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New First-Year students moved onto campus on August 22. This year was no exception as Peer Mentors and other student organizations helped new students and their families carry boxes, TVs, and clothing into the residence halls. For more photos and reflections see **Centerspread**

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Incoming class welcomed to McDaniel

New students showcase the school's growing potential

By Geoff Peckham, News Co-Editor

As the days of summer waned, the campus began to emerge from its seasonal slumber, students in yellow shirts were carried boxes up numerous flights of stairs. Teary-eyed parents were giving their children one last hug. Eighteen-year-olds coming from around the country as well as the globe were coming to a very powerful realization: they were finally on their own.

The class of 2011 had arrived. McDaniel College greeted its incoming class of 502 students, only the fourth time an entering class has exceeded 500. Among them are 436 freshmen, and 66 transfers. They represent 24 states, as well as countries Romania, India, Botswana, Turkey, and China.

There are also three new students studying here from McDaniel College Budapest this semester, another feather in the school's international cap. One is originally from Israel, another from the Netherlands, and the third grew up in Vienna.

Florence Hines, Vice President for Enrollment and Dean of Admissions, is excited not only about the high number of students this year, but about the type of students

they have admitted. Approximately 2800 high school seniors applied last year, a record number. More than 2006 were offered admission. Hines spoke about the admission process, in particular the entrance essay, which is one of the more important aspects of selecting students.

"The best essays are the ones that jump off the page at you. They are memorable because they are filled with the spirit of the author," Hines said. She mentioned how important it was for students to show something very important about themselves.

Among the incoming students Hines has read was a boy who had eight rules to live by, given to him by his father. A girl used a pancake metaphor to describe her search for the right college. Another girl wrote about donating her hair to Locks of Love.

Some of the more unique experiences include a student who grew up on wildlife preserves, ranging from Alaska to the Gulf Coast of Texas. Another student participated in the "One World, One Promise" international Girl Scout Jamboree in Tsou-Ma-Lai in Taiwan.

Another record being broken was the number of honor students being enrolled, 52. There are 113

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Mandatory Fun Students make "Choices"



Dane Weber '08 performs at the annual performance of "Choices." The show is a fan-favorite, and the finale of the orientation run.

Written and produced by McDaniel students in collaboration with Counseling Services, the show focuses on situations new students might face while at McDaniel.

One scene included a spoof on Trojan condoms

and the movie 300.

"I thought that it was funny with the Spartans instead of the Trojans," said Aaron Bonaccorso, '11.

As usual, this year's production was a hit with freshmen students.

"I did hear that it was the best thing during orientation," said Bonaccorso.

Was it the best? "Yeah, definitely."

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Socially-conscious clothing line now available in the campus bookstore

By Juliann Gullfire, Staff Writer

"How Do You Live?" This is the question posted on thousands of t-shirts sold in college bookstores across the country. Each speaks for the men and women in sub-Saharan Africa who labor hour after hour to make these 100% cotton pieces of clothing.

Beginning this fall, Barnes & Noble College bookstores partnered with EDUN—a socially-conscious clothing company launched by Ali Hewson and Bono in the spring of 2005. More than 600 bookstores nationwide will sell the edun LIVE brand of clothing, which creates sustainable employment for thousands of workers in

Africa through its sales.

The partnership was created after Barnes & Noble heard about the edun LIVE on Campus (ELOC) initiative with Miami University of Ohio's School of Business. According to EDUN Business Development Manager Christine Driscoll, Barnes & Noble approached them to find out more and subsequently decided that selling the edun LIVE t-shirts in college bookstores would be "a great fit."

"This is because students are really responding to edun LIVE's mission...we are thrilled to be in the Barnes & Noble bookstores and hope that students enjoy the look and feel of our 100% African

edun LIVE t-shirts," said Driscoll.

Karen DiScala, manager of communications at Barnes & Noble College Bookstores, said they were extremely glad that edun LIVE "embraced our vision to distribute and promote their products and made us their exclusive bookstore retailer in the college market."

Edun LIVE was founded by Hewson, entrepreneur and wife of U2 singer Bono. Its mission is to reduce Africa's dependency on foreign aid by creating a trading business model. According to an August 21, 2007 press release, this year edun LIVE produced and

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Admission official learns about ROTC at Fort Knox

By Jake Doll, Contributor

As an admission official in my fourth year at McDaniel College, I have always paid attention to the ROTC battalion we have on campus. I was responsible for helping to ensure the recruitment of many of the students who are part of ROTC.

What I didn't know was how involved their time here was and what benefits they gained from their dual role as a member of the Green Terror Battalion and as a student here on campus. It turned out that this "average citizen" admission official was going to find out first hand what the U.S. Army does to create the leadership excel-

lence they instill in their officers.

In the early part of July 2007, I found myself on a plane to Fort Knox, KY as part of a five-day "Leaders Training Course" educators' visit. I joined almost 100 other college officials from all over the country who, like me, hoped to learn what this whole ROTC thing was about. Throughout the venture, I used all my senses to discover what the U.S. Army can do for an individual student from McDaniel College, as well as (surprisingly) what it revealed about me.

We learned about how a student can pay for their education by

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Incoming class diverse

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athletic team captains, 15 Eagle Scouts, 15 student newspaper editors, and 75 Student government members.

As the class of 2011 gets settled into their lives as Green Terrors, the Office of Admissions is busy preparing for the Class of 2012. For the past 10 months, Hines and others have been building the inquiry pool, encouraging campus visits, revising their publications, and promoting fall travel. Over 2600 families visited the campus last year. Over 1400 families representing the Class of 2008 have already visited, so as Hines says, they're "off to a good start."

And so as classes kick into gear and the autumn winds begin to stir, McDaniel College greets one of its most promising classes yet.

The Farthest From Home

First-Year Student Hails From China



Prior to departing China for Washington, Weng visited Beijing University. Here he stands in front of the library where Mao Zedong, the leader of the People's Republic of China, once worked.

Who: Fenghao Weng

Age: 18

Hometown: Wuhan, China

How many miles: 7,541.0

How long on an airplane: 12.5 hours

How many airplane meals: 5

Will miss most: The food

Major: Math

Interesting fact: Has been speaking English for 6 years

Hobbies: Soccer, I-go (an old Chinese chess game), ping-pong, reading, music

Is most looking forward to: Getting to experience a whole new culture since China's is one of the oldest cultures in the world.

Hopes to: Get together a ping-pong club at McDaniel College

Compiled by Cori Simpson

edun LIVE is fashionable on campus, and provides for African employees

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sold more than 1.5 million t-shirts worldwide.

According to the edun LIVE website, Africa's share of world trade is down to 2%, and if the continent could regain just 1%, it would earn an additional \$70 billion in exports a year.

The clothing of edun LIVE is manufactured entirely in developing countries such as Lesotho, Tanzania, and Uganda. This includes

growing the cotton all the way to shipping the product. Clothing in bookstores will typically feature edun LIVE slogans or the particular school's name and logo.

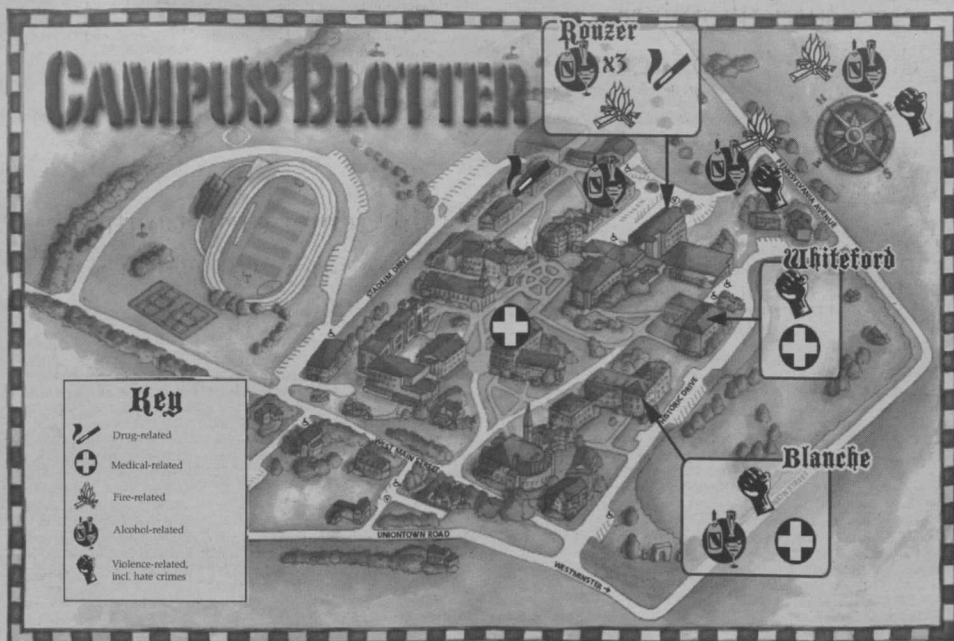
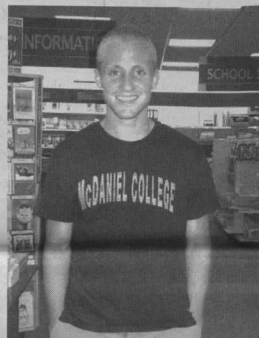
The partnership has connected with students and adults on campus alike. Kyle Meloche, manager of the bookstore, thinks that "this is great! The bookstore is doing this and also something to support breast cancer awareness, and I really like it."

Sophomore Lauren Wallace

was also pleasantly surprised, saying, "I like that it's not a charity and it's going back to the African laborers. It's good to see the school is getting involved in these kinds of things."

As Wallace mentioned, edun LIVE emphasizes that it is not a charity; it is a for-profit business with a successful business model driven by high volume sales. For more information on the clothing brand and how it got started, go to edun-live.com.

Cody Crutchely sports a shirt produced by African workers for edun LIVE, a company established in 2005 by Ali Hewson and Bono.



IN WITH THE NEW

With the Class of 2011, came plenty of "News": new apartments on campus, new faculty members, new procedures, and new friends. Read more about a few more of the other new things on campus.

New move-in procedures shorten lines, headaches

By Laura Hutton, News Co-Editor

For returning students, the beginning of freshman move in day is remembered for its long lines. This year, however, with the help of the new longer loop road, a smaller freshman class, and many volunteers, the average wait was only 30 minutes. In previous years, students had to wait in their cars for over an hour before moving in.

While the number of freshman students moving in this year decreased, the amount of help provided for them increased.

"We had more upper-class students helping to move the new students into the residence halls," Liz Towle, Associate Dean of Student Affairs states. "So, the entire process just moved more quickly because there were more students helping to unload cars."

The new residents picked up their keys in Gill Gym and moved into their residence halls before checking in at Ensor Lounge, a process that used to be done entirely in Ensor before move in began.

New curriculum introduced for incoming class

By Laura Hutton, News Co-Editor

A new curriculum has been developed and is in effect starting with this year's freshman class. According to Dr. Mary Bendel-Simso, associate professor of English, three important changes have been made to the old curriculum.

They include: the inter sophomore experience, junior year writing, and the option of pass or fail gyms.

The inter sophomore experience will be phased in. It offers a variety of classes, for example: *Jurassic Park*, the possible and the impossible.

Junior year writing will replace English 1102. Its job is to acquaint students with writing in their field. By junior year, most students have settled on a major. So, the goal of this new course is to prepare students for the writing their senior seminar and after college.

The pass or fail gym option is at the discretion of the student unless their major requires gym credits.

Bendel-Simso adds that the students will be more likely to notice requirements that have been increased. Foreign language, now called a second language, went up from 2 to 3 semesters and ASL is now an option.

A quantitative math comparison class has been added. Students will no longer be able to graduate and avoid taking math altogether.

A lab science has also been added. It will require 14 hours of total lab time for a semester.

"Part of the problem in attempting to quantify the new curriculum is that it allows many courses to double count," Bendel-Simso adds, but, "students can completely test out of some requirements" and will have many alternative options including psychology classes that will fill the new lab science requirement.

Campus Safety bike patrol gains new members

By Laura Hutton, News Co-Editor

The bike patrol has been a part of McDaniel College campus safety since 1995. In recent years, their numbers decreased and only 2 patrolled in the spring. This year, 5 more officers joined.

The trainees took 32 hours of classes to learn how to handle the bike in various situations. "At first, I was skeptical," reflects Mike Webster, Department of Campus Safety Director, "but it's a very intense and rigorous course."

The bikers were taught how to ride up and down stairs, between cars without damaging them, and to manage a bike in an assault situation.

Conveniently, bike and foot patrol are considered the same. So, in the case of rainy or snowy weather, the officers can revert back to foot duty.

Webster's goal of "putting officers in closer contact with the students" is easily accomplished since the bike patrol covers more ground than officers on foot and has better access to the campus than those driving.

Robbins, new director of Residence Life

By Laura Hutton, News Co-Editor

As of July 2, 2007, McDaniel College has a new Residence Life Director, Michael Robbins. Before coming to the Hill, Robbins oversaw a ten story tower at the College of New Jersey for three years before being promoted to area director of first year students.

Robbins spent four years in that position and managed 1,200 beds. He was looking for a college where he would be able to interact with a similar number of students. McDaniel offered that opportunity.

After meeting the staff and seeing the campus, McDaniel "seemed like a good fit," Robbins recalls.

At McDaniel, Robbins wants to work on improving the distribution of information, starting with the website and then moving to room lottery. He wants "processes to be more transparent with the students."

Gill Center turns on the juice in new food court

By Katelynn McGinley

Fitness on the Hill has never looked as stylish as it does now as the final touches are being added to the construction of the Gill Fitness Center. In addition to the freshly built gym that opened this past spring, coming soon will be a healthy alternative to the pub and GLAR – in the form of a new food court, to be located directly by the gym in Gill Center.

"I think it will offer a nice opportunity for students...after a workout, it's a nice place to relax and hang out," says John Moreau, a Gill staff member. Typical fare at the Gill food court would include health conscious choices like veggie wraps, smoothies, and a fruit juice bar.

"I'd definitely check it out," says sophomore Kathryn Harlow. "It would be nice if we could use our fourth meal options at the pub. That would be an extra incentive to go."

So would this new food court be just for gym regulars? Not necessarily. As sophomore Zoe Ubaldio explains, "I'm a vegetarian, and sometimes you do run out of options for things to eat. Anything would be a nice break from the mozzarella sticks they serve in the pub." Keep your eyes on the *Free Press* for more details on the Gill food court as we get them.

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Meet the Press



Melanie Chupein
Co-Editor in Chief
Class of 2008

"As a journalist you can't be afraid to report the controversial stories. The public has a right to know."



Geoff Peckham
News Co-Editor
Class of 2008

"How's that for a slice of fried gold?"



Cori Simpson
Features Co-Editor
Class of 2008

"The paper is a fun place to meet great people and make great friends while exposing yourself to useful learning experiences."



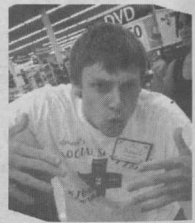
Stacey Eyster
Features Co-Editor
Class of 2008

"There is never a dull moment with the friendliest writers and editors on campus."



Ryan Chell
Sports Editor
Class of 2008

"Writing for the *Free Press* allows me to discuss important events and issues happening in sports here on and off campus."



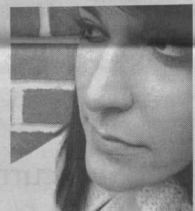
Mike Habegger
Co-Editor in Chief
Class of 2008

"If life was like a Beastie Boys music video, I would always look like this. You obviously wish it was."



Laura Hutton
News Co-Editor
Class of 2009

"Writing for the *Free Press* rocks because it is a great way to interact with the campus while expanding your journalistic knowledge."



Kathryn "Funkmaster" Young
Features Co-Editor
Class of 2008

"CORI, Mike, Emily, Lisa, Melanie, Geoff, Laura, Christine, Stacey, Ryan, and Evan."



Christine Boynton
Commentary Co-Editor
Class of 2008

"I like having deadlines—they keep me from procrastinating!"



Emily Biondo
Art Director
Class of 2009

"The *Free Press* is the best way to make art go mainstream. I love it. Also, it's on Facebook-- go friend request your local media."

Budapest and beyond: four milestone months

By Geoff Peckham, News Co-Editor

I close my eyes, and I find myself looking out over onto the Danube. I'm on top of Gellert Hill. There's a cool breeze in the evening air, which I only barely notice, because I have the Royal Palace showing off in all its glory before me. The river looks peaceful, and the Chain Bridge is illuminated in the darkness. These monuments of Budapest, as well as everything in the city, are all visible before me. It's beautiful. It's unique. It's everything I wanted.

I open my eyes, and instead of looking out onto the Hungarian capital, I'm looking out over my deck, into the woods behind my home. My little sister is poking my arm, looking for attention. She has some Hungarian currency I gave her in her other hand, 1000 forints. I don't think she knows it's only worth \$5. But she's having fun with it. She, along with the rest of my family, is happy to see me. And I'm happy to see them. But my mind keeps going back, back to where I was just a few days ago. By the time these words are read in the pages of the *Free Press*, several months will have passed since I returned from Budapest. But as I sit here methodically typing my thoughts, it hasn't even been three days.

It's strange thinking about it in those terms. Two different lifestyles intersecting so rapidly, as my time in Europe merged with my regular life back home. A Central European capital is pretty different from an average American suburb, not to mention a small liberal arts campus. I've had time to settle, to

re-adjust, and before I fully submerge myself back into my culture, I want to remember the culture I just left. I want to cherish it while it's still fresh in my mind, because I know as time goes by, I'll lose bits of it.

That's not to say I won't remember it. I will always remember it, but remembering isn't the same as experiencing. I can think of the things I did, but until I get back there, I'll never feel the way I did looking out over the city from the Castle District. Or the way I felt submerged in the thermal baths, or staring up at Stephen I at Heroes' Square. There was the way I felt staring at the bullet holes that still exist on many buildings throughout the city. Such a full culture and history can't help but inspire pensiveness.

And it's not just Budapest that inspired such a reflective stance from this young writer. It's the glory of the Coliseum, and the notion that I'm walking on the soil of an ancient civilization, not to mention the sheer mass of St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

It's the vast greenness of the Burren near Galway, and the strange comfort I felt lying in the patch of brush surrounded by limestone. Irishmen have been coming out here for generations to sit and reflect. It doesn't look like it would be comfortable, but it is. I could have laid out there forever.

It's even in the somber chill I felt as I toured Dachau concentration camp in Bavaria. Strange, how the weather was beautiful in Munich for me until that day, when the clouds turned dark and

I realized how much I wish I had brought my jacket. But it was fitting, touring those halls, shivering from the wind, but also from what such a place represents. It is a brief moment of sad remembrance, part of an overall experience that Europe should offer.

I traveled to eight different countries in four months. Eight different cultures to interact with, to learn about, and hopefully learn from. Perhaps most importantly, that's eight different sets of people to get to know. One of the biggest things I've learned is that it is always people that make the difference. Ten years from now I may not remember the streets I was in Florence, but I'll remember the three Italian bar hoppers I met, who oddly enough were all named Giuseppe. I'll remember the backpacker from Kansas City and the Canadian girls who were my best friends for a day while I traveled to Füssen. I'll remember the NYU girls who I met in Ireland, who then came to Budapest to stay with family a few weeks later, a family which believe it or not lived right down the street from me. It's a big world, but I guess it's not that big.

I'll remember the people in Hungary. I'll remember how happy they were when there were children around, a stark contrast to their expressions the rest of the time. I'll think of their pride, and how it manifested itself in the lion statues scattered around the city. My favorites: the lions standing watch over the Chain Bridge. It's as if they're guarding it, guarding the entire city.

Last but not least, I'll remem-



ber the way my semester abroad in Hungary changed me, I hope for the better. Spending an extended period of time away from home makes you come out of yourself, because that's all you can do. You're forced to adapt, and soon enough you're able to look at the life you've lived from a new perspective. I can sometimes think about things too hard, but as I look back on everything I did and everyone I met, it makes me want to write an entire book on the subject. But it wouldn't do my semester justice. To sum it up, for me personally, spending four months in Europe changed the way I look at the world. Love, faith, religion, friendship, fate, destiny, romance, chance, ambition, passion, responsibility...

It's different for everyone. Ask somebody else who went, they might just say they had a good time and that's that. There are people who spend their entire lives traveling around the world, so four months away from home might seem insignificant. But for others, like me, such an opportunity doesn't come around often. So you'll have to forgive me if I blow the whole thing up a little larger than perhaps it should be. I prefer

to look deeper into things. Thus these words are flowing now, from my mind, to the keys, to these pages. This column is the manifestation of my time in Europe. A milestone for me, because it's something I've wanted to do for so long, and to accomplish a goal like that is worth telling the world, in hopes that someone will go out and do something they want to do, something they love. Why else are you living, if you're not doing something you love?

I can see now that Budapest will always have a special place in my heart. I visited Italy. I visited Ireland. But I lived in Hungary. And no matter where I go in life, I'll always carry that with me. For the opportunity I had, to do the things I did, see the things I saw, go the places I went, and meet the people I met, I will be eternally grateful. I'll also be grateful for the opportunity to come back safely, because after being back for three days, I can appreciate home that much more. And no matter where I go in my life, it will always be home.

So until my next opportunity... welcome home, Geoff.

Gainfully employed: they did more than work on their tans this summer

By Kim Williams

First up is the fantasy job: Astrea Campbell-Cobb landed a position as a production assistant for the set decorators on a Disney movie due to be released in 2008 entitled "College Road Trip." She scored this position as a result of a family connection, which is common in the film industry. With a pay check of one hundred dollars a day, Astrea's summer gig was certainly enviable. While most of the time her work involved doing random jobs such as browsing through antique shops or creating a picture collage, Astrea did have one interesting thing to say about the stars of the film. She admits that while she was working at Disney (on a location in Connecticut) she was warned "not to look Martin Lawrence [of Bad



Boys and Big Momma's House] in the eyes." Good to know.

On a slightly less upbeat note than the set of a Disney movie, Sunita Pathik spent her summer working at a funeral home. She asserts that her job centered around "consolidating files and shredding papers." Sunita adds, "Even still, as an avid Six Feet Under viewer, I couldn't stop myself

from inquiring about any experiences with the slightly less lively inhabitants of the mortuary." She recalls that when the offer of a glance at a body came up, she did not refuse. However, a glimpse was quite enough and Sunita quickly made her way back to the paperwork. Upon being asked whether or not she plans to

work at a funeral parlor in the future, Sunita just laughs and quickly replies, "No."

And now for a look at a place some of you may have seen around or heard about in little film called *Super Size Me*. Ashley Andrews spent her summer as an employee at the good old golden arches. While working at McDonald's, Ashley recalls an instance "where a lady got so mad she threw food at [the employees]."

She concludes that "was the part of the job that [she] did not enjoy." At the end of the summer, I personally would just take all the cash from my paychecks, count it, and then count it again to remind myself why I endured all that.



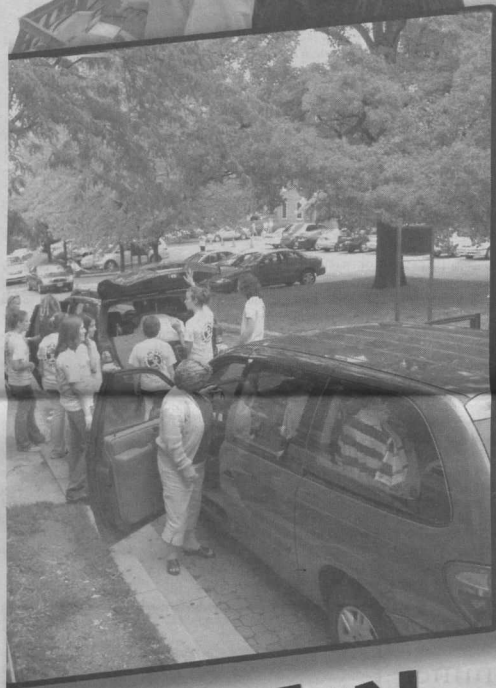
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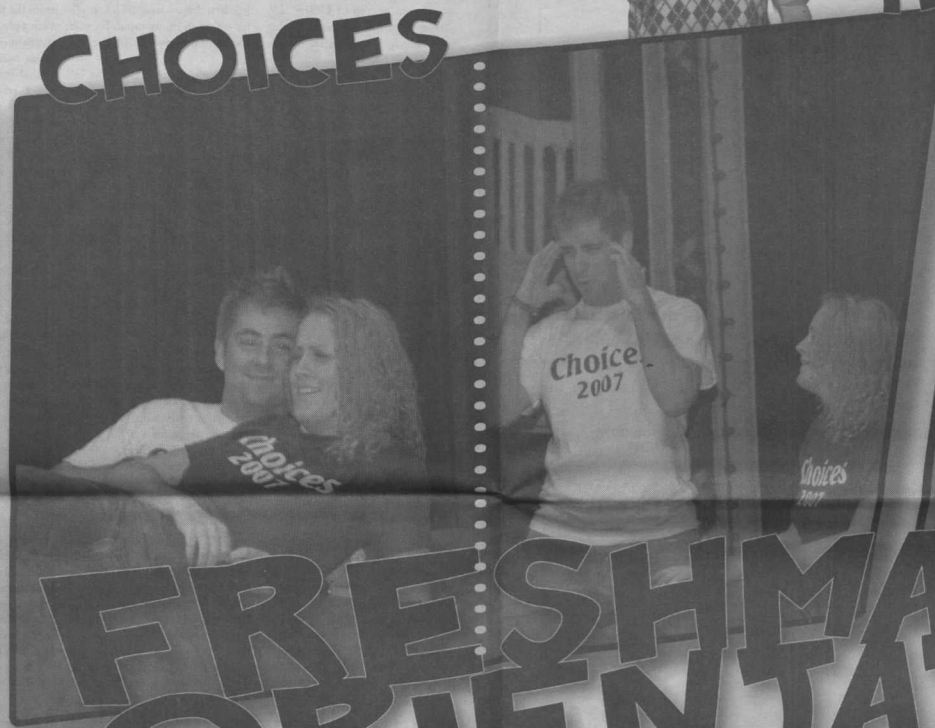
Become a tour-guide, and be part of making a difference in our campus community.

Interested persons should contact Jake Doll in the admissions office at #2272, or by email at jdoll@mcDaniel.edu.



CHOICES

**THOSE CRAZY
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**FRESHMAN
ORIENTATION**

THAT WASN'T SO BAD

MOVE IN

"The wonderful Peer Mentors and the move-in crew."
-Sarah Stokely, Assistant Dean for First Year Students

"Choices"
-Jennifer Lichtman, '11

"The energy of the incoming freshmen."
- Advisory Board Member Michelle Alexander, '09

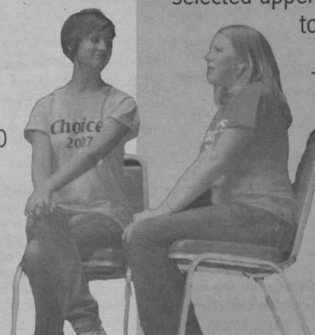
"It was cool meeting so many new people but Choices was the best."
-Brock Glotfelty, '11

BEST

WORST

"Too much free time. There wasn't enough time for the groups to really bond."
- Peer Mentor, Fernando Gomes, '10

"I think orientation was a little too long. I think groups would have been able to bond more if there weren't so many mandatory events"
-Peer Mentor, Ashlii McGee, '10



For many incoming freshmen, the transition from high school to college can be a very exciting yet confusing time in their lives. With the hard work and support of many faculty and staff members along with the dedication of selected upper-classmen, the orientation program here at McDaniel proved to be an overall success.

Tina Nyugen, who served as the Assistant to the First Year Team, believes that "this year's orientation went smoother than ever before," even though the constant planning and anticipation was tiring and often overwhelming.

Although the hours were sometimes rough on every one involved, the end result was a successful orientation program that left freshmen informed and eager to start classes. --Christina Hinkle

Features



Compiled by Roxanne Fleischer

What does the Green Terror mean to you?



Lia Snow, '10

"I believe the Green Terror to be more of an idea or concept. As far as a mascot, it's not much of one. Fear is a better mascot than someone dressed in a suit."



Meghan Balladarsch, '10

"It is leadership and support and school spirit that makes it Terror. It's like intimidation in a sense."



Colleen McLaughlin, '10

"It could be used as a scare tactic. In terms of a mascot, it's more of an abstract thing. It's still a pretty cool mascot."



Nick Brunner, '11

"It's the ultimate superhero. An unstoppable force that no one really knows what it is but they're still scared to death of it."



Turner Hirsh, '11

"The Green Terror is an ideology of a green beast coming at you and the mystery behind it amplifies the terror."

College admission official inspired by ROTC experience

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committing to the army after college for some years of service. As a McDaniel student, you can also take many valuable courses and gain a world of experience without even committing any time after college. The opportunities vary, but are all rewarding.

Ok, so what else was so great about visiting Fort Knox?

Well, it is not the gold (which you cannot even get close too). Let's say, however, that all of my senses were put on alert almost immediately after getting off the bus! First, we observed active gunfire and maneuvers. The loud boom of ordinance going off, the smell of gun powder, the smoke grenades, the movement through the forest, and the tactical work we witnessed first hand, had us all on the edge of our seats. It was impressive to see a team work together to accomplish a goal, even in a mock-up for our benefit.

Then out came a list of activities

to accomplish throughout the week: rappelling, combat water survival training, high ropes course work, zodiac boat training, and even drill instruction. These were the "meat" of the week's schedule; we also received specific training, learned how to overcome fears, and learned how to perform not just as individuals, but also as part of a team.

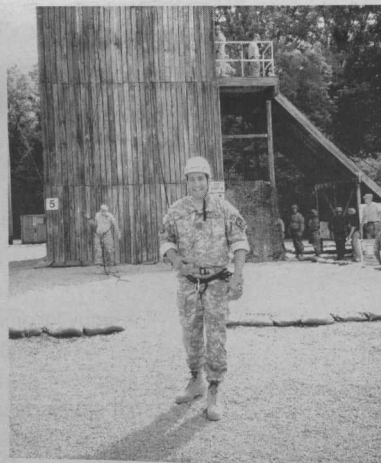
Along with those fantastic activities, we were treated to the delicacies that only folks associated with the armed services can truly appreciate...MRE's (Meal Ready to Eat).

I think this was one of my favorite parts of the week. The variety of offerings seemed incredible to me, and I (honestly) thought the common looking packaging housed a treat that was substantial and tasty. You get a main dish, a side, and a drink for the ride. You receive a dessert and some bread, and even some flavorful spread! And 1,200 calories later, you are

ready for your next challenge. I was fortunate enough to enjoy the spaghetti and meatballs (a #20) and the beef ravioli (a #3). Each particular MRE has a number associated with it you see.

The cadets I chatted with during my visit assured me that the MRE's can get old fast, so I guess that is why nicknames like "Meals Rarely Edible" and "Meals Refusing to Excrete" are common when researching the history of this high-calorie gem. Fortunately, I have yet to meet (and eat) an MRE that I didn't like. Don't worry GLAR, you still remain one of my favorites...keep those chicken parties coming!

All MRE humor aside, it is important to note that with all the fun and challenges that were presented to me during this week at LTC, I learned that the men and women who make ROTC part of their program here at McDaniel College are destined to do great things. They lose some of their fears and are not



held back by them.

They find new ways to engage the challenges they face and accomplish that which others see as improbable or impossible. They

understand how to work with others to a particular end, and get a job done.

ROTC = Leadership. It is that simple.

A Note From
Your Favorite
People at
Counseling
Services

GOOD GRIEF is an ongoing group for students who have recently experienced a loss in their life - perhaps the loss of a loved one, relationship changes, or other life changes or transitions. The group is open to all students, and will be held every Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Smith House. The first group will be held on Wednesday, September 12th. Students interested in joining the group can contact Kate Mastroianni in Counseling Services at x3305.

AT HOME ON THE HILL is an ongoing group for students who are having difficulty adjusting to college. This group is appropriate for first year students struggling with homesickness, college-level work, and not knowing how to fit in. It would also be suitable for transfer students or other upperclass students dealing with transitioning to campus. Students who are interested should contact Megan Hearn in Counseling Services at x3305 for dates and times.

French film series strikes back with grant money

By Dave Robertson

Dr. Martine Motard-Noar and the Department of Foreign Languages proudly presents a French Film Festival, which will run once a week through October 7.

Having acquired an \$1,800 grant from the Cultural Services of the French Embassy and the French Ministry of Culture, Motard-Noar has given students the opportunity to view a variety of modern films which include documentary, drama, and comedy, with topics ranging from World War I to life in Monasteries.

To receive the grant, applicants could only be in places of higher education—namely private or public colleges or universities.

McDaniel now proudly sits among a list of prestigious schools such as Stanford University, the University of Pennsylvania, Boston College, and the College of William and Mary, to name a few, which host similar film series across the country.

Having a film series on campus is nothing new. Unfortunately, horrendous rental, copyright, and projection fees from film distributors have kept these festivals from debuting on campus for the last 10 years, says Motard-Noar. And it is irrelevant that students are not charged to view the films.

For this, the grant saves the day. She also happily states that the grant may be repeated for up to five

years. This adds a more formal flare to more regular casual showings (screenings?) of films on campus that are part of other language sections, clubs and houses.

Advertising for the festival has also proved a challenge since most students do not read campus-wide emails. Therefore, information can be found on the school's website under "Hill Happenings" and the News and Events heading on the main page.

Besides benefiting her French Cinema class, Motard-Noar says, "I hope it will please a lot of audiences."



At The Movies | Features

Unique story, engaging cast in *Stardust* fantasy

By Kim Williams

A friend recently dragged me to the movie *Stardust*, directed by Matthew Vaughn. While I must admit that I was initially not interested in seeing it, I was happily surprised.

The movie tells the tale of a fallen star, Yvaine (Claire Danes) who gets mixed up in a journey with a lovesick man, Tristan (Charlie Cox), who promised the girl of his dreams a piece of the fallen star in order to win her hand in marriage. Along the way Tristan is forced to protect Yvaine from evil witches, in particular Lamia (Michelle Pfeiffer), who wants to cut her heart and eat it in order to retain youth. Intertwined with Tristan's story is the struggle over the crown in the magical kingdom of Stormhold.

With a fresh fantasy story that I personally have not seen before and an engaging cast of characters, *Stardust* is definitely

something I would recommend spending eight dollars on. Robert De Niro's character is a highlight of the film. He plays a quirky and gut wrenchingly funny pirate captain slash transvestite that almost makes the movie.

I was glad to see De Niro in this role after his last film, *The Good Shepherd*, which was a downright bore. Michelle Pfeiffer is also a joy to watch as she struggles to get her hands on the star, losing her hair and her good looks along the way. Some other lovable characters include a gang of dead princes and the old protector of the wall, who is surprisingly spry in a fight. Furthermore, there is an interesting love story and an abundance of special effects.

This is a movie I would actually be interested in seeing a second time. So there's my five cents. I would suggest judging for yourself.

Wedding crasher flirts with death

Wilson surrounds himself with family and plenty of time off to ease his recovery

By Greg Pfeiffer

The movies are hilarious, the face unmistakable, the nose more than slightly crooked.

One would be hard pressed to find a more endearing, genuinely funny individual, let alone one that has starred in films whose one-liners have echoed in social circles ever since they received laughs for the first time. Unfortunately, something larger has overshadowed his career, leaving quite a bit of shock in the minds of people everywhere. Who is the man in question? Probably not who you would expect.

On August 26, 2007, Owen Wilson was found bloody and disoriented in his California home. Owen's brother Luke discovered him lying on his bed with slit wrists, surrounded by bottles of pills the doctor had already ingested. Police investigation confirms that a suicide attempt was made, and Wilson was promptly rushed for treatment to St. John's Hospital. Following a short stay, Wilson was transferred to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center where his status improved

from serious to stable condition.

"I respectfully ask that the media allow me to receive care and heal in private during this difficult time," said Wilson, submitting the statement through his publicist.

Wilson's acting is most likely best recognized by his work in "buddy movies," in which Wilson pairs up with another star in generally comedic roles. Collaborators include Ben Stiller in *Zoolander* and *Starsky and Hutch*, Jackie Chan in *Shanghai Noon*, and Vince Vaughn in *Wedding Crashers*, which may be Wilson's funniest and best-known role to date. His demeanor on screen represents how we would perceive him in real-life: humorous, outgoing, and very friendly. The events that took place in his home surprise not only fans and the media but also close friends and family.

"It's hard. He's such a wonderful person," a source close to the family explains. "He's such a great guy and so smart and just...nice. We're just hoping he gets better."

Speculation on why Wilson

attempted to take his life has surfaced, involving both his recently broken relationship with actress Kate Hudson as well as a heated feud with a close friend. According to sources close to Wilson, depression has been a recurring battle for the actor during his career.

Wilson has three upcoming films slated for release, including *The Darjeeling Limited* co-starring Jason Schwartzman, *Marley and Me* with Jennifer Aniston, and *Drillbit Taylor*. Wilson was also scheduled to start filming a Ben Stiller directed movie titled *Tropic Thunder*, but sources indicate that the recent events may keep him from taking part.

Fans of Wilson will surely find disappointment if his career is significantly altered due to the tragic events at hand. On the positive side, the actor seems to be in good hands and will make his recovery at the expense of missing work - a small price to pay for actions that none of us saw coming.



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Commentary



What can't you leave for college without?

By Michelle Menner

Flip flops were not the appropriate shoes to wear while climbing the three flights of stairs of Blanche Ward Hall on move-in day.

Like a model strutting down the runway in platforms, I too was one false step away from a fashion disaster.

A drop of sweat dripped down my forehead and rested on my pink pout. I soon realized it's hard to make a fashionable impression on move-in day.

I arrived at my room and started to unpack the most important cargo; my clothes.

I only brought my summer and early fall clothes knowing that three seasons worth of clothes would strain the confines of the small closet.

As I put away my clothes I came across my favorite J. Crew shorts in British khaki that I certainly wouldn't have left home without.

Why? Well, they're classic, go with everything, and comfortable.

My mind reverted to a pair of gleaming Jack Rogers sandals that I saw winking at me from the depths of a plastic container carried by another Blanche resident.

Would she not have left home without those sandals?

What would other residents not have left home without?

Karyn Curley, a senior, said, "My Phi Sig letters because not only are they comfortable, I love being part of a greek society which contributes greatly to the campus community."

Junior, Lindsay Merkle said, "my jewelry, earrings, because you can have a stupid outfit like jeans and a t-shirt and make it cute with earrings."

"My Roxy jeans," said Allie Donnoley, a sophomore, "because I like them and they are real comfortable."

From school spirit to comfort no matter what the reason most people find that there is something they need here on the Hill.



Sarah E. Stokely, Ph.D., Assistant Dean for First Year Students

Ask. It applies everywhere. It is what education is all about, yet it's hard-est for students. It's hard to ask for help; it's hard to ask to talk to someone like myself. One of the things I know now is to ask for help. Other people can benefit from me finding out the answers to things. Being not afraid to ask questions is great preparation for life.

Ask. Students who have been weighed down by things and come to me for help, sometimes in hysterics, can leave much less bogged down by everything, just by asking me some questions. It's much better to ask questions than to be quiet and suffer. Many of the questions I answer during the summer come from students, but many also come from parents. Parents have no hesitations about asking questions; it's something that comes with age. Ask.

(Editor's Note: This new feature of The M'Daniel Free Press is inspired by *Esquire Magazine's* "What I've Learned")

*If you feel down . . .
pick this up.*

By Torrek Jordan

"I was always looking outside myself for strength and confidence but it comes from within. It is there all the time."
~ Anne Frend

As a new school year begins we will be challenged to think on a higher level, perform in front of an experienced audience and absorb more information. So it is natural to feel anxious, but you must remind yourself that everything you need is currently present within you.

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Comic Corner The First Weeks

FRESHMAN WOE #72: Getting lost...



Now serving at 'Glar...



SEX ON THE HILL



"It's complicated with _____."

Welcome back to another semester on the Hill! From hook-ups to STDs, I hope to continue acknowledging any issues that are a concern to the sexes on the Hill in "Sex on the Hill." If you have any further questions or ideas for the column, please e-mail key001@mcDaniel.edu.

By Katie Young, Features Co-Editor

I understand that it is premature to assume that any hook-up on a college campus will lead to further intimacy. However, in a day where most of us can't help but write wall posts or texts, rather than talk, is it possible that we are becoming romantically inept?

Even if you aren't sexually active at this very moment, more than likely you have experienced being hurt by that one person who just wasn't "ready" for a serious relationship or was too drunk to remember wanting to be with you the night before.

Most of us have our friends with benefits and seem to be able to differentiate them from someone who is interested in us as their

girlfriend or boyfriend. Additionally, at a small college like McDaniel, this person is inevitably the same person over and over again.

When weekends approach, so do these people. It is going to be hard for at least one of the people involved in these meaningless hook-ups not to want something more eventually.

Sex or whatever may happen between you and your "buddy" is different than when you're in a committed relationship, right? Despite the situation I have to wonder what could be more serious than sex or oral sex with someone.

There is no clarity when it comes to sex. Hindsight is always better, but even then we still think about sex and continually make the

same decision to go for it.

Despite the person you are having sex with, sex is an extremely personal experience and it is tough to get past the great transcendence of the moment.

The act of having someone to hook-up with can eliminate any feelings of loneliness. However, the act of not having that person there for other than physical pleasure can belittle sex into nothing more than masturbation with another person.

It's complicated to not want to have some "one-night" fun, but it is important to remember that when one night becomes continual without any "emotions" regret and resentment isn't sexy.



EVAN THORSON

Keith Donohue, author of *The Stolen Child*, visited McDaniel last Thursday. He attended a dinner at the President's House before giving a lecture. His book was selected as the common reading for this year's incoming class.

Speaking to a packed house at WMC Alumni Hall, Donohue spoke of inspiration, the innocence of childhood, and the struggle to remember. He also read many passages aloud, and answered questions from the audience.

Donohue has been on tour promoting his book twice, giving lectures to other colleges, book clubs, and businesses, including Google.

The *Stolen Child* was read by all first year students, and Peer Mentors. It was used in orientation activities, and was discussed in small discussion groups led by various faculty and administrators. New students were also encouraged to discuss the book online on the My First Year message boards.

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ARCH ADVICE

By Megan Hearn

Classes are in full-swing and assignments are quickly approaching. You've moved your things into your "new home" for the year. The summer may feel like a distant memory.

Particularly if you are a new student, embarking on your first semester at McDaniel can bring a variety of feelings. You may be filled with excitement, but you may also feel sad, lost, or anxious. Having difficulty adjusting to college is one of the most common problems students face.

As the semester unfolds, keep these tips in mind:

- Make your room familiar. Include pictures and other items that make you feel at home.
- Continue with hobbies you've always loved, and try some new ones.
- Go to meals with others.
- Stay connected with friends and family from home, but set limits. Spending too much time away from campus keeps you from getting acclimated.
- Join a club, organization, or team! Check out Campus Activities.
- Go to class and get to know your professors. Falling behind will add to your worries.
- Take the shuttle and get off campus. Go shopping, see a movie, or take the Metro downtown.
- Take good care of yourself. Eat well, get enough rest, and exercise—whether it's walking around campus, or hitting the gym. Avoid alcohol... this will help you face college with a clear head.
- Give yourself time to adjust! Transitioning to college is a gradual process.
- Talk with someone. Your roommate or friend may be having similar feelings. You can also talk with someone at the Counseling Center. Check out "At Home On The Hill," a new group for students struggling with the adjustment to college. Call Megan Hearn at 410-871-3305, if you're interested!

Scaffolding? Still? Why?

By Mike Habegger, Co-Editor

It's my senior year here at McDaniel. I've been here for four years, and I'm not graduating early (thank God). It's been a tumultuous three years so far. Lots of changes. We have a new gym (kinda for me), a different manager at Glar (thumbs up), a new Democratic congress (woot, woot), some new thinking (thumbs proportionately-sized-to-the-largeness up), and a new Dean of First-Year Students (well, she's a veteran now).

Yes, many things have changed. And yet, there has been one constant almost the entire time I've been in Westminster: the scaffolding outside New Acad Bldg.

This building was basically finished at the conclusion of my freshman year. It cost a lot of human and hard capital to put that thing up, believe me. Living in Dean MacLea, my ears suffered every morning (read: afternoon), listening to all the noises associated with construction.

Finally, it was built, and what a joy it was. So pristine, so elegant, so fulfilling. Everything was finished, the bricks all mortared, the sidewalk finished, and the glass washed. Rumor had it that we were still waiting for a donor of \$7 million before it could be named. So we settled with "New Acad Bldg," as it appears on the Archway. A few weeks after classes began in fall 2005, the scaffolding went up in

front of the doors inconveniencing all who entered the building.

Ah, we said, they must be getting ready to put up a name for it. Hooray! And we waited. And waited. They redid the concrete facing once or twice. Still, no name. Still, scaffolding remained.

It went that way for the rest of the year, everyone thinking that "they must be doing something." And then it went that way for the next year, everyone thinking that "they must still be doing something."

"The scaffolding always seems to be there," said Kelly Etzel, expert on new McDaniel constructions. "But nothing ever changes."

Came back to school this year again, early for orientation, settled into the Forlines, looked out my window—no scaffolding! Maybe I wasn't that excited, but it seemed that whatever they were doing was finally finished.

Orientation, new freshman, choices, Mike Gre—SCAFFOLDING!

These guys are worse than zombies at a Chinese Buffet.

Can you really see that they've done anything? Have you ever seen anyone working on it, seriously? I've walked by it a maybe 27 million times by now, and have never seen anyone ever standing there with a hammer, a bucket, a nail, a chainsaw, a nuclear weapon—ever.

Went to Tennis the other day



at 7:45 a.m. and walking by the accursed scaffolding, we encounter three dudes in front of the scaffolding. I thought I might witness them working. Maybe I caught them the morning after their secret night scaffolding party. No, all they were doing was pointing at the blank wall, making plans, conjectures. Just standing there.

Hmm.

On Friday, I resolved to walk up to the workers, and just be like "dude, what are you guys doing?" Carefully, I approached. We snuck up on the truck, hoping to catch the guy off guard. It didn't work. It turned into a Reagan-helicopter theory: we shouted questions as he sped off in the truck.

No answers. No changes. No carved names. Just scaffolding.

Dr. Alles and I got to thinking that they must keep the scaffolding up as incentive. It's like a ad for your local Rent-A-Center. "Give us the your \$7 million donation and your name will be up there in 20 minutes or less, guaranteed or your money back."

Why is there still scaffolding?

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Neumann!

College ruins possible perfect start for Terror

By Ryan Chell, Sports Co-Editor

Okay, I know Jerry Seinfeld really hated Newman, his postal worker neighbor full of diabolic schemes but McDaniel probably hates Neumann College just as much for preventing a 3-0 start for the men's soccer team led by new head coach, Jim Reigel. The team is off to a 2-1 start and is ready to continue that success through the rest of the season.

As of September 6, the Terror have recorded two victories: a 3-2 victory over PSU-Berks and an 8-0 shutout of Gallaudet in the Goucher College Soccer Classic.

When they returned home on the 15th to face Neumann, their bid for an impressive 3-0 start fell short by one goal, as they lost 2-1.

But despite that loss, the team is looking good offensively and is already drawing attention from many onlookers from around the league.

Peter Gaitens, a senior midfielder, was named the Centennial Conference Player of the Week during the week of September 3, as he recorded two goals and two assists in both opening games of the Goucher Classic.

He currently ranks second on the team with six points.

Others are contributing to Gaitens' success as well. Junior Joseph Potuck's three goals in the 8-0 blowout of Gallaudet were the

highlight of the game. Senior forward Bill Drunkenmiller has three goals on the season, including the lone goal in the Terror's loss to Neumann.

The other person making an impact on this team is the new coach, Jim Reigel. He was recently named the team's head coach after four years as coach at Linganore High School in Frederick.

He is also familiar with the Centennial Conference and the Green Terror.

He spent three seasons as an assistant coach at Gettysburg and his wife, Heidi, is the Terror's all-time leader in blocked shots for a season and a career.

Reigel, a recruiter at Gettysburg, seems to know how to evaluate talent and knows who is hot and who is not.

The Terror will continue their non-conference schedule until September 12 when they face their last non-conference opponent in Juniata.

All the games will be here on the Hill.

Haverford will test the Terror in the division when hosting them on the 15, beginning Centennial Conference play.

And who knows, if the team continues to do well, it will be a Festival for the rest of us-okay, I'm done with the Seinfeld references.

Get ready for week two of the NFL

The "McDaniel Guru" makes his picks

By Garrett Eagan

The upcoming NFL season has already been shrouded in scandal, deception, suspension, and hold-outs. The name Michael Vick has been said enough on ESPN to yield an ESPN3: VickOnTrial. However, Vick is not the only NFL athlete to sit back and watch his teammates from home, the strip club, a wrestling arena, or even jail. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has handed down a one-season suspension for Titans' Adam "Pac-Man" Jones; ten games for Bengals' Chris Henry; eight games for ex-Bears' Tank Johnson; four games for Raiders' Dominick Rhodes; and an indefinite suspension for ex-Falcons' Michael Vick.

On the opposite side of those who actually are scheduled to play, many players are holding out for what they deem as "a fair wage." JaMarcus Russell has held out while another hold-out Asante Samuel from the Patriots has accepted his franchise tag. Roger Goodell has gone through more hell in his first 12 2/3 months in office than Tagliabue went through in his 17 years of service.

Here are my picks for week two:

- Panthers 13, Texans 13 - Take Carolina over the Texans.
- Jaguars 24, Falcons 20 - Take Gerard over Harrington and the Jags over the Falcons.

- Saints 17, Bucs 10 - Despite the promise on both offense and defense, take the Saints over the Bucs.

- Bengals 27, Browns 16 - Even after losing one of their receivers to a ten game suspension, the Bengals are still looking strong with Chad Johnson and T.J. Houshmandzadeh.

- Colts 23, Titans 16 - Vince Young and the Titans are looking to give the Colts the same trouble they did last season; however without Travis Henry, it might be difficult to pull off. Take the Colts over the Titans.

- Cowboys 23, Dolphins 17 - The Cowboys looked good in pre-season, and even though there are some questions with Terry Glenn's health, Terrell Owens and Jason Witten will pick up the load along with the solid dual running back set of Marion Barber and Julius Jones.

- Jets 13, Baltimore 10 - The Jets are one of my steeper teams this season, and I believe the Ravens will not be able to live up to last season's success. It may be gusy, but take the Jets over the aging Ravens.

- Broncos 28, Raiders 6 - With their #1 pick JaMarcus Russell sitting and awaiting a better deal, expect the loss column to pile up quick. Even with Russell, there are no real offensive weapons. The Broncos are solid with the Mike Shanahan genius not fading at all. Take the Broncos to run it up over

the Raiders.

- Bears 23, Chiefs 13 - After a disappointing Super Bowl performance, expect the Bears to come out fiery against the Chiefs. Their defense is effectively the real reason behind their success last season, and will be this season. Take the Bears over the Chiefs.

- Eagles 24, Redskins 14 - The Redskins are another one of my sleeper teams this season. Take the Eagles in Philly.

- Steelers 17, Bills 10 - The Steelers are not what they were in the 2005 season, yet they still will be a force in the AFC North. Even with a new coach, the Steelers will stay strong. Take the Steelers over the Bills.

