played" with the New York Giants. When the Colts left, this city embraced the Canadian Football League's Baltimore

Stallions. It wasn't the Colts, but it was football. The Ravens arrived in 1996, and have since become a staple in the community, as well as the NFL, when new legends like Ray Lewis and Jonathan Ogden brought the Lombardi Trophy back to Baltimore in 2001.

Westminster has a very special place in the overall legacy of the NFL. Western Maryland College would serve as the training grounds for the Colts while they were still in Baltimore. Today, 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 52,000-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 many more, too many to name here. They illuminate the love we have for our teams. People 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 by Play

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



Photos courtesy Evan Ticknor, artwork courtesy Emily Blondo and Evan Ticknor

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 (#13) and Junior Katie Seibel (#10). 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.

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Cross Country Stars

Cody Crutchley

Cody Crutchley has the vital speed element. He excelled during last years 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 conference for this event.

"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. Kevin Bowman agrees, "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 is not the only one who has noticed the impact of White's summer mileage. "Dan has shown the most improvement in cross country so far," remarks Coach Renner.

The only thing that holds White back now are his knees. He has been struggling with them already this season and is currently sitting out. Once he improves his strength and gets back on his feet, White will be able to demonstrate where his hard work will take him.

Kevin Bowman

Due to mononucleosis, Kevin Bowman was not able to run during his freshman cross country season last year. Once indoor track started, Bowman fought to get into excellent shape and showed his top-notch power during the outdoor season.

He barely qualified for Conferences, however, he excited the team when his time dropped from 4:32 to 4:17 in the 1,500 meter and he became the fifth fastest freshman in the conference. "When he learns to correctly pace himself over the five mile distance," states Coach Renner, "he will do some damage on the grass as well."

The start of this cross country season proves that Bowman is determined to expand upon his established outdoor season. His 30:35 finish during the 8,000 meter Green Terror Challenge earned him fourth place among his teammates.

In both of the following meets, Bowman continued his improvement, dropping to 29:27 at the Waynesburg Invitational and 29:00 at the York Invitational.

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

Cody Crutchley adds, "Bowman, while 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."

Terror volleyball play by play vs. Swarthmore

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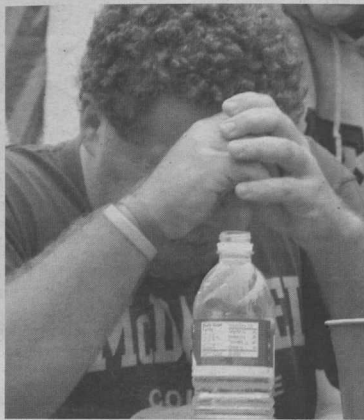
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The rumors have spread around campus, but in reality few knew what really happened on the night of Sept. 27, when the Department of Campus Safety was called to Blanche Ward Hall for a possible hazing incident.

Because it is still yet to be resolved, no involved McDaniel staff are permitted to talk about the allegations. Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster could not even acknowledge the name of the organization that was being investigated.

Sources have confirmed that the sorority had more than the allowed number of people sleeping in a dorm in Blanche Ward Hall on the night in question. According to the sources, the girls were part of the incoming pledge class, and there may have been alcohol in the room, though none of this could be confirmed.

Nobody from the sorority or the pledge class would comment because of legal direction from the national Phi

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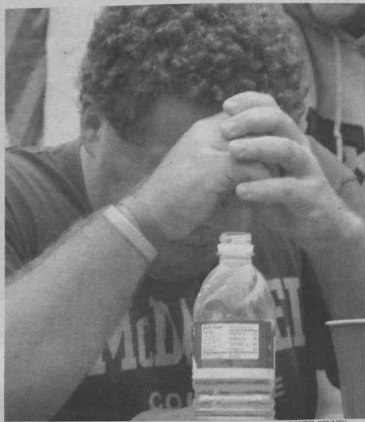
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Because it is still yet to be resolved, no involved McDaniel staff are permitted to talk about the allegations. Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster could not even acknowledge the name of the organization that was being investigated.

Sources have confirmed that the sorority had more than the allowed number of people sleeping in a dorm in Blanche Ward Hall on the night in question. According to the sources, the girls were part of the incoming pledge class, and there may have been alcohol in the room, though none of this could be confirmed.

Nobody from the sorority or the pledge class would comment because of legal direction from the national Phi (see "Sorority" on page 2)



Homecoming collage inside

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Pledging process scrutinized

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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 are idiotic. Freshman boys in groups, though, are hilarious. But I think the most important thing to take away from this incident is not the fact that some fireworks always light up your life but the fact that

"When circumstances are presented, it is determined whether they need to be acted on or if more information needs to be presented to make it valid," Rose said. She said that the incident is under investigation and that a decision would be made soon.

Hazing has been an issue with Greek organizations at McDaniel before.

Last spring, the Gamma Beta Chi fraternity had its charter suspended for five years, while the Phi Alpha Mu sorority lost its charter for three years. Both organizations were suspended for hazing incidents.

All Greek organizations receive a checklist at the

beginning of every semester detailing a new member education program and member responsibilities. The list includes a detailed hazing policy and several examples of what hazing might include and notes that anything that might deprive pledges of sleep is considered hazing.

Though the result of the administration's investigation of the Phi Sigs was not available at press time, sorority members and students familiar with the incident appear to be cautiously optimistic that the outcome will be in their favor.

What that first appeared to be a Greek tragedy is now a minor concern.

Editor's note: Goeke's commentary highlights some of the innuendo calls to which campus safety responds.

the Campus Safety officer who witnessed the launch was able to find the very room it was fired from and lay the law down on some candy asses.

I just want Outkast to stop making musicals so they can focus on something really important: remixing "Bombs over Baghdad" to "Bombs over Rouzer" to describe this incident.

Next, let's be frank: if it wasn't for intoxicated McDaniel College students, the local Jiffy Mart would cease to exist. The 24 hours it operates, selling Subway, and hot dogs that have been on the roller for four days is a god-send to anyone looking to comfort themselves with unhealthy eats after getting rejected by every girl or boy they tried to talk to.

Clearly, the Jiffy Mart puts

the "convenience" in "convenience store." So you would think that with all the late night business they receive from McDaniel, they would be sympathetic to some students who, say, maybe tried to use a five-fingered discount?

Nope. At 3:57 a.m. on Sept. 29, the Westminster Police Department documented a student for trying to slip a candy bar into his pocket, creating what must have been the biggest overreaction by the authorities since the end scene of the Blues Brothers movie.

It's a shame that this fellow had to go through the humiliation of being caught shoplifting with only a Snickers in his hand, but I like to think it was just the subliminal messages he received from all the commercials that made him do it. He was hungry. So why wait

Campus safety beat

Rape complaint dismissed, extortion charge brought

A complaint alleging 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

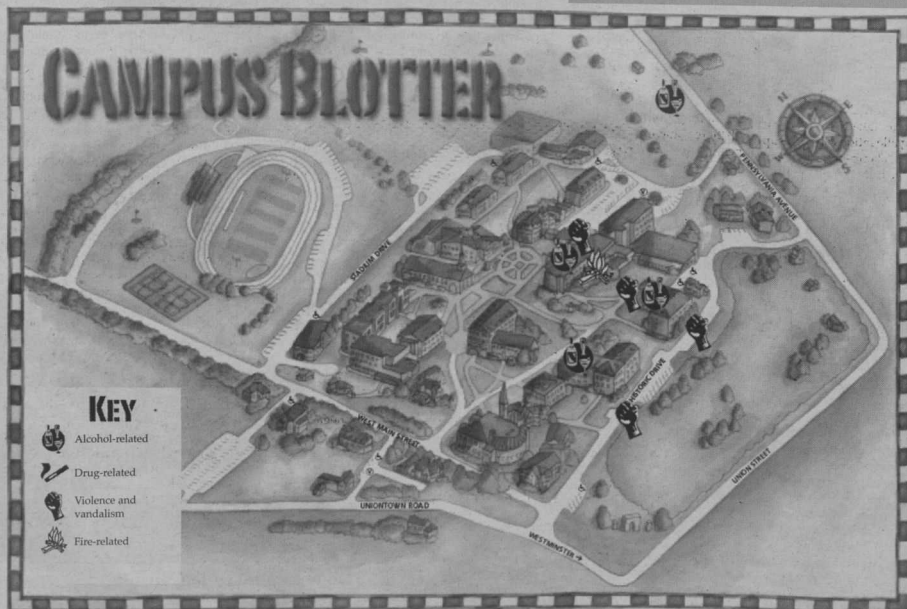
4 Cases with alcohol violations

7 Cases listed as medical incidents, with conditions ranging from a twisted ankle to severe alcohol intoxication

3 Incidents of vandalism to students' vehicles: Two vehicles located in the Whiteford Hall parking lot had their tires slashed, and one SUV – located on Historic Drive – had its soft top slashed and may have had items stolen

5 Reports and incidents related to an altercation between a student and a non-student in front of Whiteford Hall around 1 a.m. on Sept. 29: the single case with the most listings in the time period: assault (hands/feet), drunk and disorderly conduct, alcohol possession – under 21, and alcohol-related charge(s) for person(s) over 21. In addition, the non-students were listed as having trespassed

1 Incident of students setting off fireworks from a Rouzer Hall dorm room



Homecoming highlights on the Hill 2006

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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 Eating Champion at Homecoming 2006. 2nd place winner Stephen Gomez and 3rd place winner Mark Wheeler were also glad to be a part of such a good cause, even if they felt close to puking.

Jason Norton said, "Some people were training in Glar all week. We're just glad they came out." No matter their eating strategy, the eleven men who entered the contest showed great dedication; either to Canines for Companions or at the very least, to hotdogs. The contest was one of many festivities that added extra spiritedness to Homecoming this year.

Hotdogs weren't the only thing people were eating on Saturday. The array of foods found at this weekend tented and satisfied alumni and student appetites. Ian Hockett stated, "Homecoming is good because sometimes we win, but there's always good food no matter what."

This year was no exception. The International Club held a bake sale filled with homemade cupcakes, brownies, cake, cookies, and even frosted cinnamon buns. The pro-

ceeds of the bake sale went to the International Dinner the club will host in the spring, with foods from their varied homelands of Germany, Argentina, and France. Many families have a long tradition of parking, tailgating, and sharing family recipes around the football field.

Carolyn Gannon tells, "My family always drives down for this game, even if they miss all the rest."

While walking around the field, hearty stews, sloppy joes, bratwurst, and fried chicken were some of the more unusual dishes being served to McDaniel fans, though hamburgers and hot dogs remain a favorite.

"We've got to have them every year," said Tom Shortridge about the sloppy joes in his tent.

With over 40 tents around the field and 12 organizations with letters painted on the grass, Homecoming spirit was in the air. Though the weather was dreary and overcast, love for McDaniel was felt and seen, especially during the parade. The cheerleaders, all decked out in full fairytale costumes, sprinkling fairy dust and waving wands at the little children watching the parade on main street, took first place, while Gamma Sigma Sigma's Queen of the Hill theme took second, and Phi Mu's I Love Lucy theme took third.

"The parade was a hit!" Gamma Sigma Sigma member

Tony Cimino said about the experience.

The Alumni Tent was filled with happy faces, young and old, but particularly young. The tent featured face painting and its own magician, who did card tricks and made balloon animals for eager children. The merchandise with McDaniel or Western Maryland logos for sale in the tent—sweatshirts, socks, gloves, hats, and blankets—could be purchased to honor both the past and present name of the college.

Marcia Robusto, a new alumnae, explained, "I feel very welcome, I missed all my friends so much! It's great to feel so wanted, even though we left campus."

The college goes to great lengths to make sure alumni still feel at home on the hill. The Alumni tent even hosted a "Best Tailgater on the Hill" contest for fun. Yearbooks dating back to the 1930s and early 1940s were also on display in there, though McDaniel has yearbooks well back into the 1800s. The yearbooks were set out for anyone to look through and many people took time to do so.

Saturday was not just a day of food and fun, it was also a day of reunion for current and past students, including reunions of the Catholic Campus Ministry, Green Terror Baseball team, Christian Fellowship, Honors Program, Women's Basketball team, open houses for the



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campus fraternities and sororities, and Military Alumni. The Homecoming court, who marched in the parade, were announced at halftime by President Joan Develin Coley and included king and queen Jamie Nash and Jason Fratto Class of 2007, Beth Moran and Nick Tully Class of 2008, Kayon Williams and David Olorunfemi Class of 2009, and Callia Crossman and Warren Herman Class of 2010.

Alumnae Rachel Bryant equates the whole experience of coming back to McDaniel and seeing everyone at Homecoming: "I feel like I'm at a wedding, every 5 minutes or so, I see someone I knew or had a class with, and I wish I could talk to everyone all at once."

The feelings of Homecoming cannot truly be transcribed— it's something one has to see and feel for oneself. Through all the events, contests, reunions, and tradi-

tions—tailgating and the parade—homecoming shines through as a time of remembering the past good times and looking forward to those still to come. All the cars creating traffic jams on campus, packed to the brim with delicious food were a display of dedication and pride students feel. The full coolers, hot grills, chairs and blankets placed in the grass, and the tents, filled with supporters and family of all ages, all helped create the complete picture of Homecoming.

Sure, it's important that the team won 17 to 14, but sometimes it's not the most important thing about the day. The people we reunite with, the victories we cheer for, and the school community we are a part of, matter most. Homecoming 2006 showed people will shout just as loud for hotdogs as they will for touchdowns. That's something to be proud of.

Tempers flare, new dean feels the heat

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in regards to alcohol policy proved to be unsubstantiated.

During dinner in Englar Dining Hall on Sept. 27, junior Lindsay Olsh distributed a flyer entitled "We're Not Going to Take It" to students, listing allegations about a supposed "clamp-down on student activities" and inviting them to a protest.

"Recently hired administrators have, without provocation, taken it upon themselves to significantly curtail, even end, traditional events and activities participated in by students for years at McDaniel College," the flyer began.

Multiple attempts to contact Olsh by e-mail and phone were unsuccessful. Efforts to contact members of other organizations were also unsuccessful.

Among the allegations against "the new administrators" in the flyer were that they wanted to "break up the years-long traditional wall parties" between Blanche Ward and McDaniel halls, cancel the annual Spring Fling event, and that a point system had been set up to award campus safety officers and resident assistants for documenting students for alcohol use.

In response to these and other students' concerns, Gerl sent out a campus-wide e-mail on Sept. 29, writing that "[t]here have been no changes to the college policies from previous years."

Among the numerous items, Gerl said Spring Fling would not be cancelled, McDaniel College would not be going dry or doing away with Greek life, and she denied the existence of a point system.

As for concerns over the wall, which Gerl said "has not been taken away," Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster said alcohol use there has never been allowed.

When large numbers of students are gathered and drinking at the wall, Webster said the goal of campus safety is to have the people pour their alcohol out and then move on, stopping a violation of campus policies without needing to document scores of students.

To help deal with student concerns, Gerl's e-mail said

"I feel we've made a point, and I think working with them may actually result in bettering our college community," Olsh wrote, also acknowledging that her major allegations "were rumors, and are now found to not be true."

that she, Webster, Associate Dean of Student Affairs Liz Towle and Assistant Director of College Activities Amanda Rose will host an informal chat with students every Wednesday afternoon in Englar Dining Hall.

The first of these chats was held Oct. 4, where eight students asked questions of the panel, Webster said.

"I want to know the best ways of communicating," Gerl said. "I want to know the kinds of things students are concerned about so they can have the best experience possible."

Gerl also held a meeting with all the chapter presidents of the recognized Greek organizations on Sept. 27 to address their specific concerns.

"Contrary to popular belief, [Dean Gerl is excited about Greek life and is ready to try

to make it better on campus," said Jason Fratto, president of the Inter-Greek Council and a member of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

With Gerl's efforts, Olsh recently responded on her Facebook group — also entitled We're Not Going to Take It — "Because the administration is trying to work with us, and with the feedback I've received from students, the protest is no longer taking place."

"I feel we've made a point, and I think working with them may actually result in bettering our college community," Olsh wrote, also acknowledging that her major allegations "were rumors, and are now found to not be true."

Along with Olsh's group, multiple Facebook groups still exist in reference to Gerl, but not all of them have the intention to provoke action.

"The group I made meant absolutely nothing," said junior Erich Wolf, the creator of The New Dean Must Go. "I made it as a complete joke and I don't take Facebook serious-

ly."

Gerl said she has not been on the Facebook Web site, nor has she seen the groups created in reference to her.

"Students can do whatever they want on Facebook; it's an open, public way for people to communicate," she said. "I'm in a position where people are going to scapegoat or take potshots at me, and I'm fine with that."

Though she did not receive the warmest of welcomes, Gerl sees the early part of her tenure as a time to learn about life on The Hill.

"I am just using this time to learn about McDaniel's campus and examine the services that [the student affairs office] provides," Gerl said. "I want to see if we are giving students the services they need. The student reaction says that we need to look at how we communicate and find ways to build a stronger, more trusting community."

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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 Glar about their projects and goals.

Tuesday, the club sponsored a tie-dying table outside of Glar, 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.



Recyclable trash is piled in Red Square on Wednesday. The pile was intended to raise awareness of recycling on campus.

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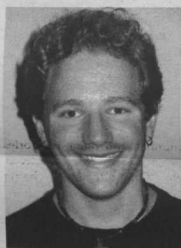
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CHRISTOPHER FERRIEK-MANLEY
STAFF WRITER

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

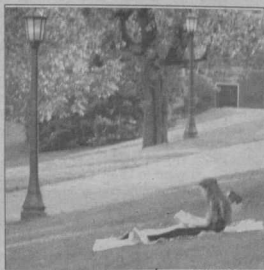
Quest for Expression and Meaning.

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 not that 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.

Campus Candida



CHRISTINE BOYNTON

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.



CHRISTINE BOYNTON

McDaniel students face off against each other in a round of Dance Dance Revolution. DDR was in Kriel Lounge on Thursday as part of Spirit Week activities.

'Free the squirrels' a nutty misnomer

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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 the human race, and this practice is contradictory to the institution," said student Scott Madara. "I wept for days in

"I feel like nothing should be done to the squirrels that would cause physical or emotional stress," 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

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 did die, 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 cages 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 minimalist 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.



the despair, thinking of those poor squirrels and squirrel family. The Constitution provides for a basic protection of rights, and seeing how squirrels are divine, squirrels should be protected."

This protest to the treatment of the squirrels has even seeped onto Facebook, where the group, "Free the Squirrels!" has been developed.

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



Impromptu soccer game in red square: students enjoy a warm day on the hill.



Jackie Kahler defends against an opposing player at an October girls' soccer game at McDaniel College.



Freshman Nicole Rosche takes advantage of the warm weather while studying for sociology.

Non drinking games lure many McDaniel students

JEN HARRINGTON
STAFF WRITER

It was a typical Friday night on campus, and like any other weekend, Campus Safety was called into Rouzer Hall because of a noise complaint.

The spectacle awaiting Campus Safety last year wasn't the archetypal drinking scene with beer pong and drunken underclassmen, but rather an unusually exciting game of Cranium.

"We got so loud," shrugged junior Sarah 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.

Cranium is a well-liked game among these students. Players are divided into

teams and must correctly answer different puzzles. Various categories of competition include word scrambles, humming, sculpting out of clay, and charades.

Players are allowed to move a certain number of spaces on the board for successfully completing each challenge in a given amount of time, racing to reach the end of the board first.

Apples to Apples is another popular choice. The cards are divided between the players, listing random words and phrases such as "Tom Cruise" or "the Grand Canyon."

Each player takes a turn picking a category card and reads the category to the rest of the group. The remaining players place down a card from their hand that they feel best fits the category, and the player who picked the category determines which card is the best fit.

For each good match, a player receives a category card and must collect a given amount of category cards in order to win.

Some students take creative licensing with already popular games.

Junior Christine Hechmer played "Marry, Date, or Dump" last year with several of her friends. This game has a die with multiple sides that read different actions (Marry, Date, Dump), or relationships (father, uncle, brother).

One player chooses three names and the rest of the players guess which action, career and relationship the player would associate with each name. Points are given for each correct match.

Hechmer and her friends altered the choices by inserting McDaniel students' names into the game.

"First you look at who you're playing

with," she said. "You pick who they have a crush on, the weird kid in the back of the class and a few hot guys on campus."

Typical board games aren't the only source of amusement on campus.

Sophomore Jason Norton helped his floor turn their common room into a mini soccer field for a few days.

"We flipped two seats over, took out the cushions, and used them [the seats] as goals. We put tape on the middle of the floor and on two sides for penalty markers and played two on two," he said. "We do stupider things when we're sober."

Some non-drinking games are used as practice for drinking games. Members of the Phi Kappa Delta fraternity play water pong in order to hone their skills.

The fourth floor of Blanche Ward plays Dance Dance Revolution, and a

few members of the wrestling team joined them in their wrestling gear in order to lose weight.

"My roommate is amazing at it," said senior Vicki Levanduski, "I'm definitely still learning...people come up to our floor all of the time to play."

A certain group on campus plays "Man-up" in the quad, a game that may involve throwing a ball or Frisbee at an opposing player. Players are supposed to allow the ball to hit them, and points are given if the opposing player flinches.

One mysterious player would only comment, "The first rule about Man-up is that you don't talk about Man-up. The second rule? You don't talk about it."

Some students opt to flip cups and play beer pong

BRIAN ENGLER
STAFF WRITER

Beer Pong, Brain Damage, Kings, Flip Cup, Beer Darts, Quarters. Many college students are familiar with drinking games, even if they don't drink themselves.

Approximately 63% of incoming college freshmen have participated in drinking games, according to www.pubmed.gov. And though study after study warn students of the dangers, drinking games prevail. Informal surveys of students reveal that the following games get the most play at McDaniel.

Beer Pong/Beirut

To play this one, get a table or solid sur-

face about 5 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 get it in, the other team has to drink. If they bounce it in, they drink two cups. If every on the team makes their throw, they go again. The goal is to get drunk, or to get rid of the other team's cups. Either way, Sophomore Mike Smoak told a story about how he was beaten at beer pong by a guy who sat in a chair the whole time and only

missed one shot during the course of the whole game.

Power Hour
This game is fairly simple, but can be very effective. You get a bunch of alcohol, usually beer or mixed drinks. You can try with shots, but without modification of the game, you will die. Please don't, I wouldn't want that to happen. To play, pour a shot of your drink of choice. Every minute, on the minute, take the shot. Time tends to pass much quicker than you would think. You usually go through about 6 beers, if that's your drink, and it's not recommended to switch beers at any point. Trust me. It's no fun. Also, try to use shot glasses. Junior Jacob Moriarty-Stone

said "I tried to measure the shots of beer by eye and by the end, I had half of a cup to drink." Like I said, use shot glasses please.

Flip Cup

This is perhaps the most competitive of the drinking games listed here. To play, split up any number of people into two teams. The teams then get on either side of a table. Each person gets a cup, into which they pour their drink of choice. Again, beer, mixed drinks, or the like are recommended. Usually you want to fill the cup to the first little ridge, but it can change according to how much you want to drink. The first pair of competitors chug, they drink, then place the cup on the edge of

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. Usually there are many rounds to a game of flip cup and there is a lot of yelling.

Now that you have the basics, go and enjoy. Have good parties, and happy drinking. I'm gonna go and rest my liver now.



There's never enough time to draft the five-page paper or 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

TYLER CARR
STAFF WRITER

Each year, the week after Labor Day marks the official start of the NFL season. But recently, it has marked the start of something else, the start of the fantasy football season.

Fantasy football is a game where players "draft" NFL players for their fantasy team and earn points based on their players' 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 sports game in the United States and has evolved into a big business industry.

It is no real surprise that the fantasy industry lures 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 elite league in which Pat has named his team "The Hooligans."

"A lot of us played football before, but

don't have time now. It's a way for us to stay involved in sports," O'Toole said. "Also, the competitive nature of the game keeps students involved. It's fun competing against people you know. Not to mention there's also a chance to win a lot of money."

Other creative team names of the league include "the Stump Grinders," "RayLewis4MVP" and "Your Dum."

In addition to team names and even team logos, the fantasy football fervor sometimes also includes trash talk as opponents try and psyche each other out before big games.

The Alpha Sigma Phi league does a lot of smack talking. It is uncensored and can get pretty brutal. On the league's Web site, one team hoped for the dismemberment of another team's player, posting, "I hope Michael Strahan tears off Mark Brunell's left arm."

Fantasy football was originally invented in 1962 by several 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.

When the group returned to Oakland, they founded the first fantasy football league, the Greater Oakland Professional Pigskin Prognosticators League (GOPP-PL). After the 1960's, the game evolved into a recreational activity at sports bars.

So what is the cause of the latest fantasy football phenomenon?

The Internet.

With the expansion of the Internet in the late 1990's, fantasy football participation has skyrocketed into a lucrative business with many Web sites, magazines, newspapers, and programs dedicated to the game. Many large Internet companies, such as AOL and Yahoo, have launched their own sites dedicated to meeting the fantasy football demographic.

A simple Web search of the term "fantasy football" found over 73,000,000 pages of results. Even the NFL itself has launched its own fantasy football Web site. Some Web sites even offer league winners prizes such as NFL tickets and cash winnings.

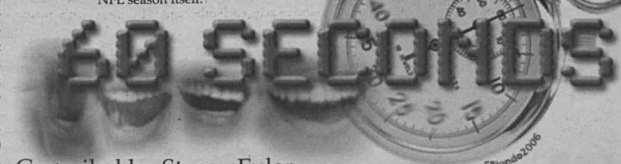
Most leagues are known as "re-draft" leagues, where at the start of every season, teams are totally re-drafted from scratch.

Other leagues are known as "dynasty" leagues, in which a team is drafted and the same team carries on for several seasons. Each team usually consists of a quarterback, two running backs, two or three wide receivers, one tight end, one placekicker, and one team defense.

Players earn points for their team based on their performance during real life NFL games. The common scoring scheme is one point for 25 passing yards, one point for 10 rushing yards, one point

for 10 receiving yards, one point for every reception, six points for rushing or receiving a touchdown, four points for a passing touchdown, negative two points for every interception thrown, negative two points for every fumble, one point for an extra point kicked and three points for a field goal. Some leagues do scoring purely based on yardage in a game.

Fantasy football has evolved into more than just a recreational sports bar game; it is now a yearly tradition like the NFL season itself.



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Amanda Brown, '07



Roxanne Fleischer, '10



Dr. Mary



Lora Bingaman, '07

"Tag ball-my family and I would play it, and it was fun."

"My sisters and I used to pretend we were orphans, inspired by the Boxcar children."

"Guess Who-I found it's the first game an adult can play with children. It's fun."

"Memory-every Friday, my parents would play it with me and my sister."

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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 preoccu-

pled 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 should be modified according to when one anticipates on attending graduate school. Some students 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!

'No hard liquor rule' imposes on rights

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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 and drink it.

Some people just don't know their limit, or if they do, they choose to ignore it, and be stupid. That doesn't mean that a rule has to be placed affecting for everyone (keep in mind that this rule has been in existence for years). If people choose to be stupid, they're going to be stupid no matter what you

allow them to drink. It's all about common sense and knowing and abiding by your limit, not what you're putting into your system.

Asked 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 will happen if you run into Campus Safety.

Honestly, not allowing people to drink hard liquor is not going to stop people from get-

ting 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 they're breaking the rule.

Senior Bryn 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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Szimpla Kert – A Cozy Grunge Heaven

ESTAFANIA LARASCHI
MESSENGER EDITOR

Old ripped up sofas, non-matching chairs, and colorful miscellaneous lamps that glow dimly give the bare,

brick-exposing walls in Szimpla Kert rooms a very grungy yet cozy look. Open-air in summer and covered in winter, this place is open all year round from midday to midnight, welcoming

Budapest's local and international youth, students and backpackers alike, to sit down in plushy armchairs and enjoy a good drink and a chat.

You're very likely to walk past it if you don't know about it.

A simple doorway, with an old wooden door that looks like it's about to unhinge any second, leads into what you might think is – pretty much – an abandoned construction site that you're not sure was being worked on or in the process of being torn down. Take a left and then immediately right, walk through the thick plastic drape-like ribbon things that hang in the next doorway and bingo, you're in.

The lounge atmosphere, background music (probably of an indiscernible genre, maybe a cross between lounge, chill-out, and electronic with a touch of fusion and jazz) and the relaxing, darkish glow coming from tall, precarious-looking lamps instantly make your eyes scan for a free comfy spot. Once found, of course, you have to get up again anyway to get your drinks at the bar.

Besides just being a place for drinks, it has other things to offer. A short description from the Szimpla website says: "Szimpla has been run-

ning since October 2001. We keep trying to find out whether it's possible to support alternative culture on a profit oriented basis, to survive seemingly hopeless construction works, to have one of the best cuisines in town, to screen self-distributed movies in our own open-air cinema, to organize animation festivals, and things like this. The answer so far seems to be: yes, it is."

You can meet all sorts of people here. McDaniel students, students enrolled in the premedical program, Hungarian university students, and of course, the odd visitor. A lone-traveling French-Canadian backpacker, who went by the name of Chris, revealed his travel itinerary to me over a beer. "I'm actually on my way to Moldova – just because nobody really knows about that country and I want to discover that part of Europe." He had been to Germany, Austria, Italy and Slovenia, stopped over in Budapest for a few days, and wasn't at all sure where his travels would take him. Hopefully Moldova. "How did you find Szimpla Kert?" I asked. "This place is cool. I love the décor." "How did you find Szimpla Kert?" I asked the confused man. "The

receptionist at my hostel explained how to get here – if it weren't for the sign outside, I would probably not have ventured in!"

Kabya Ivanova, a McDaniel College student and Communication major, used to "go there a lot last year and this spring, at least few times a week." She "like(s) its atmosphere, how the whole space is divided into different rooms but without doors. "A nice place to relax and talk with friends over a glass of wine and a lot more beer." Any fun moments that I don't really remember. Also I met a girl there, who, since then, became my very good friend."

For more info, you can go to the www.szimpla.hu website (there is an English section), and you can find Szimpla Kert in the 7th district, Kazinczy u. 14.



Above: A Comfy chair awaits the weary legs of a McDaniel student. Below: The main hall where the drunk moments happen.



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In defense of steroids

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Barry Bonds is at bat, 23 homeruns shy of breaking Hank Aaron's all-time homerun 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 will do anything to gain the slightest edge on their opponents. There was a time where athletes talked of hot dogs and beer after a game. Nowadays, words like "herbal supplement," "protein shakes," "vitamins" and "steroids" are commonplace in the locker.

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 cheaters. 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 chiroprac-

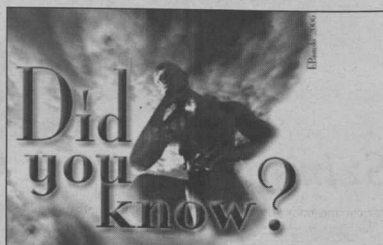
tors and nutritionists.

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 154 games each year. Had Babe Ruth eight more games every season over a 21 year career, he would have hit at least sixty more homeruns.

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 putting steroids in their body is wrong, but cortisone shots and vitamin supplements are ok is contradictory and gives the public a mixed message about what is right and what is wrong.

Maybe next year I'll actually watch a baseball game if the Incredible Hulk is at bat.



All about Homecoming madness

ALYSE HOLLOMON
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Tailgating is a long tradition on the Hill for football games. Faculty, students, and alumni alike all 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 friends place so we can get an early start Saturday morning," said junior Sociology major Caroline Gannon. "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 currently is the Spring IGC dues that will be paid 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 also time for alumnae 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 junior Social Work major and member of Alpha Nu Omega Angela Brudis. "But this year our tent was missing a few legs so we had to put our heads together and try to make it work. We used duck tape all over the poles which ended up working but we had a rough morning trying to figure out how to put this tent together."

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!

Students paraded down the street, ate mass quantities of weenies on the Hill, and Homecoming proved to be a mix of old and new traditions.



Softball slugger hits homeruns and runs home with new Vera Bradley collection

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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 classroom. 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 was 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 focused on his card when we were playing for a hanging closet organizer in my favorite Vera colors... Unfortunately, we lost to a little old lady, twice!"

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

is a Vera girl too.

Williams 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 William's 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 homeruns, and twenty runs batted in."

With all of her bags, one

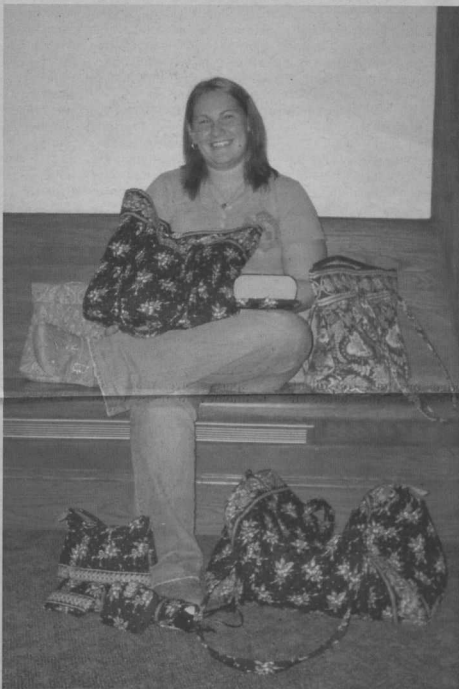
might wonder how a single person could possibly make use of all of them.

"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.



Sophomore Whitney Williams is surrounded by her Vera Bradley collection, all gifted by her parents as rewards for homeruns.

"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 homeruns 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.



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Kick lands thrilling Homecoming win

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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 ensured 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 quarter-

back Matt Flynn was intercepted by senior defensive-back Bobby Waugh, who returned the interception fifteen yards. The Green Terror offense then realized that they needed to make the most of this opportunity.

And they did.

McDaniel started out the drive conservatively, gaining 57 yards on the ground, but then quarterback Brad Baer found receiver Matt Gingrich for a 26-yard touchdown through the air. Gingrich made the catch despite what seemed to fans and coaches to be obvious pass interference, which was not called on the play.

The Green Terror had the lead, and on the next Gettysburg drive, the defense forced another turnover in the red zone, making sure that the Green Terror would keep that lead, but the offense could not produce any points on that drive, as they too turned the ball over via the fumble.

The score would remain 7-0 in favor of the Green Terror for much of the game, as either the defenses came to play or the offenses did not (whichever you prefer). And the punters got their work in, as McDaniel punter Tom Wenrich punted six times in 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 game got interesting again in the fourth quarter. After a Green Terror fumble on their own 49 yard line, the Bullets responded with a small drive of their own that was capped off with a 4 yard run by running back Tom Sturges. The game was tied, and it looked as if the momentum was shooting with the Bullets.

Not so fast.

The Bullets kicked off to the Terror and McDaniel had two runs that were so fast, they made the Bullets look like beanbags, blanks, or stones. McDaniel kick-returner Christian Turner gave his offense a short field with a 54 yard return, and then Terror running back Eric Zwilsky, who had 64 of McDaniel's 130 rushing yards, ran a sweep 24 yards for a touchdown, leaving the Gettysburg defense in his dust, about 30 seconds after Sturges run tied the game.

However, Sturges and the Bullets top-ranked offense in the Centennial Conference matched Zwilsky run with a 26 yard touchdown run of his own. Sturges outruled the entire McDaniel offense on his own, gaining 189 yards on the day and continued to add to his resume as the conference leading rusher.

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.

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 jacked-up in the fourth quarter (Flynn was hurt on the play, but got up on his own power to go back right in the huddle with fans applauding his toughness), and watched as Jay Leonard sealed the win for the Terror.

And as for the so-called kick-off win, our fans certainly kicked the Bullets off the field after the game with chants of should have been a Terror McDaniel hopes to kick another opponent off their home field October 14th against Dickinson.



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Bust at 'the Blue House'

Ten students, one resident assistant cited for alcohol violations

DAVID P. GREISMAN
NEWS EDITOR

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

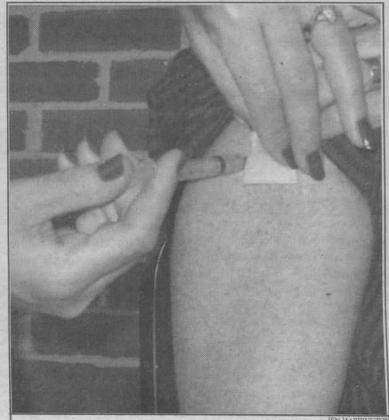
On Oct. 22 at approximately 1 a.m., police were on patrol at the 100 block of W. Main St. when they heard a loud party at a building known to some McDaniel students as "the Blue House." They went around back and saw several people drinking from open containers, said Capt. Randy

Barnes, a spokesman for the Westminster Police Department.

Authorities cited two of the building's renters – Brian Kastner, 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 DeJohn, a junior, 20, of Westfield, N.J.; Stephen

(see "Bust" on page 2)



Members of the McDaniel College community streamed into Ensor Lounge on October 26, to receive flu shots for \$18. From 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., the line remained steady.

JEN HARRINGTON

Registration process changes again

JEN HARRINGTON
STAFF WRITER

When students opened their blue packets 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 credit, 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 2007 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.

Details about this new registration process were officially announced to the student body on Aug. 31 through a campus-wide e-mail sent by Henry Reiff, dean for academic student life.

"Although students may not jump to a more senior class by earning extra credits, students who do not remain on pace with their anticipated graduation date may be reclassified to a later graduation date," said Reiff. (see "changes" on page 3)

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Administration hoping hazing hotline helps

BRIAN ENGLER AND
DAVID P. GREISMAN

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 another 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 college activities.

Rose said the hotline should not be seen as a measure being taken against Greek life. "The administration and trustees 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 haz-

ing, 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)

Students blue about bust at 'the Blue House'

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Gomez, a freshman, 18, of Charlottesville, Va.; Christopher Kron, a junior, 20, of Upperco, Md.; Ellen Larson, a freshman, 18, of East Berlin, Pa.; Daniel Lebest, a sophomore, 19, of Hastings on Hudson, N.Y.; Christina Morley, a freshman, 18; Katelyn Raab, a sophomore, 19, of Ellicott City, Md.; and Mark Winkelman, a junior, 20, of Damascus, Md., authorities said.

Students estimate that at least 30 people were at the party when police arrived.

"It was a really cheap for me," said a student who was cited for underage drinking

and spoke on condition of anonymity. "I'm not going off campus anymore. Them yelling at me would've been enough of a reality check. It makes me not want to go to this school because ... partying is part of college."

All 11 students will have court dates mailed to them, police said.

As a resident assistant for the third floor of Whiteford Hall, Raab faces additional sanctions.

Though she could not comment specifically, Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs Beth Gerl said that, in general, the administration investigates any situation

which a resident assistant is allegedly involved in an infraction.

"Clearly, RA's have expectations about their performance on and off campus," Gerl said. "An RA is to be a role model and is to abide by college policy."

After being reached via telephone, 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 penalized. On page 56 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 discovered 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 dictated - worked with the city to conduct a cooperative patrol where one of their 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 document campus code violations for action by the college.

The lighter side of campus blotter

ROB GOEKE
STAFF WRITER

Editor's note: Goeke's commentary highlights some of the innuendo calls to which campus safety responds.

When you go to party after party on weekend after weekend, they eventually 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 kazooos and strippers while offering tasty 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 putting 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 accepting if you were having a little costume party with the smoke machine on Oct. 31, considering that Halloween is the smokiest 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 window. 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 pelted with some empty Miller Lites.

There are 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 stupidity 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 Whiteford Hall was seen, as the official report stated, "vomiting and stumbling into a room." I'm not one to play matchmaker, 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 together.

Hotline

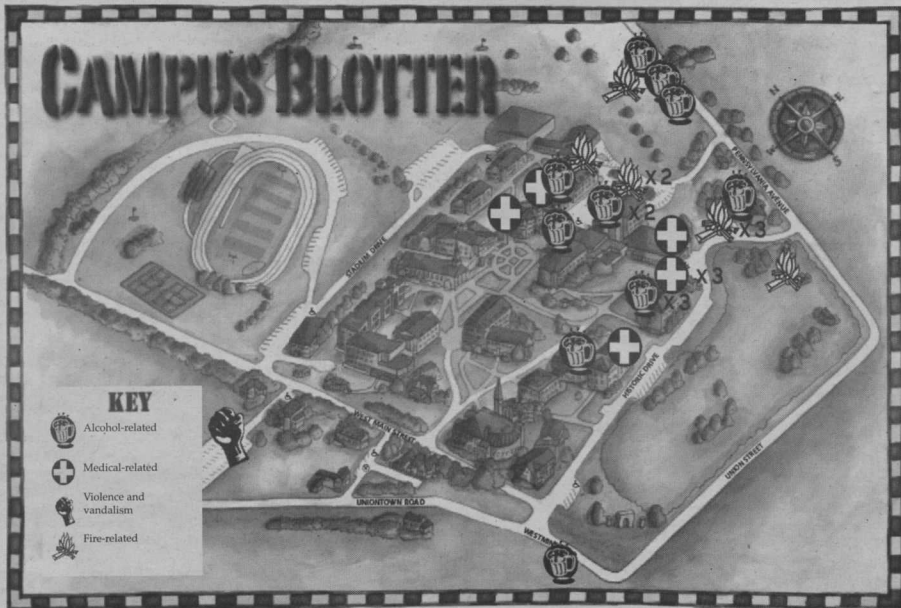
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that she hopes to add an e-mail or Internet hotline by the end of the Spring 2007 semester or the beginning of the Fall 2007 semester.

The Hazing Hotline adds McDaniel to a list of schools that have taken similar steps to confront hazing, including the University of Alabama, Vanderbilt University, Duke University and Gettysburg College.

Betsy Beveridge, a member of the Phi Mu sorority, said the Hazing Hotline may have a positive impact on fraternities and sororities.

"I am excited to see the college take such strides," said Beveridge, a senior. "I don't want to see Greek life die. Hopefully this will strengthen it."



More changes in class registration process

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tion date and subsequently will assume 'membership' in a later entering class," Reiff's e-mail said.

But because few if any students responded, administrators questioned the success of the notification process.

"The fact that it came out on [Aug. 31] — when students were busy — probably attributed to a lack of response," said Diane Vaccaro, associate registrar.

The changes have created concern in some students.

"It is fair for seniors 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 Yemmy Oladiran. "If I

have more credits I should be able to register earlier."

The new system is not meant to penalize students who have taken extra Advanced Placement or college classes, as those students will still remain at the top of their registration group, said Jan Kiphart, registrar.

In reviewing student records, the Registrar's Office found that students who had extra credits were not using them to graduate early, but that most students were still enrolled for four full years.

Jon Ter, however, is upset that the changes might delay his graduation.

"It's the biggest piece of [expletive] since they changed the housing registration," said Ter, a junior. "It gives students no initiative to take extra classes. Some people like

me — who have three majors — need priority. I have a very tight schedule; if others get before me I might not graduate on time."

Administrators said these changes came about after years of upperclassman discontent and technicality questions from first-year students.

"First year students with [Advanced Placement] credits who were categorized as sophomores claimed that they could get parking passes and be excused from the Freshmen Seminar requirement because of their status," Kiphart said. "Last year the President's Council met with a group of administrators and asked for different ways to categorize students."

Another significant change linked to the new registration process affects students'

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 student 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.

"I'm hoping that the anticipated graduation date is being used, and that they pay more attention to it," Vaccaro said. "I don't expect a negative [reaction] ... I just hope for a better understanding."

Another change — which will take effect with the class of 2011 — is a mandatory "sophomore colloquium," a second seminar similar to that required for freshmen.

For more information about these changes, students can check out weekly-updated sheets that are posted on the door of the Registrar's Office. Students can also call the office at extension 2755.

Early 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 no longer be able to apply early, a decision mirrored weeks later by Princeton University and the University of Virginia.

With many early-admission plans, accepted students must agree to attend that institution prior to receiving offers of

financial aid packages. McDaniel, however, offers a non-restrictive early-action plan in which accepted students may choose to attend other schools instead.

"We're trying not to stress students out about the process [and] what it takes to be admitted," said Florence Hines, dean of admissions at McDaniel College. "McDaniel and schools like us are trying to do a lower-key admission."

For schools like Harvard, Princeton and the University of Virginia, the main reason behind ending early admission is to provide better opportunities for financially disadvantaged students.

"For [those universities],

the concern with a Nov. 1 deadline was students who are underrepresented are often in high schools that aren't providing counseling in advance," Hines said. "By getting rid of this and moving to a January-only [admission] program, their sense is that they will help [those students]."

Although some institutions claim the applicant's choice of schools is the same whether or not the student applies early, students see the process as a way to avoid the anxiety that comes with waiting until mid-April for word of acceptance.

For Susan Miller, the choice to apply early was an easy decision.

"I applied [early] because I knew there was no 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 gotten 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 consequences for her.

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

ed to worry about other opportunities. Luckily, Maryland's deadline date hadn't passed yet and I got in with probably more money than what Princeton might've offered."

Hines said that there is no difference in criteria for students who apply early as opposed to those who seek regular admission.

As for more schools adopting the elimination trend, Hines said it's unlikely but she added, "It's too early to speculate that everybody will do it now because those schools did it."

By the numbers

Note: The McDaniel College Department of Campus Safety provides a public crime log with information about many of the calls and incidents it responds to. These calls and incidents receive at least one entry in the crime log, the number depending on if it requires multiple classifications — such as a call to check on the welfare of a student leading to a citation for possession of hard liquor, or a case of students playing drinking games and having alcohol in a dry dorm.

38 Calls and incidents on the crime log for Oct. 6 through Oct. 26

71 Entries for those calls and incidents

1 Rape. On the night of Oct. 20, a female student reported that she was raped by an acquaintance.

13 Calls and incidents with alcohol violations

7 Calls and incidents related to students' health, with conditions ranging from two cases of vomiting to a student fainting in a stairwell near Harlow Pool.

8 Calls and incidents related to fire, with entries from two cases of fire alarms set off by cooking to three cases of fire extinguishers being discharged.

2 Incidents of students throwing items out of windows, both at Rouzer Hall. One of them — Oct. 15 at 4:12 p.m. — had five entries in the campus log, the most of all calls and incidents. For more information on it, check out Rob Goeck's "Lighter Side of the Campus Safety Blotter."

Campus Safety gets Charger

SARAH GROSH
STAFF WRITER

First this was a new and improved office across campus. Next it was fur collars for the bleak winter months ahead. Now it's "an outstanding combination of fuel economy, exhaust emission 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 request a Charger, but 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 \$1,300 below their maximum budget, Campus Safety jumped at the chance.

Sporting 190 horses at 6,400 rpm, the Charger is undoubtedly a mean driving machine.

However, many students question whether its full potential will ever be realized on a campus the size of a matchbox.

"The Charger is ultimately a back-up vehicle for busy nights," said Campus Safety Director Mike Webster. "If the Durango is currently in use somewhere, perhaps taking a student to the hospital, for example, the Charger stands in."

Neighboring Gettysburg College, which has a student population of approximately 2,700, doesn't have a car of comparable status. That college's Department of Safety and Security has two cars: A Ford pickup that is five years old and a Ford 500 Sedan '04, according to Thomas E. Halers, Communications Officer, Security Services Office.

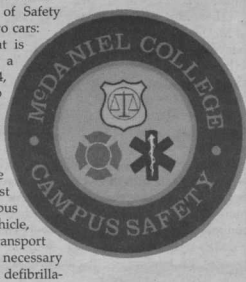
It seems the Durango will most likely remain Campus Safety's primary vehicle, as it is easier to transport both people and necessary equipment like the defibrillator.

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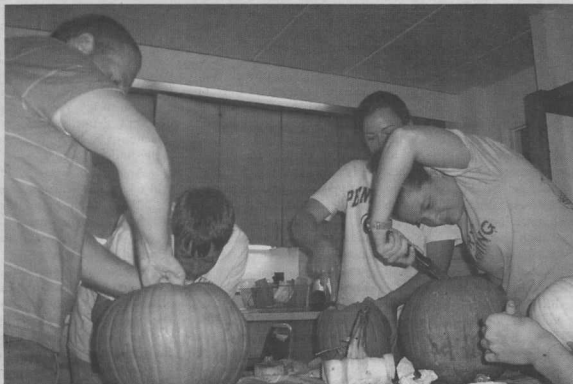
Although pleased with the latest addition to Campus Safety, Mike Webster hopes it won't be the last.

"There's always something that needs replacing or updating," He said.

Potential projects include creating a card access system, installing better alarms, or just replacing their 15-year-old two-way radio system. And in case you were wondering, no, there will be no pimp canes added to Campus Safety in the foreseeable future. Unfortunately.



Carving them up, gourds get glow



KIM STAUB



JASON STAMBAUGH



KIM STAUB

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 Bolek '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, Bolek's affirmed "It's Fine," Habegger's proclaimed "Sick Tight," and Wilson's promoted the capitalistic ideals of the free market system.



REBECCA SNIDER
STAFF WRITER

Hidden away in one of the many suites that make up Daniel MacLea Hall, more commonly known as DMC, is the home sweet home of music major Crystal Radford.

This is her senior year here at McDaniel, the first time she has ever lived in a single. Whether or not it was hard for Crystal to adjust to living in a single, she certainly enjoys having her own space. "I love the fact that it's quiet for the most part," Crystal explains.

The first thing you notice when you walk into the room is the light airiness that adds more space to a small one-person room. Decorative pictures, wooden signs of "peace," and posters of landscapes from

famous cities grace the walls and make the room come to life.

The eye catcher of the room was the fish tank of awesome proportions sitting on the shelf next to her desk. Having a pet certainly brings life to the room as well as comfort to Crystal.

From the wooden "peace" sign to the posters that promote tranquility, there is one more piece of furniture that completes the room. Standing in the corner is a tall white lamp that can only be called a piece of art for the creativity it gives off.

There are of course the normal necessities of a college student in Crystal's room, as well. Her flat screen computer and new-looking television bring technology into full rep-

resentation, and you can often hear many different types of music softly coming from her room.

Everything that she brought

with her from home clearly expresses her artistic talent. Overall, this small room is made into something more through use of wall decora-

tions, a fish tank, one very artistic lamp, and the necessary technologies of a college student.

Swimmingly Single

This Daniel MacLea room features great decorations and a fantastic fishtank.



REBECCA SNIDER

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 baggie 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 mom's [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 mugs and clothes that had been left at home for a reason." She felt that the plates and sweaters were just strange, so she threw away the



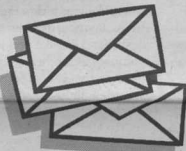
plates and hid the sweaters. On another occasion, her mother mailed her a light-up palm tree that Hiltz described as "really weird, but fun and exciting." This palm tree became a contribution to the common room.

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 clip-

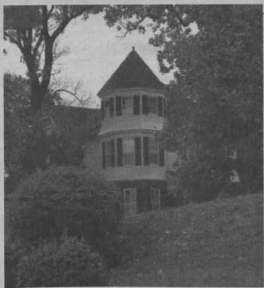
pings of dog fur in a small jar from my family's long-haired Chihuahuas." She confesses, "I often call my mom to ask what something is. I thought the dog fur was some sort of voodoo thing, but my mom said that the dog's wanted to contribute something." Adams would categorize her packages as "bizarre 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.

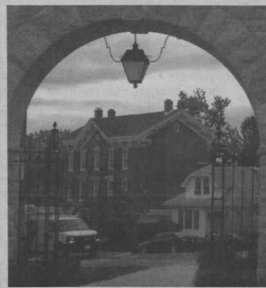


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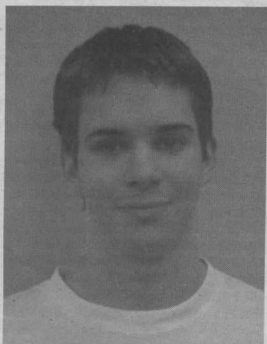
President Dr. Joan Develin Coley hosted another McDaniel Student dinner on Tuesday, October 24. Everyone is guaranteed an invitation during their time at McDaniel, where you are encouraged to voice any suggestions to improve your college experience.



An Autumn day on the hill. According to reports in the Washington Post, the Washington area has been experiencing chilly fall temperatures about 10 degrees below normal.

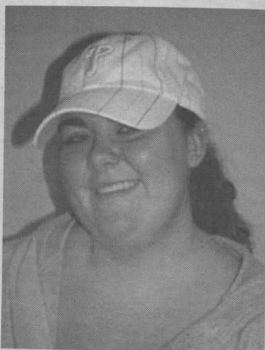
Definitions: Drunk

(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," "sober," 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 freepress@mcdaniel.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 groggy 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 soph-

omore gourmand Billy Duffy 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 were not 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 1:50 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 consider-

ably 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.

If it's yellow let it mellow, if it's brown...

SARAH GROSH
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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 defecate; 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 plunges 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 Elderidge 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.

Ghost stories connect campus community

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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 that there is 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, Elderdice 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, and many of their spirits still roam the campus. There have been stories of a ghost bouncing a ball in Whiteford, or old-fashioned ghosts roaming around the theatre. The top floor of Elderdice is an especially popular place for spirits to hang out.

The details often include a former student who was killed or killed him or herself, 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 courses in horror fiction. He thinks the concept of ghost stories is a very interesting dynamic.

"People 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 that 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.



ROTC: What lies beneath the uniform

JENNA SHWARTZ
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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. All I 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 him-

self on active duty serving as a Staff Officer or in other leadership positions helping 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 give him many new experiences but 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.

Kris 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 has already begun for its 15 scholarship applicants for next fall. Furthermore, the ROTC office expects to commission 20 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 outproduces school 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.

ROTC applicants who join the program receive four-year scholarships, yearly stipends ranging from \$300 to \$500 a month, and are also rewarded \$900 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 enrolling people into the Army; it also functions as a place where all students can challenge themselves and become leaders. The program consists of classes for the first two years which anyone on campus can take as elective courses. 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 be more comfortable in the role of leaders.

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 class and even staying on for 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 include the more uncommon, like overcoming severe asthma, losing weight and beating

the anxiety of making class presentations.

"Most people don't see beyond the uniform, but we're just like anyone else underneath," said Gump. Gump himself displays the humanitarian side to the Army, as he recently traveled to Mississippi and Louisiana to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. "It's not all guns and bullets, a lot of it is about peace-keeping and humanitarian relief when you can," he said.

Gump acknowledges the disadvantages of the program 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, the quiet dedication and pride 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.

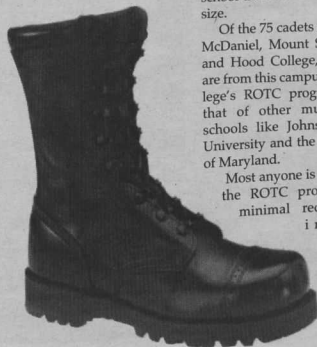
As students, we all make decisions that will affect our lives, some much bigger than others. To Gaasch, joining ROTC means a chance to lead.

"This is the preparation I need to lead soldiers successfully," he said.

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Artificial sweetener has painful side effects

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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-carbohydrate sweetener. It is marketed under a number of trademark names, such as Equal, and is used in approximately 6,000 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. Eades' *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 initial 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.*

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Stop, look and really listen to those rumors

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In one of my favorite episodes of "Friends," Ross and Rachel have an argument about their relationship and decide to take a break. They separate for the night, and Ross, thinking that a break means the relationship is over, sleeps with the Xerox girl. Rachel needed a short break only to reevaluate their relationship, and wants to get back together with Ross the next morning. The next morning, both Ross and Rachel are shocked at what the other really meant.

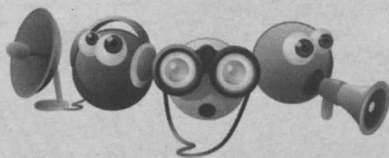
This demonstrates two things: that one simple phrase can have completely different meanings to different people, and that I have a very sick obsession with this sitcom.

Different interpretations of

the same information can lead to misunderstanding and miscommunication, basically missing everything.

This seems to be the theme on campus recently; the last issue of the paper addressed several rumors that upset the student body. Most significant were the rumors surrounding Dean Gerl and new campus rules. Students were furious to learn that Gerl was supposedly canceling Spring Fling, wall parties and social life as we know it on campus, and the rumors grew from there. I heard from a friend of a friend that because bottles and cans were not permitted, even water had to be put in plastic cups.

If this was true, McDaniel College's brochure for next year's applicants could highlight our high standards and great campus image. It could



display photographs of students watching sports games, walking across campus, even playing Frisbee, all while holding bright red Solo cups.

Dean Gerl was only part of the recent rumors. Rumors and false information also spread quickly across campus concerning Phi Sigma Sigma's alleged violation of their pledging process.

It's the adult version of telephone. As kids, it was funny to see just how much the sentence could change by the end of the game; it's not always as funny now as adults. In its innocence, the game demonstrates the tie between miscommunication and rumors.

How does one story spread

to such an extent across campus? We know that people love to talk, but this seems to be only one part of the explanation.

While thinking about this, I did what every college student does best—I Google-ed it. What I found completely surprised me: researchers believe that up to 95% of our communication—specifically what we learn and take from other conversations—is nonverbal. If this statistic is right, no wonder miscommunication is so easy.

Professor Jasna Meyer, who teaches Interpersonal Communication at McDaniel College, agrees with the statistic, explaining that we find "so much meaning from what is left unsaid."

While we don't necessarily think of conversation this way, Meyer said that all interac-

tions have two levels: the content or topic of the conversation, and a relational level, which can be established through cues such as tone of voice and body language.

Conversations that are written—such as e-mail, AIM, and text messaging—narrow our focus to the content of the conversation, with the exception of the occasional smiley, making it easy to misunderstand.

Of course, misinterpretation 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 perspective.

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

He said...

She said...

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Like most of you, when I first saw the flashy new Campus Safety Dodge Charger, I grumbled, "So that's where our tuition money is going."

When a fellow student who garnered an escort in the new car across campus one night reported that she thought she may have seen a GPS system, I rolled my eyes and made a sarcastic comment involving the 160-acre campus and the availability of maps on our school web site.

The night before my deadline for this commentary, I was mulling over how to approach the topic (a phrase which here can be translated to: 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 the very vehicle I was about to bash or to get back into my room to start writing that article, I had to call Campus Safety. I was grudgingly very grateful when an SUV pulled up a few minutes later.

Back in my room, as I stared at my computer screen in an attempt at progress, I realized that I had no idea whether the department had fewer cars than we students have good residence halls, or more cars than the campus has squirrels. I didn't know if they had a whole fleet, or if I had been passing the same car making

constant rounds around campus. I wondered: how many cars were normal for a campus safety department to have on a college campus our size?

When I went to speak with operations manager Marlon "Chris" Collins at Campus Safety the next day, it was with my room keys in my pocket and a more liberal mindset, but still with some tough questions. I wanted to know how many cars we had, how much the vehicles cost, and where that money was coming from.

It turns out that our department has a total of three cars. One—an old Jeep Cherokee with over 100,000 miles—on its last stand and will be retained as a backup. The others are a two-year old Dodge Durango, and the latest acquisition, the Dodge Charger.

Ok, well three wasn't a large number, but did they know 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 Heritage Dodge in Westminster. Bought for \$1,300 less than their allotted budget.

Ok, onto the next question: Was it normal for college campuses of our size to have three cars?

Turns out that McDaniel's total comes out at exactly the average number of campus safety vehicles for campuses our size, according to a survey conducted a year or two ago by Mike Webster, director of

Campus Safety.

Now, not only had campus safety prevented my avoiding homework the night before, they had now thwarted my tough angles.

So, in fact I had been seeing the same cars making constant rounds around campus. As Collins said, "We run our vehicles 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There is no rest."

One hundred and sixty acres on its own is no small area, but it is no College Park. However, when our campus is patrolled constantly, that 160 acres can quickly become 100,000 miles and an over-worked Jeep Cherokee.

Hard to appreciate at first, this new acquisition is not an unnecessary indulgence but just may be an essential contribution to our campus. It's a vehicle that can "endure the wear and tear of a department that runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Collins said. It will aid our department in providing medical transports, on-campus rides, and yes, occasionally ruining good procrastination.



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Anniversary and current protest linked

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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 major 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 defied 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 <bbc.co.uk> before writing this article. Estefania Luraschi, 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

Tensions in east Asia as Korea goes nuclear

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aggravate tensions in Northeast Asia."

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 of a nuclear weapon. According to the KCNA, the weapons test took place in the vicinity of Hwadaeri, 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

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 resolute opposition to Pyongyang's nuclear test. A statement issued by the Chinese foreign

"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 Korean Foreign Ministry

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 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

the 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 readying 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 torpedo-boat 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 harsher ban on all goods - including military equipment and luxury items.

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College classifies ASL as foreign language

KEN BUERGER
STAFF WRITER

Despite a movement to reopen the debate, American Sign Language (ASL) will be offered as an option to fulfill the foreign language Basic Liberal Arts Subject requirement - beginning with the class of 2011.

Classifying ASL as a foreign language at McDaniel College has often created heated debate. Five years ago, the proposal was denied when students and faculty brought up a motion to incorporate ASL as part of the language requirement.

The issue was visited again at the May 2006 faculty meeting. Arguments were presented for and against the issue, and a member of the faculty called for discussion to end and put the issue to a vote.

The faculty approved ASL as an option for students to fulfill the foreign language BLAR, a seemingly routine procedure.

Not to Jeffrey Marx, an associate professor of physics. Present at the May meeting, Marx observed a few irregularities. For example, only four people had the opportunity to speak before discussion ended abruptly.