- Patriots 28, Chargers 20 (PICK OF THE WEEK!) - Philip Rivers, LaDainian Tomlinson, and Antonio Gates are the weapons that Norv Turner will attempt to utilize against the Patriots. LT coming off a season nothing short of sensational, looks to repeat the same; however, LT will have trouble against the defense of the Patriots. The Patriots have made enough moves in the offseason to get them to the AFC Championship. Tom Brady will throw to targets like Randy Moss and Ben Watson. Also, defensively, Asante Samuel, Adalius Thomas will effectively help points off the board. Take the Patriots in Foxboro to avenge LT's comments from last year in a tight game down to the end.

Terror lose game, pizza toppings

By Chris Ferrick-Manley

Genova's To Go will not need to give away too many free pizza toppings this week.

The restaurant offers one free pizza topping on Sunday and Monday for every touchdown pass the Green Terror completed on Saturday. McDaniel fell to Bridgewater 45-19 on Labor Day weekend and completed only one touchdown pass, late in the game from backup quarterback Tom Wenrich to freshman running back Raymond O'Hara. By that time, the outcome of the game had been decided.

Part of the Terror's problems could be attributed to the relative inexperienced players on both offense and defense. According to the Bridgewater game program, only three underclassmen were expected to start the game for the Eagles. On the other hand, 12 underclassmen took the field for McDaniel.

Bridgewater was also able to capitalize on two Terror mistakes early in the game. With the score

14-0, sophomore defensive back Travis Wenrich intercepted Eagles' quarterback Jeff Highfill's pass but it was negated by a penalty. With the same score a muffed punt gave the Eagles excellent field position.

Among those returning on offense for the Terror this year are 5th year quarterback Brad Baer; senior wide receiver Brian Amenta; senior offensive lineman Ross Adams; and sophomore running back Eric Zwolsky. Baer was injured in McDaniel's 36-35 victory of Bridgewater in 2005, giving him an extra year of eligibility.

On defense, the Terror welcomes back senior Travis Wenrich, 2nd team All-Centennial Conference linebacker Derek Zabko, and seniors Wes Battle and Ryan Mellinger on the defensive line. Jay Leonard will handle the placekicking duties while Tom Wenrich will reprise his role as punter. Wenrich made 2nd team All-Centennial Conference last year in that role.

Tim Keating, the head coach of the Green Terror, has confidence

that his team can do well this season as the schedule moves into Centennial Conference play.

"I know our opponents are formidable adversaries. I believe with the proper attitude and preparation we have a fighting chance in each and every game," said Keating.

Keating does acknowledge that his roster is young and contains "only a sprinkling" of upperclassmen. He feels, however, that his team when it plays to the best of its ability can play with anyone.

"What matters to me is that we perform to the best of our abilities, each and every one of us, regardless of the opponent," said Keating. "If we are the underdog, we relish the position."

The Green Terror head to Moravian who are entering their third year in the expanded Centennial Conference along with Juniata. The home opener is September 15 against Catholic.

New opponent, same result for Terror football

By Ryan Chell, Sports Editor

It was a Centennial Conference opener for both teams, but it had another meaning for Moravian.

Moravian, in their first ever football contest in the Centennial Conference, beat McDaniel 43-14 in the Terror's first game of their conference schedule last Saturday in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

McDaniel, hoping to even up their record after a loss last week to powerhouse opponent Bridgewater, fell behind their new foe early and would even chip away at the deficit till it was far too late. At the half, Moravian led 13-0; a game easily in reach for McDaniel. A quarter later, it was 36-0. Moravian's three-headed rushing attack of

Tyler and Morgan deRouen along with Tyler McCambridge rushed for 210 yards on the day. Through the first two games of the season, the Terror have been outgained on the ground 524-141.

Hoping to gain yards elsewhere, 5th year senior Brad Baer and Tom Weinrich combined for 249 yards passing at the quarterback position. Junior running back Eric Zwolsky would score two touchdowns on late drives in the game, but by then, it only made the box score look a little better.

McDaniel will return to the Hill next Saturday to face non-conference opponent, Catholic, and hope to put themselves in the win-column in front of the home crowd.

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Cheerleader injured in practice

Student medevacked for injury to neck

By Dave Nasongkhla

On Wednesday, September 12, cheerleader Amber Lassen, a sophomore, was injured during a stunt in the gym during the team's evening practice.

Campus Safety responded to a call at approximately 6 p.m. for a neck injury to an athletic student, according to a Campus Safety report.

Ultimately, Lassen had to be flown to the R. Adams Crowley Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore for her injuries.

Members of the Green Terror cheerleading squad confirm that, as a group, they agreed not to comment about the incident.

Sexual assault case still under investigation

By Stacey Eyer, Commentary Co-Editor

Just hours before the first day of classes was set to begin, Campus Safety launched a campus-wide email, informing students and faculty of the first serious incident of the school year.

On Sunday, August 26, sometime shortly after midnight, the Department of Campus Safety (DoCS) was anonymously informed of an unconscious subject in the back yard of a West Main Street home," the email said. "DoCS contacted 911 who immediately responded and found a female member of our community. The unconscious woman was determined to have possibly been sexually assaulted."

Since this notification, *The Free Press* has learned that the assault was by another McDaniel student, a male, and that the case is now being handled by The Carroll County Advocacy Investigations Unit (CCAIC).

This unit consists of several law enforcement and counseling agencies, including the Carroll County State's Attorney's Office, the local sheriff's office, Maryland State Police, Westminster City Police, Department of Social Services, Carroll Hospital Center, and Rape Crisis Intervention Services.

"All groups associated with this specialized unit have agreed to

investigate all rapes, sexual assaults, and child abuse cases in the county," said Lieutenant Phil Kasten of the Sheriff's Department. "It's a specialized unit with personnel that has extensive training."

"The case is being investigated and ultimately a determination will be made," said David Dagget, the Chief Deputy State's Attorney and Legal Supervisor.

Anyone who has information regarding the case is encouraged to contact Deputy Doug Epperson of the Carroll County Sheriff's Office at 410-386-3650.

"McDaniel was founded upon morals of trust, integrity, responsibility, and respect," said senior Kristin Pavlovsky. "To think that someone violated and betrayed all of these morals is just appalling."

"The number of sexual offenses at McDaniel is a small number," said Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster.

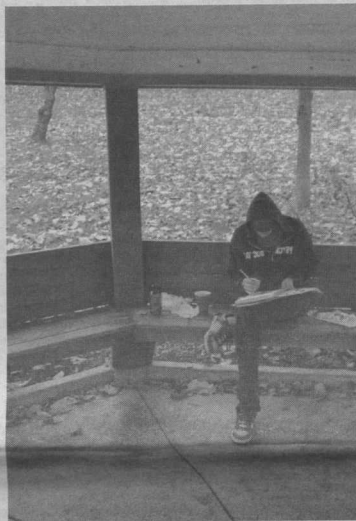
According to statistics provided through the Department of Campus Safety's website, there were only two incidents of rape/sexual assault in 2004. However, both victims declined to participate in the investigations. In 2005 and 2006, there were no reports of sexual assault.

Despite the small number, sexual assault has always been a

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Carpe Diem

Seize the Day



EVAN TECKTOR

The gazebo near Hill Hall offers a quiet place to study or meet with a class. The words "Carpe Diem" stamped on the concrete floor remind students to seize the day.

The opening weeks of McDaniel College featured impeccable weather. There was a contrast between the summer-like weather at the football field and the cooler, autumnal weather at what

some students refer to as the wind tunnel between Hoover Library and Academic Hall.

According to McDaniel's historian and Professor of Mathematics Emeritus, James Lightner, the gazebo used to function as an icehouse. He adds that at one time it held 34 tons of buried ice before it was done away with around 1890.

Rose Eney, MC & MH

Buddhist monk visits 'Silence speaks to me'

By Geoff Peckham, News Co-Editor

Close your eyes.

The dull background noise of idle chatter and ringing cell phones rapidly died down, as a packed beyond capacity Hill Hall 108 became silent. Only one voice could be heard; it was gentle and deep, and for a room full of students and visiting adults alike, the chaos of everyday life was gone.

McDaniel College was happy to welcome Bhante Wimala, a Buddhist monk of the Center for Conscious Evolution in Princeton, NJ, for the third time last week. His talk was entitled "Speech Within," and was sponsored by the Peace Club on campus.

"Silence speaks to me," Wimala said after beginning his talk with a brief meditation. "Such a deep moment of silence, once you experience it... it broadens your perspective of the chaos in your mind. You see the world."

Take a deep breath. Wimala, who is originally from Sri Lanka, spoke for about 50 minutes before answering questions from the audience, which ranged from meditation techniques to how to mentally approach the various conflicts in the Middle East.

"The purpose of meditation is to find inner peace," Wimala said. He talked of how an individual's

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Cheerleader injured

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to an AACC press release on December 19, 2006.

"When I see them do the lifts and pyramids at the games, I always worry a little that something will happen," said Lydia Eddy, a graduate of McDaniel College. "But I know they practice hard and know their stunts, though it is a little scary to watch."

"As a cheerleader I am completely aware of the risks involved, but that is true for any athlete," said junior and former Green Terror cheerleader April Curley.

"I have cheered for about six years and never been seriously hurt," she added. "If I felt at any time during my cheerleading career that I or my teammates were in

danger, whether it was because we weren't using the right techniques, we didn't have the right equipment, then I would speak up."

Adequate safety equipment has been an issue for sometime now amongst Green Terror Cheerleaders. Former Cheerleader, Amy Faby, also a junior, states "McDaniel doesn't consider cheerleading a sport and that leaves us with insufficient funds to have all the safety equipment required, such as cheerleading mats to obviously provide extra safety that is required for cheerleading."

"I know that at the end of the day my life and the lives of my teammates are far more important than a Homecoming game," Curley said.

Peace of mind over chaos

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character will transform after finding that state of mind, which will lead to the 'purest happiness in life.'

He also spoke of the difference between reacting to something and responding to it. He compared the human mind to a mechanical reactor, and that the mental chaos many of us go through are results of us letting our emotions do that to us.

"If you don't have peace of mind, you [will] drown in chaos," he said. Wimala spoke of the dangers of letting that chaos take over your mind, of dwelling on negative emotions, which often originate from other people's negative views.

Wimala said the greatest liberation is not to let other people influence your behavior.

Exhale slowly.

"I think everyone can benefit by achieving inner peace," said Dr. Tom Deveny, a Spanish literature professor and the advisor for the Peace Club at McDaniel. "I've never in my life met anyone who exudes peace like he does."

The audience appeared to respond just as favorably to the talk. Junior Jake Schuessler was particularly impressed by Wimala's approach to handling global issues.

"He challenged us to assess our motivations... and [to] ask ourselves if they stem from peace and love. He also encouraged us not to let negative energy... cloud



our perception and make us unhappy."

Wimala concluded his talk with a longer meditation session, for which most of the audience stayed. He compared his words to a "drop from the ocean of wisdom of what peace means." Such spirituality could only inspire hope that Wimala's fourth visit wouldn't be too far ahead.

Open your eyes.

The Lighter Side of the Campus Safety Blotter



Mike Habegger, '08
Co-Editor in Chief

A burning trash can, broken vending machines, sketchy library characters, and failed heists are the legacy of the first month of fall semester.

Class has been in session since August 27, and some of us (myself included), have been running around, up, and on the Hill since August 14. You would think that lots of crazy stuff would have gone on by now. Well, think again. It appears the Rouzer boys are a little more in control of themselves than in years past.

I take that back.

I didn't know that we were living in the Bohemian East Village, but someone decided it would be a good idea to set a trashcan on fire in front of Rouzer. While it is indeed expensive to live on campus, I'm not sure why it's necessary to pretend to be a squatter. Maybe by the end of the year we'll be able to see Rouzer's resemblance to Alphabet City.

Blanche is back in the swing

of things. The first few weeks back on campus, and they're already starving, and I don't mean the rodents. In a particularly funny turn of events, campus safety officers stumbled upon some broken glass at the vending machines. All appearances suggest that "snacks" may have been taken. Uh, yeah. A resident in Blanche noted that the machines were cleaned out, and they had just been restocked that day.

Nice time for a heist.

If you're under 18, you might want to be a little more wary when setting foot in the library. A call came in complaining about someone using his laptop improperly. Problem: dude was watching porn. We've heard stories like this before, but I'm just going to throw this out there right now: why go to the library to do something you can do

in the privacy of your room? No common sense. I don't want to see anyone going Balls McGee in the stacks.

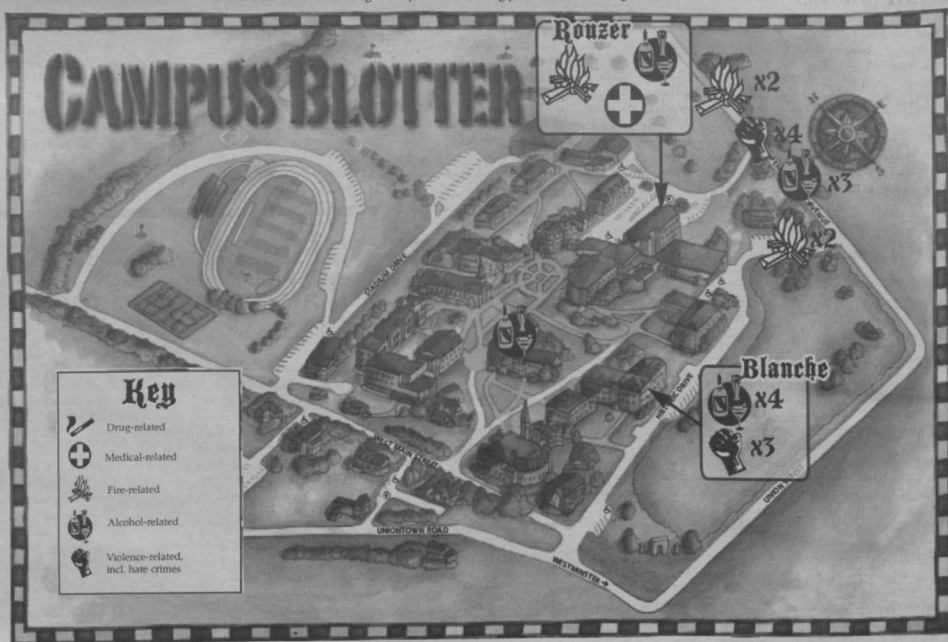
One of the new things this year is the new Merritt Fitness Center. The pity is that we can't drive through there anymore, which is probably a good thing, because you might get abducted by Spielberg's aliens at their green-light landing pad. Well, apparently some boys decided they'd had it with such restrictions, and decided to yank the whole "ROAD CLOSED" sign down. Just so happens that the geniuses did it in front of some officers, and before you knew it, there was a chase. Two people, different directions. Run, run, run. Maybe they thought they'd have a chance getting picked up by E.T.'s family or Morgan Freeman's voice.

But, inevitably, they were caught. Good thing, too. It seems the officer earned himself an invite to a party in North Village. Good party, too. Just in time to throw a few ping pong balls into ubiquitous red drinking cups.

Nice.

And this was the first night back on campus for these guys.

Oh, and though it's obviously not yet Valentine's Day, someone was already in the love-making mood. Thoughtful. Guess the flower shop wasn't open, for it was 3:14 a.m. Dude couldn't wait, and so officers found planted flowers pulled from the ground at PA 203, apparently interrupting the pursuit of flowers on the cheap, and the chance for some bow chika wa wa.



Sexual assault case weighs on community

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concern for the college, according to Megan Hearron, a McDaniel College counselor. "It's discussed at orientation, in 'Choices,' and in the handbook."

And the matter was even addressed at a recent faculty meeting.

"Teachers were encouraged to address the matter in their classes—when appropriate—instead of ignoring it and to discuss how to be safe," said Dr. Mary Bendel-Simso. "I teach Literature by Women, so it seemed appropriate."

Learning about the incident

came as a shock for some, including Pavlovsky. "This is pretty much a safe campus and community, and you really never hear about anything really severe," she said.

However, that doesn't make the College and its residents immune to incidents of sexual assault. In fact, one of the biggest myths about sexual assault and violence is that it only happens in large, populated areas. In truth, Hearron explained that sexual assault can happen in any community.

Class Self-Defense

On Saturday, October 6, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., the Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County (RCIS) will be providing a females-only Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) training course at the Westminster Senior Center. This hands-on class is designed to help women protect themselves against possible attacks.

A registration form must be completed and returned to the RCIS by Friday, September 28 and must be accompanied by a \$50 fee. If you are interested or would like more information, you may contact the RCIS at 410-857-0900.

Campus Media:



Dave Wentz '08, enjoys a show on Terror TV, channel 75. He appreciates the work of all students who produced films and videos for the station. Pictured is Maggie Ross '07, who seemingly makes an appearance in every show.

McDaniel to enjoy more *Late Nights*

Organization gets government grant for the promotion of responsible drinking

By Melanie Chupein, Co-Editor in Chief

McDaniel College has received a two-year grant from the United States Department of Education to fund *Late Nights*, a student run program that promotes responsible drinking.

Project Director Grogan Ullah, wrote and applied for the grant and said that out of 168 applicants, McDaniel ranked 6th. It took about a month to finish writing the grant. He said that "it was almost round the clock [literally late nights and weekends]." He adds that grant proposals have special format. Most proposals consist of about five to six mini essays. Each proposal is scored individually by outside readers usually on a scale of 100 points. After they receive a score, recommendations are made to the government for selection. Ullah said that the entire ordeal "is a highly competitive process."

Ullah wants the students to plan events that interest them. He emphasizes the importance of raising awareness about the alternatives to binge drinking and reminding people that they have a choice.

"What kind of campus do you want it to be?" Ullah asked, adding, "We got the funding so that anything that the students want to do at campus that is fun and raises awareness about responsible drinking we can do."

Andy Wu, '06 graduate and another member of the *Late Nights* team explained the mission of the organization.

"Late Nights is an organization trying to reduce dangerous drinking practices on campus," Wu said. "We emphasize responsible drinking and informed decision making to ensure a safe after hours campus."

Wu recognizes that tackling the issue of drinking on campus is difficult but he is confident that the method they are using is working. For their first event, an ice cream



social was held and nearly 300 students showed up.

"I think our method of approaching students will help out a lot," Wu said. "We speak to them as equals who understand their behaviors, not as authority figures trying to ruin their college experiences."

Jess Behar, '07 graduate and interactive theatre consultant for the program is hoping that there will be many more events on campus adding, "If there's energy around it, we will plan it." Behar hopes to bring more of a night life to McDaniel through regular events and make a difference in the campus community.

"I'm hoping this will have a very positive effect on the campus," Behar said, "giving students more power to take ownership of their community and make it a safe, fun place to live and learn."

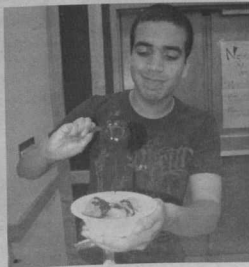
Allie Pearlman, '03 graduate and social worker, recalls her time on the Hill.

"Even from when I was a stu-

dent here, there's already pre-mixed drinks and people don't think where it comes from," Pearlman said. "There's a disconnect in our minds about what that means."

Pearlman works closely with the student task force of the *Late Nights* program, who meet every Monday night at 6 p.m. in Winslow. Students in the group chose Thursday night as the main night to hold events and beginning on October 4, there will be free game room nights from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. the first Thursday of each month. In November, there are plans to host a speaker who will discuss the effects of alcohol on the brain and later there will also be an art show as a means of artistically expressing high risk drinking. Everything in the program is "totally student run, student led."

"Our goal is to empower students to make changes on campus," Pearlman said. "We're sort of the catalyst for change to be made through the students."



Fernando Gomes enjoys a triple scoop with the works, free of charge at the *Late Nights* ice cream social that followed Keith Donohue's presentation on his book, *The Stolen Child*.

Terror TV gets a major makeover

Professional upgrade provides place for news crew to flourish

By Greg Pfeiffer

Let's just get right to it: Have you ever seen *Terror TV*? Have you paused on it for more than 5 minutes, besides that time at 2 in the morning when you were waiting for your Ramen noodles to finish cooking? Is the fact that we have a working television station news to you? If so, maybe it's time you tune into what some of your fellow students are doing over in Lewis Hall.

Until recently, the studio left a lot to be desired in terms of functionality and space. A small room in Lewis acted as the studio, forcing students to work in close proximity with one another.

Needless to say, less space made creating broadcasts difficult. Effective audio and visual production of any kind requires specialized equipment and surroundings. Fortunately, the facilities received a major overhaul last spring with the help of the Communication Department.

"Last year they were practically working out of a closet" said Patrick Stinson, a student involved with the TV Production class. "Now it's a big-boy studio in the basement of Lewis."

Professor Jonathan Slade, the faculty advisor, was pivotal in the studio's re-configuring. Upon learning that a larger room had opened downstairs, Slade jumped on the opportunity to convert it into a professional grade production suite.

With the help of Communication Chair Dr. Robert Lemieux, Slade installed drywall, light fixtures, a window and doors to accommodate a control room. The new layout gives students more room to work with, allowing varied camera angles as well as improved recording capabilities.

Viewers familiar with the broadcast will certainly remember "News Night McDaniel," a segment that provides information on events that take place here on campus. The program covers a wide variety of material, ranging from new administrative policies to upcoming sporting events.

If students are facing a difficult issue, the *News Night* team is there with an informative story.

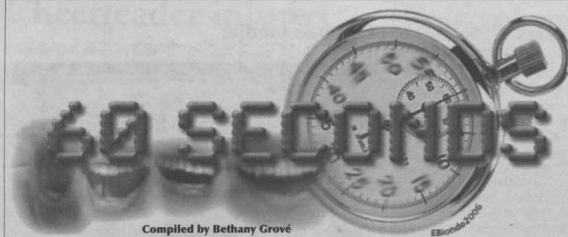
For example, the ice storm that blocked most campus sidewalks and stairways last year prohibited mobility for everyone; the news team kept us up-to-date with predictions from the maintenance crew as to when conditions would improve.

The piece kept students safe and prevented unnecessary injury, serving as an example of quality news reporting.

"News Night McDaniel fills a unique niche: we know our audience is exclusively the students of this campus. Therefore, we are giving students the information they need in a way they can relate to," adds Stinson. "That's what we do."

The renovations have sparked new interest in the production club, and students eager to participate both on and off camera are encouraged to participate. Make sure that throughout the year you turn to channel 75 and check out all the hard work that goes into making *Terror TV*.

Features



Compiled by Bethany Grove

What makes you feel safe or unsafe on campus?

**Ben Glass, '09**

"People can be leery of certain areas because they're not well lit at night. I think campus safety does a pretty good job patrolling though, and all in all, it's a pretty safe campus."

**Josef Loeffler, '08**

"While the impressive campus safety vehicles calm my wits about outlaws being brought to justice, the squirrels cause me many sleepless nights, because they lurk the campus at all hours."

**Latoya Young**

"The openness of the campus could be unsafe, because anyone can get in. The limited amount of parking for graduate and commuter students can make you feel unsafe as well, because sometimes you have to park on Pennsylvania Avenue at night."

**Julia Heck '11**

"The campus security driving around everywhere makes me feel safe. It could be safer if there were gates that you had to go through to get into campus."

**Melanie Gladden, '09**

"There have been assaults on campus and it's so easy to get into our buildings; anyone can hold the door for someone that they don't know. If security sat in our buildings it would be a lot safer, but other than that I think it's a pretty safe campus."



What is up with the Vajayjay?

By Kathryn Young, Features Co-Editor

This issue's column will be the first part of a three-column series. If you have any further questions or ideas for the column, please e-mail key001@mcDaniel.edu.

They're hairy, smell, and bleed. Not to mention they aren't sexy and have somehow been deemed worthy of sex. Worthy or not, vaginas everywhere are extremely misunderstood.

The bottom line is that beginning to understand your vagina is beginning to enjoy any sexual experience. For men and women alike it is important to become familiar with the actual parts of the vagina, as well as its appearance, actions, and smells.

Most females have been insecure since they first started to grow pubic hair and try a lot of "hairstyles." In fact there is no right or wrong way to wear your pubes.

According to a Harvard survey conducted with women between the ages 16 and 22, more than 40 women shave within the lines. Another 25 often shave a "landing

strip."

Most women feel the pressure to shave their pubic hair because they are afraid a man will be grossed out. But it is important to remember that pubic hair is supposed to be there, and after all, it is just hair.

For some reason we obsess over whether the hair on our head is beautiful. In fact, we will wait months for our hair to grow the exact length we want. But once we think about hair growing somewhere else on our body, we freak out!

Besides being a little curlier, pubes are just the same as the hair on your head. So if you're stressing over your pubes, just remember that hair in and of itself isn't disgusting, the location is just throwing us off.

It's your vagina; keep it as hairy or bald as you'd like it!



Helpful Hints

If you do decide to remove some or all of your pubic hair, there are multiple options:

-You could tweeze, but that would take a really long time and be extremely painful.

-Shaving is the easiest option, but can create razor burns.

-Using depilatory cream is another option; if shaving doesn't work. Creams can cause irritation, and if they do then waxing is probably the best decision.

-Waxing is both more painful and expensive, and if you are doing it for the first time, go to a professional rather than waxing it yourself. (And don't feel like the waxer will be grossed out by your pubic area...think of how many they've seen!)

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From Chaos to Compromise

First Year Seminar simulation challenges students to *React to the Past*

By Jullann Guiffre

Athens has been defeated by the powerful Sparta. The appointed 30 tyrants have been expelled and democracy restored. The Athenians are left to rebuild their society from the ground up. It's 403 B.C., and the people of Athens are starting over.

No, wait; it's not 403 B.C. It's 2007, and the arguing Athenians are actually McDaniel freshmen, playing one of the most interactive games ever to grace a classroom. It's Dr. Gretchen McKay's new freshman seminar, titled "From Chaos to Compromise: Important Moments in History," and one Tuesday morning, the students gathered in their very first Athenian assembly.

McKay, of the art and art history departments, modeled her class off a national pedagogy (way of teaching) started by Mark Carnes, a history professor at Barnard College of New York. Twelve years ago Carnes was leading a first year seminar. They were discussing classic novels such as Plato's *Republic* and the *Analects* of Confucius, yet he quickly realized something was wrong.

"The students were energetic and smart," Carnes explained, "and these works were among the masterpieces of the human imagination. Yet I was bored; they were bored."

He then conducted inter-

views with each of his students and learned that this was because they thought the books to be "abstract intellectual tasks—something they would be required to do before they did what they wanted to do."

After this, Carnes decided to make some changes to decrease his role in teaching and put the texts in their respective historical contexts. This led to the idea of interactive games as classes, forming a program called *Reacting to the Past*.

"The games became more complex...student involvement and enthusiasm increased...then word spread," said Carnes. The game started to attract professors on different campuses, who took the game and put their own creative spin on it.

"McDaniel is such a group," said Carnes, "and they have already devised interesting concepts that promise to push *Reacting* in more new directions."

McKay explored the idea at a conference in 2006, where she played both the Athens and Darwin games. She said she "came away convinced that this was something [McDaniel] needed to try."

In her new freshman seminar, the students are divided into four factions: Radical Democrats, Moderate Democrats, Oligarchs, and Socrates. Each faction has its own motivations and legislations it would like passed during the as-

sembly.

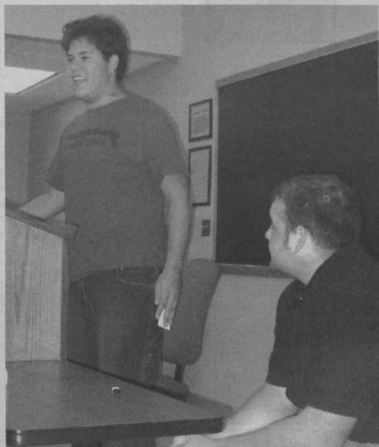
However, curve balls are thrown in as well. Indeterminates are built into each game, who are not a member of any faction. They have their own secret objectives for wanting legislation to pass, and each faction must get these "swing votes" to side with them. The end of the class culminates in the trial of Socrates, and the faction with the most legislation passed wins.

The students will still read Plato's *Republic*, but now they will be reading from an entirely differ-

Andrew Rausch sees this class giving him more confidence in public speaking. "I'm a Socratic, and their ideals reflect many of my own which makes it easier to argue their points."

ent perspective—one of the doer, not the observer.

Freshman Andrew Rausch sees this class giving him more confidence in public speaking. "I'm a Socratic, and their ideals reflect many of my own which makes it easier to argue their points," he said.



The president of the first assembly, Podes (Andrew Lapp) looked on as Eteocles (Shea Beiler-Aikman) delivered a speech.

Factions write an essay each week for the assembly, which "gives me a chance to fine tune my writing before I get into the full swing of college," said Rausch.

McKay was particularly struck by one undergrad at the conference, to whom the game had given a whole new perspective.

"He said that he learned that history did not have to happen the way it did. If someone would have made a certain speech or took action it could have changed everything. It made him realize he needed to get involved in politics, because anyone can make a difference," McKay said.

Alli, weight loss pill, unpopular among students

By Eleanor Nagle

There is nothing easier at McDaniel College than gaining 20 pounds in less than a month. Just look at the cafeteria whose tastiest foods are pizza and chicken tenders and whose salad bar is often grey instead of green. Enter the allure of the diet pill.

Recently a weight loss pill, Alli was introduced. Instead of being shunned by doctors and the FDA like most other diet pills, Alli is FDA approved.

Alli can help increase weight loss by 50% if you work hard and follow the specific plan designed for users of the drug, according to the official website. When taking Alli you still need to exercise and eat healthy, just as you would without the drug. Alli is just a booster to enhance the weight loss you would experience anyway.

"It's more than just a pill. It's an innovative weight loss program," says the Alli website.

Alli's active ingredient attaches to natural enzymes in the digestive system and stops the absorption of roughly 25% of the fat you ingest.



The side effects of Alli, however, are pretty big. Because undigested fat cannot be absorbed, it "passes through the body naturally," says the website. The problem is that "passing through" actually means more frequent bowel movements that may be difficult to control. In other words, you could possibly soil yourself if you eat more than the suggested amount of fat, which is 15 grams per meal.

Alli is available over the counter, meaning that a doctor doesn't need to prescribe it.

"I think its something they should discuss with their doctor, rather than just curing it through a fad diet that no one knows the long-term effects of," said sophomore Liz Eanes.

Though advertising for the pill is everywhere it can be vague.

Some people don't even realize it's a pill.

"It's a pill? Oh my God. No," sophomore Rachel Held replied when asked if she would ever take Alli.

For more information, check out Alli's website at www.myalli.com.



Bigger is always better when it comes to sunglasses

By Michelle Menner

It seemed to work for Jackie O. Her signature dark, oval shades shielded her eyes from curious onlookers and gave her an air of mystery while strolling in classic capris.

Jackie wasn't the only one who embraced the dark shades that instantly give any look a chic update. Remember our favorite glamour girl who had her breakfast at Tiffany's? Audrey Hepburn's big, black sunglasses completed her sophisticated look as she stared into the bejeweled windows on Fifth Avenue at 57th street.

These two fashion icons catapulted the oversized sunglasses to the top of must-have lists everywhere and created an accessory staple for every fashionista.

No doubt -- the bigger the sunglasses the better. My sunglasses are no exception. Kate Spade's Kinsey frames always deliver.

Other frames that are particularly stylish include anything by Dolce & Gabbana and Versace, according to Ryan Johns, a regional max specialist for Sunglass Hut.

These frames cost anywhere from \$155 to \$400. Johns said the most popular styles include anything "big, plastic and sparkly."

Here on the Hill the students are still on trend, but some look for a bargain when it comes to their shades. New York & Company in the Town Mall seems to be a student favorite for their fashionable frames and budget conscious prices.

"I usually buy my sunglasses from New York & Company. Most of their sunglasses are \$20 and under. My new favorite pair I actually

got on clearance for \$2," said Brit-tany Eyler, a senior.

"The sunglasses I wear are from New York & Company. I bought my sunglasses on sale for \$10. I personally like the big sunglasses, but it is a personal preference," said senior Ashley Zimmerman. "Wear what you like and what you feel great in."

Great advice.

Whether you pay \$2 for a mall brand, or \$400 for a premier designer brand it doesn't matter, just make sure the frames are big and bold.



Features | I Believe

I BELIEVE



I believe in freedom, in being able to do as you please. I believe in leisure time, in being able to play sports, hanging with friends, and staying up until insane hours of the night talking. I believe that conforming into what the media says you should be is stupid. I believe that friendships should last a lifetime and that you should live life to the fullest. I believe that life shouldn't just be filled with work, but with fun and entertainment.

Ashley Hayward '11



I believe in the simple life – a life in which you can wake up every morning and just have a bowl of cereal, where you can even do laundry once every two weeks without running out of clothes. I believe in being a kid, laughing at everything even when things aren't so funny. I believe in taking baby steps forward and having friends and family to rely on just in case... just in case you fall short. I believe in what makes me happy and carrying that idea with me wherever I go.

Carmen Wong '11



I believe that everyone has the right to their own beliefs. I believe people are much too easily impressed by people around them. I believe that music is a way of life. I believe that religion is overrated and the morals taught by religions are often forgotten. I believe that you will never find out who you really are until you try something and fail – and yet, you should have the guts to keep trying. I believe it's important to be scared, because it is one of the purest emotions and the only one that can help you grow as a person. I believe friendships are the most important things in life. I believe that technology is overused and human contact can never be replaced.

Julia Strumpell '11



I believe in standing up for what is right even if you are standing alone. I believe in trusting that your heart will always guide you to happiness. I believe happiness is the key to success. I believe that when you stop living in the problem and start living the answer, the problem will go away. I believe we cry enough in life so we should just laugh. I believe that family is the most important thing in life. I believe that trusting yourself will help you trust in others. And I believe in going for it all because it is during the journey that people truly learn who they are.

KJ Mazurek '11

After talking to her students about the national media project This I Believe and the book by the same name, Lisa Breslin asked her EN1002 students (freshmen) and students in Dr. Mary Bendel-Simso's Senior Seminar class to write their own "I Believe" statements. The statements reveal what NPR identifies for the This I Believe project "core beliefs that guide daily life."

< <http://www.npr.org/thisibelieve/about.html> >



I believe in independence and self-sufficiency. I believe that one-sided friendships are not worth the time. I believe in the cathartic nature of haircuts, craft time, and cuddling. I believe homework ranks above cleaning but that a little procrastination is necessary for success. I believe in planning for the worst case scenario – over and over again. I believe in soul mates. I believe that atheists are kidding themselves. I also believe that religion is not meant to be fundamentalist. I believe that college is when growing up really begins. I believe in good school supplies and free printing in the library. I believe that it's okay to have a weird voice; people will always remember you. I believe that literature is a source of both conscious and unconscious insight into life. Someone else took the time to write it down, and we should value it.

Maria Lathroum '08



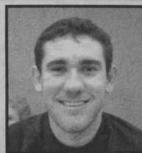
I believe in cliché sayings, like everything happens for a reason. I believe that no one is perfect and because of that everyone deserves a second chance. I believe my daughter was sent to me by God as a wakeup call and has become the greatest gift. I believe there is no such thing as failing, if you give it your all. I believe that people should all be free to say what they feel, but understand there might be repercussions. I believe in having fun and living life to the fullest. I believe paper bombs taste the best but make you feel the worst the next day. I believe that there is a song out there to explain how I am feeling at every moment, better than I can. I believe in asking for directions instead of going through life lost. I believe a long talk can solve anything and a long argument just causes more problems. I believe that you can learn a lot from books but you learn more from life.

Amanda McClendon '08



I believe people are what make life living. I believe travel makes you realize the world is bigger than you are. I believe what does not kill you makes you stronger. I believe Faulkner should be a national hero. I believe the things worth having require the most work and pain to acquire. I believe computers may actually take over the world. I believe my parents know more than I do. I believe ignorance is one of the most tragic elements of our society. I believe an empty compliment is worse than any insult. I believe ice cream can solve any problem. I believe music is the best expression of emotion. I believe there are few things as satisfying as a well-written paper. I believe fairy tales do not exist but it's fun to think they do. I believe my faith in God should define me. I believe my brothers and sister make me a better person. I believe 1992 Buick Regals are hot. I believe the future is overrated. I believe snow days are meant to be wasted. I believe abortion is murder. I believe who I am today is not who I will be tomorrow.

Whitney Opdahl '08



I believe in cold pizza the next day and staying up all night just to watch the sunrise. I believe in sandals in the snow. I believe that music is the door to another world, and your own sounds can take to where you belong and where you've always been. I believe in sunburns, cold beer, bad golf, bad cigars, cookouts and sleeping late. I believe in other people, in taking chances and in getting in my car and just going. I believe in life.

Ryan Hickey '11



I believe that laughter is the best medicine, that cold pizza is yummy, that dogs are truly a person's best friend (but cats still count!). I believe that 80 degrees and sunny with zero humidity is the perfect temperature, and that there is no place like home. I believe in fishing with my dad, in visiting family whenever possible, in acting crazy with my sister, and in growing up to be like my mom. I believe that being best friends is the secret to healthy boyfriend/girlfriend relationships, that there are few things better than campfires with friends, S'mores and live music. I believe that money can bring happiness ... when spent on jet skis and other people. I believe in appreciating nature, in 60-minute classes and being honest. I believe in being genuinely kind, holding doors and saying "thank you." I believe in trying to live a healthy lifestyle, recycling and being comfortable.

Corti Simpson '08

Cycling club goes miles

By Roxanne Fleischer

Biking is like meditation for Joseph Farran, a senior at McDaniel College. He claims he has watched the Tour de France since he was two years old, while most of us were probably watching Sesame Street.

While Farran is a studio and graphics art major with an art history minor, biking is the one thing that he says, "has been driven into my head since I was little." This passion for biking has been passed on to Farran; his father has been riding since the 1960s and has a collection of at least 18 bikes in the basement of their house.

Farran teams up annually with his father, uncle, and cousin for the Seagull Century, held in Salisbury, Maryland each fall. Farran has participated in this 100 mile bike ride that he describes as both scenic and challenging, almost every year since 1993. Though 100 miles might seem like a long time to be on a bike, Farran says that he has actu-

ally rode on a bike for 140 miles in one day.

In addition to the long distance rides, Farran has also participated in a few races. In 1999, he was the division 5A Maryland State Criterium champion. The race was 15 miles long and was held on a closed loop. Though he hasn't won any races since, Farran is still in continual training, riding at least four times a week, including a 20 mile ride on the hilly roads near his home in Frederick, Maryland, and the weekly group ride with the cycling club at McDaniel.

Every Friday at 4:15, the McDaniel cycling club meets at Big Baker and goes on training rides, with a few hard hills. Farran, as president of the club, says that there are about four students and four faculty members involved, but the club, only in its second year, is looking to expand. "Just show up with a bike and a helmet" says Farran to anyone who wants to ride at the meetings.

"The rides [with the club] are mostly social rides; it's nice to chit-chat. We are not intimidating," Farran says. The club leaves from Big Baker and makes a loop to places like New Windsor, or Taneytown, or even Hanover and back to the college.

On the weekend of September 15, however, the club rode for a good cause in coalition with the Maryland State Wine Festival. The club raised \$260 for the American Lung Association of Maryland to help children in Maryland with Asthma. The bike tour began and concluded at the Carroll County Agricultural Center and the riders got back in time to enjoy the Wine Festival.

The biking keeps all the members of the club in shape, but for Farran, it's the challenge and sheer enjoyment that keeps him at it. Hopefully, no matter where Farran's future takes him, his bike and his passion for cycling will go with him.

Cycling to Benefit Children with Asthma

The Maryland Wine Festival Bike Tour-

- Three rides were offered on Saturday, September 15, 2007: an eight mile ride, a 31 mile ride, and a 62.5 mile ride, which is equivalent to the 100 kilometers

- Three Riders from McDaniel College participated: Professor Peter Bradley and Joseph Farran rode in the metric century, and Jason Norton rode in the eight mile ride

- The Cycling club raised \$260.00 for children with Asthma in Maryland



Joseph Farran

Internships take McDaniel students to big cities where they reach for and meet the stars

By Rachel Hooper

Several McDaniel students had exciting internships this summer in cities from Philadelphia to Washington D.C. They shared with me the highlights of their experience, what they learned, and their advice for other prospective McDaniel student interns.

Julia Saunders, a junior communications major and journalism minor, spent her summer interning with Philadelphia's radio station 102.1. Saunders worked in the promotions department of Q102 between 24 and 40 hours a week.

Some of her responsibilities included less glamorous office work, but her other tasks included promoting the station at parties, clubs, and special events.

"I got to meet a lot of amazing people," said Saunders, who was impressed with how much responsibility the company gave interns. "It's all about how well you get along with people and networking."

Saunders felt that the timing of a junior year internship was right for her because it helped her confirm what she wants to do before she spends her senior year job hunting.

Senior Cal Cagni, communications major, spent his summer participating in The Washington Center's Mass Communication program. He had a 30-36 hour per week internship at NBC4, working in the DC Scene department doing jobs such as filming, editing, and researching upcoming events in the D.C. area.

He especially enjoyed helping film interviews with comedians and musicians. Cagni learned a lot from his internship experience



Rachel Hooper interned with Mary Stokersmith at KYW CBS-3 TV in Philadelphia

including "being able to prioritize and being able to juggle a lot of different responsibilities and work and still have fun and a social life."

He believes senior year was the right time to get an internship because he needed to have completed certain classes, without which, he believes he wouldn't have done nearly as well.

Cagni's advice to McDaniel students is to get an internship during or after junior year.

"If you do a good job, it may turn into a job," Cagni said.

Cagni aspires to return to NBC4 in an editing or production type job.

Senior Leslie Shirk, English major, film & video and writing minors, spent her summer as an intern at ABC News Washington D.C. bureau.

She worked 40 hours per week in ABC's digital news media department reporting stories for ABC's online news.

Shirk describes the best part of her internship, "I got to meet George Stephanopoulos...It was really interesting to get the opportunity to work with these people

who have been in the industry so long and learn from watching them...there's no experience that can really match that."

Shirk stated that the internship really helped her "fine tune" her writing skills.

Regarding her ABC experience and the tight deadlines, "I've never been in such a rigorous working environment."

When she graduates, Shirk hopes to go into the TV production

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tion or journalism field, perhaps at ABC in their production or digital news department.

Her advice to McDaniel students, "I'm one of the people that advocates internships anytime in college."

She feels the advantage of an earlier internship experience is that you can make up your mind if that's the field you want to go into; it's a great chance for networking, and there are great contacts.

She feels she got to put into practice what she learned at McDaniel. "Professor Dalton always said...get all the facts but keep it concise," and on the website you literally can't write more than a certain amount.

In summary, Shirk feels that internships are real life experiences that help to solidify what you learn in class.

Unlike the McDaniel students above, my journalism internship was during the summer between my freshman and sophomore year. I spent my summer in the news department at KYW - CBS3 TV station in Philadelphia.

My experience was at a news station that is ranked market 4 and the work environment was fast paced.

The biggest thing I learned was the importance of a mature attitude and sense of responsibility. You have to remain intact at all times. It can be hectic because you're constantly on deadline - sometimes working three different deadlines for three different shows.

I was most surprised by how much they let me and my fellow interns do at such a large news market station. I began working 24-36 hours a week in the News De-

partment at the assignment desk. While I had to answer phones, listen to press conferences and police scanners, I also had the privilege of being assigned to the reporter/anchor Mary Stoker Smith as her intern. I would research stories for her, make phone calls to locate people to talk to, and help her out in the field.

The best part of my internship was the last few weeks when I put together my own story package, start-to-finish. I wrote my script, picked out video for the editor, and voice-tracked my piece at an editing session.

Regarding the timing of my internship, I feel that even though I had only one year of college, I was still sufficiently prepared to participate in the internship. Additional technical classes such as editing could have helped me, but the lack of such classes didn't affect how well I did.

While we learn a great deal about journalism here at McDaniel I feel that I learned a number of skills out in the field with a reporter every day that I could never have learned in the classroom.

I strongly recommend starting internships early in your schooling so you can have more the one internship before graduation. I now have a better focus on what I still need to learn and my journalism courses will have more meaning. CBS3 really helped me set goals as well as prepared me for jobs later in life. Many broadcasting professionals I met recommended starting small and working your way up. Starting early and participating in more internships can help you do just that.

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FYS CLASS CREATES GREEN TERROR COMICS

Has anyone ever heard of a class in college where the textbook was a Comic book or homework included creating, designing and publishing a comic strip?

In Dr. Robert Lemieux's First Year Seminar class, Comic Strips and the Communication of Culture, students create characters and worlds for people to read, analyze and learn from, just as the students are doing as they study the history of comics.

The class focuses on the history and influence of comic strips and how they reflect various aspects of U.S. culture, including such topics as politics, religion, comedy, race, and romance.

Lemieux got the idea for this class when, to his surprise, he found that few students were familiar with comic strips. They weren't very knowledgeable about comic history or comic impact.

Some students were even unfamiliar with Charles M. Schultz or Snoopy and the Peanuts Gang. Thus, Comic Strips and the Communication of Culture was born.

"I wanted to give kids a chance to explore an area of interest that has had such an impact on culture," Lemieux said.

The class meets every Monday and Wednesday to explore the world of comic strips, where they came from and how they have affected history. On Fridays the students are allowed time to go to a computer lab on campus to design, create, and publish their own comic strip.

The strips, which can be found on the class website, target such topics as "Monsters on Dates," "A message from campus safety," "Lifeguard Man," "Singer Icons," which compares President Bush and Vice-President Cheney to Mickey Mouse.

Matt Graziano, like many other students in the class, said what he likes best about the class is "the fact that it adds creative elements to history."

Ashley Hayward said, "I like that I am able to make a comic and use my own thoughts and ideas."

The class, which is part of the FYS program, was one the most popular classes in the program.

"It was different. It seemed like something that would be more fun and more interesting," said Leslie Higgins.

Hayward also said, "It's great, not only is it something different but it's good for my major, technology design, and I get to do that design here."

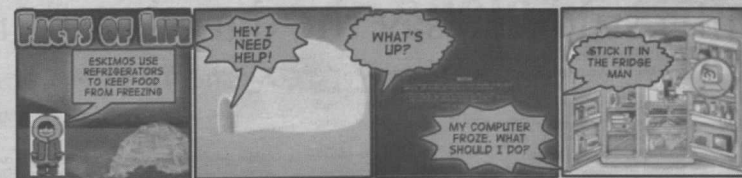
"In the class we are trying to recognize historical aspects of U.S. culture in regards to other influences such as journalism, politics, pop-culture and many other [influences]," Lemieux said.

Danny Hughes said, "It's half creative and half learning, it's a great mix, you begin to realize how big an impact comics have had and do have on culture. The students' comics are updated every Wednesday until the semester ends. They can be seen on the class website:

<http://www2.mcdaniel.edu/rlemieux>.

-Ryan Hickey

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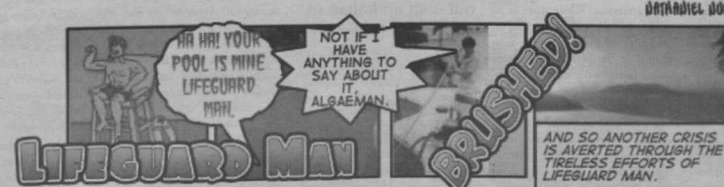
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Features

Commentary:

McDaniel students say the darndest things

Blog showcases some of the more unfortunate phrases to come out of students' mouths

By Katelynn McGlinchey

Whether it's the President of the United States or the girl who sits next to you in Chemistry, people have a beautiful tendency to put their foot in their mouths. It's a good bet that even you, illustrious reader, have at some point said something that has caused your friends to look at you in stunned disbelief and say "I cannot believe you just said that."

People saying dumb things? That's nothing new. What is new, however, is being able to share these less than brilliant, but oh-so-entertaining gems of wisdom with the rest of the world via the internet. It's also exactly what McDaniel students can do, thanks to *Overheard at McDaniel*, a blog that welcomes you to "The newest source of awkward McDaniel gossip!" whose popularity has been growing steadily since its start at the beginning of September.

The blog, founded and run by an anonymous McDaniel student, is an unbiased look at what happens when students (or faculty members) are overheard saying something witty, gross, or that just falls under the category of T.M.I.

(Too Much Information!). No one is safe - Honor students who are confused about whether or not the Amish have driveways and frat guys waxing philosophical about a girl's bra size are all equally fair game. A personal favorite would be the one where a female student was overheard making a parallel between GLAR cookies and a certain part of the male anatomy.

One might think that such blunt dialogue being used in association with the college's name will draw some raised eyebrows and criticism from the administration, but as Associate Director of Public Relations, Michele Leberman told *The Free Press*: "We are an institution where freedom of speech is encouraged." This is a reassuring statement, to be sure. Even more so when you consider that the University of Florida student who was tasered by campus police at a Q & A with Senator John Kerry was exercising this same right.

In reference to the blog, Assistant Professor of Communications, Jonathan Slade had this to say: "Students are clearly embracing emerging media like blogs and podcasting, and while this is creating new and exciting ways to communicate, it doesn't always raise the quality of discourse."

He goes on to add, however that after looking over the posts on the site that he "found a few clever exchanges; nothing that re-

ally shocked or horrified me. Much of the strong language and sexual innuendo could be found in an R-rated movie - which you need to be 18 or older to attend. And since a college community is typically aged 18 or older, I find little on the blog so far that is extreme."

Journalism professor, Terry Dalton, admits that he sees nothing ethically wrong with the blog - students are not named, and quotes are attributed vaguely to people like Soccer Girl #1 or Random Drunk Guy. However, he also adds that he is "wary of another distraction for students" that is in the same vein as wildly popular sites like Myspace and Facebook.

So what do the students think of *Overheard at McDaniel*? In this case, the numbers speak for themselves. Since the first post on September 4, the blog has massed 1170 hits (at press time), or an average of about 73 hits a day.

Whatever your personal feelings on *Overheard at McDaniel* might be, one thing is for sure; the next time you feel like loudly discussing whether or not it's possible to get gonorrhea in your eyes while you're waiting for your food at the pub, be warned that the people waiting in line behind you might just want to share that particular witicism with the rest of the campus.

Overheard at McDaniel

See What's Said at the Student Site the Overheard Blog

The author of this article caught up with the moderator of the blog for a brief, informal question and answer session. Here is what they discussed.

1. Obvious question: Where did the idea for the blog come from?

I love the website *Overheard* in New York, and one day I followed the links on the site to "Overheard Everywhere". On that website were quotes that had shoutouts to alternate sites, many of which were by big name universities across the country. I thought "why not McDaniel? People say ridiculous things here!" Hence the website.

2. Explain the process that goes behind the up keep of the blog. Do you post everything you receive? Is there anything you won't post? How often do you update, etc.

I'm insanely busy right now and I have no idea how to work with blogs or websites, so I just wing it. I think the site looks pretty nice, it's hard to mess up the theme [at blogspot.com where the blog is hosted] they give you, but I did learn some basic HTML stuff to make it look prettier and add links and such. I don't post everything I get. Sometimes are just really stupid, others are too offensive, and some just aren't all that funny. Currently I don't get too many submissions, though, so I do put up almost everything I get. I update when I get the chance, usually every few days or so. I try to check this once a day to keep things moving along, but life does often get in the way.

3. Favorite thing you've received?

hmm... I think a lot of what goes on the site is pretty funny. My favorite thus far is probably "Girl: Do you ever fake orgasms? Guy: Only when I masturbate." I mean, let's be honest. That's just so ridiculous, it's amazing.

4. What do you have to say to those people who might be offended by the content of the blog?

There are things I've said on that blog. That's always fun, opening an email or getting an IM with something I've said, but I put it up regardless. Things that are inappropriate won't go up. But then again, my idea of inappropriate is pretty skewed. If you don't like it, don't look. There isn't porn on it (I deleted that link) and anything overly racist won't go up. Seriously though, ignorance is funny, from time to time.

Overheard something you want to share?

- email OverheardAIMc@gmail.com or over aim OverheardAIMcD

Jan Term journeys abroad

Read about these rich experiences, then go.

By Kim Williams

Jan Term, as a requirement to graduate, this phrase may be a source of aggravation and dread for some. However, just because it is required doesn't mean these trips aren't a lot of fun. Just ask Christine Frieman, a senior who has gone on not one but two studies abroad during her time at McDaniel.

The first trip Frieman took, a study of the Holocaust in January of 2006, took her to Poland and Israel. The students visited concentration camps such as Auschwitz before venturing on to Israel. In a moment of reflection that is highly complementary of the emotional power of the trip, Frieman explains that visiting the concentration camps gave the students a sense of the "terrible things that had happened" while their final destination, Israel, offered the travelers a "sense of relief."

The trip's more toney side as they explored areas haunted by the suffering of the past and met with people who would never forget the terrors of World War II, long after many Holocaust survivors have died. She describes this trip as "life changing" and is still in close enough contact with the woman that organized this trip, whom she receives calls from her fairly frequently.

The photography trip to Italy in 2007, on the other hand, had a "different feel."

Frieman recalls how she just "had fun experiencing culture" and reveling in the chance to look at "history and art [she] had only ever heard about." Asked whether or not the students interacted with the locals, Frieman recalls one instance where a fellow student "made out with an Italian in a bar." Not quite what I meant, but interesting nonetheless. When I ask her favorite part of her time spent in Italy, she quickly replies, "gelato." Well there you have it.

Interested now? At least one (if not all) of the Jan Term studies abroad this year are sure to capture your attention. While there is an option to take a class on campus, students who have taken trips abroad in the past highly recommend taking advantage of the opportunity if the cost falls within your price range. Frieman, whose trip to Poland and Israel was actually her first trip to the continent, explains that these trips "offer an opportunity to people who don't have the time or aren't comfortable enough to go abroad a whole semester." She also adds that "since you don't get much credit, you take something that you're really interested in."

Clearly, Jan Term trips offer a variety of experiences. If you are interested in having a good time and doing some sightseeing, there are a variety of appealing trips. On the other hand, if a trip that involves volunteer work or getting to know the people of the country is of interest to you, there are a whole other set of trips to consider.

The choices for Jan Term 2008 are the England Theatre Tour, Dominican Republic and the Educational Life Experiences

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of the Deaf, The Kenya Village Experience: Life under an African Sky, The Philippines: An experiment in community-based coastal conservation, Volunteer in Guatemala, Treasures of Central Europe, Culture and Politics Cameroon, Landscapes of Memory, Routes of Hope, Italy through the Lens, the Tropical Marine Biology class in the Bahamas, Fishing and Diving



Students enjoy a boat ride on last January's trip to Italy over Jan Term.

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in Belize and Viva Mexico. Unlike the frigid temperatures around here during January, some of these locales offer the hope of a little sunshine and perhaps, if you are not as fan complicated as I, a bit of a tan. One thing that they all have in common is that they will all be memorable.

Dr. Debora Johnson-Ross will accompany students on the trip to Cameroon this winter for the third time. After doing grad school research over there, Johnson-Ross actually organized the first McDaniel trip to Cameroon. During this excursion students will visit the University of Boko, interact with students, visit an active volcano, and do volunteer work with orphans and vulnerable children. She asserts that "the time period [of the trip] is short but you learn far more than you anticipate." She also reiterates Frieman's comment when she laughingly remarks, "Not to be hokey, but it really is a life-changing

ing experience."

Lucia Goodhart, an organizer and a companion of Frieman's on the journey to Poland and Israel along with Dr. Emanuel Goldman, works with a foundation at McDaniel called the Interpreters Forum. She is actually from Poland and was raised in Israel, so her involvement in what she likes to call an "educational journey" seems natural. As an educator for 40 years, Lucia explains that she "sees how boring history can seem" and she "wants to get [students] out of the classroom." Learning certainly seems like it would be easier to swallow while visiting fabulously foreign locales.

All of these trips can be found on McDaniel's Archway site. With the date for registration quickly approaching, consider your options and go for it. Have a good Jan Term!

Commentary

Campus Memo: Global Warming

The first day of (H)Autumn



Christine Boynton, '08
Commentary Co-Editor

September 23, 5:51 a.m. Fall officially begins! 82 degrees Fahrenheit! The predicted temperature for the first day of fall.

Does it seem a bit warm to you? Granted, we are below the Mason-Dixon Line, a whole different climate zone for any fellow New-Englanders out there. Seriously though, looking at past temperatures of that first day of fall, forecasts have been noticeably crisp.

According to the National Weather Service, "Since 1900, global surface temperatures have risen at a rate of 1.0°F/century (0.6°C/century), but the rate has increased to approximately three times the century-scale trend since 1976."

Here are just a few samplings of past September 23 weather:

2000-64°F
1980-78°F
1960-62°F
1940-62°F
1920-52°F

1900-62°F

And here in 2007, we'll be sitting comfortably in our flip-flops and t-shirts. That elusive fall weather dangled temptingly in front of our "hoodies" and Uggs.

Being seasonally frustrated, however, amounts to more than longingly eyeing those sweaters and boots. Seals have bigger problems. Recently, the Northwest Passage, a formerly impenetrable and treacherous area of ice from the Atlantic to Northern America and into the Pacific, has become less of an impassable glacier, and more of a... well, passage.

A journey that used to take years for seasoned mariners to traverse recently took a 76-year-old pig farmer from Minnesota exactly 45 days, onboard his personal sailboat.

Sound scary to you? Well, it should.

According to National Geographic, "Climate models had projected the passage would eventu-

ally open as warming temperatures melted the Arctic sea ice—but no one had predicted it would happen this soon."

There's been a lot of coverage in the media within the last few years

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about "global warming"/"climate change"/"karma", whatever you choose to call it. More and more people have begun to worry about environmental issues and take action.

Ceres.org reports that "U.S. oil and gas companies have taken two distinct directions in response,

with two companies making commitments to develop policies on carbon dioxide emissions and one company pledging to reduce emissions."

The McDaniel campus has also been active in this environmental movement. According to Connor Rasmussen, president of the Environmental Action Club, their goal for the year is "trying to raise environmental awareness." They plan to implement change through research of McDaniel environmental policy – by analyzing energy consumption in buildings on campus.

So yes, I'm miffed at having to wear flip-flops and a t-shirt on Sunday. But frankly, I won't be thinking of those boots in the closet, hiding behind my scarves and sweaters. I'll be visualizing those disappearing glaciers—which is more than future generations may be able to do.

What is McDanielFreePress.com?



Mike Habegger, '08
Co-Editor in Chief

In a column posted on *The Free Press Online* in August, Habegger discusses the philosophy behind his brainchild, McDanielFreePress.com. Trust him, it's more than just another Facebook or YouTube. Check it out when you get a chance.

What have I been thinking about this summer? Hmm, too much, much too much. I am much too much for this world to take. Watch in fear as I destroy it.

I am beginning to amass and digest the right kinds of information and philosophies to undertake my life's work—the remaining of our society. How do we establish community again in America? How do we restore power to the people without making it look like that is the goal? How do we move into an environmentally conscious era? How do we end fanaticism? And how do we move past the status quo? How?

This website, nothing more than a place where people can read about the happenings at McDaniel College from an unbiased source, is part of my project. It is a first attempt to establish a small grassroots online community composed of members of a small community. It is a "place" that reflects and parallels what I have found to be the empowering and comforting atmosphere of McDaniel College, where no one is left to be lost in the shuffle.

This is not facebook, MySpace, Xanga, or even Current TV. There are not millions of users competing for the attention of whoever happens to be viewing a page at any given time. There are no hyperlinks out there to pick up the slack for your lack of participation. And unlike YouTube, though not unlike Wikipedia, this is not an org of low grade videos, photos, and ideas. And because of its small size, the participants in this community will have to be accountable to each other in the online reality simulation as well as real life.

We see each other every day. This web community is formulated

so that a person's internet-based, largely user-created identity will begin to merge with that same person's real world, largely other-created identity. Who you are in founts and photos on a screen cannot and will not be held separately. The medium in which your identity is formulated shouldn't matter. You are you, and you should be ashamed of it.

This website is an attempt to make people care again. I won't be making any reassurances about how great our world is right now. But I also won't be content with assurances that the world sucks either. How do we get people to care about things again? By making the happy world of the simulated internet reality the same as the empirical "real world" reality. Maybe. Maybe not. Maybe *** yourself.

I want to do this because I believe in it. I believe in the small, close-knit, liberal arts community. I believe in people—that they want a better world, knowing that this one is insufficient. Too many in our generation are content to sit idle in front of their TVs, allowing someone else (usually corporate America) do all the work of constructing culture. Too many have sat idly by as power has been whittled away from the hands of the people and put into the hands of the corporate aristocracy (this is perhaps due to our young age—it is not our fault entirely, thanks Mom and Dad).

I am going to idle. That would be a waste of gas anyway, and electricity if I were idle on AIM (people—please "sleep" your computers when you sleep).

"This is not meant as offense, this is from our favorite movie of 2006, The Departed. Please note that anecdotes and outbursts like this will be prevalent in future postings."



Pretty or practical?

The new fitness center is open, but is it worth it?

By Kate Delenick

Finally, the new Merritt Fitness Center is open. Come one, come all, put your best gym shorts on and head on over. However, I must warn you, be cautious.

Before you head over to the beautifully built new complex you might want to scroll down your AIM Buddy List, checking to see how many of your McDaniel Friends have away messages up leading one to believe they are currently at the gym. I say this for the simple fact that although this modern fitness center has double the cardio equipment and countless new weight machines, it's still not enough for the amount of students currently attending McDaniel.

Sophomore Saralyn Silbert remembered, "One day at the gym I was standing around waiting for a bike for at least a solid 15 minutes. It was really irritating."

Should we really have to sit around and wait a stinking 15 minutes to ride a bike? Someone might as well take the bike that's been outside of Blanche the past three weeks and ride it around the track a few times.

Another thing this innovative fitness center presented us with was TVs. Of course you older folk still remember that tiny TV in the little cave-like cardio area

of the old fitness room, and one would think that we'd be happy with the new flat screens. Yes, one would think.

However, the placement of the TVs are so awkward that one whole row of cardio doesn't even get to watch a single TV. Some machines get a slight view of the football field but the rest of us are stuck with the parking lot. Can't we maybe add another one or two TVs to the other side to keep those treadmill lovers occupied for a few minutes during their workout?

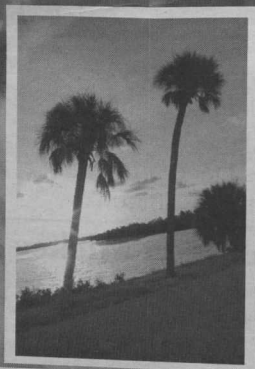
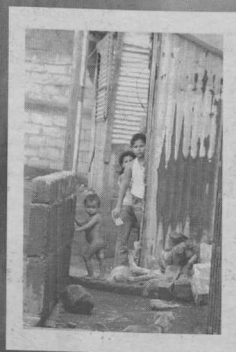
Enough about needed improvements because props are due to the McDaniel staff who put this whole design together. And contrary to what you may now believe the gym IS appreciated.

Sports teams, as well as undergrads and graduate students here on the hill, are now coming by the masses to work out. Of course we can find some glitches, but the new fitness center is way beyond what we were previously used to at McDaniel College.

For many of the fitness savvy people here on campus the anticipation for the opening date last year was exciting and well worth it. The building itself is immaculate and shows a modern appeal to a campus that was established in 1867.

Through the Lens: Student Photography

Featuring Collin Miller- freshman, Jordan Doss- freshman and Evan Ticknor- sophomore



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Playoff Preview:

As NFL heats up, final stretch for Major League Baseball

Baseball expert from New York shares his MLB playoff predictions

By Dave Nasongkka

For most sports fans, September means the start of a new NFL season. But for others, it's the final stretch in a long MLB season as contending teams push towards a playoff berth.

Let's start with the American League. For years the AL East has had the New York Yankees finishing first and leaving the Boston Red Sox fighting with other teams for the Wild Card. But this season's standings are telling a different story. Boston sits atop of the East with the Yankees hanging on to a wild card lead. When the season is over, expect the Red Sox to finish with at least a six-game lead over the Yanks. However, the Yanks only sit two and a half games out thanks to young studs Phil Hughes and Joba Chamberlain, and have

made September extremely exciting, making the Sox sweat it out.

Everyone was talking about the Detroit Tigers taking the AL Central and being a shoe-in for the playoffs through the first half of the season, but how the tides have turned. Detroit is a whopping seven games out of first behind the surging Cleveland Indians, but only three and a half games out of the wild card. I don't expect the Tigers to catch the Indians, but they have a good shot at making the wild card. Their offense has been consistent all season and the pitching staff has been as well. They need to keep it up if they plan on making a playoff run.

Behind the Red Sox, the Los Angeles Angels may be the best team in the American League. They've got a commanding seven

and a half game lead over the Mariners in the AL West and show no signs of slowing down. With the recent power surge of Garrett Anderson, and the consistent bat of Vladimir Guerrero and Chone Figgins, expect the Angels to go deep into the playoffs.

The Mariners on the other hand have cooled off tremendously down the stretch, even putting together an eight game losing streak, giving up their wild card lead to the Yanks, who seem to always be there in October.

AL Playoff Prediction: Red Sox, Indians, Angels and Yankees.

On the other side of the baseball realm, in the National League, the race to the playoffs is much tighter. Who would have thought that the St. Louis Cardinals would even be in the playoff

hunt with the horrendous baseball they played in the first half? But nonetheless, they are only a mere two games behind an iffy Chicago Cubs team in the NL Central, and the Milwaukee Brewers who have dropped off but somehow only trail the Cubs by a half game. The division is up for grabs, but watch the Cubs down the stretch to make a surprise run into the playoffs.

The West is just as tight with three teams really trying to make a push. The San Diego Padres have played some good ball since the all-star break and are only a game behind the Arizona Diamondbacks. However the Padres have a three game lead in the wild card and do not look to be letting up. The Diamondbacks have a mix of young stars and veterans who, I believe, will hold off the Los Angeles

Dodgers and the Padres down the stretch.

The Philadelphia Phillies looked great against their division rivals, the Mets, with a four-game and a three-game sweep, and are now down only a game and a half. I see the Mets winning the NL East, but just barely. The only thing standing in their way is their bullpen. There have already been at least seven games in the past two weeks that the Mets bullpen has lost for their starters. The bullpen needs to step up and start holding down other teams in the late innings of they want to get far in the playoffs and perhaps the World Series.

NL Playoff Prediction: Mets, Cardinals, Diamondbacks and Padres.

Green Bay is McDaniel Guru's sleeper team for week four

By Garrett Eagan, McDaniel Guru

After a 12-4 start in Week One for The Guru, high hopes loom for his odds making. In Week One, my top picks were Green Bay over Philadelphia, with no help from Brett Favre. Green Bay is one of my sleeper teams, but Philadelphia really dropped the ball, twice. Another one of my picks was Cincinnati over Baltimore on Monday night with the push-off seen around Baltimore County where the Ravens simply could not convert. Give them credit with a QB who played like the stud for the Bengals with 6 turnovers.

Week Two was not nice to me, finishing with a record of 7-7. NFC division games took me by surprise with the Redskins breaking their bad luck in Philly and the Packers manhandling the Giants. Both the Packers and the Redskins are two of my sleeper teams, and they proved that they both are capable of stirring up the NFC. Here are my picks for Week Four: Green Bay 24 Minnesota 20: Both teams had a solid Week One defensively, taking away the ball from their opponents numerous times. Adrian Peterson showed that he

has what it takes to carry this team, but I like the way the Packers are playing right now. Take Green Bay to edge this one out and go 4-0.

Chicago 17- Detroit 10: After a shaky Week One against the Raiders, Jon Kitna and Roy Williams are still looking to support their claims of an 11 win season. However, across the ball is one of the best defenses in the NFL. The only problem with "Da Bears" is the fact that Rex Grossman is their QB. Take Chicago over Detroit.

Pittsburgh 31 Arizona 17: With a stellar start from Ben Roethlisberger, it's hard to pick against them. The Steelers still do not look as good as the 2005 season. Arizona's 4th quarter loss in Week One against the 49ers is reminiscent of last season's Monday night game against the Bears. I like how the Cardinals have some weapons, but it's not enough. Steelers over the Cardinals.

Indianapolis 28 Denver 13: Denver's last minute field goal shocked me. I thought that they would slaughter the Bills. Cutler did well to drive down the field in the 4th, but that will be tough to do against a revamped Indy D.

There's no questioning offense. Peyton, Wayne, Marvin, Clark, and Addai. Take the Colts 4-0 against the Broncos.

Dallas 27 St. Louis 13: St. Louis struggled in Week One, with their stud running back, Steven Jackson, only scoring one fantasy point (unheard of for a RB). Romeo has been crisp this season, hook-

Even with the controversy of stealing defensive play calls, New England has the tools to get them to another AFC championship.

ing up with Jason Witten and T.O. Even though I see problems down the road with only two true threats in the WR position, take Cowboys over the Rams.

New York (G) 21 Philadelphia 13: A classic NFC East matchup which is a lose situation for both Cowboys and Redskins fans. I liked Eli in Week One and the fact that he is rubbing some dirt on that

shoulder and playing adds to the story. However, the shoulder could prevent him from throwing to Plaxico Burress for three touchdowns like in Week One. Take the G-Men over the Eagles.

New England 31 Cincinnati 17: Even with the controversy over stealing defensive play calls, New England has the tools to get them to another AFC Championship. Randy Moss has fit in nicely so far, with one touchdown and 183 yards. "Ocho Cinco" might not have the finesse to put a ball even at home. Take Brady over Palmer, with Belichick's eyes firmly fixated on the Cincinnati bench.

Baltimore 21 Cleveland 20: After a shaky start, the Ravens will rebound. Quarterback Steve McNair is not ready to lead this team to another playoff berth, and neither is Kyle Boller. The Ravens have questions on offense, and the Browns have questions on defense giving up 45 points last week. This will be the tightest pick of the week, take the Ravens, but it could go either way.



San Francisco 31 Seahawks 23: With Alex Smith and Frank Gore looking well, San Fran is the pick in this one. Alexander isn't the same, and really neither is the rest of the team. Take the Niners in this one.

San Diego 38 Kansas City 20: After losing to the Texans in Week One, I have lost all trust in Herm Edwards and Larry Johnson. LT will run whenever and wherever he wants in this one, so expect this one to get ugly quick. Take the Chargers over the Chiefs.

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Blocked

Volleyball team hopes to build on last season's success

By Chris Ferrick-Manley

After the Green Terror easily defeated Bryn Mawr three games to zero, the volleyball team sees that despite its relative youth, it can build on its success from last season when they went 18-10 and 6-4 in the Centennial Conference.

Head Coach Carole Molloy is entering her 15th season at the helm of the volleyball team. Molloy picked Haverford, who started 10-0, as the team to beat going into the season. According to Molloy, coaches are not allowed to select their own teams in the preseason poll. Other top teams should be Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, and Johns Hopkins, she said.

"We should be where we were last year or better," said Molloy. "The team feels confident in its ability to feed off the success we had last year."

Deanne Lehr, the team captain for the second consecutive year and a four year starter at outside hitter,

believes that the team is talented enough to play for the conference championship.

"We're definitely capable of it," said Lehr. "We're working on a better offensive attack to go with our solid defense."

In her capacity as team captain, Lehr said her job was to motivate the team when the coaches were occupied and serve as a mentor to the younger players. She said it was important that the team stayed together and did not fight.

Kelly Toms, a freshman on the team at middle hitter and right side, laughs about some of the duties freshmen have on the road trips but agrees that the team is very close.

"We always get stuck doing the crappy stuff," said Toms. "Underclassmen get along with upper-classmen though."

Toms also believes that the team will do well this season and gives credit to Molloy whom Toms

describes as "very motivational."

Molloy also gave a brief list of the various volleyball positions and rules for those unfamiliar with the sport.

- Setter, who Molloy describes as running the offense "like a quarterback"

- Right Side Hitters, who play opposite the setter

- Middle Hitters, who are usually the tallest players on the team

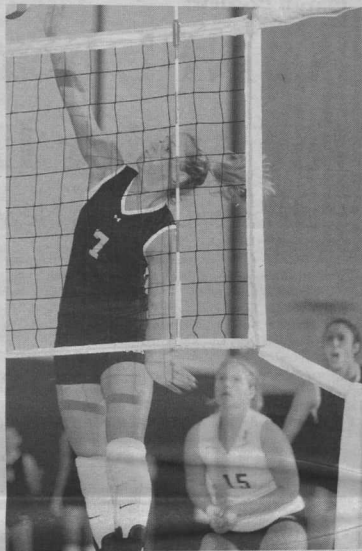
- Outside Hitters, who play on the left side

- Libero, a defensive player that does not count as a substitution

- Each team gets six players on the court, 15-18 substitutions, and two timeouts

- Matches are played best three out of five to 30 points, 15 points if there is a 15th game.

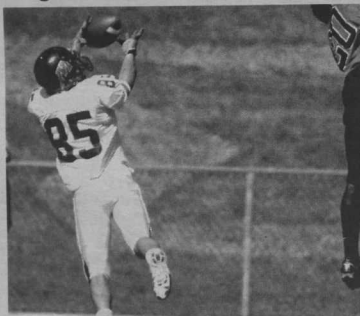
Currently, the Terror's record stands at 4-4 and 1-0 in the conference. The next home game is September 29.



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Images of the Week

Football



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Freshman CJ Naper finds ease in transition to college cross country

By Dave Robertson

The last thing anyone expected was to witness a bright smiling freshman face cross the finish line before the rest of his team at Shenandoah University's home meet on September 7.

For first year student and physics major CJ Naper, nothing has really changed from high school except the field of competitors and the racing distance.

Placing third in his first college meet, hosted by Shenandoah University, he set the bar high for success.

At MCDaniel College's home meet, he ran only three seconds short of his best high school 5K time, finishing 11th at 16:45.

"This season was supposed to be just a transition from the 5 to 8K," said Naper.

Clearly, he took easily to the change in distance and (no pun intended) ran with it.

A "local," as most students on campus would label him, Naper began running track in 9th grade and cross-country in 10th.

For each season of competition, he earned a varsity letter and culminated his high school career with an 8th place finish at the division 2A Maryland State Cross-Country Meet in the fall of 2006.

He remembers back to third grade when Coach Renner made him run a local race with his peers in which he placed fourth.

"It's strange how he was my gym teacher in elementary school and now my college coach," Naper said.

"Come to think of it, most of my past teachers have become coaches at some point."

Aside from running and wres-

"I can almost match each guy on this team with the personality of each one of my high school cross country teammates. I fit right in here."

~ CJ Naper

MCDaniel men's cross-country team has struggled to keep depth among its runners as few replace those graduating.

Having a freshman lead the pack behind a 27 year old non-traditional student has given Coach Doug Renner a positive outlook on the season.

Likewise, the indoor and outdoor track seasons look promising as a number of freshmen from across the country have expressed interest in competing.

And Naper, at least, has three more years to offer the team.

So far, the men have placed first and second in all of their meets.

Imperative to scoring the lowest points, Sean Allen, Nape, Cody Crutchley, Tim Snyder, and Russell Morin have consistently stuck together.

"I can almost match each guy on this team with the personality of each of my high school cross-country teammates," said Naper. "I fit right in here."

ting during the winter season, Naper is first and foremost a student. He juggles taking 19 credits this first semester on campus in addition to a 40-hour work week.

"It's hard to practice with the team," he said, "but my schedule now allows me to run with the guys each day, except Wednesdays."

Over the last few seasons, the



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Policy about painting letters on field under consideration

By Greg Pfeiffer

The view at Bair Stadium may not be as colorful this homecoming. The long-held tradition of painting Greek letters and logos of campus organizations on the hill enclosing the football field is under scrutiny, though decisive action has yet to be taken.

There has been recent debate over the ability of Greek organizations to paint their letters on the stadium hill. Fraternities and sororities are sanctioned a small piece of the hill to represent their group; Homecoming acts as the best event for these displays. With multiple Greek bodies on campus, both recognized and underground, space is limited.

The issue surfaced recently when underground organizations painted their letters on the field, crowding legitimate, school-backed organizations. Other members of the campus community were concerned about the even distribution of space per organization.

There has been speculation that underground groups should be denied a section on the hill, leaving only certain groups the chance for acknowledgement. According to senior Jonathan Schultz, however, the talk holds little certainty.

"The statement about letting only recognized organizations paint their letters on the hill is just that, a statement," says Schultz, the Inter-

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Saffron Revolution

Awareness rally organized



EVAN TUCKER

On Monday, October 1, McDaniel students, faculty, administrators, and staff rallied in support of protests against the injustices in Burma. The gathered in Red Square, wearing red to show solidarity.

The protest was peaceful in nature and meant to raise awareness.

At least 65 students were in attendance for the noon to one rally organized by Lin Sun Oo, '10, and the Amnesty International Club.

According to news reports, the military regime killed several protesters and imprisoned hundreds of others. Public access to phone and Internet communications was also cut off.

The conflict in Burma, another example of atrocious human rights abuses, will always be ignored by the United States, who is in bed sleeping comfortably under the invisible sheet of capitalism with China," said Ben Berkow, '08.

MC & MH

Runaway teen still missing

Details surrounding missing girl remain vague

By Katelynn McGinley

Signs posted around North Village the morning of Thursday, September 27 alerted the campus that a teenage girl was missing and may be located in the campus.

Rebecca Bainbridge, age 16,

was reported missing from her Hagerstown, MD home on September 12. Deputy of Campus Safety Mike Webster told *The McDaniel Free Press* that the posters were put up as a favor to the Hagerstown Police Department, saying, "Sometimes people from Hagerstown will end up here...she [Bainbridge] doesn't have any ties to the campus."

When asked whether or not

progress had been made on the case, Webster said he doubted it adding, "since we haven't received a call telling us to take the signs down, I assume the case is still open."

Carroll County sheriff's department officers spotted on campus the night of Saturday, September 29.

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McDaniel honors alum and war hero Bates

By Geoff Peckham, News Co-Editor

If you were to ask Baron Bates about his father's college years, he would probably say very firmly that Western Maryland College played a large part in the development of his character. Considering the type of man Colonel Paul Lavern Bates was, this is something McDaniel College should take a lot of pride in.

"He always spoke fondly of [WMC]," said Bates after the Founder's Convocation on September 29. "It had a tremendous influence on him." Bates was on hand to accept the Trustee Alumni Award on his father's behalf at the ceremony.

"He always said his purpose in life was to lead the 761st," Bates said, referring to his time as the commander of the 761st Tank Battalion during WWII, otherwise known as the "Black Panthers." The 761st was entirely comprised of African-Americans, the first of its kind. They were never expected to see combat, and very few had faith in them, not even General George Patton, to whose US Third Army the battalion was deployed. But the "Black Panthers" would ultimately be engaged in four major campaigns, including the Battle of the Bulge.

Before he was the command-

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Founders' Convocation honors Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and others

By Laura Hutton, News Co-Editor
Contributions by Geoff Peckham

On Saturday, September 29, McDaniel College held its first Founders Convocation since the 125th anniversary of the school 15 years ago. Among those honored was NBA hall-of-famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who was awarded an honorary degree in Human Letters. Jabbar is the author of *Brothers in Arms*, which centers on the 761st Tank Battalion, the first all-African American battalion in the United States Army during WWII.

Also honored was 1931 alum

Paul Lavern Bates, who was the commanding officer of the 761st.

Baron Bates, the son of Paul Bates, accepted the Trustee Alumni

Award that was posthumously presented to his father. This honor is given to a very small number of alumni who greatly impact society after leaving the campus.

"My father would have been most honored," Bates said. Paul Bates was eager and confident to lead the first African American battalion and land on foreign soil. Bates insisted that his men, who called themselves the "Black Panthers," be given nothing but the best.

Best known for his basketball career, Abdul-Jabbar is creating a new name through himself through his growing collection of authored works.

"He was most impressed with

McDaniel College for producing a leader like Paul Bates who cared so much about his soldiers and for the cause of social justice," states President Joan Coley.

Through *Brothers in Arms*, (published in 2005), Abdul-Jabbar remembers the 761st Tank Battalion. He became interested in the 761st through a 1992 documentary that he was invited to attend. Disappointed with the sloppy production and factual errors pointed out by "Smitty," a family friend and member of the 761st, Abdul-Jabbar decided to write the book. Abdul-Jabbar was surprised to learn that this "wise-cracking cop

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Bates surprised by Abdul-Jabbar's book's dedication

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ing officer of the 761st, Paul Bates was a student at McDaniel, then called Western Maryland College. Bates was offered 17 football scholarships coming out of high school, but ultimately decided to play under WMC legend Dick Harlow. He highlighted his college career as captain of the undefeated 1930 team, was named an All-American in 1929 and 1930, and was on the Maryland All-Star Team in his final year.

He earned his degree in Economics in 1931, but as an ROTC student, he was drafted into the army in 1940 before he could com-

plete his master's in education. He ultimately went on to become the commander of the 761st, where he became one of the most respected men of the battalion.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who researched and wrote the story of the 761st in *Brothers in Arms* and was also honored at the recent convocation, dedicated the book to Colonel Bates. Baron Bates was surprised to see the dedication when he picked up the book after it was published.

"It's interesting when you [personally] know history, then read about it," Bates commented. He said that except for two small biographical errors, the book is very accurate, and Bates was proud

to see the story finally brought to light.

While serving his country during WWII, Col. Bates was wounded when a German patrol infiltrated American lines. Despite his injuries, Bates insisted on staying with his men but wasn't given a choice by the medics. He would ultimately be awarded the Silver Star, two Bronze stars, and a Purple Heart. In 1978, Bates and the 761st received the Presidential Unit Citation from President Jimmy Carter. They were the only unit to be awarded with this honor.

Col. Bates also played a role in a course of events that would have a huge impact on desegregation.

Second Lt. John Robinson was one of many officers who joined the 761st. Before the battalion was deployed, Robinson was on a military bus, and when he was asked to move to the back, he refused. A court-martial was initiated, but Col. Bates refused to sign off on it, as he had very high regard for Robinson's moral conduct. Robinson was transferred to another battalion, but Col. Bates put his career on the line by testifying on Robinson's behalf at the eventual hearing. Robinson was acquitted and honorably discharged, so he never saw combat.

Robinson eventually went on to desegregate baseball, except he

would be known to the American public as "Jackie."

History may remember Paul Bates as the commander of the 761st. His son may remember him as a "completely different person," one who enjoyed opera and other cultural activities. But all will remember him as brave hero, a man who was committed to his troops, and who stood up for their rights as African-Americans after the war, reaffirming his place as one of McDaniel College's favorite sons.

The Lighter Side of the Campus Safety Blotter



Becky Snider, '09
Blotter Reporter

Missing roommates?
Fire alarms ringing at
all hours? It's all part
of the lighter side.

Editor's Note: This weekly piece highlights some of the more inane calls and incidents to which campus safety responds.

With all the "excitement" of midterms, you'd think the campus would be down right chaotic right about now. Think again. The halls of Rouzer have been deceptively quiet, which should raise a few alarms. Speaking of alarms, strange happenings have been occurring in Decker. On Friday, September 21 apparently an audible alarm started to sound within Decker, with no cause for sounding. This could be due to any number of things including a power surge or faulty readings. There is also the chance that the old system still being used in Decker decided to play a trick just for laughs.

Though I don't think it's a

laughing matter when belongings go missing. Or in the case where roommates suddenly go missing one morning. It seems that a student was missed so much by their roommates that said roommates reported the student missing. Of course this could just be honest concern for a roommate—if a bit dramatic. The missing roommate was found on campus later in the morning. I guess those of us that have roommates shouldn't go wandering off on campus randomly—it might cause sudden search parties to pop up on campus.

The sound of fire alarms going off at all hours of the day should be the normal occurrence to those who live in the PA and Garden Apartments. Though not caused by anything as simple as a power surge, the fire alarm that sounded just after 1 a.m. on September 29 was

most likely quite the wake up call to those lucky enough to have been sleeping. The cause was supposedly due to "cooking." More like burning if you ask me. First of all, what could you cook that would cause a fire alarm to go off? Second, what were they doing cooking at one in the morning anyway? You gotta eat I guess.

You also have to shake your head about some of the things that happen here. The average domestic argument has just been upgraded. Apparently third parties who try to stop public domestic arguments must now be wary of being struck by cars of enraged girlfriends. That's right ladies and gents; a DoCs officer was struck by a vehicle while attempting to stop a domestic argument.

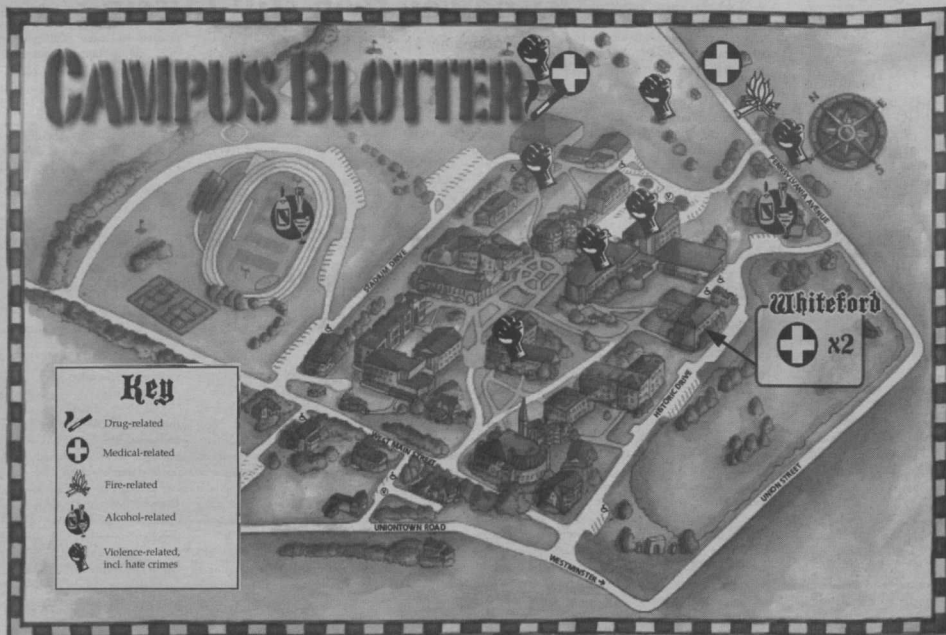
If you're looking for more incidents on campus involving ve-

hicles, take a walk over to the Rouzer parking lot. You might just be witness to a golf cart backing into a parked car. Now you'd think that a golf cart is easy to drive especially in the "easily navigated" lot that is Rouzer.

I take that back.

And apparently so does the person who decided to damage a golf cart at the Golf Clubhouse. Retribution for the golf cart incident in the Rouzer parking lot? We'll never know.

Now if you were expecting a long rant on the amount of underage alcohol possession, never fear. Though you might want to go take a look down in the Garden Apartments for that. Whiteford and Rouzer have been going on a suspicious dry spell lately. Well, we do still have half the semester left. Things are bound to happen.



This homecoming could be the last for underground Greek letters on field

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Greek Council President as well as the Treasurer and a member of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. "It has not been turned into a policy, and nothing has been established."

The matter has been brought before the IGC, where a vote took place to gather support from recognized Greek groups to send the issue to administration. At this point, as Schultz explained only time will tell if certain organizations are denied the opportunity to display their letters. If the policy does indeed pass, unrecognized bodies will not have the privilege to paint, as deemed by administrators placing priority on known bodies.

This has not, however, stopped most organizations from displaying their letters in the past. In fact, groups who have not received space missed out because other groups take up too much room and cut into other areas. Once many groups take this, little to no room is left for a particular group; this happens mostly during Homecoming.

Schultz has done his home-



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work on the issue, explaining that the McDaniel College 2007-2008 Student Handbook states "defacing College property" will result in "College discipline." With that in mind, it seems administration has already set the ground rules for painting; anyone who does is clearly in violation of code of conduct. In this case, tradition continually outweighs the guidelines each year, and no damage takes place.

"Once the grass is cut, the paint will be gone. It's as simple as that," Schultz added.

The new policy would require

approved groups to register with the College Activities Office before painting their letters. After registering, groups will receive an assigned space on the hill that they must adhere to, and consequences will involve disciplinary action against any violators.

Whether or not any decision will be made before Homecoming is unknown, though it appears that this homecoming could be the last time underground fraternities and sororities will have a chance to sprawl their letter out on the grass.

Founders' Dinner is 'McDaniel at its best'

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who was a friend of my dad's was actually a war hero."

Information about the Battalion "really opened my mind up and I was totally flabbergasted by what I saw," said Abdul-Jabbar.

"Smitty" only lived for a year after the book was published. It was just enough time to share his experiences with friends and family and see the smiles the book put on the faces of the Battalion members.

Abdul-Jabbar shared that people always ask him why he wrote the book and he said that the answer "is really very simple."

Sophomore Lia Snow adds, "It is a great honor to have Abdul-Jabbar visit our school."

Also honored was Dr. Vasilis Pagonis, professor of physics at McDaniel College, with the inaugural appointment into the John Desmond Kopp Professorship in the Sciences.

After receiving his Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, Abdul-Jabbar was presented

with the Army Coin of Excellence by Major General W. Montague Winfield. "It is not very often that one gets to make a presentation to one's hero," stated Winfield upon the presentation of the coin, "*Brothers in Arms* is my favorite book."

The army never intended for the 761st to fight. They just instated the Battalion to maintain continued support from African Americans for the war. Not only did they fight, but the 761st faced 183 days of continuous combat.

"These gentlemen were able to help tell America about the one to two million African Americans that fought in WWII," explained Winfield, who also commended Abdul-Jabbar for the balance he created between sports and academics.

Coley added, "Founders Convocation was McDaniel College at its best. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is an excellent example of a scholar athlete who valued his education and wants people to know him for something other than just his sky hook."

Campus Media:

WMCR radio hopes to reach beyond campus

"That's what we're working toward and I'm sure it's very close." ~ Deborah Vance

By Bethany Grövé

WMCR, McDaniel College's radio station, has struggled for airtime over the past year as well as many other obstacles. But over the summer, the station moved from the basement of Rouzer and into a basement room in Lewis Hall. That move, ample funding, and plans to re-connect the AM antenna have students and the station's advisor, Dr. Deborah Vance, optimistic about the station's future.

"I'm hoping within the next two weeks we should have everyone trained and anyone who wants to show up can still come by. We have a lot of new DJs, and we're always interested in having new talent," said senior Kevin English, who says he does "whatever is needed of me."

The students and faculty involved with the station are currently getting set up through McDaniel's intranet where students will soon be able to type a URL into iTunes to connect and hear live broadcasts. Many students will enjoy the convenience of listening to WMCR while at school, English said.

At the beginning of last year the radio club discovered that the AM antenna had not been functioning, but nobody knew how long it had been.

"Apparently the AM antenna became unattached in a storm.

Nobody checked it, nobody knew, and I think we were just assuming everyone was hearing us," Vance said.

Despite this setback, they were eager to start streaming live music through McDaniel's intranet, which is available on campus.

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~ Dr. Deborah Vance

"When people had radios they listened to us on their AM dial, but I guess people aren't listening to radios anymore," Vance said. "Everybody is on the Internet and podcasting."

When Beth Gerl became the Dean and Vice President of Student Affairs, she requested that the students create a manual before they could set up on the intranet, which took them a few months to create, according to Vance.

Its purpose was to set basic

radio etiquette guidelines for DJs, such as not using obscenities on the air, Vance added.

DJ training and scheduling for live shows is currently under way. Students and staff are working with Information Technology staff in an attempt to start creating podcasts, which will be more convenient than live streaming.

Ultimately, users will be able to subscribe to the station's podcasts and listen as their schedules allow, English explained.

All these goals hinge upon funding, Vance and students associated with the station said. They also note that funding, which is primarily from the college's media board, jumped from \$4,360 to \$4,860 between 2006 and 2007.

The Media Board, which is headed by Beth Gerl, consists of Mitchell Alexander, director of student activities, as well as student representatives and advisors to the five major media groups on campus. These are Contrast Literary Magazine, McDaniel Free Press, McDaniel "Terror-TV," Pathways Yearbook, and WMCR.

"What we want is the capacity for people living off-campus, or alumni, or even people in Budapest to be able to hear it [the station]; that's the goal," Vance said. "That's what we're working toward and I'm sure it's very close."

Missing teen: police hope college community has information

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ber 29 were tight-lipped about their reasons for patrolling the campus. They admitted that while they were aware of the case, they could not confirm or deny that it was the reason that brought them to McDaniel. One officer had this to say about Bainbridge: "She isn't missing—she's a runaway. There is some evidence to suggest that she has done this sort of thing before." He went on to say, "If she doesn't want to be found, we aren't going to find her."

Details surrounding the case remain vague, but to date, the facts are as follows:

- Rebecca Paige Bainbridge is officially listed as an "endangered runaway."
- She is five feet four inches tall with shoulder length straight red hair and brown eyes. She wears glasses and has a scar on her left knee.
- Before she was rumored to have come to Westminster, police had reason to believe that she was in Sykesville, MD—where she had run away to previously, according to Gazette.Net
- Calls to Hagerstown sheriff's department, Hagerstown city police, and MD state police, finally

took The McDaniel Free Press to the Hagerstown state police, to the officer in charge of the case, Sgt. Dave Bowers. Like Webster, he said that there was no indication that Bainbridge was affiliated with the college, but that she did have a history of running away to college campuses that were close to her home. He could neither confirm nor deny the rumors that police had tracked the GPS signal on Bainbridge's phone to a building in North Village.

According to The Charley Project, a website that has documented over 6,500 "cold cases" concerning missing persons, the term "endangered runaway" is used in cases where a minor has been missing for more than thirty days, or when there is indication that a minor is missing under circumstances that indicate she left voluntarily. At the time the signs went up on campus, Bainbridge had officially been missing for approximately 15 days.

If you have any information on the case, you are encouraged to call either the Westminster state police 410-386-3000, or Sgt. Dave Bowers with the Hagerstown State Police at 301-739-2101.

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Freshmen and Facebook

Facebook is outlet for new students to meet each other and feel more comfortable about college. But does it work?

By Juliann Guilfré

Everyone remembers those last few months of summer before becoming a freshman in college, those final moments of bliss and freedom before becoming slaves to homework, sports, and the many activities of college life.

If you happened to experience this within the past few years, you most likely remember something else as well—signing up for the explosive phenomenon that is Facebook.

But how beneficial is registering to advertise your life on this public forum?

Senior Eric Danforth, a peer mentor, witnessed the Facebook frenzy of this year's batch of freshmen firsthand. Along with receiving messages with questions from his own mentees, Danforth had many others ask him for advice as well.

"People asked me if they could switch roommates to a person they had met on Facebook, maybe because they had looked at their assigned roommate's profile and didn't like what they saw," he said.

Danforth recognizes the positive sides of Facebook but is so often faced with the negative. "I didn't advise it. If you choose your roommate based on Facebook you lose the mystery and could find that your Facebook friend has a really bad habit."

"One of my mentees was really upset because she made all

these friendships on Facebook and they all ignored her when she got here," he said.

Besides the trials of establishing lasting relationships over the Internet, there are also risks that come with publicizing yourself in such a way. Danforth was asked to watch for any suspicious up-classes that seemed to be befriending freshmen for ulterior motives.

"I think there is a honeymoon period for freshmen where they reveal a lot about themselves, until they realize that not everyone is their friend," said Stokely.

"I actually had to contact one guy about this after receiving several complaints about him," he said.

Despite the risks of Facebook, Danforth concedes that it can be used for good, such as for getting to know your roommate and others with similar interests.

Freshman Sami Bicknell, creator of a McDaniel '11 Facebook group, strongly agrees. "I created the [group] the day I was admitted," said Bicknell. "I wanted to have an idea of the people who I was going to be going to school with."

Many people, Danforth included, feel that making friends on Facebook doesn't allow for the bonding experience in a freshman seminar. Yet Bicknell explained, "I made it a point to find everyone in my first year seminar on Facebook and talk to them several times [finding that] the people I talked to more often online did stay my better friends but it didn't prevent me from being friends with other people."

However, she also admits to seeing the other side of Facebook, saying, "I thought I knew a lot about the school before I attended, but it turned out that I didn't."

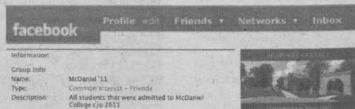
Although Bicknell no longer attends McDaniel, she thinks that she was ultimately very successful in her goal of trying to get to know the kids she would be going to go to school with so that she wasn't a complete stranger to them.

Dean of First Year Students Sarah Stokely was also faced with trying to understand the complex nature of the Facebook world. Stokely's interest in Facebook was piqued when she read a USA Today article on the number of families (students and their parents) checking out a roommate on Facebook and deciding their character based on that.

"I think that a Facebook profile does not give a true representation of a person, and students and their families can interpret it differently," she said.

At a glance

McDaniel '11



The Facebook group, McDaniel '11, created by Sami Bicknell, boasts some impressive statistics.

- 238 members, both from McDaniel and other schools
- 24 discussion topics, ranging from "AIM" to "FYS?"
- 4 photos
- 1,191 wall posts, an especially large number considering the group was established this past summer.

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According to Stokely, at the beginning of the year the first year team (peer mentors, etc) met with counseling services and campus safety to talk about advising freshmen to be safe with Facebook, and be cautious with friends made on the website.

"I think there is a honeymoon period for freshmen where they reveal a lot about themselves, until they realize that not everyone is their friend," said Stokely.

Yet despite her feelings that "Facebook has the potential to cause unnecessary pain," she believes that overall, the orientation process is affected positively by Facebook because of its ability to foster strong relationships.

Without a true regulator of this public environment, Facebook will continue to remain in the hands of the students - risks, reimbursements, and all.

Campus Memo: Gaming

Students vow to 'finish the fight'

Campus gamers excited over the release of Halo 3

By Garrett Eagan, McDaniel Guru

September 25 is usually just a normal day to many people, especially students. Being a Tuesday doesn't carry too much excitement on a college campus. However, September 25, 2007, will be remembered for excitement, anticipation, and a long-awaited end to the wait.

Bungie Studios released Halo 3, the final installment of the Halo Trilogy on Tuesday, September 25. The first person shooter has broken several sales records since its original release of Halo, Combat Evolved, in 2001.

At \$66 a copy, a record setting 1.7 million copies were pre-ordered for the release date of Halo 3, surpassing Halo 2's number of 1.5 million copies preordered.

Gamers around the globe lined up on Monday awaiting the chance to get the first copy at the stroke of midnight. Halo 3 also broke the record for sales in the first 24-hour period, pulling in \$170 million in sales. And this popularity doesn't stop at the perimeter of campus.

"The game is pure insanity...a lot of people have been anxious to get it," said junior Jordan Barton.

Like Barton, over 50 McDaniel

students have purchased the game so far, vowing to "finish the fight," a slogan that Halo 3 has coined for its title. But the "fight" didn't just start at the release of Halo 3, it's been happening for quite awhile.

After an overwhelming turnout last spring during WMCR's Game Night, it was evident that Halo is more than just a game. Nearly 30 students participated in the event, playing Halo 2 in individual, teams of two, and teams of four games. It was the first time people actually got a glimpse of the Halo craze.

"The popularity of the game series is straight crazy...obviously from the number of people who play daily," said junior Brent Toms.

Like many other players on campus, he plays Halo on the college network or on XBOX Live. The college has allowed students to play on XBOX Live since last spring, and 25-30 students have signed up for it.

"We get on Live every day," said junior James Isaminger. "[Halo] 3 like [Halo] 2 is really intense...I've devoted about 2-4 hours a day to it so far, depending on the connection."

Isaminger, one-fourth of Team MerkhHouse, the squad who won at the WMCR Game Night, sees



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Halo 3 having new-found popularity around campus. He's not alone as people admit to their new addiction.

"I used to think Halo was mostly for nerds, but I honestly have really gotten into Halo 3... something that really shocked me," said junior Matt Teter.

With the growing number of players on campus, it's hard to think that the game's popularity will die out any time soon. And as for showcasing Halo 3 talent?

A spokesperson for WMCR confirmed that there will be two WMCR Game Nights this year—one for Halo 2 and the second for Halo 3. All that's left to do is hook up the sticks and start playing.

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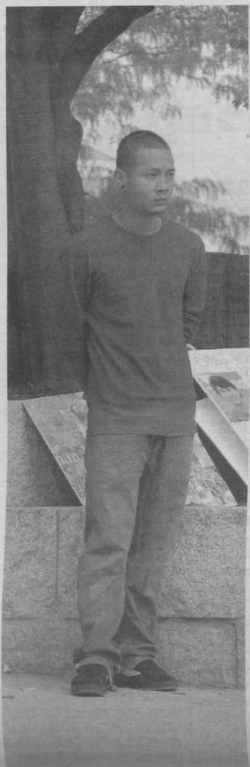
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"They are calling it the Saffron revolution,"

I told my parents on the phone
the day before
Burma

lost contact with the outside world.



We talked about things coming to change and I was giddy with the prospect of the decadent military regime finally coming to an end. The words of democracy and freedom were on the lips of every Burmese person regardless of where they were. The images of monks walking in unison with the people were a sign of hope. The government watched closely for a few days monitoring the situation closely, waiting for an opportunity to see if the protest would lose momentum by itself. The more the government waited, the more people took to the streets. In those past few days, I rarely moved away from the computer, hoping to somehow see the military government yield to the voice of the people. But our hopes and dreams of change were shattered when the first images of soldiers firing into crowds of unarmed protestors were released. With the power of the internet, crowds of people from all over the world watched in horror at the atrocities committed by the military junta. Burma was thrown into the spotlight and along with the protests in Burma, the international community decided to voice their opinion. But how did the protests happen? What was the main catalyst that sparked the mass protests after 20 years of oppression?

The answer lies in economic mismanagement from the military government. In August 2007, the regime decided to raise the price of natural gas by five hundred percent. This produced an angry outcry by the majority of working class people in Burma who relied on the natural gas public transportation to commute to work. With economic hardships already in place, the opposition party members decided to stage a protest in light of the recent economic mismanagement by the military junta. The protests that occurred during August were not known to the outside world. These protestors were arrested and the government showed little sympathy towards opposition parties as it has done throughout its rule. However this all change when the monks rallied peacefully in light of recent hike in fuel prices on September 5th. The military officials used force to break up the group and hurt at least three monks. In return, the monks demanded an apology from the government. However, the apology never came. On September 18th, the monks protested non-violently, drawing public support throughout the country. But the non-violent movement proved to be short lived. On September 26th, military officials fired into crowds of protestors injuring and killing many. Ever since the 26th, military officials have stepped up their presence through out Yangon and other large cities throughout Burma. Dissidents are beaten, shot or carried away by unmarked vehicles. In the violent response to the peaceful protests, the government run media has reported killing nine civilians and one Japanese reporter. But witnesses to the event say that the number reported dead are far greater. Mark Canning, UK's Ambassador to Burma, estimates the death to be around 100 to 150. As of September 30th 2007, eyewitnesses and undercover reporters in Burma have said that the prisons are now overcrowded as a result of arresting protestors, therefore school buildings and colleges are used as temporary holding cells. Monks who played a pivotal role in leading the protests are now arrested or under close scrutiny from the military junta.