"I felt like something was

wrong; I wanted to continue the discussion," Marx said. "There were still people in line to speak."

Over the summer, Marx researched Robert's Rules of Order, the set of parliamentary procedures that the faculty follows in their meetings. As it turns out, Marx's feelings were correct.

Thomas Falkner, dean of the faculty, agreed with Marx. "The person who called the question was not properly recognized," he said.

The "called question", the parliamentary term for ending a discussion and forcing a vote, was called for out of order. A member of the faculty violated Robert's Rules of Order by prematurely ending discussion, and more speakers should have been allowed to present their cases at the May meeting.

"If [the faculty] had heard a more logical set of arguments, we would have been able to have more confidence in the vote," Marx said.

Marx then sent a memo to the Faculty Council detailing the parliamentary violations. The council distributed the memo among the faculty and the issue was brought back to life.

At the Oct. 2006 faculty meeting, a group of professors

brought a motion to rescind the previous vote and bring back the debate over ASL's place on campus. The faculty voted 51 to 46, missing the two-thirds majority necessary to reopen the issue.

The proponents of ASL as a BLAR can now breathe easier.

After years of frustration, the deaf studies program is being recognized as a foreign language on campus.

But why was the process so difficult? What is the harm of including ASL with classical languages such as Spanish, French, German and Latin?

According to Mark Rust, coordinator of the deaf education program, classifying it as a "foreign" language is a problematic term.

"ASL stands for American Sign Language. It's not foreign, it's American," said Rust, who supports ASL fulfilling the BLAR.

The new curriculum places a greater emphasis on international and cultural studies. When the new curriculum was voted upon in April 2006, the proposal included a statement about international focus: "A liberal arts education should be an education in global citizenship and must be both multicultural and international in scope. Students

must develop an understanding of the world within and beyond the United States."

"Multicultural education will give students an understanding of the cultural pluralism of American society," the curriculum statement continues. "Multicultural courses will focus on the cultures and experiences of diverse groups in the United States that have been historically subordinated or marginalized."

The opponents of ASL as a foreign language argue that implementing ASL as a requirement would contradict that philosophy and give the students a mixed message.

Rust, however, disagrees with them.

"We're so entrenched in being a liberal arts college that ASL gets pushed on the fringe," Rust said. "Deaf study is a discipline, and the deaf community has a culture. ASL is the fourth most used language in America."

Other colleges have also recently accepted ASL as fulfilling a foreign language requirement.

Sherman Wilcox, a professor at University of New Mexico, keeps a list of the 145 universities that acknowledge ASL as a foreign language, including schools such as Yale University and Georgetown

University.

The Maryland State Board of Education recently approved ASL as fulfilling a foreign language requirement for high school students.

Modeling the college's stance on ASL after high schools may not be in the college's best interest, Marx said.

"College is a higher level of education; high schools should follow the colleges, not the other way around," he said.

Additionally, some are concerned that the implementation of ASL will decrease the popularity of the other major languages on campus.

Wilcox, however, believes otherwise.

"The evidence from those universities which accept ASL as a foreign language is precisely the opposite," he said. "At these universities there is no record of a decrease in traditional foreign language enrollment due to enrollments in ASL. As a matter of fact, ASL instruction may lead to increased foreign language enrollment."

It remains to be seen what effects the decision will have on the college community at McDaniel, but as of next fall, incoming students will be able to take ASL classes to fulfill their foreign language BLAR.

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 nine to 45 megabytes expected to be in operation shortly after Jan. 7.

Many students have complained frequently about the speed and reliability of the Internet connections in the residence halls and apart-

ments.

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

Anjeza Kadilli, another senior living in North Village, said she has no problems with her Internet, but "it could be better."

The college had been aware of students' concerns for some time, said Esther Iglich, the interim Chief Information Officer.

"We doubled the band-

width in the spring from about five megabytes to nine, but that wasn't a considerable change," Iglich said.

The school's bandwidth is divided via a process called packeteering, and during the day much of the bandwidth goes toward faculty computers, she said.

"After hours we focus the bandwidth on the dorms ... which is why the Internet for students is sometimes faster in the evening," Iglich said.

Iglich said the administration was very supportive of the upgrade.

"We went to them and asked for an increase to 32 megabytes," she said. "I was surprised when they said, 'We won't give you 32, we will give you 45.'"

The biggest cost of the new bandwidth will be the actual material and its installation.

"The cost of all that will be about \$20,000 ... with the subscription and maintenance at

more than \$10,000 a year," Iglich said.

Though the installation is fairly complicated and will take about 50 to 60 business days, Iglich said the effort is worthwhile.

"[The upgrade] was an important step since this is your [the students'] home, and you deserved to feel at home," she said.

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

FREE PRESS EDITORS

When *The McDaniel Free Press* decided to print that 11 students—including one resident assistant—not only received alcohol citations from the Westminster Police Department but also learned that their names would be listed in the college newspaper, a response seemed inevitable.

Part of the newspaper's responsibility is to clear up rumors.

In the process of editing David P. Greisman'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—as well as their friends—contacted 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 Sapora was arrested two years ago on charges of driving under the influence, the Free Press held a similar debate over revealing his 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 newspapers 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 alike.

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 the campus by informing them instead of serving the minority.

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To the Sports Editor

Dear Editor:

Sportsmanship. Its definition ... "conduct becoming of a person who is fair, generous, a good loser, and a graceful winner."

The Centennial Conference was one of the first conferences in the country to adopt a sportsmanship statement and include it as part of every Centennial match, be it in a game program or read over a public address system. As one of the elite small college conferences in the country, we are proud of the manner in which our students support their teams and of our Conference's leadership role.

Now we wish to build on that role, as McDaniel College and the Centennial Conference have joined with the NCAA Division III Commissioners Association in a unified effort to promote respect for student-athletes, coaches and officials in intercollegiate athletics.

The message is simple: **Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive** The Program asks that fans ...

- **Cheer for your team, not against the visitors**
- **Don't get personal in your comments about players, coaches or officials**
- **No profanity, vulgarity, racist or sexist comments**

The NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee has also adopted a statement on fan sportsmanship:

"As NCAA Division III student-athletes we commit ourselves to sportsmanship by demonstrating respect toward ourselves and others. This includes demonstrating fair play, taking responsibility for our actions and representing the spirit of Division III intercollegiate athletics. We encourage our teammates, opponents, fans, coaches and referees to help us in promoting this philosophy."

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,
Joan Develin Coley
President
McDaniel College

Steve Ulrich
Executive Director
Centennial Conference

Fans asked not to jeer

LAURA HUTTON
SPORTS EDITOR

McDaniel has joined efforts with every other college in the Centennial Conference to improve sportsmanship at games, especially regarding the fans.

The Division III Commissioners Association has focused on the sportsmanship of athletes for the past few years. They have decided to broaden their focus to include fans and sportsmanship was named the point of emphasis for this school year.

"Educating spectators is a critical first step and foundation for the success of the program," said Steve Ulrich, Executive Director of the Centennial Conference. To ensure that this education occurs, each campus newspaper received a letter to the editor outlining these new guidelines.

On Oct. 5, the Centennial Administrative Delegates met to discuss additional ways to inform the students.

Overall, the coaches consider these guidelines to be a great idea. "It is a great idea to add these rules," comments Muffie Bliss, women's lacrosse coach. "While we already have and support the NCAA statement regarding sportsmanship, conference legislation is always a good

The goal is to maintain "the opportunity for fans to support their children, friends, and team, but we do not feel that rooting against the opposing team needs to be a part of the game day experience."

way to support and reaffirm these rules and statements."

Men's basketball coach, Bob Flynn said he "absolutely supports" the sportsmanship statement and that he is proud of the fans that came to the games last year.

There is "no place to get personal with other teams, especially within enclosed environments," said Flynn.

There are meetings pending on how to enforce these policies; these should occur within a few weeks.

The goal is to maintain "the opportunity for fans to support their children, friends, and team, but we do not feel that rooting against the opposing team needs to be a part of the game day experience," Ulrich said.

John Plevyak, the men's soccer coach, recalled an away game his team played a couple years ago where the fans displayed the worst behavior he has seen. Nothing was done by referees or the Athletic Director.

"You can read and post all

the statements you want, but if the administration does not show leadership and conviction, the words are meaningless," Plevyak said.

He said the McDaniel administration enforced the previous sportsmanship rules laid out by the Centennial Conference and will do a good job with the new ones because they have set the tone.

McDaniel has "the best fans in the conference when it comes to sportsmanship and I think that is due to the tone that has been set," Plevyak said.

President Joan Coley said that sportsmanship is taken very seriously, something that students need to be educated about and not something that can be avoided.

"We believe that our students are educated in the classrooms, but also outside of the classrooms," Coley said. "Learning the appropriate behavioral standards is an important part of a total education."

Garnett deserves support

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your work would be worth it. Knowing that yours and my dreams would finally come true: seeing you in mid-June hoisting a Championship trophy above your head."

"I felt it too, we had such a good vibe, but Kobe and Shaq were too much for us to handle."

"There were, and it killed me. I remember game six, when y'all were down 3 to 2, one loss away from summer. The whole second half I was on my knees, praying that something good would happen that you'd get a game seven back in Minneapolis. When it was over, I just wanted to hide."

"I know, I did too. What's hardest is the fact I haven't been back yet."

"I know, and that's what killed 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 pained. 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."

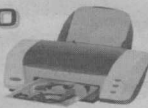
"I know I'm going crazy, but with this, all I want to do is to let you know that when you lose a tough game and have to drive home on some January night in the Minneapolis winter, I want you to know that I'm here. I'm pulling you every day."

"Thanks, Robby, it means a lot."

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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.

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 Boddien.

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. Boddien 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



With a smooth pass, Junior Deanne Lehr begins the sequence of attack at the latest terror volleyball game.

"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.

The team eagerly awaits and is determined to succeed in the approaching tournament play. Junior captain Deanne Lehr explains, "Everyone is positive and eager to go into the postseason since no one has been part of that before. The conference is so tight this year, it is anyone's title to take."

Kevin Garnett: hardship, pain and beauty

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

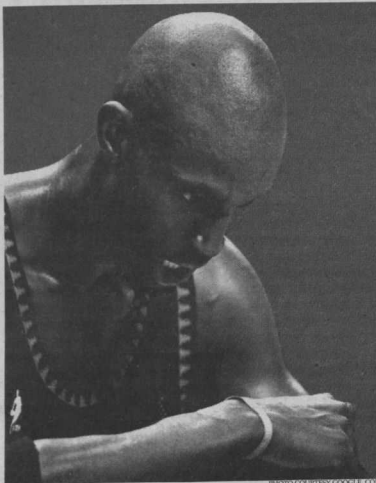


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ROB GOEKE
STAFF REPORTER

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, play-

ing at Farragut 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

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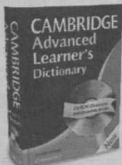
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Sex toys show irks administration

JEN HARRINGTON
STAFF WRITER

An episode on McDaniel College's TV (channel 26) 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 12-3am 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)



EVAN TICKNOR

Tastes like chicken—a resident hawk dines on squirrel guts. Additional photos on page 3.

SigEps lose charter

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 recognizes 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 Ep" on page 2)

Bad GPA? No problem. Keep the cash

DAVID P. GREISMAN
NEWS EDITOR

McDaniel College has relaxed GPA requirements for students with academic scholarships, 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

Satisfactory Progress Standards for Financial Aid: completion of 12 credits per semester, having a cumulative GPA of 2.0 and completion of 75 percent of credits attempted each semester.

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 know some students would leave McDaniel if they lost their scholarship. We sat down and talked about it ... [and] we decided to eliminate it," Williams said.

Although the announcement may please the estimated 10 percent of students who have difficulty meeting their (see "Sig Ep" on page 7)

Housekeeping has had it with the Rouzer mess

MELANIE CHUPEIN
STAFF WRITER

Housing 204 males in one building has proven to be problematic, especially when it comes to cleaning up after them. Rouzer has always had a reputation for being a rowdy, filthy place. But enough is enough, members of the housekeeping staff, and even some Rouzer residents, contend. Things have gotten way out of control.

Many Rouzer residents repeatedly push it to the limit

by urinating on the toilet seats, vomiting in the shower, and punching out the ceiling tiles.

One member of the housekeeping staff, who requested to remain anonymous, is tired of "babysitting" the Rouzer residents. "The kids should have some respect. I need a job but I'm sick and tired of it. I'm ready to walk out."

He works during the week and sometimes on the weekends. Anytime there is an incident, he has to report it to his supervisors. The incidents

vary from day to day, but after a weekend of partying, the place gets "trashed."

"Some of the kids make it worse than it should be," he said. "They should have respect for the people who clean."

This member of the housekeeping staff recalled one incident where someone lit the fire extinguisher on fire and half of it melted. Most of the fire extinguishers in Rouzer don't have some kind of glass door shielding them. (see "Trash" on page 3)



MELANIE CHUPEIN

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.

There 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 Convocation, 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

Term	Year	GPA	ACA	Rank
Spring	2006	2.67	3.06	3/5
Fall	2005	2.54	3.04	4/5
Spring	2005	2.35	3.07	5/5

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."

The fraternity's academic situation was also discussed in the campus-wide email. The fraternity found itself "consistently below

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 Gerl'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 rope 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."

The lighter side of the campus blotter

(Editor's note: Rob Gecke's commentary highlights some of the insane 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 reason 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 upchucking, 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 correspondent has cajoled you with numerous tales of objects being thrown or launched from the hallowed halls of Rouzer. First it was fireworks, then beer bottles (which were thrown in the direction of Glar workers at the loading dock).

But on the afternoon of November 21, the wonderful

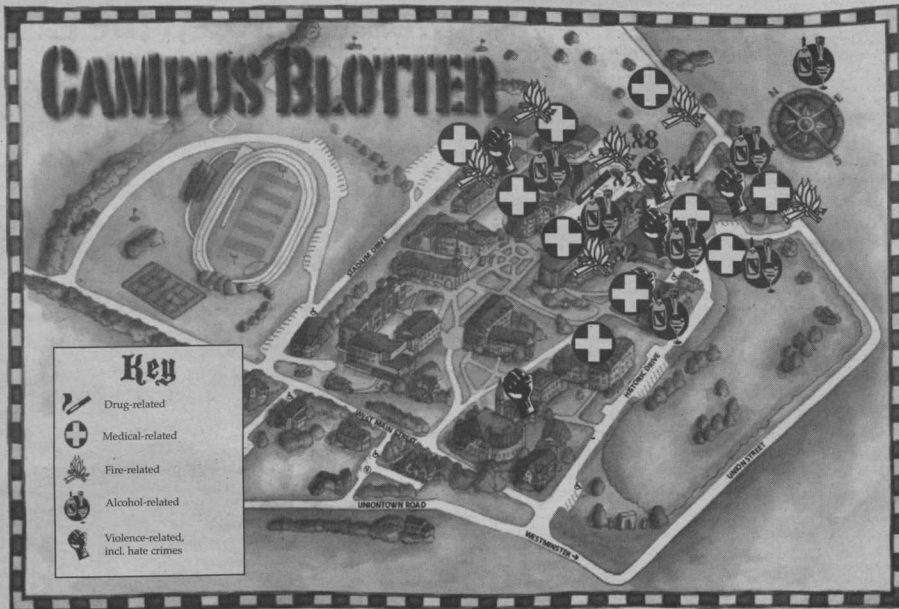
ly mature men of the luxurious freshman dorm have now been caught throwing muffins in the direction of Sodexo employees.

That's right. Muffins. Though director of the Department Campus Safety Mike Webster could not confirm whether the muffins were of the poppy seed or bran variety, it does not lessen the event's hilarity.

Shockingly, the boys guilty of this crime were caught with alcohol in their rooms. I would have never predicted that. But I believe this act isn't as evil as it seems.

Put yourself in their shoes: you're drunk with your boys at 1 o'clock on a Tuesday afternoon. You look down and see a couple Glar workers and they look kind of hungry. Maybe providing them with muffins seems like a nice way to help them satisfy their craving.

It's just too bad a couple muffins had to suffer their demise so violently. I have always respected the chic breakfast food that occupies that tenuous middle ground between bagels and donuts.



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

(“Trash,” from Page 1)

Residents take the fire extinguishers and spray them in the hallway and in the bathrooms, he explained.

The bathrooms are the worst, he added, because anything from food to condoms can litter the floor and showers. The residents vomit in the showers and on the toilets, spit tobacco, leave trash bags in the shower, throw shampoo bottles, put shaving cream all over the windows, throw toilet paper, don't flush the toilets, and throw spitballs everywhere.

“Rouzer residents are so juvenile,” he said. “One kid super glued the lock on his door and someone else smeared toothpaste all over a resident's door on the second floor.”

Someone knocked in the elevator door, which usually happens once a month. As a result, the students have to pay for the damages. The bill has slowly been accumulating all semester.

“I hope the college wakes up and sees that this is a major problem,” said the housekeeping staff member.

News of Rouzer residents' out-of-control behavior was brought to the attention of President Joan Develin Coley during dinner at the president's house with some students.

“I am not totally aware of the situation in Rouzer but I infer that it is now getting to be more of a problem than usual,” said Coley. “I am quite dismayed to learn this. The college has spent over half a million dollars fixing up Rouzer over the past two summers. That is half a million dollars we could have spent on many other projects at the college.”

Coley assumes that there are only a few students that are making Rouzer an unpleasant living environment. As for solutions to the problem, she emphasizes that McDaniel has an honor and conduct code.

“Apparently, students are aware of who is doing the damage. If this is the case, those students should be informed that they must stop.

They should be reported or we need to find some way of identifying students who care so little about the rights of the other students in the residence halls.”

The entire housekeeping staff has been told not to speak to the students and voice their concerns, according to the housekeeping staff member. Plus, the lack of a Residence Life Coordinator has made housekeeping's job more difficult.

He believes that one way to improve the situation is to have smarter kids who actually care about everything from the building to the walls to the stairwells to the bathrooms. He also feels that the residents need to be “caught in the act.”

“Campus Safety has to do something,” he said. “As employees, we can only do so much.”

Mike Webster, Director of Campus Safety for fifteen years, said that Campus Safety officers patrol Rouzer on a regular basis ever since the damage started to become problematic.

“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, he describes them as “more of a nuisance thing.”

“Nobody's going to get hurt from it,” Webster said, “even if some kid punches it and it falls on another kid's head. It's expensive and it's probably only one or two people but everyone is billed for common damages.”

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Webster believes that the Rouzer situation will work its way out either by the student being identified and suspended or expelled; a campus safety officer, an RA, or another student turning him in; or enough evidence is collected to identify the student or students.

According to Webster, Campus Safety officers catch a student in the act of vandalism six to ten times a year. “Vandalism tends to come in cycles. There's always a bad year or bad couple of years,” he said.

Housekeeping and Webster have some authority over the situation, but the people who best understand what is happening are actual Rouzer residents. Freshman Fernando Gomes says that trash can be randomly found anywhere and “bathroom sinks and showers can have all sorts of things in them. Foreign substances, such as shaving cream can be smeared on any wall surface and ceiling tiles are usually punched out and litter the floor.”

“As for the conditions of the building,” Gomes said, “it's deplorable. It's not always clean in the halls or bathrooms, and you never know what can be happening.”

In a floor meeting Gomes was informed that his floor bill was nearly \$2,000.

“My parents can barely afford the tuition for McDaniel, even with financial aid, so to have to pay for something I am not responsible for is ridiculous.”

The only solution Gomes can think of is “if the culprits admit to their messes, and that won't happen any time soon.”

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 or more. He enjoys living in Rouzer for the most part because of its central location and spacious room 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 Gingle 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.

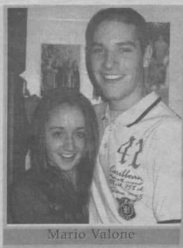
“If the person responsible for the damage is not identified, the charges are assessed to all residents of a particular floor or the entire building depending on where the damage occurs,” said Towle about the college's policy on billing students for damages. If the students who are damaging the building 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.



Definitions



Mario Valone

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—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.



Stacey Elyer

Vacation: It is a simple eight-letter word that is music to people's ears.

Whether you are speaking to a five-year-old child or a fifty-year-old adult, the term vacation has come to mean one thing: a period of time spent away from home or work. It could last for a few days or for a few weeks; it could be time spent with family or with friends. When most people think of the term vacation, rest and recreation are just a few words that come to mind.

No matter what the season, a vacation is meant to be enjoyed and is an escape from life's everyday duties and pressures. It is a time for fun and relaxation, and it is a time that many people look forward to.

Family: Your family is that small group of people who know all of your strengths and all of your weaknesses. They 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.



Geoff Peckham

Holiday: A time when 'diet' stops being a resolution and becomes a nasty four letter word. When Starbucks comes out with the cute holiday cups, and yummy festive flavors. A day for family and friends to get together, watch the game on TV and cook during commercials. A big dinner where everyone sits down to finish the meal that has taken hours to prepare, in less than 90 minutes. In short, a day for family, football, second helpings and good times!



Christine Boynton

Tattoo: Many people see tattoos and a sign of rebellion, as sinful or something to look down upon.

Tattoos are associated with bikers, gangs, hoodlums, the ghetto, criminals and anything else that can be viewed as negative. What people don't understand is that tattoos are much more than drawings on a person's body. They are part of a person's soul. Each and every tattoo has a story and meaning behind it.



Marissa Graff

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

STACEY EYLER
STAFF WRITER

Do you ever find yourself missing the simple days of childhood, the days when you did not 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 future students get into their college careers, the more overwhelming life seems to get. It can be hard to find down time between classes, sports, jobs, and extracurricular activities. Add several hours worth of homework to that list and it can be nearly impossible to find any free time, unless you plan on not getting any sleep.

What is one to do in order

to relieve the pressures of college life?

Without much to do around the town of Westminster, students have to be creative in finding fun activities to do on campus. And that is exactly what senior Amanda Brown and her roommate, Christina Smith, did. They found fun by playing a good old game of Tag.

That's right—Tag is not just for the kids on the playground.

"My roommate and I made a comment about how much fun it would be being ten years old again with nothing else to worry about than who was 'It,'" Brown says. "We put a game together one night and after a couple of weeks, Tag became a stress reliever."

Thinking it to be a one-time event, Brown was surprised by how successful Tag became among her and her peers. She believes that one of the biggest reasons why Tag caught on so quickly is because it is a great way to avoid homework. In fact, that is one of the reasons why Brown started playing in the first place.

"I started playing Tag because my senior seminar/capstone paper didn't seem as fun," she says.

Avoiding work is one reason why Matt Emery, freshman, comes out to play. He says, "I'll run around any day over writing a paper or reading a textbook."

However, avoiding all that pesky work is not the only reason why people come out

to join in on all the fun. Senior Greg Wagner says, "It's just been a nice break in our days, and what better way to relax than reverting to playing our favorite games from elementary school?"

Senior Scott Koleszar shares similar sentiments. He says, "It's a good way to get out and have a little fun for a while."

Think Tag is just not the game for you? With an average of six to twelve people showing up for each event and a Facebook group dedicated to playing Tag, this group has also been known to play other favorite childhood games, like Freeze Tag, Red Rover, and Chromosome.

While Tag and other childhood games may be enjoyable activities, they are not just all

about fun and games. It is also a great way to stay in shape. Wagner says, "I've used tag as a new training method for baseball to help increase my endurance and stamina."

Organizing these games is not always an easy task. With the group playing games out 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."



Room Decked out for Holiday

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When I heard that the room for this McCrabs article would be in Rouzer, 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 to find a truly well-decorated room.

It was clean and everything!

The outside of the room was a typically unremarkable dorm room door. The inside was quite different. Hanging

from the ceiling were several strands of Christmas lights and against one wall stood a fake Christmas tree, presents included. I asked about the contents of the presents, and learned that there were actually things in there. One box contained Matt's printer and another held a friend's favorite shirt. They intend to give it back to him for Christmas.

Also in their room was a selection of posters, such as the rules of wedding crashing. The floor was remarkably roomy and free of clutter. This was likely a result of the rearranging Matt and Anthony

had done. Their beds had been bunked in a sort of "L" shape, with a dresser next to the one underneath. Furthermore, the fridge was up on top of the other dresser, with the TV on top of a closet.

Among the things they had in their room that showed their hobbies were several lacrosse sticks hanging off of them. Also, next to their television was an X-Box 360, which they admitted was used more by their friends than by them.

To top this all off, both the roommates agree that the fourth floor air conditioning is very nice, and that their R.A.

is one of the better R.A.'s around.

Rouzer, which I had long ago assumed to have lost the ability to surprise me, has accomplished just that. Nested up in the fourth floor is a room with two young men who go above and beyond the normal decoration of a room and into a realm that makes their room truly worthy of mention in McCrabs.



Student planners help tame wild schedules

CORI SIMPSON
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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. Writing assignments down has become second nature for many students who instinctively pull out their planners at the end of every class.

Jamie Ridgely, Maria Lathroum 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.

Is it hard work to stay on top of things? Probably. But they wouldn't have it any other way.

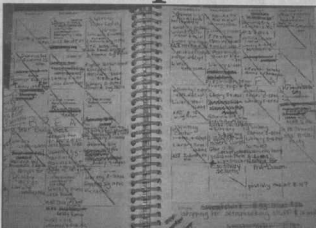
Jamie Ridgely is a dedicat-

ed student who also commits her time to being the President of the Computer Student Association, a member of the All College Counsel, a member of Kappa Delta Pi, and a member of a CAPBoard. 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 homework 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 with out 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 and friends' birthdays.

Never has anyone probably witnessed a prettier planner than Maria Lathroum'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 could qualify as a work of art.



Students like Maria Lathroum find comfort in using planners to organize their lives. You think this looks busy, you should see October.

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 have 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 into 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 of 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.

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Liz Towle-one of McDaniel College's gems

KATIE LAWSON
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When most people think of a dean at a small liberal arts college, they might imagine someone who's stiff, impersonal, and not connected to the students. At least one dean at McDaniel does not embody any of these characteristics.

Liz Towle, the Associate Dean of Student Affairs, has worked at McDaniel College since February of 2001. Her modest office in the upper level of Decker College Center is fairly plain, but also welcoming.

A graduate of Assumption College in Massachusetts, Towle grew up in Rhode Island and lived in New England until 1995 when she moved to Maryland. She majored in mathematics and English and received her Masters Degree from the University of Vermont.

Towle is a woman of many hats. She is the mother of a six-month-old, Peter, and a 2-year-old, Patrick. She listens to "The Imagination Movers"

on the way to day care, drops off Peter and Patrick, and then quickly switches to 106.5 to hear the celebrity gossip report.

Towle is also a wife, a daughter, and a sister. Her husband is a political science professor at Mount St. Mary's College, where the two met. Her parents and sister still reside in New England.

Towle's list of responsibilities at McDaniel is lengthy. She oversees residence life, the First Year Program, and orientation. She also chairs the conduct cases, which are those matters that deal with incidents that occur outside of the classroom and are brought before the Honor and Conduct Board.

Despite her job description, Towle does not see herself as a disciplinarian. She feels her duty is to "serve the needs of students outside the classroom" in order to facilitate success in the classroom.

Towle believes the majority of McDaniel students uphold the standards of the Honor Code and follow college policies. She concedes that cheat-

ing is a problem, but does not believe it is widespread. Her opinion of the student body is optimistic and positive, while still being realistic.

Towle even loves those students who are not always on their best behavior. Describing them as "great people who make bad choices," Towle counts those who she meets with for conduct purposes among her favorite students.

What makes Towle so good at her job is her ability to connect with the students while maintaining a high level of professionalism. Michelle Alexander, a member of the freshman orientation team, describes Towle as "motherly," and says she has a "great relationship with students."

Alexander says the resident assistants and other students who work with Towle do not think of it as a student/staff relationship, but rather they view her as a coworker.

Towle's ability to connect with students is entirely genuine. She even admits to watching the same guilty-pleasure television programs

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, somewhat less proudly, to watching VH1's "Run's 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. Judith Hart, an administrative assistant, has worked with Towle for about five years. Hart says 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



My best experience this semester was when I interviewed for an investment firm and the Vice President was a WMC alumni. It was interesting to compare when he graduated to now, and I got the job.

-Brinnie Greene, senior



One of the most positive things that has happened to me is being elected as the Membership Director for Phi Mu. I have always wanted to be able to give that experience of truly enjoying rounds during recruitment back to other prospective girls.

-Leslie Shirk, junior



I like the small class sizes. That's one of the reasons I came here, because I didn't want to be a number to my professors.

-Jamie Ridgely, senior



I've always enjoyed the strong community aspects of McDaniel College. Where ever you go, you know someone. It's a home away from home. Becoming an RA has also been great!

-Elissa Weisel, senior

Step Show offers amazing talent; after-party lures many

CHANAN DELIVUK
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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 steppers, Self-Esteem Enhancement Steppers 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 at a time. Beings that there were at least 150 people attending the party, it is obvious why there would seem to

be a problem.

Guests were finally all 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 BSU 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

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 - with 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 for two, to sugar cookies to holiday platters. 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, fudgy chocolate, and cherry filling, was drizzled with amaretto caramel sauce to make a sweet and sticky treat. The sample portion could easily feed three, a good deal for only \$3.50.

Peppermint and Chocolate Chunk Brownie

A large cakey brownie with chunks of chocolate fudge, covered with a thin layer of chocolate icing 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

McDaniel TV forced to cancel sex toys show

("Sex toys," from Page 1)

Suzanne Lester. The TV station's advisor, Professor Slade, is currently in Budapest and will be returning later this month. Slade approved "Toyz" earlier this semester.

For now the show will remain off the air, and the issue will be revisited when Slade returns. For the future, Gerl is considering working with Slade to create guidelines for the TV station.

Gerl commented that the issue was not the sexual products itself, but the appropriateness of showing the prod-

ucts on campus television.

"I'm certainly pro-educating students in all areas, including safe relationships and safe sex. Having a safe, private environment where people can go to learn about products and safe sex is a wonderful option for students of all ages... if people want to have private parties - it's a different type of Tupperware - but if you want to have it have it," Gerl said.

The original concept for "Toyz" came from an episode that aired several years ago featuring the inside of a local adult novelty shop.

Shortridge and Lester commented that "Toyz" received more positive feedback than any other episode they had aired.

"We wanted to please the student body and give them something to watch," Lester said.

Wolf was excited about the show's individual nature. "I wanted the show to be something else, and not something regular. I was asked to do it... and I was comfortable, very comfortable with the topic and the material, and I thought why not."

"I am known for controver-

sy" she joked.

Ceci Randall was equally excited about "Toyz."

"I wanted to boost business, and I wanted to get the word out that sexuality is not shameful. We're all adults, we need to learn early how to have a healthy sex life. It's a natural part of life, people shouldn't stifle it. I wanted it to be informational," she said.

Randall became interested in the adult novelty business last March after the Panhellenic council sponsored an adult novelty party for sorority members.

"There is definitely a mar-

ket for it; lots of people on campus are very interested" Randall said.

As a McDaniel TV co-manager, Lester said she was content with the Dean's decision.

"I believe Dean Gerl's decision was respectful to both the student's and [the] parent's wishes. It is not entirely resolved due to the absence of Professor Slade who is needed in order to clarify the situation, but I believe we will be able to compromise easily with Dean Gerl," Lester said.

Some pleased, upset over new GPA policy

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respective GPA requirements, junior Maria Lathroum said that the change undermines her efforts.

"I work very hard to keep my GPA at a high level," said Lathroum, who has a 3.95 GPA. "One of the things that [the school's e-mail announcement] said was that the scholarship was based on our

achievement in high school. But I felt like without the school requiring us to maintain some standards when we get here, anyone could be walking around with a full scholarship and just a 2.0. That doesn't seem fair."

Under the Honors Program, Lathroum said she must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.40.

"I almost think that scholar-

ships should be able to be increased if you're doing well in college. I certainly don't think that college achievement should be disregarded entirely," she said.

Williams said that the six or seven responses she has received have been a mix of being in favor of the change and being against it.

"I had two e-mails from stu-

dents that were very positive. These were students who were doing okay but very on the edge," she said. "If you need a 3.0 or a 2.5 but you're afraid you're going to get a 2.9 or 2.4, you have to sweat that out. One student said she had been depressed over it, and now she said she doesn't have too much to worry about that little bit."

The response has not been

limited to students, Williams said.

"One parent called [and] was not real happy about it; she was sort of using it as a stick for her student, getting her to go to the library on Saturdays instead of to party," she said.

Let these movies lift your holiday mood

DJERD MATKOVIC
INT'L PAGE EDITOR

With the holiday season coming up, billboards are now heralding, as usual, the lame recurring, poorly funded, Christmas spirit. Rudolf-starring, snow-filled movies that I'm sure everyone is pretty sick of.

I think we can all blame the 1996 Christmas smash hit "Jingle All the Way" for the annual deluge of smarm. Yet, amidst the weak movies, there are a few that have the potential to liven up your holiday. Here's a sneak-peek into a few non-Christmas themed movies (that do not star

Schwarzenegger), including family films that may just get you in a better mood for the holidays.

At the top of the list: "The Pursuit of Happyness" (and yes, it's spelled wrong). The movie features Will Smith and it's directed by Italian filmmaker and writer Gabriele Muccino. The true story follows the drama in the life of a young man by the name of Chris Gardner as he challenges the incredible difficulties in the life of a single homeless father while losing almost everything he has, except his son, Christopher (Jaden Smith).

Preview peeks at "Eragon"

suggest that it might be a horrible spin-off of "Lord of the Rings." But as a college student, you probably don't have an HDTV in your room that would enable you to actually see some of the stunning computer-generated imaging created in this movie-film. This comes as no surprise as the director of the movie is Stefan Fangmeier, who just happened to be the visual-effects supervisor for some minor movies like Saving Private Ryan, Terminator 2, Jurassic Park, Speed 2, Twister and Casper, to name a few.

The story is fairly simple. A farm boy from the great land of Alagaesia (of all places)

stumbles upon a dragon-egg that ends up leading him to a journey of self-discovery where he finds out that he is the only one with the power to save his homeland from an evil king. With characters like Arya, Murtagh, Ajihad, Brom and King Galbatorix, this movie is likely to attract only hard-core LOTR fans and college kids on crack. Yet, the story does have potential, and the cinematography is likely to be pretty stunning, which just might be worth your eight bucks.

The charming Leonardo DiCaprio stars in "Blood Diamond" (in theatres now), a movie about a mercenary in

Sierra Leone (right by Alagaesia) who hunts for a priceless diamond together with a fisherman (Hounsou) and an American journalist, played by Jennifer Connelly. If you didn't like "Lord of War" or "Hotel Rwanda" you're not very likely to enjoy this either. Although, Brain Lowry, of "variety.com" says that DiCaprio brings out a rough charm to his character, his co-star, Hounsou, is described as "a characteristically strong moral center" of the movie. Despite an average cast and a seemingly average script, this movie may just be what you need to relax over the holiday season.



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let the wine do the talking.

Each semester, we whine.

We whine about stress, exhaustion, responsibility, indecision, and how hard it is to balance school and work with a social life. These venting sessions are not always negative. They can express and then refocus what is on our minds; sort of like spring cleaning for the frazzled brain. Sure, complaints don't and can't solve everything, but every once in a while, a little moaning and groaning can be healthy.

This fall, the newspaper has featured some complaints of its own, on everything from missing pub meal favorites, drunkenness, mysterious Campus Safety bling bling, and the trouble with miscommunication. We have covered the gamut, sharing a wide scope of what bothers us most. Baring all of our whines, ironically, we find there is always more to whine about. From an orchestra of construction that wakes us up at 7 a.m., even on Saturdays, cartloads of homework which only grows heavier by the day, broken couches in suites, unwanted critters on dorm walls, blocked off doors ruining nice shortcuts, to the pub workers not calling out names of orders once they are all fried up, we see there are some things that will always just get under our skin. Reporters have devoted space for a good amount of grumbling, but we detect 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 drum 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 any 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!!!!

Every drunk frat and sorority member puking, drinking and partying in front of our window gets on my nerves.

I dread pointless homework in an early level class for busy work that is graded like a 4000 level class. The class gets failing grades or no grades at all.

My whine: a stupid little freshman who can live in an upperclass dorm and consider herself above us. She also drinks and parties all night in a substance-free dorm.

I hate how big projects, papers, presentations, etc are always due on the same day. Why??

Professors should NOT reserve the right to make changes to the syllabus at the last second.

The jack for my Ethernet cable broke halfway through the semester. My roommate and I had to rewire our whole dorm in order to incorporate the Ethernet splitter. Now our connection isn't as fast.

"The housing options are slim and of poor quality. There are too many dorms and not enough apartments, and last year I had seven mice living in my closet"

"I was really upset when I saw that the pub was only offering fries or chips. I liked getting both, then keeping the chips for a snack the next day."

"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 Glar'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 Glar. 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 Alphas 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 slob.

I 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.

Whiteford residents

AMAL SHAH
WRITER

NEWS
squeamish

Carroll County student in

Survey says no drinking problem, but. . .

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"Students are written up for alcohol on campus all the time." "Alcohol citations... [are] only a slightly bigger deal than a speeding ticket."

"...this campus doesn't have a drinking problem."

"...angry residents of Pennsylvania Avenue have been calling...to complain about students being loud and even vandalizing property on the walk back from area bars."

So say three articles in the November 16 issue of The

McDaniel Free Press. The first quote is from an opinion piece arguing against the printing of the 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—student behavior disrupting neighbors.

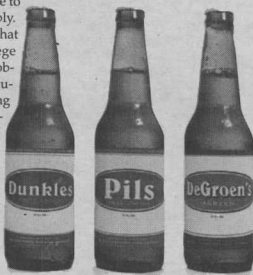
I don't know what consti-

tutes 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" McDaniel's reputation as a "party school." Presumably it is these few students who have disrupted neighbors, and these few students who are "written up for alcohol on campus all the time."

Drinking responsibly on campus is possible. I've done it many times. College is a great place to experiment with

ideas, alcohol, and behavior; but it's not a license to behave irresponsibly.

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

STEVE KAPP
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The bathrooms in Rouzer are fairly clean 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 weekend after weekend. At first, it seemed like it was only a bad night partying, but as it keeps appearing it has become a major problem. The fourth floor bathroom in Rouzer is horrendous on weekends, and it needs to be fixed.

Bathrooms in college dorms are somewhat clean for the most part. The maintenance staff takes good care of the bathrooms, and make sure they are accessible and useful to students at all times—except during the weekends. Here at McDaniel College, the fourth floor Rouzer bathroom is a disgrace once the weekends come around, and the cleaning staff does nothing about it until the end of the week. It is very hard to use a bathroom when it is covered in puke, urine, and rotting items every weekend.

This is a puzzling thought

because during the week the bathroom is quite tidy and clean for the most part. It is the weekends that bring about the horrible stench 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 weekends.

"The fourth floor bathroom is raunchy, disgusting, and unbearable to use. It is the worst bathroom in the entire building," explains Pete Towle a fourth floor resident.

Yes, the maintenance staff does clean whatever is in there, but it is not until Sunday morning, which for too many students is too late. Most of the incidents that happen in the bathroom are between Friday and Saturday night, and the earlier they happen the more noticeable the odors become. Overall, the bathroom is being abused.

There are many steps that should be taken to fix this problem, most of which are not very hard or costly. There

should be a weekend staff, which cleans not only the fourth floor, but all floors. This will help keep the bathrooms sanitary, and it will also eliminate all odors that irritate floor members.

Another possible solution to this problem would be to bring in more trashcans. Another trashcan inside the door would make two, and one outside the door would make a total of three. The trashcan outside hopefully would prevent the sinks from clogging with puke, and allow the toilets to be used for urinating rather than the floor. With a little work and effort, the fourth floor bathroom could be cleaned up and managed at a low cost, and would bring relief too many. Knowing that the floor will have to pay for the damages week after week, it is time that something is done about the filthy conditions in Rouzer. Solutions will not only save us money, but they will also make it easier on the maintenance staff on Monday mornings.

There is nothing worse than a dirty, communal bathroom, let alone a bathroom that is unable to be used for two to three days because it is covered in urine, puke, and other

nasty smelling items. We have to take action and put an end to the filth in Rouzer now before it gets worse and really out of control. The administration wouldn't want to use a filthy bathroom, so why should we?

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A letter to the editor

Dear Members of the
McDaniel Community,

I am writing this letter in support of the recent vote to continue offering American Sign Language (ASL) as a foreign language at McDaniel College. During a meeting in the month of October, the faculty's vote reaffirmed that American Sign Language courses will be able to satisfy foreign language requirements despite recent challenges to this decision. Incoming freshman during the Fall semester of 2007 will be able to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!

ASL, the primary and natural language of the Deaf Community in North

America, first gained recognition as a valid language around 1960 with the linguistic work of Dr. William Stokoe and his first dictionary for ASL. As a result of his work and efforts, there are hundreds of publications and books about ASL that are available for people who wish to learn the language.

The battle for respect of ASL continues today. According to research from a website maintained by Gallaudet University (<http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/InfoToGo/051ASL.doc> as of September, 2006), all fifty states have recognized ASL in some form as language credits or foreign language fulfillments. The Maryland

State Department of Education recently began recognizing ASL for foreign language credits throughout the state too.

As a student in the graduate program for Deaf Education, I'm pleased to know that McDaniel College is now among the ranking of various high schools, colleges, and universities which provide ASL as a course for foreign language credits! Hopefully, students and members of the McDaniel Community will be able to acknowledge the significance of ASL. Thanks to the vote in favor of providing this foreign language course!

Sincerely,
Caroline Gulick

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 they have a new reason to be perturbed: they are getting the short end of the stick in the housing lottery system.

This is ironic because until last year freshmen and sophomores were on fairly even ground when it came to the housing lottery.

The new housing lottery system, implemented spring 2006 for the coveted North Village and Garden Apartments, has changed drastically from the previous system. It now favors the juniors and seniors, working to ensure they get the nicer housing.

"While I would choose to live in an apartment since you don't deal with other people in the building destroying the place as much, seniors shouldn't be forced into living somewhere for their last year just because they got a bad pick in a lottery," said freshman, Tyler Carr.

The previous system granted housing based on the num-

ber of credits a student had: meaning a sophomore with more credits than a true junior would have a better chance at getting the desired housing than a junior who had fewer credits. This proved to be an immediate problem among the students.

"I am happy with the new system, because due to poor advisement, I have lost the 12 extra credits I came into college with. The change makes it more likely that I will be able to secure an apartment for senior year," said Pat Lyons, a junior.

Upperclassmen felt it was unfair for sophomores to get North Village housing over them, and Residence Life felt the seniors should have priority housing since they had seniority and deserved better housing. As a result, the housing lottery was changed from being based on credits to the student's graduation date.

According to senior Jenna Swartz, she feels that "The old system is fair, but the new system is good for the oldest members."

The new system grants privilege to the real rising seniors and juniors, "giving the most number of true rising seniors the benefit of the doubt," said Liz Towle,

Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

"This is like a checks-and-balances system. It makes sense to do things by year so that the younger classes don't have too much of an advantage just because they're advanced in credits," said Swartz.

However, there is one thing that remains the same with the housing lottery: groups of up to six people have a better chance of getting North Village or Garden Apartment housing if they all sign up together with other juniors and seniors. The preference still goes to the groups of seniors who want to live together, but it is still possible for juniors to land the better housing.

As a result of the minimal restrictions in the previous system, it went awry and too many sophomore students were infiltrating the system, taking precedence over the true upperclassmen and receiving housing in North Village and Garden Apartments. To their dismay, several juniors and seniors did not have the opportunity to live in nicer housing their last year.

To make matters worse and cause even more upheaval, sophomores and even some

freshmen were acquiring single rooms in the residence halls. It's understandable to work hard and obtain many credits, but many upperclassmen feel that sophomores and especially freshmen shouldn't be able to get preference of single rooms over them.

However, regardless of which system is in place, there will always be some seniors who don't get to live in North Village or Garden Apartments, simply because there are not enough apartments to accommodate all of them.

"As much as I would love to use the credits I've earned and brought in from AP tests to secure better housing, I think the new housing system is probably fairer to seniors. If they've lived in a dorm for three years, it makes sense that they should get an apartment before a sophomore who only lived in a dorm for one," said sophomore, Laura Davis.

Clearly, there are advantages and disadvantages to both systems. According to Katie Bowen, a senior living in North Village housing, "I guess I feel that the age should be the deciding factor in whether you live in a North Village house simply because as a senior, it is your last year

to experience this extra nice housing. All younger students will have their chance too, just later." While Bowen believes that the students who work hard and to earn so many credits should get a reward, she "Feels that it is fair that seniority gets you the housing you'd like" instead.

Agreeing with Bowen, Towle says that she "tends to think of things in terms of fairness believing 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?

Towle says she "feels the system works pretty well. No lottery system is perfect." This means that it won't matter what system is implemented, because there are bound to be flaws. It is the nature of the housing lottery.

"Maybe we should just improve our dorms so people don't mind living there!" said Davis.

Hotline gets three tips, sports team included

ROB GOEKE
STAFF WRITER

A hazing phone hotline where students or faculty can call and leave a message with anonymous tips has received three calls in recent weeks.

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 will determine how our next course of action will proceed. We can not respond to the tip or begin a disciplinary investigation."

The hotline's number is 410-871-3114, or extension 3114.

Rose is working with the Student Affairs office and with Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs Beth Gerl to make the hotline operational.

"[This hotline] helps us address hazing and to stop unsafe behavior," said Gerl.

One of the calls the hotline received in the past month detailed allegations about a sports team. Rose heard these allegations and passed the information to Gerl who then told Athletic Director Jamie Smith.

"If [a hazing allegation] for a sports team comes up, Jamie is the key investigator and I or the Student Affairs staff will assist as needed," said Gerl.

Smith is supportive of the hazing hotline.

"While [the athletic department] was not involved in the development of the hotline, I think it is beneficial if it gives students an opportunity to voice concerns they may have and would not otherwise communicate," said Smith. "I think there are enough incidents on a national level, both in high school and intercollegiate, that we need to make a stronger effort in educating our student-athletes."

Given that students or faculty can call the hotline anonymously, how the College proceeds in response will depend wholly on the details provided in the call, according to Rose.

"This isn't just a Greek issue," said Rose. "Athletic teams can do some severe stuff and it has not been dealt with. Hazing 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 September 27, when Campus Safety checked on a room in Blanchard Ward Hall in response to a possible hazing incident.

A story in the October 12 edition of the Free Press cited anonymous sources that confirmed that "the sorority had more than the allowed number of members sleeping in a dorm in Blanchard Ward Hall."

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 Director of College Activities Amanda Rose and Residence Life Coordinator for Greek Organizations Lisa Jackson undertook an investigation which involved interviewing a "wide range of [Phi Sigma Sigma] members" to try to get to the bottom of the situation, according to Rose.

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.

"We wanted to see how valid the concerns were," said Rose, "and determine if something was occurring on a larger scale."

Disciplinary action was taken against the sorority and it was appealed to Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs Beth Gerl in early November.

Though members of Phi Sigma Sigma, Rose and Gerl were unable to comment as to the specificity of the punishment received. Phi Sigma Sigma have been reinstated by

the college and are proceeding with the induction of new members for the Fall 2006 pledge class.

The chapter has also regained its standing with the sorority's national branch. Senior Mandy Eason, Phi Sigma Sigma's Archon, stated she was not allowed to comment on the situation.

Gerl 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 Sigs were different in nature than the charges 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 about [Phi Alpha Mu and Gamma Beta Chi] were concerns of a different level," said Rose. "They were more factual 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 real-

ly 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 person-

able 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 loves now and anything 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 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'll 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. They can't do that to us," one man gumbled, reaching into his wallet to pull out a dollar. Tension was building among those in line, the injustice of having to pay for a toilet adding onto resentment for the long bathroom line.

During most musicals, an upbeat rallying song would have interrupted, breaking the tension. But this musical was anything but ordinary, and after all, it was intermission.

Welcome to Urinetown.

Upon entering Alumni Hall the week of November 15, it was clear that "Urinetown," which ran every night from the 15 to the 18, was going to be an interactive performance. Officer Barrel, played by Junior Ryan Brown, was one of many cast members designated to man the lobby toilets during intermission. Donations were optional, and benefited Alpha Psi Omega, the theatre honor society. In addition to a donations box outside of the rest-

room, audience members were greeted by a lobby draped with toilet paper, and the concession stand boarded up to resemble the set's amenities.

Directed by Professor Elizabeth van den Berg, the show drew most of its energy from audience understanding and participation. Senior Chris DeRose played Officer Lockstock, who navigated both the characters in the play and the audience through a backwards town where residents have to pay to pee.

The characters in the musical were segregated into two groups: those employed by Urine Good Company, and the poorer townspeople. The plot centered on the idea that Urine Good Company controlled several amenities throughout the town where the residents must pay to pee. After all, sings Ms. Pennywise, played by Junior Alex Neiman, "it's a privilege to pee."

The action in the play begins when Old Man Joe, played by Sophomore Joe Byrd, rebels against the amenities by peeing outside. Old Man Joe is then arrested by the police and taken to Urinetown. The characters in the play believe that Urinetown is a prison; at the



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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 Pero) 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. Cladwell is the devious man

behind Urine 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 where the remaining townsman (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 Kotis, 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 musical theatre. It's 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 conniving 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 Ryan nominations for their performances. Both students will be competing in January at the American College Theatre Festival, held in New York. Sophomore George Moorehead, who played Hot Blades Harry, was nominated as an alternative.



Members of the cast of *Urinetown* gaze longingly at Public Amenity Number 9.



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The editors and staff at the McDaniel Free Press wishes everyone
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, Me, 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 that 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 mwh003@mcDaniel.edu. Once again, thank You for picking this text up. Remember, it is constructed as a newspaper. Ponder what that means.

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Students earn insight at EU simulation

GEOFF PECKHAM
STAFF WRITER

There are many college students 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 several other colleges from around the area.

The European Union is the world's largest union of confederate states, consisting of 25 nations in Europe, which addresses many issues of public policy, such as economics, foreign affairs, defense, and agriculture. For the model EU, a topic is selected each

year to be discussed amongst the schools, with awards often handed out to both individuals and schools.

The topic chosen this year is human trafficking, which is the commercial sale of human beings, often for labor or sexual exploitation. The issue is a very important one for Hungary, which is the nation McDaniel represented this year.

The simulation took place in Georgetown in Washington, D.C., and the students went to the real Hungarian Embassy to receive the Hungarian Ambassador to the United States, before participating in joint sessions and discussing the resolution presented to them. The simulation was about as real life as it could have been, with amendments being voted on and certain party members attempting to influence one another for key votes.

Dr. Christiana Leahy, the advisor for the students involved, noted that everyone approached the project with "great diligence, enthusiasm, and a great deal of hard negotiating."

Senior Political Science major Lora Bingham believed it would be a good experience, and was generally interested in the topic.

"Human trafficking is a global issue that has become an increasing concern, especially for the member-states of EU," Bingham said. Like all the students, Bingham was given a role to play. She was Kingal Gal, a member of the Hungarian parliament who serves on the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Senior Philosophy major Maaret Klaber was happy to get the opportunity to debate such an important issue, as well as just to be involved at all.

"[It was a] great experience

interacting with students from other schools about relevant issues of the day, even if it is in issues that are facing the European Union and not the U.S.," Klaber said.

McDaniel, which has participated in these simulations since 2000, has a growing reputation for being one of the most prepared schools involved. They have won awards every year since joining, and this year Junior Jared Luner won the award for best Justice/Interior Minister, and Senior Matt Lufkin was one vote shy of winning best Minister of Foreign Affairs.

[Participating in the EU simulation] makes them realize that they are incredibly well educated on a broad range of issues," Dr. Leahy said about the participants. Her pride is shared by the rest of McDaniel, since it proves, as Dr. Leahy observed, that "McDaniel rocks."



McDaniel Students pose in front of the Hungarian flag. They spent three days working hard to pass a resolution on human trafficking.

Reiff-a good samaritan to the disabled

MATT COWELL
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"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 trumpeting the untimely death of her boss, or so she thought.

The news surprised Alessi, until she noticed Reiff's age at his death—84.

It turned out that Dr. Henry Reiff, dean of Student Academic Life at McDaniel College, found this twenty-three-year-old article in the online version of The New York Times.

He put it on Alessi's desk as a joke, thereby revealing his humorous personality, a facet of his that few people know exist.

Indeed, Reiff wears many hats. Besides serving in his current position, he is also a consultant to Student Academic Support Services (SASS), the McDaniel office that deals with and helps the physically and mentally disabled.

Reiff entered this role after much experience in the field. He first came to McDaniel in 1989, and served as a learning problems coach of the 504 Program (referring to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973), which later became SASS.

He took over as supervisor in 1990, although he has never served as the director of SASS.

His work with the disabled has been fortified due to research and studies conducted on the subject.

"The work that I've done, primarily with my major professor from the U.N.O.

[University of New Orleans],...Paul Gerber, [was] what I would term to be some of the initial research with adults with learning disabilities...we have written three books together on that topic based on different research we have done....Our books are pretty well recognized in this particular part of the field," Reiff says.

Reiff's personal life is as colorful as is his work.

Born in California, he moved to Connecticut at the age of five, where he grew up. He attended college in New Jersey.

In 1975, at the age of 21, he married, and then moved to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he lived for the next fourteen years.

During his time there, Reiff studied at the University of New Orleans, where he received his master's degree in Special Education, and later, his doctoral degree.

Reiff came to McDaniel College in 1989 (at the time, it was named Western Maryland College) and entered his first job in the 504 Program.

Upon his arrival, Reiff also met his current wife, who, at the time, was a graduate student at the College.

He admits that his life outside McDaniel is focused around his family, and, especially, his children.

Reiff likes pop culture; he reads books, watches television, and listens to and plays music.

Especially music. Reiff plays the bass, and, besides participating in Chamber Music on the Hill, he also is a member of a band, Sangmelé.

The band, which will celebrate its tenth anniversary in March 2007, also has on its

roster singer Lea Gilmore of Baltimore; and Walt Michael, director of Common Ground on the Hill at McDaniel. Sangmelé, which comes from the French, means "mixed blood."

Reiff explains that although the band's members have different origins, or blood, they all share a common passion for the music they play.

Many hats. Mixed blood. When Reiff was a graduate student in New Orleans, he became involved in services for students with learning disabilities (LD).

In the early 1980s, he taught children who had LD.

When he arrived at McDaniel, Reiff felt that not enough was being done by the College to help students with LD.

He felt the need for a more systematic program.

What has evolved during Reiff's time at McDaniel has been the result of a great learning environment due to the school's small size, and a College tradition of working individually with students.

"I really feel that...the college community...[has acquired] a good understanding of how to work with students with learning disabilities, and that...these students are quite capable of being successful..." Reiff says.

"[N]evertheless, there may be some individualized ways of teaching and assessment, and, of course, support services that are important in the process for these students to really show what they can do..."

"I think that also if many of the faculty would understand that the purpose of individualizing, of having supports and accommodations,...is not

to give unfair advantages to the student, but, rather, [to] allow us to see what the student really does know, and, ultimately, I think that is what we're interested [about] in education."

Kevin Selby, director of Student Academic Support Services, concurs.

He came to McDaniel eleven years ago, and started working in what was then the Academic Skills Center as a graduate assistant.

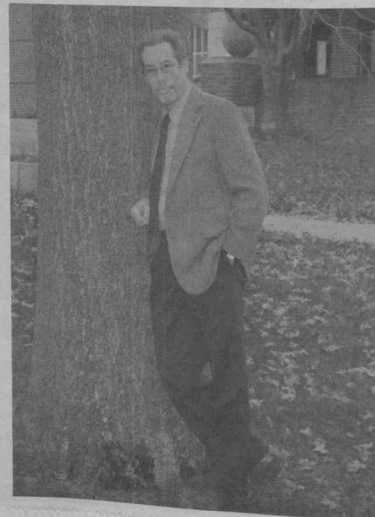
Of the greatest impact Reiff has had on SASS, Selby says, "I believe...the wealth of knowledge that he brings in the area of disabilities is immense...along with [his] personality of being able to relate to students, as well as faculty and staff, and poten-

tially the staff in our office here."

Most of Reiff's job is devoted to seeing and working with students, many of whom have academic difficulties.

He feels quite fortunate, because the majority of his time is devoted to individual students.

Says Reiff of his position at McDaniel, "My feeling is that this is really a support program; that by working together, I can help [the students] develop the tools they need to be successful....I like to think that I'm teaching them how to take care of themselves."



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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 Colasuonno won his 125-pound weight class and freshman Tim Hall and junior Artie Kaehler each grappled to proud third-place finishes.

For Hall, his first season of

college wrestling proves to be a learning experience.

"Wrestling in college is very different than high school," says Hall. "Here, it's much faster. For my expectations, I've done very well."

At the November 18th Navy Classic, sophomore Ryan Deiter placed sixth in his 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 to a fungus that has spread throughout the college's 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 fun-

gus to other schools.

Gardner was unavailable to comment.

Signs are now posted on the wrestling room doors requiring all wrestlers to shower before practice to combat the re-emergence of the fungus. Wrestlers also must clean and wash the mats everyday.

Although McDaniel teams rarely need to cancel indoor events due to a "rain-out," it is not a rare occurrence to see wrestling teams struggle with the problem.

Many colleges and high

schools around the country experience similar fungus outbreaks, most commonly ring-worm.

The team will try to host two more meets this year with matches against Johns Hopkins on January 24, and Gettysburg on January 31.

Gardner brings poise and passion to sport

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 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 winningest sports teams at McDaniel for 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 bashes 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.



Powell's buzzer beater downs Gettysburg

From Sports Information
GETTYSBURG, Pa. - Katy Powell (Smithsburg, MD/Smithsburg) hit a turnaround jumper off the backboard as the buzzer sounded to lift McDaniel to a 54-52 Centennial Conference (CC) women's basketball victory at Gettysburg on Thursday.

Inbounding with 3.6 seconds, Powell drove from the right side to the free-throw

line before hitting the final of her 12 points to lift the Green Terror (5-2, 2-1 CC) to its ninth straight win over the Bullets (5-3, 3-1 CC).

Katie Reilly and Allie Drechsler each finished with a game-high 13 points for Gettysburg. Reilly added her second double-double to the season with 15 rebounds.

Courtney Goglineki (Pasadena, MD/Cheapeake)

opened the scoring with a steal-and-layup 32 seconds into the contest.

Drechsler kotted 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.

After 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 (Catonsville, MD/Mount de Sales Academy) each hit their first of two 3-pointers on the next two 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 44-40.

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 41 seconds later before Drechsler drove the lane to hit

a layup at the other end and gave the Bullets a one-point edge.

With 44 seconds to play, Goglineki 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 off to good start

(From "Women" on page 16)

team has done on the court and the support on campus."

Their next games are on December 5th, 7th, and 9th against Johns Hopkins, Gettysburg, and Bryn Mawr respectively. This is an important week because all three of those games are in conference and Hopkins is an especially challenging team to play.

McDaniel and Hopkins are considered the top two teams in the conference and because of this, there has always been a strong rivalry.

Whatever the outcome in these games, the women's basketball team has started their season off right. They are ready to make up for last years lost opportunity and become conference champions this year.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

The Green Terror then played the second game of their next opening tournament against Salisbury in Towson on Nov 25th, returning to 2-2 after a 57-53 loss.

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?

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 Provident Pride of Maryland Tournament, the Green Terror has played three conference rivals, and they came out with a winning record against them.

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.

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.

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. Right now, the components of Flynn's success has been the play of sophomore guard Ryan Brandenburg and junior guard/forward Brett Foelber. Foelber is averaging 14 points a game to Brandenburg's 13. 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.

Now the only question that remains is: can the team finish the race that it has shot so quickly out of?



Green Terror men huddle before last Wednesday's game against Johns Hopkins. MIKE HARRIGER

Women's basketball eyes a good season yo

LAURA HUTTON
SPORTS EDITOR

As of December 4, the women's basketball team stands at 4-1 overall and 1-0 in 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.

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.

"We are especially happy with the win over Dickinson, it was a huge game for us because us 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" than last year's team, states Coach Becky Martin. This is due to the development of each class. In particu-

lar, the sophomore class has taken strides in becoming much better players. Also, the freshman class is "instrumental to success" on the court, added Martin.

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 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.

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 coach-

es 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)

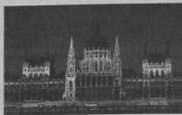


A timeout was called and this huddle ensued during last Tuesday's game against Johns Hopkins. MIKE HARRIGER

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Coach Flynn remembered, missed

MIKE HABEGGER
CO-EDITOR

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 Glar 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



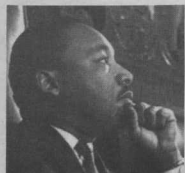
was tense and somber, awkwardly juxtaposed to multiple parties held with students enjoying the unseasonably warm temperatures. The members of the men's team were notified piecemeal, with one player informing another. Their reactions were understandably one of disbelief,

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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, saving 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

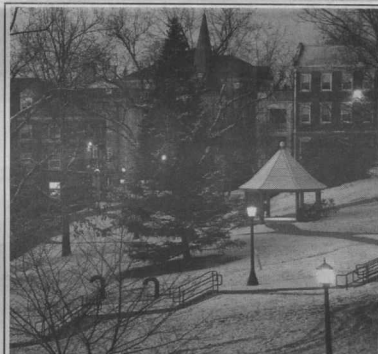
be complete without them. More and more students are finding that textbook prices at the bookstore are becoming increasingly high.