Today, the scenes in Burma portray an eerie silence, there are no more protestors, yet the streets are filled with heavy military presence. Plain clothed officers raid homes at night taking people to unknown locations without giving any reasons for their arrests. Burma is again in a state of fear, the Orwellian nightmare that I have lived with all my life is again omnipresent. The days when people shouted out words of democracy and freedom now seem like a fading dream, a dream that was brutally shattered. No one expected the military leaders to shoot at monks in a highly religious nation such as Burma. It proves to show that the government will take every possible measure to ensure their position of power. The recent events in Burma have caught worldwide attention, the world calls for the end to the 45 years of illegitimate military rule and to honor the results of the 1990 election where Nobel peace prize laureate Aung San Suu Kyi is still under house arrests. But many Burmese fear that this will become another "trend" for the affluent nations of the West. "There is no hope for us now" a friend of mine said, "at best we will be a fancy poster for these American kids to hang up on the wall, like one of those Tiananmen square things." Certainly, I also feel the fear that the United States and the European Union who are the forefront of bring change to Burma will not forget their goal. Burma has come into to international spotlight unwillingly, yet I hope it doesn't leave the stage without change. Burma was ignored in their last attempts to change 19 years ago. In 1988, the military junta shot and killed non-violent protestors resulting in 3000 deaths. Ever since then, Universities and colleges have been closed in fear students repeating such events. What would happen this time if the world ignores Burma again? No more monks? Would no one to stand up in the name of justice in Burma? How many more revolutions do we need before the long lost dream of democracy comes back to the people of Burma?

The Saffron revolution and the fading dreams of the Burmese people

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Features

In Depth: Campus Diversity

White students outnumber minorities 8 to 1

For stronger turnout, minority recruitment is currently being reworked and developed

By Laura Hutton, News Co-Editor

Over the past three years, the percentages of minorities at McDaniel College have been stable. This stability, however, may not be the primary indicator, as white students continue to outnumber minority students 8 to 1.

To improve the ethnic percentages, McDaniel is trying to appeal to qualified students who, by attending McDaniel, not only broaden their horizons but those of their fellow students.

Percentages of African American students over the years have dropped significantly from the late 1990s and early 2000s to 2007 (8.5% in 1999 and 2000 and 10.9% in 2001).

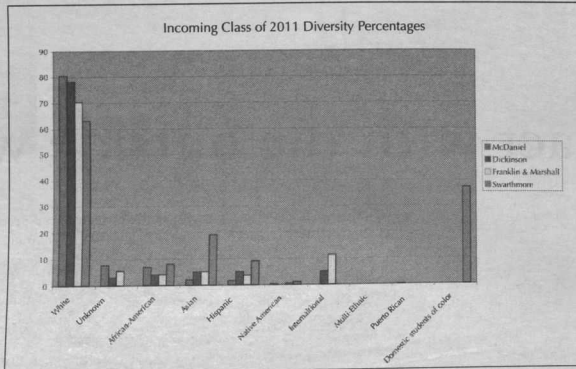
The incoming class of 2002 consisted of a noticeably higher number of African Americans. The percentage for that year was 14.3% making the total percentage of minorities 21% for that graduation year.

The Washington Metropolitan Scholars (WMS) program may be the reason for 2002's success. According to the official WMS website, this scholarship program provides full scholarships to incoming freshmen African American students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 who live in the Washington metropolitan area and need financial assistance.

By being a part of the WMS program in 2002, McDaniel showed how they "recognized the value of a diverse campus," explained Zephia Bryant, Director of Multi-cultural Services.

Along with the University of Virginia, Cornell University, and Syracuse University, McDaniel has once again joined WMS and is now a "formal College Partner." Other partners, with informal status, include high end well known schools such as: Brown University, Columbia University, Duke University, New York University, Princeton University, Tufts University, Vassar College, and Yale University.

Even other members of our own Centennial Conference are



involved, including Bryn Mawr and Haverford.

Joining the WMS again shows how McDaniel College values the type of multi-cultural community that it had with the incoming class of 2002.

"This institution really understands the value of the programs that have to be in place for minority students and others to bring about understanding and appreciation," added Bryant.

For that reason, the Hill celebrates all national heritage months. Many organizations and departments join together to bring in a diversity of speakers.

"The wonderful student organizations really have a way of reaching the masses," said Bryant.

The Black Student Union (BSU), for example, hosts an annual "Keeping It Real" forum. "It is an annual event where students and faculty can express their concerns about their academic and safety welfare here on McDaniel's campus," said sophomore Rudi Roberson, BSU recording secretary. This year it will be held on December 4 in the Forum.

The BSU is also working to increase minority awareness by branching out. "This year the BSU

has been looking to being in a larger and more diverse crowd. We started by not just inviting the minority freshmen on campus but greeting all of the incoming freshmen with goody bags on their doors and an invite to our annual cookout," added junior Holly Thomas, BSU vice president.

They also want to let the community know about the BSU by "pushing to increase community service and continue to educate the campus as is stated in our constitution," stated Thomas.

Before arriving on campus and becoming involved in the BSU, prospective students can get a taste of what life would be like on the Hill through multi-cultural weekend.

The weekend is important for McDaniel minority recruitment and is currently being re-worked and developed for this year. The format might change and involve more than one weekend to ensure the greatest turnout possible.

The event "really gives students of color access to those who share the same experiences," added Bryant. "[They can] ask candid questions and get candid answers."

Current students are able to acknowledge culture-shock and

other transitions faced when coming from an entirely ethnic high school and what makes the adjustment smoother. It is also a chance to educate potential students about where they can find their church and get their hair done.

Another minority group on campus, the Hispano-Latino Alliance (HLA), is also working toward the improvement of minority life on campus.

Fernando Gomes, President of the HLA, considers the current minority population at McDaniel disappointing, but is "happy to see increased efforts in recruiting minority students."

The HLA plans to boost their presence this year through a number of activities including the upcoming Taste of Latin America dinner, inspired by the popularity of the Taste of Islam dinner.

Gomes emphasized that non Hispanic and Latino students are welcome and hopes to focus all the club's good ideas into "cohesive plans" for the future of minority recruitment.

"We want students to come and learn about the campus, but it is really important for students to feel comfortable," emphasized Bryant. "We hope to facilitate that and

give a cultural view of our campus."

To fully understand the multi-cultural aspects of any institution, statistical analysis and comparisons are important. McDaniel's cultural data and that from three other schools in the Centennial Conference is included in the sidebar.

The student breakdowns from the past three incoming classes of Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall, McDaniel, and Swarthmore are presented.

McDaniel's minority population was 10.4%, 12.0%, and 11.9% for the incoming classes in 2005, 2006, and 2007 respectively. The lowest of the schools analyzed.

Swarthmore has the highest percentages with the minority population at 37%, 41%, and 37% for the incoming classes in 2005, 2006, and 2007.

Dickinson and Franklin & Marshall fall in the middle. Dickinson's minority statistics were 21%, 20%, and 19%. Franklin & Marshall's were 18.9%, 23.0%, and 24.4%. All percentages respectively represent the incoming classes of 2005, 2006, and 2007.

The way that each college organizes its data impacts the percentages yielded. Franklin & Marshall's minority statistics include the "international of any ethnicity" breakdown. The possibility of non-minorities being in this group exists.

McDaniel College's minority representation, however, still falls short of the other schools in the conference.

This reality is evident to students and administrators alike. The BSU and HLA fight to involve more students in their organizations while the administration re-introduces the availability of the WMS program.

"We can always do better and we can work, collaborate more, and make sure everyone is invested in increasing numbers," added Bryant. "We need to make sure that everyone feels valued and appreciated."

Operation: 'tote bag'

By Michelle Menner

Where are all the purses? About two weeks ago, another staff reporter and I conducted some fashion field work. Our mission: to find and weigh the biggest handbags we could find. As we sat perched outside of Hoover Library I soon realized that there aren't too many people on campus who carry purses. If so, then what does the fashionable McDaniel student carry?

The tote bag reigns supreme on the Hill. The bag that holds everything from books to cosmetics to a meal on the go; there's no limit to what these bags can hold.

However, the bag that holds everything can sometimes become

more than just a practical accessory. Often times the tote bag takes on a life of its own and can weigh as much as a small child.

From the sampling of totes from my study I was glad to find that no one was killing themselves by carrying a bag that weighed 30 pounds.

When senior Jessica Fawcett stopped by the impromptu fashion investigation she revealed the contents of her 11-pound Vera Bradley straw tote: a brush, an orange, a spoon, hand sanitizer, her school books, and so much more.

As I watched her go through her bag I wondered what she was going to pull out next: maybe an entire place setting?

Senior Melakee Baker showed off her lime green handled BA Bagge brand tote. Also weighing in at 11 pounds, Baker's bag was packed with almost a complete change of clothes.

Upon closer inspection her CD player was tucked neatly into the tote's outside pocket.

With a more minimalist approach there was Kara Constantine, a sophomore. Her Target brand tote weighed 3.5 pounds and held only her keys, cell phone, and McDaniel planner.

This piece was inspired by the article "Is Your Handbag Killing You?" by Karen Stabner from the October issue of O, The Oprah Magazine.

A further exploration on behalf of the kind folks at the wuthering center:

Laura Davis '09 - purse contents "most days": cell phone, a pen "because people always ask for one," an iPod, wallet, car keys, school keys, camera, sunglasses, mirror, small hair brush with hair ties, lip gloss, gum, tampons, birth control pills, and sunglasses.

Rori Rockman, Dec. '07 - contents "most days": a water bottle, types of gum, mints, Soft Lips and Chapstick, "gourmet" lollipops, lip gloss, flash drive, hand sanitizer, keys, cell phone, hair tie, and stuffed wallet.

MJ Alexander '09 - MJ carries a free canvas bag that her mom got from a benefit. Contents most days: a Fendi wallet (filled with all cards, family photos, cash), a planner "my life - it has all," a key chain which has a whistle and pocket knife, a cherry chocolate cell phone, a minimum of five different pens, a highlighter, three tampons "that I have to change because the wrapper opens and that is not hygienic," and throat lozenges.

Stacey Baugher '09 - purse contents on Thursday, Oct. 4: wallet, Germ-X, Kleenex, Tic Tacs, gum, her grandmother's (Mary Baker's) house keys, her keys, cell phone, some sort of makeup (cover up), student ID, bank envelope with money, checkbook, pen, highlighter, and a hair clip on the strap because "it always comes in handy."



New boutique has Westminster 'Tickled Pink'

Local store boasts large collection of 'one-of-a-kind' items for sale

By Roxanne Fleischer

"We wanted people to be 'Tickled Pink' that they came into our boutique!" Kim Dunworth and Karen Coppa both agreed that that was the reason for naming their new Boutique on John Street "Tickled Pink," which just opened up Friday, September 28.

Though the two women have been going to craft shows as what they have described as a "traveling boutique," they have only just recently turned their ideas into a shop.

"The day after school started, I drove by and saw the sign for rent and called Karen right away, but we didn't get in until September 17," said Dunworth. "The place needed a lot of work and we've had less than two weeks to do it, but we got it all ready."

The pair wanted the boutique open for Midnight Madness, the Friday night of Fall Fest.

With Dunworth's jewelry line, Sweet Pea, and Coppa's handbag line, the women have stocked a perfect shop.

"We have a good background as far as knowing what people are looking for [from doing the craft shows]," said Coppa.

"Tickled Pink" has every-

thing from Eliza B. flip flops to Breast Cancer Awareness items to "Fit to Win" shorts which can be customized for sports teams or individual taste. Custom signs, engraved monograms, and jewelry can also be made special for weddings or other occasions.

"And we are always open to new suggestions for different items to carry in the shop," said Dunworth.

"The place needed a lot of work and we've had less than two weeks to do it, but we got it all ready."

The women wanted their shop to be different from others in Westminster, so they went with the tagline, "Shabby Chic... with a Twist!" That extra twist is what sets the boutique apart from most.

"Everything that you see is for sale," said Coppa. "If you like the furniture that holds the candles or the jewelry, you can buy it."

Dunworth and Coppa have refurbished the furniture themselves to fit the shabby chic image.

"A lot of our items are one-of-a-kind," said Dunworth. "We wrap everything up with a special touch, to make life a little easier."



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Main Street welcomes mediterranean restaurant

Across from BB&T, Seiramis Grill offers a unique menu at a reasonable price.

By Cori Simpson, Features Co-Editor

The small white building on the corner of Main Street and John Street never stays vacant for long. Just four months ago, it made the transition from Italian to Mediterranean cuisine.

On a lovely day, the quaint seating area in the front of the restaurant can be enjoyable (as long as you are not opposed to occasional sirens that blare from the nearby fire station). Large umbrellas offer customers the choice of sunshine or shade while dining.

Welcome to Seiramis Grill. Seiramis Grill is the place to find, kofia (seasoned beef), falafel (paties of spiced fava beans), shawarma (marinated chicken, slowly roasted and served as a sandwich), tsatziki (healthy dip made of yogurt, cucumber, mint, garlic, and olive oil), baba ghanoush (grilled eggplant puree with spices), and hummus (pured chickpeas and other spices).

The restaurant plans to add more vegetarian options for customers as well as a new catering service especially for the McDaniel



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College community.

"With the website," owner GK Gabrey explains, "we will be able to deliver lunch for staff and students who place an order the day before." Customers can pay by credit card and the food will then be delivered the following day between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Seiramis Grill has a small booth and flat screen TV inside the restaurant for a party of one or two. There is an air conditioning unit in the window, but if it is turned off,

customers can expect it to be rather warm in the dining area since it is only a few steps away from the kitchen.

The employees are friendly and the service is prompt.

Prices range from roughly four to ten dollars and the menu is meant to satisfy both vegetarians and meat eaters.

For menu and contact information, visit www.seiramisgrill.com.

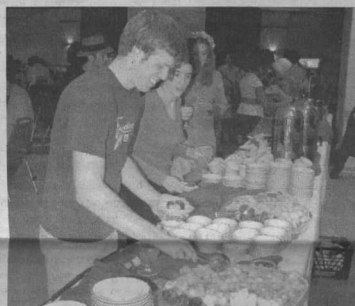
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Commentary

Movie Review:

Across the Universe is 'visually stunning, phenomenal, powerful'

By Christina Hinkle

If you're looking for a movie that is romantic, powerful, and visually stunning, then *Across the Universe* is a must-see. The film takes place during the Vietnam War and portrays a powerful tale of love, war, and life in the 1960s.

The movie tells the story of Jude, a young man who left Liverpool to come to America during the Vietnam War to find his father. He ends up living in New York's

Greenwich Village, where he falls in love with a woman named Lucy. Throughout the movie, the young couple discovers both the beauty of life and the harsh reality of war and struggle.

The film's soundtrack and character list were inspired by music of The Beatles, which may help the story establish a permanent place in history. While many of the movie's characters are named after people in songs by The Beatles, it is also their music that sets the mood throughout the film.

"I have always been a huge fan of The Beatles," said junior Katherine Stinchcomb, "but I have a much greater appreciation of their music, and the time period that it represents after seeing this movie."

Although the movie is a musical, the elaborate plot and powerful nature of the story make it very easy to follow and enjoy, even if you're not into musicals. Senior Alyssa Gagen said, "I've never really been into musicals, but you don't even realize that you're watching one."

"The story is so intriguing, that the music just kind of flows."

With a cast of mostly unknown actors/actresses, the plot of the story becomes more realistic and easier to relate to, and an appearance by U2's Bono helps demonstrate the musical significance of this film.

The movie takes an intense story line and combines it with fantastic music and very psychedelic imagery. If you've ever seen *Moulin Rouge*, this film is very much like that, in the sense that it is very vibrant and unique.

"The movie was breathtaking," said junior Amanda Gushard-Edwards. "The movie was so different, and the plot was enhanced by the uniqueness of the visual effects."

Whether you are into musicals, like music by The Beatles, enjoy spectacular graphics, or are just looking for an artsy movie with a great plot, *Across the Universe* is a phenomenal and powerful film that will leave you feeling "All You Need Is Love."



By Kathryn Young, Features Co-Editor

If you have any further questions or ideas for the column, please e-mail key001@mcmedianet.edu.

Understanding the anatomy ensures orgasm

The sensation can be described in many different ways: a pressure or tension with a sudden burst of release; an explosion; almost like a yawn. No matter how one describes it, however, an orgasm is something that everyone would like to experience.

Physically an orgasm can be summed up as the contraction of the uterus, vaginal walls, and anus all at the same time. Because it is difficult to try and put into words exactly what an orgasm feels like, many women wonder if they've ever actually had one. But when you have an orgasm you will know.

Masters and Johnson were the first to research the wonder of sex. With research, they discovered that there are four distinct phases which become prevalent during sex. In order to understand the difficulties of achieving orgasms, it is helpful to know how the body responds to sexual encounters according to reporter for a local college, Lauren Sontag.

Male and female bodies alike go through four phases: excitement, plateau, orgasm, and resolution. The excitement phase may occur as someone begins to kiss your neck allowing blood to rush to the pelvic

region, said Sontag. The vulva begins to swell with this blood while his body begins to react in the same manner as the penis enlarges.

His body begins to produce pre-cum, as her vagina becomes lubricated and widens. Together their nipples become erect while the heart rate increases and their muscles become tense.

At this stage, clothes sprawled on the floor, the plateau phase comes into play. Problems can sometimes arise during this second stage, Sontag said. The outer vaginal walls become swollen, as well, and his corona, the ridge of the penis, swells even further. The clitoris is raised and his testicles lift into his body.

According to Sontag and her research, it is at this point that sex becomes both physical and mental. As wonderful as the moment has become, it has also brought on a certain amount of overwhelming pressure. The problem usually occurs because the plateau stage is much longer for her than it is for him. Sontag points out that many women have a hard time turning off their brain and actually "tall themselves out of an orgasm."

Because of this, women become convinced that they are un-

Helpful Note Orgasms

It is completely normal to have trouble achieving an orgasm. However, it is important to know that physical conditions, such as diabetes and thyroid disorders, and even certain medications, can affect orgasms. Emotional factors such as guilt, nervousness, and body image can also make it difficult for a girl to achieve fulfillment during sexual activities.

able to have an orgasm, says Sontag, when in reality they need to relax and let their body take its own course. Once they get their mind back on track, sweat dripping and hearts pounding, the orgasm phase is let off by the release of sexual tension. The muscles within her vagina, anus, and uterus contract vibrations from head to toe despite whether the penis has released semen.

After the orgasm phase, the bodies return to their unexcited forms and begin the resolution phase. Their heart rates decrease. She may be able to achieve multiple orgasms but this does not pertain to him. Euphoria.



Make the seasonal transition—Fall into Fashion

By Michelle Menner

The autumn breeze whipped around my bare legs as I walked out of Blanche one early October morning. On my walk to class at Hill Hall my teeth began to chatter. A jean skirt and light cardigan sweater was not an appropriate outfit for this cool autumn morning.

For about a week my morning walks to class would be much similar to that particular chilly morning, and instead of continuing to freeze I finally decided to introduce my extensive fall wardrobe to my small dorm room closet.

Some of my favorite pieces for fall include a pair of black suede flats, an airy gray cardigan sweater with slightly blouson sleeves, and a great tweed jacket.

Now, what exactly should be included in any fashionable fall wardrobe? Here are some of my tips for looking your best this fall:

Wear a lightweight sweater;

a perfect addition to any collection. For those chilly mornings a sweater will warm things up a bit. A sweater dress is another perfect option.

Dress in layers. This is a logical solution for the unpredictable temperatures of the season.

Fall mornings start off cool but eventually by the afternoon the temperature is much warmer. Try wearing a little t-shirt underneath a fitted jacket.

Pick a pair of ballet flats. There are many options when it comes to flats, but a classic black, round-toe pair will go with almost any outfit. For a splash of color, buy a pair in daring green.

Buy something in gray. The big color for the season is gray, and whether you purchase an item of clothing or an accessory that is gray it doesn't matter. Just make sure something in your wardrobe is in a shade of gray.

So, put away the flip flops and tank tops from the summer and start shopping for fall.

This Day in History October 11, 2001

The Polaroid Corporation files for federal bankruptcy protection

By Christine Boynton, Commentary Co-Editor

A picture's worth a thousand words. If that's the case, it's a good thing I don't print out my digital pictures—with a ratio of one thousand to one, I'd be completely overwhelmed.

Fewer and fewer people I know use film-based cameras more often than digital. In fact, when I came across my old analog camera, long forgotten in a desk drawer, I had to dig through a layer of cassette tapes, floppy disks, and a *Mission: Impossible* VHS. Wow, remember when Tom Cruise was sane?

Though it's arguably easier to use, convenient to review pictures, and boasts impressive storage abilities, the age of digital cameras feels like the end of an era. I don't usually take the time to print out my pictures. Instead they get uploaded, and stored in a folder on my desktop. If they're lucky, a select few make their way into Facebook albums.

I have a bookshelf lined with photo albums, once chronicling major life events: summer camp, holidays and a long string of disastrous family vacations. They stop abruptly sometime in the late 90's, which is where my computer's photo folders pick up.

This isn't to say that scrapbooks and photo albums are totally a thing of the past. I do know several people who should be earning frequent flyer miles from Michaels. The scrapbooking sections normally need restocking after they return from vacation. The point is, we no longer need to print out those photos to showcase our memories.

As a young child, I remember flipping through the photo albums in our living room. My parents would show me pictures of the relatives I hadn't even met, pictures of me as an infant, and pictures that proved they had once been young victims of 80s fashion. Looking back on this, I feel a pang of sentimentality.

I once asked my mother what material possession she'd try to save, in the event of a house fire. She didn't even have to think—the photo albums. Well, cyberspace isn't in any immediate danger of going up in smoke, but will our Shutterfly, Snapfish, and DotPhoto albums be treasured possessions in the way the albums are for our parents?

In 20 ways, sitting in our own living rooms, will we be lovingly uploading photos from the past to show the next generation?

I know that it's up to me to quell this technological guilt. So maybe I'll make a conscious effort to print out a few pictures, possibly put together an album or two. It's time to start physically preserving memories of days gone by.

But for now, maybe I'll just put them on Facebook.

Fall Break provides a time to relax

The short break signifies a sigh of relief for many students

By Kate Delecnik

Step outside of your dorm or apartment and really take a look around campus. I mean it, really look. You'll find yourself in a sea of greens, oranges, reds, and yellows... because fall is here! Put away your sandals and pull out your Uggs.

The month of October not only marks a change in your wardrobe but also a time when McDaniel students as well as other college students around the country start to look forward to usually right after the first week of classes begin, and that my friends, is FALL BREAK.

Though only two days, fall break signifies a huge sigh of relief for many students. While some do choose to stay on campus for the break, the rest of us use those 48

hours to relax back home and catch up with family and friends. For many kids here it may even be the first time they get to return home since August. And let's be honest, nothing beats sleeping in your "own" bed.

If you do plan on going home for fall break there is one key component that really makes those days worth it — parents. When I get home I'll not only greet them with a big hug, but also a nice big basket of laundry and ask, "When can you take me to Wal-Mart?" Those two days off are like a right of passage to not do your laundry that week and save yourself probably at least \$4 in quarters as well as some detergent. Another thing we can take advantage of is a trip with parents to Wal-Mart or the mall. Fall break is the perfect time to restock on all the things you initially brought to school but have since ran out or used up. And hey, if your parents

Comic Corner

Fall Break

by Meg Christian



want to foot the bill, all the more power to them!

Fall break gives students a time to relax, to catch up, to enjoy some home-cooked meals, and to re-stock! Although very few of us will actually look forward to re-

turning to campus that Monday or Tuesday, we have to remember that the next thing we get to look forward to is Thanksgiving, and who doesn't look forward to a plate full of turkey?

Commentary

EAC seeing red over lack of green

By Christine Boynton, Commentator Co-Editor

If you're sick of breaking the plastic tongs of your fork with salad bar carrots, join the club, or perhaps the committee.



The EAC (Environmental Action Committee)

is taking a stand against the waste of paper products we've been witnessing in Glar. Currently we're using roughly \$5,000 in paper products—a month.

The culprit? A 25 year-old dishwasher in dire need of replacement.

"The amount of waste and Styrofoam" being produced by a broken dishwasher is atrocious," said Connor Rasmussen, EAC president.

According to his source, the college will need to shell out \$80,000 to replace the industrial strength dishwasher—a pretty hefty investment.

However, it's not so much the price that the EAC is concerned with but the environmental impact that the non-degradable polystyrene (more commonly known as Styrofoam) will have.

According to the Environmental Literacy Council, "Although paper accounts for most of the trash in landfills by volume, plastics account for 25% of all waste in landfills when buried."

The EAC would like to encourage students not to use as much plastic and polystyrene when eating meals in Glar. Do you really need an entire separate plate for that toasted bagel, or could it fit on the plate with your eggs and bacon? While deciding, consider this: "A single Styrofoam cup can take up to 500 years to fully disintegrate," according to a study cited by a New York Assembly environmental conservation bill.

In the past, McDaniel students have witnessed a few attempts at installing biodegradable plates, which briefly appeared in the Pub. However, after a few trials, the plates were found to melt straight through when used for hot food.

Other environmentally friendly options have been explored, but so far have proven far too expensive. One such solution found the cost of an individual fork rising from one cent to five cents.

In order to stop the waste of paper products, Rasmussen said, "Glar needs to be on washable, reusable dishware."

So far, the EAC has made signs advising students to use fewer paper products during meals. They plan to hang them above silverware bins in the cafeteria.

Their ultimate goal: "To have the campus policies be green policies," explained Rasmussen. "Students rallying against paper products could really make a difference."

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Keeping safety in mind

By Megan Hearron, LCSW-C, Counseling Services

McDaniel College and the surrounding town of Westminster, is a safe, close-knit community. The number of sexual assaults and other violent crimes reported here are low, especially when compared to more urban areas or larger campuses. However, recent reports that a sexual assault occurred off-campus this summer has opened many eyes to the fact that McDaniel is not immune to such incidents. Personal safety should always be a concern.

Statistically, students at any college campus are vulnerable to sexual assault. Keep this thought, as well as the following safety tips, in mind:

- Always use the buddy system! Don't attend parties alone, and always keep an eye out for the friends you came with. Be sure to leave with them, too.
- Don't walk around campus or in town alone, especially at night. Campus Safety is always available for an escort. Program their number (417-857-2202) in your cell phone for quick access.
- Don't keep residence hall doors propped open, and always lock the door to your room.
- Limit the amount of information you list on your Facebook or MySpace pages. Don't put personal information on any sites, such as your phone number, address, dorm, or birthday.
- If you choose to drink, do so responsibly and in moderation. Avoid binge drinking, drinking games, shots, and other high-risk types of drinking. Be sure that your friends do, too.
- Don't ever leave your drink unattended. Only have drinks you have poured yourself or those that are in factory-sealed bottles or cans.
- Follow your instincts. If a situation feels bad, it probably is. Get out of it.
- Remember that any lack of consent means there is NO consent. That includes someone who is unable to give their consent because they are intoxicated.
- Know that you have the right to set your sexual limits. Communicate these limits to your partner. It's a good idea to know what you want and don't want before you end up alone with someone.

The college has always been concerned about the issue of sexual assault on our campus. There are policies in place regarding this issue, and they are listed in your McDaniel College Handbook. If you, or someone you know, are assaulted, seek support and consider the resources available. RAs and Peer Mentors, Student Affairs (x2244), Counseling Services (x3305), Campus Safety (x2202), and Health Services (x2243) are all available on campus to help. Off-campus resources, such as Carroll County Rape Crisis Intervention Services (410-857-7322, 24-hour hotline), Carroll Hospital Center (410-848-3000), Carroll County Advocacy and Investigation Center (410-386-3640), and Westminster Police (410-848-4646) are able to provide additional services and support.

Football's back

Keating closes on 100 career wins

By Chris Ferrick-Manley

The Green Terror Football squad started 0-4 for the first time since 1996 before rebounding to win 14-10 vs. Juniata. The win was the 500th in the program's history.

It has been a difficult year for the team on many levels. Fifth year quarterback Brad Baer injured his ankle in practice before the September 22 loss to Dickinson. Senior Tom Wenrich has taken over the duties at QB since. The place-kicking game has been a weak spot for the team as well. Junior kicker Jay Leonard has made only two of his seven field goal tries according to the McDaniel College athletics web page.

A glaring weakness has been the inability of the team to score inside the red zone. They are scoring touchdowns only 48 percent of the time when moving the ball into the red zone and scoring points 57 percent. The Terror have been outscored in every quarter but the fourth, but many of those scores came when the other team had put the game out of reach.

There are positives however. The team leads the conference in total kickoff return yardage, according to the Centennial Conference's website. Freshman Juris Eyer leads the conference in kickoff return average; however, like Baer, he suffered an injury. Perhaps more importantly, is the emergence of sophomore running back Eric Zwilsky. After scoring only one touchdown last year, he has already scored nine this year and there is still half of a season to play.

Terror head coach Tim Keating could not be reached for comment. Keating needs four more wins to reach 100 career wins at McDaniel.

After their bye, the Terror travel to Muhlenberg during fall break before coming home to play Ursinus and Franklin & Marshall. The Terror currently have an 11 game winning streak vs. Muhlenberg. However, Muhlenberg is 4-0 and tied for the top spot in the conference this year.

Stats found on McDaniel and Centennial Conference websites.

NFL Picks:

Solid picks put guru back on track

Take the Eagles over the Jets this week, says McDaniel Guru

By Garrett Eagan, McDaniel Guru

After a rebound from a disappointing Week 2 with a 13-3 record in Week 3, the Guru made some solid picks to get back on track. Picks such as Tampa Bay over St. Louis and Baltimore over Arizona really helped my stats. However, the biggest pick was Green Bay over San Diego. You can never count out Brett Favre, especially on what I think is his final tour in the NFL.

In Week 4, my record again dropped with a finishing tally of 10-5, 6-5 in the published picks. Week 6 hopefully will be more of the same. Here are my picks:

Bears 24 Vikings 10: Give Brian Griese credit, he is a more experienced QB than Grossman. He is the key to the Bears success right now. The Bears defense should make quick work of Adrian

Peterson and their offense. Take the Bears at home.

Redskins 16 Packers 13: Both Green Bay and Washington are sleeper teams this season. Washington had a fluke Week 3 loss against the Giants, and is looking sound on offense. Their defense is what scares me. With Favre playing like he is, it will be a close game. Take the Redskins.

Bengals 31 Chiefs 17: Even though the Bengals record shows a mediocre start, the Bengals have played well so far. Going into Week 4, the Bengals average point margin in lost game was 4.5. They just mainly need to make that final push in the 4th quarter. Take the Bengals to handle the Chiefs.

Ravens 23 Rams 20: This game solely rides on two players: Steven Jackson and Ravens QB, whoever it is this week. Steven Jackson has been a total let down so far this season for the Rams, so running against a Raven's defense won't help things. Take the Ravens to edge it out. Again.

San Diego 28 Raiders 17: JaMarcus Russell or no JaMarcus Russell, the Raiders need more than just one #1 pick to win games, especially against the shaky Chargers. Take the Chargers.

Patriots 31 Dallas 17: It doesn't take a guru to pick this one. The Cowboys are strong this season, but Tony Romo doesn't stand a chance against the New England defense. Even though Dallas has a good chance, it won't take much for the Pats to CHEAT death.

Giants 20 Atlanta 10: Eli Manning has looked good since Week 1, even with the record that the Giants have. Take the G-Men over the Dirty Birds in this one.

PICK OF THE WEEK
Eagles 17 Jets 13: Both the Eagles and the Jets have had mediocre starts so far. Even after putting up 56 pts in Week 3, it was against the Lions. Either way, Mangini won't be able to out coach this one. Take the Eagles to W-1-N.

Terror hockey looking forward

Team has talent, spirit, intensity, and blend of seasoned and new players

By Alyssa Romasco

As the number three seed for the past three years, the Green Terror field hockey team is determined to make the next step.

"We focus on attainable goals. The girls know we need to kick it up a notch this year, and, that first weekend in November, win the semi-final game and play in the finals Sunday afternoon," said head coach Melissa Miranda.

The season began with a rigorous preseason schedule that worked the team hard. With a schedule that includes six nationally ranked teams, Miranda and her assistant coaches designed workouts to prepare the girls for the intensity of the season ahead. The first six games of the season included four of the ranked teams.

Miranda is confident in her players' skills.

"We've got the girls we need to win. From the defense, to the mid-field, to the attack, we have a solid team all around," Miranda said, adding, "We have very versatile players, a huge difference from last season."

Miranda hopes to develop her younger players with the fun-

damentals needed for the college game. She expects her upperclassmen to lead as a group, providing as examples for the freshmen and sophomores, and maintain the competitiveness of the program.

Over the summer, the head

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~ Melissa Miranda

field hockey coach from the University of Maryland ran a camp at McDaniel for high school teams. Girls from McDaniel's field hockey team, along with players from the University of Maryland's field hockey team, provided high school players with knowledge and critique. Miranda attributes much of her players' success from having to transfer their knowledge of the game to the younger players. The

girls had to self-fix themselves in order to teach and coach.

Not only guided by their athletic skills and knowledge of the game, the girls benefit from strong team chemistry.

"Our team is incredibly close; we are best friends on and off the field. The freshmen are really stepping up and fitting in so well with the returning players. It's not easy being a freshman on any team, but our girls are great," said senior Kelly Waterman.

The team is led by senior, Lee Oliver, a two sport athlete (field hockey and lacrosse), and goal keeper, junior Erica Wawzyanick.

According to Miranda, the girls complement each other with their different leadership styles.

"Lee pushes the girls to do their best with intensity, and Erica looks out for the girls, maintaining a strong team unity," Miranda said. "There is natural leadership this year; we really trust our captains."

The Green Terror field hockey team appears to have a good foundation that has led to early season success on and off the field. The girls travel to Ursinus for their next game, October 13, at 1 p.m.

Women's soccer: New players bring toughness

By Jeff Davis

The McDaniel women's soccer team is moving in the right direction. Off to a slow start, the team is looking to regain some momentum after their recent 5-0 win against Notre Dame of Maryland.

Excited for the last stretch of the season, all seven games are conference games. With three of the games at home and four on the road, the team is eager to be on familiar territory. With a 1-2 conference record, they match up well against most of their remaining opponents. Looking to seniors Kelly Neale, Megan Flannery, and Sarah Wallace for leadership, first year head coach Bryan Shumaker is "excited about the growth of the entire team, especially with the trainings being so positive."

In addition to the experienced players, this team also possesses some young players who bring a great deal of toughness and determination to the team. Freshmen like Lisa Jurd, Tia Scott, and Kelly Scheler are "continually energetic, and have made the last six matches extremely competitive," Coach Shumaker said.

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Another key player is Britany Baer. Academically, she is listed as a sophomore yet sports-wise she is a freshman with four years of college eligibility remaining, transferring to McDaniel this year. With two assists and a team leading seven goals, look for her to continue giving opponent goals trouble as the team heads into the final stretch.

As the season head to a close, Shumaker and the rest of the team are looking to go out with a bang. With upcoming home games against Franklin and Marshall, Gettysburg, and Haverford on October 6, 17, and 27 respectively, look to support our ladies out on the field.



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Alumni love coming "home"

By Greg Pfeiffer

What does homecoming mean to returning students? Class of 2007 alumnus Pat O'Toole captures it nicely:

"Coming back, you have a greater appreciation for the relationships you had here and the people you met. Being out in the real world can get lonely, so it's nice to come back and realize how many relationships you have."

Rob Goeke, another 2007 alumnus added, "Homecoming is always about the alumni getting together. It is made by the people, not the school."

O'Toole and Goeke were just two of many individuals returning to the Hill to experience this year's homecoming festivities. It was feared that wet weather may dampen the experience, but with the clearing sky came a beautiful day for students and families alike to enjoy the tradition.

The stadium and surrounding areas were in full swing with activity, as groups set up tents and chairs to relax and spend time with friends. From a glance, it felt like a pre-concert parking lot: music freely flowing, the smell of barbecue, vendors selling t-shirts, food and other items. Walking through it all provided a sense of belonging and togetherness that only this kind of experience could offer.

Most attention centered on the football game, in which our Green Terror hosted the Franklin



Members of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity ride a float down Main Street on their way to Bair Stadium. The theme for this year was "140 Years and still rushing Green and Gold."

& Marshall Diplomats. Before the contest began, the bleachers slowly filled to near capacity until kick-off, when it was clear that support for the McDaniel squad was high. This year held special significance for the football program, as it marked the 10-year anniversary of the 1997 Western Maryland team that went undefeated en route to the school's first Centennial Conference Championship.

During halftime at Saturday's game, the college honored over 30 individuals from that group for their impressive achievements. The current team needed inspiration to reach that type of success, but they played a well-fought game de-

spite suffering a tough 24-17 overtime loss. Still, the fans appreciated the close contest, and it provided an excellent chance for friends new and old to come together.

Freshman Courtney Hitchcock said, "I like hanging out with my all my friends and it's definitely the best football game I've been to so far."

There was plenty to do and see outside the game as well. Kids enjoyed receiving all kinds of balloons, former students of all ages stopped by the designated alumni tent, and current students relished in the company of their closest friends and loved ones. Some people resurrected their own

college traditions, as evidenced by an individual seen with a cigar on the caboose.

Matt Burger, a class of 2001 graduate, explained how "at the beginning and end of every semester, my friends and I would get on top of the caboose and smoke cigars." Unfortunately, it seems they didn't quite get the memo, but it was a good attempt nonetheless. "One would be here, but it's his dad's 50th birthday" he explains, adding that "others thought it would be raining."

In addition to this, the area near the caboose served as the spot

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Wrestling recruit found intoxicated

Non-student minor taken to hospital for alcohol poisoning

By Ryan Chell, Sports Editor

On the night of Friday, October 19, a party in an off-campus dorm was interrupted by Campus Safety, in which one of the people solicited was a non-student wrestling recruit.

In McDaniel's campus safety blotter, the incident was recorded in the form of several sanctions, including: Alcohol Furnishing to a Minor, Hard Liquor, Multi-Liter Container, Possession under 21, and Providing False Information.

Apparently, the recruit had to

be removed from campus to a nearby hospital, which is recorded on the blotter with the words "Medical Incident." At this time, the recruit's name and status are unknown.

Sports Information Director Luke Stillson confirmed the incident to the *Free Press*, but did not know any more information about the act. The recruit may have broken more laws than just underage drinking laws; there are specific rules on how long and when recruits can stay on campus.

The NCAA has a list of rules of regulations for student athletes, as well. The 2007 Rules and Interpretations List says, "It is the respon-

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Pulitzer Prize winners, Stern, Kammer, share techniques for toppling congressman

By Juliann Guffire

"Dad, are these guys famous?" Terry Dalton's 10-year-old son, Andrew, asked him when he heard that two Pulitzer Prize winners were coming to McDaniel.

"No," said English professor Dalton, "but they should be."

Dalton was speaking of Jerry Kammer and Marc Stern of the Copley News Service in Washington, whose hard investigating uncovered one of the largest scandals ever involving a U.S. congressman and revealed a corruption in the system that many never knew existed.

Their tireless work made former US Congressman Randy

"Duke" Cunningham finally admit that he had accepted more than \$2.4 million in bribes between 2000 and 2005 from various defense contractors who used the government to enrich themselves.

Last Thursday Kammer and Stern spoke with students and faculty about their riveting and inspiring story.

"Let's have fun,"

These were Stern's opening words: inviting those in the audience to not only ask questions, but interact with himself and Kammer. They then began describing Stern's undying curiosity on the character of this corrupt congressman, describing it as Shakespearean in nature.

"A man achieves greatness and then a tragic flaw leads to his downfall," said Kammer.

Cunningham was an ace fighter pilot during the Vietnam war, and became a national hero after shooting a total of five North Vietnamese MiGs. However, when he was told he was going to be awarded a Navy Cross, the highest honor for a pilot, he said that he was holding out for the Congressional Medal of Honor, an honor often given to the next of kin.

"Cunningham already had a flawed character," said Stern, "and the culture of Washington warps people."

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News

Hospitalized EAC 'recycles 4 charity,' pushes for green campus

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sibility of all wrestlers to conduct themselves in such a way as to reflect credit upon their institutions, the sport, and themselves."

Several wrestlers responded to emails by saying they did not know of the incident or that the coach would be the person to talk to. Coach Davey Blake, in his first season as the Terror wrestling coach, was not able to be reached.

At press time, Free Press reporters learned that three students and three non-student recruits (for a sport not identified) were documented for violating the college's alcohol policy. Two of the non-students also provided false information and did not comply with campus officers.

By Ryan Hickey

There are a rare few people who strive to somehow help out the community we live in and work to make our world a better place. This involves buying a hybrid car, planting a tree in your backyard or even just recycling aluminum and plastic before mindlessly throwing it away. Some people even shave, brush their teeth, pee, and shower all at the same time—it's all going to the same place, right?

One McDaniel student is a huge advocate for many of these things. Senior Connor Rasmussen is always on the prowl looking for ways to help improve McDaniel's campus and its environmental policies. Rasmussen, who is the presi-

dent of the Environmental Action Club (EAC), has been involved in projects on campus since he was a freshman and is always trying to get others involved.

"If we can educate about how much good we can all do, I really believe a change can happen," said Rasmussen.

Recently the EAC began a new campaign for this school year where they posted flyers all over the campus bathrooms educating people on recycling and "What's in America's Trash." "Bathroom Talk" as its titled goes over some of the basic everyday things people can recycle and where on campus that can be done.

Another much bigger project that Rasmussen has been heading

up is the "Cartridge for Charity" campaign, a project that Rasmussen picked up from his predecessor, Meghan Ambra. For this project Rasmussen collects printer ink and toner cartridges from all over campus and then sends them to a not for profit recycling company which is located in Valencia, California (recycling4charity.com).

"Some cartridges can be up to eight bucks a cartridge; it can make a huge difference," said Rasmussen.

This company then recycles the cartridges and the money made is then given to various well-known charities. Some charities include "Food for Hunger," Habitat for Humanity, and the Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation.

"I find it [recycling4charity.com] to be one of the stronger programs out there. By participating with them not only do I get to recycle but they also make an excellent donation to organizations that really need the help," said Rasmussen.

"The EAC will be heading up its 'Earth Week' soon after fall break. They will be advocating for better environmental policies on campus and beyond."

In regards to "Earth Week," Rasmussen said, "We'll be pushing for how people can begin recycling easier and where on campus. We want to make things more 'Green' here on campus."

The Lighter Side of the Campus Safety Blotter

Golf cart heist, masturbation in quiet places – where's the lighter side of all this?

By Becky Snider, Blotter Reporter

Editor's Note: This weekly piece highlights some of the more inane calls and incidents to which campus safety responds.

Well, here we go again. Speaking of again—golf carts. Yes, you heard right; more mishaps with the golf carts on campus. This time someone decided it would be a good idea to push the golf cart used by Conference Services down into the embankment near the Garden Apartments.

Luckily the "unauthorized use" of the golf cart was stopped by a chain link fence or Campus Safety would have stumbled upon one heck of a mess. The chain link fence prevented the golf cart from careening into a crane.

Come on people, don't you have better things to do than push defenseless golf carts down embankments at 1 a.m.? You've moved far from the typical fire extinguisher fun.

Fire seemed to be a common theme on campus for the month of October. The term "malicious burning" should raise a few questions about what people do to keep themselves entertained.

On October 12, Campus Safety reported finding a plastic bottle with what appeared to have "flammable liquid" inside of it. According to a DoCs official, it had the odor of a flammable substance with a wooden stick coming out of it. It might have been a "molotov cocktail," though it is hard to tell if it was intentional or not.

You have to love the creativity though. There were the ever common false alarms due to cooking in campus housing. Ah, you got to love those false fire alarms. At least this one occurred just after 1 p.m. instead of 1 a.m.

The alcohol consumption level that was found on campus seemed to return full force this month. Figures right? Midterms are over. Multiple policy violations were reported on the night of October 8.

Apparently several men were reported for unauthorized entry of a dorm, drunk and disorderly conduct, violation of quiet hours, and underage possession of alcohol. The men seemed to be on a search or hunt for something. Hey, I guess that's just the thing to do after you've downed a couple of beers.

Perhaps this recent increase in alcohol consumption on campus is to blame for unwanted kisses (Whiteford Hall, Oct. 17 report) and vehicle damage by what appears to be a key (Gym parking lot, Oct. 22). Though I suppose there are better things to do with your time, like masturbating in a computer lab (Hoover Library, Oct. 17).

According to the campus blotter, a student who does not attend McDaniel, was removed from campus after he was discovered

masturbating in a computer lab. He was not arrested; charges for lewd and indecent conduct are pending. Campus Safety couldn't charge him with indecent exposure since he had the decency of at least reaching down his pants.

Creepy or what? There are locks on doors for a reason people; no one wants to see that!

On a final note, another missing student ordeal worked its way into the system again. This time, however, the student was discovered at home with their parents. Yes, because students that go home are somehow automatically termed "missing" by worried roommates and vigilant officials. I guess it should now be assumed that if students leave campus for more than an hour or two, they are indeed "missing."

All in all, the campus is certainly no longer missing an abundance of alcohol related incidents. The campus is as fiery as ever and well, we just can't seem to stop getting involved with golf carts.

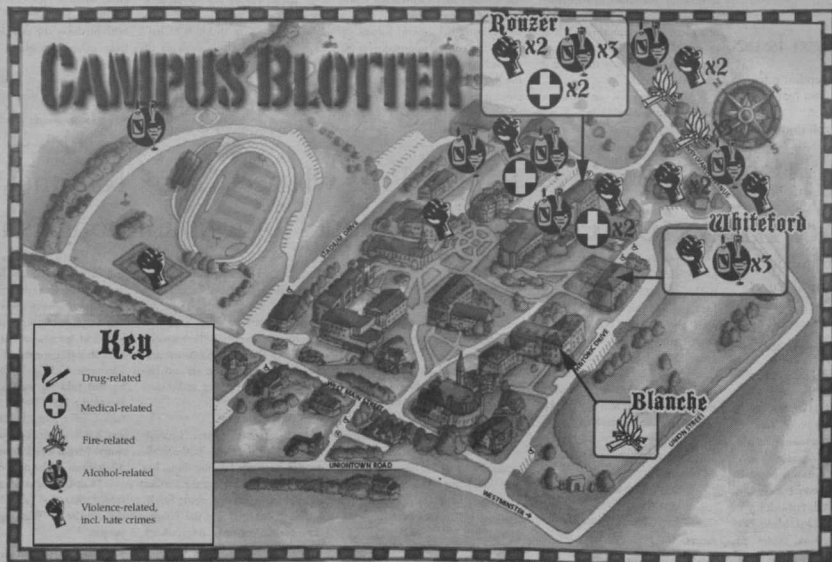
Worth the wait

Typically, I file my Lighter Side column the Friday before editors put the paper together for publication. For this issue we all agreed to wait a little longer to see if there was more fodder from the blotter. It was worth the wait.

Homecoming highlights include many vehicle and alcohol related incidents, according to DoCs reports. One student drove at reckless speeds in the parking lot near the old tennis courts, and then failed to comply when stopped by officers. In the ANW parking lot, officers followed a student who almost plowed into a marked patrol car. Better get going.

That student was intoxicated and ultimately arrested by Westminster City Police. A different student was taken to the health center after drinking too much and three students partying with three non-student recruits were cited for alcohol violations. Trying to make up for last month's dry spell?

Patrol car tires were slashed near North Village -- and, again, you wonder why insurance rates are so high. And there you have Homecoming highlights. Worth the wait!



Kammer, Stern share investigative techniques

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Despite the horrible actions of this crooked congressman, Stern stressed that this is not just about a flawed individual, but about "a flawed system, designed for corruption"—the earmark system. Each representative is given millions of dollars each year to devote to "special projects." It is this bigger issue that Stern and Kammer wish to alert people to.

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"What's really scandalous in Washington is what congress allows to be legal, but the system almost forces them into it because they have to raise money for their campaigns," said Kammer.

Despite their great achievements, both Stern and Kammer

have serious doubts about the future of print journalism. Stern does not think that papers will still be around in ten years and Kammer points out that young people aren't buying newspapers and circulation is drastically falling.

With this in mind Kammer encourages students to "start at a small paper and travel to a completely different part of the country...widen your perspective as an American and as a reporter."

Freshman Lauren Goldberg found the lecture so intriguing because she had learned about earmarks in her high school government class and thought it "would be cool to learn how to uncover that."

Sophomore Sara Groveman said that the lecture "gave a lot of insight into what is going on behind closed doors."

Stern and Kammer have spoken at various places about their inspirational story with more to come in the following month. And of course, they will still continue to investigate this story and the deep corruptions of Congress.



Kammer (left) and Stern (right) released a book detailing their investigative reporting into the life of the "most corrupt congressman ever caught" titled, *The Wrong Stuff*. A documentary about the pair aired on PBS. It can be seen online at pbs.org/expose.

The pair visited students in class and met with the *Free Press* staff before dinner at the President's House.

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Number of cases decrease: College continues to step up fight against resistant staph infection that kills people nationwide

By Melanie Chupelin, Co-Editor in Chief

Help us combat MRSA!!! Before signing in Please sanitize your hands by washing them with liquid hand gel found on the wall by waiting room door.

McDaniel College students signing into Student Health Services are left with little doubt about whether nationwide concerns about staph infections have reached the college community.

Warning signs and increased efforts to keep parts of the campus clean leave little doubt that concern is here. In fact, administrators have had an eye on staph infections for more than a year, according to Joan Lusby, Clinician and Certified Physician's Assistant.

And since they have stepped up their efforts, staph infections have actually declined at McDaniel College.

"We had many more infections last year. This year we have seen a dramatic decrease because of the measures we put in place," said Lusby.

Lusby suspects that the decrease from 70 cases of staph infections last year to only 10 cases this year is due to stronger awareness of proper hygiene and ways to prevent cross contamination.

"We were already putting in measures to combat MRSA before it hit the newspaper," said Lusby. Community-associated methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) occurred in Carroll County, with reports of 13 staph infections in the public school system since the start of the academic term, according to the Carroll County Times.

"While most athletes may

not realize it, staph is contained in everyone's body and all it takes is a small trigger to activate the germ and infect a person with MRSA," Carroll County Times also reported.

According to a study reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association, "more than 90,000 people get potentially deadly infections each year from 'superbug' staph infections that are resistant to antibiotics."

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Colleges in the area join McDaniel's efforts to keep students and other members of their college community informed.

"As with all health issues that concern our students, Carroll Community College and the Carroll County Health Department are working closely on this issue," Faye Pappalardo, Ed.D., President of Carroll Community College, wrote in an email to the college community. "The College is following the guidelines given to them from the State and Local Health Department."

She advised that everyone follow precautions in order to be protective regarding your health

and the health of your family" by washing hands frequently, not sharing personal items, showering daily, washing clothes and bedding, properly cleaning and covering wounds or cuts, not coming into contact with another person's wounds, and reporting any suspicious skin lesions.

Freshman Ben Sapp is "not particularly afraid of" MRSA. Like Pappalardo, he emphasizes the importance of practicing good hygiene.

"As long as everyone keeps good hygiene for themselves, it won't be a major problem," Sapp said. "General cleanliness is polite and generally good manners."

McDaniel College administrators have taken precautions at the college fitness center by having special units of Purell and treated towels to wipe down the equipment, according to Building Services Coordinator, Melvin Whelan.

There are also fresh towels provided that are washed regularly. The showers, toilets, and sinks are treated with the same chemical as in hospitals.