"I know the professors try and get us the cheapest books," said senior Christina 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 sledged on the ice. Westminster is expected to continue to experience freezing temperatures this weekend.

Want students to wash hands? Let them have soap

MELANIE CHUPEIN
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 states. 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 it's 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 bathroom 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)



King celebration brings vision, motivation

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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, McDaniel 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 com-

munity 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."

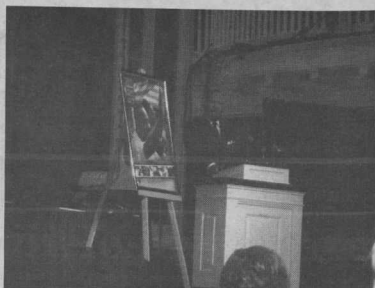
And on that night the audience heard the voice and the vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through critically acclaimed orator, Mr. Jim Lucas. Lucas' striking resemblance to King and his resounding presence transported the audience to another time and place.

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



MICHELLE LIBERMAN

Jon Lucas gives a speech at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

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 Goeke's commentary highlights some of the insane 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 200 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, recent... (Cough)...events have made

this wonderful building a sure fixer-upper that you and your significant other will enjoy fixing and upping.

"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 dugout. 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.

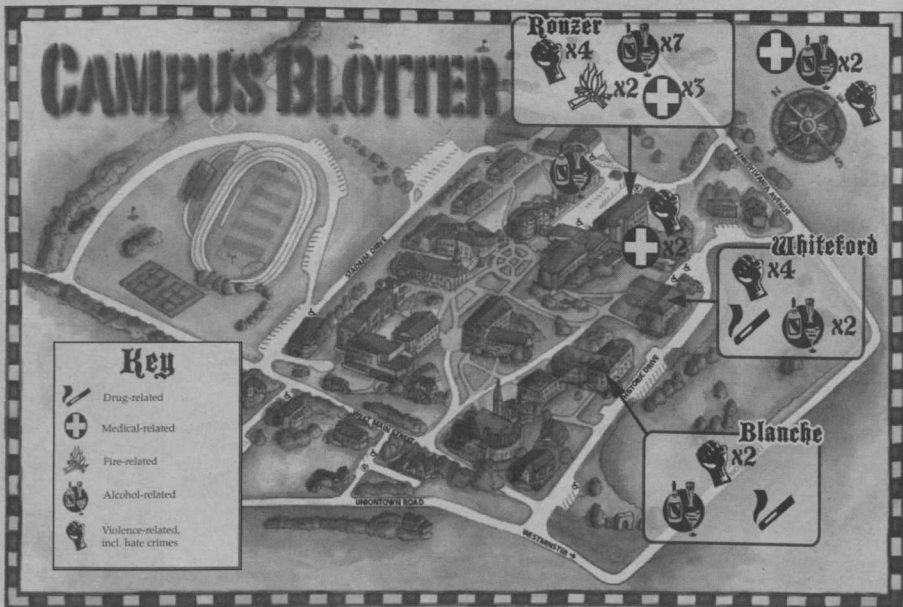
"Well that's not too big of a deal. Wow, it seems someone went crazy and discharged a fire extinguisher on January 29. Ha, well...we'll give you a semi-truck full of cleaning supplies if you buy. Lord knows your going to need it.

"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."



Co-Editor



Favorite Movie: xXx, Munich, The Matrix Reloaded, Training Day, The Edukators, Episode III, He Got Game
Music on your playlist: The Crystal Method, Nas, Breaking

Benjamin, Tiesto, 311

Why the Free Press rocks: Uh, it's cool, yo. I like working on the newspaper because it really makes you feel like you're doing something—maybe even something important. The people we work with are a lot of fun, so that is another reason the Free Press rocks. As I'm typing this, I'm dancing. I like doing layout, but this page sucked.

Art Director



Favorite Movie: Chocolat

Music on your playlist: HIP HOP, 311 and Coldplay, but Enya and Sugarcult for

painting

Why the Free Press rocks:
Art + Language = Fabulous = Free Press.

Commentary



Favorite Movie: V for Vendetta... Return to Paradise: The Italian Job! All the President's Men! The Life of David Gale!
Music on your playlist: Everything

Why the Free Press rocks: I love working for the

McDaniel Free Press because it gives me the opportunity to work with people and to share my thoughts and skills with the campus. I have worked with some pretty great people, and I'm going to be really sad when I leave... working on the staff has been not only a beneficial experience for my future career, but it has also been a fun experience full of working with hilarious, intelligent people that will remain in my heart for the rest of my life. P.S. Lisa Breslin rocks my world.

Features



Favorite Movie: Currently, The Break Up
Music on your playlist: Ray LaMontagne

Why the Free Press rocks: Working for the Free Press is always an adventure. The meetings are short (yet productive) and the writers, editors and advisor are some of the friendliest people on campus. For every issue there is a variety of topics to write about, and new ideas are always encouraged. Recently I was offered a great chance to write for a local magazine, thanks to connections made through the Free Press.

Commentary



Favorite Movie: Beer Fest

Music on your playlist: Any Rap song with a siren, Van Halen (along with other assorted classics), and new rock

Why the Free Press rocks: Because unlike companies like Nike, we don't use child labor — although the writing center could be considered a sweat shop of s[h]orts.

Features



Favorite Movie: The Labyrinth

Music on your playlist: Rilo Kiley, Ben Folds, Bright Eyes,

Jimmy Eat World, Interpol, and Death Cab for Cutie

Why the Free Press rocks: What other paper can get away with putting "yo" in the headlines?

Sports



Favorite Movie: Anchorman

Music on your playlist: Classic Rock (Who, Doors)

Why the Free Press rocks: The Free Press rocks because it allows us to experience the big world of journalism and it allows me to cover and write about the thing I love most: Sports.

Co-Editor



Favorite Movie: The Bourne Identity
Music on your playlist: The Crystal Method and the like

Why the Free Press rocks: "Rocks" is a huge understatement.

Multiply "rocks" by the number of editors it takes to screw in a light bulb. That's us. It's crazy fun, cool, and the people are amazing. Sweat and blood (literally) goes into every issue and it's a remarkable effort. But so is the clean up job after (open to interpretation). I'd like to thank my mom, Lisa and my ex for forcing me to take a journalism minor.

News



Favorite Movie: Little Miss Sunshine
Music on your playlist: Akon, Snow Patrol, Nelly Furtado, Fergie, The Pussycat Dolls, Justin Timberlake, Christina Aguilera, Journey, The All-American Rejects,

Keane, and 80s music
Why the Free Press rocks: The Free Press is a great paper and over the past year and a half it's given me the chance to hone my writing and interviewing skills. I was able to go from someone who had never written an article before to someone who has really grown to appreciate the power of the press. It's such a good feeling to work diligently on a story and then see it published, knowing that other people are going to read it.

Sports



Favorite Movie: Hocus Pocus
Music on your playlist: A bunch of everything, but my favorites are pop and rap.

Why the Free Press rocks: The Free Press rocks because through it the staff is able to inform the campus community of events that matter to them and listen to ideas they have. There is nothing better than receiving feedback (both negative and positive) on previous articles or requests for what should appear in the future.

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' apartment, and shortly thereafter, 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.

Members of both the Men's and Women's basketball teams attended Coach Flynn's funeral on Thursday, January 18. Many fans and students attended the viewings held on Tuesday, January 16, and Wednesday, January 17.

The first game back after Flynn's death ended in a McDaniel victory at home

against Gettysburg. It was a sweep for the Green Terror basketball program, as the Women's team also recorded a win. Coach Flynn was honored with a standing moment of silence. Players came out wearing new "Flynn's Friends" T-shirts as warm-ups. The back of the shirts read "Keeping the Vision Alive." Cheerleaders and players now wear red ribbons on their uniforms in memoriam.

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

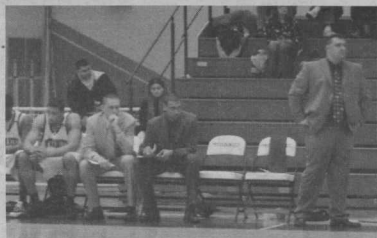
coaching career, now a symbol of his legacy.

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



A Red towel rests on the chair reserved for the head coach—now left vacant. things in life."

Many people from the Maryland basketball scene outside of McDaniel provided their memories of Flynn, many who knew him from his myriad appearances at the Wooten Camp. But he is also remembered for his work as an EPE teacher at McDaniel.

"I was willing to wake up and go running at 10 a.m. in

March for that man—he made jogging class fun!" posted second-year student Mary Beth Boudens. "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 textbook 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.

And this can translate into students saving a good bit of cash.

"Even with tax and shipping, I am spending less at 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.

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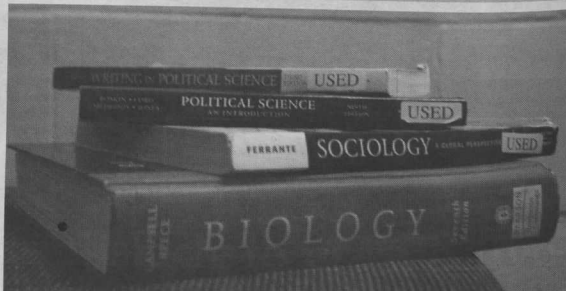
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These websties might be useful in finding a book that you would need for a class. If you order early enough, you're bound to have them in time, since shipping can take as little as four days, but the average is about a week and-a-half.



EVAN TICKNOR

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 \$32,000 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 McDaniel 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.

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 school store but if they are out of it, he resorts to using the bathrooms 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. Towle views this as a "pilot program" to see whether students will be able to abstain from vandalizing the bathrooms.

"My only hope is that our request to start is approved," Towle said.

For now, Towle advises, "Students need to bring soap with them into the bathroom." She encourages floors to get together and take turns figuring out who will provide the soap, noting that this is what some sororities do.



EVAN TICKNOR

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 inter-

esting 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 movie 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.

Monsoon Wedding, arriving from India, will be screened on Friday, February 9, at 7 PM and Saturday, February 10, at 2 PM. The film tells the story of a wild four-day wedding party, showcasing cultural differences and hilarious arguments between

differing families. The movie has an R rating and a running time of 114 minutes.

The next film is called *About My Mother*, a film hailing 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 his neglectful father and give him the tragic news. Also rated R, this film has a running time of 101 minutes.

Finally, *The Scent 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. The 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



I won't lie: my very first night in Budapest wasn't all that exciting. I was tired. I was cranky after traveling for about fifteen hours. I was in the hotel room all by myself. My voltage converter didn't fit the plug of my laptop, and my hand sanitizer leaked in

my bag. All there was to do was lay in bed, really thirsty, and wonder, "what am I doing here?"

Two days later I was singing karaoke at a club with students from Hungary, Holland, Israel, and Mongolia. Since then I've also met people from Croatia, Nigeria, Iran, Switzerland, Turkey, and Portugal. I've seen the remarkable Matthias Church, the Hungarian Parliament, and the Royal Place. I've partied at clubs called New Orleans and School Club, as well as throughout Oktogon.

Welcome to Europe, Geoff. It's hard to quantify what one expects when they travel abroad. There are countless prospects, ideas, and opportu-

nities to be followed, and as much as you think how you know everything is going to go down, you really don't.

You need to experience the culture and society for itself to understand and appreciate just how amazing and surreal it can be. It can also be incredibly frustrating, but you have to take the bad with the good.

That 'bad' is often referred to as culture shock, when you're exposed to something so radically different than what you're used to, you're left helpless and unable to do anything about it.

But from my perspective, it's the new culture that makes traveling so worthwhile. Most of the time it's the little things, like figuring out how

to convert the Hungarian currency in your head. Sometimes it's the really little things, like the fact that you almost never get ice in your drinks, or that all the bottled water has a flavor to it.

Sometimes it's funny, like the huge amount of PDA that go on in this city, especially when you consider how distant everyone is from everyone else the rest of the time.

They like gyros in this city. There are gyros sold practically on every street corner, and everywhere does them differently. I came expecting goulash everyday, but this is cool too.

You know what else is everywhere? Alcohol. And it's cheap. You can figure the

rest out yourself.

What's really been great so far is meeting so many different people with so many different backgrounds. Everyone has a story, and they're willing to share it. It's great to see so many different cultures blending together in what really is a hell of a city.

Culture shock? Forget about it. I miss my family, and I miss but friends, but I'm living in a European capital for the next four months. Opportunities like this don't come around often, so I'm not going waste another minute getting worried about how I can't speak the language or don't like the taste of the water.

Welcome to Europe, Geoff.

Back from abroad - A life changing trip

BRITANN PARRISH
CONTRIBUTOR

"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 opportunity 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 wondering 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 in 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 stu-

dent 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 chagrin of Hungarians, allowed me the opportunity to travel frequently. One trip that included the cities of Prague and Vienna, was already a part 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.

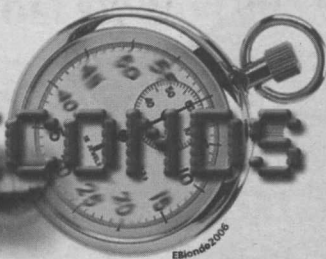
Since returning to the states, the transition between the hustle and bustle of European city life and a large international setting, to small town people and politics, has been hard, to say the least. Even more difficult is the ability to put into words the experiences of four months in the five minute 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...I missed nothing. 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-peSHt 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, Egeszegedre!





Valentine's Day Special

What is your best/worst/funniest Valentine's Day memory?

Compiled by Cori Simpson



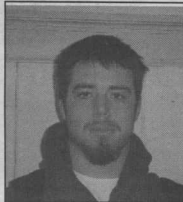
Katie Parks, '07



Julia Rietmulder-Stone, '07



Cristen Callegary, '07



Troy Tipton, '09



Kate Reinhardt, '09

"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."

"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."

"In middle school, my friends and I would send carnations to boys, but sign the names of our other friends."

"At a basketball tournament in 9th grade I painted a heart on my chest and asked the crowd who wanted to be my valentine... no one answered."

"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 Valentines Day with each other, and the two men in our lives, Jose and Jack."

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Local band Ballyhoo! does it for the money

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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: "[we] 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

lighthearted. According to their web site www.ballyhooocks.com (no hyphen), this album pursues "deeper" themes than their previous works. Though there are some mostly playful songs like Cervesa and Get the Funk out!, most songs usually have an undertone of conflict. Cali Girl's lyrics, though set against a strong reggae rhythm, show a girl who's "heart and head don't/ever feel the same." Likewise Last Breath is a fast-paced rock song lamenting a close death or lost friend, in which is sung, "someone once told me



that these songs/could save a life or two/but it still kills me to know that I/could not save you."

Ballyhoo! began in 1995 as a pop-punk band, later acquiring reggae influences from Sublime, Goldfinger, and 311 "to name a few" as their web site bio states. Original influ-

ences included Green Day and Nirvana. The four current members are Howi (guitar/vocals), Big D (drums), Blaze (cuts/keys/soundz), and Mista J (low-end). The band's most notable achievement aside from their albums is playing for three years in the HFSival. A more elaborate (and pretty amusing) write-up of the band and its achievements appears on the band's home site link to www.cdaby.com.

Looking at the lyrics alone, it would be easy to write off Ballyhoo! as angst-driven—a complaint I've heard or read

more than once about other current artists. Honestly when I first saw their album cover, displaying each band member's front and rear in almost nude glory, I was tempted to set it aside as a little over the top. The only thing that stopped me was that the people in Record and Tape Traders recommended it as a respectively popular, recent, local album and good in its reggae-rock genre. But from the first note you can throw all, or at least most, doubt straight out the window.

Enjoy Valentine's Day

CHRISTINA HINKLE
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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 girls'/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"—just set a price limit, pick names, and exchange presents! (Caitlin Concannon '09).

3. Buy Valentines for your friends and put them in their

mailbox! (Alyssa Gagen '08).

4. Go to a movie with all your friends (Fernando Gomes '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 Clar and eat outside (if it's not too cold!)

A Green Terror mascot?

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The Student Government Assembly (SGA) of McDaniel College is holding a contest for a Green Terror mascot! Any student can submit a drawing, sketch or even an idea until February 26th of anything that they believe would be a suitable and fun mascot to represent the college's sports teams.

"We're going to have 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 will "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.

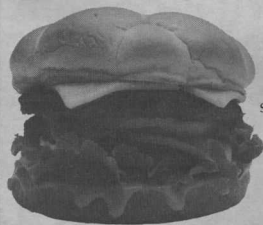
Drawing submissions should be submitted to mailbox #865. For any questions students should contact Rachael Darkow at "red002@mcdaniel.edu". More information will be available through email and posters around campus.

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Faking it: A guide to surviving the Superbowl

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STAFF WRITER

For every red-blooded sports fan out there for whom 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 attraction in watching a bunch of grown men in spandex tackling one another does not excuse any of us from the obligation of, at the very least, attending a Super Bowl party.

Which means that myself and 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 scream at the television (and each other) whenever the team of their choice screws up, gets screwed by the referee, or someone bad mouths 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 *Scrubs* re-run.

No worries, fellow sports dyslexics — there's hope for you yet. You too can enjoy (or at least convincingly pretend to enjoy) the Super Bowl festivities with the best of them. To help you with that, here are a couple basic tips and suggestions:

Entertainment subpar

BRIAN ENGLER
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There are some things that, when they happen, make me feel my age. Granted, I'm only 21, but it seems like a lot more than that. The Super Bowl was one of those times. I can safely say, "Back in my day the commercials were better!" even though it makes me feel like a geezer.

Back when I was a kid, I didn't know much about football. I knew enough to watch the game and enjoy it. However, the real reason I watched the games as a kid was for the commercials. I knew that the commercials would make all the confusion not matter. It was almost like the second coming of Christmas! Merry Christmas Brian, enjoy these commercials for you'll never see them again! And enjoy them I did.

Then, there was the half-time show. I never really watched this until a few years ago, but it's never been that wonderful. The best one I remember was the one Paul McCartney did. Although a

1. Let's start with the essentials; a touchdown is worth 6 points, a field goal is worth 3, and a safety is worth 2. Commit that to memory — if you ask anybody, your cover is totally going to be blown.

2. In terms of what team you're going to root for, you aren't allowed to base your choice on who has cooler uniform colors or the cuter quarterback.

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! Kisses!" 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. When in doubt, offer to fetch more beer/soda/chips. But in doing so, be aware that standing in front of the television or blocking the view at any time (during the game or the commercials) is going to cause you to get pegged with whatever inanimate object that is within reach.

7. When the referee makes a

call that angers the room, join in the shouting and obscenity hurling. "You have GOT to be KIDDING me!" is a personal favorite. Seriously. Try it. It's fun. I like yelling it at the ATM when it tells me I have \$3.00 in my bank account.

8. Comedians take note; Janet Jackson jokes aren't funny anymore. Find new material. Seriously. Prince is playing the halftime show, Billy Joel is going to be singing the National Anthem, and K-Fed is starring in a commercial. You're going to have plenty of ammo.

9. I know that you don't understand it — but for a lot of people, this is a pretty serious thing. It's OK to tease people at the start of game, but be aware that the amount of alcohol consumed will have increased dramatically by the time the game is over, so refrain from any taunting that might potentially result in you getting punched.

10. When your eyes start developing that perpetual glazed over thing halfway through the game, take heart — you've got all year to recover and prepare for the next one.

Got that? Good. Now get out there and fake it for the team, kid.

The commercials ranged from several drug commercials to a pop culture reference with K-Fed in a fast food job to online companies. Budweiser seemed to have a monopoly, as there were seven beer commercials, all of which supported Bud or Bud Light. They were decent commercials at least.

My favorite commercial involved Robert Goulet raiding offices and messing with your stuff, and taping people to chairs sometime around 3:00 in the afternoon. It ended with him clinging to the ceiling. The product was Emerald Mixed Nuts, which claimed to give you the energy to put off Goulet's raids for another day.

Other than that I enjoyed the commercials with cuberville workers gone tribal and a commercial where the bank robbed its own customers. Over all, there were several entertaining commercials. Maybe it's just my lost sense of innocence, but I remember the commercials of my youth being better.

The set was adorned and in the style of the symbol he converted to when he was The Artist Formerly Known As Prince. He even had a guitar fashioned after the symbol.

THE RUNDOWN

The Colts came in favorites, and left champions. The Bears bit first, but faltered soon thereafter. The rain certainly contributed to six fumbles—three lost by the Bears—, and three interceptions. The Bear's Devin Hester's kickoff return for touchdown in the opening seconds shocked Indianapolis. But Kelvin Hayden's interception return for touchdown with 11:44 remaining sealed the deal for the Colts, whose superstar quarterback proved once and for all he could win the big game, in the biggest game of them all—the Superbowl. During the trophy presentation, Peyton Manning was named MVP of the game. The Colts are for the second time, NFL champions.

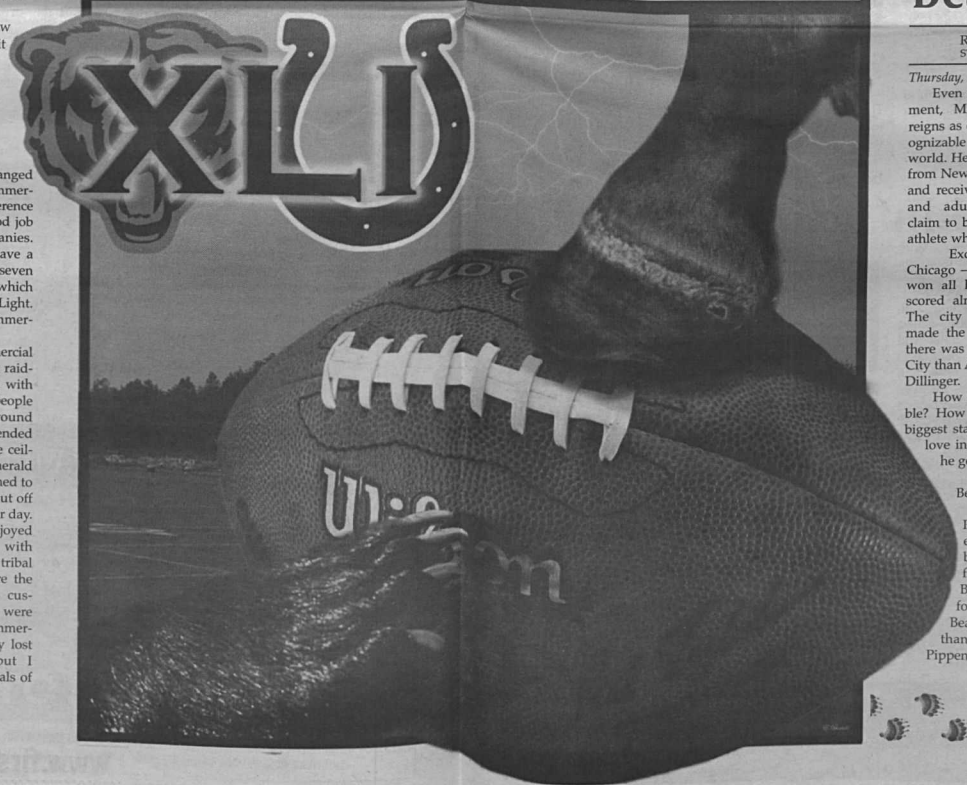
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Colts 29, Bears 17



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Commentary: Winner's circle

Colts, Peyton legendary

LINDSEY GRAHAM
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There was once a time when professional golfer Phil Mickelson shared Peyton Manning's plight. Mickelson was once referred to as "The Greatest Golfer to have never won a Major" until his April 2004 Masters win. Manning currently holds the title as "The Greatest Quarterback to have never won a Super Bowl."

On Sunday February 4, 2007 Manning managed to get the monkey off his back when the Colts came out with a victory against the Chicago Bears. It will go down in sports history like the day Will Chamberlain finally won an NBA Championship, when his east coast counterpart won 11.

Manning has put up gaudy numbers but in the eyes of many football writers and commentators there was still something missing. Manning had never been to a Super Bowl and had come up short so many times that people started questioning if he really was one of the great Quarterbacks.

This has sparked the great Brady-Manning debate. New England Patriots Quarterback Tom Brady does not have the same eye-popping numbers but he has shown the ability to

come through with the game on the line. The pressure of the big game does not affect Brady's ability to make plays unlike his Indianapolis counterpart.

In the past when a high-pressure game was put into Manning's hands he tried to do too much. He tried to be too perfect with every play and ended up outsmarting himself. During a play in the 2004 Playoff game against the Patriots, the Colts went with a direct snap to running back Edgerrin James therefore putting Manning in motion. Clever play, but illegal. Officials quickly caught the illegal motion by #18 and the Colts were charged with a 5-yard penalty.

The 2006 Peyton Manning was different than the 2004 or 2005 Peyton Manning. In this year's AFC Championship Game, Manning came out after the half down 21-6, the old Peyton would have panicked, the new Peyton stayed composed. With short passes over the middle he was able to move the Colts downfield and keep the New England's defense on the field; therefore winning the game for Indianapolis.

The new Peyton is in the house and on the first Sunday night in February, Peyton Manning had finally succeeded to drop the moniker "The Greatest Quarterback to have never won a Super Bowl."

Commentary: The defeated

Bears fan? Turn emo now

ROB GOEKE
STAFF WRITER

Thursday, February 1

Even after his final retirement, Michael Jordan still reigns as one of the most recognizable athletes across the world. He could go anywhere from New York to New Delhi and receive nothing but love and adulation and easily claim to be the most popular athlete wherever he is.

Except for one place: Chicago — the city where he won all his championships, scored almost 30,000 points. The city where he finally made the world realize that there was more to the Windy City than Al Capone and John Dillinger.

How could this be possible? How could the world's biggest star not get the same love in his home city that he gets in Beijing?

One reason: The Bears.

It's true. Walter Payton, the legendary running back and any other former Chicago Bear, gets more love for helping win the Bears one Super Bowl than Jordan, Scottie Pippen and Phil Jackson combined get for

winning six NBA championships.

Why does this city have such a love for a football team, who in 41 years has only been to two Super Bowls? Identity.

Chicago is a hard city, where a brisk November afternoon with wind gusting off Lake Michigan is about as cold as it gets in any winter in Maryland. It may be the biggest city between Los Angeles and New York and is becoming more cosmopolitan and an increasing financial center and transportation hub.

But the identity of the city, the heartbeat, the one trait that everyone wears on their sleeves from Zion to Calumet City to Elmhurst to Lake Shore Drive is this: hard work. Toughness. Pride.

In many ways, the Bears personify and define Chicago's psyche. When they began scoring touchdowns after touchdown in the fourth quarter against the Saints it was both joyous and perfect.

An ideal symbolism existed in the early evening air that Sunday afternoon as snow began to fall and over 65,000 fans screamed loud enough that their din reached across the lake to Michigan as their team would finally return to a place they hadn't been in over two decades.

This is a team that is loved so much that usually, their given moniker does not suffice. Even *Ursus arctos horribilis* doesn't work. In casual conversation, people refer to their team as "The Beloved." Or, most famously, Da Bears.

Now that they are playing in the biggest football game this side of the Champions League Final, it is a time to rejoice, especially knowing that this Sunday will be the most exciting day since another Sunday in January, 1986 for so many in the city of Big shoulders.

Sunday, February 4th, Postgame

The nothingless and hopelessness that one feels as a Rex Grossman pass hangs softly in the air before being plucked by a member of the opposite team is comparable to nothing in sport.

In a game that probably should have been decided by three or four dozen points, only one sufficed. But there are positives in every negative. And as Andy Dufresne said in *The Shawshank Redemption*, hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things. And no good thing ever dies.

At the very least, there was some Purple Rain at halftime.

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.

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

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.



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 DEFRANCES
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If you're looking for a movie with plenty of action, violence, and gore, then 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 (Joseph Ruskin) has issued a \$1 million contract out on a 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).

Not to take a backseat to the action and violence, hitwomen Georgia (Alicia Keys) and Sharice (Taraji Henson),

devise a plan to get in on the action, and steam up the situation with their sex appeal.

All the contract killers, with their different approaches, converge on the hotel and casino in fearless pursuit of Buddy. 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.

What more could you want from this type of film?



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.

One fan's memories of coach Bob Flynn

MARCELLUS CLEMENT
CONTRIBUTOR

I can remember it like it was yesterday. There is this tall guy standing in the middle of Glar's walkway, a grey terror jacket and khaki pants, holding his hand out and asking the question "Are you coming to the game tonight? Game starts at 7pm. Be there at 6:30pm!" This incredible guy was Bob Flynn.

Coach Flynn was only in his second season as head coach

of the McDaniel Green Terror Men's Basketball team, until this past January when he unfortunately passed away. However, in those two years, not only has he turned a struggling Men's Basketball program around, he sparked a fresh atmosphere to the McDaniel community.

In the 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 tradi-

tion 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 battle back and forth, but McDaniel took the win when

Mike DiPiero hit the game winning shot from half court as time expired. What did Coach Flynn do? He shook the hand of every fan and said thank you for your support.

That sums up what Coach Flynn was about. He was a man about building relationships. Gregg Nibelink, Head Athletic Trainer at McDaniel College, commented on what a wonderful man Coach Flynn was to his prevention and care of athletic injuries class. He stated that Coach Flynn made it a mission to know every-

one's name. Not only did he want to know all the names to his fellow co-workers, he wanted to know the name of each student on campus.

Even though Coach Flynn won't be able to complete his mission, there is one thing he did complete. He has set a legacy in McDaniel College and showed the true pride in what it means to be a McDaniel Green Terror. Coach Flynn will be missed, because he was truly a McDaniel Man.

About an editor - tales from the newsroom

KATHRYN YOUNG
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Maybe it was the unbearable heat, or the continuous "sweet tunes" from COONSYS, 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 base-

ment 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 10:00 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 that would change 2006 for me was The Free Press.

It was fairly important that Mike Habegger (still co-editor) with his "Yo'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.

Together, staff members and editors made easy as well as some tough decisions about every issue distributed on campus. Some easy decisions included what tunes to crank up or what food to order at

2:00 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 not 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?

Ultimately, the decisions I made as co-editor helped me realize that any decisions linked to a newspaper cannot be made casually. Most decisions have legal implications; every decision has to be weighed with the newspaper staff and the college community in mind.

No doubt - I jumped into the editorship a little naively, but I'm less so now and I'm more convinced that it was the best decision I've made in a long time. The Free Press is definitely a family - sometimes a harmonious family, sometimes not. And it's great to be part of a staff - a family - that puts out a good paper.

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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 vaginas! ~ Christy Searing

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Troop surge a bad decision by George Bush

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OK, I admit it. I voted for Bush! I did. But I also admit 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 loathe 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 over his head that if he were to recant his latest proclamations he would probably appear 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.

We 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 course of action lacking proof of success.

"It is hard to agree with Bush's actions when it cannot be confirmed that efforts in Iraq are benefiting either

nation."

Our intentions started off good, but it now appears as if we're just there to impose a democratic society and to keep the peace. New flash: we are NOT the peace keepers of the world!

Riding high on his power trip, Bush is so willing to send even more innocent, exemplary lives to their death. Would his philosophy on this war change (or would this war have escalated this far) if his precious daughters were among the infantry? It is so easy to say yes to war when your family is not directly involved, when your family isn't on the front lines, cavalier vests strapped on, guns aimed.

Senior Terré Thomas explained her feelings toward the war.

"I'm not pro-war," she said. "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

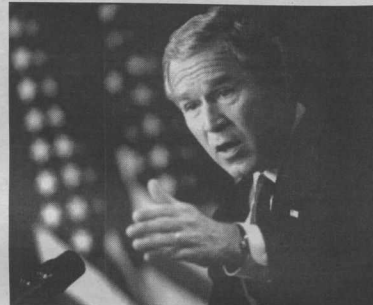
for this war, one has to wonder why this money wasn't used for practical and appropriate objectives.

Say for example, Hurricane Katrina victims that our President just happened to overlook? (Yes, OK, money was sent to help them, but it pales in comparison to this war's budget.) Why not use the money to improve various schools across the nation?

The main questions I'm asking here is: if our government

is so willing to spend money we don't have, why not spend it on something in the U.S.? Something that would actually benefit THIS country?

My point is we need a president who actually cares more about this country—you know, the country he's presiding over? Rather than sticking his head where it doesn't belong, we need a president who is concerned with his own country.



Enough is enough- impeach the president

EDITORIAL

Haven't you heard? He's done. As of Friday, February 2, 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 over. Everyone knows he's not legitimately running this country anymore. Why haven't we impeached him yet? Let's skip the formalities please.

He should have been 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's 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 in 2003? 700,000+. Hmm. That sounds reasonable. Thank God for the execution of Saddam, a war criminal beyond rehabilitation. It's obvious he's the one who posed the biggest threat to the Iraqi nation's safety. If you believe that, you are lost.

We will not wait around for congress to take the steps to impeach Bush. The six-billion people of this world (Joe Lieberman, Rupert Murdoch, Osama Bin Laden not included) will do it ourselves. They can't stop us all.

What with Bush's illegal wiretapping, his censorship of the media, his silencing of bloggers through bribes, his disregard for human rights in Guantanamo, his mismanagement of the Iraq war, his tax cuts for the rich, and his rampant use of executive power to silence political dissenters? It should be a piece of cake to impeach the guy.

Bush is no longer our president. We don't listen to him. He's done. His policies are flaccid, as are his social values.

He can't even get his troop surge plan pushed through— isn't he supposed to be the commander in chief of the military? It's obvious he's ineffective as an executive.

So who's running America now? Why haven't we ousted this guy years ago?

America sits in front of TVs, blindly following its orders—consume, reproduce, keep quiet. All we have done is trade feudal lords for CEOs. Everyone is conscripted by the system, never being able to escape the everyday grind of 9 to 5. Our lives are meaningless, hopelessly lost in a mechanism of desires controlled by those in power—proponents of laissez-faire economics.

There is no time for reflection, for the digestion of philosophy. We have no conception of what "the good" really is. Life can be better, but the system ties down the middle class in such a way that we cannot act, cannot free ourselves from the liberal democratic myth.

And we are told that life is as good as it gets. Communism won't work because people are greedy and selfish. Capitalism also fails

outright because of human greed. Any economist will admit this. Do you not realize that everytime you buy something you are stepping on someone else? You choose where your money goes, and in paying Barnes & Noble \$400 for books, you are depriving someone else of the same opportunity to earn that \$400.

You may say that this is a false choice—we all have to spend our resources to survive. This may be true, but simply because it is true now does not mean that there is no better way of life to be realized!

America is the nation where everything is peachy because we all have an opportunity to be great.

You can take that statement, spray paint it on a flag, and wrap yourself up in it. I will not be crucified on golden arches. I will not slave from 9 to 5 so that someone else can get rich.

I'm focusing my energy not on how to get ahead of my colleagues so I can live the good life. I'm searching for answers. I'm searching for elite accountability—and I'm find-

ing none.

How can we say it is most moral to live in a society where we measure someone's worth by the money he has in his bank account? Is Bill Gates better than the homeless people we drive by everyday on Main Street? And if you answer yes, how does your response in any way resemble the doctrine of the christian faith? In allowing Bill Gates to collect our money, we are publicly justifying his relative goodness. Let me tell you this—he wins the contest.

Days go by and we haven't made a change. When we impeach Bush, this will be a first step. Everyone deserves a voice. America's definition of civil society is not the end-all-be-all of the human condition.

How can we let Bush, this tyrant, get away with his myriad crimes? This man is a criminal, and if our laws still have relevance to anyone, they are certainly relevant to those who purport to enforce them.

But Bush is already impeached, haven't you heard?

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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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 worth 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, shampooed 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 what I was doing. 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 hair would always grow back. Some people don't have that option.

Nancy returned with a ruler, and she asked if I was ready. I smiled, gave a quick nod and then watched her cut off my 10 and a half inches of blonde hair. Once the

pigtails were gone, Nancy styled and dried my new haircut.

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



Left: Kris Breedon before the donation.

Above: Kris Breedon after the donation.

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 for more information: www.locksoflove.org

Glar is obstacle to prospective students

BRYAN COLLINS
CONTRIBUTOR

The slice was in the shape of piece of pie, but that's where the similarities ended. "Broccoli and cheese casserole" read the sign. But all I saw was a green and yellow block oozing with grease. The slime slid down the side of the block like the blood spewing from an open wound. Flakes covered the top of the hunk like the dandruff of a sixty year old man. Its odor reeked through the air warning of the mess that was on this plate. 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, the thrill of learning that flows through our halls, and the teachers who are true experts in their areas. But eventually 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 muck 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 swim twenty plus 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 bread. 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. Some 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.

Freshman 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.

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White House funds abstinence education

KATHRYN YOUNG
FEATURES EDITOR

Extra! Extra! Read all about it...Well maybe a little less 'extra' and a little more 'reduce-your-horn-dog-ways' and start the New Year off 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.

Associate Professor, Dr. Rebecca Carpenter says, "The good news about abstinence-

only education is that it does delay the average age at which teens have sexual intercourse...the bad news is that teens educated under this system are far more likely to have unprotected sex when they do decide to have intercourse."

Abstinence Education, thought to reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies, is not going to include mention of birth-control devices but will rather preach abstinence. No sex is safe sex and people should not have sex before marriage.

As Carpenter later points out, unprotected sex can

increase not only the risk of unintended pregnancy, but also AIDS and STDs.

"AIDS can be fatal...the tradeoff, therefore, does not seem worth it. Contraception is vital information for all people, regardless of whether they are planning to have sex while still in high school or wait until they are in their twenties."

A whopping 49 percent of all pregnancies in the United States are "unintended" (that's 3.1 million a year). This percentage has risen 30 percent within the last decade, and almost half of these pregnan-

cies end in abortion.

This is an extremely high number for a nation where contraception is abundant. Many have fought hard for the woman's right to control her own fertility—why is this control still so out of reach?

However, what happened to sex education being frank and clear? Senior Katlyn Hood says, "People will have sex, that is a given. The question is whether we as a nation will take responsibility in teaching them how to do it responsibly and carefully."

Are you going to reduce the number of unwanted preg-

nancies by telling people to stop? The people who practice abstinence seem to be doing fine without their government's help.

Hood exclaims, "Money spent on abstinence will only increase the pregnancy and abortion rates...The government has a right to have a say on the sexual activity of it's people, because it is what is creating the future Americans, but also with that right it has the responsibility to teach Americans how to prevent against unwanted pregnancy."

College offers cash for community service

AMALIE SHAFFER
STAFF WRITER

Are you a student who qualifies for Federal Work-Study? Do you like to work with kids? Would you like to get off campus? Well Patty Williams, the Director of Financial Aid, has an opportunity for you.

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 homework help as well as other activities. William Winchester Elementary, which is only a

few minutes away from campus, is one of the sites for the community service program. A list of the other sites is available on the McDaniel College Financial Aid website under the "Federal work-study" section.

Although the program is a community service program, students do get paid minimum wage.

Williams believes it is a

good program because it gets students involved in the community and off campus for a little while. Williams admitted that she thought it sounded fun.

"It's a different environment from working in the library or an office," said Williams.

She encourages students that might be interested in the program to get involved as

soon as possible. In order to get started, Williams recommends going to the website, contacting her, or contacting the employer directly.

For more information or suggestions of other possible sites for the program, contact Patty Williams in the Financial Aid office at extension 2234 or by email at pwilliams@mcdaniel.edu.

Terror winning streak continues indefinitely

LINDSEY GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

December 7th is an important day in United States history, but the date also serves significance to the 2006-2007 Green Terror women's basketball team.

It was on this date, December 7, 2006, that the Lady Terror began their 14-game winning streak with a dramatic come-from-behind win against conference foe Gettysburg. But don't tell the team that; they do not look past any one team.

"We really just need to focus on one game at a time," says Terror guard and Captain Katy Powell. "Our league is very competitive and we 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.

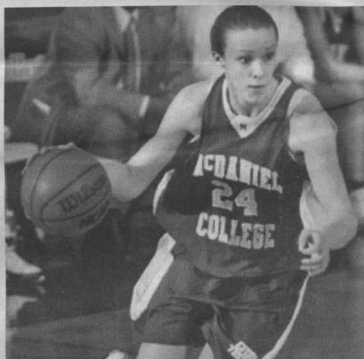
During their run the Terror have utilized their bench effectively, having six players with over 10 points in a game at least once. The bench has also performed well coming out after half-time, able to keep up their up-tempo pace, according to Martin.

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 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).



Heather Thompson drives to the hoop. She leads the team in rebounding.

Layout is a very hard thing to do. It takes creativity and imagination and lots of luck. This space where you are reading is a product of a little bad luck. Fortunately we have our creativity and imagination and that is why we are writing this. It's called a space or page filler, and it's really useful. I mean, would you rather be looking at a blank space or reading this? Thank you. Please read on.

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Puerto Rico trip helps swim team improve

LAURA HUTTON
SPORTS EDITOR

At 2:30 am on Wednesday, January 3 my cell phone alarm goes off. I grumble, turn it off, grab my suitcase and equipment bag, and head out into the quiet, cold night. Upon arriving at the pool, my exhaustion is lifted, the swim team is about to go to Puerto Rico.

Sophomore, Stef McCole is her usual bouncy self, even at 3 a.m., thanks to a few cans of coke. Freshman, Chris Bosco already has his camera out, ready to document the entire journey. Shortly, the charter bus arrives and we make our way to BWI.

While most McDaniel students spent their Jan Terms at home working or on campus for sports or class, the swim team spent the first week of it on a training trip in Puerto Rico. Though easily misconceived, this is by no means a

vacation. It is some of the most intensive training we experience all year and it is designed as a huge push. A push that propels us into our second chunk of meets leading up to Chapter Championships, 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 we 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 8:30-10:30 am and followed by abs and other dry land work. Then, there was time in the afternoon to eat lunch, rest, and go out on the beach. Afternoon practice was from 5:50-7:30 pm preceded by dry land and some running.

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 tone our strokes. On Monday the 8th, we had a day off and went to Old San Juan to experience the culture of the city.

The next day practices were 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. The swimming total for the trip was 45 miles, its fine.

Once we returned to campus meets started again. On January 16, we really came together and fought for our win against Elizabethtown. Like the meet against Ursinus on November 11, the women's meet came down to the final relay. However, both the men and women won the Elizabethtown meet (the women lost at Ursinus). There was a push and a fire inside us; we had to touch the wall first.

The meet against Bryn

Mawr was a disappointment. The final score was 60-62, we lost by two points. After the meet, locker room talk was full of regret.

The guy's team did a lot to lift the spirits at that meet. Always at the Bryn Mawr meet for support, they showed up in Speedos and body paint spelling out "GO TERROR", complete with posters.

Though small in number, we make up for it with pride. In Puerto Rico, the guys played football in their Speedos with 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.

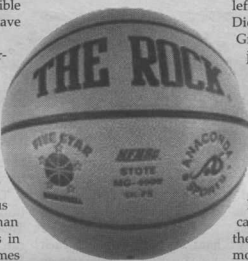
The team was close to eclipsing its win total from last season, and it seemed to be making improvements with Coach Bob Flynn in his second year in the coaching chair. But tragedy struck the next day, as the team and the rest of the

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.

Coach Flynn affected and touched so many lives during his life and coaching career, and the players on his team are a product of his attitude. When asked last year what he was going to bring to this team, Coach Flynn stated, "I want my players thinking that they can win every game". And even though their commanding officer is no longer with them, the men knew that they still had to rally together and continue the fight throughout this tragedy.

Assistant Coach Kevin Selby was named Interim Head Coach for the Terror's game against Gettysburg on January 20th, which did end up in a Green Terror victory. Selby, who will coach the team for the rest of



the season along with performing his duties as Student Academic Support Services Director, was able to bring something good out of a tragic week for the McDaniel Community. This would be Selby's third stint as Interim Head Coach, but the first time he would be named coach during the season.

The Green Terror have played four games since the tragedy, and you may think that the team has given up and that the news over the past few weeks has taken a toll on team play.

You would be wrong. Two of those four games (vs. Haverford and Dickinson) were decided by less than four points, and both included drama at the end of the game. In the Haverford game, the Green Terror fought back strongly but ultimately lost with just fourteen seconds

left to play. And in the Dickinson game, Kizmahr Grell hit a game-winning jumper for the Red Devils to put them out on top. The McDaniel men "brought it", as Coach Flynn wanted them to, but things just did not go their way.

Sophomore Ryan Brandenburg and junior Brett Foelber continue to carry this team, as they are the only players averaging more than ten points per game. Brandenburg, who is averaging 14.3 points per game, scored a career-high 29 points in the Haverford game and had 23 points in the win against Gettysburg on January 20th.

The Green Terror are going to need these two, along with the rest of the team, to continue playing at a high level in order to salvage something out of a season where everyone has lost so much already. The team just needs to rally together, take what Coach Flynn taught them, and realize that no matter what happens, they are making the campus, and their coach, very proud.



Brandenburg leads the team in scoring at 14.3 ppg, and in 3-point field goals with 53.



Brett Foelber leads the team in rebounding at 7.7 rpg, and is second in scoring at 12.7 ppg.



Joe Hunter leads the team in minutes played and is second in a/t/o at 1.37.

Green Terror continue winning ways

CHRIS FERRICK-MANLEY
STAFF WRITER

The Green Terror Women's Basketball team extended their winning streak to twelve games with a 69-60 win over Haverford on Saturday (the 27th) during the Women's Basketball Coaches versus Cancer Awareness Day.

The Jan Term was extremely successful for the Terror as they went undefeated and currently stand at 16-2 with a 12-1 conference mark. Rebecca Martin, the head coach, congratulated her team upon making it through Jan Term, which she considers to be a tougher part of the schedule than fall semester.

"In the first semester, they learn to play with academics and as a team," said Martin, "during Jan Term its time to focus on basketball and more

intensive practices."

In terms of opponents, the Terror only faced three conference opponents before winter break, and all but two of their games during Jan Term were in conference play. Martin places a high amount of value on conference wins because they decide the playoff seeding and whether the team will get home court advantage and "the best fans in the conference", according to Martin.

Injuries have been a concern for the Terror during the season. Senior Amy Watson broke her collarbone in the second game of the year and only recently returned. Other starters have missed games as well.

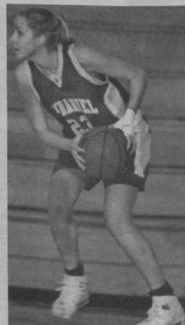
"So far the team has found a way to handle obstacles," said

Martin. Her system of play makes full use of the roster, giving experience to more players and leaving them better equipped to deal with injuries. "The Freshman play a lot, they have upper-class experience", said Martin.

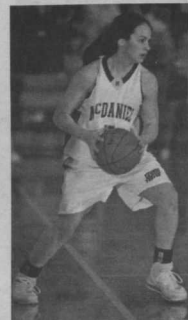
The Terror has three road games, at Dickinson, at Swarthmore, and at Johns Hopkins, before its next scheduled home game February 10th against Muhlenberg at 1:00.

The squad knocked off Dickinson on January 30th, 59-53, all but clinching home court advantage for the conference playoffs. The win extended their win-streak to thirteen games. Katy Powell led McDaniel with 13 points;

Heather Thompson contributed 11 points and 2 assists.



Katy Powell on her way to 1,000 career points. PHOTOS: CENTENNIAL.ORG



Robin Gregg looks to pass. She leads the team in assists with 46.

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Blanche bomb scare still a mystery

MELANIE CHUPEIN
NEWS EDITOR

Nearly three weeks after Blanche Ward Hall residents and campus administrators faced a bomb scare, campus safety and the Westminster police have not been able to identify the culprit.

On the evening of February 3, a call was made on the blue light phone outside Blanche by a caller who sounded like an intoxicated male. The caller tried to disguise his voice and stated that he would blow up the building, according to Michelle Lieberman, associate director of media relations.

"If students know anything,

"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 pro-

cedure was carried out on the night of the bomb scare. Webster noted that information linked to bomb threat protocol should not be made public.

"I believe that these aren't the kinds of issues that can be managed by committee," said Webster.

Neighboring Gettysburg College's bomb threat procedure, which is published on its Security Services website, outlines the following steps: "Upon receiving a bomb threat call or report, immediately complete the Bomb Threat form." From there, Safety and Security personnel

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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.

From 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 8:00 P.M., a time when many college students' nights are beginning, 25 to 30 of

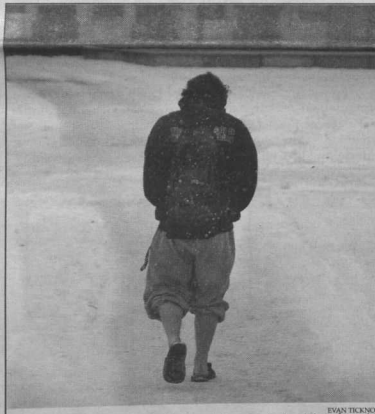
McDaniel's hard working staff begin their 10-12 hour days to get the ice and snow bound campus back on its feet.

The aftermath of the most recent storm was the worst Boob and his crew has 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 hasn't been an easy task.

Sleet fell on top of snow. Rain followed. This rain saturated the snow/sleet mix and

(see "Clean Up" on page 2)



Red Square was transformed into a winter wonderland, but the cold did not stop everyone from wearing shorts and flip-flops. For more photos, see page 4.

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 go up again. Next year McDaniel's tuition will rise from \$27,280 to \$28,940 a year.

Though the five percent hike may come as a shock, this rate is actually quite standard.

According to Ethan Seidel, vice president for administra-

tion and finance, "It's hard to visualize that there will be years that it won't go up." In the past 15 years, tuition has increased between four and five percent each and every year. This year's five percent increase remains consistent with last year's five percent hike.

As for room and board, the rates will remain the same. A standard double room in a traditional residence hall will cost \$3,200 a year and the standard 210 meal plan will remain at \$2,700, leaving a

grand total of \$34,840 (not including health insurance and various other undergraduate fees).

In comparison to other institutions, McDaniel's yearly tuition percentage increase is generally small. After researching tuition figures of 16 schools of similar size and demographic, it was found that McDaniel's percent increase was ranked 14 of the 17 schools. Gettysburg College, for instance, increased tuition from \$39,864 to \$42,310 last year—a little

over six percent increase.

"Among small private institutions, we are very reasonably priced," says Seidel.

Seidel notes that the constant increase is an attempt to keep up with the long-term cost of living. Not only do the salaries of the faculty and staff increase each year, but the cost of day-to-day expenses steadily rise annually.

"If [tuition] doesn't go up, then how are we going to pay raises and pay the bills? Because they are going to go up," Seidel comments.

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."

However, senior Ali Gargon wonders why so many student requests go overlooked.

"If we are paying all this money for tuition, all I want to know if why our concerns (see "Tuition" on page 3)

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 aca-

ademic areas are relatively clear, the next goal is to clear off 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.

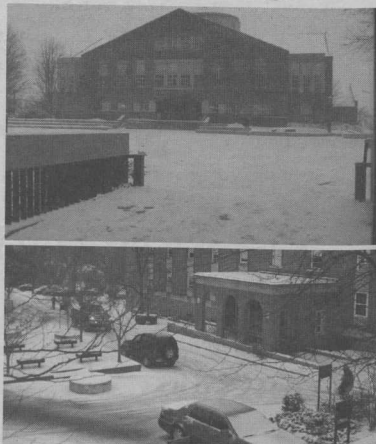
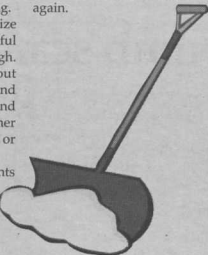
Not all students recognize the difficulty these wonderful people have to go through. Students don't know about the 10-12 hour workdays and the dangerous drive to and from the college in weather everyone else either can't, or won't, drive in.

Thankfully, not all students take the employees' hard work for granted. Some students have stopped and said "Thank you."

Each time students took time to say thank you, staff members appreciated their kind words.

Chipping until the campus is clear will probably continue through this week. Hopefully Boob and his employees will get some down time and plenty of kudos for a job well done.

And then it will snow again.



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The lighter side of the campus blotter

Minions wheel away cart of delectable food

ROB GOEKE
STAFF WRITER

(Editor's note: Rob Goek's commentary highlights some of the insane calls to which campus safety responds.)

It seems with each passing day that Englar Dining Hall comes closer and closer to becoming the "three hots" to our campus's wonderful dormitory "cots."

Of course, sleeping and eating at McDaniel College 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 wine and dined by the people of Sodekho. 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 prob-

ably 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

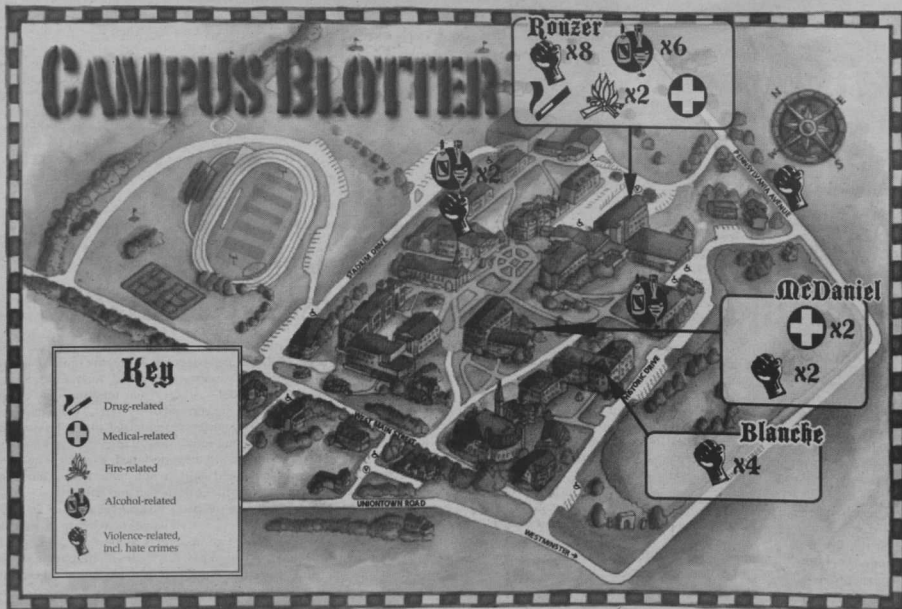
tiles? Sun must have risen this morning. Pagan animal sacrifices? I nary bat an eyelash.

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
COMMENTARY 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 actu-

ally 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 aerobic exercise 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.

The new North Village apartments will be similar to the current ones, but they will house 46 students rather than 22. Due to the buildings' layout, there will be an expanded quad area. The cost of the new North Village will total an estimated \$7.5 million.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE MATYKO

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 reference 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," said 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 on my feet," said junior Kate Becker. "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 either stay 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 is when 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 for campus safety not to immediately inform the residents that there had been a bomb threat. As for the perpetrator, Adams has a "lack of respect."

"It was pointless and it got a lot of people out of bed for no reason," Adams said.

Incidents like this serve as

reminders of the importance of being alert and aware at all times. When a fire alarm goes off, it's crucial to follow proper fire drill procedure to ensure everyone's safety.

"As a community we don't tolerate that type of stuff and that's why we'd like to hear from somebody," said Towle.

Students who have any information that could lead to the apprehension of the person responsible for the bomb threat should contact Josh Bronson or Mike Webster in the department of campus safety at extension 2202.

"Given the serious nature of the offense the College hopes members of the community with information will come forward and cooperate with our efforts to identify and adjudicate those responsible," Webster said.

Additional reporting contributed by Amanda Klein.

Some are happy with budget spending

(from "Tuition" on page 1)

money for tuition, all I want to know if why our concerns haven't been addressed," says Gargon. "Blanche is disgusting, there is nowhere to park and the food in Glar is horrible. Everything is geared towards getting people to come here, but nothing is done to keep the students happy."

On one hand, recent construction and campus improvements have given some students high hopes, yet

at the same time it has left others wondering who is getting the bill for these developments.

"Things like the North Village expansion and the fitness center and construction on the Forum, they don't have much direct effect on tuition because they're not paid for out of the operating budget," says Seidel. "We borrow the money to do those. We don't do those out of tuition revenue."

Students with time remain-

ing at McDaniel are optimistic about the campus improvements.

"I think that the new gym is going to be a really good improvement," says junior Andrew Drechsler. "It's about time that thing got updated, and it would be really nice to see the Garden Apartments renovated too. I've been wondering for a while what our school spends money on and I'm finally starting to see."

Prior to the preparation of the budget, Seidel attempts to

set the price of tuition.

"We like to set the tuition and the room and board before we go into the budget process," says Seidel. "Then we have to build the budget around it."

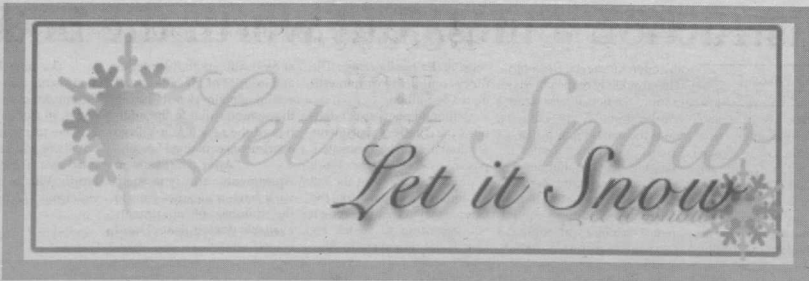
By doing so, there is no temptation to increase tuition in order to satisfy all of the college's financial needs.

"In terms of our total budget, around 76 percent of our income is tuition, room, and board," says Seidel. "We are basically an educational institution."

At this point in time, the administration's main focus is renovating the 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.



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BRITTANY ROBINSON

But let us forget the ice

Snow days not only for grade school anymore

KATELYNN MCGINELY
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 a 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 (kind of a campus wide Valentine's Day gift — much better than chocolate, if you ask me), and Wednesday, the 15. 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 and face plant directly into the snow.

However 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

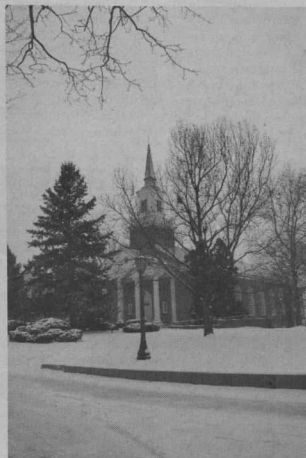
on campus since Monday, forced to sleep on the floor in a friend's room.

"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 Delulisi and Alle Davis spent much of their Wednesday snow day helping other people free their cars from the snow.

"We didn't even know most of the people we were helping," said Davis with a shrug. "But we're all in the same situation here. Lots of people were doing the same thing as us. Everyone was still trying to help each other out."

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.



EVAN TCKOR

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 off this 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 and fun 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 aids 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.



Because they said so

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 flick on the surface but may just have an ace up its sleeve. You might be surprised. Or not.

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, 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?

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

goes unexplained - he teaches kids how to play the guitar, and gets ultra emotional when he finds out that Milly has been sleeping with the architect as well. He is so understanding he is willing to give her a second chance. So ladies, if you want an understanding man, just seek out a musician.

What adds to the unreality of the movie is the timeline. Milly seems to fall in love with the two men in no time at all. This is after years of unsuccessful relationships for Milly. She turns out not to be in love with the architect, only the musician. On top of all Milly's quick love fix, her mother also falls in love in a quick period of time.

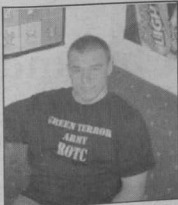
Keaton meets the musician's father, who she quickly gets married to. Again, this is years after being single. Again, again, the movie never explained how or why the husband left or died.

The most annoying part of the movie had to have been all the phone calls. I don't need to go to the movies to hear people on their phones. This movie had a phone call every five minutes or so. I also think there was a full five minutes of Keaton on the phone, calling Moore and leaving apologetic messages.



What class do you fall asleep in?

Compiled by Jerome De Frances



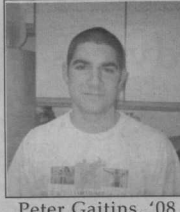
Alex Becker, '08



James Crosby, '08



Kelli Hawthorne, '08



Peter Gaitins, '08



Sarah Wallace, '08

"Intro to Global Societies is the worst."

"Obviously it's Alcohol Awareness with Campus Safety!"

"Math Structures puts me to sleep every time."

"If there is one class I would fall asleep in, it would be Survey of Western Art II."

"Colonial America. Do I need to say more?"

If you feel down

pick this up

"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."

Booker T. Washington

By Torreka Jordan

Booker T. Washington is correct, we get so caught up in doing well that we often forget the challenges we overcome 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 ON THE HILL



Sex- learn before you leap

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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 naïveté, if not ignorance. This ignorance came with them to "The Hill."

So many college students - too many college students - make discoveries and decisions based on "on the scene" training.

Without confidence, let alone the right information, students navigate such issues as how to you respond to a guy who doesn't want to wear a condom or how far do you go during a hook-up.

Could it be that this lack of knowledge has led to the fact that two-thirds of STDs occur in adults under twenty-five? Oh, and it is also comforting to know that one of every

three girls will be pregnant before they have reached the age of twenty.

With each experience come more questions that often remain unanswered or answered incorrectly.

Many sexually active students are still very unaware of how sexually transmitted diseases spread.

They don't realize, or perhaps blinded by a hot moment they forget, that many STDs don't often show any symptoms or so insisting that a guy wear a condom seems obscure, especially if he seems "clean."

College students need straightforward sex information that answers more than the definition of Herpes. We need something that pertains to our encounters - our week-ends.

Making wise sexual decisions isn't about knowing how to do something, it is about the real-life dilemmas that will carry on throughout our lifetime.

Tufts graduate and sexpert/author Amber Madison recognized the need for an "all-out guide to sex and sexuality."

As an undergraduate, she wrote an advice column for her college newspaper that

addressed what college students would deem awkward at best.

Madison explored the responsibilities, the emotional hazards and joys and even humor of sex at a college age. Eventually, she penned "Hooking Up: A Girl's All-Out Guide to Sex and Sexuality."

Armed with Madison's book, information gleaned from candid interviews with students on The Hill and advice from medical experts as needed, I'm launching "Sex On The Hill."

Some of the topics in this column I wish I had explored and found the facts about sooner; many other topics are linked to lessons that are life-long, continual.

Ultimately, I hope that as young adults we can be not only confident but also intelligent about sex and intimacy.

I find courage to write this column because of one woman I can't name—I believe she can and will conquer what is a nightmare right now; and as a result, many other students will learn from her journey.

This column is dedicated to her.

Parental advice- take it now or leave it behind

CORI SIMPSON
FEATURES EDITOR

Sometimes moms and dads seem like faucets of advice, whether your turn them on or not.

A lot of times, their words of wisdom get brushed away, and you say to yourself, "They don't understand," or, "They don't know what it's like..."

But luckily, for many, no matter how often we decline politely or ignore, (or totally shut down), their advice, parents rarely stop trying.

How often have you said to yourself, "Wow, I'm glad I listened to him," or, "Man, this would never have happened if I had listened her?"

Dave Robertson, junior, admits that most of the time

he listens, and some of the time, he wishes he would have.

Dave's parents recently advised him to use the word "no" more often to prevent a stressful schedule. This is one bit of advice he wishes he had paid more attention to.

"I think I have more going on this semester then ever before...I should have listened," he said.

"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.

Although sometimes it is effective to listen to advice from both parents (especially if you want to hear your dad trash talk a former boyfriend), it seems normal for sons to find it easier to talk to dad, while daughters are more likely to turn to mom.

"I usually go to my mom more often, because she's probably had the same experiences as a girl growing up," Bodnar said.

Sophomore Ben Shotcock said he is grateful for the lessons he's learned from his parents.

One of the most impressive things Ben learned from his parents is to not do anything that you'd be ashamed of people finding

out about - especially your parents.

Essentially that advice translates to "Don't be a dumb ass," Shotcock explained.

Actually, taking parents' advice has led students like Robertson, Bodnar and Shotcock, along with fellow student, Jon Schultz, down roads to success.

"For my high school graduation," said Schultz, "they gave me the Dr. Seuss book entitled Oh, the Places You'll Go! They had every one attending my graduation party sign it and give a piece of advice or some encouragement. It's the most supportive gift I have every received and has some of the best advice in it that I'm sure I will ever hear."

"My parents give great

Bloc in the city

STACEY EYLER
STAFF WRITER

Lack of individualism in today's society. Terrorism. Wanting to stand out in the crowd. Racism. Suicide.

These are just some of the themes found within the songs of Bloc Party's latest musical effort, "A Weekend in the City." And while this may make some people hesitant to listen to the music, let me just give you one piece of advice: give this CD a chance.

Admittedly, at first listen, I thought Bloc Party sounded like an edgier version of Yellowcard, minus the violin. But I was so wrong.

With 11 songs and 2 bonus tracks, this album is full of simple yet meaningful lyrics and boasts an interesting experimentation with sounds, ranging from soft melodies to futuristic techno to hypnotic rock.

And no rock or alternative album would be complete without at least one decent display of the guitar. Luckily, this CD has quite a few of those. What's even better is that the band does a nice job of providing listeners with guitar solos that don't overpower any of the songs. Nothing can ruin a song like a guitar solo that just doesn't fit in with the rest of the song.

But the most intriguing thing about this album doesn't come from the guitar solos or the sound experiments. Instead, it comes from the album's fluidity. On most CDs, it's easy to pick out songs that will most likely become big hits on the radio;

it's even easier to pick out the weak songs on a CD.

However, this album is different. The songs work so well together that it's hard not to listen to the whole album at once. Even harder than that is trying to pick out individual songs to listen to (that's something that isn't hard for me to do on most albums).

Despite that, there are some stand-out tracks on this album that deserve notable mention.

"Hunting for Witches," the second track on the album is the one that first caught my attention. Granted, the reason it caught my attention was because the only lyric I could make out at first was "hunting for witches" which immediately had me thinking of the Salem Witch trials and The Blair Witch Project. But listening to it again, the song grabbed my attention for other reasons. Starting out differently than the other songs, the beginning of the song sounds as though someone is quickly flipping through a bunch of channels on the television. When the instruments and vocals are added, the song becomes energetic and extremely likeable.

"The Once and Future King," the first of the two bonus tracks, is one of the more upbeat songs from this album. The instrumentals on this track are terrific making it a fun song to listen to while driving - maybe that's just me.

Bloc Party's album is different - good different. In fact, it's nothing short of amazing. Give it a chance. You may just fall in love with this band.



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 breather.

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 web site 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 stu-

dents 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.

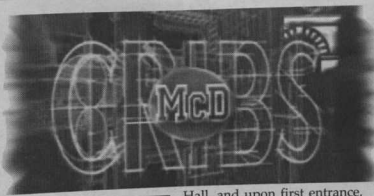
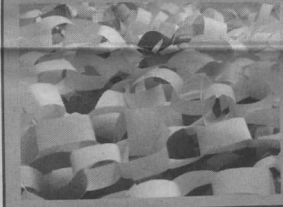


BECKY SCHNEIDER

Chain of Hunger

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship began constructing a Chain of Hunger to spread awareness of children's hunger throughout the world.

photos by Emily Biondo



GREG PFEIFFER
STAFF WRITER

Dorm room culture has an interesting dynamic; personalities are defined by different furniture schemes, organizational habits, and the posters that cover almost every inch of available 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. Some students do not face this issue, opting for the creative freedom as well as the peacefulness that comes with a single room. Steven Krigel, 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 become thematic to him, showcasing the dedication he puts into having his creative side come to life on paper. Far from one-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 café 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.



Postered Elderdice single refined and relaxed

Freshmen. Preps. Asian nerds. Cool Asians. Girls who eat their feelings. Girls who don't eat anything. Sexually Active Band Geeks. Desperate Wannabes. Burnouts.

ENGLAR DINING HALL

UnSeated



Freshmen. Preps. Asian nerds. Cool Asians. Girls who eat their feelings. Girls who don't eat anything. Sexually Active Band Geeks. Desperate Wannabes. Burnouts.

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.

"Once 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 freshmen 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 as best as we could 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 student's observations.

Back Tier
1 Men Lacrosse
Bates
DUs
Phi Alphas

Center

"Center Stage - closest to the food, socializing, [and] there's a 360 view."

Baseball Team
Sigma Phi Epsilon
ROTC

The Porch

"Quieter, more secluded, pretty view of the campus" -- "If you come to Glar by yourself, you sit on the porch"

Back Floor

2 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."

Front Top Tier

5 Phi Delts (Back corner against the wall)
Swim Team
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
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!"

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship
Music Majors
Theatre Students

Back Right Tier

3 Bachelors
Football Team
Self-titled "Social Rejects": "Social Rejects" is the title that Senior Ned Kane came up with for himself and the group of friends that occupy the back right level of Glar.

Front-Bottom

6 "We like to see everyone walk in."
Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity (first table on left hand side). The Phi Kaps say they have "always sat here." Theo Sebekos - Williams said, "I like to call Glar the USA Network - because all characters are welcome." The Phi Kaps agree that "typically with the Greeks and jocks, [you] know where they sit."
Mens Soccer Team
Women's Basketball Team
Floaters

George Bush deserves praise not bashing

A letter to the editor

CHELSEA PHILLIPS
READER

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 is missed—definitely; he 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 and non-politically biased.

But keep flipping. The Free Press staff has a lot more to say.

Page 11: a news blip and cast photo of Eve Ensler's Vagina Monologues, recently performed on campus. So much for combating gender inequality. Looks like today's college women are content trivializing their self-worth to mere intimate anatomy (instead of celebrating their true assets, like, oh I don't know, creativity, energy, intellect, or spirit, perhaps?) Also, apparently social deviancy, sexual perversion, and male-bashing is fair game in the theater. Try turning the plot around. Would we allow men to attack women the way the Monologues attacks men? Of course not. That would be offensively sexist. Yeah, about that equality thing...Feminists of the world, unite!

But anyway, McDaniel hosted V-Day 2007, and the Free Press covered it. Fine. That's just one leftist event. But moving on...

Ok, page 12. What is this? Top half of the page—an article condemning George Bush's decision to send additional (needed!) troops to Iraq. Bottom half of the page—an article calling for the President's impeachment (and yes, that's President with a capital 'P', don't like the guy, fine. But some respect for the Office of the President, please).

Alright—additional troops. The author clearly labels that another dumb decision by our President, that "blubbery dimwit from Texas." What is Bush thinking, spending money to support those people far away in Iraq whose human rights have been violated for the past 25 years? They don't need the freedoms that come from democracy: Freedom of

Speech, Freedom of the Press. Iraqis don't need those things. Only bitter Americans need those rights, so that they can flip-flop in their opinion of the President—on voting for him one day, to flipflop calling him a foolish coward the next. Without any fear of repercussion for their criticism, of course.

Thank goodness we live in America—where we have the right to say whatever we want. Now don't you go taking that right for granted. Not everyone's as lucky as you. And maybe if the current American leadership were just a little more selfish, even fewer people would share those rights. Maybe if we just returned to the days of isolationism, where we only cared about us. That's it. Let's turn a blind eye to the suffering outside of American coasts...maybe that'll solve the problems of our global society...

But going back to the President's latest decision to step up troop involvement in Iraq, why don't we just agree to disagree for a moment. Because the Free Press has bigger concerns to address.

And that would be the impeachment of the President (again, note the correct capitalization). Well, that editorial brings us right back to the Iraq war issue! This time, let's look at it from a different angle. Let's compare leadership styles.

Saddam Hussein, Iraqi dictator, brutally murdered hundreds of thousands of his own citizens. George Bush, American President, sent brave members of our armed forces (who freely choose to enlist in the military, mind you!) to fulfill their commissions by fighting for Iraqi freedom. Yep. I see the similarities. Completely understand why the editorial writer chose to refer to both national leaders as tyrants. Got it.

Next, the whole impeachment thing—now there's a messy issue. Do we really have to go through all the "formalities"? Can't we just declare Bush's presidency over because some of us "don't listen to him" or like his policies? Yeah, let's just say he's been impeached and move on. Who needs those democratic rights after all...

And then the editorial writer goes on to specifically condemn capitalism. Since President Bush runs our market economy, he should be impeached...I totally see the connection here!

"Communism won't work because people are greedy and selfish." And "capitalism also fails outright because of human greed." The author goes on to insist that, "any economist" would validate the aforementioned claims. I have to admit, I'm quite the novice when it

comes to advanced economic considerations, but from the first three weeks of my Intro to Political Economy class with Dr. Olsh here at McDaniel College, I can guarantee you not ALL economists believe that capitalism is a failure or that all people are intrinsically selfish. Unless, of course, the editorial writer wants to challenge Dr. Olsh's credential as an economist...

The author mentions choice, and choosing to spend our money and time certain ways. Well, that's what economic theory ultimately boils down to. People choose. Our resources are limited, and we make decisions that we hope will help us maximize our benefits and minimize our costs. If, as the editorial writer implies, (s)he is unwilling to work to "slave from 9 to 5 so that someone else can get rich", that's a choice (s)he is free to make. But don't come looking for a hand-out from me. My protestant work ethic realizes success requires hard work.

One final note on capitalism...it's "laissez-faire" NOT "laissez-faire". Apparently using spell-check requires our author to expend too much energy. Let's not forget, (s)he doesn't want to work too hard!

What is this talk of meaningless lives? This lack of a "conception of what 'the good' really is." Speak for yourself! My life is not meaningless. And I know the difference between "good and bad"...or maybe you'd prefer the terms "good and evil," because yes, evil DOES exist. But back on topic, "life can be better," sure. If we didn't believe in the possibility of improving living conditions we wouldn't be in Iraq, and then maybe there would be no need for this editorial...hmm.

In a perfect world, life could be better. But if you stop and consider the alternatives for just a minute, you have to admit—life in America is pretty darn good, at least the life of this editorial writer must be.

Now you're probably wondering, how I can claim to know that, when I don't even know who wrote the editorial! Two considerations. First, the writer had time to write the article—which leads me to believe that (s)he had luxury time to expend on a non-income related task. Let's face it—some people have to work to survive. They don't have time to waste writing opinion pieces. Second, the writer has obviously received some education, since they were able to write a piece that was published in a college newspaper (even if the editorial's premise 'that we have already impeached Bush,' was less than convincingly proven through the author's rant

against capitalism'). Minor details aside, the author has had access to formal education, which is more than what many can say. Like those girls in the days of Saddam Hussein controlled Iraq...

But back to the thesis of the article...we should impeach President Bush—so that we can abolish the capitalist market-economy? Or at least that impeaching Bush would be a "first step" toward this implied, ultimate goal? There must be a missing link somewhere! Maybe that's just me.

Anyway, going back to MY original thesis, the McDaniel Free Press may not be completely liberal in nature, but it don't definitely have a bias (and don't for one moment think it's conservatism!)

Feminism. Anti-Iraq War. Impeach the President. Marx is the man. Good articles—perhaps—if they were intermingled with articles applauding traditional values, the maintenance of a strong national defense, respect for

the Oval Office, or the benefits of capitalism. But no, not in the McDaniel Free Press. You won't find conservative opinions there.

One final nail in the coffin...apparently abstinence (the ONLY completely effective way to prevent unwanted pregnancy and the spread of STDs) is bad! Who knew?!

...or at least that's what the liberals want you to believe.

If you would like to write a response or commentary on the above 'letter to the editor,' drop it on us hot. freepress@mcdaniel.edu

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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 facets 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 Shank, 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 sororities on campus as well. You also learn to recognize who is Greek on campus and no matter what organization they come from, you develop an understanding and respect for them," said Vicki Levanduski, a member

of Alpha Nu Omega.

So what makes spring recruitment so important? Aside from being the first semester that freshman women can come through recruitment, it is also the formal round of sorority recruitment.

"Formal recruitment is 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.

In addition to giving the women a chance to get to know the sisters of each of the sororities, it gives the women in the organizations to develop a better sense of the women coming through rounds.

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 create 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 attain 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 who were very open minded," said Betsy Beveridge, outgoing president of Phi Mu.

However, according to Beveridge, "I think that a chapter needs a good balance of women having gone through recruitment and women who have not gone through."

Imagine walking through the clubrooms of Alpha Nu Omega, Phi Sigma Sigma, and Phi Mu, and meeting the women of prospective organizations you might join. You see a variety of women and the rooms decorated in various ways. Yes, it's a bit intimidating, but the common goal that all of these organizations

have in mind is to make the potential women feel welcome and want to be a part of our bond and unity.

By the second and third nights, it's a breeze, and hopefully you feel sad that the rounds are almost over. If we have done our jobs correctly, then we have made you feel like at least one organization has gone out of their way to leave an impression on you.

Naturally, the collaborative effort of all the members, newer, and those who have been in the chapter, are needed 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's character and either intensifies the outlook or stereotypes one previously had on Greek life and sororities in general, or it forces you

to take a step back and look at sororities in a completely different light.

All of the organizations can probably agree on the fact that we need to publicize more to get Greek Life's image out there in a more positive and enticing manner. Greek life also needs to find a way to keep women from dropping out of recruitment which has been a problem for many years.

"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 going Greek. Greek Garden is one thing that we are doing to promote Greeks. Also we have an annual cook-out," 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.

"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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Glar lacking friendly selection of workers

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 to anybody, 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 a 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-less-food crime.

I can only think of one Glar employee (female) who offers a "How are you today?" or a "What can I get for you?" And she is actually genuine! Another Glar worker 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 strut around the college campus in an itty-bitsy, teeny-weeny, yellow-polka dot bikini—but I don't. So...the male workers shouldn't stare (or at least not make it so obvious). I'm not a big fan of the licking and smacking of the lips either. A

senior voiced her own displeasure with the guys of Glar: "It's creepy when the guys stare. It's reminiscent of walking through downtown Westminster."

I always enjoy my time in Glar much more when I see a friendly face. Like that of the tattooed guy, who can memorize exactly what I want in my wrap after just one visit. (And he manages a little smirk.) Or the nice lady who usually makes the sandwiches. So the bottom line is...if we're going to improve Glar, it should start with some of the workers. And then maybe we'll talk about the food.

The confessions of a Monologues moaner

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Rule #1: Don't let your dad see you do it.

November 2, 2006, 7:43 PM: 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.

9:00 PM: Rehearsal ends.

9:03 PM: I have *uninvited* my father from the show. He agrees to send money instead.

A tumultuous rollercoaster of events led me from that night on November 2 to faking an orgasm onstage in front of my mother on opening night. I practiced everywhere, much to the amusement of my roommates (and hopefully the guys in the apartment upstairs). I moaned in the fishbowl in Lewis, in the mid-

dle of a U.S. history seminar, in the backseat of a car, and in a hotel in Venice over Jan. term.

Surprisingly, it's not that embarrassing. It's just like any other party trick. You do it a few times, people stop noticing. "Hey Mom, how are you? No, don't worry about it—it's just Christine practicing her part again."

But once you get past the moaning, past the shock value, and into the motives behind *The Vagina Monologues*, you realize how meaningful this production really is. This is my third year in the production and you'd think that after two years I'd be sick of it. I mean, it's essentially the same show, which means I've spent over a hundred hours in the past three years listening to the same rehearsal, not to mention the time I've spent preparing outside of scheduled practice

time. But honestly, it's not like that at all. Yes, sometimes it feels like a chore to trudge across campus in the rain to fake orgasms when you have a twenty page paper due the next morning. And occasionally, you just get sick of having people criticize something you've been working on for weeks. But as cliché as it sounds, in the end, it's all worth it.

My first year in the production was an eye-opening experience for me. I went into rehearsals with childish idealism; I assumed that by helping in this one production, I was going to completely change the world. And that weekend came and went, and the world didn't tremble, but I knew that I had made a difference.

Being onstage surrounded by thirty other girls fighting for such a worthy cause was the proudest moment of my life. I believed that if everyone

could band together the way we did, we would certainly make a difference.

My second year was bittersweet. A week before the show, a close friend of mine told me that she had been raped. An hour before opening night, I was quietly sobbing in the balcony of the theater. I felt broken and torn and betrayed.

I guess I had assumed that violence against women would stop with everyone around me joining together to fight it. As I took the stage that night, I realized that the only way we really could stop this violence was to keep fighting, to keep talking, and to keep shocking people into hearing our message. We had to speak for those who were silenced.

This year, we continued to raise awareness about violence against women. Our group of forty women raised

\$5,358.07 for Carroll County Family and Child Services, nearly doubling last year's contribution. Thank you to those of you who came, who laughed with us, who cried with us, and who are now fighting against violence with us.

I want to leave you now with some parting words of wisdom:

1. Fight for what you believe in: you can make a difference.
2. Respect women. After all, we make up 51 percent of the world's population, and in this world, majority rules.
3. Always hydrate before you attempt multiple orgasms, even if you're faking it. If not, you feel quite faint.

I can't wait for next year's show. I bet my dad can't either.



Claire Turpel and Leah Beck perform the introductory monologue.



Director Katie Hood loosens up the audience.



Christine Frieman and CC Randall moan onstage.

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Students travel to Boston for Model UN

Trip gives students a 'real-world' experience

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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 28th trip.

"I 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.

"I was frustrated—not because we were not going to fly but because the airline didn't cancel the flight until we got to the terminal," 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 mystical 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. Two guest speakers elucidated 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 Moriarty-Stone. "It was a bunch of headless chickens 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, "The Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan."

"We got a resolution passed, but not to Cuba's liking," said Graham. "[U]nlike other committees, the United States acted more like the United States 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 come into play, thus sabotaging 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 our every 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 prepare documents and position papers on Cuba. Committee sessions in the simulation lasted eight hours equally divided into morning 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 nighttime 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 Programme] committee."

Dr. Mike Brittingham, an advisor to the students with Neal, reflected on his first trip with the delegation.

"I have a lot 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."

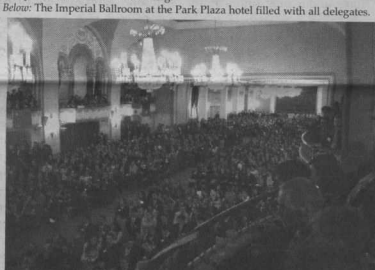
What really is Model UN?

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.
Below: The Imperial Ballroom at the Park Plaza hotel filled with all delegates.



Above: Lydia Eddy and Amanda Ginsler enjoy dining at mongolian restaurant with the entire delegation.
Below: Ben Yingling, Mike Habegger, and Dane Weber excited to represent Cuba.



Oh, the joys of being in committee. . .

Djerid 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 Moriarty-Stone and Lydia Eddy walked out of the session, with Stone 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 Il'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 buy Yingling's vote with her looks. He had none of it, and carried on representing Revolutionary Cuba.

American sports culture serves fan well

GEOFF 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. That's about nine times more

than the entire population of Hungary. It's bound to be on somewhere.

And so it was.

For 5,000 HUF (about \$25) I got to watch the game on a big screen projector at a local T.G.I. Friday's, a mere 10-minute walk from my apartment. All I can eat, all I can drink, and the last football game of the 2006 season. Beautiful.

But remember, Hungary is six hours ahead. This meant for us, kickoff wasn't until about 12:30am.

It's going to be a long night I think.

But it will be well worth it. And so I'm here at this American-based restaurant, surrounded by expatriates like myself, with the game about to begin. Billy Joel sings the National Anthem. The whole restaurant cheers. This is great.

I have a slight cold, and I'm already a little tired. But Devin Hester just ran the opening kickoff in for a touchdown, and the whole places goes wild. I'm having a blast.

There's one guy with an Indianapolis Colts jersey on. I have my Ravens 2006 AFC North Division Champion shirt on. 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.

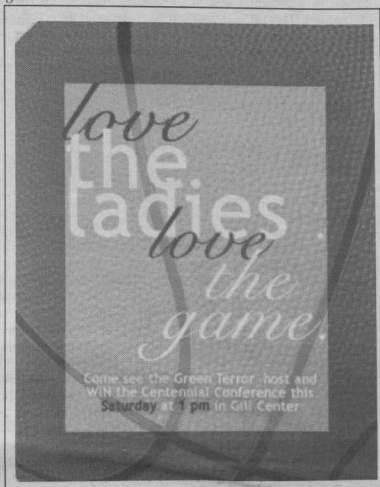
It occurs to me for everybody here, myself included, it doesn't matter how the game turns out. It's an American football game. It's THE American football game, and for many of the people here who are away from their country, it's a brief return home to their culture, their hobby, their sport. People 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.

The game just ended, and Tony Dungy just got the Gatorade bath. Good for him, he deserves it. I'm tired and getting sick. From that perspective, staying up until 4am wasn't the best idea.

But from every other perspective, it was well worth it.



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 expect-

tations 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.

So the next time you see those people running in the morning, during the day, and at night—take a moment to think about the will power they possess. Running is a sport often overlooked; yet, there is a lot of mental and physical dedication required in order to be successful—and to run that extra mile.



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Terror swims at Conference Championships

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SPORTS EDITOR

While many of us were sledding 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 for three days 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, 500 Freestyle, and the 400 Medley Relay. McDaniel had to get 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 a 6th place finish. The groups included seniors Molly Bolek, Kate Burns, and Mark Yankovich, along with future leaders of the team, sophomores Katie Dorian and Stephanie McCole, and freshmen Wes Henry and Stephen Gomez.



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Later on that day, the future leaders of the men's team probably had the best success of the day. Gomez and junior Chris Reed finished 2nd and 5th respectively in the 200-yd Individual Medley, bringing 31 points to the Green Terror. Gomez finished with a respectable 1:59.66 and Reed had a just-as-decent 2:01.36.

Everyone was looking at the women's side as well, especially to see how senior Molly Bolek did in her final swim here at McDaniel. Bolek, senior captain of the team, had a pretty good day for herself helping the team. In the 500-yd 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-yd Medley Relay. Bolek did well in the meet, and she certainly will be remembered for her fine Green Terror career in the water.

In the last event on Friday, Reed, Gomez, Yankovich, and Henry emulated their success from earlier in the day, earning 26 points in the 400-yd 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 water in front of the home crowd, as they were first in the men and women.

Saturday then came for the swim team, and along 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-yd 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-yd with a 1:43.54, which was 6th, and gave the Terror men 26 points of their own.

One of those men was Stephen Gomez. Gomez, who seemed to be getting better as the meet went on, proved he could win on his own later in the 400-yd individual medley. He recorded a 4:17.57, 2nd best overall, and earned 17 points. His success also seemed to rub off onto sophomore Scott Cammarata, who 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-yd breath-stroke put Chris Reed so close to the winning-circle with second. It was another good note to a very uplifting day for Green Terror swim team.

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, we need to focus on the hard work and dedication that these swimmers put in four years worth of practice, meets, and pure dedication. And they certainly will be leaving behind a team of swimmers they helped ready to step up and work hard next year.

Wrestling breaks roadblocks, finishes strong

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The Terror wrestlers were fighting a set of their own struggles early in the season as they had to weather a storm of injuries and sicknesses as well as overcoming key losses to the team last year. "This limited the ability to put our best team on the mat," says Terror wrestling head coach Sam Gardner. The team was falling just short of wins but Gardner and his staff looked at the bigger spectrum.

"When [assistant coach Davey Blake and I] broke it down, weight by weight, guy by guy, we realized that in

spite of the obstacles we faced this year we were actually getting better," Gardner tells *Free Press*. The team was not losing by large margins so there was evidence they were improving.

As the season progressed, the team gained more confidence and worked to gain consistency on the mat. They competed in some elite tournaments that by doing so enhanced the skill levels of all wrestlers no matter if they won or lost in their own weight class.

"We went to Iowa for national duals and wrestled some of the best teams in the country," began sophomore

Ferris Bond. "We wrestle perennial powerhouse Belvidere Valley every year. They beat conference rival Gettysburg 42-9 with nearly every wrestler on the team winning his match. The match included a first-period pin by Nightengale and two forfeits by Gettysburg, giving automatic wins to Bobby Coleman (125) and heavyweight wrestler Ryan Deiter. Senior Steve Colasuonno (133) and sophomore R.J. Neaton also had decisive victories for the Terror.

"This year [R.J.] has been able to keep matches against good wrestlers close and he has been able to beat wrestlers

he would have lost to in previous years," coach Gardner says of Neaton.

It was in their final match before the Conference Championship Tournament that the Terror's hard-work and perseverance, in the wrestling room at practice and then during matches, came to fruition, when they held off Messiah College for a 2-point victory.

"We are starting to wrestle well at this point in the season and I feel we can get back to the top of the conference," says Bond.

McDaniel wrestlers this season have overcome numerous obstacles and improved their

craft despite these roadblocks. They are a team that has been fueled by emotion and grit during the 2006-2007 season to hone their own craft and skill.

Looking forward to the 2007-2008 season the returning members of the Green Terror squad are going to only be stronger. Coach Gardner and assistant coach Blake will be working towards bringing in a new class of wrestlers to the squad to join the returning members of the team. It is safe to say they will be better.

Indoor track fueled by dedicated runners

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STAFF WRITER

They are the people we see on our way to work and school in the morning. We see them on our lunch break, and again on our way home. They are out early weekend mornings as we stroll down to our mailboxes or drink our coffee. They are the ones going strong at the gym when we arrive and are still working hard when we leave. They are there through the hot weather and never fail to appear in the cold. These people are runners.

The Women's Indoor Track Team at McDaniel College is comprised of a group of very loyal, hardworking athletes. Track is a sport requiring its athletes to mentally and phys-

ically push themselves on an individual level, much different from other sports. 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 for ECAC's in the 500m. Gruber's other accomplishments include finishing within 1.15 seconds of the school record in the one mile and equaling the school record in the 1000 m. "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 sophomore, Kacey Decker, set a new school record in the high jump at 5' 1/4". Decker shows great versatility as she is presently

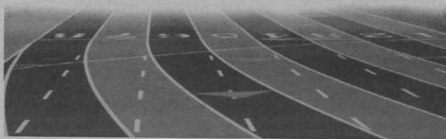
ranked #3 in the conference in the triple jump.

Injury and illness can be a great barrier for a small team. Coach Renner, however, states, "The team is smaller than in past years, but I've been impressed with the dedication and work ethic. Most athletes have established at least one personal best so far."

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 is quickly coming to an end. The final regular season meet is the Jim Taylor Invitational at Susquehanna on Saturday. (See "Track," on Page 15)



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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.

Caitlin, 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 Caitlin 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 basketball players, he loved you all like sons. 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 met. We only hope that his tremendous spirit will live on in those whose lives he impacted.

Thank you all again for your love and support. McDaniel will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Sincerely,
Tina Flynn

Baseball eager to succeed

CHRIS FERRICK-MANLEY
STAFF REPORTER

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. The Green Terror only return two seniors, captain P/OF Tom Wenrich, and C Adam Pelta. In addition, only one junior, P Erich Wolf, is on the roster. Rounding out the roster are 21 sophomores and 9 freshmen. Many of the sophomores played extensively last year however including INF Jon Zimmerman, P Chase Wolf, and C Justin Reitz.

"We're hoping experience from last year pays off," said Seibert. "We have experience at every position but we are still very young."

Seibert was unwilling to name either his starting pitching rotation or his starting batting lineup. The majority of the positions were "open for competition"

he said. Specifically he was unsure about his starting first, second, and third basemen as well as pitching staff. Wenrich would most likely an outfield spot and be the closer, Pelta the catcher, and Zimmerman the shortstop.

The team has some significant injury concerns heading into the season. Erich Wolf and Chase Wolf are both coming off injuries, as well as transfer student Andrew Worm. A P/INF who played significantly last season, Shawn Yohe, will miss the season due to knee surgery.

"We should have good team chemistry, these guys are hungry to win," said Seibert, "you can win with sophomores."

Matt Teter, a sophomore middle infielder, is hungry just to get on the field and play. He believes this team has the talent and ability to win a lot of games.

"We want to prove ourselves as a team," said Teter, "there is an attitude that we'll be good down the road, why not be good now?"

Teter believes there is no reason to wait until your jun-

ior and senior years to accumulate experience to be successful. He thinks it is very possible for some of the sophomores to emerge as leaders and to erase any of the cliquy atmospheres that may have held the team back in the past.

Bobby Coleman, a sophomore P/INF, was more pessimistic about the season. He 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 Coleman.

Teter on the other hand does not think the team needed 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.

Women's lacrosse warms up in cold weather

LAURA HUTTON
SPORTS EDITOR

"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 to be the best team out there, not individuals. They are extremely coachable and have the opportunity to do wonderful things, both in conference 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 pre 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 Wuenschel.

"We couldn't ask for a better group of leaders... they lead us in a non-conventional way but they all 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. No mat-

ter what team the play, "Game Day is my favorite day of the week," notes Bliss.

It is not about the team they are playing, it is about being dedicated and thriving off the drive of fellow players. It is more than just a game and the people are more than just your teammates. "They become your family because we are together constantly, even when we're not on the field," Oliver explains.

When each player shows such amazing dedication to their sport on and off the field it becomes clear that, as senior Megan Kingston notes, "everyone has come out this year in shape and ready to play." Due to this love of the sport, "we haven't had a bad practice yet!"

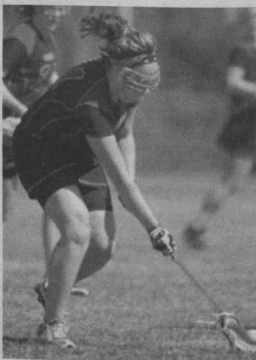
Chemistry is what keeps the team going. If it did not exist the players would not be compelled to play harder and harder each day in freezing conditions. The team looks forward to their games and strives to make conference playoffs and improve last

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 this 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 confer-



LEE OLIVER

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ence 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.

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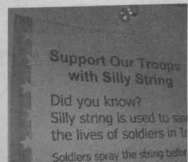
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Rouzer residents warned and fined

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In an attempt to curb problems linked to Rouzer dorm, college administrators met with residents on February 20, and outlined measures that such restrictions as fines and additional campus safety patrols.

According to an email distributed to Rouzer residents, 1st floor residents will be required to pay \$1,042.73 in floor damages; 2nd floor residents will pay \$3,594.40; 3rd floor residents will pay \$2,645.25; and 4th floor residents will pay \$1,859.65. Additionally, \$7,708.75 will be charged to all residents for

damages in areas common to all floors.

Previous Free Press stories exposed some of these damages, reporting that students urinated on toilet seats, vomited in the shower, emptied fire extinguishers, and punched out ceiling tiles. Housekeeping staff members have complained to their supervisors and newspaper staff, indicating that they are "ready to walk out."

Some residents contend that they have been unfairly charged for damages other residents have done.

"I don't understand why my floor would be punished for something another floor did," said Chris Zimmerman

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Associate Dean of Student Affairs Elizabeth Towle, Student Affairs VP Beth Gerl, and Residence Life Coordinator Emerald Christopher held the informational meeting in Decker Auditorium to accommodate all of the residents of Rouzer. The purpose of the meeting was to explain to residents what exactly is occurring in Rouzer Hall with damage issues.

According to Towle, the auditorium was nearly full, meaning that more than half of all residents attended.

"It just needs to stop," said Towle. Towle added that residents were encouraged to

point out who is responsible for the damages so the blame and bills can be passed to individuals instead of the residents as a whole.

The email echoed Towle's sentiments, stating "McDaniel College knows that the majority of men living in Rouzer Hall are not responsible for the listed damages. It is imperative that you share any information that you may have regarding any incidents of vandalism with the Office of Residence Life."

Towle added that the behavior and damages to Rouzer is "the worst it's been" since she has been at McDaniel.

(see "Rouzer" on page 2)

Cocktales shatters male stereotypes

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On Thursday, March 8, *Cocktales* debuted on Alumni Hall's mainstage. Inspired by the *Vagina Monologues*, *Cocktales* features a series of monologues written by McDaniel students to combat stereotypes about men and masculinity.

Dr. Gregory Szulgit, who came up with the idea for the show, believes that gender based stereotypes are difficult to define. He believes that the whole concept of men being from Mars and women from Venus "is crap."

According to Szulgit, the show will lean towards the fun side. There will be pieces

on masturbation and male sex drives, along with more serious pieces on stereotypes and identity issues. He sees the show working in collaboration with the *Vagina Monologues* and not being a reaction to it. The requested five-dollar donation will go to the same domestic violence shelter as the *Vagina Monologues*.

While the *Vagina Monologues* had an exclusively female cast, *Cocktales* will feature a mixed gender cast. Szulgit recruited the peer mentor, Teri Hamer, for his first year seminar, to participate in the production.

Hamer, who was also in the group that brought the *Vagina* (see "Show" on page 3)

Lobby Hero fascinates audiences



Peter Kendall and Andy Fleming act out a scene in the hotel lobby in the play, *Lobby Hero*. The majority of the show took place there.

George Brenton becomes jack-of-all-trades

PAT O'TOOLE
CONTRIBUTOR

He doesn't have any children of his own—but whenever anyone asks, his reply is always, "At any given point, I have 1700." As the blaring siren of a fire engine passed the window of his 192 Pennsylvania Ave. office on a recent morning, his expression was that of an anxious parent. "As long as they leave campus, that's all I care about," he said.

As director of the Physical

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 any-

thing in a building needs to be repaired, whenever the slippery sidewalk needs 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 cam-

pus.

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 out-

side 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 the kind of the mantra. As a Physical Plant, nobody's here unless the students are here."

Keeping him busy day and (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 for the alumni for about half a century. 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 Lathroum. "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.

Rouzer meeting

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Students were also informed of the steps that have been taken to mitigate further damages.

A campus safety officer has been placed on patrol in Rouzer Hall from midnight until 4 a.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

The cost of the extra patrol hours has been passed onto residents.

The hope is that the cost of the officer will be less than the cost of damages.

"[It [the meeting] was] bullsh--. It's good that they are bringing it to our attention, but the measures they are talking about are unnecessary," said Antonio Bonaddio '10.

If the trend of damages continues, administrators

vow to take more measures.

According to the email, students may not be allowed to have any guests, including any students enrolled at McDaniel College.

Some students believe the meeting had an impact.

"Stuff's been clearing up. There hasn't been too much since the meeting," said Dan Crutchfield '10.

Indeed, since the meeting, incidents have dropped off. According to the March 1 campus safety blotter, no damages were reported after February 20.

Prior to the meeting, during the week of February 15, more than five instances were reported.

The lighter side of the campus safety blotter

Sometimes, butts need comfy cushioning

ROB GOEKE
STAFF WRITER

(Editor's note: Rob Goek's commentary highlights some of the insane calls to which campus safety responds.)

Throughout my four years here at McDaniel, my butt 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 seats 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 gluteus 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 blotter was peppered with reports of people slipping, fender benders and the like. One highlight: the Durango had trouble parking and got dinged.

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 the Old Gravel Parking lot. One of the many plow trucks that covered campus after the storm (And did a good job, by the way. I got about 30 hours of sleep between that Wednesday and Thursday. Thanks guys!) drove past and tried to help the student by moving some snow out of the car's way.

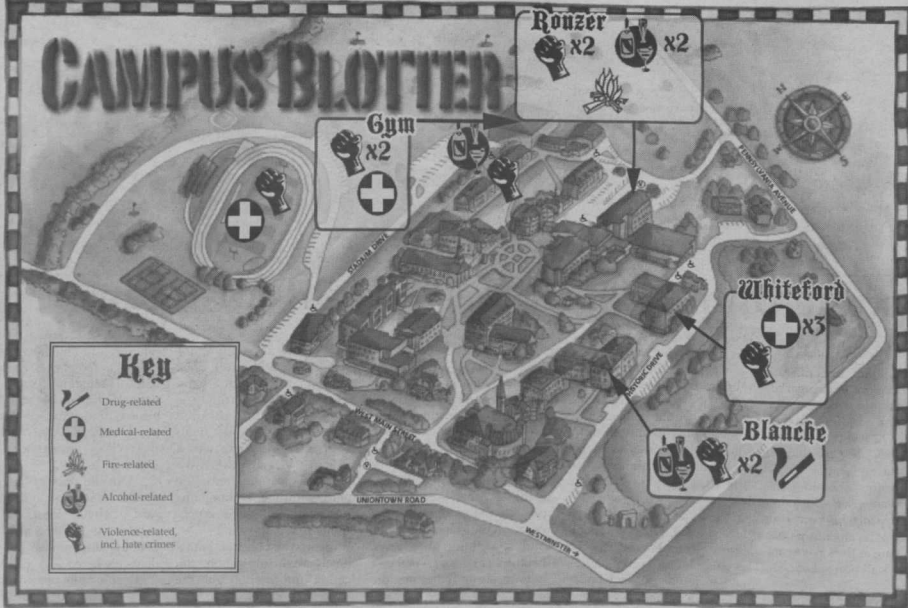
Of course, in the process of doing so, the plow hit the car's bumper. Sucks to be them.

There was also an interesting alcohol citation early on the morning of February 18, as students were documented for "preparing to play drinking

games."

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.

Also, 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 walkway in front of your house the morning after Halloween. You see athletes celebrating with it after they have won a championship. Now a weapon in the War on Terror?

Yes that is right. The U.S. military in Iraq is using Silly String to save lives. Before entering buildings soldiers spray the plastic, stringy goo 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. "Somebody asked to donate a check. We are hoping for more donations."

Money is also needed because it covers the cost of shipping. It is hard to send cans 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 shipping fee to deliver 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 Store will be shipped to the troops by the store who will cover the cost of shipping.

But Hollingsworth is not stopping there 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 not 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, sisters or a parent overseas.

"It is a place where people can come and feel comfortable," Hollingsworth explained about the support group.

The project is now in its final stages of development. Flores and Hollingsworth are in the middle of finding sites to hold the meetings. Preliminary sites are VFW and

American Legion Halls as well as the McDaniel campus.

"[It] depends on the demands," said Flores. "We don't know what the needs are yet."

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 know 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 honors society and the D.I.V.A.S. have contributed in the past year-and-a-half.

In December of 2005, the D.I.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.

Cocktales addresses male 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 it is not just one type of person who is participating in this production. According to her, the cast runs the gamut from theater majors to 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're all 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 in general. One of the more 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 had previous experience in theater. He became interested in Cocktales from Szulgit'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 Cocktales is profound and original. Stinson believes that the guys who are performing in Cocktales 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

when they leave, even if some of the subject material is "out in left field."



Soul food unites past ideology with reality

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STAFF WRITER

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 started with an explanation of the evolution of soul food. The origins of soul food can be traced to before the slave trade where Africans had mostly a vegetarian diet of grains, legumes, yams, sorghum, watermelon, pumpkin, okra, onion, garlic, cucumber and eggplant. As Africans entered into slavery in the United States their diet changed; the fresh vegetables were replaced by throwaway 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 lard from the slaughtered pigs and cracklin' from its skin. African slaves 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.

Mealtime to the African slaves was a time to have "good times." The "family" would join together and feed not only their bodies but also 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 stuck.

After a dinner of fried chicken, string beans, corn bread, salad, macaroni and cheese, cakes, and pies the BSU used the time following the dinner to feed the souls of the audience.

The BSU sponsored a performance by the Pin Points Theater Company, an educa-

tional 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 incorporated 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 not just 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." But 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 soft-

ened. 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.

Harlem Renaissance



Students playing roulette drinking mocktails.

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MacLea housekeeper leaves lasting impression

MELANIE CHUPEIN
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She 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 steps. Any reference to her immediately sparks a smile. Galarza cleans DMC every day, a job that is often overlooked, with

a warm presence and a genuine interest in those who pass her. Her dedication to her work and her interactions with students make her an unsung hero.

Galarza was born in Peru and came to the United States in 1986. She's been at McDaniel since 2003 and the two areas she's been assigned to are DMC and Peterson Hall, the art building. She's married to Santos Galarza. Together they have two boys, Manuel, 16, and Dave, 13 and reside in Westminster. After work Galarza says, "I want to see my dog," a poodle named Kenny. She also cooks, cleans her house, runs errands and visits her sister and brother in New York.

In addition to her family at home, Galarza refers to the students here as another part of her family.

"First year I come over here a lot of children say good morning," Galarza said. "I love it. It's like my family."

Galarza enjoys working in DMC and seeing all of the "happy children," she says. "Children in MacLea I want to see [them] hard working.

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."

Whelan says he knows Galarza just like he knows the other 35 members of his staff—very well. He describes her as a "very loyal, dedicated, caring individual." Galarza is a reliable employee who "will go the extra mile to help you in any way she can" and "she is a fantastic mother and wife."

Whelan recalls one unforgettable incident involving a bat.

"I remember Lori in a panic while informing me that a bat was in one of the stairwells in DMC. Someone left the stairwell window open and sure enough, there was a bat in Lori's stairwell. For the longest time Lori would carry her cleaning broom in the club

position while walking [the] DMC stairs," said Whelan. "She assured me that she wasn't afraid of bats."

Students in DMC agree that Galarza is a wonderful housekeeper. In fact, this past Christmas many of the residents contributed money to buy her a gift in appreciation for all her hard work.

However, many DMC residents still aren't aware of Galarza's name despite conversing with her almost on a daily basis.

Desilyn Coverley, a sophomore who has lived in DMC for one and a half years, said, "She's very nice and friendly. She says hello and talks to me every time I see her."

Coverley admits that she doesn't show Galarza appreciation for doing her job.

"I don't really thank her in person," Coverley said. "I think it's because I take for granted that she is keeping DMC nice and tidy."

Freshman Alex Vazzano and his suitmates perceive Galarza as "very friendly."

"I always say hi to her when I pass her and she always smiles," Vazzano said. "She is

usually very quick to do her job so she doesn't get in people's way."

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 shakes off 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 McDaniel 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."



SHAUN PRYDE

Brenton manages 'the Hill' like his home

(from "Brenton," page 1)

night, the response to the power outage exemplified the need for Brenton's position, one that actually remained vacant for a period of 13 years prior to his arrival in the fall of 2005. The position is a supplement to each of the directors of Physical Plant's three main sections, who are capable of operating independently. Prior to Brenton's arrival, they reported to Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance.

"He's increased the responsiveness of the Physical Plant," Seidel said. "I think he brings more attention and focus to the issues that need it.... He understands the student body's needs and how to meet them, which is a nice added dimension."

In speaking with members of the administration and staff, it becomes apparent that Brenton's experience with the campus as an alum, his diplomatic abilities, and his patience have all been significant assets to the school.

"George is easy to work

with, he is always willing to listen to the problems and ideas that we have," said Philip Boob, director of grounds and special events. "I feel that he is looking to improve the department as well as the overall facilities of the college."

Brenton, a jack-of-all-trades who is happy to be hands-on, is humble about his success.

"The fact that I'm here now helps them continue to do the good job they've always done," Brenton said. "I'm the liaison between the campus and these guys. When a need comes up, I can be there to do the evaluation of what the project might entail and... come up with a way that we can all work together to make the situation better."

Elizabeth Towle, associate dean of Student Affairs, appreciates Brenton's focus on instituting some of the technological advancements the school has been in need of.

It is apparent that Brenton's experience with the campus as an alum, his diplomatic abilities, and his patience have all been significant assets to the school.

"There really wasn't anybody to coordinate them or research what we can do and how to do it, go through that process and implement it," Towle said. "He's very practical, knows what will have to be done down the road, and wants to go ahead and do it."

Some of the improvements Brenton is instituting include updating the heating system with a feature that will allow for the temperatures in each building to be remotely regulated, a change that anyone who has ever had to open a window in the winter will appreciate.

For Brenton, his newly acquired position is just the most recent involvement he has had with the college since his 1985 graduation from

then-Western Maryland. He had been active with the Young Alumni Committee and volunteered at alumni events.

His wife, Robin Adams Brenton, associate vice president of alumni relations and annual giving, is a 1986 graduate.

Jestingly called the "first couple of McDaniel" by friends, the pair truly are model alumni. They were married in Big Baker, had their rehearsal dinner in McDaniel Lounge, and have surrounded themselves with McDaniel College regalia in their home. For Brenton, a Navy brat who moved from place to place for most of his childhood, the college has truly become his home.

"I had my formative years here, and we spent so much time here it's ingrained in me," he said. "We've got two cars: a green car and a gold car. It's kind of sappily, but

that's the way it is."

The couple now relishes the opportunity to work for the school they have been attached to for so many years. Prior to interviewing for his position, Brenton was working for a building services provider in southern Pennsylvania. He ended up leaving that job after a disagreement with his employer over wage gouging of the staff, but the experience he gained there prepared him for the job he now holds. What seemed like a confusing period in his life suddenly makes sense in the grand scheme, he notes.

"Really, truly, this is his dream job," Robin said. "It was always his dream job, but he didn't know it until he got into it."

Listening to Brenton talk, it is apparent that the past year has been rewarding for him.

"It's hard work, but I love it," he said. "I'm taking care of the place, and I love this place. It used to be a hobby before, but now it's a profession, too."

Father, son savor academic competition

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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 Stydinger, 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 concerned because I don't know if my departments (Poli. Sci. and German) hand out A-pluses, and that's what I need to top his summa cum laude nonsense. Of course, I want to top it. I naturally work hard, because academics are really all I have. I don't play sports or anything, but yes, on a subtle level, it [the competition] makes me work harder."

Dennis is studying Political Science/International Relations and is hoping to create his own major revolving around German. "I want to take my degree and maybe work with the Foreign Service, or work for a human rights organization, maybe be an activist. Basically, I want to change the world, despite how egocentric that sounds,"

he says.

Like the common saying, "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree," Dennis' ambitious attitude towards learning stems largely from the influences of his father.

Nelson, decided to return to the school setting after he was offered the opportunity from the Veterans Administration. Now he is in his senior year at McDaniel College and is majoring in Communication while also completing a minor in Writing. In addition to attending classes, he works as the Executive Director of Mountain View Bible Camp for Children in Manchester, MD.

Before that, he retired from the US Army after 22 years of service, spending that time in Military Intelligence as a Polish and Arabic Interrogation Technician. He also spent two years in Vietnam.

As experienced as he is though, Nelson admits that he had to play catch-up with his son's grades. "Unfortunately," 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 now set the "bench-mark." After Nelson received the Aristotle Award, Dennis confessed it would be hard to fill his father's shoes.

"I inherited his desire to

learn, so that whole aspect of a constantly driven search for knowledge doesn't seem out of the ordinary to me. It's just sort of how he and I function, which is scary, I know. I definitely admire my father's integrity, his work ethic, his ridiculous intelligence, and the way that he always pushes me to do really well," says Dennis.

Although his son accepts him as a student, Nelson describes that the situation in the classroom can be somewhat isolated. He's actually co-written an article on the subject that was published in the College Quarterly journal. He explains, "Though some of my classmates accept me and even talk to me...perhaps [others] feel intimidated, or it's just too much like talking to their parents."

But Nelson is flattered that Dennis seems to enjoy having him around, and the feeling is mutual — one instance in particular is when it comes to creating laughs.

"He might tell you that I do everything in my power to obnoxiously embarrass him whenever I see him on campus. And that's true..."

Dennis will not deny the other perks of sharing a campus with his

dad.

"Well, sometimes I bum rides off of him, save some gas and money. But the best part is that since he's been going here for a couple years now, he can show me where things are, certain offices I need to find, 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 "goat-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

Stydinger, Audrey, (currently attending North Carroll Middle School), conditioning her way into the family tradition of academics, who has also won her share of writing awards.

Only time will tell who will be crowned victor of the academic challenge. Will it be Nelson, with wisdom and experience — far surpassing that of his son? Or will it be Dennis, inherently infused with an aggressive and competitive nature?

As Dennis puts it, "I pretend the age/experience difference isn't there. Maybe I am at a disadvantage, but it'll just make it so much better when I own him."



Father Nelson Stydinger, 58, and his 18-year-old Dennis.

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 doubles as a VCR stand. This saves room for the books.

Books for classes alone are stacked near head high on her desk and free reading books hide out under her bed along with assorted stuffed animals, the most notable being a rose-bearing hedgehog. The rest of the floor space (aside from a little walking space) is just enough for a decorative chair to hold more books and accumulated materials such as yarn, which is used for crochet

projects.

Step two: Stock up on knick-knacks and posters. She says a lot of her pictures are Rep-Raphaellite. There's Waterhouse's *The Lady of Shalott* and *La Belle Dame Sans Merci*, Leighton's *The Accolade*, and several other romance or knight-themed pieces. For contrast, and because she was in need of an elongated poster to fit over the closet, there is a triptych of Monet paintings. The Stealer's pennant breaks up the theme even more.

The shelf part of her desk well-covered; she holds there her collection of sand castle figures and variety is thrown in with a Venetian glass turtle like a sweeter version of Godzilla, terrorizing sand fortresses. The glass turtle comes from her parents' trip to Italy, along with an amazing cream-colored Venetian

mask with gold decoration and red lips, and postcards of Venice, Rome, and Florence on the refrigerator. Remaining room goes to a Care Bears calendar, pictures of family and her boyfriend and tributes to college life, like a painted Phi Mu brick.

Step three: Find out what glitch the room hides. Maybe this is step two, but normally you don't find problems until you've set up. It's Murphy's Law. The quirk of this room is heat. There is some strange and unreasonable piping system oddity which dictates that a hot pipe must run through her room. Stecyk has talked to someone about this, but she says she was told, "unless I see steam coming out of my wall," nothing will be fixed. Thus her room is titled "the oven."

Her remedy is an open window and a fan, which does

take the edge off. Sahara-like temperature aside, she seems happy with it. The small size of the room isn't an issue either. She says there are some even smaller or stranger-shaped rooms in A&W, but

then again she's seen bigger rooms too.

Guess this room is "just right," to quote Goldie Locks. It is cozy, despite any construction flaws, and it's decorated 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.

60 SECONDS

Compiled by Christina Hinkle

If you could go anywhere in the world for spring break, where would it be?



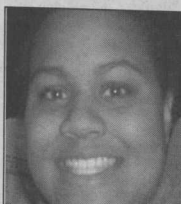
Cristina Cone, '09



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Jon Gregory '08



Amanda Gushard-Edwards '09



Janine Volz '09

"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 New Zealand because the Lord of the Ring movies were filmed there and because it is supposed to be gorgeous."

"I would go to Fort Meyers, Florida to hang out with my boyfriend and meet his family."

Glar suggestions- paper napkin democracy

KATELYNN MCGINLEY
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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 "hussle" [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,

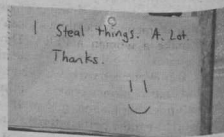
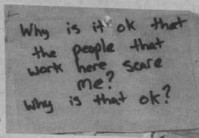
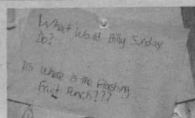
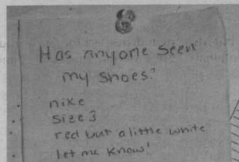
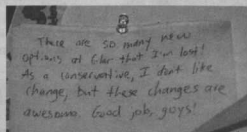
thinks we should all just shut up and drink our Gatorade. "The food isn't bad. I don't understand why so many students complain about it." But, the employee is quick to add that "the comment boards are a nice idea. We have fun looking at them."

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 'misguided, misleading'

Greetings, Editor,

Wow. Where to begin? I suppose I'll start by saying "Thank you" for publishing the letter by Chelsea Phillips, her attempt (George Bush deserves praise, not bashing, 23 Feb 07) to provide a counter-argument to the anonymous letter from the previous issue, entitled Enough is Enough. I did not read the previous article, but I am sure I understand the gist of it, based on her comments.

That said, many of her points were awkward, misguided, misleading, or redundant, and I would like to address them.

1) The existence of a "liberal bias" in the media has been known for centuries (well before the New World, there was old-world yellow journalism), so her argument showing the existence of a liberal bias in an element of the media, namely the McDaniel Free Press, is unnecessary. The only non-left leaning outlets tend to be strongly right-leaning outlets, most 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 information. I am apparently a hypocrite in this respect, as my news comes in the form of the New York Times daily email, NPR member stations on my 45+ minute commute to and from school, and CNN when I am at home. Though these are close to center, they still can be said to be left-leaning. Regardless, I recognize the presence of bias and try to account for it in the reports I read and hear.

2) Plenty of feminists and masculists have complained about Eve Ensler's Vagina Monologues, but her play is important, as it and the VDay foundation raise awareness and funds in support of the fight against violence against women. The core of the play is the unifying factor among all women, which has also been the unifying factor among the sources of violence against women, namely the presence (presumed or real) of a vagina.

Superficially, the play can be seen as trivializing the fight down to anatomy, but the impact of the play is intended to be much deeper and expands the connections among women to the things that make a woman a PERSON.

The choice of what Ms. Phillips calls, "social deviancy, sexual perversion, and male bashing," are only parts of the play, interpreted in an antagonistic fashion, and are, regardless of perspective, parts of our society and rooted in the vast number of interviews and body of research performed in preparation for the play. These elements of truth are

what make the play more than just a Lifetime network after-school special about what to do when your boyfriend hits you. Again. I was not able to attend this year's performance, but last year's was somewhat disappointing, but I wouldn't chalk up a poor performance on a terrifically wet and snowy night to the play itself being bad. As for the question of, "[w]ould we allow men to attack women the way Monologues attacks 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: biological bases of sexual coercion, there is not a single society on record without some incidence of rape. The two that had been believed to have been free of incidents of rape were later found to have been covered up by the society in one case, and a social modification of the facts in the other.

The Monologues raises awareness of this problem and related acts of violence against women and exercises one attempt to work toward a solution. "Feminists of the world, unite!" indeed.

3) Richard Reich defines the left/ right, liberal/ conservative dichotomy as the balance and fight between change and preservation (conservatives wish to "conserve" the status quo).

Conserving the status quo in this case means endorsing the pay divide, glass ceiling, and institutionalized objectification of women. In that case, let the liberal media reign. The reason the media tends to be left leaning is that the conservatives tend to be happy with the state of things and wish to keep things as they are—the only thing they have to speak out against is change. Historically, this has meant "fat, balding, middle-aged, white men telling us what to do with our bodies" (Sonya Renee Taylor). Essentially, they would like to continue the conditions that allowed them to become wealthy, which has typically meant underselling some minority or another with policies that benefit the wealthy upper-class at the expense of the lower- and marginalized-classes. To quote Chris August, "Change happens when one asshole can't keep his mouth shut." Those initiators of change tend to be individuals "on the left" who wish for things to improve.

4) On the point of "liberals" and what "the liberals want you to believe," I know of no single respected individual advocating that "[sexual] abstinence is bad." That is a ridiculous, hyperbolic statement which few outside of a hypersexual cult would profess to support. Every sexual

education/ health class that deals with reproductive and sexual health education states in some way or another that abstinence is the ONLY 100% effective safe-sex practice, as it is, indeed, the only truly safe sex (if it can be said that "no sex" is "safe sex"). The problem comes when the "education" ends there. When kids move beyond a cloistered, abstinence-only educational environment and are unfamiliar with the proper use of conception- and disease-control mechanisms within an uncontrolled, sexual environment, they endanger themselves and others. THAT is why the liberals want comprehensive sex-education and not "abstinence-only" sex-lectures.

5) Regarding the economic discussion, I agree with Ms. Phillips in that "not ALL economists believe that capitalism is a failure or that all people are intrinsically selfish." However, much as we have never seen a truly communist nation-state, neither have we seen a truly capitalist nation-state, even "the great Satan" as Khomeini called us. According to the Manifesto of the Communist Party, Marx and Engels would describe U.S.S.R., Cuba, China, and the other socialist states as that: socialist, or as some other derivation besides communist. At the same time, America and "The West" do not practice true capitalism, either. Whereas pure communism depends upon every single member of the commune working toward the good of the commune, everyone on the same footing, pure capitalism depends upon everyone working to ensure the prosperity of his/ her neighbors, so that money will feed back to promote prosperity for the individual. In other words, in order for me to make as much money as possible,

I need to make sure you make as much money as possible, so you'll then 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 are two significantly different individuals. Mr. Bush has not ordered the killing of thousands of his own citizens (unless one were to extrapolate the unprovoked war in Iraq, which has led to 3157 American deaths (<http://icasualties.org/oif/>) under his orders against the better judgment of the world as Mr. Bush ordering the killing of thousands of his own citizens.), has not utilized chemical and biological warfare against his own citizens (unless one were to extrapolate Mr. Bush's roll-back of environmental protections, provision of tax shelters for environmentally irresponsible

companies, and being Governor of the only city in America in recent years to unthroned L.A. for "worst air pollution" as utilizing chemical and biological warfare against his own citizens), nor has he unprovokedly attacked his direct neighbors (this last one's about it. We haven't invaded Mexico or Canada).

"But, going back to the President's latest decision to step up troop involvement in Iraq, why don't we just agree to disagree for a moment." WHAT?!!!

NO, we can't "just agree to disagree!" When it comes to sending 120,000 American military men and women, plus unknown numbers of State Department employees for the PRs, there is no "agree to disagree." Please note that sending roughly 21,000 combat troops requires nearly 100,000 more support staff, specialists, officers, and enlisted men and the Provincial Reconstruction Teams will each require scores of individuals from the Foreign Service. Either we send them, or we don't.

His decision to use "cowboy diplomacy" or as one pundit called it "coercive diplomacy, without the diplomacy" is flawed to its core and represents a refusal to truly take into account alternative viewpoints.

The overwhelming majority of non-yes-men have said, time and again, that this escalation ("Surge") would imply it would happen quickly) is an improper tactic that goes against the opinion of the majority of tacticians. The only supporters of escalation are either consistent, unflinching followers of Mr. Bush or the minority of tacticians, Senator McCain among them, who believe 21,000 is not enough, and would like to see even more troops sent in.

There has long been a pattern in this administration of ignoring the opinion of the opposition—what is what led us in 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 mostly modernize the infrastructure of his country during his time in power), but Mr. Bush's cattle herd intentionally fabricated and/ or misrepresented information to support the case for war in Iraq and still failed to garner international support for invasion from the UN Security Council or General Assembly. As a result, we overwhelmed the vastly inferior Iraqi military and overthrew the tyrant in a matter of weeks, true.

But we did so with a horribly underdeveloped strate-

gy for follow-through, did not protect sensitive sites like power stations, ammunition caches, and museums housing some of the oldest civilized artifacts in the world, and opened the way for a sectarian conflict and internal struggle which has murdered or displaced millions of innocent Iraqi citizens and thousands of brave men and women who swore to protect the constitution and obey their orders. They have done so admirably and valiantly and should be celebrated. They deserve praise.

The petulant and inappropriate 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 George H. W. Bush after Desert Storm has happened for those reasons and for the immature belief that we would reap the benefits of a sympathetic partner in the Middle-East, not for any actual threat.

As such, there are even greater atrocities occurring around the globe, which we are no longer prepared to attend, due to our thin-worm military.

Additionally, by "over-reaching our boundaries" and attempting to dictate the actions of the international community, we have worn thin our welcome, abused our friendships, destroyed our credibility in the international forum, and enflamed the angry passions of countless more individuals who now wish us harm.

The arrogant and selfish desires of a megalomaniac who usurped the Oval Office and has abused his position to expand his personal power, often against the law or conscience, however, do not deserve the praise of any American.