"Use a towel to wipe your equipment off [and] wash your hands," Whelan advised.

Lusby wants to remind students that staph lives in a portion of your nose, and as long as it stays there, no harm happens. However, if the staph finds its way into an open wound, an infection occurs. She likens the effect of MRSA to a urinary tract infection.

"Ecoli lives in the bowel. When it moves to the front [you get an] urinary tract infection," Lusby said.

Lusby added that students should be aware of the consequences of some of their behaviors.

The MRSA Basics From the CDC online

What is MRSA (methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*)? Some staph bacteria are resistant to antibiotics. MRSA is a type of staph that is resistant to antibiotics called beta-lactams. Beta-lactam antibiotics include methicillin and other more common antibiotics such as oxacillin, penicillin and amoxicillin. While 25% to 30% of the population is colonized with staph, approximately 1% is colonized with MRSA.

What does a staph infection look like?

Staph bacteria, including MRSA, can cause skin infections that may look like a pimple or boil and can be red, swollen, painful, or have pus or other drainage. More serious infections may cause pneumonia, bloodstream infections, or surgical wound infections.

Are certain people at increased risk for community-associated staph or MRSA infections?

Factors that have been associated with the spread of MRSA skin infections include: close skin-to-skin contact, openings in the skin such as cuts or abrasions, contaminated items and surfaces, crowded living conditions, and poor hygiene.

How can I prevent getting or spreading staph or MRSA skin infections?

Practice good hygiene: 1) Keep your hands clean by washing thoroughly with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. 2) Keep cuts and scrapes clean and covered with a bandage until healed. 3) Avoid contact with other people's wounds or bandages. 4) Avoid sharing personal items such as towels or razors.

Two trends, shaving genitals and body piercing, puncture the skin, leaving holes that are susceptible to infection.

"All this shaving takes away the protection of the hair. You open up the pores," Lusby said. "God gave us the hair for a reason. It's there to protect us."

Maryann Nalavanko, office manager for Student Health Services, contracted a staph infection through a cut in her elbow that lasted for an entire month. During that time she had to see her doc-

tor eight times. She was put on two different antibiotics.

"I can tell you it's no fun," Nalavanko said.

Nalavanko is not sure where she contracted MRSA but she has her suspicions.

"I'm assuming I got it here but you can get it anywhere," Nalavanko said. "It's invisible, and it doesn't die."

Additional reporting contributed by Michelle Menner.

Features

German American Day draws 25 schools

The 13th annual event hosted by Dr. Mohamed Esa and McDaniel College is still going strong

By Laura Hutton, News Co-Editor

On Tuesday, October 16, McDaniel College hosted its 13th annual German American Day (GAD). Established in 1995 by Dr. Mohamed Esa, GAD has played an important role in expanding German culture.

After becoming a full time professor at McDaniel College in 1994, Esa wanted to improve the small German program at McDaniel and the weak programs in surrounding high schools. Strengthening the German programs at the high school level directly affects the interest in the language at the col-

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~ Dr. Mohamed Esa

lege level.

"The idea was to build bridges between college and high school," explained Esa. "It does not matter what language, but there should be no disconnect between high school and college."

With 25 schools in attendance,



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including two middle schools and one German high school, the campus was full of hundreds of high school students eager to learn. "German class is one of my favorite classes," said sophomore Kerrie Uthoff from Mt. Hebron High School. "So, I figured German American Day would be fun."

That is Esa's goal, to create an atmosphere that is fun for the students while they expand their German knowledge. "It is more than a day off because they really want to be there," added Esa.

Students participating in GAD were able to pick a workshop to attend. The objective was



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Dr. Mohamed Esa (top right) welcomes students and chaperones from 25 schools across the state. Throughout the day students immersed themselves in German culture by learning folk dances (top left), and participating in a variety of workshops (center). "The idea was to build bridges between college and high school," Esa said.

to be informative and to keep the students' attention through the incorporation of interesting topics. The topics ranged from making gingerbread and marzipan, to learning German folk dances, and even listening to the story of Holocaust survivor, Mr. Rubin Sztajer.

After the workshops that lasted 60-90 minutes, students were able to enjoy a traditional German meal before watching German music videos and watching folk dances in Alumni Hall.

"[It is] wonderful to see so many students from different counties take time to learn about

different cultures," added Superintendent of Carroll County Public Schools and Western Maryland College alumnus, Dr. Charles I. Ecker.

GAD is a successful tradition that Esa wishes to continue for many years. He hopes to keep the attendance high and wants everyone to learn about German culture. "I believe in it. We are unique and there is nothing like it in the world," said Esa. "I am very proud of our German American Day. It belongs to everyone."

Clubrooms are now open until 1 a.m. and take place in Forum

By Christina Hinkle

For years now, clubrooms have been a tradition on the Hill. Whether they were hosted by Greek organizations, the Black Student Union, or other groups, they turn out a fantastic crowd of energetic students looking to have a good time.

In the past year, changes have been made to this long-standing tradition. Several groups, including three Greek organizations, had clubrooms in the basement of Blanche, where students could go to dance and hang out with friends. After the college stopped allowing these clubrooms in Blanche as a way to stabilize the building's foundation, the memories were left behind as well, and club rooms are now held in the college's forum.

Senior Alyssa Gagen says that clubrooms are "never going to be the same." Although the forum is still a great place to get together, there was something about the

clubrooms that was so unique.

"It's impossible to explain," she continued.

Mitch Alexander of College Activities had mixed feelings about the new location of clubrooms. He explained that a benefit to having clubrooms in the forum is the size of the space, which is more accommodating to larger groups of students. However he also said that the new location "loses the homely side of clubrooms," that the original Blanche clubrooms provided.

While many students are also torn, another concern that has been recently addressed is the fact that in past years, it wasn't uncommon for clubrooms to remain open until 2 a.m., whereas now it seems they have all been ending at 1 a.m.

Mitch Alexander has said that there are no real standards to what time clubrooms have to be over, and that it is a "case to case" decision that they make according to

the function.

"Clubrooms are my single favorite event on campus," said junior Amanda Gushard-Edwards. She goes on to explain that it's "just not the same as it used to be."

Regardless of the location, the energy is still there from all of the students, who would rather have clubrooms in the forum than not at all.

Although this seems to be the general feelings amongst many students, it is not just the students that enjoy these events. Mike Webster, Director of Campus Safety, said that clubrooms are "generally a good idea," and continued to offer Campus Safety's support of clubrooms. He believes that they help "keep vandalism down."

Although the atmosphere of clubrooms has recently been altered, the tradition will remain the same: an energetic group of students looking to have a good time.

Let them use the soap

New dispensers installed in two dorms

By Michelle Menner

More than 200 soap dispensers, hand dryers, and paper towel holders are to be installed around campus in all administrative buildings and in select residence halls.

The college invested approximately \$25,000 for the project.

At the end of July, the bathroom utilities arrived at McDaniel and most have sat in storage inside the main housekeeping closet near Harlow Pool for the past three months.

The estimated time frame for the completion of the project is yet to be determined. In light of the recent spa infection scare the urgency to speed up the installation process is necessary.

For some facilities the new bathroom amenities include motion sensor soap dispensers and paper towel holders. While other buildings will have pump soap dispensers and hand dryers.

There will be two types of soap used: a Purell brand soap in the motion sensor dispensers and a pink lotion soap in the pump dis-

pensers.

In the long run the college will save money on the Purell soap," said Melvin Whelan, Building Services Coordinator. Not only will the college save on the Purell soap, but also the paper towels. The motion sensor dispensers will diminish the need for people to waste the products. Patrons will receive just the right amount of soap and one paper towel.

Residence halls Whiteford and Rouzer already have new pump soap dispensers and hand dryers. According to Whelan, fourth floor Rouzer students have already received the soap dispensers off the wall.

There have been requests for McDaniel and Albert Norman Ward residence halls to receive the bathroom amenities.

"Personally I don't think it's fair to put soap dispensers in two of the dorms and not in the rest rest," said sophomore Liz Brown, an RA.

Lightner releases lengthy book about college's history

Fearless and Bold captures 140 years of stories

By Geoff Peckham,
News Co-Editor

The slogan for McDaniel College reads, "Changing Lives since 1867." Dr. James Lightner has been working on a way to make those 140 years of stories and history available to the public.

Fearless and Bold, McDaniel's first complete historical account was released this past homecoming weekend. Lightner, class of 1959, former mathematics professor, and current college historian, has been working on the book since 2000.

"I felt for a long time the college needed a definitive history," Lightner said. He mentioned the short one that had been published in the 1940's, and another published in the 1970's that only chronicled up to 1947. Students and faculty alike had always asked Lightner questions regarding the history of the college, and after retiring in 1998, he decided to undertake the challenge.

Lightner explored the college archives leisurely for a few years before beginning to research and write the book. Among the materials he used to do his research

were minutes of Board of Trustee meetings, faculty meetings, past issues of newspapers and magazines, presidential papers, and even the diaries of the college's first president, J.T. Ward.

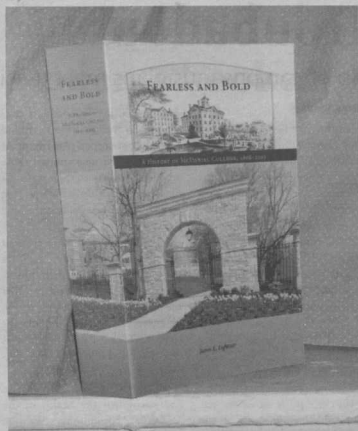
"It's an interesting story of how a fledgling institution founded in 1867 kept on going," Lightner said. "The book is full of insights on how we got to where we are today."

The chapters of the book are split by decade, with sections on faculty and administration, finances, buildings and grounds, curriculum, special events, and student life, including athletics. Lightner felt it was important to include a historical context for the rest of the world; each chapter ends with a year-by-year list of world events for the decade.

In addition, Lightner also conducted 37 interviews with alumni of the college, one of whom was from the class of 1923 who had celebrated her 100th birthday.

Lightner is particularly drawn to the unique stories the college has to offer. For instance: how Western Maryland College's once elite football team had a chance to play in the first Orange Bowl but chose not to. Or how 1910 graduate Robert J. Gill not only went on to serve under Gen. Douglas MacArthur during WWII, but would be an executive officer for the Nuremberg Trials and would acquire war criminal Hermann Goering's war medals. Those medals are in the college's archives today.

"That's the fascinating part of history," Lightner said, referring to the little-known connections that exist between McDaniel and the rest of the world. He hopes the book will become a major reference point for anyone hoping to learn more about McDaniel's background. He said that alumni will be particularly interested, and he hopes that current students will pick up the book as well, which is



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available in the college bookstore.

The overall theme of the book is how the college has overcome so many obstacles ever since its inception. "It's an interesting story of how a fledgling institution founded in 1867 kept on going," Lightner said. "The book is full of insights on how we got to where we are today."



JSU house is 'house of learning' for people of all faiths

House is first in college's history

By Roxanne Fleischer

Only 2 of the 11 students living in the Jewish Student Union house on Pennsylvania Avenue are Jewish.

Despite these figures, president of the JSU, junior Zach Lubell is positive about the situation. "Our house is a house of learning," he said. "The biggest accomplishment of the JSU last year was getting the affinity housing. This is the first time in McDaniel College history there has been a Jewish Student Union house."

While the house has a small minority of Jewish students, all of the members of the house participate in organizing and running the events that the JSU puts on. Rachael Diamond, a sophomore and non-Jewish member of the house said, "Even those who aren't Jewish in the house have participated in events. Now even Ben [Cockshott] is on the council, but he isn't Jewish; [he] only lives in the house."

The main benefit of the JSU having a house is that it provides a great location for events. There is also a kosher-style kitchen, which offers foods that Glatz cannot. "The Jewish aspects of the house aren't beneficial to me, but it's interesting to learn about Jewish culture," Diamond said.

Also for the first time in McDaniel College history, the JSU

had a tent at Homecoming on Saturday. They will be selling Israeli and Mediterranean style foods. "[Having a tent] is a big deal for us, it is a big statement to the McDaniel community that we are a growing organization," Lubell says.

In recent years, the JSU has been under reconstruction after it struggled with what Lubell called, "a collapse from within." But the union has been reviving, starting with the creation of a seven person council—the council of command—which divides up the responsibilities.

"Before Zach [Lubell] took over, the JSU's main event was at Passover, and that was basically it" says sophomore Naomi Raphael, vice president of the JSU. "Zach initiated the change; he got things

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back in motion by talking to the Administration and the Student Council."

Still, the members know that the reconstruction will take time. The council is focusing on "setting up the foundation, so that when new people take over, they will have something to work off of," Lubell said. "The first of anything is always going to be a little rocky, but we've had a lot of success."

The JSU has hosted a gathering for Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, serving apples and honey and offering a small explanation. Also, for Sukkot, the festival of the harvest, 15 to 20 students, in addition to the members of the JSU house, turned up to build a hut in the backyard and participate in a small ceremony and explanation that followed.

Upcoming plans include hosting monthly Shabbat dinners, where traditional Shabbat foods will be served, and traditional prayers will be said.

Keeping the JSU growing is the main goal for the time, as well as making themselves known to the McDaniel College community. "We want Jews on campus to feel comfortable being Jewish," says Raphael, "and to know that there's a support for them."

Luminaries

Alcohol Awareness



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Above, Phi Sig sisters set up luminaries in Red Square. The event, co-sponsored by Phi Sigma Sigma sorority was part of alcohol awareness week. Below, the luminaries burned well into the evening. AH & MH



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Features

Troubadours

Trio of campus musicians meet outside, inside--wherever they can make music

By Greg Pfeiffer

Mother Nature has acted a bit out of character this fall. Instead of handing us the brisk, cool days that we expect during September and October, she generously provided an extension to the warmer weather as August came to a close. An Indian summer, if you will, allowed students to spend more time outside enjoying the mild temperatures instead of digging through the closet for sweaters and jackets. A particular group of individuals are connected to this concept, but not in the meteorological sense. You may have seen them around campus, or more likely heard them.

The group in question has received the loving name of "Troubadours" and has caught the attention of many students in passing. Comprised primarily of Eric Wilkos, Keith Adams, and Henry

Amankwah, the Troubadours congregate in various spots around campus to write and play music. At first they seem unassuming; those who have never seen them are most likely imagining three guys playing acoustic guitars, joyfully expressing their creativity. While this is partially true, they possess an element that radiates originality. The sitar plays a chief role in their music, giving it a Middle-Eastern flair that provides for an interesting listen. It's more like "India Summer," for lack of a better term. The group is very dedicated to their craft, as evidenced by what Adams has to say.

"Our big goal is to maintain and strengthen the health of the McDaniel community. We are doing our part to make sure that self-expression is not devalued; in doing this we have realized that people can have just as much fun

making and listening to music as partying."

Trying to heighten the interest of music on campus is a lofty but very noble goal. Each of them has the experience to do so, as well as the creativity and desire to show other students that it is a worthwhile obsession. Each of the members contributes differently to the whole: Wilkos plays sitar, Adams guitar, and Amankwah provides vocals and lyrics. This is not, however, the entire representation of the Troubadours. In fact, they would rather be known as something completely different and definitely a bit odd: Turtle Buddy.

"I think Troubadours is cute. I think Wandering Minstrels would be more accurate," said Adams, going on to say that upon "asking my brother what our name was, the first thing he said was Turtle Buddy."

Odd name indeed, but it somehow fits. This is a group of individuals who came together through a shared interest in creating music, sometimes from a background that wasn't as accommodating. The college provided them not only with each other, but with a place to showcase their talent on a larger level.

"It was hard to play music back home because nobody was re-



ally interested in playing with me," explained Wilkos. "When I got to McDaniel, however, so many people seemed interested, and we eventually were able to form a group of great musicians."

This group also includes Sunita Pathik, a violinist, Tyler Buisch, a drummer/percussionist, and Keith's older brother Greg on melodia. These individuals complete the ensemble, but the original members write the songs as well as make the stylistic choices that give them their unique sound. It seems that with so many different styles and instruments coming together,

the band would provide a robust sound that may be unlike anything you have heard before.

Fortunately, McDaniel students will get to see Turtle Buddy in action right here on campus. On November 30, the group will be performing alongside other musicians in the Forum. If you are interested, watch for more details in the near future. If you go, what can you expect from Turtle Buddy? Adams is direct in his response:

"We promise an absurd and memorable performance."



October activities raise cancer awareness, SOS offers one-on-one support

By Laura Hutton, News Co-Editor

"Breast cancer is the most lethal form of cancer for women in the world. An estimated 1 million cases will be identified this year, and about 500,000 new and existing patients will die from the disease. In the U.S., breast cancer will be diagnosed in 1 in 8 women." (Time magazine, October 15, 2007).

Throughout October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, McDaniel students stood out as they raised money for the cure. Students picked up pink wear at the book store, helped the volleyball team with their "Digging for the Cure" fundraiser, and attended the Phi Mu "Pink Ribbon Clubroom." Monetary support for the cure is vital, but it is also important to realize the value and significance of support needed for patients currently coping with breast cancer.

When Denise O'Neill, founder of the support group Survivors Offering Support, was diagnosed with breast cancer in April of 2003, she received treatment at Anne Arundel Medical Center (AAMC) and did not have time to attend a support group. With three children under 10, she was constantly busy. Her daily routine consisted of getting her children off to school, receiving a radiation treatment, going to work, and then taking her children to their various sports and

extracurricular activities.

While attending radiation treatment, O'Neill confided in two friends who had been diagnosed, and they helped her through treatment. She discovered that her interactions with her friends really helped her through this rough time. She talked to other breast cancer patients and was shocked to discover that they had no idea what to expect during treatment.

O'Neill wanted the breast cancer patients to have a survivor with whom they could relate. She hoped for these women to have the same kind of support her friends had given her during treatment. O'Neill knew that she was lucky to have the support she did. During treatment, she did in-depth research and took copious notes. She went back to her doctor at AAMC and expressed her interest in creating a one-on-one breast cancer support group. Inspired by her two-friend support system, "two really helpful teammates," O'Neill started the Survivors Offering Support (SOS) group in 2004.

SOS is a one-on-one mentoring group where trained survivors are paired with breast cancer patients who are similar in age and are undergoing the same types of treatment.

"Everyone should have a friend during breast cancer," explained

O'Neill.

To become mentors, women must have completed and been out of treatment for a year in order to allow time for mental healing. A four-hour training session and attendance at two lectures a year on new topics and research relating to breast cancer are required for all mentors.

Debra Reedy, diagnosed in February 2006 and a former SOS mentee, will train to become a mentor in the next few months. She recalled her mentor was "available anytime I had questions." Reedy also appreciated having someone who had been through the same experience and hopes to provide this to her future mentee. She considers mentors to be important because they prove that "there is light at the end of the tunnel."

Mentors first make contact with their mentees through a phone call. They then decide together when, where, and how often to meet. Some meet and talk over coffee, and others bring their mentors to radiation treatments. O'Neill explained that the weeks after diagnosis are a very overwhelming period, making it important for the mentor and mentee to meet at least once during that first month after diagnosis.

However, not all breast cancer patients join the group as soon as

they are diagnosed. Only about 50 percent of the SOS members actually join around the time of their diagnosis. Other women who join SOS are those who have been battling cancer for a while and realize that they need to talk to someone who has been through it.

The rest of the women that join SOS are those who have what O'Neill refers to as "new found wellness." These are women who are at the end of their treatment but had repressed their emotions. They now have to come to terms with what they had gone through. "I had cancer. How do I get on with my life now?" asked O'Neill.

There is a workshop designed to guide these women called, "Transition into Wellness."

To inform women about SOS, fliers are posted at hospitals and mailers are sent out twice a year to OBGYN offices and breast surgeons so they can inform their patients. Reedy was diagnosed at Frederick Memorial Hospital, and SOS members were there at the time to give her information about their program. SOS was "there to make me feel like I was not alone," recalled Reedy.

During their three years, SOS has "helped almost 1,000 patients," explained O'Neill. Right now, the SOS program is in five hospitals in the state and the sixth hospital is

Hospital List 'SOS'

2004 Anne Arundel Medical Center
2005 Frederick Memorial
2006 Howard County general
2006 Franklin Square
2007 St. Joseph Medical Center
2008 Holy Cross
2008 Georgetown University Hospital
2008 Sinai Baltimore and Northwest

about to be added. The program plans to be in eight Maryland hospitals by this time next year.

Each of the five hospitals has second generation mentors. That is, women who were mentees in the program are now returning as mentors for new SOS women. AAMC even has a third generation member that branched off from O'Neill's initial group.

"There is very little social and emotional support. It's a frightening diagnosis--it affects a woman's sexuality--not having someone to talk that out with is hard. It is good for [the mentees] to have someone to talk to. Patients really feel like they have a friend to help them through," explained O'Neill.

Outlook for breast cancer is promising. According to the American Cancer Society, "The five-year survival rate for all women diagnosed with breast cancer is 90 percent" (Cancer Facts & Figures 2005-2006), and "When breast cancer is confined to one breast, the five-year survival rate is 98 percent" (Cancer Facts & Figures 2007). SOS provides something more meaningful than positive statistics. It provides an emotional outlet for women coping with breast cancer.

Glar food heists

Is it a growing trend or an established tradition?

By Dave Robertson

Liberators. Opportunists. Vagabonds. In the eyes of administrators and others in the college community, these words apply to describe students who are part of a growing trend at McDaniel College: stealing food from Glar.

It's not so much stealing, some students contend, but rather trying to get their money's worth of food from the Englar Dining Hall.

"It's not cheap at all to go eat there," said a recent graduate of McDaniel College. "Most can't eat that much in one sitting. You waste \$8 on quality food; you can't have someone who will take extra."

Students are notorious for taking plates, cutlery, cups, and of course food of all varieties from our beloved cafeteria. And there is quite an art to jacking as many as 40 apples in one sitting, or multiple wraps, perhaps a loaf of bread, even a nice selection of Glar's renowned desserts.

Students often take extra food with them to either pass class time or stock the small micro-fridges in dormitory rooms. Again, considering the amount each student pays for tuition, the general consensus is, "Where's the harm?"

Interviews with many of the food jackers reveal that with any good heist, some perils exist for

each brazen student: spillage, tactlessness, and getting caught. Many have developed ways of avoiding these situations by bringing Tupperware bowls conducive to storing soft-serve ice cream and salads, plastic baggies for sandwiches, and using the disposable cups for a spur-of-the-moment stir fry craving that they store in messenger bags and backpacks.

Ms. Celi Bownes of the Englar Dining Hall staff said that

poisoning."

One freshman, who asked to remain anonymous, remarked that some students "boldly ask Glar employees for saran wrap" to keep the food mess to a minimum.

A semi-regular beneficiary of these actions warned, "Beware of leaky wraps when using napkins for transport: they adhere like wallpaper so you get a little extra fiber."

Another student, adamant about the measures taken to extract food from Glar, said, "It's one thing if you cover [food] or put a book over top of it, but some people are just stupid—just asking to be caught."

Food is not the only thing that walks out of Glar. Trays make their appearances outside of Glar during the winter months. Concerning utensils, cutlery, plates, etc. when the dishwashers worked, one student remarked, "Please! Snow days? The trays." If they have not done so already, no student has lived until they try sledging down the slopes of the golf course on a Glar tray.

Whether food heists and supply heists are a brief trend or a growing tradition remains to be seen. But, as one manager of food services stated, "It is an issue but nothing can really be done about it."

the workers in Glar are not responsible if students take food in their bags. But the school is liable if students "take food, let it sit for a few days and it spoils, then consume it, and get some sort of food

Sitcom hotties keep students hooked

The never-ending infatuation with the 'bad boy' with the 'gruff looking exterior'

By Becky Snider

Ever find yourself flicking through the TV stations late at night to suddenly stumble upon a show you watched when you were younger? A show that just so happens to have your first TV show crush in it?

When asked who their first TV show crush was, the majority of women on campus almost instantly said Uncle Jesse from Full House. Now that's just got to tell you something. Jesse Katsopolis, you were one hot dude. The Elvis obsessed rocker who clearly has a love for motorcycles must just be something that we girls are pre-wired to react to. Or it could be the attention that Jesse paid to his hair that we all loved so much. Ah, Full House, the memories, the leather, the hair.

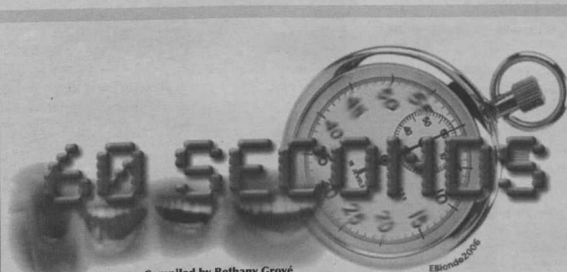
Most of the TV show crushes tend to be the "bad boys" who have good attitudes or at least stand up for people and do the right thing. Take Luke from Gilmore Girls for instance. Junior Jen Nod unabashedly likes Luke because he is one of those guys that have that "gruff looking exterior, but [deep down inside] you know he is a teddy bear,

which is the best!"

That "gruff looking exterior" that many find so appealing certainly applies to two guys found on the popular show LOST. Just mention the names Jack and Sawyer, and you might have a debate on your hands. These two seem to be in constant competition with one another over who will win the heart of the character Kate. I mean who wouldn't have a crush on a tough guy who protects you and takes his shirt off to show his washboard abs?

If the "bad boy with the gruff looking exterior" isn't for you, go for the type of guy who could be your best friend. Look for TV show crushes where words such as "funny, cute, witty, and caring" can be applied. This of course could also mean anyone who has a crush on Jim Halpert from The Office. We might not know what he is like in real life but according to Cori Simpson, "if you're going to have a crush on a TV character, Jim Halpert is my kind of guy."

Other common TV show crushes include Zach Morris from Saved by the Bell, Dr. Carter from ER, Pacey Witter from Dawson's Creek, and Randy Taylor from Home Improvement.



Compiled by Bethany Grové

What is your favorite homecoming tradition?



Haley Zincon '09

"I really like the parade and the school spirit that comes with it."



Dom Cerri '09

"I like the way the alumni are attracted to the event and that they bring their children. It's a fun thing for the whole family."



Kristen Lamb '09

"My favorite homecoming tradition is just being able to enjoy the company of friends and show my Green Terror pride."



MJ Alexander '09

"My favorite thing about homecoming is how we all fight over the tent spaces."



The Green Terra



There's a new force on campus this semester, and it's moving us into the future. Aptly dubbed the "Green Terra," they're a committee consisting of faculty, staff, and one McDaniel student.

The committee began this summer with an agreement signed by President Coley, called "The President's Climate Commitment." With this agreement, McDaniel joins 422 other schools in a pledge to become a carbon-neutral campus.

In order to reach this goal, the new group members have been chosen in order to represent every sector of our campus. Members include: Esther Iglich (IT, EPS); Gina King (Admissions); Jeff Marx (Physics); Joyce Muller (Public Relations); George Brenton (Head of Physical Plant); Jamie Smith (Athletic Director); MaryJo Colbert (Head of Conference and Food Services); Michael Robbins (Student Affairs); and Laura Fralinger (Student, EPS).

The group is charged with finding ways to be carbon-neutral either by compensating or eliminating the carbon produced. Some of the major contributors to carbon emissions on our campus include student and faculty transport and energy use in on-campus buildings. The goal is to establish a permanent presence on campus and implement long-lasting changes.

Esther Iglich, coordinator of the group, explained, "We don't want to do a dinky thing where it falls apart. We really need to get a lot of things changed."

The President's Climate Commitment states, "We recognize the scientific consensus that global warming is real and is largely being caused by humans. We further recognize the need to reduce the global emission of greenhouse gases by 80% by mid-century at the latest, in order to avert the worst impacts of global warming and to reestablish the more stable climatic conditions that have made human progress over the last 10,000 years possible."

We believe colleges and universities must exercise leadership in their communities and throughout society by modeling ways to minimize global warming emissions, and by providing the knowledge and the educated graduates to achieve climate neutrality."

It also comes with a time requirement. After agreeing to participate in this pledge, McDaniel College must, "complete a comprehensive inventory of all greenhouse gas emissions" within one year and "develop an institutional action plan for becoming climate neutral" within two.

Though they aim to start with laying firm foundations instead of hastily implementing new procedures, they have already discussed a few possible, immediate solutions. A few of these options may include using all Energy Star appliances on campus and charging students to print documents in the computer labs in order to cut down on excess paper.

As Laura Fralinger, sole student member of the group, explained, "We're trying to change our ecological footprint at the school. We're going to analyze what we're doing wrong and try to fix it."

However, a very important function of the Green Terra is to suggest long term strategies, explains Iglich. Connor Rasmussen, president of the Environmental Action Committee on campus added, "The Green Terra might take more time than some people want to complete their task, but they are going to do a thorough and lasting job of assessing and then presenting a solution."

Rasmussen looks forward to this new group's impact on campus, saying, "The Green Terra committee is supported by President Coley, which means that the college is officially committed to change and in a green direction. I am confident that the Green Terra committee is a good thing, and it will outlast even the most passionate students by virtue of the members involved."

The Green Terra hopes to integrate environmentally-conscious procedures on campus that will become a part of our everyday life here at McDaniel. As Iglich said, "Everybody on the committee is seriously committed. People do care and they do want to make a change."

--Christine Boynton

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'The college that kept going'

This homecoming marked the 140th anniversary for the institution



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Homecoming festivities connect alumni to current students

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for the most humorous event of the day. This was none other than a hot dog eating contest put on by the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. Spectators witnessed a fine spectacle, as six of the brotherhood's finest competed to see who could wolf down the most dogs in seven minutes. There was yelling, chanting, a bit of informal betting, as well as grimaces from the contestants and audience alike. Once the contest was underway, it didn't take long to hear a mix of nauseated laughter at the expense of the participants. Each of them ate valiantly, but only one was crowned destroyer of the dog; that title went to the one

known as "Big Will," who forced down eight of the boiled treats in the allotted time frame. Interestingly, he is not even a student here, so it seems the Alpha Sigs have a bit of practicing ahead of them.

On a related matter, the hills surrounding the stadium were covered with large and colorful letters, a representation of the groups that make up Greek life here on campus. These displays are judged annually, with the Alpha Sigs taking the title of "Best Letters" in addition to their fourth capturing of the BRANT award. This award, based on a point system, includes an evaluation of GPA, leadership, community service, athletic participation, and representation within

the honor society.

"We're just as excited this year as we were the first year," said President Chris Kron. "We didn't expect to win."

Homecoming is an entertaining experience for everyone involved; it gives new students a chance to see the importance of tradition, seasoned students an opportunity to unwind, and returning students the means to relive old times as well as see what their college has become. Just like the t-shirts say, "We did it on the Hill."

Additional reporting by Rose Eny and Cori Simpson.

The 'Crab Guys'

The annual highlight of the parade?

By Katelynn McGinley

The ground is still wet from the previous night's rainstorm, and the chilly weather has most of the crowd bundled up in sweatshirts, rubbing their hands together in an attempt to warm them up.

The crowd remains polite, but unenthused through a procession of campus safety cars and possibly inebriated fraternity brothers in Halloween masks.

However, old veterans of the McDaniel Homecoming parade and newbie's like me alike all perk up when the self-proclaimed "Crab Guys" roll by on their float.

Led by Professor and Chair of the Economics department, Dr. John Olsh — it's hard not to pay attention when a group of middle-aged men in long blonde wigs and shell bras roll by.

Cries of "Oh my god!" and "There they are!" mingled with peals of laughter that could be heard throughout the crowd.

"I think it's awesome that they come out here every year and show their support for the school like this. It's really funny," said sophomore Ashli McGee, through her laughter.

One student wolf whistled, and then when asked what she



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thought about the float remarked that in her mind, they "are super sexy."

One parade attendee summed up the feelings of the crowd the best. A lifelong resident of West-

minster, Lou Shelley, clapped her hands excitedly as the float went past.

"Oh!" she exclaimed. "They are my favorite part of this whole parade."

Images of the Week The Parade



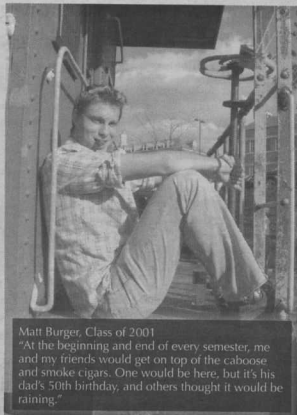
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Homecoming in pictures

Sometimes, here at the *Free Press*, we run out of words to explain the happenings at McDaniel College. This is one of those times. Give your brain a break and take in these images from Homecoming 2007.



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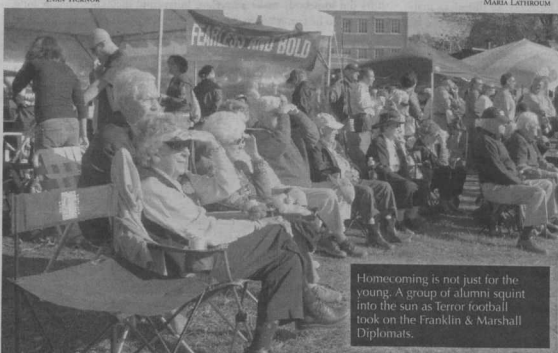
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Pain, Will Hopkins, Adam Dwoskin, and Mark Wheeler fight back pain, fatigue, and vomit in the final minute of the second annual Dogs for Canines Hotdog Eating Contest Saturday during halftime of the football game.

Homecoming is not just for the young. A group of alumni squint into the sun as Terror football took on the Franklin & Marshall Diplomats.

Features | Entertainment

AVP 2: Your Christmas present is on the way

Who cares if the movie is any good? The trailer is likely the best ever and undoubtedly the most violent

By Patrick Stinson, Contributor

As anyone who read my last review will know, I am a pretty big fan of monster movies. As anyone who knows me must come to understand, I bear a particular love of monster movies from Asia, which characterize their creatures as enormous, unstoppable, god-like beasts. *Godzilla* is of course the first and finest example of this form, and its many sequels and rip-offs have formed a sub-genre of their own. Occasionally, American filmmakers will try to ape this style—the currently-untitled upcoming project from J.J. Abrams (the first trailer for it played before *Transformers*) appears to be the latest example.

But American monster movies also have their own style. Usually, a more manageable-sized monster stalks the characters until they rally together and fight back. I would argue that *Alien* is the archetype for the modern American monster movie: though derivative of many works that preceded it, it was the first true blending of science fiction and horror, and it proved a significant commercial success. Its sequel, *Aliens*, was also successful and is generally considered one of the finest (and most-imitated) action films ever made. Though its further sequels are universally considered inferior, the series is notable in that all of them are filmed with artistry and seriousness...in short, they are all at least worth watching.

Hopefully, all this meta-analysis has distracted you from the fact that I don't actually have a review for you this week. Just plain didn't have the time. When I confessed this to the Matriarch of this fine

paper, I threw in a joke about how I could do a review of an excellent trailer I had seen recently. She found this idea most amusing and bade me do so.

The trailer, if you hadn't already gathered, is that of the upcoming film *Alien vs. Predator: Requiem*. This is a sequel to the most recent entry in the *Alien* series, which united the *Alien*—a bestial, insect-like killer—with the *Predator*—an intergalactic big-game hunter. The two franchises, both owned by 20th Century Fox, actually had been brawling in a

Nevertheless, the film was reviled. Ordinary people could quite fairly make the case that the movie sucked. Diehard fans of the two franchises made the further criticism that the film was a rather tame PG-13. All previous films had been much darker and gorier: the tamer rating was seen as an insulting attempt to appeal to the lowest common denominator. In short, the movie alienated the very core of fans that it had to rely upon to succeed.

Movie studios, bless their greedy hearts, really do listen when money's at stake. The trailer may be found at http://media.movies.ign.com/media/746/746237/vids_1.html. You'll never see it in a theater because this particular preview is restricted to over-17s by the MPAA. Yes, the two-minute trailer is more violent than the last film in the franchise. The message that Greg and Colin Strause, the directors of the upcoming film, are sending to fans is that this one will be "very different."

The trailer depicts a *Predator* ship crashing near a Colorado suburb. The ship has been overrun by *Aliens*, including the "Predalien," a genetic hybrid glimpsed at the end of the previous film. Disturbingly, a young boy and his father appear to be early victims—they are attacked by larval "facehuggers" in the opening moments of the trailer, meaning that full-fledged *Aliens* will burst from their chests before long. The trailer next offers various shots of mayhem, including what appear to be some deliberate homages to shots from *Predator* and *Aliens*. The trailer earns its R-rating many

The trailer earns its R-rating many times over: a man's face is dissolved by an Alien's acid blood, a Predator throws a weapon and nails a woman to a wall, and then proceeds to blow two people's heads off at once...so consider yourself warned.

franchise of comic books, novels, and computer games ever since *Alien* and *Predator* first came out in the late 1980s, but not until 2004 did somebody make a movie out of it. To be fair, *Alien vs. Predator* had some good fight scenes, well-executed practical effects and actually made an attempt to unite the stories of the two franchises.



The promotional poster reads, "This Christmas, there will be no peace on earth."

times over: a man's face is dissolved by an Alien's acid blood, a Predator throws a weapon and nails a woman to a wall, and then proceeds to blow two people's heads off at once...so consider yourself warned. There also appears to be a sub-plot about the military wanting to bomb the town to destroy the Alien outbreak.

The movie's lead character appears rather similar to Ripley, Sigourney Weaver's iconic character from previous installments. This is a little disappointing: I love strong women as characters but some creativity would be nice.


Hopefully, the character will prove distinct from Ripley. However, in their interview with MTV, the Strause brothers claim that the real star of the film is a Predator. "We call him the Wolf Internally because basically he's Harvey Keitel from 'Pulp Fiction'. He's the cleaner. He shows up and he's not there for the trophies...If anybody gets in his way, he'll just cut 'em in half." The

Wolf is prominently featured in the trailer. He is seen to slice apart an Alien with a futuristic whip, wrestle two Aliens at once, and fight a duel with the Predalien.

If you consider yourself a fan of either of these franchises, I recommend catching this in the theater this winter. You could always wait for a proper review, but based on this trailer I can predict it delivers what the fans want in the area of action. As far as whether it will be a good movie...I honestly couldn't tell you yet, but no doubt a large part of me will enjoy it either way.

Alien vs. Predator: Requiem does not exist yet, and this reviewer really needs to make more friends with the time, inclination, and resources to drive him to the cinema so that he may review a movie with actual plot and dialogue.

Check out the trailer at McDanielFreePress.com



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Special Comment:

A new endangered species: the Halloween trick-or-treater

Schools, churches, and other groups are increasingly offering children alternative and safer places to trick-or-treat

By Rachel Hooper

As a child, my Halloweens were always a rush of anticipation and excitement. I have warm memories of elementary school and of the students and teachers dressing up in their costumes for the Halloween parade. A local police officer from the D.A.R.E. program gave us safety tips and taught us the dangers of trick-or-treating. We learned to always check all the candy when we got home, first dumping it all out to make sure that every piece was properly wrapped and to discard anything suspicious or unwrapped.

Undeterred, I looked forward, to Halloween night when the real fun began. We went from house to house, fervently trying to cover as many streets in our neighborhood as we could. Our costumes were usually put together from things we already had in the house, and our goal was to fill our pillow-cases

with a haul of candy. My favorite memory of Halloween was the anticipation of going out with my older cousin. As a teenager, she always seemed to have a strategy to get more candy. Yet, surely it's more than candy that makes trick-or-treating the special event which kids look forward to and adults remember fondly. I have always loved Halloween and trick or treating and I wonder, what part of the tradition has stayed the same over the years and how much longer can it survive?

Most people older than me share memories of inexpensive or homemade costumes and the anticipation of going out on the streets at night. McDaniel faculty member Vincent Kohl describes trick-or-treating in his apartment complex. "We would wear costumes and carry trick-or-treat bags. We would make a lot of noise running up and down the staircases,"

Kohl said. "Safety was not a concern when I was a kid, but now it is."

What did he do for costumes? Kohl said, "Pirate outfits, a black cape for Dracula...we'd get them at the dime store...they weren't expensive."

Sophomore Courtney Proudlock recalls "Our mom would make really decorative dresses, like one year I was a bride, one year I was a princess." She has a childhood memory of being frightened. She described, "This man came up and he had a chain saw; obviously it didn't have blades...I freaked out and was hysterically crying because I didn't know it wasn't real."

Christine Derencz, graduate student and office manager of SASS, recalls going with her friends throughout the neighborhood. "As far back as I can remember we went trick or treating. I always lived in neighborhoods with a lot of kids so...when we got to an age where we could, we would go by ourselves," Derencz said. "When I was little it was a lot more innocent. You didn't have to worry so much."

Halloween for kids today is somewhat different from when I was 20 to 30 years ago. The innocence of Halloween trick-or-treating has changed, yet much of the meaning and value of Halloween still survives, such as family and friend time. It's just fun to have a good time together dressing up in costumes.

I had the opportunity to talk with elementary schoolers from the Westminster area about what they do for trick-or-treating. Second-grader Casey Rowe from William Winchester Elementary said that he enjoys Halloween because "I get to spend time with my grandmother and its out in the dark and I just get to spend time with my family."

I found that the biggest difference in trick-or-treating now is the awareness of safety regulations; most kids now do not go out without a parent. Victoria Nefflen, a fourth grader at William



Is trick-or-treating on the way out? If so, Jack-o'-lanterns and pumpkin pie may also fall by the wayside as seasonal traditions.

Winchester Elementary, said that she goes with her parents and two sisters. "I don't go by myself trick-

and her two younger sisters usually wear hand-me-down costumes."

Second-grader Tanner Roche from Faith Christian School said that he buys his costume and this year he's trying to decide between the Dementor from Harry Potter or the Grim Reaper.

Do kids ever have a scary time? Nefflen said, "Well there was one time when [this guy] shut his door and there was like bats and spiders coming down and all of the kids started screaming. When he closed the door it like dropped on us, and we thought they were real at first."

I found that the dangers of unwrapped candy are still a concern. I asked Casey Rowe if he checks that his candy is wrapped before he eats it. He said, "I check it, because I'm going to strangers' houses. I want to check if they're kidding or not kidding."

Many schools, churches, and other groups are increasingly offering children alternative and safer places to trick or treat. Even McDaniel College has trick-or-treaters come door to door in campus dorms. I believe that in many communities, parents and concerned adults will supervise or adapt trick-or-treating to enable the quest for candy and family fun to continue. Halloween is just too much fun, so one can be confident that the trick-or-treater will survive.

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or-treating because sometimes they think that like somebody could dress up in a costume and like steal me."

Rowe added, "With my parents, they like choose what houses I should go to."

Nowadays elementary schools still have Halloween events; that part has not changed. Nefflen said, "We go to the middle school and we play bingo and have a pumpkin decorating contest." She said that she usually buys her costumes,

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*If you feel down . . .
pick this up.*

By Torreka Jordan

"They may forget what you said but they will never forget how you made them feel."

~ Carl W. Buechner, Author

During homecoming season we reflect on memories shared with close friends. We remember the stories, the laughs, and the tears but overall it's the atmosphere they created that we hold dear. So this homecoming, indulge in the comfort of your friends' presence and not just in the stories.

Commentary

Kidney stones make reporter 'ticking time bomb'



Geoff Peckham '08
News Co-Editor

I was a ticking time bomb. Someone called Jack Bauer.

These explosives were three kidney stones that called my body home for more than two weeks. Doctors told me that I could do little more than wait -- wait for fierce pain. The waiting game filled my Fall Break. I popped ibuprofen or oxydnone at every glimmer of pain and drank what felt like 200 bottles of water (don't worry, I recycled since I do care about the environments, unlike a particular dining hall that will go unnamed). During break I was also going to the bathroom on average every 15 minutes, so all-in-all, I was a little cranky.

Is this how pregnant women feel?

OK, so I won't go as far to compare this to being in labor. But everyone tells me how this is the closest a man will ever get. And if having a baby feels anything like what I went through on that fateful Wednesday morning, well then I have to give you ladies props. You are the superior sex.

Passing that first stone was trouble with a capital trouble.

I'm talking a mini-lawnmower moving at a constant speed through your stomach; it's sharp,

Maybe it was karma. My mother always told me I was difficult birth, that I just didn't want to come out. I kept asking myself, why won't these stones come out? I'd be a good mother to them.

and it doesn't let up for an hour and a half. The only relief is when you're dry heaving because of how nauseous the pain is making you. Bottom line: I wouldn't wish that pain on anybody.

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Speaking of moms, if any of you ever get kidney stones, wait until you've passed them before you tell your mother. If she's anything like mine, she'll react like you've told her you have cancer, and ask

you to call her every 12 hours. But I guess that's what moms are for.

So I went to the urologist, who told me I might have already passed the smaller ones without knowing. I was a little sad at that idea: I wanted to keep them. But according to him, there are traces of blood in my urine, which means there was one still there, probably the bigger one. I could pass it anytime, he tells me, as well as the other ones if I haven't already.

It seemed like I was still going to be a parent.

I wish I could have kept one of my CT scans, so I could tell people it was my ultrasound. Instead he gave me a prescription for Flomax in hopes of speeding the process along. As if I wasn't peeing enough anyway.

So I decided to brace myself for the long haul. This thing might be inside me for quite a while, so I should just go about my business. I was in the sauna (excuse me, writing center) when I felt nature calling for the 4,321 time since I was diagnosed, so I made my way to the men's urinal.

Wait a minute, that felt funny for a second.

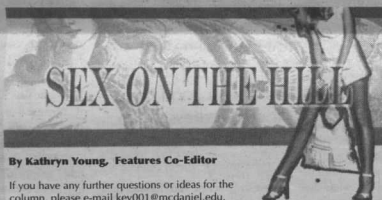
I look down, and sure enough, stuck to the wall of the urinal, a

small brown stone about 4mm. I'm a mommy!

After the excruciating pain I went through initially, as the bloody thing made its way from my kidney to my bladder, this is how it ends. A little anti-climatic I would say. But now I have something to show my friends! I shall call him Doyle. As in Doyle's Law: anything that can go wrong will go wrong. Wait, that's Murphy's Law. Oh well, I like Doyle better.

It's really just a relief to be done with this whole episode. I felt good to purge my body of all that negative energy. Also, I have some bragging rights. I could be sitting with a couple of characters like Quint or Hooper from *Jaws*, exchanging scars. Bitten by a Great White? Please. I passed a kidney stone. I'd then listen to the collective gasps around the room, then strut off confidently while they all murmured, "Now that guy is tough."

OK, so maybe not. But that's my story and I'm sticking to it, along with my pregnancy metaphors. If you can't have a sense of humor about this sort of thing, you're just left feeling sorry for yourself. And frankly, that's just not my style.



By Kathryn Young, Features Co-Editor

If you have any further questions or ideas for the column, please e-mail key001@mcdaniel.edu.

Men, women have similar emotional response

Women everywhere seem to hold similar gender stereotypes about men's emotions. We ask ourselves constantly, "Why can't a man be more like a woman?" But what do we really know about the emotionality of men?

Emotionality is typically associated with women because people often believe that women are more emotional than men. However, according to Sarah Huston-Comeaux and Janice Kelly's "Sex Roles: A Journal of Research," a growing body of research has shown that not all emotions are associated with the feminine gender-role, and instead, stereotypes about individual emotions are gender-specific.

Huston-Comeaux and Kelly described, in particular, the emotions of happiness, sadness, and

fear as being believed to be more characteristic of women, whereas anger is believed to be more characteristic of men. It is found that women are expected to display more positive emotions than men in an "other-oriented context," where as men display more positive emotions than women in a "self-oriented context."

No matter what, it is important to distinguish between internal emotion and external or "outward display" of emotion. Huston-Comeaux and Kelly describe women as being perceived to express emotions more than men were, but not many differences exist in the perception of men's and women's emotional experience. That is, both men and women elicit similar feelings in certain situations, but they per-

ceive expression of that emotion differently. Therefore, women may not understand that although their male partner is reacting in a certain way that he is in fact affected the same by a situation.

I think that it is reasonable to propose that when it comes to the opposite sex, no one really knows. But one thing is true: we aren't that different from each other. Although Huston-Comeaux and Kelly have proven that we express our feelings in different ways, it has also been said that much of what we feel is the same. And the better you are able to see your relationship with the opposite sex as a relationship with someone like yourself, the easier it will be for the both of you to relate to each other.



Soap woes for nails and skin

By Michelle Menner

The trouble all started in the bathroom in Hill Hall. With a pump of pink soap, I dutifully washed my hands at the sink.

Little did I know that with that first pump of soap the skin and nails of my hands would be destroyed: O.P.I.'s Aphrodite's Pink Nightgown polish didn't stand a chance against the malicious soap.

Within a week my manicure was ruined and that was just the beginning. My ailments included: peeling and cracked skin, torn cuticles, and brittle nails. At first, I didn't know what was causing this to happen. What's a girl to do?

I thought I could fight back with my cure-all for major dry skin: Crabtree and Evelyn's garden's hand therapy cream. One evening, as I put the cream on before bed I envisioned what beautiful soft hands I would have in the morning.

When I woke up I was greatly disappointed. My hands still looked ravaged and I tried to think of a solution. Was I going to have to wear gloves over my unsightly hands?

Finally, I figured out that the soap was the culprit of my skin

problems.

From the bathrooms of Hoover Library to Lewis and then back to Hill Hall the pink soap was everywhere. The only relief I could find was in Blanche Ward's bathroom where the harsh pink stuff was no where to be found.

I knew that I would have to stop using the soap if I ever was to regain the look of soft and manicured hands.

Since I was forgoing the use of the soap I decided that I would need a backup plan in order to stay germ free. I equipped my tote bag with Purell hand sanitizer and antibacterial wipes. So far this solution has worked well.

However, it seems as though no one else has an issue with the soap.

"I've never had a complaint about the soap," said Melvin Whelan, Building Services Coordinator. He added that the "gentle" soap has been around the college for over 20 years.

Gentle indeed. Maybe we need to redefine the meaning of gentle. I plan to never touch the soap again until a more "gentle" substitute becomes available.

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National Football League:

Take the Colts over New England

The 'McDaniel Guru' makes his predictions for Week 9

By Garrett Egan,
McDaniel Guru

My record stands at 77-26 through week 7 of the NFL, even though some of my published picks yield losses. The NFL has become a crapshoot, mainly due to the facts of inconsistency by big name players, and on and off injury; however, the Guru has stayed on top. The big names of the 2006 season have yielded small amounts of production. Larry Johnson, Steven Jackson, and Maurice Jones-Drew have plagued fantasy football owners this year. There is still light at the end of the tunnel for both Jones-Drew and Johnson; whose teams rebounded in week 6. Week 9 produces a heavy dose of big games, and even though two or three deserve being dubbed the "Pick of the Week," the Patriots-Colts game takes the cake.

Here are my picks for week 9 of the NFL:

Green Bay 23 Kansas City 14 – Stay with Favre and the Packers who don't seem to show any signs of slowing up on their tear of the NFC. LJ and the Chiefs made a considerable charge against the Bengals, but that won't happen against the Packers. Take the Packers.

San Diego 24 Minnesota 13 – This match-up looks like a running back duel between the machine that is LT and the "rookie that plays like a veteran," Adrian Peterson. However, look for Phil-

lip Rivers to pick apart the poor pass defense of the Vikings. Take the Bolts.

Cincinnati 26 Buffalo 20 – The fact that the Bills were lucked out on against the Cowboys does not change my view of this game. Carson Palmer is more consistent and more accurate than Romo, so don't expect 5 INTs from him. Though it will be close, take Bengals over the Bills.