Do I 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 disgraced the concept of traditional values through his disturbing over-reaching of power into the homes of Americans, has threatened our national defense with his "cowboy diplomacy" desecrated the Oval Office with his own disrespect for the boundaries of the institution, and has evidenced a vibrant misunderstanding of the benefits of capitalism with his tax and social policies which support the wealthy and increase the hardships on the poor.

THAT does not deserve my praise or the praise of anyone, like myself, proud to be an American.

Yours,
David Schein II

SYMBOLIC INTERPRETATIONS

OF DEATH

PROFESSOR SUSAN BLOOM'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 OF THE CLASS, EACH DEPICTING THEIR OWN EXPRESSION OF DEATH AND ITS NUANCES.

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Luckiest day of year makes day go 'round

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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 bopper 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 there 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.



Pack CDs, snacks- It's Spring Break time

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 and partying is fun for a few days, but taking a road trip has proven to be one of the best ways to spend your days off. For me, nothing says vacation like sitting in five hours of Jersey Turnpike traffic, only to find more traffic on the Garden State Parkway, and

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 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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Sadly, we are still not a color blind nation

SARAH BLACK
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I have a bone to pick with society. No, this isn't a political 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 do with the recent pulling of the race card to highlight the accomplishments of certain celebrities. The particular race card I'm speaking of is the black one. I'm all for recognizing people'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 championship, I heard they were black—is that really necessary?

I feel that still acknowledging the fact these people are a different color just perpetuates the cycle of racism in this country. Our constant acknowledgement of their difference in color makes it seem as if color is still an issue. And it shouldn't be. Another example 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—was that they were black and had one awards. Again...why?

Senior Laura Borchers expresses her concerns: "We shouldn't recognize the color of an individual's skin. By acknowledging the race, peo-

ple are encouraging separation 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 displayed through the acknowledgment 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 realizations 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 purposes good or bad. However, Senior Terre Thomas believes it is a good thing to recognize a black person's color. "It's good because of all we've fought for," she said. On the other hand, she admitted that for people who don't discriminate in the first place, "its significance 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 suffering. I would hope that they are not, but the repeated recognition that a person is black is in a way 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 recognition of people's skin color is proof that racism is still an issue in this country.

We are, without reason, continuing the cycle of racism because we simply cannot look past someone's skin color. We are supposedly in a land of equal opportunity but we seem to contradict this idea by constantly recognizing that someone has accomplished a great deal, and oh my goodness, they're black too! A person's skin color is almost

always the first thing we distinguish 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 century and we still can't call ourselves as a nation, color blind. It's ridiculous and incredibly sad.



Barack Obama—Not black enough?

Correction: In the February 23 edition of the *McDaniel Free Press*, there was a mistake made in the article "Isaac offers outstanding career guidance." Though she did make positive contributions to the office, April Johnson made improvements to the office's webpage.

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Ten people. Eight cocks. Sixteen stories. All of this leads up to the performance, which is the male version of the *Vagina Monologues*: "Cocktales."

When I first heard about "Cocktales," I was very interested, but had no idea what exactly it was going to be about. Would it be a satirical poke and prod at *Vagina Monologues*? Would it be a serious set of stories, exactly the same as *Vagina Monologues*? I just didn't know. So I went to the interest meeting and decided to become involved.

What it turned out to be was something similar and yet different from *Vagina Monologues*. While maintaining a serious bent, there are several periods of humor, involving guys making fun of

their own stereotypes, themselves, and most aspects of being a man.

But like I said, there are serious matters discussed as well. There are issues of sexuality, of our bodies, and of attempted rape. The cast of our performance includes eight guys and two girls.

From the outset, it was decided by the participants, led by Professor Greg Szulgit, that this would not be something that makes fun of the *Vagina Monologues*, nor would it be a reaction against it. It would simply be our own version of it. The girls got involved because we felt it would be good to have the women's point of view on the same issues that we ourselves discussed.

The people in the cast wrote most of the pieces. We had great times reading them to each other for the first time; sometimes it was a little awk-

ward at first, but we quickly got over that. We had about six meetings total in order to put everything together, to get to know the others and gather a properly sized cast. Considering the relatively small amount of meetings, the whole process went very, very well.

A large part of this is due to the efforts of Professor Szulgit. He led us from the beginning all the way through the performance. While there were many times where we went off on tangents and joked around, he always kept us focused on what needed to be accomplished.

Overall, the experience that I had with "Cocktales" was fun from beginning to end. I fully intend to continue my involvement with the show in the future. I hope it continues after I'm gone, then I can say "Hey, I was there when it started!"

If you feel down --- pick this up

By TorreJordan Jordan

"What others say of me matters little; what I myself say and do matters much."

Elbert Hubbard
American philosopher and writer

Regardless of what we do people are going to criticize our choices, actions and beliefs. However, the confidence you seek is found within you.



Careless? Unfortunately, STDs spare no one

KATHRYN YOUNG
FEATURES EDITOR

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 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, again. You 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 make you infertile? Probably not, but you're fine because you and your partner have been tested.

Well unless you have been tested for all STDs, and gone eight weeks without any sexual contact; have gotten tested for hepatitis B, Chlamydia, gonorrhea, HIV, and syphilis; and have no exterior unidentified

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 they have an STD, especially if it can't be cured 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 soon if you can overcome it, others will begin to look past the STD.

The easiest way, of course, to protect yourself from STDs is to remain abstinent. But easier said than done, either way

you should be prepared and knowledgeable about STDs. After all, things you don't plan can happen anyway.

If you are going to have sex it is safest to do it with a long-term monogamous boyfriend or girlfriend. Even in long-term relationships things can go wrong.

McDaniel student says, "My boyfriend who I have been with for about two years didn't know that cold sores were herpes and that even when he found out that it was he didn't know that it can be transmitted orally to the genitals."

In short, there are many STDs and many people have them. And because females are twice as susceptible to STDs rather than men, the only true safe sex is masturbation. You must be extremely careful.

If you are sexually active there is no guarantee that you are completely void of getting and spreading an STD. However, you can greatly reduce your risk by protecting yourself and your partner in these various ways:

- (1) Have your partner wear a condom (even during oral sex), however it is important to realize that a condom doesn't make sex 100 percent safe.
- (2) Get tested regularly.
- (3) Keep a mental note of your sexual partners.
- (4) Ask about your partner's sexual history.

they had never reached the pinnacle of success (for Peyton a Super Bowl ring, for Marty an Oscar). This made for endless conversations and debate over whether these men would ever be recognized for their achievements.

Both are highly touted professionals 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 had 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

Speak freely, often

A letter to the editor

LIANNE PRICE
READER

I am writing to "George Bush deserves praise, not bashing" by Chelsea Phillips.

Although I, too, could write a page-long rant, I do not have the luxury of time to expend on a non-income related task" either.

The McDaniel Free Press is exactly as the name proclaims it free. Free from bias, free from "the liberals" telling you what to 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 viewpoint of a Republican. That, of course, is not the fault of the students involved in The Free Press, or "The Author," whomever he or she is.

Take the initiative and represent what you believe in! However, do not bash another's article or letter to make your point. While I agree the Vagina Monologues is a bit over-the-top, it is a liberating way for women to bond as well as raise money for a great and worthwhile cause. Instead, I suppose we could combat gender inequality by

celebrating a woman's right to choose or two women showing their love in a civil union! Oh wait, I almost forgot... President Bush is attempting to eradicate both of those.

I firmly believe fighting a war based on lies and the pursuit of a resource that will only last our Cadillac Escalade-hungry country another 50 to 75 years, places both President Bush and Vice President Cheney in the same league as Saddam Hussein. All three men have taken advantage of their people and so many are still dying, from both Iraq and the United States.

So please, write back and voice your opinions! It took me four years, but I finally have! We are in college to explore new and different ways of life and open ourselves to others. If you want to see more of your viewpoint in The McDaniel Free Press, it is up to YOU.

And one "final nail in the coffin"... all of the kids receiving the abstinence-only sex education are growing up quickly. Is it when they start having sex and don't know the basics of contraception when the real magic happens?

Live and let live.
Lianne Price

It's a new semester, and **you** know what that

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write, we want you. If you have

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A year of well-deserved rewards for many

GEOFF PECKHAM
BUDAPEST CORRESPONDENT

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 of 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)

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 move on without reaching what it was you set out to achieve.

But it can also be 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. Why 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 study-

ing abroad after wanting to 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. Whatever "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 really can pay off in the long run.

The Author: 'I can't even read that number'

THE AUTHOR

Spiro Agnew has attacked the *McDaniel Free Press*. Apparently, he has not yet died, and has in fact been reincarnated in the form of one of the *Free Press* readers. Unfortunately for him, The Author cannot and will not apologize for the lack of so-called conservative coverage in the *Free Press*.

If something conservative happens on campus, then it might be in the newspaper. But lecturing the media on biased coverage gets us nowhere. It only infuriates those who purport to go about their jobs objectively, encouraging them to attack those who make claims against them.

All a newspaper can do is reflect the public sentiment, and right now, no one likes Bush, people like safe sex, and students understand the good that can come from a radical performance about vaginas.

If that offends you, readers, go change their minds, don't contend that the *Free Press* is biased.

And come on, who knows how to spell "laissez-faire" anyway. I'd like to call it lazy (*unfair economics*). My implication in the editorial published Feb 8 that any economist

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thinks capitalism fails moved too far into my argument.

What I really mean is that any economist will tell you that people are greedy and will set up obstructionist economic policies that deprive others (poor people and third-world nations) of an equal opportunity to succeed in the market. This is an obvious failure of capitalism as it exists even today.

Just check *The Theory of Moral Sentiments* and you will see that Adam Smith thinks capitalism is natural, necessary, and moral—under the right conditions. The economic system we have today is unfair to the poor and we are too lazy to change it. Smith would be ashamed.

Am I privileged? Of course. My life is awesome. I love it. In my mind, I'm ridiculously privileged and I feel bad about it. I feel so bad about it that I write opinion pieces about things that matter to me instead of slaving at a run-of-the-mill job to make someone else rich.

Who doesn't enjoy an upper-middle class revolution every now and then?

Check Max Weber's *Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*. At least I took the time to read the book. It's dreadfully boring, but Weber exposes the fetish American Christians have with making money.

In Britain, Protestantism meant a disdain for earning money. Methodism comes to the US, and suddenly, we have religion justifying the pursuit of profit.

And I must be clear, Karl Marx is not the man. In fact, I never mentioned Marx in any fashion. He's really boring to read, though that might be Engels' fault, and he has bad economics. The labor theory of value is a myth, but he is 100 percent correct in his analysis that the working classes are exploited at the benefit of the elite. Marx saw inequalities and held rampant monopolistic capitalism guilty.

I look around today and I see a similar picture, except it is far more complicated. Middle-class America is held prisoner by an executive branch in league with corporate executives. Instead of

empowerment, Americans are fed a steady dose of stagnant consumerist culture—TV. Some people have to work to live, this is true, but they need not spend all their money on cigarettes, alcohol, and video games.

So we choose, but we make the wrong choices. We could take risks and move public opinion, shape new market demands, but we won't. All Americans want to do is sit in front of their TVs and melt their brains to the tune of *American Idol* and *ESPN Sportscenter*. Get off your couch and do something. Please, could you Americans for once not apologize for the status quo? Every time you buy those books at Barnes & Noble, you perpetuate the unequal cycles of economic activity, solidifying the very system that exploits you without permission.

The [p]resident of the United States, George Walker Bush, is still in office. He's increased the deficit. How? By leading our proud nation into unpopular wars in the Middle East. And he's threatening to do it again. Just check

Newsweek: When will this guy learn?

The Outstanding Public Debt is \$8,774,884,079,794.03. I can't even read that number. And it increases by \$1.77 billion every day (from http://www.brillig.com/debt_clock/). It's a fact that my money now has less value because the government has flooded the market with its unchecked spending. Almost \$9 trillion is out on the market—money that I now cannot have.

The leviathan that is the federal government distorts the market, making it harder for the poorest of the poor to get jobs.

No one, not even Bill Gates whom we all love to pick on, can match the spending power of the government. So the government spends, so the economy goes.

If he's gonna spend so much, the least Bush could do is spearhead universal health-care for his own people. But no, 21,000 troops is far more necessary.

Maybe they can kill another 700,000 Iraqis—clearly that's improving their lives. The war on terror is a joke. I'm not happy with how the government is spending our money. Are you?

Observations of a dirty, liberal student

A letter to the editor

PATRICK STINSON
READER

Reading Ms. Phillips' letter to the editor of February 23, 2007, I'm not sure whether to cheer or cry. On the one hand, it takes a great deal of courage to argue on behalf of your own beliefs, and substantial effort to write such a lengthy article on the subject. Considering the almost shocking indifference of Americans today, I felt her passion as a breath of fresh air.

However, the letter also highlighted some of the worst aspects of modern American politics...a prudish distaste of sexuality, questionable attention to facts and logic, and most concerning of all, fanatical devotion to Dear Leader...er, President George W. Bush.

I'll address these one at a time, to avoid replicating her unfocused, meandering rant. Ms. Phillips is upset with the *McDaniel Free Press* for covering Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues*, a bona fide event that packed Alumni Hall to the gills. She claims that the *Monologues* show "social deviancy, sexual perversion, and male-bashing." Well, as a male, the *Monologues* didn't offend me, and the only material I can think of that could be considered deviant or perverted would be the material relating

to lesbianism. If Ms. Phillips has a serious problem with lesbians, that's her opinion, but she may want to note that we are no longer living in the 1950s. But as she reveals at the end of her screed, her real beef is "feminism." Why Ms. Phillips does not support the equality of women and men, especially since she seems to be an educated and passionate voter, is beyond the comprehension of this feminist.

Nor do I understand why Ms. Phillips has such a deep resentment towards an entertainment phenomenon that has raised \$30 million to stop violence against women, more specifically offering thousands of dollars to the local women's shelter.

The only conclusion that I can draw is that her "Protestant work ethic" has led her to mindlessly lash out at any public discussion of sexuality. Her "final nail in the coffin," an apparent snipe at sex education, loses much of its force when one examines the relative success rates of abstinence-only sex education and more comprehensive programs—which, as she probably knows, do instruct that abstinence is the safest strategy.

Next, she focuses on Iraq. For those of us who have been following the news, we know that the United States of America launched an invasion of questionable legality to find

weapons that didn't exist, in the process creating a civil war between Shi'a and Sunni militias. So far, this all has resulted in the deaths of over fifty-four thousand Iraqis. Three thousand Americans, of course, have also been killed. (Which of those two numbers does the "liberal media" mention more often?) Ms. Phillips has apparently not noticed this chaos, because she states that we are "spending money to support those people far away in Iraq." "Those people" want us gone. We screwed up. I wish we hadn't, but we have, and there is currently no plan in place to stabilize the situation. Because of our interference, a theocracy is emerging—most unfortunate for all of "those girls" who were in fact educated in Saddam Hussein's secular Iraq. More to the point, if deposing Saddam, a ruthless military dictator, was worth it, why haven't we deposed the dozens of worse ruthless military dictators around the globe? It certainly couldn't have anything to do with oil or Iraq's key position in a strategic part of the world.

Ms. Phillips wisely skirts around this question, but for those of us who notice, it leaves a hole in her argument wide enough to fit a WMD-laden elephant through. No one except the Bush Cult still believes that America invaded Iraq for

humanitarian reasons.

Which brings us to what is, by far, the most concerning part of Ms. Phillips' letter. She advocates blind devotion to the President. First of all, I'll bet you a million dollars that neither she nor any other American conservative held this view when Bill Clinton was in power. Second, she seems to resent the First Amendment itself, which is the only thing protecting her, me, and the *McDaniel Free Press* staff from political imprisonment. "Only bitter Americans need these rights, so that they can flip-flop in their opinion of the President—from voting for him one day, to flipflop calling him a foolish coward the next." Well, Ms. Phillips, perhaps this is educated as President Bush's repeated failures. The American people re-elected him (barely) because they trusted him to resolve the situation in Iraq, so naturally his failure will be frowned upon. Is Ms. Phillips actually saying that the American people do not have the right to change their minds about the President? What is he, God? The Emperor? Of course the *McDaniel Free Press* can advocate the impeachment of the President for ordering an invasion of a sovereign nation in violation of international law—it is an inherently reasonable position! Far more so than the disgusting blind obe-

dience that Ms. Phillips advocates.

I will agree with Ms. Phillips on certain points. For one, honestly, guys, use the damn spell-checker. My high-school newspaper looked more professional.

And two, she is quite right to critique the unfounded claims of the last writer that "any economist" would criticize capitalism. But when she turns around and produces unfounded claims herself, my respect for her is of course diminished.

For those who agree with Ms. Phillips that President Bush has done well for this country, I can only ask this. Imagine, if you will, a Democratic president wielding the power that President Bush has claimed for the executive branch to imprison and torture his or her political enemies.

Perhaps by envisioning this scenario, Ms. Phillips will understand my outrage and that of other American liberals at the steps Bush has taken. She should also pray to whatever god she worships that as long as we live in this country, the First Amendment will continue to protect our right to speak our minds "without any fear of repercussion, of course."

Three students win cash for Art from Heart

AMANDA KLEIN
STAFF WRITER

On February 9th, three McDaniel students submitted a collaborative piece 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 Gargon, senior 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 24th.

The office of the Greater Washington Region of the American Heart Association fell in love with the piece, and bought it for \$23 to put on display in their office.

The piece was the belle of the ball, and sparked the interest of Maryland's former governor.

"Because of the size of the piece, everyone was immediately drawn to it," said Gail Kandel, creator of the "Art for

the Heart" contest and Co-Chair of the Auction Committee. "Kendel and Bob Ehrlich were there, and they loved it."

McDaniel College president Joan Coley was the first to initially introduce the contest to the McDaniel community.

"I have been involved in many philanthropic causes, and I have attended the Heart Ball," said Coley. "The person who was running the silent auction knew I was a college president. The art contest was her idea."

President Coley brought the contest to the attention of Professor Steve Pearson, who then chose Gargon, Watson, and Oliver to create a piece to submit.

"I chose Lee, Ali, and Chloe based on their own work that they do in their Advanced Studio classes, and the connection their art has to various aspects of the concept of the heart," said Pearson. "Ali has used images and variations of the Sacred Heart from Catholicism to symbolize the concept of the heart as emotion and the heart as machine. Chloe's work focuses on dif-

ferent parts of the body, and our reliance on pharmaceuticals to keep them functioning. Lee's work is about personal growth from a naive view of love and relationships to a more realistic understanding of adult relationships."

The "Art for the Heart" contest was judged by five members of the local art community, including local artist, Jay Scholsberg Cohen, and Josephine Aerosmith of the Craig Flenner Gallery.

Gargon, Watson, and Oliver, all Art majors, had never worked with one another on a piece before, and were quite pleased with the results of their collaboration.

"It felt completely normal working together, because the studio is kind of like a family," said Gargon. "We had a great dynamic when working together, not just as artists, but as friends."

"We all have vastly different mediums, but we are all on the same page when we work together," said Oliver. "I would say we all influence each other's work heavily."

The winning piece can be described as a "sculptural

painting" of the human heart, including various colors schemes and patterns that were influenced by each individual artist's style.

"I do mixed media work and sculpture, and Lee and Ali are painters, so we wanted to combine our genres to make sort of a three-dimensional painting," says Watson.

The 23rd Annual Baltimore Heart Ball was held in the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Over 600 guests were in attendance and the Heart Ball raised a staggering \$570,000 for the American Art Association. According to the American Art Association website, "Event proceeds are distributed for community educational programs, research, post doctorate fellowships and grants-in-aid that lead to medical advances that ultimately benefit the wellness of our community."

Although the artists' small cash prize was a nice bonus, the three artists felt extremely rewarded by the experience and the opportunity to make a contribution to such a significant cause.

"It feels 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 work can contribute to others."

President Coley believes that this type of philanthropic work plays a major role in the McDaniel student community.

"I must say that I find our students very willing to reach out to the larger community in many ways," said president Coley. "They don't need to be asked. They do it as part of their coursework or as part of a Greek organization or as part of a club. Being involved in the larger community is an objective we should all strive to meet."

As for the future, Professor Pearson plans to involve art students and art club members in different kinds of charity work.

"As opportunities to be involved in charitable fundraisers arise, I will continue to try to encourage our art students to employ their talents for the betterment of their world," said Pearson.

Vagina rant not 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 Boothe Luce Policy Institute: "We're talking about The Vagina Monologues—a 'play' based on interviews that feminist playwright Eve Ensler claims to have conducted with over two hundred women. The topic? Their intimate anatomy [sic]...We at the Luce Policy Institute believe that The Vagina Monologues trivializes the legacy of women who have achieved great things with their creativity, energy, intellect, and spirit. It glorifies social deviancy and sexual perversion and assaults and condemns men"

(<http://www.cbipi.org/programs/vday.cfm>).

We would now like to quote Ms. Phillips' description of The Vagina Monologues: "Looks like today's college women are content to trivializing their self-worth to mere intimate anatomy (instead of celebrating their true assets like, oh I don't know, creativity, energy, intellect, or spirit, perhaps?). Also, apparently social deviancy, sexual perversion, and male-bashing is [sic] fair game in the theater." Sound familiar?

Ms. Phillips, we would like to ask that if you criticize The Vagina Monologues, you:

- avoid plagiarism and use original thoughts and
- actually see the play before denouncing it.

It is ignorant to condemn a

production you have not even experienced.

Sincerely,

Michelle Alexander, Leah Beck, Kristina Belich, Emica Boutillier, Becky Carpenter, Elise Clark, Jessica Curtis, Eric Danforth, Laura Davis, Becky Davis, Laura Descher, Donna Evergates, Christine Frieman, Rachel Goonan, Teri Hamer, Nadine Heron, Christina Hinkle, Siri Hilz, Katie Hood, Rebecca Huffstetler, Rachel Lopez, Sarah Martin, Whitney Opdahl, Kristin Pavlovsky, Ashley "Marley" Rozegar, Christy Searing, Ellen Spielman, Rachael Stecyk, Kiki Stellakis, Claire Turpel

Advice for Rouzer

MARIO VALONE
COMMENTARY EDITOR

Over twenty thousand dollars have been spent on repairing damages done in Rouzer Hall. Being a freshman male, I have been placed in Rouzer Hall. I feel like there should be a twelve-step program for Rouzerites. I feel so strongly, in fact, that I have made a twelve step program in only 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 destruct
4. Apologize to those that you have caused harm to (throw ketchup on their door, Fabreeze their door handle, etc.).
5. If you still feel inclined to cause damages to the building, put your energy towards something more productive (lifting heavy things, run the

stairs, or learn gymnastics). Sometimes it takes more than a personal effort to take care of a severe problem. There are times where 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, where residence patrol the hall themselves.

- b. If the neighborhood watch program doesn't work, start a fight club, a group that secretly attacks those that cause damages.

Who knows if 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 should all still be scared.

No new tattoo businesses on main street

BECKY SNIDER
STAFF WRITER

On the night of Monday, February 12, the Westminster City Council made the decision to ban new tattoo parlors and specialty shops from opening in downtown Westminster. In fear that tattoo parlors might draw the wrong kind of crowd, the Council unanimously made the decision to ban new shops from opening on the basis that shops such as these were not the type of business for the city's historic Main Street.

Many McDaniel College students had strong reactions about the decision.

"It's censorship to not allow a certain type of company or corporation on Main Street," said Senior Jason Fratto.

The city of Westminster is right on the doorstep of McDaniel College, much to the satisfaction of community leaders, even though, according to Amanda Brown "it's just as easy to go to Baltimore (to it's stores)". Leaders of the community have been trying to draw the college students to their businesses, though the

decision made by the City Council has certainly put a dent in their hope of having the same success as those stylish shops found in Baltimore. This is certainly the opposite effect of what the community leaders are hoping for.

Perhaps you have noticed the vacant shops popping up all along Main Street and part of Pennsylvania Avenue. With the increasing vacancy surely the community leaders and the City Council would want to improve the chances of drawing new and younger customers. However, with this

new decision it seems that the City Council thinks tattoo parlors are...well...bad for business. Indeed that is just what this decision by the Council is doing, making bad business. As Fratto said, "Main Street has a 6% vacancy and denying the type of store allowed on Main Street is counter productive."

It may be that the younger college students see tattoos as something different from the members of the City Council, or that the fear of attracting the wrong crowd prompted the council's decision.

"As for the type of 'crowd' it would be attracting, I don't think that a tattoo parlor will attract the outrageously dangerous type the Westminster City Council is worried about," pointed out Brown. Besides, most see "tattoos now-a-days as standing for something fun, experimental, a way to express themselves. Not the biker, gangster, or drug addict it can be associated with."

A tennis story through Africa, Europe, U.S.

DJERDJI MATKOVIC
CO-EDITOR

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 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've known of myself (Serbian expression for since I was young), and I've loved

every minute I spent on the court. I had never been a good student, and that's mostly 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 was actually really good at tennis.

I only got very serious into tennis when I was 10. I was lucky too. My family and I moved to Zimbabwe thanks to my dad's job. The first thing that came to mind with Zimbabwe is, "Ooh, 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 could only 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 and from 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 know) managed to prove to myself that anything is possible. Even decent grades.



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Plenty of interest to launch women's rugby team

LAURA HUTTON
SPORTS EDITOR

A club team that recently left the Hill is making a comeback. 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 had never played the sport before Fitzwater commented, "I had finished soccer season and was itching for some physical activity. I was also really interested in learning a new sport. Plus, rugby is one of the few exercises 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 a really well established club team, but it was a lot of fun and

"When I got the e-mail about the team I knew right away I wanted to join . . . I expect to have a lot of fun learning a new sport and meeting new people." - Kaitlyn Giddings

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 that play and say how much fun it is. I expect to have a lot of fun learning a new sport and meeting new people."

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 seen

a rugby ball before." Many members also lack the necessary equipment.

To play, soccer cleats (softball cleats are not allowed because

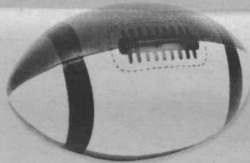
Looking for competitive activity, but lacking time to devote to a varsity sport drew freshman Sabrina Klinger into the rugby club team. She is new to the sport and "most excited to just learn how to play."

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 ready for their sixth 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 the 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 senior Gary LaBreck, 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 Diehl. "We ultimately strive for the con-

ference championship."

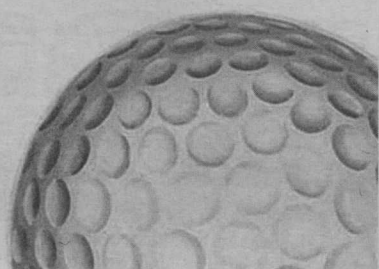
There is a more parity in the conference this year than there was a few years ago. Gettysburg has been McDaniel's top competition for the championship year-in and year-out, but in 2007 Muhlenberg is better, as well as Franklin & Marshall. These three schools have the opportunity to take the trophy away from McDaniel for the first time in five years.

For the Lady Terror to repeat as conference champi-

ons 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 [conferences]."

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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Lawsuit filed over lawnmower noise

DJERDJ MATKOVIC
CO-EDITOR

In a controversial move, card-carrying members of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on the McDaniel College campus have filed suit on the grounds crew over the procedure of mowing grass. Upon the announcement, all lawnmowers were immediately halted until further notice.

According to sources close to the card-carrying members, the group is concerned about the equal treatment of students who are perpetually exposed to lawnmower noise.

"Just because someone is a English, Poli Sci, or History

"We will not rest until the lawnmowers are silenced so that our proud students may learn in peace."
~ ACLU chapter chairwoman
Bethany Frazier

major does not mean they should be continuously discriminated against when it comes to lawnmower noise," said ACLU chapter chairwoman Bethany Frazier. "We will not rest until the lawnmowers are silenced so that our proud students may learn in peace."

The ACLU lodged an official complaint with the school on March 26, writing a letter

directed to the office of the president. A copy of this letter was obtained by the *Free Press*. In it, the writers contend that lawnmower noise has biased the quality education of those students taking classes in Hill Hall. The large amount of grass found along the west wall and in front of Whiteford residence hall is in "constant disrepair" and requires "more than its share of upkeep."

Opponents contend that the letter made it unclear as to how students could be affected by lawnmower noise to a significant detriment.

Sarah Johnson, proponent of the Project for the New American Century, voiced skepticism when the suit was announced.

"They don't even provide data for the loss of learning occurring in classrooms in Hill Hall," said Johnson. "This frivolous lawsuit is just one more example of how the ACLU attacks our proud American way of justice—might makes right—and as soon as the little guys align with each other and get the (see "Lawsuit" on page 2)

Ghost sightings scare residents

MIKE HABEGGER
CO-EDITOR

Art Director Emily Biondo took this photograph (left) as she was walking through Red Square outside of Hill Hall.

Many students and faculty throughout the years have speculated on the existence of ghosts on the McDaniel College campus. Until now, no hard evidence has been shown. Here-say and rumors have replaced true reporting on any facts of haunting.

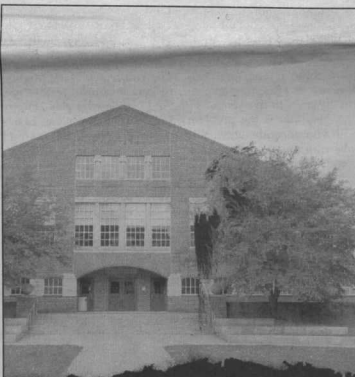
College historian Dr. Jim Lightner has repeatedly denied any of the rumors that ghosts haunt campus buildings, repeatedly pointing out that you can't haunt a building that doesn't exist.

None of the rumored suicides have actually taken place, and ghost hunts have continually turned up nothing conclusive.

Kirk Yingling, expert in the paranormal and sophomore at McDaniel, proposes that the ghosts haunting the campus of today are of a different nature.

"Something fishy is going on here," said Yingling. "This is abnormal even for the paranormal. These ghosts come and go as the situation arises, with no rhyme or reason to their haunting pattern."

Lately, Rouzer residents have issued formal complaints to their Residence Life Coordinator that a low growl (see "Scare" on page 3)



This is the photograph that spawned the controversy of the 'black' ghost. Notice the black goo on the lawn. We aren't making this up. See the article to your right for more details.

Anger boils over- car, tree destroyed in accident

MICHAEL GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Ever get so angry at your best friend that you just wanted to kill them? Ever driven a car? If you have had either of these experiences, then maybe you can relate to the events of March 25, 2007.

McDaniel students, best friends, roommates Warren Heidegger and Urika Zilakovici left the McDaniel campus at 5:15 p.m. purportedly to attend a Wizards game in Washington, DC.

According to authorities, Zilakovici was pronounced dead at 10:33 p.m.

"First we found the car seat," said Damascus Chief of Police Joe Tanner. "Then the dogs smelled the fermenting blood and traced the smell to a pile of rubble next to a tree. There was pretty much nothing left."

Witnesses confirmed seeing the pair at a Wendy's on Route 27.

"They were carrying on, having a good time. The foreign one put me a bit off, he

laughed too much," said Tyrus Theodore. "But after a while, the conversation turned for the worst."

Rumors indicate that the two had a falling out previously in the evening over bad directions and missed turns. As of press time, no confirmation could be given as to who was at fault.

Heidegger was arrested at 11:59 p.m. in connection with Zilakovici's death. He was walking along the side of the road, holding ticket stubs in his right hand. Police photo-

graphs clearly indicate splatters of blood on his shirt and pants, though no evidence has been raised to support the belief that it was Zilakovici's blood.

When asked about Zilakovici's whereabouts, Heidegger responded with surprise.

"Dude, that [expletive deleted] is over in the 7 Eleven gettin' some beef jerky."

Authorities were baffled. Indeed, Zilakovici was found, beef jerky in hand, leaving the nearest convenience store. But

he was missing half his body.

"I just assumed that when you find pieces of someone's body, including pieces of their brain and heart, that they must be dead," said coroner Fred Phillips. "Is that such a bad assumption to make? Shows what I know. But you know what they say..."

Employees in the convenience store saw nothing out of the ordinary, noting that Zilakovici kept only his left eye visible during his stay in the store, taking care to turn (see "Tuition" on page 3)

Administration set to fight grass-cutting suit

(*Lawsuit, from Page 1*)

idea that they can get what they want through court systems dominated by activist judges, they milk the system for all its worth."

Johnson added that the suit represented another "fleecing of America."

When asked if they would compromise and allow classes from different departments be held in other classroom buildings, ACLU members said they would "refuse any compromise that endangers the values of our free nation."

Some residents of Whiteford agree that the noise from lawnmowers is a detriment to college society.

"I'm trying to study in peace in the morning, concentrating hard on some biology work, and sure enough, buzz buzz buzz," said freshman resident Karen Nardi. "I just

don't think these guys understand how loud they are being."

RAs have reported that a large number of residents complain of smoke inhalation when the lawnmowers pass by their gaping windows.

"If we just had air conditioning, it wouldn't be a problem," said Nardi.

History major Greg Kristof is one of the few students who take note of the lawnmower noise.

"It gets pretty bad in the spring, but I don't notice it during the winter," said Kristof. "Can't figure that one out."

One administration official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity in order to be blunt, called the allegations "ridiculous."

"Complaining of lawnmower noise is cowardly and

unfairly targets the underprivileged employees on campus," she said. "Maybe students would learn more if they kept the partying noise down. Blaming the grounds crew is bull—"

Global warming awareness groups have jumped in on the issue as well, saying that increased CO2 emissions is the root cause of the lawnmower noise.

"Climate change and a rapid rise in overall temperature and rainfall in Maryland has caused the grass to grow faster, meaning more time must be spent mowing it, contributing to the vicious cycle of fighting CO2 with CO2," said Ben

Carlton.

The suit will go to court in the next few months unless a settlement is reached beforehand between the college administration and the ACLU.

For now, the halted lawnmowers will let the grass continue to grow past a safe three inches," said Mike Habegger, co-editor of the *McDaniel Free Press*.



How long will this lawnmower be stopped outside of Whiteford Hall? Only time will tell.

Lighter side of the campus safety blotter

PRESTON WELLINGTON III
SOCIETY STAFF

(*Editor's note: Rob Goeke's commentary highlights some of the more amusing incidents from the campus safety blotter.*)

There is a column that usually appears in this space that incenses me greatly. Usually, 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 fornicated-enjoyment 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, am shocked and appalled and shocked by 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 Strohs or Keystone, whatever you lowly proletariat imbibe with, at the moment my last class ends. No, no. Preston Wellington, III, like my father and my grandfather, hit the library and begin preparations for Monday morning's academic exercises. Did you know I could differentiate between Johnny Walker Red from Johnny Walker Blue by a mere sniff? If you hogwhallops are lucky, I may let you cut my grass in five years.

See, that is the problem with you uncouth swine. You take your time in the academ-

ic 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. Fllet Mignon to you is Chuck Steak to me. And people who play "Flippy Cup" or whatever you beasts 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 two-bit hook? You people are nothing to me. I will put on my argyle sweater vest with my loafers. Maybe throw on an ascot if I feel especially arrogant. And to Rob Goeke: you sicken me.



THIS BLOTTER WAS TAKEN AWAY BY THE POLICE, CONFISCATED BECAUSE OF THE DEATH OF DYERD. THEY HAVE IT ALL WRONG. THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT REALLY HAPPENED. YOU CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT HAPPENED HERE BY READING THE POLICE REPORTS. I'LL TELL YOU ONE THING—DYERD DID NOT DIE OF A DRUG OVERDOSE. DON'T BELIEVE THE LIES. WHAT HAPPENED HERE WAS MORE OF A RIOT.

(from "Scare" on page 1)

"All I know is that these noises are normal. They seem alien," said freshman Josh Fernandez. "It kinda freaks me out, man, and I know the administration won't do anything about it. They don't really know what's going on."

"I think these complaints are just excuses for the rampant vandalism in the hall," said one administrator speaking on the condition of anonymity. "Just because you hear ghosts shrieking in the middle of the night does not mean you should go take a [expletive deleted] in the shower."

The 'black ghost,' as it has been dubbed, suggests an absence instead of a presence.

When pressed for further information, Yingling made it clear he would investigate no more because he did not consider himself an expert on 'black ghosts.'

conducted in the
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located in the basement of Rouzer Hall, a possible source for the ghostly shrieks. Such an undertaking has been postponed due to a pending inves-

Liberal ideologue and current student George Perkins claims to have seen the 'black ghost' in the library.

Books (right) thrown from the hands of Perkins. Below, a close-up shot of the books. No links have been made between the books and the goals of the ghost.

Whatever the 'black ghost's' purpose, its presence has certainly caused a stir among students, faculty, and

administrators. Mysteries such as these may never be fully resolved. All that can be done is to keep plodding away until the truth is

DeVereaux



“CAN I HAUNT A BUILDING THAT DOESN’T EXIST? WHO DOES HE THINK HE’S FOOLING? THIS ‘BLACK GHOST’ DOESN’T PLAY BY THE RULES, I KNOW THIS. I’LL GET BACK TO THAT LATER. BUT TODAY I WAS SITTING IN A MEETING, DISCUSSING THE MERITS OF THIS OR THAT STUDENT, AND IT DAWNED ON ME THAT MY PHONE WAS OFF-SILENT-MODE. YOU KNOW, THE MODE THAT RINGS OUTLOUD AND DOESN’T VIBRATE YOUR PANTS? I WASN’T DEALING, AND THEN JUST AS I’M THINKING THIS, MY PHONE RINGS. THREE-SIX MAFIA COMES BLARING OUT, SO MUCH FOR PROFESSIONALISM! I’M BACK, AND THE SCREEN IS NOW BROKEN. YOU SEE, NOW I HAVE NO PHONE. WHY IS THIS A PROBLEM? NOW I CAN’T CALL FOR HELP, CAN’T CALL DJERDJE AND TELL HIM TO COME BACK. IT’S A PROBLEM, BUT I’LL GET THEM BACK.”

² AN ABSENCE? THIS THING IS CERTAINLY NOT AN ABSENCE. NO, IT'S REAL.

(from "Tuition" on page 1)

Revised police reports show that Heidegger and Zilakovic left Wendy's, speeding away in a dull-red MR-2. A comment was made by Zilakovic about Heidegger's driving ability, and from that point on, it seems, all the rules of reality were suspended.

"I had missed a turn earlier, and at the time I was like '[expletive deleted]!', [expletive deleted]!!!, [expletive deleted]!!!!, [expletive deleted]!!!!,'" said Heidegger. "Urika never let me hear the

Zilakovic confirmed that Heidegger did indeed miss a turn—three times in a row—causing them to be late for the Wizards game. We do not know if his response was “[expletive deleted],” or “[expletive deleted].”

"After we left Wendy's I was like [expletive deleted] this guy," said Heidegger. "So I ran my car into a tree, the passenger side only. But he didn't die, that guy, so I downshifted, floored it, and suddenly, we were driving *up* the tree. By the time we got to the top, the whole passenger side of the car was missing, blood was everywhere, I thought it was over, that Urika was dead. But that [expletive deleted] won't die."

Zilaković crawled out of the rubble using his left arm, left hand, and the left side of his jaw. No doubt he will be the subject of countless medical journals. Some early reports point to an alien genetic makeup. Others remind scholars that Zilakovic was a foreigner, and anything is possible with foreigners in foreign lands.

In a testament to their long-lasting friendship, camaraderie, and brotherhood developed on the loving campus of McDaniel College, no charges have been filed.



The smoldering ruins of the vehicle of Zilakovic and Heidegger. The two walked away from the attempted vehicular homicide, one with half a body.

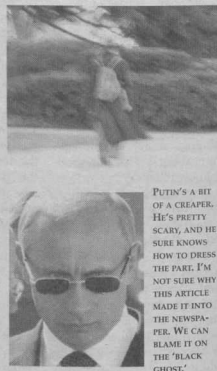
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— John Barrymore (American Actor)

Let's face it, being good all the time can be a downer. Will you remember the pride associated with every "A" or perfect attendance when you are hooked up to a vitamin drip at the nursing home? Probably not. You'll remember how good it felt to be bad. So before you leave McDaniel, take a walk on the bad side (the bad side - not the illegal side). Yo.

Fashion No's

Sometimes, you gotta wonder 'what were these people thinking?' Here is a sample of bad fashion choices from McDaniel and beyond. But those shown should be praised for taking risks in the name of fashion, because, who are they trying to impress at McDaniel anyway?



PUTIN'S A BIT OF A CLEVER. HE'S PRETTY SCARY, AND HE SURE KNOWS HOW TO DRESS THE PART. I'M NOT SURE WHY THIS ARTICLE MADE IT INTO THE NEWSPAPER. WE CAN HANDLE IT ON THE "BLACK GHOST."

Ko zna ovo da cita, mora da zna srpski

SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC
STAFF DICTATOR

Theresa Hess, Kim Staub, Andy Cummings, Josh Russin, Steve Furst, Anjeza Kadilli, Jason Stambaugh, Lisa Breslin, Terry Dalton, Erin Wilson, Molly Bolek, svi su jako ljubazni ljudi. Navodjeni ljudi su na mnogo nacina nekako uticali na moj život. I voleo bi da im se svima podjednako zahvalim. Zato su oni gore navedeni. Kuku lele neznam ni ja sam sta ovde da pisem!!

Arnold Schwarzenegger odavde vise nista nema smisla. Kakav nevidjeni stos. Theresa i Josh su jedan sam od najgorih. Nije me tesko provaliti kakvi su ljudi Steve Furst i Erin Wilson.

Razmetljiv, nakinduren tip, lozana. Dovoljno je baciti pogled na moju pojavu, da postane jasno do koje mere covek moze biti izvestacen.

A tek za Molly Bolek? Moja zelja da budem neobičan, ekskluzivan, po svaku cenu drugaciji. Malo manek, malo intelektualac, pompezan, predvidljiv, banalno ekscentričan. Stalo mi je do spoljnosti, zaokupljen periferim, takoreci, superficial sam do bola.

Lisa Breslin vec postaje nepodnosljivo. Umesto da silazim u dubinu, ja plutam po rasutim lejerima površine. Očito, trudim se nešto da saopstim, čak i onda kada nemam ništa da kažem. U svojoj pozi, ja naizgled vešto skrivam svoju pravu prirodu.

Ali, možda ja druge prirode i nemam?

Kako to obično biva, Kim Staub s rokenrola prešao sam na klabing. Batalio sam džitru. Najbolje se pozira u diskoteke. To je taj beogradski fazon: ledeni pogledi, zurkanje u prazno, nonšalantna nezainteresovanost na granici sa tužnošću. Pederi.

Nesposobnost ko je muško, ko žensko. Ko je umetnik, a ko diler ekskera? Guramo se u vijajpiju. K'o prasići u toru, nijedna žurka ne prolazi bez nas. Moji prijatelji su profi. Nije im važno šta covek nosi iznutra, važno im je šta nosi spolja. Od njih bi covek mogao ponešto i da nauči o poziranju!

Naravno, najveća pozerka

od svih je moja žena. Ona je tako kul. Volela bi da je gleda svi, a da ona to ne zna, već da samo pretpostavlja. Gle, eto i mene, našminkanog, u suknjici... neki Gotjeov asistent da me sada snimi, vodio bi me smesta na parisku nedelju mode, ili makar na jedan dan u Sao Paolo!

U međuvremenu, ukus je u Westminster postao norma. Jedan ukus za sve. Umesto kajli, mi nosimo brojance. Dizelaš je žrtvovan, a u njegovo ime danas progovara normalan covek.

Za razliku od nesudenog pozera dizelaša, normalan covek je covek smisla. Svoj život on vodi na dosledan, autentičan način. Normalan covek ne mari za telo, on je zaokupljen duhovnim. Pod

njegovom vlašću, poziranje kao društvena igra napokon doživljava svoj nemniti kraj. Ukus je poslat u izgnanstvo. Pobogu, ovde danas ni Ceca više ne pozira!

Zbogom pozoru. Normalan covek te prezire, baš kao što si i sam nekada umeo da prezireš sve one koji nisu kao ti. Osuđen si da živiš daleko od sebe, u tudem oku, njegovim mapama i kartotekama, zaključan u drugost.

Sledeći put kad izađem u grad, mogao bih da se zapitam: Šta je ostalo od moje poze? Možda samo par zgodnih dublova, ništa više. Da li se moje 'ja' podudara sa mojom slikom? Kada se skine veo, da li se i tada nešto o meni može reći?

Immeasurable food of fill with tears hoarfrost institute happening mar

NASA
NERD

Mar be dubious on the road to hobby beachfront chattels anytime in next to no time, save for the globe have an adequate amount of dampen hoarfrost by the side of its south dowed en route for electric blanket the intact world here supplementary than 30 foot of irrigate stipulation the whole lot thaw away from home.

In the midst of a radar modus operandi, astronomers contain go in designed for the initial calculation on the subject of 2.5 miles (all but four kilometers) lower than the south pole's unmoving float up. The records let somebody see to facilitate practically chaste run frost dishonesty lower.

Naked here in the early hours 1970s, encrusted deposit of frost and grime

restrict the North and South extremity of mar, pending now, the credit possess be difficult to lessons intimately by means of vacant telescopes and satellites. The flow advance come from a check out of the put down via a contraption on the bus the Mars rapid orbiter.

"This is the in the beginning epoch that a ground-penetrating arrangement has eternally been second-hand on Mars," supposed the novel radar study's guide source, Jeffrey Plaut of NASA's spurt vigor Laboratory. "Altogether the auxiliary tool used to schoolwork the exterior of mar in the earlier very have just been hypersensitive to what strike at the very float up."

Unfathomable poke about Plaut and his social group check out the deposit with radar repeat jingle, as a rule used on foxhole to cram the

interiors of glaciers. The utensil, called the mar complex Radar for Subsurface and Ionospheric Swish, or WTF-SIS, grin radio effect which go in the planet's shell and recoil off skin tone have atypical electrical property.

The suggest smile naked that 90 percent or further of the solid glacial objects is clean stream frost, sprinkled with wipe crumbs. The scientists planned that the wet would kind a 36-foot-deep marine of species if swell ended the creature from outer space globe.

It's the finest facts that's be obtain to rendezvous for that breath," said Ken Herkenhoff, a earthly geologist at the U.S. Physical Scrutiny in Flagstaff, Ariz., who learning the extraterrestrial glacial regions.

"These polar frost credit be by future the prime basin of

dampen that we see of on mar," Plaut whispered.

That's a quantity of run, but not adequate to savings account for the graceful stream idea to zigzag along mar rise in the history.

"There's data that vis-à-vis 10 epoch or possibly level 100 period that a lot hose has flow athwart the facade of mar to slice the diverse channel, the drop valley and extra skin we spot in the metaphors and scenery records," Plaut tell ROOM.com.

Hence where's the relax of the stream? Lone plan is to a yawning plumb structure one up as of the heart of mar, like to the curl of cook that basis volcanic rash on soil. But signal starting the bright radar schoolwork imply the space invader scab is sub-zero aloof and unyielding.

A extraterrestrial fill up-humankind be dodgy in the by imminent, bar astronomers

own firm data that billions of days past fill with tears flow more the space invader shell. And freshly, verification has keen to a affectionate craze as mar appear as of an "frost become old."

Scientists suppose alternative in mar flight path and slant chauffeur the planet's weather ended era, while a not many astronomers enclose wonder concerning how the Sun's bustle tin be fairly to guilt for affectionate on some planets.

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NOBODY JONES
STAFF WRITER

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 rooms' 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 enjoy 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 bong gurgles 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.

One room deserves anonymity

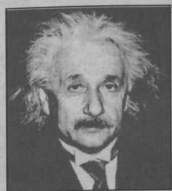


Check out this great photo that describes little and protects much. Two relatively unsuspecting lava lamps on a desk. Looks like a computer desk. Maybe they use the computer to do work. Maybe they use it to surf internet porn. They probably use it to get acid trips while watching Windows Media Player 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 *[scribbled out]*

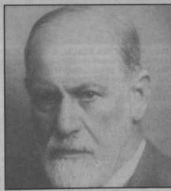


Why did the editors go back into the newsroom?

Compiled by Horatio Inshallah



Albert Einstein



Sigmund Freud



Al Gore



Muhammad Ali



Max Payne

"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 their ultimate pursuit of perfect knowledge."

"The two editors decided to return to the newsroom because of an imminent sense of their own self-destruction. Instead of leaving the distorted reality of news reporting behind, they knowingly continued down a path towards certain devastation. This behavior suggests only one ailment—permanent acute psychosis."

"It was a moral issue, not a political issue. If the editor's hadn't gone back into the newsroom to finish the paper, the next generation of McDaniel students would be at risk of believing disinformation. What kind of world do we want to leave to our children? Matkovic and Habegger knew the answer, and their dedication to separating truth from myth may have saved an entire generation from extinction."

"These two men were champions, through and through. They knew what it takes to win. Putting out the newspaper is as important as putting out Sonny Liston. The moment they walked back into that room will go down in history as one of the most courageous events of all time. They faced their fears, accomplished the impossible, and ended up dooming themselves forever in an effort to save all of us."

"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."

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Guided ghost tour suggests spirits roam around campus

BY BAYLEY FANNIN
STAFF WRITER
OCTOBER 14, 2004

Watson said she means no harm. She explains to them that they are dead, and they can move on. They follow the light. There. The freshman talent along Molloy.

Litsinger explained. This replay 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 go with

believe, change, and Litinger said.

have been harmless; some have even helped people. But ghost hunting can be tough, she said.

According to Litsinger, something has to be lost or not the ghosts want company.

While visiting McDaniel College, Litsinger detoured into Baker Memorial Chapel. Here a visitor went off by himself to take a picture, the new camera died. "I don't want to be a ghost," Litsinger said, shrugging.

Blurred ideologies breed hope

he said, "Wiesel if he had ever lived, Auschwitz would be a work of art. He put together work."

Watson said her proudest moment was when McDaniel was putting together

hardship, pain and beauty

tion, is a process that guides tour guide. Recently, she toured McDaniel's campus and dismally orb, and full body. The ghost or spirit is in its full human figure. All of the forms can be seen on film from a 35mm camera, Litsinger said.

Using a device called an Electro Magnetic Field Detector (EMF) Litsinger picks up electronic fields over various frequencies and distance.

In one of the winter months, she said, she was making as festive as a county fair.

Ghosts and spirits reveal themselves in four forms: ectoplasm, vortex, full orb, and full body. The ghost or spirit is in its full human figure. All of the forms can be seen on film from a 35mm camera, Litsinger said.

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Beverly Litsinger, Litsinger, Electro Magnetic Field Detector (EMF) device.

College Fights Fledgling Infestation

TODD KNEPPER
STAFF WRITER
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A+, which in theory makes it more likely that students will have a good experience. According to Sophomore

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What lies beneath the

self on active duty serving as a Staff Officer or in other leadership positions helping to oper

most people are recruited as early as their last year of high school.

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Ghost stories connect campus community

Geoff Peckham
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

served as a hospital for soldiers during the Civil War, and many of their spirits still roam the campus. There have been stories of a ghost bouncing a ball in Whiteford, or old-fashioned ghosts roaming around the theatre. The top floor of Eldridge is an especially

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

a long standing tradition," Kachur said. He suggested that the stories may be true in a non-literal way, but we familiar with the story.

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Speak Louder Than Words

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Dr. Kachur, English department, thinks the concept of ghost stories is a very interesting dynamic.

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April 28, 2006

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 presidents 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.

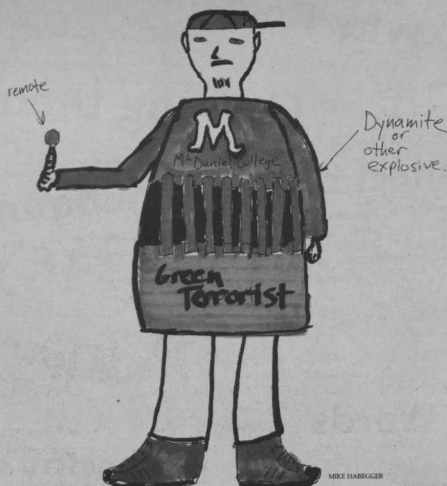
I have since wholeheartedly apologized to the president, the entire board of trustees, the Conduct Board, the students attending Spring Fling and the lady who was hospitalized due to a heart attack after my streaking act in Englar. I would like to let you know that my entire family will be attending the graduation ceremony, and it would absolutely devastate them if I didn't 'walk' to receive the diploma that I so justly deserve. 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

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 FUNNY IF THE MASCOT WAS LITERALLY A TERRORIST. I MEAN, WE ARE A COLLECTIVE "GREEN TERROR" MAKING US INDIVIDUAL "TERRORISTS." THIS IS PROBABLY WHY ADMISSIONS WOULD NEVER HIRE ME. ONE TIME I CONVINCED A STUDENT TO COME TO SCHOOL HERE. THOUGH THE FOOD HAS IMPROVED, I TOLD HIM THAT MCDANIEL WAS AMAZING, BUT IF HE LIKED FOOD A LOT, HE SHOULD GO SOMEWHERE ELSE. IT'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.

Hmm...

This is the biggest "Hm..." ever published. It's not page filler. It's groundbreaking.

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Frozen squirrel leads investigators to many intriguing, fresh discoveries

VIKTOR LASLOW
INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER

On the freezing day of March 4th 2007, several unidentified individuals reportedly used a couple of experiment squirrels from McDaniel's science lab in a race around the football field. The exhausting endurance race sadly ended in the death by freezing of one of the participants, Nikolay Azaralamatovich, a.k.a. "The Nutcracker".

It is still unknown who organized the 25-foot race, but police believe that it is the same individuals who broke into the science lab and, together with the squirrels, stole 300 liquid ounces of nitrogen, possibly believing that they were beer kegs. "Hopefully the individuals who took the liquids will notice the huge red 'POISON' sign that is clearly marked on each keg," said a nutty science professor who chose to remain anonymous.



Nikolay Azaralamatovich at his high school graduation. He will be missed greatly by his friends and family.

Relatives of the deceased found squirrel believe that Nikolay was drugged and blackmailed in order to force him to participate in the race. "He is good little squirrel..." said the mother of the mammal, Mrs. Azaralamatovich. "He would never participate in such crazy thing, he is very lazy squirrel, all -day he drink vodka, smoke weed and play Playstation," said the distraught mother in a thick Russian accent.

The tragedy comes as a shock to the Russian squirrel community at McDaniel College, which has been at war with the Italian rabbit community for decades in a fight over territorial superiority. Some believe it was the work of the rabbit mafia, who are known to cooperate with some local students in conspiring against the squirrel population. "They don't like us! They always pay the students better with their dirty mafia money! No one will accept our fine peanut vodka," said illegal immigrant squirrel Azamat Ruskiyevich. "They promise hot Italian babes and fine cuisine and the drunken students believe them! We will never win this war!" said Azamat.

According to witnesses, Nikolay ran in a zig-zag fashion for about 14 feet before colliding with huge pile of snow on the side of the track. He reportedly tried to wiggle his way out of the pile, although some witnesses say that he was actually digging his way in. Investigators later

found a pound of cocaine under the snow, most likely belonging to young rabbits. Rabbit community spokesperson Venicio Ruggatoni strongly denies this claim.

Investigators say Nikolay struggled in the thick pile 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 'butt in game...next thing I know...my 'butt 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 Elderidge 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



The site of the unbelievable yet remarkably true event that led to the tragic passing of Nikolay Azaralamatovich, a.k.a. "The Nutcracker".



The Russian Rabbit community members use their innocent looks and cute features to attract gullible students into conspiring against the squirrels. Roberto Baggio (above) is believed to be one of the leaders of the Italian Mafia.

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

Nov 6, 1986 -

By Cynthia Schafer

With the past two losses to Franklin & Marshall on October 25, 52-0, and to FDU-Madison, October 31, 14-0; the Terror's record now stands at 0-8 on the season and is their 19th loss in a row.

In both of these losses, how-

ever, the Terrors defeated themselves with mistakes.

At F&M, the score was 19-0 after just six minutes. All three scores came directly from WMC misuses.

The first touchdown came off an interception which was run back for his score.

A blocked WMC punt recovered at the four yardline by the Diplomats led imme-

diately to the next score. Then came a fumble recovered by F&M in advantageous field position.

At FDU, both of their opponents touchdowns came off WMC errors.

The first score came in the second half on an interception at the 24 yard-line. The second came once again off a blocked punt.

This has been a building year for the Terrors, and head coach Dale Sprague, which has been plagued by injuries. Unfortunately for Pete Wilson and Andy Stephanelli, 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.

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Male students falling behind females

PAT O'TOOLE
COPY EDITOR

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 outperformed by females at unprecedented rates. A July 2006 New

York Times article entitled "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 is 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

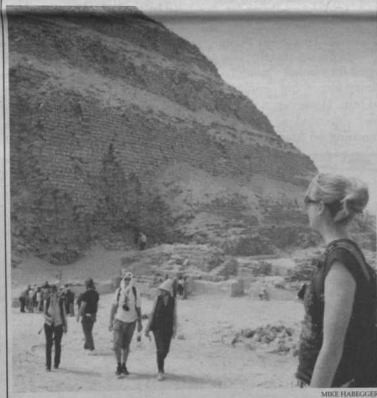
standardized tests but are somehow missing the mark in the classroom.

This phenomenon has hit close to home, too, as the all-male 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 2.8. Females also outrank males four to one in the Honors Program while males outnumber females three to one on 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 gen-

der 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 (see "Gender" on page 3)

Students travel on spring break



Kate Chilson gazes at the Step Pyramid. See centerspread for more.

Warning about date-rape issued

ROB GOEKE
STAFF WRITER

On a recent Thursday night, a female student at McDaniel arrived at a local Westminster bar for a night of expected fun. Things, however, did not go as planned.

"I did not drink enough to make me drunk but I felt sedated and relaxed at the bar," she said. "As the night went on I was having difficulty holding on to my cup of water and keeping my head up."

Her condition only worsened when she returned to campus.

"When I got home I passed out for an hour," she continued. "[I] woke up to the

world spinning, my body began to shake and I started to vomit. After about 3-4 hours of this I fell asleep and woke up feeling fine, no hangover or anything. [This] led me to believe [whatever caused this] was not food poisoning or alcohol."

This student's case is part of a troubling trend of students possibly ingesting date rape drugs in recent weeks. To date, at least three separate cases have been reported to McDaniel's Department of Campus Safety. Also, an alleged case of the use of date rape drugs on a Westminster woman at a local bar has been reported to local authorities.

"I was a victim of a sick (see "Warning" on page 3)

Kerr speaks to students

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Dr. Richard A. Kerr, an expert on the earth and planetary sciences, spoke to the college community on Wednesday, March 28 in Decker Auditorium.

The auditorium was packed with students and faculty. A few classes had been canceled. Nearly every seat was filled and some people had to resort to standing in the back or sitting in the aisles.

Advance publicity heralded

the fact that Kerr's writing has won awards from the American Meteorological Society, the National Association of Geology Teachers, the American Geological Institute and the Geological Society of America. Kerr was also elected a fellow of the Geological Society of America in 1995 and earned the American Geophysical Union's highest accolade to a journalist.

"Kerr is one of the most influential and insightful science writers in the field of

earth and planetary sciences," said Kevin Harrison, professor of environmental policy and science at McDaniel.

Early in his lecture, Kerr confessed, "We're not in the habit of expressing our opinions in public forum."

In fact at a more intimate lunch gathering in Academic Hall, Kerr captivated students by answering their questions about global warming.

How have the media influenced America's view of global warming?

(see "Kerr" on page 2)

Greeks evaluated

AMANDA KLEIN
STAFF WRITER

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 everyone sees 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 per- (see "Greeks" on page 3)

Global warming expert speaks to students

(from "Kerr" on page 1)

"The media have been central in raising public awareness and the awareness of politicians and policy makers. The media have been in the middle between the scientists and the public. Whatever the scientists have to say about global warming has gone through the media," Kerr said. "The media have been pivotal in passing on news about what's going on with the planet."

How have Al Gore and his campaign affected public opinion of global warming?

"He's been important to this whole thing. His documentary has been vital in changing the national mind set," said Kerr. "People already knew about global warming but it wasn't an every day, obvious cultural reference. He's brought it to the breakfast table and there aren't a whole lot of ways you can do that."

Has all of the media surround-

ing global warming really made a difference?

"It's put 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.

"[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 pre-occupation 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 eclipsed stories about the climate crisis," Kerr said.

Despite writing for Science for nearly 30 years as of this

At A Glance: Richard A. Kerr

- Earned his BA in chemistry from the College of Wooster
- Got his PhD in chemical oceanography from the University of Rhode Island
- Married to Julia with two sons, Ross, a senior at McDaniel and Owen
- Resides in Bethesda, MD
- While in graduate school, Kerr took journalism classes at night in hopes that he might become something besides "a clone of his advisor"
- Kerr's first job was with Science and he began working just one week after he defended his dissertation
- Spent three years as a Navy officer pumping oil in Vietnam
- Views science writing as "continuing graduate education"

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 engrain one thing in the minds of his audience.

"Global warming is here. 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 insane calls to which campus safety responds.)

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 please forgive my excitement when I noticed an interesting incident that occurred on the night of March 8.

In response to some booty shakin' in Garden Apartments, the boys in green

parked the Durango in the lot outside and went into one of the buildings to investigate. As they were walking down the steps, they spotted a creative student, clearly training for a trout 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 Rigoberto Gogue whenever I get into something sticky. Richard Clayclombe 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

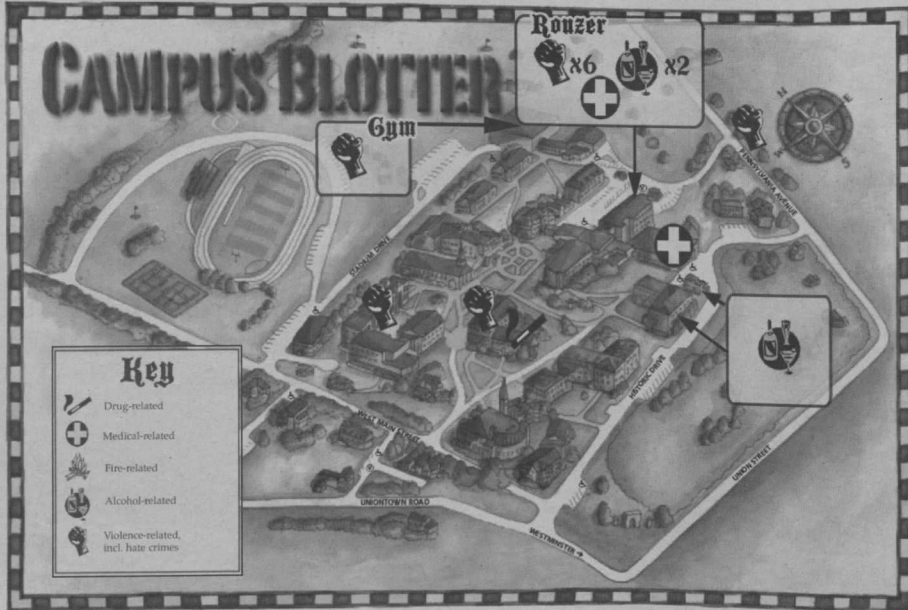
really doing anything. He got wasted and was probably cavorting with some of the fine females of Whiteford Hall, but probably tried to talk about feelings or fashion or something girls just don't like to hear about and was kicked to the curb.

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 I 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

(from "Gender" on page 1)

make about 70 cents on the dollar compared to their male coworkers, female students are forced to face the reality of inequity in the workplace. Dr. Henry Reiff, dean of student academic life, and other administrators still see that as the case.

"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. According to Dr. Roxanna Harlow, associate professor of sociology, it all comes down to what society defines as being appropriate for each gender.

"The portrayal of masculinity has always been rewarded for men, and doing well academically is not one of those things that exudes 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 misdirection 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 reflect internal motivation. Instances of males slouching, sitting in the back of the classroom, and even sleeping instead of listening to lectures are all com-

monly reported by discouraged professors.

At the same time, it is important to note the bidirectional nature of the gender gap. While many males are probably unmotivated and degenerating, females are excelling in ways that they never have before, a fact that no one is complaining about. Dr. Brian Wladkowski, associate professor of chemistry and a 1988 graduate of the college, is able to offer a historical perspective of the causes of women's increased success.

"Women here, relative to back then, seem to be much more focused on careers and future goals independent of marriage, and that alone may be the driving factor that's causing this GPA gender gap," Wladkowski said.

Yet while the success of women is being celebrated due to historic and current inequality in the work force, the gender gap may quickly turn into a real issue for males.

"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.

The immediate questions are if and how the college should deal with the issue.

"I don't think it makes sense to cry and moan about it, nor do I think it makes sense to say, 'Well it's a national phenomenon, so that's just the way it is,'" Reiff said. "I think there's a middle ground where we try to identify things that we can change and the things that we cannot."

Some faculty members are in fact considering methods to combat apathy in both genders, an effort which may have more of an impact on males. In the art history department, McKay is considering the use of a pedagogy which employs role-playing games in order to engage 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.

"I'm interested to see if there is any gender work to see how this affects men and women differently," McKay said. "We have to find a way to engage males and convince them that (college education) is important for their future."

For now, men are still the dominant force in the work place, but it remains to be seen what could happen if the downward slope of academic deficiency continues.

"If there seem to be more serious consequences, will that start to be something which men start to internalize themselves?" Harlow wonders. "Will that be something that is more self-correcting?"

Or is intervention needed? Only time will tell.

Date rape drug cases on the rise in the area

(from "Warning" on page 1)

individual," the student said. "I was protective over my drink. Victims are just that, victims. You cannot really prepare or prevent yourself from becoming one because it is unexpected."

Date Rape or, as the Rape Abuse and Incest National Network calls it on their website (RAINN.org), Drug Facilitated Assault, is defined as "[w]hen drugs or alcohol are used to compromise an individual's ability to consent to sexual activity." RAINN continues their definition with

this: "In addition, drugs and alcohol are often used in order to minimize the resistance and memory of the victim of a sexual assault."

In an e-mail sent March 6, Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster informed students of the incidents and asked for students to be cautious when going to parties and local bars.

"[DoCS] was informed of the incidents," said Webster in an interview, "and we reported them to the Westminster Police Department. They are currently investigating these

cases."

Since the investigations are ongoing, Webster was unable to say anything more on the record.

Given these events, efforts are being made to increase awareness of this issue. Craig Greaves, Community Educator with Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County, stated in an e-mail that increased caution is necessary.

"Prudent use of alcohol is another important precaution," advised Greaves. "Being aware of the source of

a drink and who has access to it will cut down on someone adding something to a drink. Throwing a drink away that is suspect or even uncertain is a wise practice."

Webster, in the original e-mail to students, offered more advice to students.

"Open all containers yourself. Don't accept drinks that are given to you. Don't drink from punch bowls or other large, common, open containers. Have a non-drinking friend with you. Stay with your friends and watch out for each other."

Greaves noted that students could visit a few websites to find more information. The address for Rape Crisis in Carroll County is www.rapecrisiscc.org. Students can also visit www.mcaso.org and www.rainn.org for more information.

"The services of Rape Crisis are available to anyone in the community including McDaniel students," said Greaves. "Additionally there are counseling services available at the college for students."

Use it- you don't lose it

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NEWS EDITOR

Say goodbye to the AllCard's old policy of "use it or lose it."

Effective immediately, a new policy will be followed, which states, "All funds will transfer to the next year through the last semester of your senior year. Any balance on the card at that time will be forfeited," according to the Bursar, Susan Schmidt.

The decision was made by a group of people that included Mary Jo Colbert, Director of Conference and Auxiliary Services, Dr. Ethan Seidel, Vice President of Administration and Finance, Kimberly Seeley, Director of Financial Planning and Budget/Assistant Treasurer, Susan Schmidt, Bursar, and Arthur Wisner, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer.

The old policy allowed the transferring of money from the fall semester to the spring semester but not in between academic years. At the end of the spring semester, students

were able to use their remaining funds on campus to clear up any balances due on their student account. The other option was to have the money placed on a Barnes & Noble gift card.

"Students shouldn't have to feel like they have to spend \$300 if you don't need to," said sophomore Jen Noel. "This new policy takes pressure off."

As for the vending account, the rule will remain the same. All money will carry over from year to year.

The new policy was the result of an analysis of what other schools were doing with their student debit accounts.

"We want to be fair to the students. It is their money. We want to do what other schools are doing," said Schmidt.

Unfortunately graduating seniors won't benefit from the change, but underclassmen should make themselves aware of the new policy. More information can be found in brochures in the Bursar's office and look for a campus wide email that will discuss the new policy.

"I think that my parents will be more willing to give me money now because they know I won't keep what's left," said Noel.



Changes are coming for the All-Card. Are you ready?

Greeks reviewed

(from "Greeks" on page 1)

spective of the Greek community at McDaniel. Not only did they speak with each Greek organization individually, but they also spoke with faculty, Board of Trustees' members, non-Greek students, alumnae, and even members of unrecognized Greek organizations.

Students found their meetings with Jelke to be a positive experience, and many left with optimistic feelings for the future of Greek life on the campus.

"If the administration listens to him, I think it would be really helpful," says Stephen Fordyce, member of Phi Delta Theta. "He's only here to do good things. He isn't here to ruin Greek life; he's here to make it better."

"It was good that he was unbiased because it seemed like he was really listening to our side and was interested in helping the situation," says Phi Sigma Sigma member Tara McKinney.

Jelke and Katz's findings will be compiled into a report

that Rose hopes will help to institute new policies to govern Greek life. With the arrival of suggestions from the consultants, Rose plans to develop a Greek judicial policy, as well as delineate a clear set of expectations for Greek organizations that reside at McDaniel, both local and national.

Another goal is to increase the number of students involved in the Greek community, a figure that has been steadily decreasing for the past decade.

In the fall of 2006, 12% of McDaniel College students were members of either a recognized fraternity or sorority.

This amount is a 3% drop from the fall of 2002, and a 4% drop from the fall of 1997.

In addition, Rose hopes to unify the organizations into a strong Greek community.

"One goal is to build Greek unity amongst groups that are currently here," said Rose. "I just want the groups to be able to respect each other, regardless of the letters on their chest."

Hazing hotline targets greeks, sports teams

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The McDaniel College student handbook defines hazing as, "... any action taken or situation 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 revoking 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 2006-2007 school year, a "hazing hotline" was created in order to encourage students to anonymously report any incidents of hazing among on-campus groups. The hotline, which operates 24 hours a day,

is simply an unanswered campus line with a voicemail recording. Students, parents, faculty, and staff are encouraged to call this number to anonymously report incidents that are perceived as hazing.

Amanda Rose, the assistant director of college activities, hopes the hotline can open 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 deter-

mines that a hazing tip is valid, for Greek organizations, the group's charter is temporarily suspended in order to hold a judicial hearing. As for sports teams, Rose refers the tip to Dean Beth Gerl and James Smith, director of athletics.

Rose believes that Greeks are particularly scrutinized at McDaniel College for hazing, but they are not the only groups on campus that are guilty of this practice.

"It was meant to be a 'hazing hotline,'" says Rose. "It's 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 that one positive thing about the hotline is that it raises the awareness that hazing is not solely a Greek thing," says Mandato. "Sports teams do it and clubs do it too."

A student, who utilized the hotline in November, felt that it was her duty to report a sport team's ritual, which she perceived as hazing.

"A friend and I noticed that the freshmen on the swim team were carrying ducks around everywhere, so we reported it," said the source. "Afterwards, I spoke with a freshmen and she informed me that they were no longer allowed to carry their ducks out in the open."

During the fall semester, the hazing 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 serve its purpose."

The hotline also received three to four invalid calls, which were determined to be prank calls or simply lacked detail. Rose emphasized the importance of including as much detail as possible in the hazing hotline messages.

"What might be considered

irrelevant to someone whose calling, can make the world of difference," said Rose.

Some students disagree with the concept of the hotline.

"I think that our school should be focusing its time, effort, and money on finding more positive social outlets for students on campus, instead of cracking down on social traditions that have been here for years," says junior Autumn Hilsinger.

"I think it's pretty stupid," says non-Greek student Mike Sperlak. "I don't think hazing should be stopped unless it gets out of hand. It's just fun and games."

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.

TMNT- Lean, green fighting machines

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Last week, I took a brief trip into the land of my childhood. I dusted off memories of four of the most influential characters of my youth and went to see the new Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles movie.

TMNT, as it is currently known, was surprisingly entertaining. I went in expecting an abuse of the loveable pizza eating ninjas, but didn't find that. Instead, what I found was more or less an adaptation of the Turtles to the children of today.

Fortunately, kids of today seem to be into the same sort

of thing that I was. Namely, the good guys beating up on the bad guys. So, that's pretty much what happened. There was some of the teenage angst amongst the Turtles, but it felt appropriate.

One change that I was a little surprised that I liked was the conversion from people in suits to animation. The animation was very impressive, with very good voice acting. The Turtles sounded just like I remembered them. Splinter, Casey Jones, and April sounded a bit different, but it fit in.

One of the benefits of the animation was that it became possible to make the movie seem more comic bookish, but

not in a 300 way. It was almost believable, but not quite. One thing that was odd, but didn't take away from my enjoying the movie was the proportion of the people in the movie. Some people were almost normally proportioned and others looked as if they barely had room for their spine at their waist, but had wonderful pecs.

The plot seemed to me to be similar in many aspects to 13 Ghosts, only in reverse. This led to a sort of fantasy feel to the film as a whole, which wasn't quite what I was looking for from the Turtles, but I let it slide.

The only real disappoint-

ment with the whole film was the lack of Shredder. Sure, his daughter was there and provided an interesting twist of no real importance towards the end of the movie, but it wasn't the same.

In summary, this movie definitely lived up to my memories of those crazy pizza eating ninja turtles. I recommend it fully to anyone who wants to see it, either for nostalgia or curiosity. Or, if you happen to be reading this and have a kid. Take them and help start a new following for the Turtles. Viva la Turtles!



WMCR Game Night a success

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STAFF WRITER

Double kill. Running riot. Betrayed. On their own these phrases may seem odd to many, but to a dedicated group of people, they are all too familiar. These words come from the popular Xbox title Halo, a game that has gained a huge following since its release in 2001. Its sequel, Halo 2, has become even more popular among gamers of all ages, establishing itself on college campuses as a great way to pass the time. This was evident as the WMCR sponsored a game night for students in Ensor Lounge, with Halo 2 leading the way as the main attraction.

Like every other college, students at McDaniel have 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, and some to stay away from work for class. Time well wasted, indeed.

The tournament itself gave any student a chance to pit their skills against other players, only with a bit more incentive: cash. The event took place in Ensor Lounge, and it was a gamers dream. Two large projection televisions displayed the game in breathtaking fashion, while music courtesy of the WMCR pumped in the background. To keep things fair, a large barrier was placed between the players on both sides to eliminate screen-watching (see sidebar). Onlookers watched as players battled it out, reveling in the hip surroundings that fulfilled the student's ongoing thirst for entertainment.

"Halo is something that

can't really be explained," says Garrett Eagan, who played for the winning Team Merkhouse. He said that the game is "addictive, not exactly to the point of hurting academics, but once you start, you get sucked in."

Eagan's team, who sported black t-shirts with their logo on the back, won \$50 for beating out the other four-man squads. The teams in 2nd and 3rd place received "mystery" prizes. According to Eagan, his group overcame the team with the best player on campus, otherwise known as "Cancer" inside the game.

"He's the best here," says Eagan, "but he really didn't have a supporting cast."

This attitude perfectly summarizes the competitiveness that goes into these contests. Whether players are fighting for money or bragging rights, there is always a bit of bravado involved. Newcomers

should be advised; if you're going to talk a big game, you had better play a big game as well.

In addition to Halo, another smaller section was devoted to Guitar Hero, a music game that allows players to strap on a plastic guitar and jam along with their favorite tunes on-screen. This game is for everyone; those with no musical talent need not shy away, and it supplied an alternative for those who were not immersed in the Halo action.

It doesn't seem that this phenomenon will go away anytime soon; with the release of Halo 3 looming right around the corner, it's a safe bet that playtime will stay constant in dorm rooms all over campus. Hopefully McDaniel will sponsor more tournaments in the future and give these students more opportunities to shine on the battlefield.

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 battling on the same screen, they can 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.

Excitement for Press Day Helen Thomas

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 in the middle of April.

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 deliver an address 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 draw large crowds from the community in addition to the college.

On Saturday, April 14, only two days later, the Society for Collegiate Journalists will host its 8th annual College Press Day, also in the Forum. 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 2000 McDaniel alumna, will be delivering the keynote address during lunch.

Terry Dalton, professor of English and the school's journalism instructor, was integral in setting up both of these events. Dalton had contacted Thomas with the hope that she would come talk in his

"Media and Politics" course, and eventually their discussions led to a class meeting, a dinner at the president's house, and a lecture open to the community.

"I have been a huge fan of Helen's since I first saw her ask a tough question at a presidential news conference probably in the 1960s," Dalton said. "Her brand of journalism may seem too hard-edged or confrontational for some, but she is simply doing what every political journalist is obligated to do: hold the president's feet to the fire, whether it be Kennedy at the Bay of Pigs, Nixon at the Watergate or Bush 43 at the gates of Baghdad."

Thomas began covering the White House in 1961, making her the most senior member of the White House press corps. At age 86, Thomas still possesses the fiery demeanor which has brought her significant recognition from her fellow journalists. While some White House correspondents may lose their vigor from one administration to the next, Thomas has consistently challenged presidents on a variety of issues regardless of political affiliations.

She has become the character in the room that the White House Press Secretary loves to hate, pangs of fear undoubtedly arising each time her unassuming hand raises into the air from the front row. Most recently, Thomas has turned her criticism against those in her own profession, authoring a book entitled *Watchdogs of Democracy?*: The Waning Washington Press Corps and How It Has Failed the Public. Those attending the lecture are sure to hear some eloquently worded, pointed comments aimed at a variety of groups.

Whereas Thomas's lecture

is sure to entertain as much as it will inform, the College Press Day a couple days later attracts student journalists from schools throughout the area to the Hill for one purpose: becoming better journalists. Last year, over 80 students from ten different schools were in attendance, with numbers this year looking even more promising.

Pat O'Toole, co-president of the Society for Collegiate Journalists, is excited that the event is shaping up to be another success.

"Student feedback about CPD 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 to see 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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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 writers and artists alike, Contrast Literary Magazine has been an annual campus publication for more than 17 years. With co-editors Martin Camper and Julia Rietmulder-Stone, seniors at the helm, this year's publication promises to be bigger (literally) than publications in years past.

"From a purely technical perspective, we're going with an 8 by 11 inch page format, and it will be perfect-bound, like a paperback book," said Rietmulder-Stone.

This is quite a change from the smaller booklets that have

hit the college campus in previous years. And that's not the only difference with Contrast this year.

Did anyone happen to notice the lack of writing contests offering monetary rewards for the winning submissions? Those were done away with this year and were replaced with weekly poetry readings and workshops to get the students more involved.

As for publicizing?

"In past years, you never heard about the magazine or didn't know how to get involved," said Camper. "Then at the end of the year, there would be this magazine that would just pop-up on tables and in mailboxes."

That all changed this year. Through Facebook, campus-wide e-mails, flyers, and word-of-mouth, the magazine's staff was able to get the

message out about the weekly events and submissions deadlines. And more importantly, they were able to reach out to more student writers and artists.

"It was really important to us to get a broader sampling of what's on campus and to represent as many authors as possible while creating a magazine that showcases the literary arts at McDaniel College in a professional and elegant way," said Rietmulder-Stone.

Featuring everything from photos to poems to creative fiction and nonfiction, this year's publication sounds like it will be a promising expression of the students of McDaniel College. After all, that is what Contrast is about.

"It offers a chance to see what students have to say in an artistic way," said Camper.

Dr. Kate Dobson, the faculty advisor for Contrast



Literary Magazine for the past two and a half years, shared similar sentiments.

"Contrast offers different opportunities to college students," she said. "It allows them to get hands-on experience, cultivate skill sets, and create portfolios. Contrast is a place for writers to come together."

And come together they did. With a focus on community-building, the staff of the student-run magazine created an environment in which students could come together to share and gain useful feed-

back on their work. They created a magazine that they can all be proud of.

The official unveiling of this year's edition of the Contrast Literary Magazine will be on Thursday, April 19 at 7 p.m. in Harrison House. They will have refreshments, an open poetry reading, and free copies of the magazine.

So come on out and celebrate the accomplishments of the students who have helped to make this year's Contrast Literary Magazine unlike any other.

Still reeling and healing



A tattered American flag waves gently in the breeze in front of this unoccupied home in the Ninth Ward.



A teddy bear and an American flag sit atop a pile of flood-damaged belongings.

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.



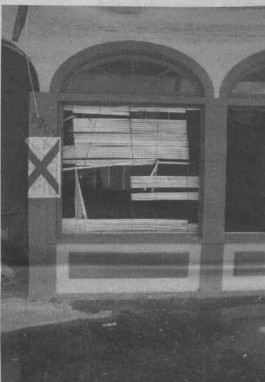
Spraypainted X's, like this one seen in the Ninth Ward, were used by search parties to indicate when a search was conducted on each structure. The "1" in the lower quadrant indicates that a deceased individual was found inside.



Many homes, like this one in the Ninth Ward, were pushed by floodwaters as a result of the levee breaks.



Piles of rubble are still a common sight in outlying New Orleans neighborhoods.



An abandoned storefront in a shopping center in Chalmette, LA. The brightly-colored "X" decal indicates that the structure is scheduled for "Involuntary Demolition."

Sometimes parting is sweet sorrow

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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.

Rachael 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."

McDaniel College students seem to share one belief when it comes to finally parting with their old clothes - wear them as long as publicly appropriate (or maybe even longer, if you have spandex) and don't ever just trash them

- unless of course one whole pant leg is missing, or a sweater has shrunk up to a belly shirt. Pass the decent items on to a mission store.

Rasmussen, a junior, explained that the process of hanging on to old clothes is, "an experiment in recycling clothing, and avoiding buying new clothes."

"I say never throw the clothes out until their despicable calculated short life span is completely spent and they are literally no more than rags.

RE-USE!"

In general, students warn of being deceived by a high-priced department store's ideas of "vintage" clothes. They are a mere mockery compared to the genuine satisfaction of breaking-in your own clothes at a far less expensive price.

Based on his personal experiences, Ned claimed confidently that "clothes are meant to be worn and ripped; it's more fun that way."



Rachael Darkow's famous jeans. The torn patches give it character.

Brace yourself for 'Spring Fling' madness

BRIAN ENGLER
STAFF WRITER

Sophomore Joe Guida remembers it as "the day the paddy wagon came to Rouzer." Freshman Nadine Heron heard it had "adult sized inflatable bouncy toys." Freshman Pamela Knopp knows only that it is a day of "festivities and fun." What is this day of merriment and arrests? Spring Fling of course!

Generally, any student that's been at McDaniel College for at least one year has memories of some kind about Spring Fling. For some people, it brings about memories of drunken good times.

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 Christmas in 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 airbrushed t-shirts; Wednesday will have a student talent night in the pub. On Thursday there will be karaoke in the pub. 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 rained on this magical day of wonderment. However this has not stopped Rose from making sure the students had fun. The plans for Spring Fling, taking place April 21 from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM, are to have it in Red Square and the 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 o' 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 Flare 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 out. Basically, if you aren't blatant about it, you should be safe.

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!

BSU Fashion Show- lights, camera, fashion

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On March 24, McDaniel's Black Student Union (BSU) hosted its sixth annual Fashion Show, Effing Nova. With a clever slogan, translating into "New Fashion," the show was sure to deliver nothing less.

The show started at around seven o'clock and attracted a very diverse and energetic group. While many students were in attendance, the show also encouraged the participation of faculty and staff members, along with local community members.

With 31 models, eight different themes, and a few surprises, the performance was able to showcase a wide variety of fashion trends. As a result of the show's unique and daring outfits, there proved to be something for everyone. Themes ranged from, "It's a Terror Thang," which required all the models to sport their favorite McDaniel apparel, to "Your Trash, My Fashion," which

showcased a number of different outfits made from everyday products, such as trash bags and diapers.

Each of the models offered the crowd a very different personality, which also helped mix things up. Through the use of clothes, a runway walk, and in some cases, a signature move, the models were able to captivate the audience with their individuality.

Director, Chris Reed '08 said that this year's show tried to stray away from the strict urban feel it once had; however the cast was able to deliver a very elegant, high-fashion wardrobe without completely losing the original urban feel of the show.

Reed also said that they encountered quite a few problems before the night of the show, including uncooperative companies who were supposed to donate clothes, but backed out at the last minute. Luckily, thanks to the hard work of all the cast members and the smooth delivery of the show, there was no question that performance

was very well organized.

The fashion show also featured three fantastic dance performances, which incorporated several styles of music and dance. The upbeat soundtrack continued throughout the evening, and Amanda Gushard-Edwards '09 said, "the music added so much to the show, it really seemed to get the models and the audience involved."

In between sets, there was an energetic host, who was almost impossible to hear because of the excitement of the crowd. He encouraged people from the audience to dance on stage, and also during intermission hosted a runway competition for audience members. This was a great way to keep the audience entertained while the models changed, and also provided a comedic side to the show.

The models, dancers, cast and crew all did a phenomenal job putting together this year's show, and there's no question that next year's will be just as great.



Frannia Bryant (Above)
Kirk Jefferson (Below)



Abby Orcuba (Above)
Amanda Oakes (Below)



Just like twins- students share stories

EMILY SWEENEY
STAFF WRITER

If you were looking for twins 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. When people dress the same, or act alike, or are together a lot, others could say "they're just like twins."



The Conley twins. Can you tell them apart?

This is off-hand slang, like 'you hit like a girl,' that gives people weird misconceptions. Even people educated with television through Sister Sister and Disney Channel shows and movies might first think twins at least look alike, if not have the same personalities.

Kate Goeddel ('10) says, "I have a twin brother, and both of us on many different occasions have been asked whether or not we are identical...after the person asking has found out that we are brother and sister. Every time I have to explain to them that it is physically impossible for a boy and a girl to

be identical."

Personalities have notable differences too. Goeddel says, "My brother Rob is a workaholic and is really really good at mathematics...I, on the other hand, am awful at math and I could not stand to work on homework for five hours straight."

Liz Conley ('10) and Michelle Fluty ('09), also students with twin siblings, say their siblings have different school interests and habits, and all three didn't have particular goals of going to school together. However, Conley and Fluty both mention sometimes having the same friends as their twins either now or before college.

Conley says, though, when describing their separate spring breaks, "We get along really well when we've been

separated."

Despite not looking or and acting alike, some McDaniel students with twins have done the television jokes.

Conley has an identical twin on campus. She says it isn't as hard to separate them by sight now because of differing hairstyles. Hair cuts/coloring aside, they look alike and sound alike on the phone.

Sounding alike let Conley trick her sister's boyfriend in high school. Conley says she answered his call once as her sister and eventually admitted "I would love you too-if I were your girlfriend." She and her sister could also switch classes because they look alike (once prompted by a 5th grade teacher).

Conley says that now being in the same class and looking alike is problematic because a

professor may mix up participation grades.

Fluty, who has a fraternal twin, says she switched instruments in middle school band with her sibling, despite the fact they're not identical.

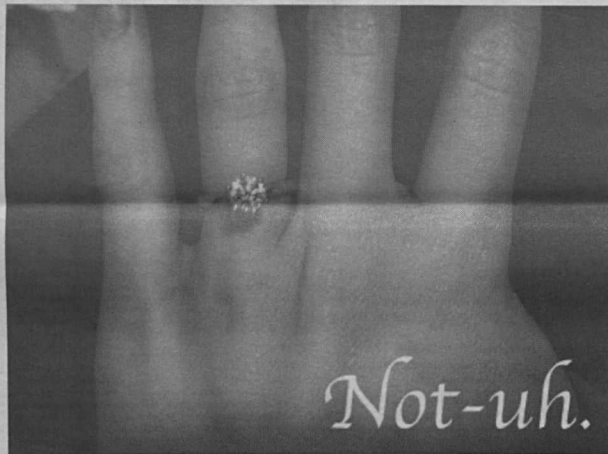
"I would blame a lot of things on her when I was younger," Conley also 'confessed.' A lot of siblings have probably attempted this, but she indicates it's easier to get away with the trick when, even if you're seen, you can pretend to be her sibling.

Fluty says her and her twin have mostly stories that a lot of siblings have. People 'just like twins' are therefore 'just like siblings,' or 'like sisters' or 'brothers.' These terms are heard often with McDaniel's fraternities and sororities. But now, 'siblings' means being alike or together a lot!

Spring Break 2007

The Spring Break, the Hill dipped into newer and greater endeavors than ever before climbed. That age-old adage, "What happens on Break stays on Break," is null and void -- three students share a few stories from vacation that are too unique to go untold. Of course, there are always going to be the MTV-standard beaches and the booze, but the Free Press takes a look at the departure from the norm...by plane, a car tour, and one diamond ring.

The Engagement



Not-uh.

When I knew that one could have the best spring break ever without being on an island, seeing the coast, or going to an exotic location? This would have been my dream trip, but that all faded away this year. I experienced my best spring break ever. While I did go somewhere, it was only for half a day and I did not end up with a tan. I ended up coming back with something that will last a lot longer—forever. The place was Mount Vernon. The day was March 10 and the weather was beautiful. What made it even better was being there with my boyfriend of almost two years.

Once arriving at Mount Vernon, we started walking the grounds, taking in the vast amount of the landscape and of the famous mansion. This seemed like a normal trip to me because we had wanted to go there since neither of us had been there in about ten years. After walking the plantation for about a half hour, we sat on a bench situated on the edge of the Potomac River. Emulating a tourist (I'm a dork), I immediately started taking pictures of the river and the landscape around it. I finally put the camera away and as I'm looking across the river, I hear "Hey Hon, I have a question for you."

I turned to face my boyfriend and there he was, down on one knee, with a gorgeous ring in a black box. "Will you marry me?" he asked. Being the sappy romantic I am (NOT), the first words out of my mouth were "Not-uh!" I was in shock, but I was completely ecstatic! Realizing this was for real, I told him "Yes, of course!" He slipped the ring on my finger and the rest of that day a smile was stuck on our faces—my cheeks were so sore by the end of the day. For the rest of the week, we spent every day together, knowing that next May we will finally be Mr. and Mrs.

So, no...my spring break didn't involve going to the beach, or to the ocean, or to an exotic location. But I would say mine definitely equals in comparison.

Sarah Black
Commentary - Bride-to-be

The International

Egypt — Awesome

DANIELLE COMARMI
CONTRIBUTOR

Egypt, as we became fond of saying over spring break, is awesome—as in genuinely, overpoweringly awe-inspiring. When Dr. Esa started organizing the trip during the fall he found a handful of students ready to pack on a moments notice. We were really excited. Egypt, after all, is a country most of us have been learning about and viewing photographs of since 2nd grade social studies, and the idea of walking in the land of the pharaohs has a unique kind of appeal. But no matter how much we were looking forward to seeing the sights, which proved to be more impressive than any photograph could ever capture, our tour of Egypt provided a hundred cultural experiences which we never anticipated and which added an entirely new dimension to our trip.

We saw the pyramids and the Sphinx, King Tutankhamen's treasures and temples so ancient and well preserved that they were almost surreal. American notions of what constitutes antiquity are consider-



ably more generous than those of most other nations, and Egypt is mind-bogglingly ancient by even the most demanding standards. We sailed the Nile and rode camels along its banks, visited the library of Alexandria and watched the sun set into the Mediterranean Sea. And, with varying degrees of wariness and pleasure, we endured ten flights in as many days and ate food which was unfamiliar and suspect, but often delicious. Our tour guide Mohammed II (unable to be Mohammed I due to Dr. Esa's claim to the title) dubbed our group "Ramses", and to the amusement of locals and tourists alike he shouted that title constantly to gather us together for our next expedition.

As beautiful as our surroundings were, the most interesting part of our trip was meeting the people of Egypt and participating in their customs. There were countless groups of young children eager to practice their English and take pictures with us, and many friendly families interested in foreigners. We smoked water pipes in the coffee shops, experienced a family's hospitality in a small Nubian village, and witnessed the devoutness of Friday services at a mosque. Shopping in the bazaars was an unprecedented sensory overload, barraged as we were by sounds and sights and most of all by rather aggressive vendors. And all the girls learned quickly the extravagant nature of Egyptian flattery, with such pick-up lines as "Wait, you have dropped something!! No, never mind—it was my heart."

Of course, seeing so much in such a limited time frame has a few interesting side effects: there are only 24 hours in the day, and we could not afford to dedicate too many of those to sleep. At our worst I imagine we rather resembled zombies, sitting mindlessly on a bus at four in the morning, clutching the carb-filled breakfast boxes provided to us by our hotel. There were challenges to face daily, from the language barrier to remembering to brush our teeth with bottled water. Simply crossing the street in Cairo was an adventure, as it is a city where traffic laws serve merely as unheeded suggestions. Overall, though, our trip to Egypt provided us with some valuable international insights, hundreds of gorgeous pictures, and countless "awesome" memories.

The Helpful

A community grows in LOUISA

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SPORTS EDITOR

On Saturday, March 10, eight students, including myself and Father John Robbins, a priest from St. John's Catholic Church in Westminster, departed on the Catholic Campus Ministries Spring Break Service Trip to Louisa, Kentucky. While there, the group helped Father Ralph Beiting and the Christian Appalachian Mission in their ongoing process of rehabilitating the community.

Of the 2,018 residents of Louisa, about 10 percent of the population is unemployed; however, Monsignor Beiting places the percentage between 20-30 percent because many go unreported.

The area has one of the highest percentages of drug abuse in the nation. Louisa also has trouble retaining the youth who would be beneficial to the area. Those who graduate from high school leave, forever removing themselves from a bad situation that could be aided through their help and knowledge.

Monsignor Beiting, a native of Northern Kentucky, first arrived in the Appalachian regions of Eastern Kentucky in 1976. Since that time, he has dedicated his life to the Christian Appalachian Mission and the citizens of Louisa.

Upon arriving in Louisa, we had no idea what to expect. We were not kept in the dark for long as Monsignor explained the problem areas.

Sunday, our first day of work, was spent at the "At Adam's street house," a rundown house that was purchased by the Christian Appalachian Mission to be transformed into a drug rehabilitation center.

At Adam's we removed old furniture, ripped up the carpet, and did various exterior painting. Throughout the day, the two workmen, Eddie and Scott, applied the new siding and provided the group with comic relief.

"I had the privilege of meeting and working with some wonderful people down in

Kentucky," explains junior Katelyn Ryan. "They may not have had much, but they each certainly had solid senses of humor." Later that week, a day was spent entirely at Padre's Place, a repurposed double wide trailer where our group was staying; it is used for retreats and service groups. Monsignor hopes to expand it to accommodate 40 people. So, we painted and helped Eddie and Scott start construction on one of the additions to Padre's.

The rest of the week was spent at the warehouse, where all the donations supplied to the cause are held. Shipments came in from all over the country. A mountain of clothes and stacked mattresses almost reached the ceiling and windows we all help to load and unload are stacked up against a wall. They will eventually be installed at Adam's.

The actual work we did was really random, from tearing up carpet to painting fences, and at times it became tedious, comments freshman Fernando Gomes, "But, I'm glad I went because it opened my eyes to another part of this world that needs a lot of help."

In the week that was spent in Louisa we helped begin work on Adam's, add to Padre's, and sort through parts of the warehouse. However, the knowledge acquired was the most valuable.

Although it will not be successful overnight, Monsignor Beiting and the Appalachian Christian Mission is a "grassroots movement designed to help eradicate poverty in Eastern Kentucky and seeks to provide the necessary means and resources to the people so that they eventually can rise above the poverty line and become self-reliant, independent individuals," explains Ryan.



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Residence Life needs better Rouzer response

A letter to the editor

DAVID P. GREISMAN
READER

Nothing,

"Seinfeld," the self-proclaimed show about nothing, ended in 1998 with an episode in which Jerry, George, Elaine and Kramer 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 a prolonged period of vandalism within their building. More than 200 students are being punished for what were presumably the acts of the few, dubious discipline for the misdeed of doing nothing.

And with nearly \$17,000 in charges levied by the Department of Residence Life against the Rouzer residents, I recommend that the latter should continue to do nothing — about the fines, not about the crimes — until the former shows a better way of doing something.

On the surface, it would appear that Residence Life has

the power to charge students financially for that which it would never be able to charge them with legally. Its policy is set out on page 47 of the Student Handbook.

McDaniel College expects resident students will take responsibility for damages to public areas in their living space. Like most other colleges, the College does not raise room rental for all students to pay for damages but assess those members of a living area (floor, suite, wing, hall) when the responsible individual(s) cannot be determined.

"It is the responsibility of all residents to exercise their influence in the student community to prevent damage or require responsible individuals to pay."

I think I saw this analogy on the SATs: Residence Life is to Rouzer Hall as America is to rogue states. Harbor student terrorists and the administration will bomb you to oblivion.

Odds are that the vandalism is in-house, but there's more than enough reasonable

doubt to mount an effective legal challenge — especially in that absolutely anyone can enter Rouzer without question or obstruction at any time. For along with students from other dorms who do laundry in Rouzer and thus have keys to the building, there is at least one entrance that provides non-residents with unfettered access.

Again, though, odds are that it is Rouzer students doing the vandalizing. So what is it that brought this situation to its breaking point?

Problems with Rouzer aren't new to this school year. Over the summer, the hall underwent some serious renovations to repair years of abuse. Yet fall brought the same foxes back into the henhouse — a homogenous group of 200 freshmen boys supervised by little more than four resident assistants. The building's residence life coordinator resigned in early October, leaving yet another gap in leadership.

There has been ample opportunity for the Department of Residence Life

to find a resolution — to interview students, to increase supervision, to effectively nip the problem in the bud. Residence Life, however, instead left the situation to a policy that passes the buck of responsibility away from the adults and onto the students who the former are charged with guarding and guiding.

Its approach, it seems, is to bully the students — many of whom are probably innocent of any wrongdoing but ignorant of the true perpetrators. Rather than working with what must be a good number of residents who are fed up with the mess — both literal and figurative — there is an us vs. them mentality, an order to give Residence Life the information ... or else.

The school also chose to assign a Campus Safety officer to patrol Rouzer Thursday through Saturday, from midnight to 4 a.m. Aside from Campus Safety's limited presence being akin to fighting a forest fire with a garden hose, Residence Life will bill Rouzer residents for the cost of hiring the officer.

When problem neighborhoods need an increased police presence, governments don't charge residents for helping to keep them safe. And McDaniel College presumably doesn't charge students caught drinking off-campus for the cost of the officer on the joint patrol with the Westminster Police Department.

Yet Rouzer residents should have also felt compelled — by logic, not by school law — to set up something akin to a neighborhood watch program. Few enjoy living in less-than-ideal conditions, and the students could have asked for help finding and handling those few rotten eggs that caused this big stink. It's uncertain if and how that help would have come.

Rouzer's residents didn't necessarily fail themselves — it was the system that should've been there for them instead of against. These students came to McDaniel to work on projects, not to feel like they're living in them.

American Idol review: Sanjaya needs to go

GREG PFEIFFER
STAFF WRITER

America can't be wrong. 30 million people will make the right choice. The next American Idol will enjoy astounding success, gain unprecedented concert sales, and go huge with a multi-platinum debut album. Isn't it true that our next megastar will become a household name, with a face that we can't escape no matter how hard we try? The next American Idol will be able to sing in tune, right? Wrong.

For whatever reason, these truths are somehow slipping past the minds of Americans who tune in every week to crown the next singing sensation. We have made it to the top 12, which supposedly represents the best of the best America has to offer. The group has potential, no doubt, but only on the girl's side. Quite frankly, this may be the worst group of boys the show has ever seen in its six seasons, lead by the worst male singer to ever advance this far.

"He's not going to win. I won't be back if he does," says Simon Cowell, the show's notoriously harsh but correct judge.

Cowell is referring to Sanjaya Malakar, a 17-year-old hailing from Federal Way, WA. Needless to say, if someone epitomized the lackluster quality of the men in this season's competition, Malakar is it. While his youth is no excuse, he clearly does not possess the ability of those

who found success before him. In none of his performances has he showcased the power of Chris Daughtry, the rage of Reuben Stoddard, or the soulfulness of Taylor Hicks, three of the best males the show has ever produced.

"I think people have seen my voice but not necessarily the potential it could be," says Sanjaya of himself. "I think I have a certain charm."

Charm or no charm, it is obvious that Malakar just doesn't have it. He often sings out of tune and bores audiences with his whispery style that has him slaughtering song after song each week. It has left many wondering why he continues to make the cut, knocking off better singers that deserve the spot he unjustly holds.

So what is the secret to Sanjaya's dumbfounding success? Many theories have risen to help explain why he still remains in the competition. For example, his ethnicity has gained him the support of his country's voters; he is the first contestant on Idol of Indian descent. Interestingly, conspiracy may play a part in his continuity on the show. Votefortheworst.com, which receives a million hits a day, urges viewers to choose Sanjaya despite his faults.

Dave Della Terza, the site's editor, says "Idol is more entertaining with him on. His job on the show is to act as spoiler, and we want to prolong that role."

His followers, or self-proclaimed "Fanjayas," admire

Malakar's physicality; his constantly evolving hairstyle may be enough to send him to the final three. No one is hoping for that more than radio mogul Howard Stern, a frequent visitor of Votefortheworst.com and Sanjaya supporter. Stern has been urging listeners to dial in for the singer each week, potentially bringing in millions of mock votes. The so-called "Stern Effect" is possibly skewing a poll that should not include Sanjaya in the first place, and could ultimately affect the results in an annoying and blatantly unfair way.

It is important to note that if Simon leaves the show, so will many viewers. His aforementioned threat to leave should not be taken lightly. He stresses time and time again that Idol is a singing competition, and on those grounds, Sanjaya should go immediately. Even though its up to America, I want to see him off the show. And until that happens, no amount of Blake Lewis' beat boxing can change my mind.



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SEX ON THE HILL



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 pardoned from the moment that maybe wasn't the first time you had it all planned out.

Whether you are a virgin or not, *sex* can be an agonizing 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 have miraculously had a good first time.

The mixed reviews from friends can add to certain misconceptions. And these misconceptions make the decision to have sex even harder.

BUT you may not lose your virginity the way you had always dreamt. 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're doing it safely. 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 both the 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 turn down sex. 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!

High cost of Commencement

JEROME DEFRANCES
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Commencement. It's the reason that we've worked so hard for four years. It's a day when we, as seniors, get to be admired, honored, and celebrated.

Most of us will receive our diploma with a degree in our chosen field; some will have double majors, and a select few will graduate with Honors. Doesn't it sound great? Don't be so quick to jump to that conclusion.

Most of us will be paying \$63.98 for a cap, gown, and tassel, but for those of you who have worked extra hard in your four years on the hill, the cost of commencement will be just a bit greater than those of us who have just made it through by the skin of our teeth.

With each Honor you garner, you receive a cord to wear over your gown on the day of commencement. These cords aren't free.

It doesn't seem fair, I know. You worked harder, but you are required to pay more. Here's the way to fix it: for the next nine weeks, just don't go to class. That way you can kiss those Honors and the higher cost of commencement good bye.

I'm just kidding; keep doing what you're doing. Because let's face it, most likely you aren't paying for it anyway, your parents are. That's what they are for. Scott Morrow '07 says, "Sixty-four dollars for being able to keep everything is basically nothing, especially when my

parents are footing the bill. College graduation only comes once...let's not be cheap!" Scott, I hear you loud and clear.

By the end of May, our dependency on our parents will be pretty much maxed out. Sure, some of us will be frequently stopping by the old house for a free meal, and a certain few will even be living in the basement. But for most of us, we will have real jobs, our own apartments, and new responsibilities.

Todd Knepper, a 2006 graduate, who is now working a full time job and paying his own way for everything, told his parents "Think of it as tipping well on a four year long tab...it's the last thing you'll have to pay for, don't worry about it."

I say, let's stop whining about what "we" (our parents) have to pay, and just milk it for what it's worth for the rest of the year.

For those of you that are paying your own way, I commend you for not only funding your education, but for graduating with Honors as well and give you permission to nag all you want.



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 dispel 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 trending for the worst over the past 17 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 tote) 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.



Recycling bins are plentiful around the McDaniel Campus, but often they are filled with garbage, such as this one by the pub.



The Right-Wing "Rant"er Responds...

A letter to the editor

CHELSEA PHILLIPS
READER

The Author wants Americans to get off their couches and do something (The Author: "I can't even read that number, March 8, 2007).

Well...now we're getting somewhere!

If you didn't get a chance to check out the March 8th edition of the McDaniel Free Press, I highly recommend reading the four articles that respond to my February 23rd Letter to the Editor entitled, George Bush deserves praise not bashing (a title selected by the staff of The Free Press, NOT by this author—mind you).

But yes, you heard me correctly. I said FOUR responses to my article! I guess not all Americans are stagnant and indifferent...you just have to find the right buttons to push to get them to jump out of their la-z-b-boys!

To quote Mr. Stinson, what a "great deal of courage to argue on behalf of your own beliefs" (Observations of a dirty, liberal student, March 8, 2007). I couldn't agree more. And I applaud the students who took the time to voice their opinions! Instead of business as usual in The Free Press, the last three issues have given us an opportunity to witness students come alive, to offer impassioned 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 additional students will start writing "opinion pieces about things that matter to [them]."

And after all, isn't that what a liberal arts education is about anyway? Looking at situations through various lenses and then deciding what we individually believe. Breakthroughs and innovative strategies don't typically come from hashing out old ideas with individuals who think exactly like you do. A lot can be said for a little friendly debate every now and again!

Continuing in a spirit of honest and open intellectual discussion, let's carefully consider the five main arguments or allegations leveled against me and every "other American conservative" in last week's edition of The Free Press: Bias, The Vagina Monologues, Iraq, Economics, and Conservatism.

First—Media Bias. Mr. Schein contends that, "the existence of a 'liberal bias' in the media has been known for centuries" and thus any continued discussion of the topic is unnecessary (Student's points "misguided, misleading," March 8, 2007). Conversely, The Author insists that The Free Press is

unbiased, and that it's writers are completely objective in their coverage.

Wait a minute. How can both claims be simultaneously true?

If the existence of media bias were universally acknowledged as Mr. Schein insists it is, there'd be no need for this discussion, now would there? But since media bias is NOT universally accepted (NOTE: The Author), let's consider the basis of the bias argument.

For the record—Merriam Webster's Dictionary defines the word 'bias' as "an inclination of temperament or outlook." Using that definition, please consider the following question: Is it theoretically (let alone actually) possible for journalists to be completely impartial in their reporting?

We are all human beings after all—not robots. We think, we feel, we believe. When we write (especially when we write editorials!) we express our opinions—intentionally or unintentionally—because that's human nature. For this reason, it is impossible to completely divorce our inclinations and outlooks 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 through the same eyes. 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 disconnecting themselves from 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 invariably creeps into the reporting of news.

Moving on...a second important issue is The Vagina Monologues. Before addressing the production itself, I would like to clarify two criticisms leveled against my character.

First, while I have not paid money to buy a ticket and attend Eve Ensler's production, I have borrowed a copy of the script from a former cast member and personally read and considered its content. Thus, before making unwarranted 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) is an organization committed to helping conservative students counter discrimination on their campuses. CBLPI's website specifically states that the organization's goal is, "to equip [students] with the ideas, encouragement, and tools you need to promote your conservative ideas." One such tool is a brochure entitled, The Vagina Monologues Exposed: A Student's Guide to V-Day. This pamphlet offers background info on the play, fall v. fallacy statements, and activism ideas for students.

In my critique of the Monologues I utilized CBLPI's talking points. With such a thoroughly researched "tool" (specifically created for student use in evaluating the play!), it seems unnecessary to re-invent the wheel by coming up with entirely "original thoughts." Could I have cited the source of my ideas: sure. But Letters to the Editor don't really provide a place for footnotes. And more importantly, my statements were derived from talking points specifically created for my use. Plagiarism is a bold accusation to level without fully understanding the context.

Although—I must say, I appreciate the defamation of character. The more time my critics spend disparaging me, the less time spent defending their positions!

But now—considering the play itself. Clearly all four commentaries consider the Monologues "important [since] the VDay foundation raise[s] awareness and funds in support of the fight against violence against women." Those of us who do not approve of the Vag Mon production (and there are "plenty of feminists and masculinists [who] have complained about Eve Ensler's Vagina Monologues"—check out <http://www.cbipi.org> for a list of all the schools nationwide participating in the V-Day Exposed campaign) harbor no "deep resentment" toward the "entertainment phenomenon" and also disapprove of violence toward women (and men!).

But...while the Monologues may raise money for a positive cause, that doesn't mean the production itself is positive. That's like arguing that: If torturing prisoners provides pertinent information that prevents future terrorist attacks and saves the lives of millions, THEN torture should be allowed. Ends don't justify Means.

Now that is a point you may disagree with. But please allow me MY first amendment right to state my opinion, without any fear of repercussion. Also, Mr. Stinson, simply stating that you were not

offended by the play does not validate that NO ONE was offended by it. Or do you purport to speak on behalf of humanity at large?

The third issue I'd like to take a look at is the Iraq War and my alleged "fanatical devotion to Dear Leader...er, President George W. Bush." While the commentary concerning these two issues was extensive, I would merely like to respond with three brief comments.

(1) If's true I disagreed with many of Former President Clinton's policies and personal 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 countless decisions (some wise, some otherwise). While I would never advocate "blind devotion" to any individual, I do believe that a certain level of respect should be afforded our leaders. If you don't like the way they are handling our affairs, don't vote for them (again) or come up with better strategies yourself! Name-calling gets us nowhere (NOTE: "blubbering dimwit from Texas," "megalomaniac who usurped the Oval Office," "Dear Leader," "Emperor Bush," etc.).

(2) You may be surprised to learn that the Pew Research Center has found that 40% of Americans currently support the Iraq War (53% of Americans no longer approve, and apparently the remaining 7% aren't sure what they think...perhaps they're too busy catching up on the latest episode of American Idol). While 40% may not be a majority, it is still an awfully large percentage of Americans to ignore. And more importantly, since the President's current approval rating has dropped to 29% (which is less than 40%) there are obviously some non-"Bush Cult" members who still believe we can make a positive difference in the Middle East (The New York Times).

(3) OF COURSE Americans are allowed to change their minds! But I do ask that they don't try to re-write history in the process. The fact of the matter is, President Bush did NOT lead "our proud nation into [an] unpopular war in the Middle East." The war may not be extremely popular now, but (as I'm sure The Author knows) when the decision was made to go to war in 2002, a vast majority of Americans supported that course of action. Additionally, the President's war resolution passed the US House by nearly 70% and the US Senate by 77%! (CNN Inside Politics). Clearly not an "unpopular" war.

The next main issue we

have to deal with is economic policy. You can argue about capitalism until you're blue in the face. And as an individual, The Author may assert anything (s)he'd like about our market economy. But before making bold claims about what "any economist" would say or believe, (s)he may want to consult an economist, or at least begin by taking a course on economic theory. That might change his/her mind...or at least moderate his/her brash declarations. If The Author has taken even the most basic economic class McDaniel offers—Intro to Political Economy—(s)he should know that there are economists who do not believe that all "people are greedy and will set up obstructionist policies that deprive others (poor people and third-world nations) of an equal opportunity to succeed in the market."

And finally, (possibly my favorite topic to discuss; not to mention, the topic of my senior seminar—research), American Conservatism. Richard Reich can define the "left/right, liberal/conservative dichotomy" however he'd like. He's entitled to his own opinion. BUT...who made Mr. Reich the authority on contemporary American political ideology? Conservatives have been inadequately defined as "preservers of the status quo" for far too long. For a movement as broad, diverse, and long lasting as American Conservatism, such a bold generalization is brazenly ignorant. Today's Conservatives are an eclectic group of individuals. They have many shared values, and many diverse ideas, which basically makes them...just like you and me.

As The Author instructs, "get off your couch and do something." Don't take your freedom for granted. Whether you see yourself as a conservative, 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—don't wait for someone else to respond. Write a Letter to the Editor. If your professor makes a statement you feel is unwarranted, don't remain silent. Speak your mind.

We may come from different backgrounds, bring with us different perspectives, and support different worldviews. But we are all Americans. And as Americans, we are extraordinarily blessed with the freedom to articulate our opinions—not everyone in the world possesses such enormous liberty.

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 newsy 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 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 so others serving in Iraq but his experiences go way beyond the headlines we see every day. The media needs a wake up call to what is really happening.

"We all know that whatever decisions are made [in Congress] they have our best interests at heart. But I have to combat the media again as they say we are not losing this war. We have and are giving the Iraqis 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. Hoping it's not a mugger or a speeding double-decker bus, sometimes it makes for an exciting day out to explore your own backyard.

I went out last Saturday for a day of peeking 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 London local 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, accommodating goods unloaded from ships using the port of London. It contained what was reputedly the largest tea warehouse in the world. During the 20th century, Butler's Wharf and other warehouses in the area fell into disuse... Since the 1980s Butler's Wharf has been transformed from a run-down derelict site into luxury flats with restaurants and shops on the ground floor."

The wharf is a charismatic little area, with a few fashion-

able shops and a couple of waterfront bars and restaurants. In the cobblestone alley between rows of buildings, iron supports bridge the gaps between buildings and criss-cross down the narrow street: an unusual and artsy 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 throbbing hubbub of tourists, commuters, and the constant hum of daily life. You won't be bombarded by free newspapers here, nor will you have to watch out for that speeding double-decker bus, as the road is blocked off to traffic.

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 to yourself.

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.

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 was the last time you looked at them? Go ahead, go pull out the scrapbook, or open that folder on your computer. Look through your photos, I mean really look. Do it now. Go ahead, I'll wait.

Are you done (for those of you who actually did it)? What are you thinking right now? If you're like me, you're probably reflecting a little bit on where and when those pictures were taken. Depending on where you were or what you were doing, you might be 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 Coliseum or of the Great Wall of China, and they might be 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 5x7 piece of glass.

But this column is about much more than your scenic vacation pictures. Look at your personal pictures. Look the friends you've had, your family, the things you did with them. Look at yourself. Look at the person you were when it was taken, and then look at the person you are now. It goes beyond the way your hair was styled or the

clothes you wore when you were a sophomore in high school. It extends to the friend standing next to you with a grin as wide as yours. Look at your younger brother or sister, if you have one, and compare how they've grown along with you. Look at your parents, and the lives and decisions they've made, because they're more than just your parents, they're people living their lives as well. The world was so much different when those pictures were taken, whether it was ten years ago or yesterday. Imagine how much different the world will be tomorrow.

Here's the point: we take photos as a way to remember what is important to us, though we may not know it when we take them. There can be deep psychological revelations associated with remembering our lives as we

see them through the lens. Basically, photos allow us to reflect. And reflecting is important, because as the adage goes, you can't know where you're going unless you know where you're coming from.

Look at the youthful exuberance in your face at your high school homecoming. Look at how methodical you and your friends were as you stared at that beautiful sunset. You want to go back further? Look at how excited you were that one Christmas morning, when Santa was still real.

The examples are endless, the moments timeless, and we can't always remember them all. That's why we take photos. Even those scenic photos that don't have anybody in them, because you still remember why you were there, what you were doing, and how amazing it was for

you. All these photos, all these experiences, and all these memories all lead up to one important revelation: how blessed we are to have had them. The friends you've made, the family that has supported you, the places you've been, the things you've done. We're not all that lucky, and maybe some of you who are reading this can't relate. I suspect a lot of you can't though, because I have never met anybody who didn't have a few photos somewhere to reminisce.

So on, look at all your photos. Look back on the life you've had, so that you can get excited for the life ahead of you. That might include new places with old friends or familiar places with new friends, or maybe a bit of both. Just don't forget your camera.

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 remain a dedicated bachelor for the rest of my days, but love can strike at any point, to any person. I felt the sting of Cupid's arrow as I stood in awe at the Coliseum, as I made my wish in the Trevi Fountain, and gazed upon the might that is Rome from atop the cupola of St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

My heart belongs to Rome. How could I not be smitten?

She's cultured. She's sophisticated. She's beautiful. And the food she's given me has been the best I've had in 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 from beneath 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 one.

But indecisiveness rings true, for not even a week later my train arrives in Munich, Germany. The city has its charm, and I enjoy my stay, but I still feel like Rome is the place for me. That is until I arrive at Füssen, specifically at the Neuschwanstein Castle.

Now that was something else.

Imagine every fairy tale you've ever read, with some enchanting castle nestling in the mountains. This was it. King Ludwig II could look out his window in the morning and see the waterfall pouring down into the valley, which extended throughout the beautiful mountain ranges and into this charming little town which just screams 'Germany.' Charming doesn't begin to describe watching the stream pour down from the top, exploring toward the bottom, and being able to look up

at what is essentially one of the inspirations for all the Disney castles. It was more than a nice change of pace for someone eager to see the world, but has really just seen cities the past few months. Just amazing.

Now I'm in a dilemma. Rome offered me class and beauty; in the same way it offers the millions of tourists that visit it every year.

Everyone knows Rome, and everyone loves Rome. Most people couldn't even spell Füssen, let alone know where it is. But its attraction is equally alluring. So which do I choose?

The answer is both. People are always impressed by Rome (and if they haven't been there, a little jealousy, let's be honest.) I'll remember Rome through the history and beauty and sheer awe it inspired in me.

My time in Bavaria will be my hidden love, a few days full of scenic mountainsides, good people, liters of beer, and a little enchantment. Thus, I think I'll take the Italian city for a while, but leave a little time for that nice 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.



Geoff Peckham stands in front of the Coliseum in Rome, Italy.

NCAA Tournament predictions predictable

RYAN CHELL
SPORTS EDITOR

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 the teams are the most evenly-matched. 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 two 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 Football 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.

But 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 shot 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 Affalo 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.

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'Unity' key concept for Terror softball

ALYSSA ROMASCO
STAFF WRITER

The word unity accurately describes the McDaniel College Green Terror Softball team. Although it is early in the season, the ladies appear to be off on the right track, focused on softball, each other, and the season ahead.

While most McDaniel college students were relaxing at home or away for spring break, the ladies of the Green Terror softball team traveled to the Rebel Games in Kissimmee, Florida for their training trip. Although the climate may seem like the most perfect place to be over spring break, these athletes were practicing and working hard at softball.

They competed in ten games against some of the stronger teams in the nation, which provided the Green Terror with a great experience to learn more about the game and each other.

"Our team showed real togetherness by overcoming obstacles during the week. We proved to be able to work as one unit to go into the regular season strong," indicates junior, Kelli Workmeister. "The most important thing about our softball team this year is that every player on the team is stepping up no matter what year they are. That is what will make us a team to watch."

Despite a record of three and seven on their training trip in 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 feel as though we mesh well 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."

The Green 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; and 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.

There are eight returning letter winners for the Lady Green Terror. Juniors, Curley and Diana Rosemier were named all conference players last season along with Emily Trainor, who was also named an NFCA All-Region All American. Rosemier 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 successful season.

The ladies are positive and excited about the season 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 Rosemier.

The team is determined and looks to have a great foundation based on team unity—and that is a building block for a championship season. The ladies next home game is at 3p.m. on April 5th against Franklin & Marshall College.

Lacrosse works as a team for positive start

JEROME DEFRANCES
STAFF WRITER

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 claimed "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.

As a team, the men have dominated their opponents in almost all statistical categories, including goals, assists, face offs, ground balls, and clears. With the Centennial Conference being wide open and because everyone on the team is doing what they need to do to help the team, many feel the team's success will only continue throughout the season. "We're looking forward to the second half of the season, the way the conference has played out so far and with the return of some injured players, we'll be fine," said Hoffman.



Search underway for new basketball coach

CHRIS FERRICK-MANLEY
STAFF WRITER

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 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 dream," 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 matter what.

"The most important thing to me is that the program keeps headed in the positive direction that it started in," he said, admitting that this depends on decision of the athletic department.

One of the players on the team that was recruited by Selby, small forward Chad Arrington, has high praise for him.

"He's a guy you can count on to have your back," said Arrington.

Arrington describes the last couple of seasons as successful for the team, but they need someone who can help the team put everything together

and lead them to the playoffs. He believes Selby would fit that role, "but it depends on what the athletic director thinks".

"We would have to adjust," said Arrington when asked what the team's feelings were on an outsider coming to lead the program, "but the team will support whatever decision the athletic director makes."

He made a point to mention however, that Flynn himself was an outsider to the program and made an outstanding positive impact.



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SIZE MATTERS

Readers, you may notice that this issue is a bit skimpy. This thinner, eight-page version was planned.

Why?

Well – staff members are still recovering from Spring Fling, you know what that means, and the work involved with cranking out the April 1 edition and a “real” edition of *The McDaniel Free Press* that had neighboring deadlines. It was crazy, but we made it.

More importantly, staff members are gearing up for this year's Senior Issue, which will pay tribute to the Class of 2007, and the 2006-2007 school year.

Issue 6 will also feature many important news stories, the deadline providing the newspaper staff with more time to create top-notch journalism. It will be a good issue, so look for it, and be excited.

In short: We offer less now to bring you more later. So give us a break now, but be prepared to be fascinated and entertained on May 3. Sincerely,
Mike and Djerdj
Co-Editors

OMS donation promise unfulfilled

JULIA SAUNDERS
CONTRIBUTOR

A much-needed \$100,000 donation to the Office of Multicultural Services in May 2005 seemed like a blessing, but only became an ordeal when \$80,000 of the donation never materialized.

Two years ago, Chief Edward E. Fox, owner and CEO of CSIA Inc., a Baltimore-based investigative agency, was invited to attend McDaniel's Multicultural Leaders Banquet. Hosted by Multicultural Services, the school was looking for potential donors to invest in McDaniel programs.

Fox, a reputable business-

man “known for his philanthropy,” according to Zephia Bryant, director of Multicultural Services, signed a pledge letter donating \$100,000 and five paintings specifically sanctioned for Multicultural Services. According to Bryant, the office had never received such a generous donation and was thankful for the gesture.

Multicultural Services is a resource center for minority students. The office works hard to provide a healthy support system to students of all ethnic backgrounds through scholarships, mentoring, and awareness building programs.

The donation, which was to be paid out in \$20,000 incre-

ments over the next five years, was pledged in front of several high-ranking college officials including McDaniel President Joan Develin Coley and Vice President of Institutional Advancement Richard Kief.

Two months after the pledge letter was signed, Multicultural Services received the first promised installment of \$20,000.

Excited about the new possibilities for the office, Bryant made plans for the unexpected cash flow, including more financial aid, book scholarships, increased staffing, mentoring programs, a scholarship for the January term trip to Cameroon, and basic office

needs.

After the first installment arrived as promised, it was used to update the office, support current programs, and, for the first time, hire full-time administrative support. But when the subsequent installments did not materialize Bryant was shocked.