Washington 24 NY Jets 17 – With the Redskins dropping the ball in Green Bay twice, they should rebound in a big way. Santana Moss has been a large let down for them, while Chris Cooley and the defense is on point. However, the Jets are not a high caliber team. Take the Skins in this one.

Cleveland 27 Seattle 16 – Who is Derek Anderson? Whoever he is, he is leading the Browns to playoff hopes. The Seahawks are sluggish, weak, and show no signs of rebounding from this. Take the Dogs over the Hawks.

Dallas 28 Philadelphia 17 – A classic NFC East match-up, this game is a must-watch. The Cowboys, thanks to their power on the ground and in the air to T.O., seem like a shoe-in for the NFC East title. McNabb looks sluggish, and the Eagles defense isn't any better. As much as I want to pick an upset here, I have to stay with my instinct and take the Boys over

the Birds.

Pittsburgh 31 Baltimore 17 – Sorry Baltimore, but giving the ball away six times with the Steelers will be deadly. They aren't playing the Rams, so this one could get ugly. The Ravens defense doesn't look like last year's at all and doesn't play like it either. Take the Burg over Baltimore.

!!!PICK OF THE YEAR!!!

Indianapolis 31 New England 24 – Picking a winner in this game took me two days. Both teams are in fifth gear, moving down their competition. This is sure to be the AFC Championship game come playoff time. Even with the possibility of Harrison out in this one, the Colts defense is playing perfect, and the offense is Peyton Manning. The New England Patriots are the same way, mowing down everyone so far. But their defense scares me, not as consistent as years before, and not as powerful. It is the X-factor in this game. Take the Colts.

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Boxing is going to heat up this fall and winter

By David Nasongkhla

Many claim that the sport of boxing is dying and that mixed martial arts is taking over. But this fall, two fights are sure to put the sweet science back on top.

On November 10, Miguel Cotto (30-0), a powerful body puncher will brawl against "Sugar" Shane Mosely (44-4), who may just have the fastest hands in boxing next to Floyd Mayweather Jr.



Miguel Cotto (left), lands a left uppercut to the head of Zab Judah. Cotto defended his Welterweight title successfully in June, and notched his 30th straight victory.

If you thought Madison Square Garden rocked during Cotto's title defense against Zab Judah in June, you ain't seen nothing yet. The building may come apart when he and Mosley go toe to toe in what figures to be a truly special night for boxing.

Cotto, coming off his abuse of former welterweight champ Judah looks to continue his unbeaten streak. Mosely on the other hand plans to stop the Puerto Rican powerhouse.

Cotto's chin is better now at 147 lbs than it was in his last days at 140 when he was really draining his body to make weight. However, that being said, if he gets cracked just right by a hook that he doesn't see, he can be on wobbly legs, and "Sugar" Shane's hands are fast enough to do just that.

Frankly, though, I can't wait to see all the body punching that goes

on between Cotto and "Sugar" Shane. This may very well turn out to be the fight of the year.

No predictions for this bout, the two fighters are very evenly matched, and the fight can swing either way.

The other major fight is on December 8, the battle of the undefeateds. A lot of people argue that "Pretty Boy" Floyd Mayweather Jr. (38-0) is the best pound for pound boxer today. However, one man begs to differ, his opponent Ricky "The Hitman" Hatton (43-0).

Hatton has been training for and craving this fight since his fourth round romping of Mexican great Jose-Luis Castillo during the summer, where he officially challenged Mayweather. Mayweather retired after his very close fight with Oscar de la Hoya, which could have swung either way. However, Mayweather is coming out of retirement to fight Hatton.

This may be the most ill-advised fight for Hatton's career, as even a retired Mayweather is simply a better boxer than Hatton. Hatton may be a brawler, but we all know boxers beat fighters.



Ricky Hatton (left), lands a body shot to Jose Luis Castillo during their bout in June. For Hatton, his 43rd consecutive victory.

Look for Mayweather to cut and counter-punch Hatton all night. This fight most likely will go the distance, but Hatton always has a punchers chance at a knock-out.

McDaniel campus full of diverse NFL fans



David Nasongkhla '08
Staff Writer

McDaniel College is filled with a diversity of NFL fans.

I myself am from New York City, and I have a choice between the Jets and the Giants. I'm not one who follows the NFL like others, so I often switch my loyalty every few years.

During the days of Wayne Chrebet and Keyshawn Johnson, I was a Jets fan. But now during the days of Eli Manning, Plaxico Burress, and of course, Jeremy Shockey, my loyalty lies with the Giants.

The diversity of NFL fans here at McDaniel runs across the board. My girlfriend's family grew up near

Pittsburgh and are die hard Steelers fans. I know off the top of my head friends that are Cowboys fans, Buccaneers fans, and Colts fans.

However, McDaniel College is in Maryland, and the number of Ravens and Redskins fans is great.

"My dad was in the Baltimore Colts band and I grew up liking Johnny Unitas and the Ravens," said Junior Jay Eaton. "My dad was at Super Bowl three when the Colts played," he added.

When asked why he liked the Redskins, senior Jane Libert replied, "I live right outside of D.C. and they have been around longer

so I just feel a sense of loyalty to them."

Even though Maryland is comprised of mostly Maryland natives, there are some fans from here that follow other teams, and of course there are fans from the rest of the country.

Junior James Isaminger, is a fan of both the Jacksonville Jaguars and the San Francisco 49ers. "I lived in Jacksonville the year the Jags were created, and I lived in Hawaii for five years and the 49ers were the closest team," he said as his reason.

"I grew up a Philly fan across the board. The Phillies, Flyers,

76ers, and the Eagles are all my teams," said junior Shawn Yohe.

"The Patriots are my team," said Camara Kadere, a senior from Massachusetts. "I only like them when they win, though it seems they've been doing that all year," he later added.

Football may arguably be considered America's sport, so it's not unheard of that even at small school like McDaniel, the number of teams added represent almost all of the NFL.

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Football:

Terror lose homecoming game on fumble

Heartbreaking loss for team that played its best game of the season

By Chris Ferrick-Manley

For the third straight year, the homecoming football game was decided on the final play; however, unlike in 2005 and 2006, it did not involve the kicking game.

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and converted the extra point. McDaniel was able to move the ball on its own overtime possession, but a fumble inside the 10-yard line was recovered by F&M, ending the game.

This heartbreaking loss, played in front of 30 members of Western Maryland College's undefeated team in 1997, came on the heels of two blowout losses. Following their bye week, the Terror were shut out 43-0 at Muhlenberg. In the Muhlenberg game, senior quarterback Tom Wenrich left the game with a concussion and did not play the following week at home against Ursinus.

The Terror are 1-7 on the season and have been outscored 272 to 115.

Ursinus advanced to 7-1 overall and 5-1 in the Centennial Conference, good for second place.

McDaniel played three different quarterbacks against Ursinus: sophomores Zach Swope and Joe Lapkowitz and freshman Coleman Flory. Together they combined for as many completed passes, four, as interceptions in a 42-10 loss.

Sophomore Pat Floyd, starting right tackle for the Terror, believes this team is just enduring a rough stretch this year and should be sig-



Franklin & Marshall recovers a McDaniel fumble to win the game in overtime during Saturday's game.

Kyle Nisale, CC Times

nificantly better in the following couple of years. He points out that the team is only graduating eight seniors.

"With time I'd have faith in all three of the quarterbacks that played against Ursinus," said Floyd, referring to the team's relative youth and its potential to get better.

Floyd also commented on the

Terror's frequently criticized kicker, Jay Leonard. According to Floyd, Leonard is able to make them in practice from 42-yards out.

"During practice he puts them through the uprights," said Floyd, "I have faith he'll make it."

Leonard played a key role in the previous two homecoming games. In 2005, with the Terror trailing 17-14 in overtime with a

fourth-and-one from the F&M 2-yard line, Head Coach Tim Keating elected to kick the field goal, but it was blocked. In 2006, Leonard drilled a 46-yard field goal to beat the Gettysburg Bullets with three seconds on the clock.

The Terror's final two games are at Gettysburg and home against Johns Hopkins. Game time for both is 1 p.m.

Strong returning players, recruits bolster golf team

By Jeff Davis

Having just finished the fall season, Scott Moyer and the men's golf team are looking forward to the spring season.

With some strong returning players including three seniors, Coach Moyer is grateful for some new and excellent freshman, particularly Chris Merrill, KJ Mazurek, and Paul Kovalchek.

With a Centennial Conference Championship in two of the last three years, Coach Moyer owes a lot his success to unique recruiting methods. He makes sure to recruit personalities, looking at the person first and the athlete second. This is one of the major factors as to why the program has been doing so well the last ten years.

"These guys support each other and learn to really like each other," he said. Also, Coach Moyer does not force the issue at all. With a first-class program, he knows that winning will take care of itself with the right players.

Another unusual but highly effective aspect of the program is the fact that there are two teams who compete: an A team and a B

With the Conference Championship in the last weekend of April, the team hopes to have the five guys heat up at the right time. If they win, they're off to Georgia, but if they lose they're back in Westminster to stay. These guys will be ready.

This allows everyone to play and get better, particularly because McDaniel's B team plays against the A team of most other teams.

Traveling anywhere between New York and South Carolina and often gone for days at a time, it can be a lot of work but it takes a lot of luck to win as well.

For the spring, Coach Moyer feels the team is "exactly where it needs to be." With the Conference Championship in the last weekend

of April, the team hopes to have the five guys heat up at the right time. If they win, they're off to Georgia, but if they lose they're back in Westminster to stay. These guys will be ready.

Mike Diehl and his lady golfers are pumped up for the upcoming spring schedule as well, having just completed an interesting and exciting fall season.

"The team looks promising," Coach Diehl said. With only one returning starter in Elyse Massa, the team is looking to offer an invigorated perspective.

For the fall, Coach Diehl had no idea what to expect. Practicing five to six days a week, the team worked hard. When transfer Nicole Cristy from Wake Forest dislocated her shoulder, other players had to be relied on.

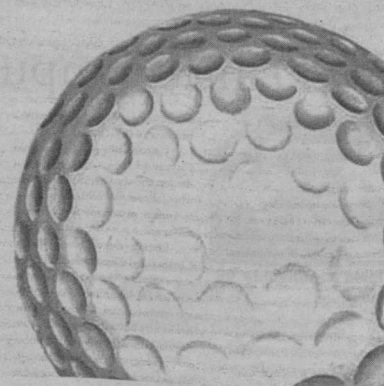
One of these players is Val Saucier. One of the more talented players Diehl has ever come across, Val is most effective when she focuses on one shot at a time.

Another one of these players is freshman Jennie Wiener. After making some initial adjustments, Coach Diehl sees an extremely

promising player in Jennie.

Last year was the first time in five years that McDaniel did not come away with the Conference Crown. "A tune up for the spring championship is the most important thing," Coach Diehl emphasized.

They are back and better than ever this year. With McDaniel much improved and Muhlenberg down a couple starters, Coach Diehl and the rest of his team certainly believes they are going to take back what is rightfully theirs.



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Recruiting incidents a concern for McDaniel

Two recent occurrences lead to investigations, discussions of recruitment policies

By Geoff Peckham,
News Co-Editor

The recent incidents involving potential athletic recruits on campus have led to discussions about the value of overnight visitations for prospective students.

As was reported in the last issue of the *Free Press*, on October 19 a wrestling recruit was found intoxicated in North Village after attending an off-campus party and required medical assistance. On October 27, two men's lacrosse recruits were found with alcohol by campus safety in Rouzer Hall. Neither wrestling coach Davey Blake nor men's lacrosse coach Matt Hatton were available for comment.

Athletic Director Jamie Smith said the situation is being monitored, and Dean of Student Affairs Beth Gerl asserted that the Athletic Department was taking these incidents "very seriously." The parents of the wrestling recruit are reportedly very angry, and have discussed

that with Coach Blake.

"This should not be happening," Gerl said. She is confident that they are isolated incidents, but that she would be meeting with Smith and Dean of Admissions Florence Hines to evaluate the expectations that go along with the overnight visitations. She said that both incidents were still being investigated and that the "judicial process is being adhered to." She said that there could potentially be hearings before the Honor and Conduct Board for the students who were in charge of the prospects.

Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice president of Administration and Finance, said that over the decades he's been with the college incidents like these have happened, not just with athletic recruits but with prospective students in general. He doesn't see a trend but doesn't believe there needs to be one to review McDaniel's recruitment policies. He said that there have been discussions prior to both incidents involving a potential change to those policies.

The Office of Admissions does not do overnight visitations anymore, but the Athletic Department

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Chicken Plop

Fundraising



GROFF PECKHAM

Rain postponed the Chicken Drop until after homecoming, but the fundraising effort finally took place on November 1. Students purchased numbered squares and hoped the chicken poop would land in just the right space to earn them cash.

Predicting when a chicken will poop is tricky, if not impossible task, according to a local veterinarian.

"Watch for that beginning of motion," advised John Kable, D.V.M. at Airpark Animal Hospital. "When a chicken moves it's shit or git time."

"There is a shared open-

ing between the urinary tract and the digestive tract," Kable explained. "The digestive process involves things coming from both directions to one place. When the chicken moves, it's time."

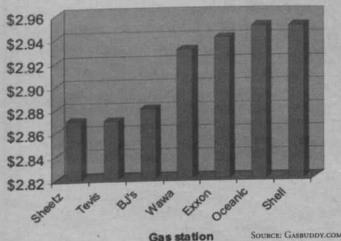
Kable's advice proved true, as the winner was announced as soon as the chicken was dropped into the pen.

See full story on page 8.



Going Up

Gas Prices in Westminster, MD (11/07/07)



SOURCE: GASBUDGET.COM

As the price for oil jumped to \$97 per barrel, prices at the gas pumps rose also. With a little shopping, you can still find the best prices in town.

Graphic by Greg Pfeiffer

Special Report:

Should I stay or should I go? College assesses retention rates

By Juliann Guffre and
Laura Hutton, News Co-Editor

Why are you here?

For some this question is easy. Senior Lauren Eposito says she found her place at McDaniel. Senior Kendall Bieschke formed personal relationships with her professors. The school provided senior Michelle Debaugh with many internship and career opportunities. Yet for others, a seed of doubt is planted soon after arrival—a seed that may lead to stress, conflict, and eventually transfer.

A retention study done by

McDaniel's Institutional Research reveals that of the students who entered the school in 2001, only 66.3% completed all four years and graduated in 2005.

Percentages in earlier years were in the lower 70s. The percentage of freshmen that returned for sophomore year during those years, according to the study, has consistently been in the lower eighties. These findings, noted Dean of Admissions Florence Hines, are average for a small liberal arts school.

The top three influences linked to retention, Hines explained, include finding a connection with a

person on campus, finding a place outside the classroom where they can make a contribution, and outlining a clear academic strategy.

"Students need to feel that someone cares about them and that they are making progress toward some kind of career goal," Hines said.

Henry B. Reiff, Dean of Student Academic Life is one of the people who signs off on students who are transferring from McDaniel College. He is in charge of conducting an exit interview to learn

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Recruitment policies to be reviewed this year

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does, as well as other organizations on campus. Potential student-athletes must sign a form before their weekend saying they will not use any drugs or alcohol, will not violate criminal law, will not attend any activity that could promote bad behavior, and that they will not participate in any physical or verbal abuse while on campus.

Field hockey coach Melissa Miranda said that the prospects must be accompanied at all times by a current student and are not allowed to go to any off-campus

parties. She added that there was a certain protocol coaches followed with these visits, but that coaches may have a few of their own personal guidelines to be followed, as well. She stressed that it was up to those current students escorting the recruits to maintain integrity. She has observed maturity issues among a few male athletes, but that overall many student hosts do a great job with the recruits. She emphasized that "[students] do need to come overnight."

Seidel agrees, but sees the potential downside as well.

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the prospective students to experience various aspects of student life, but you have to weigh it against the pitfalls. You don't want to put them in a situation that exposes them to certain things." He said it was a cost-benefit analysis, and that McDaniel should now be asking "are there better ways?"

Seidel said there was no timetable for when the recruitment policies would be formally evaluated, but that it would most likely be within this academic year. While it has not been formally suggested, he believes getting rid of the overnight visits would be a consideration.

That would be bad news for many current and future students in the eyes of some.

"If it were not for overnight stays, I would not be here. Staying on campus for two nights convinced me to come here," one anonymous student-athlete said. "The stays offer one-on-one time with students, without the administration in the shadows, and that's how you get to see what life is really like."

The Administration is still investigating, and will evaluate all options. But as Dean Gerl pointed out, "the bottom line is what happened cannot happen again."

The Lighter Side of the Campus Safety Blotter



Becky Snider, '09
Blotter Reporter

Radiator burns, flying chairs, slashed tires, and violence? It's all part of the lighter side.

Editor's Note: This weekly piece highlights some of the more inane calls and incidents to which campus safety responds.

With all the excitement during Homecoming, it was time for campus to cool down. And I'm not talking about the weather; although the weather is certainly quite biting, if you catch my drift.

You might not catch a drift of snow—yet. Though neither will students catch themselves before they fall and hit their heads inside their dorm rooms. I guess we'll have to be more aware of our surroundings to prevent tripping. Then you won't have to refuse treatment from the considerate members of DoCs.

Apparently many students seem to be refusing treatment, a few cases of "flu-like symptoms" have worked their way into Campus Safety's report. That has to be better

than receiving a complaint of burns from an un-insulated heater pipe though.

On November 1, Campus Safety received a call from a student who had been burned after brushing up against a heater pipe in one of the McDaniel Hall bathrooms. The student seems to be all right, just a bit upset that the incident occurred in the place.

If students aren't watching out for their safety from the heater pipes, they're drinking. McDaniel Hall seems to be the popular place to drink now instead of Reuzer. Though it doesn't matter where the drinking occurs, the DoCs can still catch underage drinkers. That is exactly what they did just before 1 a.m. on November 1.

All the excitement of Halloween must have gotten to one student who had apparently had so much alcohol that Campus Safety deemed

it necessary to take the student to the hospital for possible alcohol overdose.

Not all of the excitement is happening at McDaniel Hall though. On the night of November 2, Campus Safety officers witnessed a student throwing a trash can and a "furniture item" later identified as a chair out of a first-floor window. The incident is still under investigation by DoCs though there is no apparent reason for this behavior. The student was, however, witnessed as addressing a group of students at the wall while doing this.

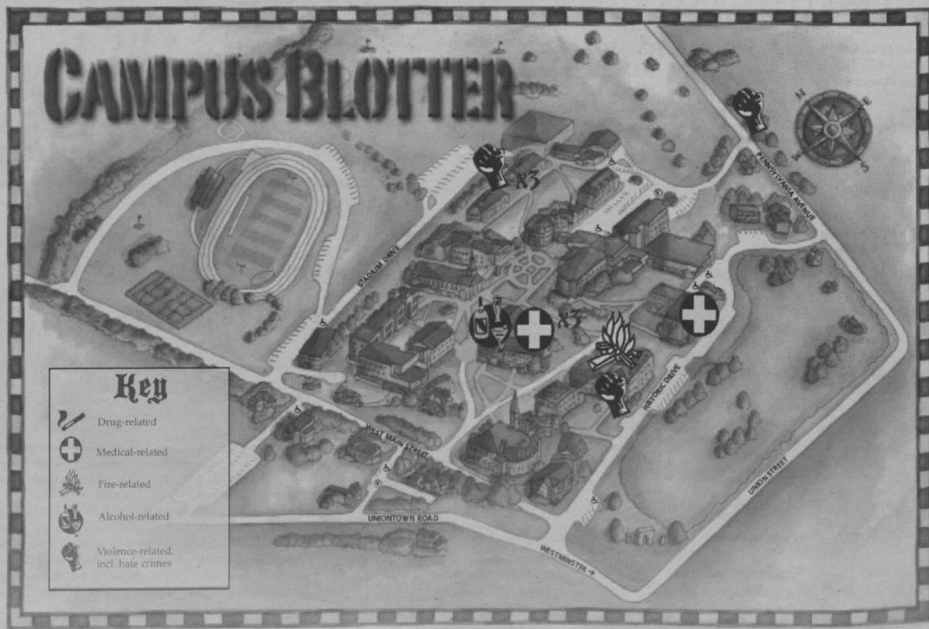
These are all clear signs that people have started to get antsy with the approach of finals. Numerous incidents termed "violent" have happened recently. Vandalization seems to be a common theme. Reported incidents of hate bias have been reported in ANW. Graffiti was written on one door of a dorm room

numerous times. A suspect later admitted to doing it.

Staying in trend, one student had the four tires of their vehicle slashed between 9 p.m. on October 30 and 1:30 p.m. on November 1. Campus Safety never did find out who slashed the tires, so anyone who lives down by PA Ave. should be on the lookout for slashed tires.

Those slashed tires could have definitely helped prevent one student from driving against traffic at an excessive speed on a one way road though. Luckily enough, the reckless driver took a ticket without much complaint and was pretty easy going about the whole situation.

Easy going is what all of us need to be despite the impending doom of finals. We all need to take it easy this Thanksgiving break and cool down. Look on the lighter side of things and stop to think for a moment.



Students need to 'connect' or they leave

From "Retention" on Page 1

why the student is leaving and check if they really want to.

Reiff said he does not try to convince unwilling students to stay. However, if a student is only transferring based on a rectifiable problem, like monetary issues, he works with them.

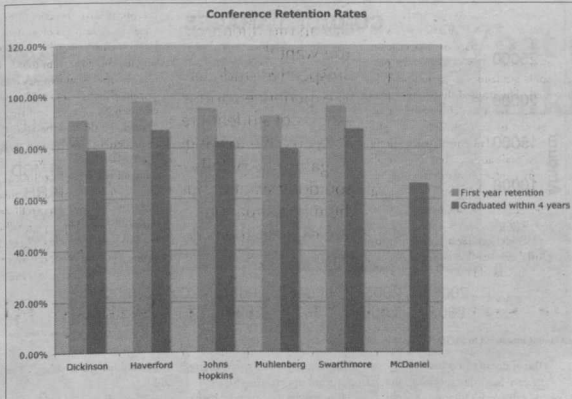
Reiff feels that the main reason that students' transfer is because they are not engaged or connected to the campus.

"Some students will say it's the food; you don't leave a college for food. It is a deeper issue, a lack of connection," Reiff explained, the year that you lose the most students is the first year. If they are not connecting early, it is unlikely for them to ever connect."

Junior, Ken Buerger attended McDaniel College for two years before transferring to William and Mary. Yet he was one of the few who decided that the academic standards were not strong enough.

"I was disappointed with McDaniel's watered-down curriculum," Buerger stated, "honestly, how are nearly all classes worth four credits?"

"There are times I regret leaving McDaniel," Buerger added. "Without a doubt, the people are much nicer at McDaniel. Here, there is an alarming number of arrogant, narcissistic, trust-fund wielding babies who don't look before crossing the street."



After college, Buerger plans to go to law school; he contends that McDaniel was not the right choice to lead him there. In the end, he made the right choice for himself.

"I wanted a school that pushed students beyond their comfort level," Buerger added, so academically, I'm much happier, even though I'm not sleeping as much."

McDaniel's approach to keeping students here begins with the very first year.

Assistant Dean of First Students Sarah Stokely, along with the rest of the first year team, has

worked hard to determine ways to make the first year better. Some of the most recent installations were the first year seminar, the peer-mentoring program, and assigning a first year faculty advisor to each student.

Stokely also talks with students who are contemplating transfer.

She says that the most common reason she runs into is the "personal" reason. "And by personal I mean that many students are really homesick. I find that if one is more than around four hours away from home than they have

trouble," she said.

She cited the least frequent reason as the "academic" one, saying that students are "almost universal in praise of the faculty."

"The college should always be concerned about retention. Retention is not a goal in and of itself. We need to make sure we are offering an educational and living experience that is consistent with our educational mission and meets the needs of students," added Reiff.

A new program, Student Outreach Network, examines any students with cause for worry. Im-

plemented by Dean of Student Affairs Beth Gerl last spring, Student Outreach Network is heralded by Hines as "important" because it is "proactive."

"We're not waiting till someone already wants to leave," Hines said. "We are trying to intervene at the first signs of problem."

Hines is also part of a recently formed committee to examine the extremely complex issue of retention.

"The president formed this task force because she wants our retention rates to be better than average. This is consistent with her goal of quality improvement everywhere," she said.

Stephanie Saulsbury, who transferred from McDaniel after her freshman year, said that the decision was one of the hardest she has ever made.

Yet despite "missing the people at McDaniel and the familiarity and small class size," she is glad to now attend the University of North Carolina in Wilmington, and likes that this school offers a lot of things McDaniel couldn't because of its size.

One of the most important things to realize, says Hines, is that McDaniel can't be a perfect fit for everyone. "We just have to show who we are as a school so that students can decide if we will be right for them."

Missing ring Reardon hopes Honor Code inspires return

By Mario Valone, Contributor

It's no fun to lose \$500—just ask Teresa Reardon, who recently misplaced her \$500 designer ring.

Sometime in September, not but a month after purchasing the expensive ring, which, according to Sak Fifth Avenue's website, can range somewhere close to \$550, Teresa Reardon was washing her hands — she doesn't know which building it was in — and she took her ring off. The intent was to protect the valuable ring, but she ended up leaving it in one of the bathrooms. This is all theory; however, because she can't truly recall how or when exactly she lost the item.

She said she hasn't been searching that hard for it until now, because she kept thinking it was just going to pop up somewhere around her apartment, because she recently moved out of the Garden Apartments into North Village, and she thought she might have misplaced it in the move.

She has been scavenging the local pawn shops and Ebay for her ring. Neither location has resulted

in her finding the precious gem.

Reardon is a transfer student from Montgomery College. She says that she has faith in her new school's honor code, and really hopes that she will be getting a phone call shortly.

Her hopes slightly dissipated when she was making copies of her fliers at a Kinkos, where the woman making copies said, "I would have



taken this [the ring] if I found it."

Reardon said that if someone were to hand in her ring, "It would make my college experience."

If you find a David Yurman ring please contact Teresa Reardon at 301-651-3370.

CHECK THIS



November

Looking for something to do around campus? With the help of CAPBoard and several other campus organizations, there are several fun events planned for the month of November:

November 15: Taste of Latin America Dinner

Sponsored by: The Hispanic-Latino Alliance
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: The Forum
Cost: \$7 for students

November 16: Movie (The Bourne Ultimatum)

Sponsored by: CAPBoard
Time: 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Location: Decker Auditorium

November 27: S'mores and Apple Cider (to celebrate the opening of the art show)

Sponsored by: Late Nights
Time: 8 p.m.
Location: Ensor Lounge

November 29: Comedy Night

Sponsored by: CAPBoard
Time: 9 p.m.
Location: Pub

November 30: Movie (Ratatouille)

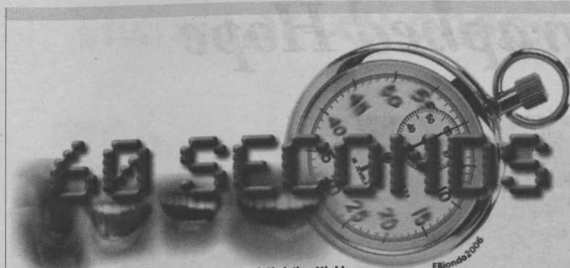
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*All events other than the Taste of Latin America Dinner are free for students

Rouzer hall continues to be 'free-for-all'

'So many books, so little time'

After attending Sharpe's "Books Sandwiched In" event many will share her sentiment, "So many books, so little time."



Compiled by Kate Delenick and Christina Hinkle

Thanksgiving Edition:

What are you thankful for?

**Abby Orevba '10**

"I'm thankful for my family and that God loves me. I'm also thankful for my friends AND my enemies and everyone else who has influenced my life in some way."

**Colin Rodriguez '08**

"I am thankful to finally be graduating this year."

**Hannah Elovich '11**

"I'm thankful for the cold weather – finally. It was so hot for so long, and I'd rather be cold and all bundled up than hot and sweaty!"

**Ryan Graves '09**

"I am thankful for being a collegiate athlete; not everyone has the chance to continue playing sports after high school, and I am thankful I still get to play baseball."

**Missy Kelner '10**

"I am thankful for Campus Safety's constant surveillance of the parking lot and how they're constantly checking parking passes and giving out tickets. I am also thankful for the 'no beer games' policy on campus."

**Lindsay Olsh '08**

"My family, friends, boyfriend. I'm thankful for everything."

**Diana Rosemier '08**

"I am thankful for mashed potatoes and the girls on the softball team! Also, my roommates in North Village 199."

**David Nasongkhla '08**

"I am thankful for being alive. Blessed with wonderful family and friends- food, music, movies, and New York."

**Katey Grogan '08**

"I am thankful for my family, friends, a great roommate, and for almost being finished with college!"

**Leahanne Marino '09**

"I am thankful for everything in my life- going to a great school, amazing friends, and eating pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving with my awesome family."

*If you feel down . . .
pick this up.*

By Torreka Jordan

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." ~ John F. Kennedy

As we go home to reunite with our families, spend more time with them, and participate in what's going on – and your true thankfulness will show through your actions.

A note from yours truly

News Flash! There is an online version of the *McDaniel Free Press*, designed entirely by me, Mike Habegger (<http://mcdanielfreepress.com>). I did it because other schools have been online for years, and we were not.

Yes, I know, I haven't done a very good job promoting it at all (except for that commentary in Issue 2 titled "What is McDaniel-FreePress.com?"), but absolutely no one has used it. Ever. Besides me. Not even the newspaper practicum people have used it, and many of them want to go into the field of journalism, and are missing out on an opportunity to see the internet aka "a series of tubes" in action.

Now, some people have visited the site a few times—since the site's inception, it has averaged 7 unique users per day, which is stunningly low for a website that has a lot of cool content to offer.

I know you, Reader, are very

bored on the internet. Why not check out the website? It's more than just the articles reprinted. There is a Wiki you can fool around with at resources.mcdanielfreepress.com. There is a message board where you can submit articles and photos for publication. There, you can also post papers that you have earned an "A" on in class, so that other people can read them who aren't professors. And then you can give each other critiques of the papers, and generate an intellectual discussion. Finally, you can read articles and discuss them at blogs.mcdanielfreepress.com or feedback.mcdanielfreepress.com.

You, Reader, probably do not think you have time to add one more website stop on your daily interesting, but with your participation, it could become one of the most fun places to be on the net. The possibilities are endless.

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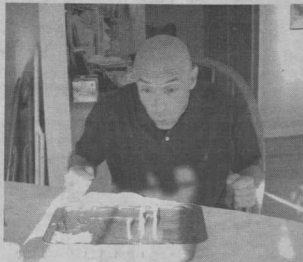
I Photographed Hope



KATELYNN MCGINLEY

JOY. Sophomore Ashlii McGee relives her childhood by playing a quick game of Sonic the Hedgehog on a now antiquated Sega system before going out with friends on a Friday night.

As part of an assignment titled, "I Photographed Hope," students in the Newspaper Practicum class were asked to capture moments on campus and beyond that conveyed one, or a myriad of, emotion(s). Some students took their cameras out during visits home; others captured moments on campus or within the Carroll County community. The ultimate goal was not only to take a photograph that captured emotions like hope, fear, grief, and love, but also to enable readers who see the photographs to feel the same.



MICHELLE MENNER

EXCITED. Early Saturday morning, Will Menner blows out the candles on his birthday cake. Today, Menner celebrates his fiftieth birthday and woke up extra early to enjoy a piece of chocolate eclair cake for breakfast.



DAVE ROBERTSON

ECSTASY. Becky Harrison enthusiastically hams it up for the camera. Leaving Federal Hill in Baltimore, Maryland, she and her fellow travelers going down the steps head toward the Inner Harbor to visit the Hard Rock Cafe.



BETHANN GROW

LOSS. Three years after the loss of her mother, 19-year-old Wendy Fout examines some grave inscriptions at the Church of the Ascension in Westminster, Maryland.



GABRIEL EAGAN

PAIN. Will Hopkins, Adam Doroskin, and Mark Wheeler fight back pain, fatigue, and vomit in the final minute of the second annual Dogs for Canines Hotdog Eating Contest Saturday during halftime of the football game.



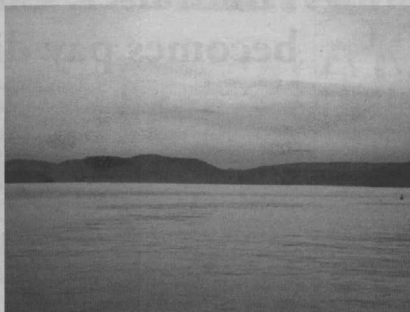
ROKIANNE FLEISCHER

JOY. Katie Griffith (left) and Lisa Katchan laugh after a teammate jumps off of the swing at Heritage Farm Park in Walkersville. The McDaniel Cross Country team had a chance to relax after competing in the Hood College Invitational.

The art of cell phone photography



This photo of Ripley's Believe It or Not, taken by Stephanie Gilbert, captures a memorable moment—without the blur.



A cellphone can capture a moment of beauty when an alternative is lacking. Emily Peoples took this picture of the Adirondack Mountains in New York.



A cellphone is indispensable during a chance encounter with a famous person. Erin Balsamo took this picture of Troy Smith at Ravens Camp.

Don't underestimate the strength of cell phone photos

By Roxanne Fleischer

Earlier this fall I was playing a casual game of tennis at McDaniel when I heard an unusual sound coming from the bleachers; a squirrel was trying to rip open a Duncan Donut's box.

I finally got its paws on a huge chocolate covered doughnut and proceeded to try and lug his treasure back to his home. He must have realized that it was too much to carry, so he resorted to eating the pastry on the spot, and I realized that (alas!) I did not have my camera on me.

So I had to resort to the camera on my cell phone. I tried to sneak as close as possible to the hungry rodent, knowing that my camera phone was not the best quality. The results of my little adventure were not ideal: I scared the squirrel

away, causing him to abandon his cherished prize, and I was left with a pixel-y mess, a sorry excuse for a photo.

If only my camera phone was of better quality, I could have had millions by selling the picture to Hallmark to put on the front of a greeting card! Well maybe not, but I do wonder whether the cameras on cell phones are worth the hassle.

"Most people just use their cell phone cameras for fun," said sophomore Lauren Dinatale. "They don't usually use them artistically." Dinatale says that she mostly uses her cell phone camera when she doesn't have a real camera on hand, and still wants to remember the event. She has photos of a McDaniel track team mud fight and a picture of

a baby turtle she saw while she was a counselor at a summer camp.

Sue Bloom, art and art history professor at McDaniel College said that there have been shows of cell phone photographs, but the images usually only have one mega pixel, and the resolution is low.

"But pixels alone do not a photo make," she said. "[It] is in the viewer's eye, always...I would need to judge the image on its own merits. Just as everything 'painted' is not a fine art painting."

The mega pixels on the cameras are undeniably getting better. According to Tim Wright, a retail sales consultant at AT&T Mobility in Westminster, cell phone cameras are constantly improving. "A year ago, 1.3 mega pixels for a

cell phone camera was the best. Now, 1.3 is only the average, and cell phones with 2.0 and 3.0 mega pixels are the best," he said.

Wright said that in Europe, some phones have cameras with 5.0 mega pixels, which is better than my regular camera. Perhaps with a newer, European phone, I could have easily snapped a clear shot of the squirrel eating a Boston cream and would not have felt guilty about chasing him away from his hard earned dinner.

And it does seem that people think camera phones are worth it. Wright says that 80% of the customers at AT&T make their cell phone selections based on the camera quality. The other 20% do not care, or cannot have cameras on their phones because of their professions.

Carroll County attracts 2,000 tourists annually

By Lauren Laker, Contributor

Each year, 2,000 visitors stop in the Carroll County Visitor Center, wondering what to do in the little town of Westminster.

For Barbara Beverungen, manager of Carroll County's tourism center, the answer is simple.

"Stroll down Main Street, window shopping (or buying), getting sidetracked, stopping in Ain't That a Frame to check out the art gallery upstairs, or stopping by the Arts Center to see the new exhibit and then stopping in Hickory Stick and Art Works," she said, listing her favorite local activities.

She's also an authority on the best local cuisine. Beverungen suggested having Lunch at Harry's for their famous chili dog and a Greek salad or O'Lordan's for Shepherd's pie, or Johanssons for the must-eat crab cake.

Local tourism employees like Beverungen say they really want visitors to have a good time — and enjoy suggesting just how to do it. Along with the visitor's center, the organization also has a Web site listing the area's events: www.carrollcountytourism.org.

The visitor center, located at 210 E. Main Street in the heart of Westminster, is open Monday

through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays and most holidays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The nonprofit gets money to keep the business running through hotel taxes. As part of its services, the tourism center also distributes free maps of the area and event brochures. Along with these items, they also offer complimentary tour-planning services.

At the tourism center, it's not necessary to target options for a certain age group, since nearly everything is acceptable for anyone, employees say. Students could phone in and ask questions about where to take their family on a tour in the Westminster area. If students mention what they like, the tour guide can point them in the right direction to help create an experience of Westminster the family will not forget. Along with helping individuals, the center also fields calls from tour operators. Those group leaders phone the center and interview staff to find out what their group would be interested in.

A quick look at the tourism materials make it clear that this town really has it all, from history and tradition to modern day festivals. Antique shops are scattered around West Main Street. For anyone who loves the outdoors, there

is Piney Run and Bear Nature Centers to enjoy the sounds and scenes of Mother Nature.

Another popular site in Westminster is the farm museum where the events held include fall harvest days, the fiddler's convention, and the wine festival.

The Maryland Wine Festival is an event not to be missed. They are celebrating their 25th anniversary of the festival next year. This event attracts people from all 50 states, and only Maryland wine is served. At the festival, there is not only wine to drink, but also an educational seminar to inform people of how to enjoy wine and which type to use based on a particular menu. With wine in hand, visitors can boogie down with Jazz, Blues, and Rock music. Food is also available for purchase.

There are plenty more yearly events and festivals, all of which are all listed on the Web. For the month of October, for example, there are plenty of things to do in the community. For instance, you could go on a hayride at Bedlam in the Boro where the Lineboro Volunteer Fire Department is there to scare timid riders, or you could get lost in a hayfield at the Maizefest. Mt. Airy Fall Festival is enjoyable with family as well as the Sykesville

Fall Festival and tons more, each tailored to the area's seasonal delights.

The site also lists bed and breakfasts offering a cozy, personal option for families visiting from out of town.

The Carroll County Tourism Center is the way to go if you have relatives or friends coming to town. Instead of moping around the dorms, take charge and get together a tour or find events going on in the community.



KELLY ETZEL

Centerspread

ALTA ΣΦC GREEK BEAT

Compiled by Bethany Grové

Been there, done that:**September 7**

Phi Kappa Sigma gave away water and collected donations in Red Square for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

September 9

Phi Kappa Sigma worked security at a DC United game. Their earnings were donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. So far this semester they have donated \$500 to the society.

October 5

Phi Mu and Phi Kappa Sigma co-sponsored a clubroom for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer foundation.

October 13

Phi Kappa Sigma worked security for the pre-season basketball game between the Washington Wizards and the Dallas Mavericks.

We're looking forward to:**November 27**

Phi Sigma Sigma's Winter Wonderland recruitment event. 8 p.m. in their clubroom (the basement of McDaniel Lounge). All women are welcome to attend, and they are hoping to meet women interested in going Greek.

November 30

Phi Sigma Sigma's annual Basket Bingo will be held at the Westminster Fire Hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and games begin at 6:30 p.m. This event is open to all students, faculty, and staff. The winner will receive a basket full of prizes and gifts. Phi Sig sisters are selling tickets.

Fundraiser: Chicken poop becomes pay dirt for winner

By Bethany Grové

A small crowd gathered in Red Square on November 1. In the center stood a chicken, the star of the day, thanks to a creative fundraiser sponsored by Alpha Nu Omega.

It was a cold day but hopes were high as the chicken was placed on a large bingo board painted onto a tarp, which consisted of one hundred numbers.

The chicken paced. The students cheered. And within five seconds, the chicken left its droppings on square number four, which was purchased by Lindsay Fairchild.

Alpha Nu Omega, the host of the event, gave Fairchild \$50 for winning.

"I assure you the chicken is never hurt; we do believe in kindness towards animals," said Alpha Nu Omega member, Lindsay Olsh, when asked about animal activists who may have frowned upon this event. And, despite some rumors, the chicken was never dropped and laxatives were not used, according to Erika Wawzyanick, fundraiser chair of Alpha Nu Omega.

The chicken drop is originally from Ambergris Dave, an island in Belize. This event is held every Wednesday at the Spindrift Hotel according to Dr. Herbert Smith, professor of Political Science and

International Studies. Smith leads the January term to Belize every year.

The question of whether or not anyone can predict how long it takes before a chicken might poop is best answered by watching the chicken's movements carefully, according to a local veterinarian.

"Watch for that beginning of motion," advised John Kable, D.V.M. at Airpark Animal Hospital. "When a chicken moves it's shit or git time."

"There is a shared opening between the urinary tract and the digestive tract," Kable explained. "The digestive process involves things coming from both directions to one place. When the chicken moves, it's time."

Bodwin Simons said, "At least it's not dog fighting," about this first time event.

The Chicken Drop mirrors another fundraising tradition in Carroll County and other rural areas across the nation: Cowpie Bingo.

Sometimes called Barnyard Bingo, this fundraiser lures folks around a large grid, usually in a field, to wait and hope that a cow will drop a pie in a square that bears their number. The person who purchased the number where the pie drops wins a cash prize. In

Lineboro, a little town approximately 25 minutes from McDaniel, Barnyard Bingo brings winners as much as \$500 and the local fire department, which sponsors the event, as much as \$10,000, according to a recent story in Carroll Magazine.



The Chicken Drop has yet to build such momentum, but the event shared the same "have-fun" feel.

A few days before the event, Olsh said, "Alpha Nu Omega is doing it as one of our sorority fundraisers, and if it goes as well as we hope, it could even become one of our annual ones for the fall, like Mr. McDaniel in the spring."

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Alpha Nu Omega members Adopt-a-Highway

"It's nice to see how we made a difference in the Carroll County community." ~ Kaitlyn Parkins

By Heather Gorsuch, Contributor

It's that time of year again—fall! The leaves are changing hues and falling, leaving Carroll County imbedded in a colorful blanket. As you drive down your local highway, you can see the beautiful scenic landscape this time of year. Unfortunately, litter bugs around the county are ruining the environment and damaging the Chesapeake Bay's watershed by throwing trash, aluminum cans, cigarette butts, and wrappers along local highways. This costs taxpayers millions of dollars each year on trash removal projects organized by the State Highway Administration (SHA) crews. Therefore, the state charges these litter bugs \$1,000 and two points off of their licenses for each violation.

For those of you against people who trash our beautiful highways, there is a way to take action. Join millions of others and Adopt-A-Highway, an organization founded in 1989 in Texas. It's a great way to show pride for your community and clean up the environment. In Carroll County there are 65 organizations that have adopted a highway, five of which are sororities or fraternities. Alpha Nu Omega, Alpha Sigma, Phi Kappa, and Gamma Sigma (a service sorority) are all sororities or fraternities at McDaniel College.



These organizations that have adopted highways are committed to picking up trash four times a year for a two year period along a one to three mile stretch of highway. The highways are picked by the organization from a list presented from SHA's district engineer, based on safety factors. SHA will supply the organization with orange safety vests, hats, trash bags, and caution signs so there are not any safety hazards. They also receive two 36" by 24" signs that feature the organization's name, and are decorated with Black Eyed Susans, the state flower.

Alpha Nu Omega has been participating in this community service project for the past ten years. The sorority is composed of 17 active sisters. This community service project gives the sisters a sense of responsibility by continuing to keep the highway clean for many more years to come. Their mile long stretch of highway is on Route 27 coming from Westminster towards New Windsor.

"It's nice to drive by the sign showing our letters and how we made a difference in the Carroll County community," said Kaitlyn Parkins, community service chair of Alpha Nu Omega. The sisters of Alpha Nu Omega enjoy participating in this project as a group to better their bond of sisterhood. Even

Greek Philanthropy**Rock-a-thon**

By Christina Hinkle

For years, philanthropy has played a vital role in the lives of McDaniel College Greeks. The sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma recently hosted their semi annual Rock-a-thon, which takes place once in the fall and once during the spring semester. The event lasts for twenty-four hours, during which the sisters take turns rocking in chairs, as a way to raise money. The event began at 5 p.m. on October 19, and continued until 5 p.m. the next day. The event usually takes place in Red Square, however, due to inclement weather, the sisters rocked inside Decker College Center for the majority of the time, but moved the chairs to the football game on Saturday afternoon. This annual event supports the Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation, which benefits the National Kidney Foundation, and the event always proves to be a success. Rock-a-thon is a national tradition that Phi Sigma Sigma sister all over the country take part in to benefit the organization. Junior Marykate Klocko said, "I think this is a great tradition, and I think it's awesome to be involved in something that Phi Sigs all over the country are doing." The sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma thank everyone who took part in this event, and be sure to look for them rocking in the spring.

though Alpha Nu Omega is not a large sorority, the sisters know they are making a difference because the roads appear cleaner instantly.

"It's an easy project to better the community and bond with your sisters," said Andrea Spahn, president of Alpha Nu Omega.

"Alpha Nu Omega and the other three sororities and fraternities at McDaniel College helped

contribute to the 518 bags of trash picked up just last year," said Patricia Newsome, the Adopt-A-Highway coordinator for Carroll County. Adopt-A-Highway is a great opportunity to better the environment in a fun and exciting way with family and friends.

Annual Harvest Ball brings fraternity brothers to seniors

By Bethany Grové

On Saturday, Nov. 3, the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi traveled to Westminster Senior and Community Center for the annual Harvest Ball. The ball is sponsored by the Westminster Lion's Club and it has been held for the past ten years. This year marks the fourth year that the fraternity brothers have participated.

Comparable to a prom, the Harvest Ball features a live band, refreshments, and various dances like the waltz, line dancing and the hokey pokey.

"They really put us to shame with their dancing skills," said Wes Henry, a first year member of the fraternity.

"I consider this a very enjoyable community service event, but I don't view community service as a burden; more of an opportunity to improve the environment I live in," said McDaniel senior Jonathan Schultz, who has been a member of Alpha Sigma Phi since the fall of 2005.

Schultz added that his favorite part of the ball was talking to the ladies. "They don't get the chance

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Newer members were unsure of what to expect at the Harvest Ball.

Dennis Stydinger, a first year member of Alpha Sigma Phi said he was nervous before he attended the ball, but ultimately, he danced with five or six ladies individu-

ally, and danced with most of the women in a group circle dance.

"It helped me loosen up and interact more freely," Stydinger said. "I actually, and I mean this, had a pretty good time. The people there really appreciate us coming, and they're genuine about it, and they love to talk to you about whatever they can."

"I don't much like dances with people my own age," Stydinger said. "This was completely new. I thought it was going to be really structured and forced."

Paul Garver, the center manager for the Westminster Senior and Community Center said that Alpha Sigma Phi suggested they volunteer for the event a few years ago, and they keep coming back for more.

"We had 20 of them here and it really made a difference," Garver said. "It made it really special for our senior participants here at the ball and I know that our senior participants have always looked forward to these young men coming out and dancing the night away."



Features

Deaf education professor 'loves to laugh'

Mark Rust believes ASL is pathway for being an ally to the deaf community

By Rachel Hooper

If you hear laughter in the halls of McDaniel College's Academic Hall, you'll probably find an unlikely source, a professor who often teaches in silence using American Sign Language.

The man with a great sense of humor is Mark Rust, assistant professor of education and coordinator of the Graduate Program in Deaf Education. "I just love to laugh," said Rust.

The Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies, Sherri Hughes, says of Rust, "What stands out about Mark is, first of all, his good humor," adding, "It's not uncommon to hear Mark's laugh throughout the hallway and the building."

Jessica White, a grad student in Deaf Education and English Secondary Education who worked for Rust said, "He's very family-oriented; he'd talk about his mom in class and his daughters." Rust explained that he recently cared for his mother in his home for two months while she was dealing with cancer. He has two daughters, Lauren, 23, majoring in Social



Education at Pfeiffer University, and Amy, 19, who is a sophomore Art Studio major at McDaniel College. One of Rust's major interests is hiking and camping, which he shares with his wife, Dottie.

"As far as football, I'm a Wisconsin person, so I'm always rooting for Green Bay," said Rust.

This native of Milwaukee became interested in deaf education because his parents were deaf. He attended the University of Northern Colorado, where he got his undergraduate and graduate degrees. Rust began teaching in 1981 at the Maryland School of the Deaf in Frederick, MD. He taught for 22 years, teaching both elementary and high school before coming to McDaniel in fall 2003. Rust hopes to finish his PhD in adult education from Capella University this year.

Not only is Rust a teacher, father, husband, and the coordinator

of the Graduate Program in Deaf Education at McDaniel, he is also an advocate for deaf students. Rust prefers to say, "I just try to be more of an ally (Rust signed the word ally); the main thing we do in our program is empower people to be an advocate for themselves or to be an ally to the deaf community."

As an ally for the needs and rights of deaf students, Rust's passion is to get deaf students a language that they can understand, so they can get an education that will broaden their horizons.

"It's valuable; it's also editing; it raises their self-esteem," said Rust.

Rust says he's "into theatre" and directed high school plays at the Maryland School of the Deaf for 17 years. One anecdote he tells about himself occurred while he was working as a deaf interpreter. "I do theatrical interpretation down in Washington, D.C. and [I] almost knocked over [former Vice President] Walter Mondale."

What do people who have worked with Rust think of him? Secretary Dorita Dorm said, "He's a very caring person, always helpful, and always makes time for students."

White describes him as, "Friendly, welcoming, inviting; someone I can talk to and ask any question I need, not standoffish at

all." She thinks he has made quite an impact on campus interacting with both undergraduates and graduate students. "Everyone feels comfortable going to him," said White.

Janet Conley, associate coordinator of Deaf Education, describes co-worker Rust as "compassionate, enthusiastic, and having just all-good qualities." She feels Rust has had a significant impact at McDaniel, having developed and implemented a first-year seminar course called Education and Life Experience of Deaf People. He was also a major contributor to the program change for using American Sign Language to meet the language requirement at the undergraduate level.

Rust's boss is Dean Hughes, who says of him, "He's full of energy. He's the kind of person that always has a new idea or new project that he'd like to get started on.... He's very warm and welcoming to all kinds of people."

Hughes particularly commends Rust for his ability to help people see a different perspective or point of view. She said, "Through that kind of leadership he encourages both his students and his colleagues to do the same, so I think he brings us all little closer together."

Can Rust have all of these good qualities and a global vision,

too? He admits that he has traveled to some very distant parts of the world, including participating in mission trips to Africa working with deaf children. He has traveled to Zimbabwe and twice to Kenya. Happily, he's bringing his international experience to McDaniel by organizing a January term trip to work with deaf children in the Dominican Republic.

Rust is also involved at the national level. He serves as co-chair of the National Language Planning Committee for Deaf Education, a group trying to put together standards for what should be taught to deaf children linguistically in ASL and to develop a curriculum for K-12 students.

What does Rust envision for the future of the deaf community at McDaniel? He refers to his love of the theatre when he answers, "I have a hope that someday we would be able to have an undergraduate mixed with the graduate theatre troop that would do theater in sign and bring deaf awareness to the state."

Professor Conley sums up McDaniel's appreciation for having Rust on campus by saying, "There are so many positives that he brings to the school and to the program.... We are very pleased that he's here. We hope that he stays for a long time."