To verify that the rest of the donation was on the way the Development office, in charge of foundation relations and all donations, sent out a pledge submission letter to Fox. No response was received. After the Development office's failed efforts, Bryant personally sent letters and made phone calls in an attempt to (see “Donation” on page 3)

Who is Mr. McDaniel 2007?



Alpha Nu Omega's 4th annual Mr. McDaniel contest lured many contestants. They sang, danced, and dropped their drawers for the hyped-up crowd. Additional photos on page 6.

Thomas wows packed house

STACEY EYLER
STAFF WRITER

Fifty-seven years. Nine presidents. Hundreds of questions asked. Dozens of stories to tell. All in the career of one woman.

Helen Thomas, a renowned journalist and member of the White House Press Corps, spoke to McDaniel College students, faculty, and residents of the Westminster community on Thursday, April 12 in the newly renovated Decker Center Forum.

Speaking to the crowd of over 400 people (thanks to the advanced publicity of the event), Thomas shared her stories, observations, and insights from her nearly six-

decade career in the media.

“All of the presidents were intelligent,” said Thomas, “but it had nothing to do with their decisions.”

After giving her speech in which she spoke about the current presidential administration, the 2008 election, the war in Iraq, and how she got to be interested in journalism, Thomas graciously answered questions from the crowd.

What do you think about the fact that most of the younger generation gets its news from comedy channels and late night comedy?

“Half the time, comedy is right. My advice is to read the newspapers—let them engulf you. A typical day for me (see “First Lady” on page 2)

Another dorm needs help

ROSE ENEY
CONTRIBUTOR

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 build-

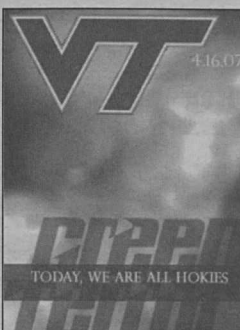
ing on campus it would be McDaniel,” says junior and third-floor resident assistant M.E. Posey.

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 Towle, associate dean of Student Affairs. She adds that the bathrooms were great in their day but no (see “McDaniel” on page 3)



A tragedy
is felt
overseas.

Budapest
correspon-
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Peckham
responds to
the day's
events.

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'First lady of the press' visits McDaniel

(from "First Lady" on page 1)
begins at Starbucks with a box of tissues 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? Do you ever get intimidated when asking a question?

"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 Millhausen.

Professor Dalton shared a similar view. "Reporters can be tough and aggressive without being nasty," he said. "She's proof of that."

Helen Thomas on the Presidents

On John F. Kennedy: "He was the most inspired."

On Lyndon B. Johnson: "He was bigger than life; he had to have it all. He monogrammed LBJ on society but Vietnam was his undoing."

On Richard Nixon: "He was politically astute. If he were here today, he would know who would win the 2008 election."

On Gerald Ford: "He stabilized the country."

On Jimmy Carter: "Human rights were at the center of his foreign policy. And he still settles disputes all over the world."

On Ronald Reagan: "He turned the country to the right. He knew that government was the problem, not the solution."

On George Bush: "As his son said, he listens to a higher father. He was not reelected."

On Bill Clinton: "He worked for peace but he missed his chance for greatness. He had a liaison with an intern; he won't be on Mount Rushmore."

On George W. Bush: "He wanted to be known as the war-time president. Well, he is."

The lighter side of the campus safety blotter

Does a campus safety officer have a nose for weed? Of course.

ROB GOEKE
STAFF WRITER

(Editor's note: Rob Goeke's commentary highlights some of the more humorous incidents from the campus safety blotter.)

We all know that puffing the peace pipe can lead to some heavy consequences, dude, from the man that keeps everyone down. Unfortunately, one student in Elderdice went down for pos-

session and paraphernalia the night of April 12.

This seemed like a pretty straightforward case, but the circumstances about how the student was caught were, dare I say, smoky. The officer on duty was patrolling the halls and smelt the scent of ganja and naturally responded; but the fact that he could recognize the smell of the reeler disturbs me greatly.

The responding officer

claimed in the incident report that the only reason he recognized the scent of chiba was because he had previously encountered some wacky tobacco and its accompanying aroma when making arrests throughout his law enforcement career.

From the sound of it, the officer had a nose for grass like Mike Nifong has a nose for prosecutorial misconduct. Only knowing the smell of

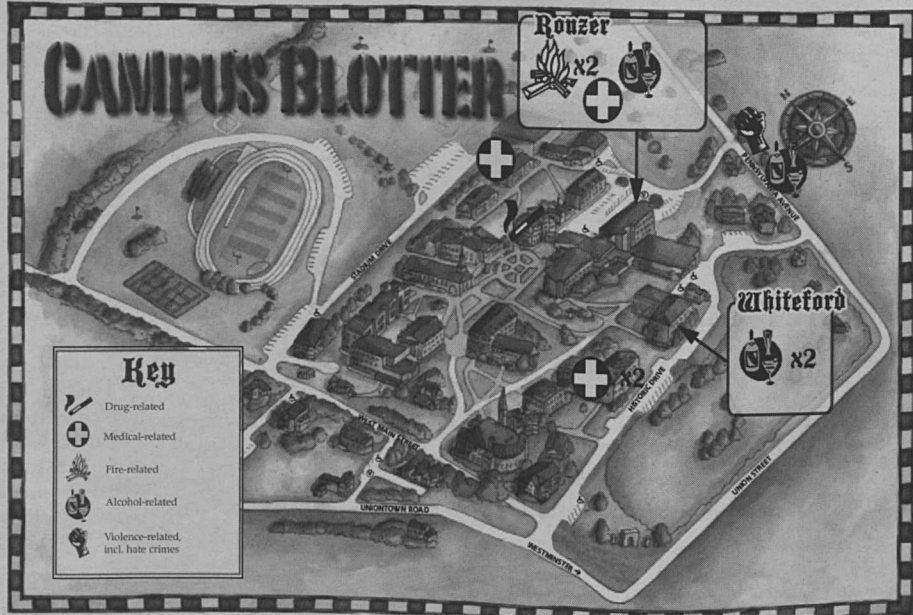
boo ya from your professional experience? More like personal, dude.

So be on the look out for an officer wearing a hemp necklace, dreadlocks, blaring String Cheese Incident and Cypress Hill from the Durango, and Febrezeing himself at every opportunity. If he busts you, at least you'll know that hooter of yours will be put to good use.

Other than that, we have a

public urination case, a bunch of people puking and a false fire alarm.

At least some noble fellows decided to throw water balloons from the luxurious freshman boys' dorm and yell obscenities at people on April 20. There still is some class in Rouzer, and I will sleep more peacefully knowing that these freshmen are out there taking it easy for all us sinners.



Cash pledge for OMS not yet honored

(from "Donation" on page 1)
contact him but to no avail.

It has been two years since the donation was promised and Bryant has had no word from Fox.

"I didn't see it coming at all," said Bryant, who has been left confused by the lack of communication.

Fox, who gave two McDaniel students internships with his company in the summer of 2005 and had previously attended many other college events, has left Bryant flabbergasted. In the nearly five years she has worked at McDaniel this is the only time that a promised donation did not come through.

Kief, who has worked in

Institutional Advancement at McDaniel since 1998, says that thousands of people donate to McDaniel each year. Over 3,500 alumni alone take part in the "gift process" at McDaniel. Though there are no strict guidelines in the gift-giving process, there are papers signed. Kief explains, "A pledge is an intention to give, not a legal document."

With Fox's pledge not legally binding, Bryant was unsure of what McDaniel could do, but still hoped that the school would follow up. Since she considered the pledge to be a "goodwill offering," she says she would not want Fox to be forced to continue with his commitment. Kief, remaining

professional and polite, preferred not to discuss the specifics of Fox's situation and maintains, "Philanthropy is one of the most positive traditions of Americans," and it is each donor's choice to discontinue with a pledge.

Asked if the donation system should be revamped to avoid another situation like this, Bryant explained, "The system has worked for years," and should not be changed because of one bad instance. Rather, it ought to be evaluated on the donations that have worked out, she added.

Though Bryant is mostly confused by Fox's apparent decision to discontinue his pledge, she says the students

are the ones most affected by his decision.

Handed directly to students at the banquet, the unfulfilled pledge has disappointed many. One student artist, who was promised to be able to work with the painter commissioned by Fox to create five pieces, was ultimately left down after only one of the works was completed and then heard nothing back from Fox or the artist.

Though Bryant is perplexed about why this happened, she remains positive about the situation. She noted that even Fox's partial donation "helped us to grow at a time when we needed assistance."

During current attempts to

contact Fox through his investigative agency, CSIA, the number given by several websites has been disconnected and non-existent through information. Then upon further investigation, Fox was contacted at home but apparently not the correct Edward E. Fox living in Baltimore, even though he was the only one listed.

Keeping her cool throughout the whole ordeal, Bryant hopes that in the future Fox will keep McDaniel informed and commit to follow through. With McDaniel being so well connected, Bryant is sure that the college will cross Fox's path again and looks forward to hearing from him.

McDaniel Hall in need of improvements

(from "McDaniel" on page 1)
longer are. Brenton and Posey strongly agreed with her.

Brenton explained that the buildings on campus need change over the years to fit the desired living situation of the time. However, the bathrooms seem to have been neglected since 1922. Posey says that the toilets don't work, the water never stays hot, and the showers leak. She also pointed to an instance earlier this year when the RAs requested that the second-floor toilet seats be changed and the school did not comply for unknown reasons.

"It just seems to never end," Brenton offers as an explanation to the massive amount of work orders the Physical Plant receives from all residence halls.

The school has slowly been trying to help McDaniel out over the past few years. Towle says that in the summer of 2001, McDaniel got new windows and sprinkler systems put in. Brenton also points out that McDaniel and Blanche Ward Hall, also built in the 1920s, are the top two on the

school's campus plan for renovating the six dormitories.

Posey says that McDaniel got new mattresses when needed, and a handicapped bathroom on the first floor. However, she adds that "the only thing that's fixed is already broken."

Sophomore Kimberly Bonsiero says that McDaniel is "alright because it's quiet but it's really dirty." Nydick added jokingly, "I don't think this floor is sanitary." She, along with Bonsiero, Posey, and sophomore Rita Porreca, all say they wish they could live in the North Village Apartments because they're nice, new, and clean.

McDaniel residents know that they are not the only ones with building problems. Brenton says plumbing and heating are a huge issue in all the dorms. The North Village Apartments operate under a geothermal heating and cooling system that runs under the buildings and they are looking at options to better heat the rest of the residence halls, according to Brenton.

"I've never even turned the

heater on," confesses sophomore and McDaniel first floor RA Dave Robertson.

Robertson adds that the heating comes from the pipes underneath his room and from the ceiling above.

Many students question why these problems haven't been addressed. Posey, Nydick, and Porreca all suspect that the school has other priorities and not enough money.

Towle pointed out that Rouzer Hall was renovated last summer, including: new paint, some new carpet, and improvements to the halls and lighting.

Also, within the past four years, about eight Pennsylvania Avenue houses were fixed up and added to campus housing.

Those who have lived in McDaniel will be pleased to hear that a plan for renovating McDaniel is in the works. Brenton and Towle say that plans to fix the bathrooms and create more much-needed common rooms space for the building are now being devel-

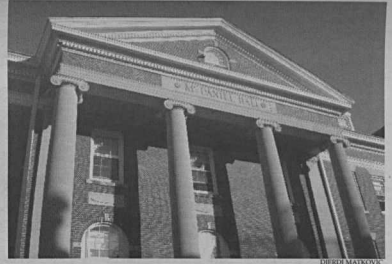
oped.

The school is working with an architect to develop the plans for these two projects. Brenton explains that an architect is necessary because the building has limited space and they do not want to take away from the individual room capacity.

Brenton says that things could possibly start happening this summer, but that all depends on what the architect comes up with. He adds, "To say the word soon would be vague" of when these plans will take effect.

Towle says that when renovations to McDaniel do take effect, all the dorm furniture will be replaced. Brenton mentioned no furniture but says they are definitely working on better ways to manage the heating system and tossing around ways to possibly incorporate a centralized air-conditioning system into the dorms.

So don't despair McDaniel residents, improvements are on the way. For now, bear with the bathrooms, bugs, and heat. Things are looking up.



Gastrointestinal virus attacks students

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Freshman Katie Hecht thought it was just a case of food poisoning. She started feeling 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.

Hecht is just one of some roughly 30 students who came down with the GI virus over the past month, according to Joan Lusby, Physician Assistant-Certified (PA-C). Lusby says the outbreak began before spring break and that she saw "a whole flurry of people" after a floor meeting in Rouzer, where someone

must have already had the virus. The GI virus, also known as gastroenteritis, is a highly contagious illness that causes nausea, diarrhea, loss of appetite, fever, weakness, and dehydration. Lusby says that these symptoms can be "violent but usually short lived anywhere from two to five days with fatigue sometimes lasting up to a week."

"The hardest thing is that some people can be contagious before they show symptoms and even afterwards they're still contagious," Lusby said.

The GI virus caught the attention of Health Services after it became clear that there were "a little too many" cases, Lusby said. She sent out three campus wide emails, warning

the college community about the presence of the virus, explaining the steps taken to get a bacterial source, and eventually announcing that the numbers have decreased.

Once news of the virus hit, people were quick to blame dining services.

"I feel bad that people first blame it on Glar," Lusby said, adding that she received a lot of phone calls from parents.

A careful food history was taken from students that went to Health Services but because "there were too many different histories" a food borne illness was ruled out according to Lusby.

"To be on the safe side, we sent out stool cultures to check for food borne bacteria or parasites," Lusby said.

The quick spread of the GI virus is not uncommon on a college campus, where people are living in such close proximity. The best ways to prevent the spread of any disease are to wash hands frequently, avoid immunosuppressants, keep an arm-length from other people, 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."

"I locked myself in my room so I wouldn't get sick," Brackbill 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 did stay here and got well here."

Health Services provides a shot called Phenergan that hurts but can get someone back on their feet in 20 to 30 minutes.

"We're not used to getting sick," Lusby said. "Usually [viruses] will burn themselves out."

"Viruses are alive and well and they do nasty things," Lusby said, adding, "There are other things out there in the environment that you can get that are worse."

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 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 together in the same category, along countless other colleges

and universities all over the country and all over the world.

That could have been our school. That could have been us. Those students never considered for an instant that such a thing could happen at their school, their home, and neither has any other student.

There are certainly students at McDaniel who have friends at Virginia Tech. Maybe you know someone who was a victim, or know someone who knew someone. We are all feeling the same thing, certainly to different extents depending on our own emotional investments, but the same thing. We're praying, we're cursing; we're crying, we're thinking.

So what do you say?

You don't say anything. You reflect on it in your own way. For many that's saying a prayer, which is what this article is. The media blitz will be there from all sides, reminding everyone even when they don't want to be reminded. As a student studying abroad, I probably won't be exposed to that barrage to the same extent, but I will still feel the anguish involved.

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

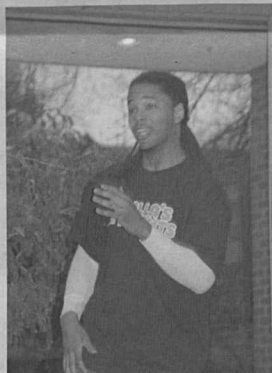
We are all praying for the comfort of those who lost beloved family members, friends, students and teachers in the events of Virginia Tech. May your days be filled with warmth knowing that others around the country are praying for your security during this time of mourning.

By Torrecka 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.



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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 of 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 won't "three months without seeing a con-

duct case." In 2006 the Honor and Conduct Board met 20 times; in 2005 it met 23; 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 then Dean of Student Affairs Beth Gerl sends out a notice through campus mail.

"Those interested can then apply by submitting a letter of intent saying what they're

interested in and why it interests them," adds Inverso.

Typically the interested individuals will meet with Gerl and she will recommend certain students for the SGA to review the students' letters. Inverso says, "We then read the letters and select for the number of spots available."

The Honor and Conduct Board considers cases of misconduct that are specified in the Prescription on Conduct. These allegations include violating an academic program through plagiarism or cheating. Hearings are then requested by a member of the McDaniel

College Community, such as a member from the student body, faculty, or staff. Once the academic violation is alleged, the board follows the Honor System procedures. When a non-academic violation is alleged, the board follows the Conduct Procedures.

Harlow and Towle agree that many of the honor cases revolve around plagiarism. "More in particular is the copy-and-paste situation...it's easy to find, you will get caught," says Harlow. For conduct cases there is usually alcohol or physical abuse involved, "sometimes both," says Towle.

But what are the Honor and

Conduct System procedures? In instances of academic violations there is the process of "notification" with supporting evidence by a faculty member to the Dean of Faculty. In instances of academic violations, the faculty member responsible for the course is expected to investigate the alleged violation before the Dean of Faculty notifies the Dean of Student Affairs.

After the process of investigation the case is brought into the "hearing procedures," which the Dean of Student Affairs can proceed with even if one member of the board is absent. Ordinarily, a failure, or an "E" in a class is the minimum penalty for a first time offense. In some more serious academic cases the second violation carries a minimum penalty of suspension.

The Appeals Board then reviews both the convictions and penalties. If the accused feels the penalty unjust, he or she may write an appeal to the College Provost within three days of the decision. The sanctions are then suspended until the appeal is considered.

"Even if students admit that they messed up, we deliberate," Harlow states. "The minimum penalty is simple for honor but with conduct there

is more room to be creative...but physical abuse in any way is not tolerated."

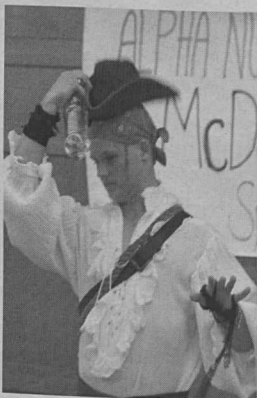
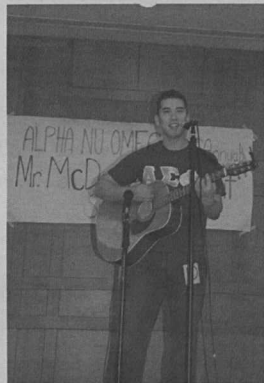
The conduct procedures, on the other hand, start directly in the Student Affairs office. The Associate Dean of Student Affairs investigates the charges and the role of the board is to determine whether the charge is true. In conduct procedures, a resource person may be brought into the hearing. However, 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 victims' names.

"I think what it comes down to is that we feel a strong responsibility to the students but also to the community - the board is fair even though we have to make tough decisions...decisions that impact the careers of students," says Towle.



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Halo 2- a positive outlet for male students?

Special Report: This article is part of a three-part series investigating possible reasons for the gender gap, which exists between male (2.8) and female (3.2) GPAs.

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When junior Steve Hoffman calls fellow junior Cory Nellissen, Hoffman only needs to utter a simple question to find out what Nellissen is up to.

"Are you playing?" he asks. The ominous seconds of silence that follow communicate an unspoken agreement between the two friends, a resounding, "What else would I be doing?"

In the quest to discover the root cause of the gender gap, the video game Hoffman is referring to, Halo 2, is an obvious candidate for a possible culprit. The game is highly addictive, with several students indicating they spend up to six hours a day playing it. Further investigation, however, reveals that Halo 2 may be a desirable distraction for students who can keep the time they spend playing the game under control. Ultimately, a picture of the game emerges as an addiction and academic hazard 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 unprecedented following due to its fast-paced and interactive gameplay, allowing up to 16 players to face off across a network while communicating over headsets. Players are anonymous, with only a self-chosen profile name displayed as identification.

The game is particularly male-driven, with violent deaths and definite victors in every game. Hoffman (aka Candle Bandle) posits that the game is very popular amongst current and former athletes due to the "high testosterone" involved and the competitiveness, which often leads to significant trash-talking.

Most of the "gamers" 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, one would be hard-pressed to find a male student who has not been entranced for at least several hours by the swirling colors and futuristic sounds of the game, of which Microsoft has sold nearly 10 million

copies worldwide, according to Microsoft's website.

Since the game's release, students have been able to "system link" with one another's systems over the college network. As a result, students agree 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 at least someone is logged on at all times, with most players on a set schedule of playing.

According to senior Nick McCourt, there is a reason for the game's ability to pull people in.

"On average, the games last 10 to 20 minutes," he said. "But you don't notice any of the time passing, and usually you feel like the game was way 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. Hypothetical correlations between the number of males who play the game with the comparatively low GPA of male students are seemingly logical.

As some of the "top gamers" on campus, one would expect that Hoffman and Nellissen (aka Cancer) would be the poster children for a movement to rid the campus of Halo in order to improve the GPA of male students.

However, a simple conversation with the two top dogs of Halo is enough to erase these misconceptions. For them, Halo 2 has not taken over their lives, but rather it has become a useful tool for distraction. As lacrosse players, the two abide by the "48-hour rule," a policy prohibiting athletes from drinking 48 hours before each match in order to assure that they are in prime physical shape to compete.

"A lot of students drink nightly, let alone just on the weekends," Hoffman said. "When you're looking for something to do, trying to stay off your feet...it's just the perfect opportunity to sit back and play video games."

Nellissen reports another reason why Halo has become a significant focus of his attention.

"As a personal choice, I don't drink or do any drugs, so it really leaves slim pickings for a social life here at McDaniel," he said. "It's weird - people are uncomfortable hanging out and not drinking. It's nice to have some close friends who don't care about hanging around and watching a movie or playing Xbox."

Hoffman and Nellissen report that while they spend several hours a day playing Halo, they do not think their

grades suffer as a result. Homework is typically done as soon as possible so as to not detract from Halo time, so it may actually be a motivation.

When asked how many students seem to be in control of their Halo playing, Hoffman replied that "the vast majority" fell into this category. However, Hoffman did recall two students who ended up leaving McDaniel as 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 smaller assignments may get put off until the next morning but the larger assignments take precedence over game time. The extra time spent playing Halo is more likely to come out of partying or sleep than out of schoolwork, according to all of the students interviewed.

"This is definitely better than going out drinking every night," said sophomore Shawn Yohe (aka MRK Murr Holiday). "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 weekend."

Other players noted that while playing might take up more time than partying, there are no lasting effects equivalent to an alcohol hangover. Nonetheless, problems with alcohol may still result because game playing and drinking can often be combined. This is not an issue for the most serious gamers, though, because they want to be in the best mental state to play each time they log on.

"Our players get drunk, too," said sophomore Jimmy Isaminger (aka MRK Kung Fu), Yohe's roommate. Still, there is a noticeable difference in the amount of sleep some players are getting. Yohe, for instance, said that playing Halo has resulted in him going from seven hours of sleep a night to three to four hours.

With so many students keeping their Halo playing under control, it is apparent that any detrimental effect it may have on students' grades is more a factor of inadequate self-control than the game itself. This is also how the college views the issue, seeing it more as a personal choice than something the school needs to regulate.

"As with any form of recreation, it's all about the extent," said Dr. Henry Reiff, dean of student academic life. "Anything that becomes addictive is not healthy - whether it be video gaming or knitting."

The general consensus suggests that if it were not for Halo, the sorts of students

who end up dropping out of school due to their Halo addictions would be hooked on some other outlet.

"What it boils down to is that students need to be responsible enough to budget their own time appropriately," said Max Grott, systems and network administrator/programmer. "Even if Halo was the only distraction out there, it would not be our place to restrict its use."

Indeed, the college has actually shown some interest in facilitating students' video game playing. Dr. Esther Iglic, interim chief information officer, said that allowing access to video games is desirable because "this is your home" and at home you could play them. She indicated that the video game front is one of many where student input is being heard and carried through with.

A slew of activity is taking place on the video game front, demonstrating the desirability of the pastime. On March 1, a Halo 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.

Recently, the move to a T3 line for the college has made it possible for the Information Technology office to allow students access to Xbox Live, an international network which charges a small fee to connect players with millions of other gamers worldwide. The extra bandwidth supplied by the T3 line made it possible for IT to dedicate some of the bandwidth to Xbox Live gamers. The rest of the campus need not worry, however.

"We took a portion of the bandwidth that wasn't being used and gave it to Xbox Live," Grott said.

Students have turned to Xbox Live in droves, causing the system link to almost become a thing of the past. The benefit of Live is that students can now play with their friends from school and their friends from home, reforming connections that may have been broken since high school. This benefit, in addition to the distraction from drinking, could make Halo an even more desirable pastime for college students in the eyes of administrators.

As for the students who cannot control their gameplay, measures may need to be taken.

"At this point, educating students on the degree to which video gaming may interfere with academics is probably the most viable approach," Reiff said. "We're probably not too far from the day when we'll have video gaming interventions and support groups - VG Anonymous!"

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Sports Roundup

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Women's lacrosse headed to playoffs with win

Kerrie Wuenschel (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) with three goals while Ruth Morrongiello added a team-high four points on two goals and two assists.

Chelsea Ferruzzi (Jenkintown, PA/Jenkintown) and Lindsey McDonald (Damasus, MD/Damasus) each recorded a hat trick for the Green Terror (11-4, 5-4 CC), who wrapped up the No. 5 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 on Monday.

Trailing 7-4 after back-to-back goals from Morrongiello and Reimann, Wuenschel 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 Capuano broke up the run with an unassisted tally just one minute before the break to make it an 11-8 game at the intermission.

Wuenschel started the second half scoring off a free-position goal at the 3:45 mark.

Amanda McGovern and Reimann 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/Urbana) opened the game's scoring 30 seconds in.

Muhlenberg tallied three times in over the next 6 minutes, 3 seconds before a pair of Michelle Mullen (Pasadena, MD/Chesapeake) goals just 11 seconds apart knotted the game at 3-all.

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/Parkside) 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 4:12.56 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).

Duling added a fourth-place finish in the 200, crossing in a time of 27.55. The 4x100-meter relay team rounded out top-four finishes on the track, finishing third with a time of 34.83.

On the men's side, Rouse and Sean Allen (Westminster, MD/Walkersville) finished third (1:58.16) and fourth (1:59.71), respectively, in the 800.

Allen added a second-place finish in the 1,500 (4:06.26) while Kevin Bowman (Westminster, MD/Brunswick) was third in the same event (4:12.24).

Josh Murray (Montgomery Village, MD/Watkins Mills) and Jason Maier (New Milford, NJ/New Milford) led the way in the field with third-place showings in the discus (44.23 meters) and shot put (13.63), respectively.

McDaniel returns to action at the Shippensburg Invitational on Saturday.

Men's tennis closes season with decisive 7-2 win over Ursinus College

Djerdj 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) added two-win days for the Green Terror (2-8, 1-7 CC), who closed the season with a victory and relegated the Bears (3-14, 0-8 CC) to the basement of the final conference standings.

Graybill teamed with Hovorka to win the third doubles match 8-2, leading McDaniel to a 3-0 advantage after doubles play.

Reed, partnered with Mark

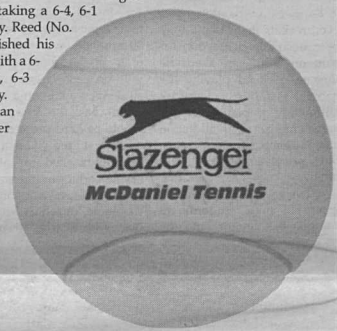
Winklestein (Damasus, MD/Damasus) at No. 2 doubles, also won his first flight of the day, 8-2.

Hovorka (No. 3) was a straight-set winner in singles play, taking a 6-4, 6-1 victory. Reed (No. 5) finished his

day with a 6-4, 5-7, 6-3 victory.

Brian Kastner

(Seattle, WA/Bush School) and Bill Ross (Yardley, PA/George School) rounded out doubles winners by an 8-5 margin in the top spot.



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 (8-20, 4-12 CC) 16-6 in the second game.

Trailing 1-0 after Muhlenberg got an unearned run in the bottom of the second, McDaniel led off the top of the third with back-to-back walks.

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's sacrifice fly trimmed the deficit to 3-2 in the bottom of the frame.

Wenrich's second double of the game in the fifth frame added another three-run key 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 set the final margin.

In the nightcap, 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.

Chris Costa, Matthew Block and Conti contributed to the big inning with RBI singles.

A Jason Bonder 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 inning knotted the game.

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 Baugher'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 (bkc003@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.

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Graduate killed in the line of duty

JANE LIBERT
STAFF WRITER

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

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.

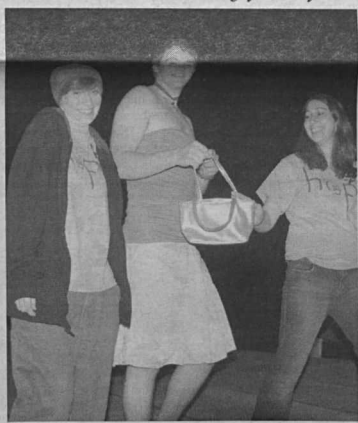
"When I heard the news I pulled out his internship form. He had worked for the Maryland State Police," Dundes said. "He often used words like 'wonderful opportunity' and 'great experience.' I remember how enthusiastic he was. It is so sad that some-



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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Third annual Relay for Life



Siri Hiltz, Ben Berkow and Christine Frieman take the 'guy-girl lap' in which gender roles, and style, were reversed. More on page 18.

Terror hires new basketball coach

LAURA HUTTON
SPORTS EDITOR

Kevin Curley was named men's basketball coach at McDaniel College on April 26. A Penn State graduate, Curley has spent a total of 14 years as an assistant coach.

His first coaching experience was from 1994-1998 at a Division III school, Bethany, in West Virginia. He has spent the past 9 years assisting at the Division I program at Colgate University.

"I am looking forward to Kevin Curley becoming our basketball coach," states Athletic Director Jamie Smith. "I feel he has great experience at Colgate University and in the Patriot League that I think will translate well to McDaniel College."

The McDaniel team is ready to begin work with Curley. "I'm looking forward to working with Kevin Curley next year," says sophomore Chad Arrington. "He's young and can relate a lot to the players. He'll influence a defensive up-tempo philosophy and plans to bring a lot of excitement to the game."

Curley is 35 years old and the team feels that he will be more able to work with and improve them than an older candidate who they would not be able to easily relate to.

"Coach Curley seems like a real energetic guy who will step right in and benefit our program. We have the potential to be very good next year and Coach Curley will be able to step in and leave off exactly (see "Coach" on back page)

Softball team sanctioned, wrestling coach fired

MELANIE CHUPEIN
NEWS EDITOR

The McDaniel athletic department navigated tough times over the last few weeks as the women's softball team received sanctions for hazing and two wrestling coaches were fired.

Due to hazing during freshman initiation, the softball team was prohibited from playing all non-conference games. Additionally, the captains, juniors Diana Rosemier and Emily Trainor, were stripped of their titles. As for

the wrestling coaches, Sam Gardner and Davey Blake, it is unclear as to why they were fired and what direction the program will be following.

According to a flyer given to the Free Press last week and an anonymous source, on Friday, March 9, the softball team met on the field and then proceeded to go on a scavenger hunt around campus, ending up in the 400s of DMC. The girls were issued a flyer beforehand, dictating that they each bring 20 Solo cups, one Tic-Tac, six green M&M's, orange lipstick, two liter bottle

of Sprite, a Sharpee marker, a ripe banana, a bottle of Advil, and a roll of paper towels.

The flyer also emphasized, "Your presence is required by the upperclassmen next Friday, March 9, 2007 for a softball team shin-dig. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCUSES FOR MISSING THIS EVENT WILL BE TOLERATED." Freshman initiation is a tradition among sports teams and up until now, the details have been kept under wraps.

One girl from the team, who wishes to remain anonymous, recalls the various tasks she

was forced to complete during initiation. She said that the team met at the field around 9 p.m. and waited in the pitch black for the upperclassmen to arrive, dressed as "red necks."

The girls' cell phones and keys were confiscated. After the scavenger hunt, the girls were taken to DMC and presented before the upperclassmen individually, who made "smart ass comments" that were sexually demeaning, the source said. With the lipstick that the girls had brought, the names of the coaches and sexual images like a picture of a

penis were drawn on their cheeks.

After the face art, the girls were forced to participate in charades. One girl remembers her scenario: "Pretend you're the head coach and take it up the butt with a bat." In another incident, two girls were told to "deep-throat a banana, one on each end." Despite all of the girls on the team being underage, alcohol was served, sources confirm.

The initiation continued in Kissimmee, Florida where the team went for the Rebel (see "Hazing" on page 2)

Allegations against sports teams lead to action

(from "Hazing" on page 1)

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, is wrong," she said.

The former softball player says that the team has adopted a new slogan, "Green Terror softball: we get what we want."

"I love to play. This has been my life since I was four. I would have done anything for this coach if he had given me respect," she said. "It's about playing and having fun but still maintaining that desire to win without being disrespectful by players and coaches."

In an e-mail sent to the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representatives and President Joan Develin Coley by the girl's parents - and distributed to the college paper - it was made clear that the penalties given to the team didn't fit the crime.

"We feel these actions of the team, coaches, and the athletic department are being 'swept under the rug,'" the e-mail states. "Now that the investigation is complete will you please explain to us how the McDaniel Softball 'Team' is being allowed to continue their season like nothing ever happened?"

Allegedly, in addition to the hazing of the new players, there were a few incidents of indecent exposure. According to the e-mail, one player riding in a van with Coach Smith and other players, allegedly mooned Coach Rick Eyler in the van behind her. She then allegedly "flashed her boob to Coach Rick."

The parents of the anonymous source are disappointed in the way that the hazing incident has been handled.

"We are even more concerned now than we were before the investigation began because we thought a more proactive response would have been the result of a list of items as serious as described above," the parents wrote in the e-mail. "When students are issued a \$25 parking ticket for parking on the grass and next to nothing is done in this situation, we feel something is out of balance."

Beth Gerl, Dean of Student Affairs, met with the girl and

her parents about what had happened. When questioned about the details of what was discussed, Dean Gerl declined to comment due to issues of confidentiality.

Amanda Rose, assistant director of College Activities, said that she had no involvement with athletics and when asked again to comment on what went on with the softball team, she responded, "I'm not at liberty at to say."

Head coach, Phil Smith, who is currently in his third season, had little to say. When asked how the softball team has been disciplined, he said, "That's not for me to say."

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 done it through elimination of games and suspensions," Smith said.

When asked how much he knew about initiation, Smith said, "I have a pretty good understanding."

Smith recognizes that hazing is permeating college campuses.

"It [hazing] is something following national trends and it is something we need to be aware of and more proactive about," Smith said. "It's something we need to be more in tune to."

Smith said that the softball coaching staff would be "reviewed at the end of the year" just like any other coach and he assured that aside from

this, there haven't been any other complaints issued 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.

"On the 27th of March I had my annual end of the year meeting with Mr. Smith. At this meeting he surprised me by saying that he was going to make a change in order to go in another direction with the program," Gardner said. "He was unable at the time to provide me with any reason for my dismissal. I asked him a slew of questions to find out what was behind his decision and he was unable to provide me with any answers at the time, just that he felt he needed to make a change."

Gardner believes that during his time at McDaniel he has been an effective coach.

"During my tenure here we've been among the top three or four successful teams

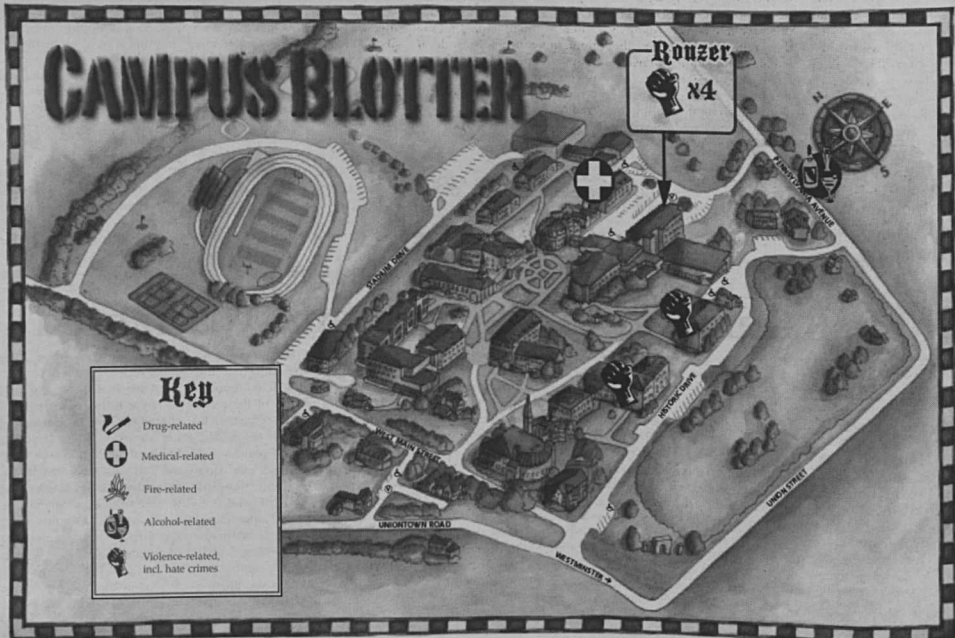
on campus at the Conference and NCAA level," Gardner said, adding, "The thing I'm most proud of, at least performance wise, is that during my time as head coach our athletes performed at or above their seed in the Centennial Conference Tournament more often and at a higher rate than any other CC school."

Gardner says that Smith has been honest about his knowledge of 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 my performance as a coach," said Gardner. "So 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 (2.8) and female (3.2) GPAs.

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Every child has had his or her work displayed proudly on the family refrigerator — a macaroni and glue collage or an "A" on a spelling test affording parents the opportunity to brag about their child's successes.

A lot has changed since those days, but when the contents of the refrigerator turn from milk to beer, from fruit to pizza, is there also a drastic shift from what Mom and Dad thought was admirable? With male students consistently ranking behind females in every level of collegiate academics, it is possible that the aggregate differences actually reflect a difference in the male definition of success.

This discrepancy goes beyond a focus on athletic success as defining masculinity. That only explains half the issue, as a dedicated athlete still has the potential to succeed in the classroom. Rather, males sometimes demonstrate a concerted attempt to do poorly, flaunting their lack of effort as an asset.

"In one of my classes, we have weekly quizzes out of ten points, with the average score being around a five," said senior Greg Mihalek. "I sit with four other guys next to me, and we'll get one right or two. We'll laugh about it."

"I think the girls are the ones who pull the grades up," he added.

For many males, "success" and "failure" are terms which are only applied when a definite effort toward something has been made. As long as it is apparent that little or no effort was made, then there can be no true failure — and success is an aberration. Within the realm of the competitive male psyche, perhaps losing out to female counterparts in the

area of academics is avoided by never truly entering the competition.

"In elementary school, it was always if a girl beat a guy at something, they'd be so proud of themselves," said senior Mark Yankovich. "Now, with schoolwork, they're all beating guys. They see that they can, so they kind of just keep doing it and guys just don't really care."

Yankovich and his other housemates living off-campus offer a unique perspective on what constitutes a noteworthy achievement for males. Amazingly, the policy at this house is that any paper or test which receives a grade of either above a 90 or below a 70 gets tacked to their old, white Maytag.

"We've had a couple of us bring home some bad grades at this house, and we don't feel like those should be ignored," Yankovich said. "But we also like to recognize our good grades, although they're a lot more rare."

While Yankovich's comments are somewhat tongue-in-cheek, there may be a certain level of truth to the ideology he posits. Male students are often said to operate at two extremes, either producing at a high level or not producing at all.

"There does seem to be kind of a U-shaped curve in the male population," said Dr. Peter Bradley, assistant professor of philosophy. "We have very bright male students and we have a lot of male students who, I'm not going to say aren't bright — they just don't do a whole lot of work. There don't seem to be very many in the middle, whereas the female population seems to have more of a gradient."

The concept of being better more of a factor than ability in male students' academic difficulties seems to hold water.

Without exception, professors indicate that the majority of students they have who are habitually late, truant, disengaged, or even asleep in class are males.

In regards to behavior outside the classroom, males also show less effort in many respects. Bradley conducts a self-observation study in his "Critical Thinking" classes, the results indicating that males spend more time socializing, speaking, studying, talking on the phone, and going online for personal reasons than females do while the women spend far more time studying. Although the results of this are inconclusive due to the small scale of the data collection, the pattern which they indicate is far from unexpected.

Aside from effort in and out of the classroom, some professors notice gender differences in other types of school-related behaviors, ones that may translate into decreased productivity.

"As an adviser, if I ask a student to come and see me and it's a serious thing, male students tend to drag on, to postpone that," said Dr. Mohamed Esa, associate professor of foreign languages. "If I ask a female student to come talk to me, immediately she is there."

For Dr. Roxanna Harlow, associate professor of sociology, the main difference between males and females is the level of thoroughness applied to assignments.

"On my exams or my papers, women are much more likely to go into in-depth, full explanations, whereas men, sometimes I think in my head, I wonder if they practice what is the fewest number of words they can say this in and get full credit?" she said.

Harlow said she has to write comments which call for

more effort to be put into responses, such as "very vague" or "please expand," on males' papers more often than she does on females'.

If, as Yankovich alluded to, being unable to overcome females in the area of academics is taken as a given, it's possible that males are not trying as hard as they could because doing so would mean that even their best efforts could not match those of women. In speaking with several male students, this perspective seems to exist at some level.

"When you go down in flames, at least you can make the excuse of, 'Well I didn't even try, and if I had tried I would have beaten you,'" Mihalek said.

In some ways, female students seem to be even more acutely aware of this phenomenon.

Senior Erin Wilson said that while women are mainly concerned with succeeding to maintain a certain appearance, men have a different focus.

"For guys, their main fear is failure," she said. "So maybe it is better rather than to try and fail to just fail from the get-go."

So why is failure an acceptable option for male students? The most logical explanation lies in the idea that males have a higher sense of complacency than females when it comes to being employed after college. The reality of females making 70 cents on the dollar compared to males is something that everyone is forced to reckon with.

"The reason I try so hard in athletics and academics is to succeed. There's not really another option other than success for me," said senior Molly Bolek. [Yankovich and Mihalek] didn't really try all through school, and they had this notion that it would be

okay and they would have a job. I have always thought I had to work really hard to get what I wanted, whereas they knew it would just come to them."

Perhaps, though, dedication to academics is tied more to cognitive maturity than to motivation, a view that Dr. Henry Reiff, dean of student academic life, thinks could explain some of the issues that men face.

"I think we used to feel that by high school, boys had caught up," Reiff said. "I'm not sure that's true. I'm not sure that by 18 or 19 it's a level playing field in terms of development."

As part of this discussion, it is important to recognize that there are male students succeeding at the higher end of the spectrum. While they have somehow avoided these issues, many of them have concerns over the lack of success on the part of males for other reasons.

"My mind tells me to not worry about them," said sophomore Scott Pusateri, "but at the same time, it's kind of scary because I see that more students these days are more interested in social life than in getting stuff done. In a world where superpowers like China are slowly catching up to us, that can be a frightening reality."

In the meantime, males such as Yankovich exude a cool confidence about future success in spite of academic failures.

"If I fail a test, I'd rather get a 'D' than an 'F,'" Yankovich said. "But if I get a 58, I'd rather have a 20 or 30 percent and be outstanding at being bad."

"Don't wallow in the breast milk," he advised.

The lighter side of the campus safety blotter

ROB GOEKE
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(Editor's note: Rob Goek's commentary highlights some of the insane calls to which campus safety responds.)

Throughout this fine academic year, I, your esteemed correspondent, have made countless jokes at the expense of drunken idiots. Today, however, I come to you with an autobiographical tale of my own debauchery.

In a tequila / beer / vodka / whatever-else-I-ingested-haze fully caused by the glorious day of Spring Fling, I attempted to lift up a fine lass who is a friend of mine for some reason that I cannot recall and naturally collapsed right in front of the Durango. It is only by divine

providence that the officer driving hit the brakes.

I would tell you what time this all took place, but I don't remember much of anything from Spring Fling.

Fortunately, I was not the only person acting up. On the evening of April 21, a keg was being driven in one of the Pennsylvania Avenue houses. However, officers only stumbled on the steel treasure because some mental giant had popped off the house's security screen and had left the back door of the house open where anyone, including the Boys in Green, could walk in and either get a refill or write a citation, or hopefully both.

Now I know I've already lost any legitimacy I may have had given that I was so drunk

on Spring Fling that I nearly was run over, but even in that state, I would protect a keg with honor and dignity and certainly not leave it for anyone. Of course, I may have to be able to stand upright in order to do so.

The night of April 24 brings more hilarity. A Campus Safety officer was walking between Hill Hall and Whiteford when he saw a water balloon bursting five feet away from him. In turning around, he saw the water balloon chuckers running away.

He caught up with witnesses and then the balloon throwers, who claimed that they thought the officer looked like one of their other friends. Right. One of their other friends, who looks 30 and

walks around campus in a green police uniform. I think it's time McDaniel's Admissions Office try to up their admittance requirements because people like this bring down my degree.

Also, there were three reported incidents of vandalism in Rouzer from April 22 to the 23. Someone broke the front door, another student's dorm door was malfunctioning, and some more ceiling tiles were punched out.

I'm starting to think that surviving as a ceiling tile in Rouzer is harder than finding civilized life west of College Square on 140. Let's pour out a little of our collective malt liquor bottle for those tiles who gave themselves so drunk freshmen fellows could release their immaturity.

Hoffman

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Hoffman was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity and his brothers are mourning the loss of their friend. In this time of grief they have opted not to comment on the tragedy. Hoffman was also a member of Christian Fellowship, Phi Beta Kappa, and graduated Magna Cum Laude. In addition to the promise he showed at school, Luke also finished at the top of his class in the police academy and was trained as a firefighter and emergency medical technician.

His funeral was held on Saturday, April 28, in Woodstock, MD. An officer down memorial page for Luke can be found at <http://www.odmp.org/officer.php?oid=18857>.

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 Sherkey, who has been working with DiMartino for three years. Sherkey 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" waiting for his consumption. It's an offer that DiMartino, or

'Dom' as they call him around the office, extends to almost every co-worker.

"I'm a good friend-I'll go the extra mile," says DiMartino. Perhaps this is why this gentleman has become such a vital part of Campus Safety.

DiMartino has been performing good deeds for some time now. His previous job, and "best job ever," was firefighting in Baltimore City. Following a childhood dream, DiMartino became the tiller man for his fire company, heading the back of Truck 3 on Eastern Ave. He says the job was amazing, because "You get to go into a burning building, smash in doors and windows, and maybe save someone; and you get paid to do it!"

Despite everything he's done, DiMartino remains humble when discussing his times with the fire department. His favorite memory does not glorify him; it is a simple story that DiMartino laughs at every time he tells it.

A fellow firefighter had entered a building with smoke and steam pouring out of it. DiMartino and another mem-

ber of his company were working the hose. After the problem had been solved, it was time for a little fun. Somehow, the fireman 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. The prank became a popular source of laughter for the entire company. Today, DiMartino brings that same laughter to DoCS.

"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. They have been working together for six years, and 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 called "Poppy" around the house. His face lights up when talking about his family. All he has to do is think about his granddaughter, Emmy, and grandson, 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 leans back and chuckles, "You look at her, and you can see the wheels turn." He is captivated by childhood innocence and enjoys spending his 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 knows things that most people shouldn't," says Bronson regarding the plethora of "useless knowledge" DiMartino possesses. He is easily able to recall dates of historic events or the names 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 every now and again.

DiMartino shows absolutely 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.

Sherkey shakes his head in reverence when talking about DiMartino. "He's Dom; he's just amazing," concludes the officer.

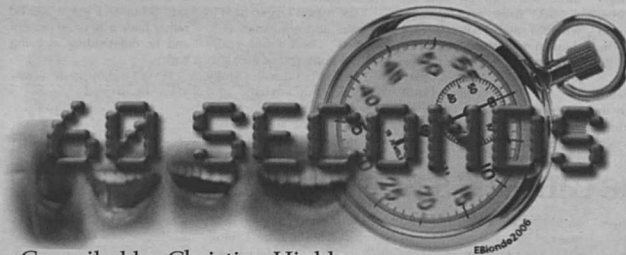
Bachelors Dominate Wings for Scholarship at Wing Bowl

On Wednesday, April 11, The Bachelors of Alpha Gamma Tau held the 1st annual Wing Bowl at Buffalo Wild Wings (that junk was off da berry). 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 latest wing eater.

At approximately 5:20pm EST, the crowd roared with anticipation as Jesse "Bassmaster" Nagle started the countdown, and the poor hot wings had no chance. The overall winner was townie Sam Shell, a last day entrant who set the all-time record for fastest wing eating in BWV history (probably).

The winners for McDaniel were Justin Yerkes, representing the Jewish population, and Football Coach Dave Murello for the guys and Kara Delenick and Karolyn Canonic for the girls. Kara, older sister of Joe "Shotgun" Delenick, 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 Kaps, Phi Alphas, and Omega's out in force and even the Alpha Sigs and Sig Eps entered contestants. To the Greeks that didn't show (Phi Dels) for shame, for shame. In fact, to all the students who didn't show, shame on you all. Thanks for all that came, come out again next year.

Submitted by Jesse Nagle and Albert Leech



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Rachel Dickey



Ali Gargon



Colleen Hanley

"I am going to be working over the summer, then applying to grad school for education."

"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."

"I am taking a year off before grad school and driving to Maine and Mexico."

"I got accepted into grad school, so I will either be starting grad school soon or starting to work."

"I am going back to school to get my teaching certificate."

One student's mistake, another's deliberation

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"I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this piece of work, nor have I knowingly tolerated any violation of the Honor Code," has been drilled into the heads of McDaniel students since their first year. But if all students were to understand how that brief phrase affects their peers on the Honor and Conduct Board, would honor violations still be a temptation for students?

With 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 honor hearings and 21 conduct hearings. Except for the spring of 2006 when there were three honor hearings and seven conduct, honor hearings, from 2004 to 2007, outnumbered 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 seem 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 at least once a month, sometimes twice," as Harlow puts it.

The repetition of some student members at board hearings has also become evident. "There's only us," laughs sophomore Greg Miller, who, along with senior Max Julian Ham, regularly sits on the Honor and Conduct Board.

"Yeah, come to think of it I do see a lot of them. Greg has been a constant, it seems, all year, but Max I've seen a lot only this semester and not just for the first one or two hear-

ings," says Harlow.

Ham, a regular to the hearings, says that to his knowledge there are only two students other than him, who are members of the board. With the amount of seniors who graduated last year and others studying abroad, Ham says that other than Miller and another student, who recently completed all the stages of the student officer process, "The other members who were recently inducted into the board a little over a month ago must observe one hearing before they begin officially."

However, Dean Towle says that to her knowledge there are four or five students who are now eligible to serve on the board. "If a new board member has not attended their first hearing it would be because the time of the previously scheduled hearings did not fit in their schedule," adds Towle.

When asked about students being abroad during their time on the board, Towle says that the "funny thing" about being abroad is that it gives the student a much broader understanding of a lot of situations. She adds, "It comes down to who is best qualified."

However, because of what Student Government Assembly's President Ellen Inverso calls "the death of students," Inverso was recruited to sit in on a honor hearing because of the experience she has earned on the Appeals Board since 2006. Inverso says, "This year was a little different in SGA's selection and the interview process...it was in reverse order as a result the serious need for new members and a serious lack of time to get folks set up."

Along with Inverso, Towle says that a lot of things changed because the selection process, which lasts two days, happened later because of Gerl being new to the whole process. Typically, the application is sent out in November but this year it was sent out in January.

SGA named eight potential members they wanted to have

interviewed and Dean Gerl took on the interviewing from there. With Miller and Ham already in the position, Inverso says that the eight members added "were really great" as well.

Ham and Miller were both selected at the same time in 2006 and serve on both the Honor Board with Gerl and the Conduct Board with Towle.

"We had to go through the handbook and an open discussion with Liz and [former Dean of Student Affairs] Jayre to understand what the rights are and appeals...we then sat through a hearing to see what's going on," says Miller.

Administrative Assistant Judith Hart, who schedules the hearings based on the accused student's faculty members' and board members' schedules, says that some years it's easier to have a variety of students on the board at the hearings.

"Some are free in the morning and some only in the afternoon...but they all want to do it," says Hart. Because of their dedication, Hart says that students and faculty never question as to why they have to attend a hearing again.

Sophomore Amanda Becker, who was accepted on the board the fall of her freshman year, said she hasn't participated in any of the hearings this semester that Miller and Ham are repeatedly attending. Becker did participate in three in fall 2006.

When asked as to why she didn't participate in any this semester, Becker says, "Sometimes I think it's because they were not able to get enough people together to have a real board. But as a rule, they don't tell me why."

At the same time, Towle insists there is no difficulty finding students to serve. "I think they just feel that strongly about upholding, and they [the student board members] are such great board members that we're not concerned with using them over and over."

Likewise, if the students are more experienced, Towle says they have a great frame of reference. "Being in the hearings

over and over again has allowed them to ask such good questions," she said. Towle added that the students ask all the questions that she would ask.

All of the students on the board were chosen because of their interviews. Inverso says that you can write a great statement, but the students the board chooses can't be "awkward." After all, "You can only imagine how nauseated the student accused has to feel and you have to be able to hold yourself well."

Inverso says, "You don't realize how important the Honor Code is until you see how the board hearings take a toll on the student being brought in and on the professors and other students involved...I mean they are facing an 'F' or sometimes suspension."

Dean Gerl says that the whole process of the hearing is one of learning. The students on the board often ask, "Why did this happen and what caused you to act this way?" Gerl adds, "This is counseling not just you get an 'F' in the course."

For example, Gerl recalled a time when the students of the board asked the accused student to make a presentation for the incoming class about what the honor code is really about. "More than anything the student board members wanted the student to learn, not just to be punished," said Gerl.

Although Inverso has to look away when facing her peers at hearings, junior Jonathan Schultz, on the Honor and Conduct Board since 2005, says from his point of view, "I do not feel sympathy for the person in

front of the board. They took a chance by trying to get away with plagiarism or initiating a physical fight, but they often end up caught, put in front of the board, and being held accountable for their actions by their peers and administrators."

All students on the Honor and Conduct Board have the same lack of tolerance and intimidation for violations against the Honor Code as Schultz does; it is evident to those accused. In a brief interview with an accused junior, whose name will remain anonymous, the student said, "I felt like the students were tougher than the professors."

"Being a part of the board is an honor that should not be taken lightly," acknowledges Schultz. "When I sit across the table from the person responsible for the action, I know that it comes down to judging the action taken place and not the person...We do not cursorily review the documentation presented; we take time deliberating if the person is responsible or not for the action."

Other student board members agree. "It makes me feel better to know that someone is checking up on the violations and accusations made of certain students. And it makes me feel better knowing how fair we are," says Miller.

Gerl realizes that the process of hearings isn't "feel-good," but at the same time she knows that she and the board members have a job to educate. "Through this difficult process, I have been very impressed by the students on the board; they all handle the situation very well and with a lot of dignity."

No texting while driving?

BRIAN ENGLER
STAFF WRITER

Maryland lawmakers have recently been considering passing a new law that bans drivers from text messaging while driving. Several delegates to the state legislature attempted to pass this bill last month, but it was shot down by the General Assembly.

This law was proposed to attempt to help limit accidents and fatalities caused by drivers who become distracted from the road. According to a recent survey by Nationwide

Mutual Insurance, approximately 20% of drivers between ages 18 and 60 text message while driving.

According to the survey, the number almost doubles among drivers age 18-27, reaching a percentage of 37. However, only 17% of drivers between 28 and 44 admitted to the practice, while a paltry 2% of the 45-60 age group text while driving.

Several other states where text messaging has been found to be a cause of accidents have been considering passing laws banning texting

while driving. These states include Washington, New Jersey, Arizona, and Connecticut. Those behind the proposed law in the Maryland legislature were in favor of a broader cell-phone ban.

According to a recent article that ran in the Baltimore Sun, Maryland state police haven't had any reports that held text messaging to be the cause of accidents.

As of the writing of this article, no further progress has been made on the bill.

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Jewish Student Union gains new leadership

MELANIE CHUPEIN
NEWS EDITOR

Just six or seven years ago the Jewish Student Union at McDaniel was a thriving organization, "at its best in terms of membership, participation, and productivity," according to Zephia Bryant, director of Multicultural Services. However, today's JSU is a far different story.

There are roughly 50 students who identify themselves as Jewish at McDaniel, according to JSU's adviser, Gail Shalvitz Oppel, director of gift planning. Oppel says that out of the total undergraduate population of about 1600, Jewish students account for a small percentage. Since incoming students aren't required to specify their religious affiliation on their application, it's impossible to compile a complete list of Jewish students on campus. Bryant suggests that the declining number of students involved with JSU is due to Jewish students' lack of a means to "self identify," unlike most racial and ethnic groups on campus.

Admissions officials insist they put time and energy into trying to add to all of the minorities on campus. "McDaniel College is always seeking ways to improve ... and one of these ways is to more accurately reflect the world around us," said Gina King Rende, director of Admissions. "Therefore, having a study body which represents different cultures, races and religions is a top priority."

Oppel, who was asked by

senior Rachel Siegel to become the adviser for JSU, is in charge of advising its president and leadership about projects JSU wants to do. Oppel says the JSU is important because it provides Jewish students with "the right to be part of a group and educate others to understand. We're not going to advance as a civilization unless we tolerate [each other]."

"Carroll County is becoming more of a center for Jewish people," added Oppel, who believes that the high cost of living in Baltimore has attracted Jewish people to Carroll County.

There are two local synagogues. In Westminster there is Beth Shalom on Liberty Street, and in Reisterstown there is ADAT Chaim, "an egalitarian Conservative congregation serving Baltimore County and Carroll County," according to its Web site.

In addition to the county as a whole, Bryant has witnessed a change in the Jewish community on campus.

"I have noticed that on our faculty and staff side, there seem to be more people affiliated with the Jewish faith who have expressed support to help Jewish students on campus," Bryant said.

Dr. Rebecca Carpenter, associate professor of English and former adviser of JSU, says that there are a higher percentage of Jewish faculty at this college than in the nation as a whole and that she's noticed "pretty widespread good will toward the Jewish students."

Carpenter was highly influ-

enced by the Jewish students at her college because they taught her about her 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 strange considering 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 anything they do but they have to come up with the leadership."

Siegel, the former president of JSU, officially reinstalled the organization in her sophomore year by filling out the necessary paper work. When she arrived on campus in 2003, the JSU did not exist anymore due to having gone bankrupt. However, she revitalized the organization in the fall of 2004.

"When I began it consisted of me and about three other people," Siegel said, adding that she often had to guilt some of her friends into attending some of the club's events.

She wanted to create a place where Jewish people could congregate and not feel so alienated. She also "wanted to teach others about diversity," Siegel said. She is proud of her role in the JSU and the amount of time she spent publicizing

the club and organizing events like a Passover Seder that "worked out beautifully."

"I wanted to start the group because I had grown up among many other Jews and coming to McDaniel was a big culture shock. I wanted to be able to meet and talk with students who came from a similar background, as Judaism is a culture as well as a religion," said Siegel.

Siegel's first duty was to publicize JSU and recruit members, which, "was difficult as there are few Jewish students on campus willing to get 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 officially create a Hillel (foundation for Jewish campus life) chapter. Working toward his goal, Lubell has secured a Jewish affinity house that he hopes will be a permanent residence on campus.

"I have found that people who are Jewish are afraid to say they are Jewish," said Lubell. "[Admissions] need to advertise that we just got a JSU house and that we are an actual presence here ... not just a side note."

Sophomore Danielle Azoulay has been a member of JSU since her freshman year and believes that JSU needs to focus more on the social aspect.

"It needs to figure out how to make events more social and more welcoming to all students, not just Jewish students," said Azoulay. "It also needs to learn how to promote its events better."

Azoulay wants JSU to spend more time building a social community rather than just discussing serious issues. Lubell has said that next year the JSU plans to hold monthly Shabbat meals open to the college community and have 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 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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Turning Back the Pages

Compiled by Mario Valone

Dateline: September 14, 2006

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, Elderdice, 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

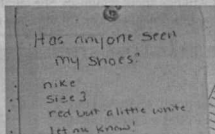
Ice Clean Up Worst in Twenty Years

During February, McDaniel was smashed by a huge snow storm. Crews of 25 to 30 worked 10-12 hours a day to get the ice and snow off streets and walk ways. 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.

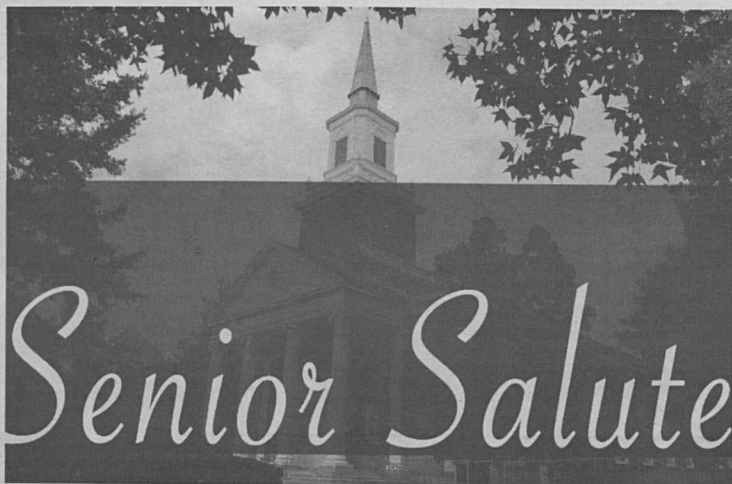


Dateline: April 1, 2007

Lawsuit Filed Over Lawnmower Noise

In the April fools issue of the *Free Press*, Djerdj 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

By Stacey Eyles

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 to 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 to 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. All three are amazing women.

JULIA RIETMULDER-STONE

Hometown: Lewisberry, PA

Major: English

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: Co-editing Contrast Literary Magazine (with Martin Camper). By the time this issue of the Free Press comes out, I'll know just how proud I should be!

Favorite memory: The day I presented my Senior Sem. That is—how good it felt to be done!

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

Majors: 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 DMC.

Best mentor and why: I have two: Prof. Bill Spence and Dr. Mary Berdel-Sims 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: I have read a lot of great books and made unforgettable, life-long 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 my favorite people halfway across the world. We traveled to ten different countries and saw indescribable things. I am madly in love with everything Italy-related. Some other favorite memories are all the big days, formals, and initiations with my Phi Mu sisters who rock my world!

Worst memory: There isn't a worst memory, except maybe getting my wallet stolen. And losing a lot of sleep some nights.

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

Minors: Journalism, Writing

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: Capturing seven mice in my room during the Spring 2006 semester.

Best mentor and why: At McDaniel, Lisa Breslin and Terry Dalton. I came to McDaniel College as an aspiring journalist. Lisa Breslin and Terry Dalton helped improve my writing while teaching me about what the industry is like. Lisa then helped get me my internships with The Baltimore Sun and a freelance 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.

PSYCHOLOGY

By Christina Hinkle

Seniors remember encouraging learning environment

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 greatest mentor at McDaniel, who she said has taught her "everything she knows about research." She continued by discussing the endless number of resources that are offered to psychology majors. She said the department has "great relationships with outside sources" who are able to provide internships and job opportunities. With the help of amazing faculty members, the psychology department has prepared it's majors for future careers, by offering endless learning opportunities.

JILLIAN HOFFMAN

Hometown: Westminster, MD

Major: Psychology

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: The undergraduate research experience I have had, and the many incredible relationships I have formed with faculty and staff here.

Favorite Memory: SO many. I am going to choose three. First my Jan Term experience in Italy! How could it have been any better, we were sent to Italy with cameras and told to take lots of pictures! But my spring break trip to Myrtle Beach my freshman year with a few girls from the volleyball team was amazing too. And of course the time I spent with my tantalizing 10!

Worst Memory: The answers that come to my mind would probably make several people upset. So...the many many late nights of studying for finals and writing papers.

Best Mentor and why: Dr. Morris. She has been guiding me in my independent research since my junior year. She has not only taught me a lot about research and psychology but about hard work and determination to reach my goals. She took my expectations of myself and stretched them higher than I ever thought they could go.

CAITLIN KILL

Hometown: Baltimore, MD

Major: Psychology

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College:

Becoming a member (and president) of Psi Chi, the psychology national honor society, and becoming a member of Pi Gamma Mu, the social sciences national honor society

Favorite memory: Spring Fling freshman year-when I met and hung out with, for the first time, the group of girls that turned out to be my best friends and my rock throughout the next 4 years

Worst memory: trying to get around this campus on crutches freshman year-this campus is NOT made for crutches! And, finals week spring of sophomore year-I've never pulled so many all-nighters. Also that week I was so tired the night before my Art History 2 final that I set my alarm clock for 8 pm instead of 8 am and almost missed the final!

Best Mentor: Dr. Mazeroff. He has always had faith in me and when he chose me as his peer mentor this year it was such a compliment because he knew that I could be a mentor for first-years students, just as he was my mentor. Also,

BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

By Christopher Ferrick-Manley

Business and Economics department honors three

Two of the tougher academic departments at McDaniel College have traditionally been the departments of business administration and the department of economics. For the graduating class of 2007, only two seniors made departmental honors. Erin Wilson will be receiving honors in economics and recently won the Wall Street Journal Award. Heather Donhauser will be receiving honors in business administration. A third senior, Heather Thompson, was also named by department chair Dr. John Olsh as worthy of a senior salute.

HEATHER DONHAUSER

Hometown: Fallston, Maryland

Major: Double Major in Business Administration and Economics

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College:

Graduating on time with honors, and with two majors, even though I didn't begin them until half way through my sophomore year.

Favorite Memory: Traveling the east coast of Australia during the spring break of my semester abroad.

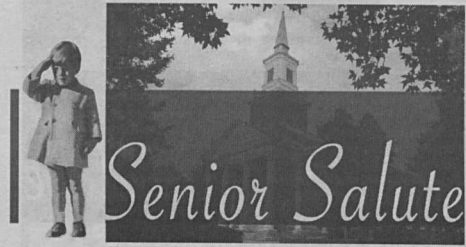
Worst Memory: Living on the fourth floor of ANW with one toilet and two showers for the entire floor.

Best Mentor and Why: Professor Carter, because he has a genuine interest in his students and always makes time to meet with them to help with any issues they may have.

HEATHER THOMPSON

Hometown: Dauphin, Pennsylvania

Major: Double major of Business Administration and Economics



when I got confused about what I wanted to do after graduation, he helped me realize what I was truly passionate about.

RACHEL HURLEY

Hometown: Bowie, MD

Major: Psychology

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: That it prepared me well for the "real world" ... I have had great opportunities since graduating.

Favorite Memory: Doing research in the pigeon lab in summer of 2006.

Worst Memory: Most of sophomore year.

Best Mentor and why: Dr. Mazeroff - he helped me make the best academic choices for college and beyond, let me work in his lab with all of the great equipment, and introduced me to the best cheeseburgers in the area.

ELLEN INVERSO

Hometown: Ewing, NJ

Major: Psychology + Biology Minor

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: This is really hard because I am so involved in so many things and have accomplished a lot - I would say being SGA Vice President my junior year and planning Homecoming Spirit Week/some of the parade etc was a very proud moment because thousands of people were able to benefit from my hard work. And then being SGA President this year was phenomenal. Academically, I'm really proud of the research I've done since sophomore year with Dr. Madsen. It's very exciting to be a part of a major paper presentation at a huge conference in San Francisco and a major poster presentation at an even bigger conference in Boston. Being one of the few undergraduates at each event has emphasized how fortunate I am to be at McDaniel where I've had those opportunities from day one.

Favorite Memory: Getting engaged to (McDaniel Alum) Mark Wheeler in October. :) All the HYPE Carnivals and staying up til 2am with my roommates just talking

Worst Memory: I guess the stress of applying to grad school. I mean everyone has some less than stellar times, but I would be surprised if anyone wanted to share that in a senior issue haha. So if anything, def the final stretch of applications, sr sem, and knowing that graduation is actually happening.

Best Mentor and why: Dr. Madsen in the psych dept has been the best advisor and mentor I could ever ask for. We've been able to travel together for conferences and really get to know each other well. She loves what she does and her willingness to bring others into that is just phenomenal. And it's more than academically too - she's a great mom has such an awesome family and I look up to her for that as well.

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College:

I am most proud of securing an accounting job (LarsonAllen - Outside of Philadelphia) before senior year began and of all my academic and athletic accomplishments (honor societies, 2nd team all-conference, etc.).

Favorite Memory: My favorite memories are back to back Women's Basketball Conference Championship titles in (2004 and 2005) and our annual Yellow House (PA 139) picnics!

Worst Memory: The worst memory is yet to come, when I have to say goodbye to everyone here!

Best Mentor and Why: Professor Carter is a wonderful mentor. He has helped me out with not only academics but also real world applications. I would say the entire business department has had a tremendous impact on me.

ERIN WILSON

Hometown: White Hall, Maryland

Major: Economics and French double major with a business minor

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College:

Being able to help current and prospective students through things like tour guiding, tutoring, admitted students' days and other events. So many people have helped me along the way so I like to think that I can "pay it forward" and help other students like me.

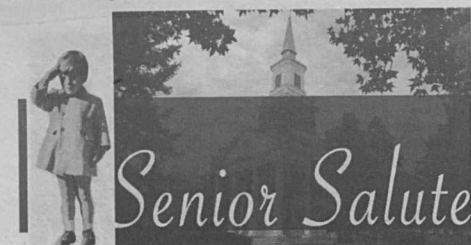
Favorite Memory: I have a lot of good memories, so it's hard to pick. One of the best would probably be hanging out at the Pour House on Main Street to do work or grab a cup of coffee with friends. Or, another great one is my spring semester of junior year spent studying abroad in Toulouse, France.

Worst Memory: My worst memory would probably be freshman move-in day, just because I was scared out of my mind!

Best Mentor and Why: My advisor Dr. Olsh.

MATHEMATICS

By Emily Sweeney



AMY WATSON

Hometown: Lancaster, PA

Major: Mathematics

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College:

The thing that I am most proud of is receiving a Maryland I-Fund's National Security Scholarship, which is available to certain majors at all the private schools in Maryland.

Favorite memory: My favorite memory comes in Maryland where there are many to choose from, we beat Johns Hopkins in the conference championship game.

Worst memory: I can't really think of a worst memory while at McDaniel.

Best mentor and why: My best mentor in the mathematics department was Dr. Boner. He was a very good math teacher and was good at explaining the concepts, but he was also helpful in telling me what classes to take that would help in a future career.

ALLISON BIGGS

Hometown: Sykesville, MD

Major: Math, minor in computer science

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College:

I am most proud that I was able to be successful as a student athlete over four years. I also received the NSSP National Security Scholarship as a junior, which helped pay for my senior year and got me an internship last summer with Lockheed Martin.

Favorite memory: Winning the Centennial Conference Women's Basketball Championship my freshmen and sophomore year.

Worst memory: Being informed that our Men's Basketball Coach, Bob Flynn, had passed away. He had such a big impact on this campus. I loved seeing him everyday at practice, and he had such a great outlook on life. He has and will continue to be missed very much.

Best mentor and why: My best mentor was Becky Martin, the women's basketball coach. She was always there for me, good or bad. She not only cared about my performance on the basketball court, but off the court as well.

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. Boner, head of the Math and Computer Science Department, as a noteworthy graduating senior along with Allison Biggs.

Biggs also received attentions 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 their eclectic 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."



(From left) Amy Watson, Ali Biggs, Kara Denelick, and Ashley Chandler enjoy dinner together as roommates.

ASHLEY KRETZER

Hometown: Westminster, Maryland

Major: History

Minor: Elementary Education

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel: I am most proud of my senior seminar paper, entitled "Remember the Letters: An Evaluation of the Correspondences of John and Abigail Adams." I was asked to present this paper at this year's Phi Alpha Theta Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference at Washington College on March 31, 2007.

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory is when I taught my very first lesson through the elementary education practicum experience!

Worst Memory: My worst memory is when one of my professors embarrassed me continuously throughout my entire first semester at McDaniel.

Best mentor and why: Dr. Sharon Craig. She is my elementary education mentor and is absolutely incredible! She is extremely knowledgeable, caring, and understanding! She was so helpful to me when I transferred from Carroll Community College halfway through my sophomore year. Dr. Craig knows everything and I feel as though I have learned more from her than I have from any other professor on the Hill!

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

By Katie Young

Senior finally gets the shine she deserves

As a sophomore transfer, Ashley Kretzer was compared to her sister, "A star student," according to a math professor. But only two years later, Kretzer would be presenting her own work to true historians.

Kretzer came to McDaniel from Carroll Community College and was excited to take her education courses. However, before she knew it, she was at the front end of a math professor's very joke.

"The professor picked on me, mocked me, and criticized my work in front of the other students in my class... I still went every day, but felt dissatisfied with the work I was completing and was not eager to participate, which is very out of character for me," says Kretzer.

By the end of her first semester, the professor began to back down but still this day, Kretzer will never forget those moments when she felt completely shut down in his room.

"To this day I am sure that he did not mean anything negative by it... thankfully, this has never happened to me elsewhere at McDaniel, which I find to be one of the strengths of our faculty," says Kretzer.

Since May 2006, Kretzer has been working on her senior seminar paper, "Remember the Letters: An Examination of the Correspondences of John and Abigail Adams." Kretzer became truly inspired by Abigail Adams's story during her junior year in Dr. Bryn Upton's "American Women."

After making her way through John and Abigail's 1,600 letters, Kretzer was asked by the history department to present her paper at the Phi Alpha Theta Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, which was held on March 31, 2007 at Washington College in Chestertown, MD.

With the help of Dr. Stephen Feeley, Kretzer cut her 26 page paper down to ten in order to read her work and then take any questions listeners had at the conference.

"Fortunately, no one had any questions and the commenter for the panel had only positive things to say. It was an incredible experience to be given because I was actually able to present my work to true historians, which is what I have been working toward for four years," exclaimed Kretzer.



Kretzer (right) introduces Julia Gouge at Phi Gamma Mu's "Candidate Meet and Greet" in November.

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.

PHYSICS

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 theatres 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 professionals 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

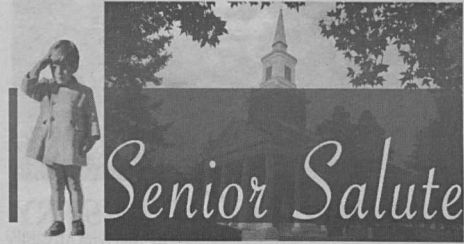
Thing you are most proud of: My contributions to the theatre department

Favorite Memory: Scotland

Worst Memory: death of Meatball

Best Mentor: Elizabeth, Ron, and Ira

Plans after graduation: Theatre on the Hill and then ...



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, Alexandra 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 successes 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

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: After all of the papers, lectures, and presentations I am leaving with not only knowledge, but also a true passion for the arts. I have indeed fallen in love with Art History. My diploma will be a reflection of what I know and feel.

Favorite memory: I would have to say the Fall Out Boy concert. Technically it was off campus, but the tickets were sold outside of Glar! You can only be 5 feet away from Pete Wentz once in your life. Oh dear.

Worst memory: I had a huge falling out with my best friend. But sometimes friendships need to be knocked down so that they can be built back up, perhaps in a different way the second time around.

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. I have always appreciated her honest, constructive criticism and advice. And her personal passion for the arts is quite contagious, too!



Cynthia Reimbold and Natasha Young at a Cross Country meet at York.

CHLOE WATSON

Hometown: Leesburg, VA

Major: Studio Art

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: Staying true to my ideas and what I really wanted to accomplish as an undergraduate, which was to do really well in everything I took.

Favorite memory: The art Honors show opening—it was such a relief to have all that work completed.

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. I 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 offers great critiques. He's really influencing and expanding the Art department for the better and his determination for all of us to learn and grow as artists is fantastic and undeniable.



Chloe Watson sewing her huge quilt made out of bio-hazard bags. All in all, it took probably 80 hours to complete. The quilt was shown in the Honors show.

ALEXANDRA GARGON

Hometown: Columbia, Maryland

Major: Studio Art/ Art History/ Graphic Design

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: I started the art club called ARS NOVA and have been president of the organization for the past 2 1/2 years. Also, being accepted into the Art Honors program.

Favorite memory: Any homecoming. All the Phi Sig alum coming back and being a part of the parade is a blast too.

Worst memory: One of my worst memories would have to be the stupid math proficiency test class...I passed the algebra and not the arithmetic so I had to take the class...one word...awful!

Best mentor and why: Steven Pearson of the art department. He is so inspirational to so many students, and has changed the art department into a contemporary and multi-media community. If it weren't for him I would have not advanced the way I have in my 4 years at McDaniel.

MEGHAN AMBRA

Hometown: Concord, NH

Major: Studio Art

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: My pro-

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, Martine Motard-Noar 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 Jan Term.

Worst Memory: Wrecking my car one day when I was leaving school on Pennsylvania Avenue.

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.

JEFF ZAMOSTNY

Hometown: Mt. Airy, Maryland

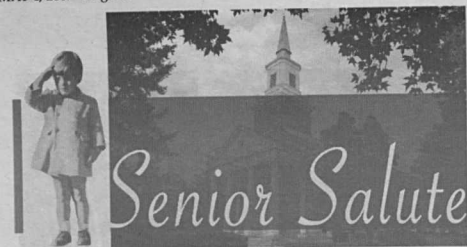
Major: Spanish

Thing you are most proud about your work at McDaniel: 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 that I will be able to further refine my skills so as to be able to teach college Spanish in the future.

Favorite Memory: My entire year studying abroad in Salamanca, Spain. Getting students to speak Spanish in the Tertulias held by the Spanish house.

Worst Memory: n/a

Best Mentor: I have had seven courses with Dr. Thomas Deveny and believe that he has expanded my interest in Spanish culture, film and literature; prepared me for advanced study; and encouraged me to be a more humane, global individual.



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 majors of McDaniel are out to prove that theory wrong. These seniors, singled 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 grads.

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: all 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 Cocktales 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.



Rachel Hurley (Psychology) and Adam Trexler (Biochemistry and Biology) seen together as usual. Rachel is working at Johns Hopkins as a research assistant in Neurology, and Adam is attending a biochemistry PhD program at Yale in the fall.

Favorite memory: There are so many! Late night Wawa runs during all night study sessions in Eaton, dressing up with the roommates, sledding on the golf course, playing flip cup and being awesome at it, painting faces at ZooBoo with gamma sig, but I'd have to say one of my absolute favorites was going swimming in the school's pool at 2 a.m.

Worst memory: It's a three way tie between move in day freshman year when I realized I was in a double room with two other girls and there was no way all the stuff I bought was ever going to fit into that tiny space, and having that stomach bug for a whole week this semester.

Best mentor and why: I can only pick one? I've had so many here! Dr. Mazzeroff in the psychology department for allowing me to do amazing research as a freshman and supporting me in the application process for medical school, Dr. Mithsler for taking me to do really fun research in Texas and being a great research advisor, Dr. Alspach for being a great advisor and believing in me, and Mr. 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

Hometown: Medford, NJ

Major: Biochemistry and Biology

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: most successful four years of Women's basketball in college history, peer mentor program—mentor and board member, accomplishing a dual and a double major and getting accepted to veterinary school

Favorite memory: winning the Centennial Conference Championship against Hopkins at Johns Hopkins my freshman year; also, having a water balloon fight freshman year at 1am with my best friend, Melanie Socco

Worst memory: tail bone injury my sophomore year which caused me to have to stand through 5 hours of classes each day for 6 weeks.

Best mentor and why: Dr. Bill Long because he has supported me over the past four years both academically and athletically, and he and his wife always attended every one of my home games. He always made himself available to talk about school or basketball or anything else that came up; always has a level head and good advice, as well as a great personality. Even when times would get rough, he was always there to stand by me, support me, encourage me and assure me that everything would be okay. I was his peer mentor for two years and thoroughly enjoyed working with him. Ultimately, he helped me to achieve every one of my goals at McDaniel, most importantly being acceptance into veterinary school.

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 amazing—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.

Certainly I have had many great classes with good 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 obnoxiously 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'm 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: Leaving.

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 been invited to present our data at three national conferences this year.

JASON STAMBAUGH

Major: Political Science

Minors: 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.

Worst memory: Getting a D minus on my first college paper ever in Intro to Political Science with Dr. Franke. His scary way of describing my errors in a german accent frightened me, yet gave me the motivation to do better.

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 and International Studies, minors in History and Philosophy

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: Having the ability to improve the campus community through my involvement in organizations and committees.

Favorite memory: Budapest - enough said

Worst memory: If you know me, well, you probably already know

Best/favorite mentor and why: Dr. Herb Smith and Dr. Chaz Neal - These two men had the greatest impact on my college career and my development as an individual. Without their guidance, I would not be in the position I am in today. I will never be able to repay the debt I owe to them.

SOCIOLOGY

By Melanie Chupein

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 department chair, 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: Probably 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 for Jan term my sophomore year. Every year has been very different, and I've really enjoyed all of them and all the crazy and amazing people I've become friends with over the years!

Worst memory: Probably when I first got to college and realized both how much I really didn't know and how much more work I was going to have 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 sure something will come through eventually. Ideally, I would like a federal job 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 work hard and earn my BA with a respectable GPA while maintaining a full life outside of school (i.e. working, recreational sports, husband, daughter).

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 ended up arriving a month early (very healthy) and I was able to bring her in to see fellow students and professors who had supported me and watched my belly grow throughout the semester. Also, my attendance of the model EU with the political science department was fun and unforgettable.

Worst memory: My worst memories are the typical busy weeks and late nights when students feel there is too much work and not enough time.

Best mentor and why: My best mentor was Dr. Deb Lemke. Dr. Lemke was also my academic advisor. She is a very realistic and honest person. She makes time for students whenever they need it and will help with anything she possibly can. 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 life for our (now) five month old daughter and possible future children in the hopes of raising happy, healthy children into happy, healthy adults.

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 adult women and also by teaching his word on a collegiate level. I know I am called and chosen for such a time as this."



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 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 Concentration in Criminal Justice

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.

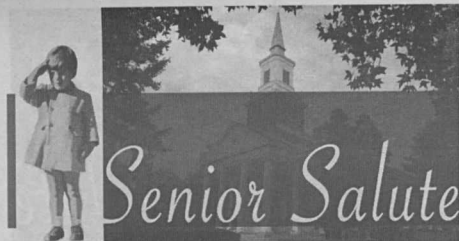
Favorite memory: I don't have one in particular. But when I leave here, I feel that I will reflect most on the relationships that I have built and intend to maintain with my sociology instructors.

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. Semu 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.

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

Ion 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 job-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, Kristen 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 5-year Music Education Degree program, where at the end of my fourth year I receive my bachelors 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 sopho-



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 stands out. The determination 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. I weighed 253 pounds in May 2006 and lost 53 pounds over the course of 7 months and captured my going through the process on film. I then put my footage together in a progressive storyline that revealed the pressures and results in trying to lose 50 pounds. It's been an amazing adventure and I'll be thrilled that I have this film as a lasting reminder of my determination and willpower. I was able to accomplish all of this despite suffering from a brain aneurysm and stroke at age 3, which makes my accomplishments even more stunning.

Worst memory: My worst memory is quitting the baseball team. I was the only player that was not being played and I dealt with discrimination due to my disability throughout my entire baseball career. I wasn't going to let anyone take advantage of me anymore. Unfortunately, my boldness and desire to play made me feel like I had to quit the team.

Best mentor and why: My best mentor would have to be Barb Horneff. She and I used to meet weekly and we discussed everything from academics to life in general. I could always turn to her when the semester was stressful and she helped me plan my weeks so that I was able to get everything done. She was always there for me and I still think of her as my campus Mom.

MAXJULIAN HAM

Hometown: Holly Hill, South Carolina

Major: Communication and Theatre Arts

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



Right after a 2AM water balloon fight in the quad freshman year
Back: Tom Shortridge, Erin Shindoh, Frank Ingellis
Front: Teri Hamer, Jesse Feldman, Stacy Fitzwater

more year, our entire class put a collage together and threw professor Caldwell a crab feast in his honor for teaching us music theory for four consecutive semesters.

Worst Memory: My worst memory would have to be the amount of work associated with a music education degree. Also, people claiming my major is easy; we do not just in choir and do nothing.

Best mentor and why: Dr. Linda Kirkpatrick. She has been there through it all with me, from the beginning of when this school started my major program. There have been many kinks that I have had to work out, but she has helped me take my troubles with my 5-year program and turn them into something better. She has also been a great advisor, and 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.

Favorite memory: Playing organ in Big Baker late at night with no one around, singing with the Madrigals, Music of the Western World with Dr. Boudeaux, student discounts at Baltimore Symphony concert; there are many good memories.

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.

give a speech in front of a crowd and in front of a panel of judges, and to win was truly gratifying. I realize that I have a gift for it. Leaving McDaniel, I know that when it comes to ones rhetoric, I can stand with the best of them.

During my sophomore year, I was cast as Prospero in the play *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare. I had major roles in plays before and after that, but to be able to have the lead role in play during my sophomore year was truly wonderful. It was one of the most difficult things I have ever had to do, but I gained valuable experience and was really proud of myself when it was all over.

I have always had a love for working with students. I was able to continue this passion working for Residence Life, more specifically, first-year students. I enjoyed watching my residents grow from lost freshman committing such abysmal behavior, to men of excellent conduct and character. It is truly rewarding and humbling to know that I was a part of that process.

Favorite memory: My favorite memory happened during the final exam week of my junior year. A dozen of my residents asked me if they could pour soap on the floor and then slide on it. Obviously I told them no, they then asked me if they went out and bought a "slip and slide," would I go outside with them to slide. The weather was freezing cold and it was raining. I figured that they would never go out in the horrible weather to get the "slip and slide," and if they did, they wouldn't actually want to go sliding in the rain, so I said "alright, if you get it tonight, then I will go outside and slide with you." Well to my surprise, 2 hours later, they were in front of my door with their swimming trunks on ready to go. I tried to get out of it, but they wouldn't let me. After constant nagging, I put on my shorts and went with them outside. We left the residence hall with tons of soap and two containers of laundry detergent for extra slippage. I had so much fun; it was truly something that I would have never done on my own.

Worst memory: Living in a triple my freshman year, too little space, and too many guys.

Best mentor and why: Arnel Quashie and Felicia Donelson were two seniors that graduated in 2005, who has significantly help me grow and develop as a leader and as a person. Although they are not still at McDaniel College, they continue to provide me with support, advice, and encouragement.

NELSON STRYDINGER

Hometown: Manchester, MD

Major: Communication

Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College:

Senior Seminar presentation on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Favorite memory: The first day my son and I came to campus together, both as students.

Worst memory: Taking the math competency tests.

Best mentor and why: Dr. Kate Dobson: She has the uncanny ability to make you look inside yourself and find the real truth lurking within.

Dance recital

CHRIS FERRICK-MANLEY
STAFF WRITER

On April 22, the McDaniel College Dance Company held their annual recital at Alumni Hall.

This year's theme for the recital was "Dance Across America". The songs that accompanied the 11 dances all had state themes, according to Lauren Hild, the secretary of the Dance Company and the president-elect. Among the types of dances that the recital featured were a jazz piece, two hip-hop pieces, and a country line dance. Between each dance, a PowerPoint slideshow was shown providing biographical information of each of the 21 dancers in the show as well as rehearsal photos. This gave them time to change costumes.

Hild was very pleased with the outcome of the show. The only negative things that she noticed were "technical aspects [of the performance]" that concerned only the officers. "While the crowd size was mediocre, its reaction was strong and positive for the performers. However, the audience was puzzled when the advertised door prize raffle never occurred at intermission, and a few remarks were heard. The supposed prizes were a \$50 Barnes & Noble gift card, a \$50 Target gift

card, and a free massage from Physiotherapy Associates.

According to Rachel Johnston, a senior who was president of the Dance Company up through the recital, the Dance Company has been in existence at the college for around 10 years. However, two years ago, Johnston had to resurrect the Dance Company from the ashes.

"It had fallen apart when I took over," said Johnston, "I just advertised like crazy and targeted freshmen."

After the curtain call, Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA", all Dance Company member's showed their appreciation for Johnston's hard work by draping their "Miss America" style state sashes over Johnston.

The cast itself consisted of 20 females and only one man. Gregory Trzcinski, the lone male in the Dance Company as well as Hild would like to get more men involved.

"It would be pretty exciting if more guys did this," said Trzcinski, "and it kind of helps to keep you in shape."

The Dance Company also performed in the BSU Fashion Show earlier in April. They were going to perform at the multiple sclerosis walk on April 15th but their performance was canceled due to rain.

If you feel down, pick this up

We all know the cliché "your worst enemy is often yourself" but have you really thought about what it means? Sometimes we second guess ourselves by letting fear interfere with our dreams and ultimately settling for less when we know better is possible. So the next time you fall in the trap of self doubt and low self esteem, practice thinking and acting on the dreams you envision for yourself.

"No one can cheat you out of ultimate success but yourself."

Ralph W. Emerson

By Torrecka Jordan

Ga-Ga over Grey's Anatomy

BECKY SNIDER
STAFF WRITER

Spring is officially here. So why is McDaniel a ghost town on Thursday nights? *Grey's Anatomy*, a television show, has entranced the media...or at least the campus. So what are you doing this Thursday night? Ask anyone, and he or she can most likely name someone they know that has cleared their night to watch the television show.

"There are like 15 of us that get together every Thursday to watch it!" Replied an enthusiastic junior, Andrea Spahn, when asked if she watched the show.

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* had 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 kind of quality to it 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 DEFANCES
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 conclusion that they know someone that is similar to one of the characters.

When Steve Stiffler was introduced in American Pie, every guy in America that reached puberty immediately thought of their friend with the hot mom and how amazing it would be to...well you know the rest. I know I did.

The movie National Lampoon's *Van Wilder* came out in 2002 and didn't immediately give the majority of current students here at McDaniel College the same opportunity. However, as a few years went by, many were able to find a striking similarity between the movie's man character, Van Wilder, and a McDaniel College student by the name of Sam Boardman.

In the movie, Van Wilder is an outgoing, friendly, and extremely popular student who has been at Coolidge College for seven years.

Replace the name Van Wilder with Sam Boardman, Coolidge College with McDaniel College, and you have the same story. Van may get an edge in smoothness and good looks, but only ever so slightly.

"Boardman", what everyone refers to him as, is a staple here on the hill. Much like 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 at 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 is singing "Everyday I'm hustlin' bustlin'." Every day I'm Hustlin'." Any other 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 like Van, and does what 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 the world 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 command 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 assure you any interaction with Boardman cannot be easily forgotten.

Personally, I feel as though McDaniel College should do all it can to produce some sort of shrine that future students will appreciate that acknowledges all Boardman has done for the student body.

House harbors diverse group

By Lindsay Graham



house compared to a dorm requires more upkeep. There are the bathrooms, hallways and greater areas that need to 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 wall up where a doorway used to be, to provide a desk space for one of the roommates. 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 bags sitting in the dining room; two of

whom play for McDaniel teams. Massa is a two-year veteran of the Lady Terror golf team and Dixon is a third baseman for the Terror 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.



Five sophomores. Three athletes. Two golfers. And one house.

It sounds like an ad for an ABC program. Sophomores Elyse Massa, Amanda Becker, Brooke Dixon, Amber Dukehart and Jackie Kahler have called 6 Ward Ave 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

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 Crutchley. He "leads by example with his determination and perseverance in going for his goals, on and off the track."

Indeed, his example has improved 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 4x8 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 m 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 Haverford.

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 has 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 become 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 about 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. Senior, Kristen Ion 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. Ion 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 Financial Aid at McDaniel,

Ellie Geiman says, "As long as they are seeking a masters and are at least half time, the undergrad 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 clothes 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 any more convenient.

If they want, students can e-mail 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@mcDaniel.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.

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Christina Hinkle



To those who lean left, words from the right

A letter to the editor

STUART M. CLARKE
READER

I have been observing with great interest the ongoing discussion in the past several issues of the Free Press between Chelsea Phillips, "The Author," and others, and wanted to take the opportunity 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 networks as well. This is not to say that everyone's favorite "fair and balanced" network, Fox News does not sometimes spin to the right—but, as studies have shown, the percentage of "neutral" political stories on Fox is far greater than any other network, while NBC has the most "negative" stories about—and "positive" stories about Democrats of any network

(although all are similarly culpable). Until there is a better alternative, Fox News actually is the most balanced news source available.

Second, referring to the President of the United States in a manner condescending, sarcastic, or disrespectful (i.e., dear leader, Emperor Bush) is more than simple criticism—it is disregarding the stature of the office and the soldiers who died for us to be able to legitimately elect our president (and, yes, according to the laws of this country, we did legitimately elect him). When President Clinton was in office, I was similarly opposed to those who made offhand remarks regarding his seeming affinity for White House interns, and for the same reason. Demeaning the office of the presidency is wrong, regardless of which party holds it. If you disagree with a presidential policy, as I myself have done with the President's positions on several occasions, do so respectfully. Those who stoop to demeaning and condescending language prove nothing more than the dearth of facts and weakness of the arguments at their disposal.

Third, economic policy is an interesting subject. Historical precedents suggest, and the tenets upon our nation was founded dictate, that it is NOT the responsibility of the government to provide equal success to everyone, or redistribute wealth to make all the same. The benefits of a capitalist 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 loaders. It is no coincidence that the world's only remaining major communist regime, China (Kim Jong Il is only globally important to himself), has survived by privatizing industry and opening the markets to free trade and capitalism.

To put it another way: there has never been a successful communist or socialist system. The longest-lasting was the former Soviet Union—which has been dead 15 years now. And, capitalism is not to blame for poverty, either. In fact, the last 100 years have proven that free trade has

drawn out of poverty a myriad of societies previously among the world's most backward. Capitalism and free trade are a practical, proven system, not to mention the only economic system which is universally tied to political freedom.

Fourth, the fact remains that the United States of America 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, we have not been attacked in over five years. The "insurgents" in Iraq currently are tied to al-Qaeda—this is not in dispute. Thus, we are presented with a choice: we can fight al-Qaeda in Iraq, or we can fight al-Qaeda here. In other words, there really is no choice. Therefore, if the troops have to be there, why not support

their mission instead of dooming 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 recommending that one can disagree with the war without undermining the morale of our soldiers, and while still hoping for their success.

Finally, grouping all conservatives together on the far right is about the same as equating 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 one generalization is wrong, so is the other. The beauty of American politics is the plethora of views within the individual parties. Rudy Giuliani is a social liberal. Mitt Romney is a social conservative. They are both running for the Republican nomination.

Thank you very much to the Free Press for this venue, and to all the readers who took the time to read this editorial.

Republican candidates ignore real issues

A letter to the editor

JASON STEINBAUGH
READER

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 included in the President's remarks at convocation ceremonies, he is touting the "successes" in Iraq as a legitimate barometer of American security. According to Bush it is going to take a lot of hard work—or maybe he means a lot of money to secure America.

For a change, I can agree with the President about it taking a lot of money to secure America. However, this brings me to the point with which I depart from his war hawk-I-am-going-to-save-the-world-through-democratic-violence mentality. If only peace and prosperity for all were as simple as quelling an insurgency in the Middle East.

No matter. Apparently, as long as a Republican wins (according to Rudy Giuliani) in 2008, America will be safe and sound and free from impotent Democratic Party policy.

Notice my sarcasm.

On the contrary, a Republican president will likely be forced to continue down the road to perdition in Iraq, spending most of his time playing politics with troop increases in a very unpopular conflict. Not to mention the money, which us tax payers shell out to protect our troops from the dangers found in the mission-accomplished-free-state of Iraq. Do you have any idea how much we are going to spend? Well, a world renowned, Nobel Laureate economist has an idea.

I am going to name his name, which could be illegal and down right inconsiderate to do so. But I will. His name is Joseph E. Stiglitz. He joined forces with Linda Bilmes, a

budget expert from Harvard, to present a paper to the Allied Social Sciences Association where they projected the Iraq War will cost a minimum of 1 trillion dollars. They even went on to predict that depending on the length of the stay in Iraq could turn into 2 trillion dollars. I cannot even conceive of such a number.

Further confounding this is the projection from the President's own economist: Larry Lindsey. When the war began he set a price of 100 billion to 200 billion dollars as the price tag on the alleged campaign to snuff out a potentially dangerous cache of WMDs upon which a vicious dictator threatened the security of the entire world...oh wait...it was supposed to be for Iraq freedom. It seems like he may have lost track of a zero or two.

Let me cut to the chase. I do not want the 2008 election to be solely about the Iraq War and the pivotal role it plays or

does not play in national security. National security is a far more robust issue, encompassing everything from social policy to nukes. Every issue is integral in securing America's future.

The issue that I want to highlight is global warming. Get ready for this. A recent poll indicated the following numbers:
90% of Democrats
80% of Independents
60% of Republicans
...believe that immediate action is necessary to curb the warming of the atmosphere and be proactive in dealing with the effect it is having on global climate. This reveals that indeed, for one of the first times since 9/11 and the opening months of the Iraq War, that President Bush could potentially enjoy an overwhelming public consensus on an issue. Before you global warming naysayers begin to rebut, several INTERNATIONAL studies reveal that human activities are the main

cause of global warming since 1950—84% of Americans even agree that humanity is at least partially to blame.

The issue has the power to unite all Americans to a common cause. Finally something we can work on together.

Whether you love the war or hate the war, think about it. I am tired of hearing about the Iraq War and tired of hearing the same old justifications for the conflict. I want change; maybe the environment will be the ticket. The entire world depends on the environment and if this generation decides to do something about it, maybe earth will be a healthier place for our children.

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 generation to be known for its war, 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 are in Hill Hall, stop in the English department and admire their trophy. Next time you see Julia, Martin, David, and Devon, congratulate them!

Go Green Terror Spellers!

SUBMITTED BY DR. MARY (THE MASKED ONE)



Relay for Life 2007

McDaniel College took to the track on April 27 to fight cancer. Relayers raised over \$28,000, keeping ANW residents awake all night.

PHOTO BY MIKE HABEGGER



'Church' to preach at VA Tech funerals

GREG PFEIFFER
STAFF WRITER

As if America was not shocked enough by the tragic events that took place at Virginia Tech on April 16th, 2007. It now must wrap its head around something like this:

"The LORD your God sent a crazed madman to shoot at your children, and he didn't miss. Get this straight-God sent this South Korean madman to kill 31 of your children at Virginia Tech. Was God asleep while this took place? Was He on vacation? Of course not. He willed this to happen to punish you for assailing His servants."

This statement came directly from Westboro Baptist

Church, an organization that claims "God Hates Fags"; a message they believe "America needs more than air to breathe, food to eat, and water to drink." They think that America's acceptance of homosexuality has caused human loss—past and present—including Sept. 11th, the Iraq War, Hurricane Katrina, the Amish school shootings, and most recently the tragedy at Virginia Tech University.

In order to show their disapproval of America and the World, Westboro followers attend the funerals of those lost in these events holding signs that read, "Thank God For 9/11", "God Hates America", and "Thank God for Dead Soldiers". Their presence has sparked outbursts of

hatred from society, who wish for mourners to remain unbothered while saying goodbye to loved ones. The latest Westboro campaign is adopting the message "Hokies in Hell", which was to be waved and chanted while innocent victims of the gruesome shootings are laid to rest.

Thankfully, this display of hate will not pollute the surroundings of Virginia Tech funerals; Mike Gallagher, a prominent radio-talk show host, has offered Westboro representatives 3 hours of free airtime in conjunction with their written promise to not attend the VA Tech funerals in any way, shape or form. Gallagher made the same offer during the aftermath of

the Amish school shootings, hoping to keep these people away from the countless friends, family and mourners attending the services.

"If my radio show can prevent a circus atmosphere of protests and media coverage from taking place in front of churches where grieving families are trying to say goodbye to their loved ones, then I think that's a good thing," said Gallagher in a recent statement. "I feel with all of my heart that this is the right thing to do."

Fortunately, leaders of the organization agreed to this offer, opting to discuss their religious views surrounding the events on the radio rather than on location. While many view this as a moral victory,

Gallagher has seen opposition that insists he aligned with the hate group and their ideals. Some have said that giving them a broadcast platform will potentially provide an audience of millions as opposed to the small amount at the funerals themselves, allowing for more effective exposure of their beliefs.

Either way, the fact that this radical group can no longer directly spread their hate-filled message to the families of the victims is a success in itself. Regardless of whether or not anyone catches them on Gallagher's program, the nation's grief over those involved with this tragedy outweighs the petty agenda of Westboro's followers ten-fold.

'DWT' is the new 'DWI'

SARAH 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 their use behind the wheel, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the first reported incident of DWT may have been in Tennessee in 2005, when a man died while texting when he lost control of his pickup and

plunged down an embankment. In Colorado that same year, a teenager spent 10 days in jail after he struck and killed a bicyclist while texting a friend.

Knowing that accidents on the road can happen anywhere, I would feel a lot better knowing that the roads would be somewhat safer. Junior Sarah Coppensmith, however, is somewhat skeptical. "I think it sounds silly to make it illegal; it's kind of the same thing as eating while driving and people do that all the time. But I do think it can be a rather dangerous risk."

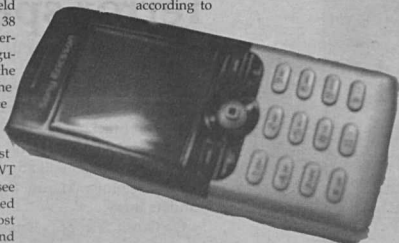
My argument to that is: you don't have to look at your food in order to eat it; and if anyone needs to, I suggest you find your mouth quick before you wreck.

Politician Joyce McDonald is a sponsor of this new bill that would make it a crime to "operate a motor vehicle while reading, writing, or sending electronic messages," according to

the Wall Street Journal. In Oregon, similar bills would provide find up to \$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 Senior Jimmy Dell. "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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Saved by the Arch- the college years

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Jen and Jenna. Jenna and Jen. Yes, we are in fact, different people. Although there is a widely circulated rumor that we are one and the same. Maybe it has to do with the fact that we are always together, or that we have taken many of the same classes, or that we are both barely five feet tall. Or that we're moving to Chicago together this summer to attend DePaul University in the fall. Or it could be that McDaniel College is just that small.

But that's what we love about McDaniel, isn't it? The intimate close-knit environment where everyone knows each other's name, bra size, social security number, and of course, secret desires. Here friends turn into family overnight. Insert photo of

smiling, obnoxiously happy McDaniel students here. We have grown a lot in the past four years, more so than either of us could have anticipated. As our collegiate years come to a close, we find ourselves reminiscing about the good, the bad, and the very, very ugly.

There was more that we loved than hated. Yes, there were fully caffeinated nights spent pulling out our hair, and fights with our best friends, boyfriends, and boys that we wanted to be our boyfriends, or the driving behind ANW's parking lot, to find, shocking!y, that there were again no spots up top. But there were also random walks to Safeway, pulling all-nighters filled with nothing but great conversation, and the confidence in knowing that somewhere, at sometime, at least one apartment on campus was

hosting a championship beer pong tournament. Hey, people love beer pong here.

It's fair to say McDaniel College made us who we are and shaped who we would become in the future. So much has changed in four years on one hill. As freshman we got lost in all the upper-classman, even though we were the biggest class McDaniel had ever seen. As freshman, our floors watched The OC together, we were "condomed" at Choices, and we wore extremely tight shirts and short skirts to parties. All freshman girls do. But as Seniors, we became obsessed with Grey's Anatomy, a far more mature selection—at least the people sleeping together on this show were overage. We rebelled against the administration because the Choices cast wasn't allowed to throw our precious

condoms. And at this point, we've hooked up with enough people that we don't need to wear short skirts. (We just want to.)

McDaniel gave us memories that will last a lifetime. It's cheesy but at least it's true. Freshman year had its numerous embarrassments, but it also had its Kodak moments. We played football out in the rain during Hurricane Isabelle, pretty much the only time either one of us has thrown a football. The snowstorm that year cancelled school for the first few days of spring semester—so sledding became a class. We shudder at the thought of our Video Dance party during Freshman Orientation, a creative attempt at torturing newly admitted students. As seniors we tailgated at the football game and watched as our friends tried to grill beer-battered hotdogs. Another snowstorm hit, so we sat inside and stuffed ourselves with chocolate on Valentine's Day. Thankfully, we have apartments and now hold our own dance parties. We like to dance our pants off, no videos needed.

We've actually learned from our classes. Which is good, since we're paying thousands of dollars a year for an education. As freshman, the only necessary class was Freshman Seminar, opportunities were endless, and our final papers were only seven pages long.

Close to graduation, however, we scramble to take every class we need, often resorting to bribery (Note to ALL Underclassmen: The Registrar prefers Godiva and big bills). Now we create our own opportunities, they may be bigger and better, but they're scarier too. And as for the papers, we are just barely making the deadline for this article because for both of us (we're in the same class once again) all thirty pages of our Senior Seminar paper are, tragically, due at 3 p.m. tomorrow.

Even though as well-trained English majors we could expand and elaborate on these ideas for pages and pages, we have consolidated our memories into a top ten list. Notice the expertise in parallelism. And although we should pull another all-nighter hopped up on soy vanilla lattes, working on our Senior Sem. Papers, we'll probably spend it reminiscing about the past four years and honestly wondering where the time has gone. It's likely that we will spend a considerable amount of time checking Facebook for answers. While we are out looking for answers, in the real world and on Facebook, we do know this: McDaniel College advertises that it has been changing lives since 1857, but it has been changing ours since 2003.



The Hookup- reciprocity is not always a must

KATHRYN YOUNG
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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 it can seem amazing 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 still be some getting used to feeling completely comfortable during sex acts.

Most of being comfortable with sexual experiences is throwing away the common 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. If 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 to not 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 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 up, and beyond that they will never know what else you have to offer — which isn't just sex.

Just because the jobs, that is, hand and blowjobs, 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 blowjobs, 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. Karaoke night
5. The Wall
6. Midnight Breakfast
7. Denny'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. Glar 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 infested dormrooms
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.

Baseball leadership rolls down Hill

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CONTRIBUTOR

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 communication, which are necessary ingredients for success. The team's roster consists of only two seniors and one junior, leaving 20 sophomores and nine freshmen to fill the majority of the spots.

With only three upperclassmen, it is hard for any team to

have a solid foundation of leadership, because most people haven't had the experience to step up and lead. According to Coach Dave Seibert, senior pitcher and outfielder Tom Wenrich is the only captain, and catcher Adam Pelta is the only other senior; therefore, the majority of leadership responsibilities fall on their shoulders.

Over the past few years, Seibert has experienced a problem with having too much youth for the first time in his 27-year career. Aside from making cuts, and having injuries occur, the team has lost an unusual amount of players to attrition.

Seibert noted that he had two lean recruiting years in '04 and '05 where he got less than 10 recruits combined, and also lost his best hitter who withdrew from school because of low grades. Although most coaches deal with similar losses, players have left this team for negative reasons as well.

Phil Green, a junior, played on the team for a year and a half before he decided that enough was enough. Green admits that "the program was a lot different than what I expected" when he arrived here, which frustrated him.

"Opportunities that were

presented to me at the beginning, were not carried out in the end," he said. Green feels the coaching mentality is too "old school" and relies too heavily on seniority.

Dan Coons, also a junior, decided to part ways with the game he had played since he was three after only a year and a half in the program. "The game just lost its edge," said Coons. "It just wasn't fun anymore."

During his time as a player, Coons 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. Wenrich 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 coming into this year around .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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SPORTS EDITOR

Intramural sports are an alternative for many students on college campuses across the country, and it is no different here at McDaniel.

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 collegiate level of 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 and participation.

The intramural sports are offered in both the spring and the fall, respectively, but with four different "seasons". In the fall, the sports of flag football, outdoor soccer, golf, four-on-four basketball, floor hockey,

and tennis are some of the choices offered to students wanting to remain physically active. In the spring, five-on-five basketball is offered, along with volleyball, softball, badminton, and indoor soccer.

Matt Hatton, who is the intramural director, as well as being named the interim head lacrosse coach in September, talked about how the process of getting a team, as well as a season, started goes about.

"We hold meetings in which the captains turn in rosters and we go over the rules," said Hatton. "Once we get the rosters and all of the teams, I sit down and develop a logical schedule including playoffs and championships. I then post and email the intramural sports and we begin playing until the champion is named."

And that is not the only thing Hatton has to prepare. Hatton is also now serving as the head coach of the men's lacrosse team on campus after having the position of assistant coach for three years, the same amount of time he has served as intramural director.

Doing two jobs at once is no easy task, as most of the load is placed on Hatton's shoulders.

"I do most of the scheduling, organizing, and such myself," said Hatton. It did seem like a one-man effort, but Hatton also mentioned that he received help from assistant coach Sam Seashole and student-assistant Jason Norton, who also created the 100-member "facebook" group.

But how does Hatton balance his schedule between administering two different sports organizations? How many does he spend on each, and is it a schedule it can keep?

"It is impossible to put my finger on how many hours that I spend on either lacrosse or intramurals," said Hatton. "I can tell you that when the dust settles at the end of the week, it has to be somewhere up in the 60s or so. I would say that I typically spend more time with my lacrosse duties; however, intramurals can take a lot of time up, especially when we are deep into the schedule."

Hatton also talked about the time difference between the fall and the spring, when in the fall he does not have lacrosse practices and games to worry about too much.

"I can certainly find more time in the fall for intramurals when lacrosse is not quite as much of a factor," said Hatton. I would say that with both job titles there is rarely a time when things are not hectic." Hatton also mentioned recruiting in the fall as well but still said the fall is a whole lot better time-wise to him.

However, there have been a lot of things issues concerning the whole program in general, and many of the concerns are dealt with Hatton and his staff. Eric Zwolsky, simply posted, "[the] staff sucks," with another student agreeing with his comment in the next post. An email was sent over the network on April 5th, from Hatton, saying that he was sorry for missing a meeting due to a late lacrosse game

that was postponed. It has been things like this that may have drawn criticism from the students. Hatton responded to these concerns, and to what he thought the state of McDaniel Intramurals truly was.

"I would say that the intramural program is probably at a standstill at this point," said Hatton. "We have been able to get a good amount of students interested in the program and we have a good contingency of students involved in intramurals here at McDaniel College. I think that if there were less responsibilities, the intramural program could take some steps to make it an even better experience for our students that choose to participate."

And who knows, maybe after the season, intramurals can make a "late-inning rally", and change the minds of many student athletes here on campus.

McDaniel golf- a senior player's perspective

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STAFF WRITER

There were definitely some good times playing golf for the Green Terror women's golf team, from forming a long friendships with teammates 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 in college.

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 for four years so he knew a little about collegiate women's golf. He was the one who found McDaniel for me.

As a freshman, I was the shy one on the team. I barely

spoke ten words all season to coach Mike Diehl and hardly any to a teammate who would become one of my very good friends the next three years.

The first tournament of my collegiate career was an interesting one. I was incredibly nervous and wanted to play well. To this day I can hear the words that coach Diehl told me before I teed off on my first hole "just do your best." I tried my best but I did not play as well as I would have liked to. But as coach told me later, no one ever plays as good as they would have liked in their first tournament.

As a team, that first year we played through torrential down-pouring rain as well as playing with remnants of snow on the ground. Up in South Hadley, Ma, in the Mt. Holyoke Invitational, the second day was cancelled due to so much rain that people had to squeeze out the greens. And the first tournament after Spring Break in Georgia, there were still remnants of snow at

Berkleigh Country Club in Kutztown, Pa.

Sophomore year was a big year. We had a good team; everyone gained more experience and found ourselves being ranked 19th in the nation, for Division III golf. Golf is a sport that has a lot of up and downs, one day you will play great the next day you won't, but that season had more ups and downs with what was possibly at stake.

Looking back, with the exception of a few tournaments, I played better the second day of a two-day tournament or on the back nine. My mentality has always been to try to forget about the score and just try to "minimize the damage."

They are three words that are permanently etched in my brain, thanks to coach but it is true. "A six is always better than a seven, seven is always better than an eight..." he would say and being around him for four years it sunk in. During tournaments, I can

hear his voice in my head saying "just get by with bogey or a double and don't make things worse" and it helped.

My first tournament at the Links of Gettysburg, spring freshman year, was a shotgun start and I started on the fourth hole. My final round at the course, Tuesday April 24, I started on the fourth hole. I remember thinking before the round, "I have come full circle" and it really started to hit me harder that it was my final, final round up at Gettysburg. (And I was also happy that I did not have to climb the monster of a hill between three and four.)

Coach has always preached to us, as players to have fun, because in the end you will probably not remember what you shot but you will remember the good times you had. I finally realized that.

I will always remember at Bucknell freshman year hitting a five-wood 140 yards DOWNHILL and winding up in first line of the trees behind

the green. Then having to hit left handed, with coach standing up on tee, watching the mess. (I still pulled out a bogey.)

The second day of a two day tournament at Rutgers, sophomore year, we teed off at 7:45 in morning. I went first and by the 17th hole my group was two and a half holes ahead of the group behind us.

I can laugh at this now because it is history but at the time I was not laughing. Last fall, up at Mt. Holyoke, I was putting for par on my second to last hole. I missed the par putt but I was six-inches away from making bogey. Six-inches is nothing, right? Wrong! I missed the putt. In front of coach again! Very humbling experience I will never forget and will continue to laugh at.

I thank my teammates and coach for four great years of collegiate golf and to think that four years I never thought any of this was possible.

'Bricks & Mortars'- Res Life announcements

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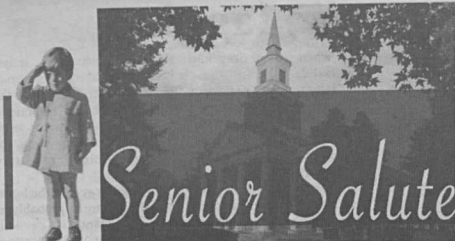
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EXERCISE SCIENCE & PE

By Alyssa Romasco



ADAM LIETZAN

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Thing you are most proud of about your work at McDaniel College: I can't definitively point to one thing I'm most proud of; however, I do appreciate the opportunity to finish two majors in my career at McDaniel College.

Favorite Memory:

My favorite memory wasn't actually at McDaniel College, but on a January term trip to Belize. It's always exciting to travel internationally, but to go to a Caribbean country is amazing. Belize is filled with great history, beautiful weather, and friendly people. What more could you ask for?

Worst Memory:

The non-stop construction that's been occurring throughout my tenure at McDaniel College has been annoying. Unfortunately, I lived in ANW when Academic Hall was being built and now in North Village next to the construction of new apartments. McDaniel College provides a productive learning environment with the never ending hammering, screeching chainsaws, jackhammers, and, of course, workers discussing their weekends outside your window on Monday morning.

Best mentor and why: Dr. Brian Wladkowski

I've known Dr. Wladkowski since my freshman year and since then he's been a great professor and friend. He gave me the opportunity to be his peer mentor for the Fall 2005 semester which I greatly appreciate and has worked with myself and other brothers as the Phi Kappa Sigma advisor.

CHRISTINA GILPIN

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Hatton stresses balancing athletics, academics

(from "Hatton" on page 24)

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 outstanding 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 happen earlier than others, which is why he stays on top of them about such issues.

Although he takes the responsibilities of his job very serious, 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 sports 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.

Hatton is also excited about the recent advancements in McDaniel's facilities, such as the turf field and weight room which is expected to be finished this fall. He believes it would be an injustice for the team not to do well.

To sum up the feeling that seems to be shared throughout the McDaniel lacrosse family, Nutter says when he heard about the coaching change, he was "real pumped" and that it was "the best news I've gotten since coming to college."

Abbamonte tackles everything his own way

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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 prepared to tackle: the real world.

Abbamonte will be one of the many seniors as well as senior athletes who will be leaving McDaniel for more and better things. Abbamonte and the rest of the seniors leaving in 2007 left an image on this campus that many will 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 tack-

les 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 d3football.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 next year.



Bolek a determined swimming team captain

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She is a devoted swimmer, never missing practice no matter what happens, and a devoted friend, who is always there when necessary. Perhaps most notably, however, she is a determined captain always pushing herself and her teammates to do better.

Although McDaniel College senior Molly Bolek spends hours at the pool daily, she hopes to pursue her major in the field of psychology and become a school psychologist. Growing up around Lancaster, PA, Molly was a determined student and swimmer from a young age. She began swimming when she was six.

Bolek has been a part of the Honors Program, Circle K, and gospel choir here in addition to being a captain of the Green Terror swim team with Mark Yankovich for two consecutive years.

"Swimming meant so much to her and she created strong goals that went along with the sport she loved. To achieve these goals she worked hard at practice and would never give up," says Yankovich. "She was an excellent leader and the team now

has a great model for future years of Green Terror swimming."

Although the 2006-2007 swim season is over and Bolek is done with competitive swimming she still trains as much as possible. It is something she has loved so much for the majority of her life that even now, after her final season has ended, she continues to swim. It will forever be something she loves and will continue to do on her own or through master swimming programs.

As with anything, so much work, love, and pain goes into swimming. There is always a lasting connection; Bolek makes swimming more than just an individual obligation. It is about the bond and pride a team has in itself as a group and the love all members have for each other.

She realizes that swimming has allowed her to "build a lot of strong relationships [she] might not have made otherwise."

Bolek helps her team understand these vital elements through her powerful leadership qualities. She always makes sure they stay together and remain focused. Team meetings, pasta parties, and water polo games organized

by Bolek ensure that the team forms lasting bonds outside the pool and past practice time.

In practice, Bolek always pushes herself to go faster and do better. These actions cause the team understand that it is not okay to miss practice; only extreme cases, illnesses, and class can interfere. Thus, the team dynamic and pride are improved because only those who are truly devoted and dependable will put in the up to 20 hours of practice per week, plus meeps.

"If I had only one word to use to describe Molly it would be dependable. Whether it was in the middle of a great race, or looking for someone to provide leadership on the side of the pool, you could always count on Molly to do the right thing at the right time. Molly was an absolute joy to coach," states Assistant Coach, Jeff Hiestand.

Bolek completes the entirety of each practice and even adds on to her sets, continuing while waiting for the team to finish. She is sure to take advantage of all possible time to improve her sport, including working on abs sets while watching her favorite TV show, Grey's Anatomy.

Bolek is described as the

"epitome of hard work, dedication, and commitment and has been since the first day of freshman year," by Head Coach Kim Easterday.

Not only does she impact the team by creating unity through her dedication, Bolek's personality also serves as the beginning of common saying and jokes for the team—Molly-smiles. It is common for her to say "it's fine," typically when things are not fine. Once, after forming blisters on her hands from doing a 'wheel' across balcony' exercise during dry land practice, she looked down at her hands, shrugged and said, "It's fine."

This nonchalant attitude toward pain has become a part of each swimmer's speech. It is impossible to be around a group of Lady Terror Swimmers and not hear "it's fine" repeated over and over.

This year, Bolek has added a suffix to the swimmers vocabulary, "...ness." It is added on to a few words per sentence. An example would be, "I just got back from the poolness and my shoulders hurt; but that is probably fineness."

To the team, Bolek always appears together and confident; her curly brown hair is adorned with a bow and

bounces as she walks determinedly into practice, sporting a polo shirt from her favorite store, J-Crew, and deep blue jeans loose from weeks of wear without washing. Typically the first one at practice, she can be seen stretching beside the blocks, ready to dive into the water as the rest of the team flows in.

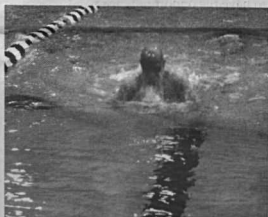
Her strength and speed in the water, despite her small stature, exude a confidence as well. She knows that she is one of the best in the conference and works unendingly to maintain that.

To Terror Swimmers, she will always be the "phenomenal captain."

"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.

Bolek states, "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."



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.



'Yank' goes the distance as men's captain

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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 active brother in his fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi.

A native of Richboro, Pennsylvania, Yankovich began swimming at the age of six. In seventh grade he became very involved in competitive swimming. Swimming for both the Hamilton Aquatic Club and the Tri-Hampton YMCA teams, Yankovich qualified and competed in the YMCA Nationals, held 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 big 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 obstacles. 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 was seeded 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 show up 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 has 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. ... an honor to swim with for 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 moments, whether it was a joke or merely a simple word of encouragement.

"Swimming for a college team is very time consuming, and you spend much of your

time working out and at meets. The guys on the team become your best friends; there is significant camaraderie and commitment during practices and races," said Yankovich.

"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 intensity and Mark developed into one of the finest captains this program has ever seen," said Assistant Coach Jeff Hiestand.

His strong leadership and remarkable character will be remembered by his friends and teammates. His positive impact on the swim team will be carried into future seasons.

Upon graduation from McDaniel, Yankovich plans to attend physical therapy school and continue with swimming as a collegiate level coach.

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New basketball coach hired

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where Coach Flynn had us last year," adds junior Brett Foelber.

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 pro-

pel 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.

With two-month-old baby twins and his first head coaching job, Curley will have his hands full on and off the court in the coming season. The team and the entire McDaniel community look forward to seeing what Curley will bring Green Terror Men's Basketball.



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Hatton's ethics a plus for men's lacrosse

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This year's rejuvenated McDaniel men's lacrosse program has gained the attention of the campus and community as a result of the team's biggest off-season change.

After Coach Jim Townsend left to begin his second tenure as head coach at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, the program turned to a familiar face in Matt Hatton to turn things around. The emergence of Hatton's head coaching career comes after gaining experi-

ence as an assistant coach at Binghamton University in upstate New York for a half a season, as well as three years as a graduate assistant under Townsend at McDaniel.

Hatton has been around the game of lacrosse ever since he can remember and at the age of 28, he is "thrilled to be here." However, it wasn't until nearly four years ago that he saw a lacrosse coaching career as a possibility.

After graduating from Hobart College in 2001, Hatton moved to Boston to pursue a career in the business

world. After a short time there, he realized that the part of his life he felt most passionate about had become a missing piece. In 2003, he decided to move back to his home state of New York and rekindle his relationship with the game he once cherished.

Understanding that he is "not the greatest X's and O's coach ever," Hatton is grateful for the things he has learned and the people he has met as an assistant under the skilled technicians he has coached with.

Knowing that the world of

lacrosse 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 carry a much larger bur-

den. 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 a 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 Meritt fitness center opens

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You can finally go inside the glass building. No, this is not a reference to metaphoric 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 Meritt 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 right door into 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 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 Meritt 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 now 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

"more traditional weights" have not yet been sent to the school.

Smith says that one of the reasons for the new fitness center was the need for more space. Seibert, who is teaching some of the weight training classes next semester, noted that the increased space

would be a positive change. This seems to have been accomplished. So far, it has seemed fairly empty. So if anyone is considering getting into a gym-going routine, overcrowded workout areas are no longer an excuse for not getting into shape.