Commentary: Freedom of Speech

True freedom brings painful rants from Westboro Baptists

By Eleanor Nagle

The First Amendment is a tricky thing. It gives us freedoms once unheard of and unique to America. Freedoms that make America what it is and should be. One would hope that those freedoms would be used to make America a better place but that doesn't always happen. What is to be done when people use their freedoms in the "wrong" way?

The most current and important example of this question is the case of the Westboro Baptists. The church, run out of Topeka, Kansas, asserts that the war in Iraq and the other problems America faces is the result of our acceptance of homosexuality. Members of the church routinely protest at funerals of fallen soldiers blaming their deaths, not on the war but on the wrath of God.

Protesters hold signs saying things like "God Bless Dead Soldiers," and "God hates America."

On Halloween, the church was ordered by a jury in Baltimore to pay the family of a soldier killed in Iraq \$10.9 million in emotional damages. The father of the soldier, marine Matthew Snyder used the church after seeing video of the church protesting outside of his

son's Westminster funeral.

The problem is that it is unclear whether or not the church

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members were well within their First Amendment rights when they protested at Snyder's and other soldiers' funerals. In fact, according to the *Baltimore Sun*, many First Amendment experts are saying that the case is bound to win an appeal.

The First Amendment states that "Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech...or the right of the people to peaceably assemble." When you look at this particular case, the church members were certainly

within their rights. They were not violent. They did not even get in the way of the funeral. Most of the mourners did not even see them. The father did not know they were there till he saw a video of it after the funeral.

There are laws and ordinances in most states to keep protesters from disturbing private funerals, and the Westboro Baptists followed them. They were a thousand feet away and on private property. The Westboro Baptists do deplorable things to get their appalling opinions across. There is no question there, but the things they do are legal and they have the right to do them.

"While I think it's sad that people would choose to use their freedom in such a way, we can't simply choose to support that freedom based on whether or not we find their protest acceptable because that's not a true freedom," said sophomore Liz Eanes.

If the American people want to support true freedom, they have to support the Westboro Baptist's right to use the First Amendment. It may be horrifying and inappropriate but that's what true freedom sometimes gets you.

Best bagels in town: Panera flavors first place

By Katelynn McGinley

If you find yourself tiring of going ten rounds with the GLAR toaster oven, or doing rock, paper, scissors with someone to see who gets the last cinnamon raisin bagel - you've got options.

The *Free Press* took on the oh-so grueling task of breaking down the best places in Westminster to get your bagel fix and came up with the following results.

You have the default grocery store bagels - both Safeway and Food Lion's prices range from about \$.55-.60 per bagel - and a Safeway employee told this reviewer that they weren't above a little haggling (depending on how many bagels the customer was purchasing, of course).

As far as variety goes, the choices are pretty standard - though the thought process behind eating an onion bagel for breakfast might be a bit weird. If you are planning on buying your bagels from a grocery store, get there early in the day so you won't be disappointed when you get there and find that they are sold out of lemon poppy seed bagels.

Sam's Bagels is another popular spot for students to get grub. It's within a reasonable walking distance from campus (located on 1 E Main Street) and offers a decent variety of bagels (not to mention a plethora of sandwiches, salads, and

righteous chocolate chip cookies) at a reasonable price. The ambiance is not unlike that of a quaint coffee shop, the people who work there are extremely nice, and it's a fun alternative to GLAR - as long as you don't mind rubbing elbows with the townies who will probably try to sell you crack on your walk back.

A personal favorite, however, would have to be the one and only Panera Bread. The sit-down restaurant part of Panera is relatively inexpensive, and the bakery definitely offers the best bagel to dollar ratio of the bunch. A bakers dozen (13 bagels) costs \$7.75, while a "Bagel Bunch" (18 bagels) costs \$9.75. Another good investment at Panera would definitely be the hazelnut cream cheese (\$1.30).

The only problem with Panera might be that they are a bit too ambitious with their flavor choices. Cinnamon Crunch, Blueberry, and Dutch Apple & Raisin were all big hits with my roommates (whom I so generously shared the assignment with) - not so much the case for the French Toast (should your bagel taste like syrup?) and the Chocolate (I'm suspicious of breakfast food that smells like it was made by Willy Wonka).

On the whole - if you're in the mood for bagels of a slightly higher quality, Panera is your best bet.

The *Free Press* wishes you happy bagel hunting!

As world's woes increase, apathy should not

International events affect us all. It shouldn't take a disaster to raise awareness

By Dave Robertson

November certainly began on a high note in the World: Pakistan continues to endure a raging political conflict; the European Union reaffirmed a two-track approach to curbing Iran's nuclear weapons ambitions; Venezuela has cracked down on press freedom; prices on barrels of oil continue to rise; and on a national level, 2007 has yielded low voter turnout for important local elections.

However, a few slightly more positive things have transpired: Somalian Government officials are attempting to bring its communities together; international graduate enrollment in the United States has increased; and we apparently continue to disrupt Al Qaeda Networks in Iraq.

The citizens of Burma still suffer from human trafficking and literal enslavement in their home country as well as exploitation by neighboring countries. And most news and recent updates have fallen by the wayside as far as the United States seems to be concerned.

As a school, McDaniel College has done its part (to an extent) to keep students informed of inter-

national situations, but no current events classes have run this semester to perpetuate more awareness. Students enthusiastically rallied outside Hoover Library in support of aid for Burma, specifically for one international student, Lin Sun Oo, whose family was directly affected by the people's effort toward democracy.

But what does this say about the McDaniel College community and even the United States in general? Must it take another instance like the violence inflicted on peaceful protesters in Burma, disasters like Hurricane Katrina or the Tsunami from which thousands still suffer its aftermath, for anyone to take action? And how long does that support last?

And when many complain about elected officials, they most likely have not voted themselves, and therefore should have no right to say anything about it.

It seems that our patriotism has all but disappeared when considering more than six years have passed since the terrorist attacks on the New York World Trade Center towers. Every once in a while, some organization will raise funds to aid victims there and from hurricane,

tsunami, or other disasters (natural or man-made). Recently, all news of the Pakistan government crackdown reflects what might be construed as the United States' support for its repressive regime. Dr. Mohammed Esa of the foreign language department stated that Musharraf does not care for "democracy, human rights, or freedom. This is where the U.S. needs to step in."

With a smile,

he added, "Bush should have the decency to tell Musharraf, 'You can bribe judges and win [presidency] the way I did.'"

Sophomore Christina Baumer said that "on a fundamental level, we are funding Musharraf and what is essentially the general military rule in Pakistan (which violates human rights), just as China is funding the Junta in Burma. It's an interesting parallel."

In Pakistan, the former prime minister, Benazir Bhutto returned to Rawalpindi, welcomed by an assassination attempt and an accusing army general. She is not a religious radical, like most other political party members, but is a woman. In theory, this is a sign of change and ultimately improvement, says Esa, but men have a power complex and make every attempt to thwart a woman with political power.

Though democracy has come under significant scrutiny in Pakistan, this year's United States presidential race reflects some of the

same issues: Hillary Clinton struggles to maintain support as everyone focuses on her faults as a female politician rather than listening to her ideas for national and international improvement.

Such international affairs will likely impact international student attendance at our college as well as the nation in general. On a more personal level, senior Brendan Hodge said he makes it a point of meeting and befriending the international students on our campus because "they have opinions and think differently than your average American college student."

Students and faculty members alike, as well as the rest of this community, should feel as strongly for all of these issues and others until they have come to a close. Likewise, it directly affects friends of students at McDaniel, or even could impact those strong ties. It is not enough to rally or write letters to government officials once; continuing conflicts call for persistent efforts and interest until such matters are resolved.



Op-Ed:

Global Pride

A call for solidarity in the fight against global warming and the preservation of our world

By Sara Groveman, Contributor

We may choose to go on with our daily lives as if nothing has changed. But for many of us today, if you're feelin' the heat, the weather's not the only thing on your mind. After countless debates, research, and reporting, our planet's future is becoming more prominent in the media. Arguments over global warming and climate change are heating up, and this typically hot autumn is not the only reminder.

In 2006, former vice president Al Gore released what many consider his life's mission in the form of a documentary that no less than shocked the nation. *An Inconvenient Truth* culminates scientific data with the dramatic story of how we could be in store for, if the current "climate crisis" goes on unchecked. While some critics have slammed the film as being exaggerated and misleading, others hail Gore's remarkable efforts and science designed to educate the public on a dire situation which we may only have control over for so long. Upon viewing the documentary, I found myself profoundly moved

and utterly shocked by what I saw; it was enough to bring me to tears. Maybe it was the animated displays of New York City sinking below the ocean, or maybe Gore's expression of desperation to change our daily lives before time runs out. Either way, something moved me. For the first time, I am aware of what was happening around the world, and for the first time, I am shocked into wanting to do something about it.

Now, even though there is still much left unknown about what's really happening, the general consensus is that a change is occurring. Our climate is definitely warming up, and there are plenty of statistics out there that display what's changed over the years. According to the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC):

"U.S. and global annual temperatures are now approximately 1.0°F warmer than at the start of the 20th century, and the rate of warming has... increased [ed] globally since the mid-1970's at a rate approximately three times faster than the century-scale trend. The past nine years have all been among the 25 warmest years on record..."

Astonishingly, most of these national records date all the way back to 1895.

It is clear what the actual consensus is. The National Atlas of the United States declares, "One of the most challenging aspects of climate change detection is distinguishing natural long-term variations from trends caused by human activity" (Climate of the United States). However, despite the difficulties, the Union of Concerned Scientists

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tists USA (UCS) contends that "Because most global warming emissions remain in the atmosphere for decades or centuries, the energy choices we make today greatly influence the climate our children and grandchildren inherit (Global Warming Human Fingerprints).

Humans are clearly not making the right choices when it comes to their planet. Let's face it. We're certainly less "eco-friendly" than we should be. Some people out there just care about the earth and the environment; and that's admirable. They are willing to put forth the effort and have pride in the earth. What about the rest of us? There is so much in this world that is beautiful, that's too precious to lose.

Here's what UCS has to say: "The identification of humans as the main driver of global warming helps us understand how and why our climate is changing, and it clearly defines the problem as one that is within our power to address...Flexibility in adapting

to those changes we cannot avoid, [gives us] a small window in which to avoid truly dangerous warming and provide future generations with a sustainable world."

Humans have got to start thinking about the world in which they live, and the world they will leave behind for future generations. Having pride in the beauty of the earth may make all the difference in the choices we make. Al Gore reminds us in the opening monologue of his documentary:

"You look at that river gently flowing by. You notice the leaves rustling with the wind. You hear the birds...The mud gives a little bit on the river bank. It's quiet; it's peaceful. And all of a sudden, it's a gear shift inside you. And it's like taking a deep breath and going, 'Oh yeah, I forgot about this.'"

We cannot forget this. We've got to fight global warming, before the earth fights for itself.

Commentary

Wounded: Rape, Assault, and Recovery



By Kathryn Young, Features Co-Editor

If you have any further questions or ideas for the column, please e-mail key001@mcDaniel.edu.

Despite our knowledge of the unfortunate commonality of rape, I still believe many of us are in denial. After all, isn't it true that those raped lacked responsibility?

NO! A stranger with a weapon forcing himself upon a woman in an alley isn't the most typical scenario of rape. Girls we know have found themselves raped or assaulted in some way, and it said to realize everything you thought you knew about rape was false.

According to the National Violence against Women Survey, more than one out of every six women is a rape victim, and the majority of those victims were assaulted in their teens or early twenties. As students who attend a college affected by assaults, it is important that we be educated about rape.

I've continued down the road of denial, rapists will continue to get away with their crimes because the girls they attacked have been told that "it wasn't rape," and in some cases believe that the rape

was in part their own doing.

Because many attacks fall within a gray area, the definition for rape and assault is not straightforward creating a lack of recognition of all kinds of sexual attacks. No matter how quickly the incident may take place, the U.S. Department of Justice actually defines sexual assault as any unwanted sexual contact (i.e. ass/breast grab).

Rape, however, is a severe form of sexual assault – technically defined as forced vaginal, anal, or oral penetration. As sex-columnist Amber Madison notes, it is important to understand that "forced" assault can be both physical and psychological threats.

The following scenarios, Madison cites to "count" as rape:

1. A friend, boyfriend, ex, or anyone a girl has slept with in the past made her have sex when she didn't want to.

2. A girl was forced into sex by a guy whom she had sex with willingly at a later time.

3. A girl had sex but was too drunk, high, or young to understand what she was doing.

4. A guy forced a girl to have sex with him but told her that he loved her, that she was beautiful, or that she was so sexy he couldn't control himself.

5. A girl was forced into having sex, but her body responded and she "got wet" or even had an orgasm.

6. A guy threatened to harm a girl if she didn't have sex with him, so she did it because she felt she had to.

The fact is that anytime anyone, boyfriend, relative, friend, stranger, date, or teacher forces you in any way, physically or psychologically, to have sex, oral, anal, or vaginal, it COUNTS.

Since one of the biggest misconceptions about rape is that rapists are strangers lurking in dark alleys, Madison also points out what specifically counts as "no":

1. A girl said no but didn't physically fight off her attacker.

2. A girl said yes at first, but then changed her mind and said no.

3. A girl didn't say no because she was afraid that she would be physically hurt or killed if she did.

4. A girl stopped saying no because it wasn't making the guy stop.

5. A girl showed pain or fear, and obviously didn't want the sexual encounter to continue.

6. A girl never said no because she froze up and said nothing.

Any way that a girl says no or stop means that a guy should stop. However, if a girl isn't responding in any way, her lack of response doesn't mean yes. If he ignores any of these signs, it is rape.

It can be difficult for a girl to come forward, or even comprehend that she was raped, especially if the rapist was an acquaintance or friend. But no matter how hard it is to realize, when a guy knowingly forces a girl into sex it is always that fault of a guy for not stopping rather than a girl for not being able to stop him.

Album review:

Jay-Z is the American Gangster



New album from the hip-hop king earns an 'A'

By David Nasongkhla

It's safe to say Jay-Z is back at the top of his game. His last album *Kingdom Come* was solid, but it wasn't the return to hip-hop most fans wanted, or even expected. However, *American Gangster* reasserts Jay-Z as hip-hop's greatest wordsmith, and he undeniably delivers.

Jay-Z was inspired to make *Gangster* from a early special screening of Denzel Washington's film of the same name. Jay's *Gangster* is in itself a mini-movie, without the visuals. He tells the story of a Brooklyn teen getting into the drug scene and staying in it. Jay performs it in character, as if it were a series of monologues crafted into a one-man show, even though *Gangster* is far from a one-man effort. Beats on the album were produced by Diddy's Hitmen team, as well as Pharrell Williams, Jermaine Dupri, Kanye West and Just Blaze.

The titles of the tracks could be compared to the chapters of a film. The album starts early on with "American Dreamin'" and progresses to tracks like "Hello Brooklyn 2.0" and "Success." Finally, the end of the album falls on the track, and final stop of the character arc, "American Gangster."

Not only does this album tell a story, but it also is a commentary on recent attacks on hip-hop's violence and language, and offers a line about the Don Imus controversy.

American Gangster is proof that Jay-Z hasn't lost his gift of making some of the most unquestionably inventive and solid hip-hop music. On the track "Roc Boys" he proclaims, "This is black superhero music." Bold words, but it's hard to argue with someone who's come back twice and remains the genre's most thrilling voice.

Album grade:

A

Indifference harmful to rape victims



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Misconceptions, apathy, bad attitudes, and fear surround the issue of rape on campus.

We have all heard it before, The statistics that do not actually mean anything to us, the over dramatized ads, and so many other things warning us about sexual assault. It is a scary thing to hear about and so we brush it off. If we don't think about it, it is not real.

The problem is that sexual assault is real. It is actually happening all around us to the women and sometimes even men that we know, but it remains the elephant in the room that no one wants to talk about. Sure, there are ads and other things that are supposed to raise awareness but students have become so desensitized to them that they do not do as much good as they should.

If we are going to fix the way women and men see rape and stop the indifference to it, we first have to change the ideas we have in our heads about the victims of sexual assault. As senior Eric Danforth said, "A lot of people think it's just women who party that get raped."

It is because of that common viewpoint that people are able to let themselves blame the victim of sexual assault instead of the perpetrator. It is easy to write off the victim by saying that she should

have known better than to drink so much or to wear a skirt that short, because if she dresses provocatively and gets intoxicated it is on par with asking to be raped. Does that seem ridiculous to you? Yes? Me too.

As ridiculous as that viewpoint may be, it is still not unusual to hear girls around campus nonchalantly brush off a story of an assault by saying the victim was asking for it by how she looked and acted, but as sophomore Sarah Ballew says, "No one ever deserves to get raped. They weren't asking for it. It's not some sort of divine punishment."

It's not just intoxicated women who party and dress provocatively who get assaulted; it could happen to anyone. It's easy to pass blame on to the victim because it makes it easier to justify something that really can never be justified. If there's a reason for it, there's no need to worry about it or think about. If your not one of those girls, it will not affect you. "[Students] probably don't think about it because they don't think it will happen to them," said Ballew.

That train of thought is exactly what is causing a new found and devastating indifference our cam-

puses seems to have towards sexual assault. This campus needs to wake up and look around. It's time to care.

Since the beginning of the school year there has been only one reported case of rape. The sad thing is that there are probably countless other cases that have gone unreported because of embarrassment, fear, or confusion.

If you have been raped or know someone who has, please come forward. Even if you don't want to press charges, get counseling and see a doctor. And finally to those of you, men and women, who have committed a crime as heinous as sexual assault, I urge you to come forward. Even if not to confess to the crime officially, at least to get help. Not just for yourself, but for the good of those around you. Do the right thing.

If you have been a victim and decide to come forward you can contact Megan Heirion at counseling services for help as well as the police and a variety of other organizations, such as the Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County, designed to help victims and family and friends of victims of sexual assault.

Op-Ed: Underappreciated Alumni Hall 'in need of tender love and care'

By Shannon Dougher,
Contributor

Alumni Hall, which was constructed in 1892, is one of the few original buildings still standing from the time this college was founded. The structure is over 110 years old and gives this campus much of its character. Western Maryland College Alumni Hall is one of the only buildings on campus that pays tribute to our school before it became McDaniel College in 2002. The building can be found in the National Historic Register and has a history that has evolved with the college. It not only holds a place in the record books, but also in the hearts of every student who has ever worked inside it.

Alumni Hall is in need of a lot of tender love and care. The roof over the main stage is leaking and is in desperate need of a fresh coat of paint. The handicapped elevator is broken half of the time which prohibits those who can access the theatre with ease. The sound

systems that the theatre and studio theatre currently have are out dated. There are wires that are not encased which could potentially be hazardous. The studio theatre, which currently has 35 circuits and dimmers, desperately needs to be updated. It has roughly half of what it needs. These are just a few of the major improvements that the theatre could use.

Theater students and anyone who uses the theater on a regular basis have to deal with these issues consistently. They are upset about the condition of the building. Jon Teter, President of Alpha Psi Omega (Theater Honors Society) watched a small piece of plaster fall from the ceiling of the main stage and land on Elizabeth van den Berg's head. "I went up to the main stage light booth and tried to turn the handle and it came right off in my hand," said Teter. Solving such problems will begin the process of renovating Alumni Hall.

The chairs in the main stage

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"I went up to the main stage light booth and tried to turn the handle and it came right off in my hand," said Jon Teter.

were replaced within the last five years which is great, but at the same time, it is the only stride that has been made in nearly 30 years. In spite of all the work that the theatre needs, the last renovations were made in 1979, and the theatre is in dire need for more upgrades. Space is another serious issue within the theatre. Classes and productions

coincide way too often. If there was a separate space for rehearsals and for class time, it would automatically solve so many conflicts. However, this is not going to happen over night. The changes that the theatre needs are going to have to happen gradually and they will take time.

It has often been questioned why McDaniel doesn't just demolish the old building and construct a new state of the art facility. Many colleges have new state of the art theatres with the top technology. This would be nice for McDaniel but is not necessary and would also cost more money than improvements. At the same time, Western Maryland Alumni Hall has personality. I know I am not alone in saying that the theatre has become more of a home on this campus to me than my own dorm room. Plus, the students wouldn't be the only ones affected by a new space. The memories created here and the ghosts who reside within would

all be lost. Harvey, the ghost who presides in Alumni Hall, has been a fixture and a legend for years. Ultimately, our college would lose more than it would gain from a new structure. Knocking down our current theatre is just not an option. New theatres these days are incredibly high-tech, but none of them have the grandeur and elegance of Alumni Hall.

Ideally, an extremely successful actor alumnus will donate a huge sum of money for the theater department to allocate as necessary. Until that time comes, work needs to slowly be done to recreate the architectural masterpiece that our theatre once was. The theatre doesn't need a million dollars up front. Renovations need to start small, enough to make sure the theatre can function properly and then the theater department can start to worry about big things. Alumni hall can be magnificent again, but only if everyone works together to make it happen.

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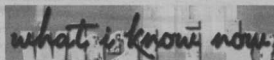
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Until I turned 40, I assumed that middle-aged people—the people who tend to control business, education, and government—were, by and large, smarter than I was. The big revelation to me, once I started the journey into my own middle aged years, was that, for the most part, they aren't. The vast majority of people running the world are not significantly smarter or wiser than I am now—or for that matter, perhaps than I was at 25. Each may have their own specific area of knowledge, as I do, but it tends to be rather small. The middle aged or older person who possesses an extraordinary array of intelligence, fresh vision, or wisdom is rare indeed and is not necessarily well known or even successful by society's standards.

My reactions to this revelation were, and continue to be, various. On one hand, realizing the world is largely run by people no smarter than I am is disorienting and scary: No wonder everything is such a mess! But on the other hand, with this revelation has come the knowledge that I too can be a player on the local, state, national, or world stage. I am as well equipped as I am going to be, as I need to be, at least to begin to pursue what I feel called to do. The competition, after all, isn't that stiff.

(Editor's Note: This new feature of The McDaniel Free Press is inspired by Esquire Magazine's "What I've Learned")

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Commentary

Candid confessions of freshman MySpace addict



Marly Zimmerman, '11
Contributor

An addiction to MySpace is fueled by ridiculous curiosity, quest for hot guys and boredom.



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Have you ever missed the biggest party of the year and would die to know what happened there? Have you ever been so bored that you lie in your bed and watch the second hand pass enough times that the hour hand changes? Have you ever found yourself so lonely that you've given up all hope of any real relationships?

As irrelevant as these questions may sound to each other, they are all connected by one of the newest worldwide phenomena: MySpace. MySpace has become a gossip-based system that cures boredom and helps advocate relationships. It is now one of the leading social networks on the Internet.

Tom Anderson, the creator of MySpace, has effectively introduced and escalated this master piece. Every designer, producer, creator, and manufacturer tries frantically to get just one of their items posted on the site, as it has become the newest source for advertising. Advertisement has expanded greatly considering the millions of addicted MySpace fans. Anyone that has made a MySpace profile can acknowledge their addiction. I am addicted. As soon as I made my personal profile, I became locked in. On a typical day, I find myself sitting in my dorm room, butt glued to the uncomfortable chair, eyes locked on the finger-smudged screen of my Toshiba laptop, desperately trying to guide my mouse to the "X" button. The addiction to MySpace has proliferated due to boredom, seeking new relationships, and nosiness, despite the inevitable, usually appalling, effects.

When I first heard about MySpace, I wasn't too enthralled. It was new and unappealing to me. But now, two years later, I have found myself in a frenzy over it. I have a lot of down time in my dorm. Usually, I end up eating my entire stock of food when I'm bored, but when the Twinkies run out, I tend to resort to the Internet, which is usually a bad idea. As a girl, I crave to know the drama around me. MySpace is the principal foundation for new drama. It's pretty, exciting actually, getting the scoop of the latest break-up or party foul. Viewing other's MySpace profiles is captivating. I usually read through my friends' profiles and look for new updates. Sometimes though, that even gets boring.

When I've really gone mind-numb, I will browse random people that look interesting, especially the good looking guys. One thing leads to another, and I eventually end up with a 72-year-old female named Sheba that lives in Alaska and raises sheep.

But getting off isn't so easy. I may not be bored anymore, but I sure am intrigued. I tend to just stare back at my own profile again and go through the same repetitive cycle until my semi-calcified brain is so tired that I can't lift my eyelids anymore.

Why do I stay on MySpace knowing these sickening effects? MySpace is a great way to make friends, is their logo: "MySpace-a place for friends." Some people are anti-social or just have a hard time making friends. MySpace of-

fers a way to learn almost everything about another person just by looking at their page: their likes, dislikes, music interests, group of friends, heroes, and mainly, their personality.

MySpace is also useful for

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searching for similar people that are near your age. MySpace wasn't necessarily created for dating services but it has become just that, plus much more. Some people meet on MySpace because of similar interests and other giveaways. For example, profiles allow users to identify themselves as "single" or "in a relationship" and then list the reasons their profile exists, ranging from "friends" to "serious relationships." Ultimately, MySpace allows shy people to reveal their personalities without feeling timid.

Perhaps the biggest magnet that pulls me back to MySpace despite the sickening effects is party

pictures. MySpace has a reputation for having the latest party pictures. I am unbelievably nosy and always crave to know everything that I missed, especially at a party. Usually, in the party pictures, you can find people making fools of their intoxicated selves; which is always interesting. I constantly look for new default pictures, as a sign of new albums and fresh drama. Many times, people will load around 100 photos of a party the night before.

I feel as if it my job to analyze and scrutinize the photos. Also, exploring the comments left by others on the photo is necessary to gain a better understanding of exactly what went on at the party. After doing so, I usually find myself prying through the commenter's page (even if I have never met the person in my life) just to see if I can dig up any startling details.

My nosiness becomes unhealthy; I notice myself searching through ex-boyfriends' profiles and looking at their new girlfriend, just to dig up information on her for social purposes. Being nosy is just the first step. Nosiness leads to uncontrollable and unnecessary gossip, and unfortunately, it's usually demeaning. MySpace is just a new tool instigating and provoking the inevitable destiny of harsh gossip.

MySpace has a remarkable reputation and it continues to thrive, as addicted people, like me, never lose interest. Initially, factors, such as boredom, seeking new friendships, and nosiness provoke interest in MySpace. But then, the information expounded on MySpace grabs your attention, thus producing your addiction. The obsession becomes manifest.

New North Village spacious but far from campus



By Becky Snider

Space—there is lots of it. And it is certainly one of the immediate things one notices when first entering the new buildings for the first time. If the size of the new apartments isn't enough to lure you into possibly rooming here next year, think about not having to go to Glar everyday. That is one of the benefits of living in an apartment. As senior Jessica Carlozo puts it, "knowing you don't have to go to Glar every day is a pretty great feeling."

That feeling must have been very tempting for it is one of the main reasons why Carlozo chose to live in the new North Village Apartments. Other incentives to live in the new North Village include all the extra space obviously as well as your very own kitchen. There are however, the drawbacks that go with moving into any new building that has been unoccupied before.

You have to "go through a bit of trial and error" to get all the wrinkles smoothed out. Some of the problems encountered by the students first to live there include upside down pipes in the bathroom, faulty wiring, and no Inter-

net connection. Though according to a source living there currently, most of the problems have been rectified.

Other than those first few relatively small problems, the new North Village seems to be the ideal place for any student. Apartments usually consist of four to five people. Despite how cramped that might sound, the space factor really works well here.

"It's always a challenge living with someone else so with five people in the apartment it's still not always easy," said Carlozo, but the apartment has plenty of space which makes everything so much easier.

Asked what some of the best attributes of the new North Village were, Carlozo mentioned the size of the apartment again. It'd certainly have to be memorable to catch someone's attention like that. Other notable qualities include extra cabinets in the kitchen, more storage space, and "the rooms are definitely bigger than those in the old North Village."

The apartments are also in tip top shape due to the fact that this is the first semester that students have lived in them. "So they [the apartments] haven't been beat up

too much yet, unless it was by us."

Though the new apartments might not have a scratch on them, they certainly aren't in the middle of campus. Some might consider it a down side considering how far away the apartments are from everything.

"Sometimes you feel like you don't even live on campus."

The nearest school facility is the Leroy Merritt Fitness Center and the nearest building that classes are taught in is Academic Building, which just happens to be halfway across campus.

So definitely one thing to consider if you are thinking about living in the new North Village next year—extra time getting to class. According to Carlozo, "the walk is far and is already getting old. I was never late to classes before but now I am all the time. You have to give yourself at least a 10 minute cushion to get to class one time."

Ultimately it seems to be worth the pain. Carlozo is very glad that she chose to live in the North Village apartments; it's a great experience. She doesn't "regret choosing to live in North Village for a second."



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National Football League:

Week 11: Washington over Dallas? You bet

By Garrett Eagan, McDaniel Guru

With a standing record of 86-31 through nine weeks of the season, Week 9 took the Guru by surprise. Finishing 9-5 overall, 4-4 in the published picks after Week 9, it's evident that only a select few teams are consistent in the NFL. The Green Bay Packers are consistently playing perfect football led by the ageless Brett Favre; the Washington Redskins are consistently winning their games in OT; and the New England Patriots stay consistent at 9-0. Who thought that the Lions would absolutely demolish the Broncos? Who thought that the Houston Texans would add to their season with a big win over the Raiders? The Guru did. Here are my picks for Week 11.

Cleveland 20 Baltimore 16

A classic AFC North match-up. On one side, an unknown QB is leading an unlikely team to multiple wins. On the other side is an aging team with a QB who marched with Moses. However, these two teams always keep it close. Take Browns to edge out Baltimore.

Indianapolis 31 Kansas City 10

After choking on their own air in Week 9, the Colts still proved they are a far better team than the Pats. Peyton Manning needs no help in this one, being able to thoroughly man-handle the Chiefs defense. Take the Colts.

Green Bay 27 Carolina 20

Brett Favre is playing the best football I have ever seen him play. Period. Along with a tough defense, the Packers will take down Carolina in this one. Take the Packers over the Panthers.

Lions 34 Giants 21

The Giants are up and down, after a bye week in Week 9, they still should be fresh after Week 10. The

Lions are getting closer to their goal of ten wins set by Jon Kitna and Roy Williams. As I have said before, and will continue to say that the Lions were and continue to be a sleeper team this season. Take the Lions over the G-Men.

Cincinnati 24 Arizona 14

The Bengals are looking more like the Bungals of years past this season. With offense weapons like Carson Palmer and Ocho Cinco, there is no reason for the record they have now. Ocho Cinco is looking for something to celebrate and this game is just that. Just hope he packs his dancing shoes for the end zone.

Pittsburgh 28 NY Jets 10

With a young QB at the helm, don't expect much from the Jets. Their season is looking more and more grim by the week. On the other end, the Steelers are one of the best teams in the NFL, and not getting much attention for it. Either way, it's "Steel" Curtains for the Jets.

New England 38 Buffalo 17

This one doesn't look good for Buffalo. With the continued destruction of the NFL, the Patriots are not going to let up anytime soon. Buffalo does stand a chance though, but as good a chance as the Patriots going 16-0. Take the Patriots.

—Pick of the Week—

Washington 23 Dallas 21

This is one of the most storied rivalries in sports, and is as ugly as all the others. Both teams are strong in their conference, however the Cowboys have the upper hand in the NFC East, as well as the NFC as a whole. No matter what either team's record is, they both come to play in this game. Look for the Redskins to squeak one out.

Basketball player, leading scorer, dismissed from team

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though he was disappointed he, "understood why the decision had been made."

Brandenburg, a junior, had an exceptional season last year. He was named All-Centennial Conference honorable mention and averaged nearly 15 points a game. He also set a program record with 70 3-point field goals.

Brandenburg will be able to rejoin the team next season if he improves academically and takes care of his situation. He told the *Free Press*, "At the moment I'm really just trying to do what's best for me and focus on school. I haven't really considered next season yet. I'll deal with it when the time comes but for now I'm trying to do what's best for me."

Athletic Director Jamie Smith said he would "absolutely support Ryan returning to the team next season." But he did admit that Brandenburg would, "First have to take care of everything he needs to and make sure he feels up to it, [but] we'd love to have him back."

When asked about the team's conduct in the future regarding alcohol Curley declined to com-

ment, only saying that he wants his players to "be responsible" and said that he hopes they will, "Conduct themselves in a respectful manner." The men's basketball team does not have a current drinking policy at this time.

Smith, who was also hesitant to comment on the issue, told the *Free Press*, "I'm not sure why the basketball team doesn't have a drinking policy. It may be something that Coach Curley and I may have to discuss."

Though the team lost its leading scorer the Green Terror will not be lacking in the backcourt. They have a strong line up of players such as sophomore Miguel Jones, junior Ryan Finch, junior transfer T.J. Oduniam, and two solid freshmen, Mike Jarboe and Kevin Henry.

Curley said, "The team has some strong players and were all real excited to begin the season. It's a strong group of guys and I don't want this situation to take from our players."

The men's basketball team hits the floor to begin its 2007-2008 season on November 10 against Villa Julie here at home.

Comic Corner

The War on Green Terror



By Jackie Buehrle

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Volleyball ends spectacular season

After big semifinal victory over Hopkins, Terror players hold high hopes for next year

By Chris Ferrick-Manley

The Green Terror volleyball team finished up its successful season with a trip to the Centennial Conference finals, falling to the Haverford Fords in three games. They were the only McDaniel fall sports team to reach the postseason.

In the semifinal round of the playoffs, McDaniel defeated the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays in five games. Earlier, in the second to last game of the season, Hopkins had defeated the Terror in four games in Baltimore.

The win versus Johns Hopkins was significant to the players, who felt that they could have beaten Hopkins the first time around. According to freshman Kristen Nuckles, the team played very well in the first encounter but increased focus was needed in order to win.

Freshman Kelly Toms expressed a great deal of confidence in the team prior to their semifinal showdown with Johns Hopkins.

"We better be able to beat them," said Toms. "They're going down!"

Beating Johns Hopkins and making the conference finals was described by team captain Deanne

Lehr as one of the biggest highlights of her career at McDaniel. Prior to their victory in the semifinals, Lehr and the three other seniors on the team had failed to beat Johns Hopkins in four tries.

While Lehr was a little disappointed in not being able to beat Haverford to move on to the national playoffs, she believes that the team will be very competitive in the near future.

"I definitely see this team going up," said Lehr.

She also gave praise to the underclassmen on the team including Nuckles, whom she described as a big playmaker, and sophomore Sara Hanlon, who stepped it up in the playoffs.

"The underclassmen showed a lot of heart this year," said Lehr.

Head Coach Carole Molloy echoed Lehr in her praise of the underclassmen. Molloy described Nuckles as full of positive energy in addition to being a good player and Hanlon as being "fearless" and a good learner.

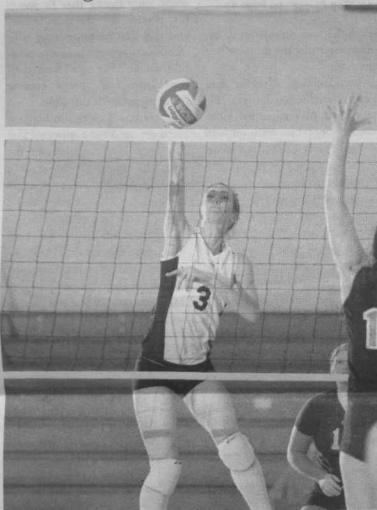
Molloy also pointed out the contributions that Lehr and the other seniors had made to the program in the last four years.

"These girls came in and laid

the foundation for our success this year," said Molloy.

Molloy believes with the steady improvement that her team has been making, the outlook for next season is good. However, she was not ready to declare a third straight playoff birth, citing the need for offseason conditioning and the continued recruitment of quality players as necessary requirements.

The Centennial Conference playoffs were held at Haverford from November 3 and 4. The Gettysburg Bullets were the other semifinal team.



Anticipating the block, Lani Reisinger kills ball. McDaniel defeated the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays in five games during Centennial Conference finals.

SPORTS INFORMATION



Top player dismissed from men's basketball

Brandenburg removed for pending DUI charge and academic record

By Ryan Hickey

The men's basketball team will be making some changes to its line up this season.

The Green Terror will be missing veteran player and last year's leading scorer, Ryan Brandenburg, who was recently charged with Driving Under the Influence on Saturday, October 27 in Westminster and was dismissed from the team the following Monday.

Men's head basketball Coach Kevin Curley, who was hesitant to discuss the issue, said, "It's an unfortunate situation but all we can do now is move on and continue with our season."

Brandenburg, who according to Curley had also been "under scrutiny" for struggling academically, was not living up to the team's standards, and this was another major reason for his dis-



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Brandenburg averaged 15 ppg, converting a school-record 70 three-point field goals—earning an All-Conference honorable mention—last season.

missal from the squad.

As quoted in the Carroll County Times article, "McDaniel dismisses Brandenburg," published on November 1, Curley said, "Brandenburg was disappointed after being informed of the decision, but admitted he expected it."

According to the same story, Brandenburg commented that

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Terror Wrestling finishes third at the Messiah Invitational

By Ryan Chell, Sports Editor

Coach Davey Blake and the Terror men finished third at the Messiah Invitational on November 3, which opened the season for the wrestlers. They scored 64 points, and had four wrestlers finish in the Top Five in their groups. The team as a whole finished only behind powerhouses Messiah and Johns Hopkins.

Several Green Terror did very well in the event, especially junior Andrew Winfield, who went 3-0 in his class. He also recorded a pin to seal a match. Winfield, who even earned a bye in his match, defeated Waynesburg's Jason King 10-1, he pinned BJ Greenman of Case Western Reserve, and in the championship match, he shut out Messiah's David Jones, 5-0.

Junior Ferris Bond, seeded second in the 197lb weight class, fought his way to the championship round, beating Messiah's

wrestler, but eventually fell to Hopkins top-seeded wrestler, Tyler Schmidt. It is very disappointing to go that far and not come out on top, but Bond proved that he will be close to the end results of matches all season long.

And in the heavyweight bracket, freshman Brock Glatfely fought through two rounds, winning one in a commanding 18-4 fashion, before earning a shot at the semifinals.

His effort came up short though, as he lost to top-seeded Matt Williams of Messiah, who again showed their dominance on the mat. It will be interesting to see how these wrestlers, like Glatfely, do against just their Centennial Conference rivals as the season progresses.

Other wrestlers who fared well in the tournament were Zach Hetrick in the 165lb bracket, who took revenge for Glatfely's loss by pinning Messiah's Trey

Speers to earn himself a third-place prize.

Tim Hall, of the 133lb bracket, earned his way back to fourth place. He had been pinned by Case Western Reserve wrestler Garrett Rini, but overcame his defeat by fighting hard and gaining a pin of his own against Waynesburg's Josh Boyle in just about a minute's time.

Overall, Coach Blake has prepared his team well for the upcoming season ahead.

They have a reason to keep their heads high, their potential seems to go nowhere but up, and they will have to prove that on the 7 of November against York before entering the Navy Classic Tournament which takes place on November 17 in our state capital.

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Enjoy reading the last edition of the *Free Press* first, then go home and have fun for the winter break. See you in January!

Premeditated robbery in Rouzer Hall

Three Westminster locals arrested

By Christine Boynton,
Commentary Co-Editor and
Melanie Chupein,
Co-Editor in Chief

Aaron Christopher Robertson, 20, Brian Charles Prodehl, 20, and John Thomas Gibbs, 20, all of Westminster, were charged with armed robbery, burglary, and theft, stemming from an incident that took place just before midnight on November 14, in Rouzer Hall.

Freshmen Greg Vernon and Sergio Nieto were the victims.

"We were by the door and all of a sudden three guys in all black hoodies and black long pants and bandanas came in and locked the door behind them," said Vernon in a phone interview conducted soon after the burglary.

The intruders demanded that Vernon and hand over money and personal items.

"Then my friend starting getting jumpy, so they told him to go stand in the corner, like they were going to shoot him," Vernon added. "They went through the rest of our stuff and just told him not to move."

Nieto could not be reached for comment.

"I could tell one of the kids was a townie, and his name was

Aaron, which I told the cops," said Vernon.

The day after the incident, the Department of Campus issued three campus-wide emails alerting the college community about the incident.

A November 15 email stated, "At approximately 1:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 15, 2007 two resident students came to the Department of Campus Safety reporting they had been robbed in their room at Rouzer Hall. Witness statements indicate that the robbery took place sometime between 9:30 p.m. and 12:50 a.m."

"One of the suspects displayed what the student described as a revolver and made threatening statements against the two students demanding money and personal property, which the students surrendered," the email continued.

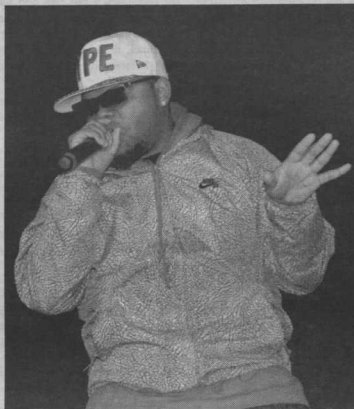
The robbery caught the attention of local newspapers and television stations.

On November 16 in an article from The Baltimore Sun titled "3 sought in robbery at college," Arin Gencer reported that three men entered Rouzer Hall, armed and dressed in dark clothing and bandanas over their faces, according to Michele Leiberman, a spokeswoman for McDaniel. The brief

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Hip Hop Music

Fresh every 24 hours



EVAN THICKSON

Illustrated Verse hosted its second annual Hip-Hop on the Hill on Saturday, December 1. Fresh Daily, pictured above, was one of the many performers who dazzled the hundred plus students in attendance. It was held in Alumni Hall, lasting for about three hours.

"It was a lot of fun. The crowd was mad," said Daily. The annual event is the product of Clayton Rosa and other volunteers' hard work.

This year, tickets were sold to the event, which actually boosted attendance.

One of Hip Hop on the Hill's purposes is to share a

cultural artform with a larger audience. It goes beyond the casual rap and hip-hop popularized on the airwaves and by record sales. Hip Hop is a way of life, especially for the performers on Saturday.

Ben Berkaw, Rosa's roommate, was tasked with the responsibility of picking up DJ G.I. Joe and Pack FM from the bus stop in Baltimore—not the most luxurious mode of transportation.

No matter.

"For me, hip hop is a culture...it helped make me who I am today," said Rosa.

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Special Report:

McDaniel not liberal arts?

By Mike Habegger,
Co-Editor in Chief

In recent weeks, there has been controversy surrounding the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's classification of McDaniel College as a "Master's College/University" and its subsequent listing in the 2008 U.S. News and World Report "America's Best Colleges" rankings as a regional Master's University.

The issue was discussed at recent faculty and board of trustees meetings and has aroused concern among a small number of current students. The worries are associated with the relative prestige of McDaniel that stems from the annual

rankings.

Concerned faculty and students are upset they were not alerted to the situation earlier and that, as a result, the institution may be miscast as a school with a limited scope of educational programs, which is especially important to prospective students and faculty that place merit on the U.S. News & World Report rankings.

"If I apply to graduate school, I don't want those schools finding out that I just received my bachelor's from a poorly-ranked master's granting institution," said Michael Young, a senior chemistry major.

"It's also a big deal because such a classification has the potential to be

self-fulfilling."

President John Develin Coley maintained that the classification "would make absolutely no difference in the education of any undergraduate at McDaniel." The college will continue to advertise and conduct itself as a liberal arts college.

The Carnegie Foundation constructs its yearly classifications based on a report submitted by the institution to the government called "The Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System," known popularly by its acronym, IPEDS. In 2005, the Carnegie Foundation

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Students will be charged for printing

By Dave Robertson

Beginning in the Spring Semester of 2008, students will be charged for printing from computers in labs across campus once they have printed 400 pages, according to a plan approved by the college's administrative council (including vice presidents, top managers and the president during Fall 2006).

Charging for printing is not a new concept, according to Dr. Esther Iglich, CIO.

Members of the Green Terra project, McDaniel's latest effort to be more environmentally friendly, and others brought the idea to people who run various labs and students who often use them.

None of them complained, Iglich said.

This new plan, sparked by the college's effort to go green, is in response to wasteful printing by students, whether for personal use or for clubs and organizations, Iglich said. Subsequently, the electronic costs and continually updating machinery have skyrocketed.

Starting with the major labs (i.e. the Writing Center and Library), the January term will be the trial run for this new implementation, Iglich added.

Many pieces of salvaged paper with little printed on one side will

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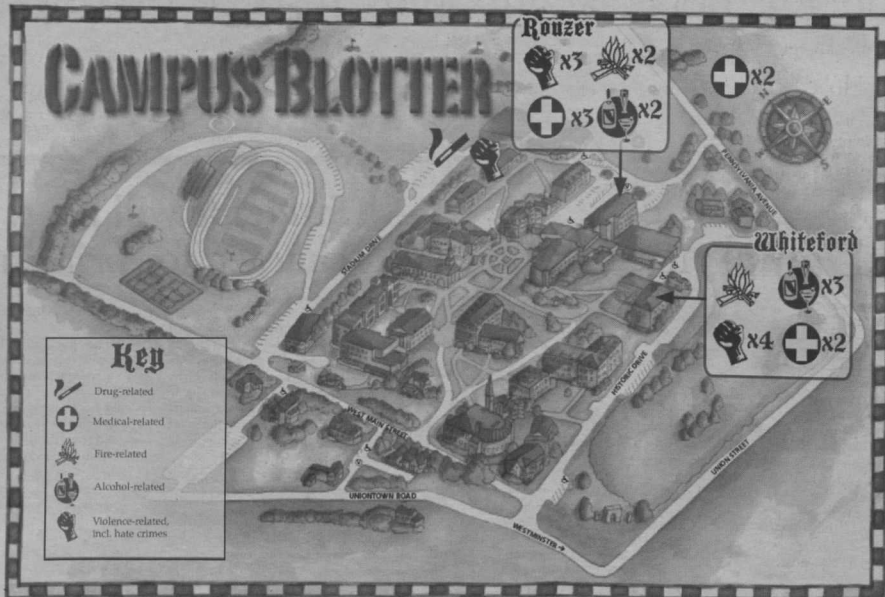
Students to be charged after 400 pages to cut costs

The Lighter Side of the Campus Safety Blotter



Fire extinguisher obsessions, urination as drought relief, an air gun, and the usual lack of common sense. It's all part of the lighter side.

The semester seemed to slow to a crawl in odd events. Though I am sure the things that are bound to happen over Jan-term will make up for that. For now, we must be entertained by alcohol and fire extinguishers.



Carnegie classification spawns concern

McDaniel's designation as a 'Larger Master's College' may have greater implications

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revised its original classification system and called it the "Basic classification." The purpose of the classifications is to provide objective information for those interested in "conducting research on higher education" so as to make the diversity of institutions in the United States "roughly comparable."

According to the "Basic" Carnegie classification, McDaniel is a "larger Master's College/University." This is not necessarily in conflict with other identifying characteristics listed, such as it being a majority undergraduate, highly residential, four-year school. It is classified this way because it grants 50 or more master's degrees each year.

The Carnegie classifications are very complicated, such that most current and prospective students and potential employers will not glean anything of use from them. That aside, the classification is given relevance when third-party rankings of institutions apply it, such as the service provided by U.S. News & World Report which has been ranking American colleges and universities since 1983. The rankings have become a source of pride for faculty. They are also a starting point for some prospective students who begin their college search looking at a list of similar institutions to decide where to apply.

"I think the idea that people—including graduate schools, employers, etc.—don't read U.S.

News is preposterous," said Young, responding to a comment made by a top administrator during a recent faculty meeting that U.S. News is "just a magazine."

"In my opinion, a degree from a regional master's granting institution at an undergraduate level—not to be offensive—says that you care less about the quality of the education you are getting and more about the degree itself," said Young. "This affects how you represent yourself as an individual in respect to the college education you received."

According to their website, U.S. News & World Report "collapses nine of the Carnegie categories into four main groupings." Indeed, the rankings are reflective of a twice watered-down classification of otherwise very unique and complex institutions—differences that are adequately represented in the full Carnegie classification.

"They [U.S. News & World Report] use Carnegie Classifications in a way that they were never intended to be used," said Coley.

The 2008 U.S. News rankings list McDaniel at number 22 as a Master's University in the "North," which is fairly high—much higher than it was ranked in the liberal arts category, but considering the nature of the schools listed higher, it may be a concern. For example, Hood, Loyola, Scranton, and Alfred are listed ahead of McDaniel, none of which exhibit a firm commitment to the liberal arts ideal.

In June, a majority of members at the Annapolis group, an organization of the leading na-

tional independent liberal arts colleges, agreed not to participate in the U.S. News and World Report rankings, opting instead to develop "an alternative common format that presents information about their colleges for student and their families to use in the college search process" to be available on the web. A plausible reason for this was a fear that they would be reclassified in the U.S. News rankings based on the redefining of Carnegie's "Basic" classification system.

Most of the members of the group have managed to retain their standing as "liberal arts institutions" in the U.S. News rankings, while McDaniel has not. This, coupled with the fact that, for example, Gettysburg is classified as a "larger Master's College/University" by Carnegie and yet is listed in the U.S. News rankings as a "Liberal Arts College" suggests that there is limited correlation between the rankings and the Carnegie classification system.

However, U.S. News appears to classify schools in a clear-cut manner. The publication claims that the principle stipulation for being defined as a liberal arts college is that it "emphasize undergraduate education and award at least 50 percent of their degrees in the liberal arts—a condition that McDaniel would appear to meet."

McDaniel's classification is an exception to a largely arbitrary rule.

Some of McDaniel's competitors are listed by Carnegie as "Baccalaureate Colleges" even though

McDaniel College

Westminster, Maryland

From CarnegieFoundation.org

Level:	4-year or above
Control:	Private not-for-profit
Enrollment (Fall 2004):	3,304
Classification	Category
Undergraduate Instructional Program:	A&S+Prof/SGC: Arts & sciences plus professions, some graduate coexistence
Graduate Instructional Program:	Postbac-A&S/Ed: Postbaccalaureate with arts & sciences (education dominant)
Enrollment Profile:	MU: Majority undergraduate
Undergraduate Profile:	FT4/MS/LTI: Full-time four-year, more selective, lower transfer-in
Size and Setting:	S4/HR: Small four-year, highly residential
Basic:	Master's I: Master's Colleges and Universities (larger programs)

they exhibit some graduate and undergraduate program coexistence. Some are listed as "Larger Master's Colleges and Universities" even with no graduate coexistence in undergraduate programs. McDaniel is listed as a majority undergraduate program with some graduate program coexistence, and yet, it is the only school to miss out on being included in U.S. News' liberal arts ranking list.

"In some sense both categories [liberal arts and master's college] are right for us. We simply feel that the one that suits us better and the one that is closer to our core identity is liberal arts college," said Coley. "We simply want to be in the category that best describes us historically and currently most accurately...I don't think that ac-

cording to the criteria McDaniel is misclassified."

Coley spoke of a reclassification compromise between the Annapolis Group and Carnegie to better reflect the character of some of the schools. It has also been said that an agreement with the Maryland Higher Education Committee (MHEC) may result in a different categorization of McDaniel in the Carnegie classification system, and by extension, the U.S. News & World Report rankings. The school is working internally to remedy the situation.

Barring the success of these plans of action, McDaniel is likely to remain on the Master's Universities ranking list at U.S. News & World Report indefinitely.

Students robbed at gunpoint, suspects in custody

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article advised anyone with any information to contact the city police Criminal Investigations Division.

Also on November 16, ABC2 News published the article, "Armed Robbery at McDaniel College," leading off with, "It's common courtesy to hold the door for someone entering behind you. But investigators in Westminster say that may be how three suspects got into McDaniel College and robbed two students."

The article also noted that the local police were trying to determine exactly how the suspects gained entry to the building. The article emphasized that police believe the incident was isolated and, "there's no reason for parents to be concerned."

Only three days after the robbery, all three suspects had been identified and arrested, including the suspect whose voice Vernon had recognized.

Gibbs was charged with armed robbery, multiple counts of assault, burglary, theft, and use of a handgun in a crime of violence, according to an email submitted by Campus Safety. Prodelh had been charged with armed robbery,

burglary, and theft. Robertson was also charged with armed robbery, burglary, and theft. All three men remain in custody, and Captain Randy Barnes of the Westminster Police reported that the case is closed.

In an interview with The Free Press, Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster, revealed the list of items taken from the student dorm: "U.S. currency, approximately \$200, a lap top, a cell phone, and I believe an iPod. Most of that stuff was recovered by Westminster police when they did a search of the home."

Many stories have circulated as to how the men entered the building, including a faulty door. There has been speculation that a student let the three robbers into the building, according to sources close to the incident.

At the time of the interview, Vernon said, "I don't like Rouzer. I mean they fixed the door and everything, but it's pretty open and easy to get into."

The front door at the main entrance of Rouzer had been faulty and easily accessible without a key. All doors had to be forced the door open with a strong tug, and then they could gain entry to the

building. The problem with the door has since been fixed, and there is little evidence to suggest that this is how the suspects entered the building.

Another resident of Rouzer, who wishes to remain anonymous, reported to have seen the men just before they entered the hallway. "I went to take a shower around 9:30 at night, and I saw three guys. I went back into my room to get my

"I didn't know what was going on until I saw the gun," said Vernon. "As soon as I saw the gun I knew it wasn't a joke."

keys. I took my shower, went back to my room, and locked the door," said the source. He did not report the sighting to campus safety.

"I just figured they were joking around," he said.

This mindset did not come as a surprise to Webster, who said, "Students, and it's not just McDaniel students, people 18-24 nationally are a very trusting group."

Even Vernon had difficulty believing the gravity of the situation.

"I didn't know what was going on until I saw the gun," he said. "As soon as I saw the gun I knew it wasn't a joke."

There has also been speculation on campus that the robbery was drug related. All evidence proves that this was not a random incident because the victims knew the suspects and were able to identify them to the police. The anonymous source reported to have allegedly witnessed "a strong odor coming from the room," that supposedly ended soon after the robbery, which the source described as "a wake up call."

Barnes could not confirm that the incident was drug related.

"I can say that it's not random, that at least one of the victims recognized one of the suspects," he said, "but at this point I'm not able to say what the motive was for the robbery."

Webster also denied any knowledge of drug involvement with this case, but confirmed that this was not a random incident. "The victims and the suspects knew each other," he told The Free Press. "The victims went to an uninvolved student who they knew

also knew the suspects and asked that student to get their stuff back from the suspects."

This accounted for the delay in the reporting of the incident.

McDaniel has since taken steps to ensure student safety, including a replaced door and a changed lock. The first campus email informing the college community about the robbery included some preventative advice that urged everyone to know who you are admitting into any residential facility, report any suspicious people to Campus Safety, and keep your door locked.

Also, steps to follow if being robbed were listed, instructing: "1. Do not resist. Your money is not worth your life. 2. Get a detailed description and write it down as soon as you safely can. 3. Call police immediately and stay on the line until the dispatcher hangs up. 4. Stay calm and don't disturb evidence."

Despite all of the safety precautions that should be taken, Webster said, "Complete security is impossible to achieve." All students can do is be aware of their surroundings and report any suspicious activity to Campus Safety.

News

'Please give me some hip hop music'

By Eleanor Nagle

Dancing frat boys moved and clapped to the beat of a variety of hip-hop artists at McDaniel's second annual Hip-Hop on the Hill on December 1.

Despite starting forty minutes late due to technical difficulties, this year's Hip Hop on the Hill provided sure entertainment to all in attendance. Junior Clayton Rosa (right), who organized the show, opened with a self-written rap and introduced the MC for the night, hip-hop artist Fresh Daily.

The first performance was from the group Illah Willy Shakes and DJ Boy Wonda, who did duets that literally brought everyone out of their seats to dance with lots of interaction with the audience. One of their lyrics, "I'm off probation now and I'm gonna get high," led Daily to say that, "We're high off life right now," after the performance.

The second performance was from the group Roman Empire (below) from New York. Roman Empire is a pretty well-known group that has performed with rapper T-Pain and has been featured on both BET and MTV. They opened their set by telling everyone, "Put your hands up in the air!"

Roman Empire is made up of two rappers, one from Africa and one from Bulgaria who cite their cultural difference as one of their inspirations. "We come here to make things really hot with our different cultures and backgrounds."

Roman Empire shook things up a little when one of the members played a violin in the background. More information on Roman Empire is available on their MySpace Page, Myspace.com/ROCKERS.com.

Another band that performed, God's Illa, was made up of three brothers. The group came out and

led the crowd in a chant, "Please, give me some hip hop music. Please, I need some hip hop music."

It was after God's Illa (bottom right), that Clayton, the only McDaniel student to perform came out again and explained what hip-hop meant to him.

"For me, hip hop is a culture...it helped make me who I am today," he said.

Fresh Daily, the host of the show, also performed with the front row frat boys yelling his name to which he responded, "Make some noise for my frat boys in the front." Fresh Daily also performed with rapper Picasso.

The final performer of the night was Substantial, probably the most famous rapper of the night. Substantial was backed by a jazz band and vocalist and provided a nice mix of jazz and hip-hop.

He performed one of the most memorable numbers when he did a hip hop rendition of "My Favorite Things" from The Sound of Music. Lyrics to the song included, "Hip Hop is one of my favorite things." The female vocalist that accompanied the rapper dazzled with her vocal range.

When it comes to audience response to Substantial, sophomore Eric Welkes said that the rappers



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performance was "pretty substantial."

The night was not only enjoyable for the audience but for the performers as well.

"The energy is always great," said Willie Shakes. "It was definitely a pleasure to come rock out again."

Fresh Daily, who hosted last year's Hip Hop on the Hill said there were noticeably more people this year. "It was a lot of fun. The crowd was mad," he added.

The audience reaction was incredibly upbeat and there seemed to be a general agreement that the show was quite good.

"It was hip and groovy. I really dug it," Welkes said.

CDs were sold in the lobby for \$5 by the rappers themselves and many audience members got autographs and pictures.



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'McDaniel Unity' adopts a recently deployed soldier

By Greg Pfeiffer

Affinity groups give back to the school and surrounding community in order to fulfill their responsibilities. They strive to bring together students and citizens through generous displays of service, and McDaniel Unity is no exception.

Comprised of Jenna Filipone, Ashley Dickinson, Ali Morland, Danny Fraider, Ashley Lyles, Sally Grace, and Amy Pierce, the group has tackled various service projects with the betterment of the McDaniel and Westminster communities in mind.

Their latest venture involves "adopting" a soldier currently serving in the Iraq war. This individual, Andy Burrows, is a McDaniel Alumni who graduated in 2004

The Affinity Group

"adopted" Andy Burrows, a McDaniel alum who is currently serving in Iraq. They have sent him two care packages with another one on the way for Christmas.

with a degree in Political Science. He was active in ROTC, a member of the Sig Ep Fraternity, and worked in Admissions as a tour guide. Recently deployed, Burrows is three months into his 15 month tenure, ensuring the safe transport of convoys all over the country.

"Burrows and his fellow troops have one of the most dangerous jobs because their engagements involve improvised explosive devices and roadside bombs that you hear about in the news," said Filapone.

The group has received one letter from Burrows and has sent him two care packages with another on the way for Christmas. The packages include anything that will help to remind him of home, including letters, candy, magazines, and CDs.

In addition to contacting the soldier, McDaniel Unity has also helped surrounding organizations like the American Legion and the Carroll County Arts Council. Their work includes distributing fliers and newsletters for both businesses to promote upcoming events.

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Dreaming the Prehistoric Lecture



Jeffrey Jerome Cohen entertains questions at the Twenty-second Annual Fred Garrigus Holloway Lecture Tuesday, November 13, 2007. In part, his lecture, "The Weight of the Past: Dreaming the Prehistoric in

the Middle Ages," related ancient occurrences to the contemporary. Cohen is Professor and Chair of the English Department at George Washington University.

CLS

Computer lab staffed by SWAT'T opens in Academic Hall with high-powered software

By Juliann Giuffre

Tired of battling technology to get assignments done? Then the new Maggie Lab in Academic Hall, Room 214 will solve your problems.

The Student Web and Technology Team (SWAT'T), will be available to aid in problems with Microsoft Office Products, Adobe Products like Photoshop and InDesign, Video editing on a PC or MAC, poster printing, and scanning.

Kim Emery, instructional technologist, explained that the SWAT'T workers are also here to answer computer-related or Blackboard questions from students and faculty.

Steve Kerby, director of instructional technology, said that the main purpose of the Maggie Lab is the "support of technology use in classrooms, to make it easy for faculty to have projects incorporating technology." He said that the lab is a new home for SWAT'T, with high-end machines with expensive software that the school can't afford to put on all computers.

Junior Steven Hirschthal, a SWAT'T member, said that the poster printer costs \$40 per poster, yet he says it would cost around \$60-\$80 at a place like Kinkos. Lab hours include Sunday and Tuesday.

Living the high life at forty feet

English professor Dr. Reanna Ursin takes trapeze lessons in Baltimore

By Ryan Hickey

She stands forty feet above the ground on a platform, clasp the horizontal bar that will be her lifeline when she jumps. To her left is the Atlantic Ocean anticipating her drop; to her right, the eyes of hundreds of people walking by as they view the Inner Harbor, its daily activities and, on this fateful day, the plunge of one McDaniel College faculty member who has discovered that some of life's best thrills happen off campus.

For Dr. Reanna Ursin, life has always been about experiencing new challenges and living life to the fullest.

Since her move to Baltimore six months ago Ursin has been embracing this pressure and exhilaration by taking Trapeze lessons at the Trapeze School New York (TSNY) Baltimore, which is located at Baltimore's Inner harbor at the north end of Rash Field.

"I don't think ten years ago I would have pictured myself doing this now. But it has been an absolutely amazing experience, I'm living life," said Ursin.

"I don't think ten years ago I would have never pictured myself doing this now," said Dr. Ursin when asked about her most recent adventure, and with a sly smile said, "But it has been an absolutely amazing experience, I'm living life."

This is Dr. Ursin's first year at McDaniel College after transferring herself from Notre Dame University to McDaniel.

She is a professor of English, Women's Studies, Contemporary

African American Literature and she also teaches the FYS class Transition into Adulthood. In her FYS class she often tells her students to, "Consistently challenge themselves, it will only help you grow."

This is also something that she too is still learning to do she says.

"From this experience I learned a lot about myself, I learn how to confront a fear," said Ursin.

In trapeze, the acrobat hangs from a horizontal bar and while hanging on leaps from a platform, typically ranging anywhere from 20 to 40 feet tall, hoping to then perform a trick while swinging from this bar.

Ursin usually jumps from a platform closer to 30 feet high.

"Trapeze is something that tests you in ways that you wouldn't normally challenge yourself," said Ursin. "It's something out of the ordinary that makes you build

your character but that you can apply to other places in life. I confronted a fear; I had to learn to surpass this fear and just jump. I'm living life."

For more information on the trapeze School New York, Baltimore, go to

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Sexual assault case closed

By Stacey Eyer,
Commentary Co-Editor

As reported in the September 27 issue of The McDaniel Free Press, a female McDaniel College student was sexually assaulted by a male McDaniel College student on August 26.

David Daggett, the Chief Deputy State's Attorney and Legal Supervisor, has confirmed that the case has been suspended at this time.

"At this time, the victim does not want to go forward, and we would not force a victim to go forward," he said.

According to Daggett, even though the case has been suspended, the victim can still choose to come forward at any time and proceed with charges against the attacker. However, he points out that several issues can arise depending on how long the case is suspended, including the availability of the witnesses and the investigators.

"The longer the case waits, the weaker it becomes," Daggett said.

...In other news

On the first snowy day of the season, a few guys decided it would be comical to draw some 'messages' on the windows of vehicles parked in the Daniel MacLea faculty and staff lot. Armed with gloves on their hands, they attacked two cars and one jeep. Unluckily for them, a campus safety officer happened to be driving by in

the Durango, and gave one student (pictured below) a citation. The officer took the student's ID, wrote a report, and busted out a cellphone to take pictures of the evidence before ordering the student to wipe away the words that would have disappeared in a few minutes of snow.

Great job, guys! MH



PHOTOS BY KIM STAHN

Hidden Pearl

One-of-a-kind store is Westminster's hidden treasure

By Anna Moffett

When was the last time you took a stroll down Main Street or visited some of the local shops? If you're like me, I'm guessing it's been a while. If you need a new outfit or something to wear you just run to the mall or to the plaza at Westminster Crossing. You would never think about heading to Main Street to find something.

But all that is about to change.

Hidden Pearl is a new shop tucked in on the corner of Locust Lane off of Main Street and promises to hold a little something for everyone. Whether it's nurses who need scrubs, business women who need suits, or students needing a chic sweater dress to throw on with leggings, Hidden Pearl has it.

The shop is a mother and daughter run business with an interesting story behind its founding. When Margo Miller's grandmother passed away, Miller was left with some money and two choices: either go to school to become a bereavement counselor or open her own shop. She actually went back to school for awhile, but finally decided that it wasn't for her. So she called up her mother Dawn Schaible and asked if she might want to go into business together to open up a shop. They named the shop in her

grandmother's memory, and Hidden Pearl was born.

When asked to describe her store in one word, Miller summarized it up as, "eclectic." She elaborated saying that her goal with the store is to carry a little something for everyone. And she really does. Hidden Pearl carries a huge selection and sizes to fit all. Miller's goal is to have a comfortable fit for each customer's style, age, and size.

"I'm trying to be cautious of different body types and keep that in mind...People need to be able to find clothes that are flattering to their body type," said Miller. "A lot of stores only carry to a size 7 or 9. We want to carry something for everyone!"

Walking around her store it is clear to see she achieved this. One customer who overheard the interview said about a shirt, "My mother's 89 and I'm 43. I could see either of us wearing that."

So how will Hidden Pearl compete with corporate giants like Gap Inc., New York and Company, and Boscos? Miller says they're not worried. She is confident that her store can compete and do well in the area and sees her only problem as getting her name out. She has already taken steps to solve this by having her store featured in Carroll County Magazine, the Carroll County Newspaper, and soon in the Baltimore Sun.

"Once people come in and

check us out they'll want to keep coming back," said Miller.

And looking at their product line it's not hard to believe. The customer service is also impeccable and unlike anything you would find at other retail stores.

"I'm never too busy for a customer. I want everyone looking good when they walk out of the

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store...I wouldn't tell you something looks good if it doesn't," Miller said. "Hidden Pearl is a great shop that both mothers and daughters can shop at together as well as grandmothers and granddaughters."

So the next time you need a cute shrug, shirt, or accessories, check out Hidden Pearl, and see if you can't find something amazing and one of a kind!

Features

In Depth: Deaf Culture

McDaniel welcoming to deaf community

By Rachel Hooper

Deaf students at McDaniel face some extra challenges, but differences do not set them apart from the life of a typical college student.

Undergraduates at McDaniel are unlikely to meet this unique group of students unless they enroll in ASL classes. Ginny Odierno, who is an economics major with a minor in American Sign Language, was first introduced to ASL at McDaniel through her roommate and a friend who were involved in the First-Year Seminar taught in ASL.

Joining her friends at deaf events sparked her interest in deaf culture. Odierno now resides in the ASL house with seven other hearing undergraduate students. As the name implies, the residents of ASL house choose to use sign language instead of speaking.

A deaf graduate student, Marie, also lives in the ASL house and serves as language model and enforcer of the use of ASL. Enforcement, however, seems to happen more out of respect, said Odierno. "We have to remember to do it, because if we don't, then [Marie] has

precipitates that all her professors at McDaniel sign, that her classes are small, and that people are supportive of one another. In contrast to her previous school, Valdosta State University with 10,000 students, she finds much less racial and ethnic diversity than she is used to. Marie does not feel there is any difference between being deaf or hearing at McDaniel. She said, "I work hard, just the same as the other students in my classes do."

Marie also described her experience as a deaf student. "I do believe I work harder because English is my second language," she said. However, she does not let her struggle with English separate her. "Really, I don't see any differences myself," she said. "I can't hear, that's the only difference I notice. I don't let deafness bother me at all; I don't let that inhibit me from doing anything."

Mark Rust, coordinator of Deaf Education, explained that McDaniel has a distinctive graduate program being that is the first program to advocate the bilingual approach to teaching deaf children. The school has attracted a number of deaf students and teachers to the campus. Rust calculated that there are 43 graduate students in Deaf Education. He noted that the hearing students are in the minority in the department, with 31 deaf and only 12 hearing students.

Linda Casserly, coordinator of Interpreting Services, works with the deaf students on campus by arranging for their transcribing and interpreting services. Since McDaniel is primarily an English-speaking campus, deaf and hard-of-hearing students make use of these services for class notes, meetings, and special events. Besides the graduate students, she knew of three undergraduates also using the services. Casserly has worked with hundreds of students since she took her position in 1988. According to Casserly, the number of Deaf Education students increases in the summer, when deaf students who are already teaching come to McDaniel from all over the country.

Another graduate student in Deaf Education, Jessica Schmidt, came to McDaniel after spending five years at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. She described the difference between the two schools this way: "Gallaudet is a large, large deaf community, it's a Mecca...you always see deaf people around and here that's not

the case."

Schmidt acknowledges some extra struggles. "My English is not wonderful, it's my second language." She said she has to make sure her writing is well-edited before she turns in her papers.

What does Schmidt do for social networking? Does she use MySpace, Facebook, AOL Instant Messenger, or text messaging? "All of them" admitted Schmidt, who also wishes there were more going on at McDaniel.

"Here there isn't much in the way of actual events," observed Schmidt, so she will often travel to D.C. to socialize there. "They have DPHH [Deaf Professional Happy Hour]," said Schmidt in describing the D.C. social scene for deaf students. "They'll have a football game or sports at Gallaudet."

Schmidt also denied being limited by being deaf. "I don't view it as a negative identity either, I think it's a positive thing," said Schmidt. "I think it's helped me improve myself as a person."

Professor Eddy Laird, who has taught in the Deaf Education department for eight years, has some insights into the deaf student experience at McDaniel as compared to Gallaudet. Laird, a graduate of Gallaudet, feels that there is a big difference between attending a school where deaf students are in the minority instead of the majority.

"Language access absolutely is a big difference. Here you have to work around interpreters," he said. Laird further compared McDaniel's program, "this is more access to an English-speaking community, and in order to do that you need interpreters." He feels that having to use the transcribing and interpreting services on campus may be a challenge. "But as far as coming to classes," said Laird about the graduate program, "all the teachers sign."

So what entices a deaf student like Schmidt to come to McDaniel? She said for her, it was because McDaniel has the only program with a practicum in the bilingual, bi-cultural model to teach deaf education.

"Sometimes...people think deaf people can't go to graduate school, or can't do this or the other thing," said Schmidt. "That's not true; we're the same as hearing folks. We just can't hear; that's the only difference."

Papers, projects and procrastination interfere with sleep

By Laura Hutton,
News Co-Editor

Whether they are working on homework or procrastinating on Facebook, many students stay awake late into the wee hours of the morning. However, this cuts into vital hours of sleep that are important to the health of students.

"Studies suggest that adults who sleep seven to eight hours a night are the healthiest," reported Jane Brody of the *New York Times* on October 23. "About a third fall into that range. More than a third sleep less than seven hours, and nearly a third sleep more than eight hours."

Students that fall into the category of sleeping less than suggested can experience a multitude of side effects. Aside from fatigue the following morning, not getting enough sleep can lead to heart disease, diabetes, obesity, lower grades, depression, mood swings, and poor concentration according to the *New York Times*.

For many students, lack of sleep is a choice they make. However, sleep disorders like insomnia, are a common cause of sleep deprivation.

Forced sleep deprivation has been used as a torture device. In the book *Stasiland*, Anna Funder illustrated methods used by the Stasi, the secret police in East Germany beginning in the 1950s. While being interrogated, a main

character of the book was not permitted to sleep. She had to stay awake until two hours before and two hours after her interrogations when a brief sleep was permitted, followed by intense questioning.

Funder wrote how, "sleep deprivation can mimic the symptoms of starvation, particularly in children—victims become disoriented and cold. They lose their sense of time, becoming locked in an interminable present. Sleep deprivation also causes a number of neurological dysfunctions, which become more extreme the longer it continues. In the end, your waking hours take on the logic of a dream, where odd things are connected, and you are just angry, angry, angry with the world that will not let you rest."

Sleep deprivation in the extreme or even falling short of the recommended seven to eight hours of sleep each night is destructive to the body. It would be beneficial for more people to pay attention to their sleep patterns and make the necessary improvements.

The *New York Times* explained, "Surveys have shown that few of us past infancy and toddlerhood are receiving the amount of sleep our bodies and brains need to restore them to full function for the day ahead. And many of us—children, teenagers and adults of all ages—may pay a hefty price."

So what entices a deaf student like Schmidt to come to McDaniel? She said for her, it was because McDaniel has the only program with a practicum in the bilingual, bi-cultural model to teach deaf education.

no idea what's going on and...she's just then really left it," she said.

Marie is in the master's program in Deaf Education and wants to become an elementary school teacher. Living with the group of aspiring ASL students gives Marie a unique insight into some of the differences between her hearing friends and deaf friends on campus.

"The only difference is communication," said Marie. "Some of my hearing friends...sign exact English, and it's much different from American Sign Language...they don't use a lot of facial expression, where my deaf friends certainly do."

As a deaf student, Marie ap-

73.4% of McDaniel students have 0-5 drinks per week

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GOT NEWS?
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Well-dressed men are hard to come by at McDaniel, but there are valuable fashion lessons to be learned, writes **Michelle Menner**.

The well-dressed man is a rarity on many college campuses, especially McDaniel's. So, imagine my surprise when I stumbled upon five stylish men who show that fashion is both important and fun.

Through interviews and many e-mails I talked with these five fashion forward men about their personal style: Dean Henry Reiff who embodies the "contemporary traditional" look, Dr. Paul Miller representing the "eurocool" look, Dr. Herb Smith who is your "basic preppie," Junior Justin Silberman is "preppy with class," and Freshman Jamie Lephew, who describes his style as "casually modern."

Dean Reiff is quick to note that his wife, Jackie, and his nine-



year-old daughter, help him stay stylish. His daughter has a "good eye," he said, and she was especially helpful recently when she organized his tie rack by color and pattern after her attempt to master a pull-up on it resulted in the rack crashing down.

Reiff's "huge collection of ties" is a source of pride, especially the ties that belonged to his father.

As someone who was raised at a prep school, Reiff sees that "styles come and go," but realizes that the "preppie look remains stylish." To update his preppy wardrobe Reiff usually shops at the Jos. A. Bank warehouse store in Hampstead, MD for "quality" clothes and their "reasonable prices." He also ventures to the local Boscov's.

Over the years Reiff has learned many secrets of style.

The most recent thing he learned comes from his wife who told him that brown is no longer a color he should wear because it is beginning to clash with his gray hair. And with that, Reiff said that another "secret to success" is to "pay attention to what your wife says."

Dr. Paul Miller's wardrobe has been described by some as "euro-cool" and "eurotrash." His emailed comments reveal not only why these adjectives have been used, but also a history lesson in the process.

Miller's favorite outfit is "jeans

and my Bijelo Dugme t-shirt with no sleeves." Thankfully, Miller explained the t-shirt: "Bijelo Dugme (in English: White Button) was a famous rock band in the former Yugoslavia, and I've studied the Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian language (what used to be called, more simply, Serbo-Croatian) by learning their lyrics."

European influences are weaved throughout other areas of Miller's wardrobe. A leather jacket is something Miller has to have in his closet. "[I] just got a new one with a mink collar and lining in a little town call[ed] Visoko, about 20 mins outside of Sarajevo in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Visoko used to be the capital of Yugoslavia's leather-making industry, and it's making a comeback now in Bosnia. The jacket cost me about \$200, but surely would have gone for \$1000 or more in NYC or Paris. It's so gorgeous that I'm afraid to wear it," Miller stated.

Two of Miller's fashion lessons are "collar stays make a big difference, as does a good shoe shine."

Dr. Herb Smith, the "basic preppie, circa 1965," said "fashion to me is comfort rather than style. When I'm comfortable, I'm confident." Confidence for Smith comes in the form of his favorite outfit of a "sportsjacket, dress shirt, sweater vest, blue jeans, and Bass loafers." A favorite fashion staple of Smith's



Dean Henry Reiff (right), Jamie Lephew, and Justin Silberman (below) look good.

is a "navy blue blazer...I wear one out every two years!"

As to whom Smith admires for their fashion sense he extends a compliment to many of his McDaniel colleagues: "Skip Fennel's sweaters always make a statement. And Ted Evergetes looks like he just stepped off the Dartmouth campus. Paul Miller frequently explores the edge of 'Eurotrash' chic."

Smith's parting fashion lesson was "A white dress shirt always accentuates a tan!"

Junior Justin Silberman is the ultimate preppy stating that the "polo shirt" is his closet staple. "Polo, Abercrombie and Fitch, Banana Republic, Hollister, J. Crew, and American Eagle" are Silberman's favorite stores.

When asked if fashion was important to him, Silberman enthusiastically said, "yes!!!" No one in particular influences Silberman's style. He said he follows "the popular wear of the year" and stays with the styles that look good on him.

Freshman Jamie Lephew's counts actor Daniel Craig as someone who has a great sense of style.

Lephew said his own style includes clothes in "subtle greys, blues and greens to enrich physical features and maturity." A variety of brands make up his "casually modern" wardrobe: "J.Crew, Pac Sun, Banana Republic, Oakley, QuickSilver, Polo."

"I enjoy looking good," said Lephew. Even though there are many more years of Lephew style to come he has learned these valuable fashion lessons so far: "NO plaids and stripes at the same time" and "dark colors enrich physical features."

These stylish men of McDaniel prove that looking good



Compiled by Christina Hinkle

Christmas Edition:

What is your best or worst Christmas memory?



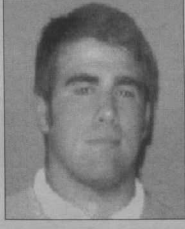
Kate Becker '08

"My favorite Christmas memory was one year when I wanted the McDonald's make-your-own food play set. I didn't think I was going to get it but when I woke up, it was under the tree. That assured me that Santa was real."



Crystal Basset '10

"My favorite memory of Christmas is every year when my sister and I peek at our presents before Christmas day."



Mike Sperlak '09

"The worst part about Christmas is that I'm always sick. I can't remember the last time that I haven't been sick on Christmas day."



Courtney Jackson '10

"My favorite memory from Christmas was when my two cats climbed to the top of our Christmas tree and knocked it over."



MaryKate Klocko '09

"My favorite holiday tradition is making Christmas cookies with my family."



Legal or not, pets liven up life on campus

People keep various types of pets on campus to make their dorm rooms livelier. Some students simply cannot live without their ferrets or turtles, so they bring them to campus in spite of knowing that the college's pet policy prohibits such behavior.

The college's pet policy, according to the student handbook and Mike Robbins, director of Residence Life, is that "with the exception of dogs for the visually and hearing impaired and non-carnivorous fish, NO pets are permitted in the residence halls. Fish tanks larger than 20 gallons are prohibited."

Many people choose to abide by these rules and keep only fish on campus.

Senior Karen Bitzel said her fish "responds to kissy faces and conversation by swimming towards the person making the faces or speaking to them. Oscar, the koi, can pick up rocks in his mouth and

spit them out again."

Some students have run into frustration with trying to use the campus tap water for their fish tanks.

Freshman Heather Yale whose fish Pumpkin recently passed away said, "The water on campus sucked for me to change the water in his bowl. Even if I let it sit for 24 hours and put special drops in, it would still cloud in a day."

Bitzel is equally frustrated with the water on campus. "I don't feel good about using campus tap water for their tank. Even with water conditioner, it seems like the water gets cloudier faster, and they don't seem as happy.... Filling a Brita pitcher over and over is time consuming," said Bitzel.

Some students have even blamed the campus tap water for the passing of their fish. "I think it was the water here on campus," said Yale.

Sophomore Lauren Toomey recently held a ceremony for her deceased fish, Lightbulb.

"His name was Lightbulb because of his beautiful orange and yellow coloring. The 'ceremony' included a small trip to the bathroom with my roommate, Meg. We said our goodbyes as we dropped him in the toilet," said Toomey.

One student has a rabbit named Charles, a.k.a. Sniffles, a.k.a. Sniffles TuTu. Charles can do flips and can jump from the top of 15 steps to the bottom.

"It's nice to come home to him because sometimes I get in really late or early in the morning and everyone is asleep, but Charles is always there," said the owner of Charles, who wished to remain anonymous. "My friends love him, so he gets spoiled constantly, and he loves being cuddled. The only setback is constantly having to clean his cage. It can be a hassle to

find time for that, but other than that I love having him here."

Graduate Assistant Kim Pontano, who lives in Whiteford Hall, is part of the staff so her cat, Miss Piggy, has been approved because this is her permanent residence, unlike most undergraduate students.

As far as special talents go, she said Miss Piggy is more like a dog in that she lies around a lot and plays fetch.

"She's the little mascot of the building," Pontano said. "She keeps me company since I live by myself, and she helped out a lot last year with connecting and bonding with students."

Various students and staff living on campus feel that their pets improve their lives, for themselves and their friends, regardless of whether their pet is "legal".

-Bethany Grové

Features | Holiday Lifestyles

Fond memories lay in holiday traditions

By Rachel Hooper

Traveling by plane, car, bus, and train, my high school friends arrived home for Thanksgiving break. I sat watching TV and waiting for their phone calls. I was struck by two emotions. First, I felt the fun of anticipation, waiting to get together with my friends, many of whom I hadn't seen since summer. Secondly, I felt annoyance. Every TV commercial break was an announcement of pre-Christmas, Black Friday sales. The advertisements announced store openings beginning as early as 4 a.m. My show was periodically invaded by a little stick figure of a racer, with his feet on starting blocks, poised for the starter's gun. He then took off across the bottom of the screen pushing a shopping cart containing the Target bulls-eye logo.

Clever, but hey, what happened to Thanksgiving turkey, stuffing, and pumpkin pie? Thanksgiving memories are about football, family get-togethers, and grandma's house, but I am worried that the television media is telling us that Thanksgiving has become primarily the beginning of the real winter holidays of Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanza.

Now that Thanksgiving and Black Friday have passed, I can re-

turn to school and begin anticipating Christmas. But my experience of media revelation about Black Friday has made me rethink what makes the anticipation of Christmas, Hanukkah, or other winter holidays so emotional and special. The essential ideas that create the specialness, I believe, are the memories and the associated music, foods, images, and store displays—in short, the traditions. We have a place in our hearts for cultural, family, and personal traditions. Our holidays mean so much more when we can anticipate the traditions.

I asked a few people about their special holiday memories and traditions. Carol Waddell, academic counselor at the Student Academic Support Center (SASS), spoke about her favorite childhood holiday memory, recalling one special Christmas morning when she was in sixth grade. Her family had recently moved to a small farm. She and her sister were opening presents in the living room, and her father went out to feed the steer. When her mother called the kids into the kitchen for Christmas breakfast, their father had brought in another gift. There in the kitchen was a pony. "And its name was Pepper," said Waddell.

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While growing up, she recalls getting together at her grandmother's house with her eight aunts and uncles and twenty-nine cousins for a buffet dinner. What image comes to mind when she thinks of Christmas?

"Kids, being so excited," said Waddell.

With her own children and husband, Christmas involves traditions. Every Christmas Eve, they go to a movie, eat Chinese dinner, and attend church.

Sophomore Julia Coleman spends Hanukkah with her immediate family and grandmother.

What image comes to mind when she thinks of the holidays?

"The menorah, lighting one more candle every night, and Hanukkah gelt (Jewish chocolate money)," said Coleman.

She looks forward to the two big presents along with the big dinners on the first and eighth nights of Hanukkah. Her favorite memory is playing the dreidel game with her family. Her memory of family traditions includes the lighting of the candles, family activities, and her father reading Hanukkah books.

Her dad's side of the family is Christian, so the family also had a Christmas tree she remembers decorating. What do the Christmas and Hanukkah holidays mean to Coleman?

"I guess having Christmas represents for everyone, like being together with your family no matter what religious background you have," said Coleman.

I am not completely against the consumerism associated with Christmas. I enjoy going Christmas shopping with my friends. A lot of thought goes into thinking about and finding the right gifts for people. With my high school friends, we did a Polynesian because there were so many of us. Every year I look forward to watching my

favorite Christmas movies. We love Charlie Brown's Christmas and the older version of a *Christmas Carol*. I love baking Christmas cookies and going to my aunt's house to hand-make special cookies called Pizzeles. Every year my mother and aunts make a wreath from fir branches and take it to the cemetery to put on my grandmother's grave.

More than anything else, my favorite memories are of Christmas Eve. We have an open house with an enormous spread of food and drink at my aunt and uncle's home. My uncle is Italian, so the buffet includes a variety of different fish. We then watch one of our favorite Christmas movies. Our evening comes to an end as we put on our coats and drive off to attend a candlelight church service. There is something so peaceful about holding burning candles and singing Christmas carols.

Most of us have favorite holiday activities and memories, which are important to our culture, our families, and our personal memories. Our holidays are so much more than a shopping frenzy; they are the traditions that bring meaning to us and our children.

The best gifts are free . . .

. . . or at least personalized

By Roxanne Fiescher

A Snicker's Mobile is a shoe box sized cart on K'nex wheels that can be pulled towards the owner with a handy little string anytime he wants a candy bar, which is what it would hold.

It was invented by juniors Katie and Rachel Griffith when they were nine years old, for their grandmother, who happened to have a sweet tooth.

"She loved it," they recalled.

Perhaps it was the thought and time put into this homemade gift that made it such a success. Or maybe it was the Snickers bars at Grandma Griffith's fingertips that made it so appealing. No matter the reason, the Snicker's Mobile was a great gift.

It is often hard to figure out what makes a good gift. Does it mean more if it is free or simply because it is personalized?

"From and for the people you care about most, free, handmade gifts are definitely the best," said sophomore Kara Constantine, "but for people you don't know that well, it's hard to personalize gifts for them."

It's true that handmade gifts, if time and effort is put into them, can mean more to the receiver than

an expensive gift because it means the gift comes from the heart of the giver.

"Homemade cookies mean a lot when made especially for you, and the only cookies you've had recently are mass produced Glar cookies," said Constantine. "You can't buy homemade cookies unless you pay someone to make them for you."

One of Constantine's most memorable gifts was a photo album from her grandmother with pictures of her and her mother. Constantine's grandmother also added funny poems to the album that she had written herself. It was a fairly inexpensive gift but with a lot of emotion put into it.

Making gifts is not always an option, especially if the giver lacks confidence in his skills of making and baking. Luckily, personalized gifts can be bought too. Many gift shops specialize in one-of-a-kind gifts.

The Magnolia House in Union Mills just outside of Westminster, sells these types of gifts made by local artists. Jaqui MacMillan-Stewart, co-owner with her husband Chris, has said of her merchandise, "We look at all these beautiful things that we get in here. We

never know what we are going to get. And this is what makes these gifts more personal; there are no two pieces alike.

"I think some people are tired of seeing the same old things that you can get almost at any department store. What makes our shop different is that people can find things that aren't as usual" MacMillan said.

The Magnolia House had a holiday open house on December 8 and 9, offering door prizes and refreshments to the holiday shoppers who were looking for something different.

A great gift does not require lots of money or fancy wrapping, but it does require lots of thought and should be wrapped with love.

It's not always the thought that counts

By Bethany Grové

Many people have had that moment of panic after opening a holiday gift of clothing, after which all they can say is "Gee, thanks." Ultimately, they end up thinking: am I expected to wear this?

Stores across the nation may have throngs of people trying to get the Nintendo Wii, the cute new iPod nanos, and Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix DVDs, but members of the McDaniel community have more unique memories of their past holiday gifts.

Provost, Dr. Thomas Falkner said his favorite gift was "easily the matching homemade Sonny-and-Cher vests that my artsy-crafty sister gave Rose and me in the 60s. That was also my least favorite gift."

Here are a few others from the McDaniel community:

"Best gift I ever got was a 2 wheel bike when I was 10 years old," said President Joak Develin Coley. "Worst gift was socks. We kid."

"My favorite holiday gift is the necklace I got from my boyfriend," said freshman Lindsay Sands. "My least favorite gift was from my plies."

Senior MC DeSimone said her least favorite gift was clothing.

"I hate when people just go to the store and think they can get such personal stuff for you, and you will like it," said DeSimone.

"The best gift I ever got was a handmade photo album that my friends made for me one year," said DeSimone. "I love handmade or personalized items because they are so much more than just a money investment....It really shows how much time, money, and effort the person or people think you're worth and it is very flattering."

Freshman Marina Feeser said last Christmas she received "a ridiculously pink sweater. Not that I didn't appreciate it because it's the thought of course, that counts, but it was pink and I also don't wear sweaters."

Feeser said her favorite gift was a black pearl necklace that she received last year. "I love pearls and wanted something different so it was kind of perfect," Feeser said.

Dr. Sarah Stokely, assistant dean for first year students said her favorite gift is one that she gave, instead of received.

"My favorite gift is the guitar I gave my husband two years ago. It has been such a pleasure watching and listening to him learn to play," said Stokely.

For those of you who find yourselves having a "Gee, thanks" moment this holiday season, just remember that you are not alone.



Peer mentor is 'Horror'-fying

Sandler brings 'enthusiasm and intellect' to mentorship in Dr. Kachur's First-Year Seminar Horror Fiction and Film

By Kim Williams

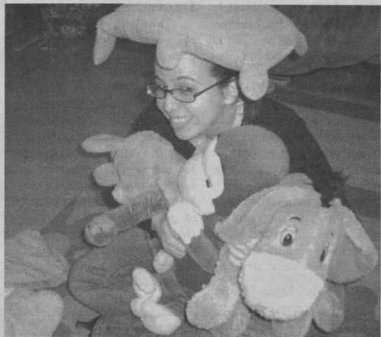
Jenny Sandler is a peer mentor who claims she enjoys her position because of her desire to rid underclassmen of the idea that "the big kids want to shove younger kids in lockers."

Her mentees' quick praise shows that they appreciate her guidance. Mentee Kristin Behrle describes her as "organized, friendly and always willing to talk and help [her mentees] out in any way."

Fellow mentee Becka Neville feels that Sandler could save her mentees in a fire and "then shed buy ice cream after to make [them] feel better."

Her mentees are not the only ones to express their fondness. The professor of the class for which Sandler is the peer mentor, Horror in Fiction and Film, shares their admiration. Dr. Robert Kachur asserts that "she is second to none in her enthusiasm and her intellect."

She speaks highly of Sandler in response to any question, describing her as "responsible, cheerful, and positive." His actions speak louder than his words: Kachur has already asked her to be his peer mentor next year, which she has



already happily accepted.

Sandler's involvement in peer mentoring is characteristic of her.

She has always been heavily involved. In high school in Stevensville, Maryland, she was a peer mentor, the yearbook editor, the secretary of her school's chapter of National Honor Society and she ran track.

At McDaniel she is a peer mentor, a member of the Honors program, a participant in last year's

Vagina Monologues, a singer in the choir and an uninitiated sorority sister (to be initiated in November) of Phi Mu.

She has lived in Daniel MacLea since freshman year in Honors housing but says that she plans to live on the Phi Mu floor next year. Sandler admits, "I'm so excited I danced."

Her involvement in campus clubs is not the only thing that makes her stand out.

Sandler is a rare species in college: the student who "doesn't mind early morning classes." She refers to herself as a "big purist about Jane Austen" and her favorite movie is *Pride and Prejudice*.

Sandler is a rare species in college: the student who "doesn't mind early morning classes." She is a junior with an English major, a minor in French and a possible minor in communications. She refers to herself as a "big purist about Jane Austen" and her favorite movie is *Pride and Prejudice*.

As far as weather goes, Sandler is definitely a fan of snow. Snow is "my favorite thing in the whole world," she says. Sandler also admits that she was always "the kid who wears her pajamas inside out and does a snow dance."

Her talents include an ability to pick up things with her toes,

which she acknowledges is not a talent that will "further humanity," and a skill at dance moves such as the Running Man and the Souja Boy. Sandler admits that her guilty pleasure is watching Hugh Hefner and his blonde girlfriends on "Girls Next Door."

She drives a Volvo named Lucy and she likes to play the piano in Little Baker and make scrapbooks.

All of these talents have made Sandler a number of friends. Throughout the interview the threat of being interrupted by people who know her was always imminent. As a group approached Sandler laughingly warned that we "may be harassed by the people coming in." From sorority sisters to suite mates, it seems that every face is a friendly face.

Sandler's popularity amongst her peers and her professors is easy to understand. Sporting glasses and the occasional pigtail, overloaded with books and eager to help, she is certainly someone worth the effort to get to know.

As Kachur says, "She's the best."

It will all come out in the wash

A freshman's guide to doing laundry in Whiteford Hall

Julia Strumpell, Contributor

Imagine you are a freshman in college, and everything is new and intimidating. The only thing you feel confident about is doing your laundry because you have been doing it for years. The only trouble is finding the laundry room.

Let's say you find the laundry room, place your clothes in the washer, and return only to find that your machine is filled with someone else's clothing. You double check to make sure you are at the right machine because you cannot imagine why someone would move your laundry or where your laundry might have gone.

So you start frantically opening the other washing machines and dryers in search of your clothing. After looking everywhere else, you finally look in the dusty, cobweb-ridden gap that lies between dryer 22 and washer 24. At last you

have found your clothing, but it is in a sopping wet heap. Now not only do you feel completely down trodden and hopeless, but you have to start your load of wash all over again.

This situation is a very real phenomenon at college but not just for college freshmen. It can be a battle for all college students but there are ways to do it successfully and avoid pitfalls.

The easiest way to do your laundry is to collect all of your clothes in a bag or basket and take your detergent to the laundry room. When you get there you should scope out two vacant washing machines: one for your lights and the other for your darks. Be weary of putting your four quarters into the change slot before you put your clothes in the machine because it is a perfect opportunity for someone else to steal your machine.

Once you have both of your loads situated in their proper machines, you will want to pour in the right amount of detergent, close the lid, and then select either the appropriate button on the machine. Now you are free of laundry stress for the next 26 minutes, which is when you have to brave the room again to switch your clothes into the dryer.

After 26 minutes pass, it is time to switch your wet clothes into the dryer. When you go down to the laundry room I hope you do not find them in a sopping heap on the dusty, dirty floor, as I have. Hopefully your clothes will still be in the washing machine and none of your colors bled on your whites. Go ahead and place them in two dryers. Now you have 60 minutes to relax until your clothes will be dry. Remember that jeans may take longer to dry than your

other clothes. If they come out a little damp, just hang them in your room to dry.

In an ideal situation, you would be able to get your clothes after exactly one hour so that you can collect them while they are still warm. There is nothing better than getting warm, fluffy laundry out of the machine on a cold day, where you may just feel like just crawling into bed and snuggling with your freshly washed laundry. Avoid this temptation because if you don't fold your clothing right way, it will wrinkle. Also if you just force yourself to fold your clothes right away and put them away there is no risk of "repeat laundry." "Repeat laundry" is when you have done laundry efficiently but decided to leave it in the hamper for a while, and then it gets to the point where you cannot remember where the dirty clothes end and the clean clothes

begin. So you just decide to wash them all again to avoid wearing dirty clothes. This is not only a waste of money, but it can easily be avoided.

As a word of caution, it is not imperative that you get your clothes out of the wash exactly 26 minutes later or take your clothes out of the dryer at exactly 60 minutes, but it is important to be aware of how long they have been in there. If it is a bright, sunny day, then it's unlikely that there will be many people trying to do their laundry. But if it's a rainy dreary Sunday, then there could be a made dash to do laundry, and in this case, you want to keep a closer eye on the time. You never know when the laundry terrorists will strike because of their impatience. Just make sure you make it back down to the dryer to get your clothes within an hour after they are done.



Let it snow

The first snowfall finally came to McDaniel on Wednesday. The grounds crew spent the afternoon clearing sidewalks and parking lots as students ventured to class and Glar, despite the slippery conditions. The fluffy snow was not ideal for a snowman, but was pleasing to the eye as it glistened in the daylight, skittering off shoes and boots. Photos by Mike Habegger.



Before



After



Commentary

Op-Ed:

March of Dimes- the right for every child to live

By Kim Pavlovsky, Contributor

My story is hard to tell and at times very hurtful. I was born three months premature from my mother's belly in South Korea and weighed only 2.5 pounds. It was here that my birth parents determined to give me up for adoption in fear of me dying at a young age. I was in a foster home for some time until my family now, Connie and Joseph Pavlovsky, decided to adopt me when I was only eight months old.

My parents have told me stories of how they were told by Holt, my adoption agency, that many families thought of adopting me, but when they saw me in person,

they always had an excuse for why they couldn't or wouldn't adopt me. Many had said I was too small, or that I would have too many health defects and that they wanted a "normal child".

I do have a birth defect although many people do not know about it. To most people I seem like a normal person with a few quirks like anyone else. Since I was born so early, my brain was unable to develop to the fullest capacity, and I therefore have something called Gerstmann's syndrome. My parents like to call my defect a limitation, as it does not sound as severe as the term birth defect.

However, I am proud to say that my parents are the best parents

I could ask for and the most loving parents I know. They supported me and raised me since I was eight months old and for that I am very thankful and glad to be a part of the Pavlovsky family. When I think of the great times and sacrifices my parents have made I can't help but smile and be glad that they chose me, a little eight-month-old child, who was born three months early. Through all of this I learned that unfortunately not all premature babies are as lucky as I am.

Premature birth is the leading cause of death for newborn babies, and according to the March of Dimes website, birth defects in premature babies are at an alarming rate.

Just last year alone, annual hospitalization of the infants cost \$13.6 billion.

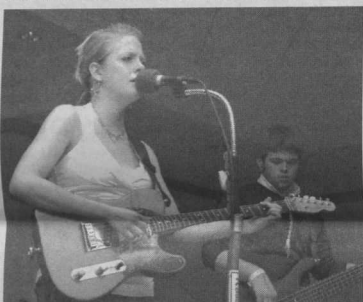
The March of Dimes is a special voluntary health agency for premature babies. Their mission is attempting to make babies stay in their mother's bellies for the full 9-month term and improve health of babies to prevent birth defects, premature births, and infant mortality. It was founded in 1938 and the campaign for premature babies was launched in 2003 to raise awareness of the increasing rate of premature births. (www.marchofdimes.com).

WalkAmerica is the number one way to save premature babies' lives. In different states, the walk is

held in different months throughout the year. It requires you to walk any amount of time and to earn money so it can be donated to hospitals all over the U.S. to help fund research being done for premature babies (www.WalkAmerica.org). For every \$1 that you earn during the walk, 76 cents is given to a hospital for medical research, health care, parent education, and community services.

Here's how you the reader can help. Spread the word about premature births and about the walks that can be done in your hometown to earn money to save these tiny infants' lives.

Rockin' Out WMCR live rock concert



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With writers gone reality TV, reruns dominate

By Jullann Guilfré

Before writing this article, I briefly considered simply having these words under the headline: I'm on strike. It's a strong statement to be sure and shows support for my fellow writers in Hollywood. Alas, three words would have been quite a disappointment to my editors in need of copy.

So, because I doubt I could, in the last grueling week before finals, take some time off to join the protesting picket line. I join the fight in spirit instead of action.

Let's first look at the facts. The last strike by the Writer's Guild of America took place the year I was born, good old 1988. It lasted 22 weeks and cost the American entertainment industry an estimated total of \$500 million.

This time around, the fight centers around the booming Internet craze, where writers want royalties for TV shows released on network websites. Look at it this way; in these days if you're a TV nut like me you no longer have to plan your schedule around airings of your favorite shows. You can simply catch them the next day online, at your own convenience, of course.

It is really so much for writers to ask to get a cut of this flourishing new business?

I can understand why there is

hesitation, as any deals made with writers for shows on the Internet will ultimately set the precedent for future deals with actors, directors, and the like.

Yet, seriously, they must concede that what the writers are asking isn't inconceivable. In fact, making amends for Internet proceeds seems like a natural progression with that of technology.

Now, I might be a tiny bit biased, but the writer's role in production of both television and film is gravely underappreciated. Maybe not in Hollywood itself, but if you think about it, not even avid viewers would know the name of the writer of their favorite program. The actors, yes, maybe the directors and producer at the most—but I can only boast of knowing a few writers' names in the entertainment industry. And I myself am a writer!

So what does this strike mean for the average TV viewer? Here, my limited knowledge must surrender to McDaniel's own "ver" in the entertainment industry. Jonathan Slade (he received four Emmy Awards for the educational "Vid Kid" series during his 11 year run at Maryland Public Television). Slade, assistant professor of communication, sees the fringe benefits of this strike.

"Since the writer's strike began, I haven't once tuned into the reruns of The Daily Show or The Colbert Report on cable TV," he said. "I've instead been picking my way through the Comedy Central archives, strategically catching up only on those segments I've missed. Never would've made this leap if there were fresh episodes available on cable."

However, not all feel the same way. I know I have become extremely agitated as program after program play their last new show of the season, and I find myself wondering what I will watch when all are gone. It's my love for entertainment fighting against the writer in me who knows that these shows go off the air for a good cause.

For those like me who sometimes feel slave driven by television culture, Slade's "remedy" may in the end prove to be a welcome diversion. Yet he has his doubts.

"The two big questions, of course: How many other TV viewers have migrated to the web like me? And how many of us will actually go back to watching as much TV once the strike is over?" Slade asked.

Unfortunately, my hand rises embarrassingly in the air in answer to his final question.

Stagehands on Broadway go on strike: I can see why



David Nasongkhla '08
Staff Writer

On November 10, Stagehands on Broadway in New York walked out on the twenty-something shows they helped produce. I understand why.

The stagehands decided to walk out after many failed contract negotiations between the stagehand union and the theatre association. The theatre association in recent months started refusing to hire the necessary amount of stagehands during production to try to save money. This meant many stagehands were unemployed and the few that were employed faced being over worked by the show's production managers.

Over the summer, I had a job

as a stagehand at the lovely Kumble Theatre in downtown Brooklyn. Now while we don't have any connections to Broadway, our theatre runs basically the same way as a Broadway theatre would.

On Broadway, any stage not being used is totally empty. No lights, no stage, nothing. It's up to the show's production managers to bring all that equipment with them and hire stagehands to put it all together. This is where production managers want to save money.

Stagehands just want to be treated fairly. When production managers don't hire enough stagehands, it disrespects them. On one side, there would be stagehands being

worked too hard; and on the other side, there are stagehands sitting at home doing nothing.

But I know what it feels like to be a pissed off stagehand, and let me tell you, it sucks.

The rule of any theatre is, if you rent it out, you put it back the way it was when you got there. Simple. But of course, not everyone will follow that rule. There will be the few production managers that are just plain lazy, leaving stagehands to work into the early hours of the morning, as I've experienced many times this summer.

Our theatre hires different freelance stagehands for different shows, who have also worked on

Broadway. During breaks, a lot of them talk about what it's like to work on Broadway, and a lot of the stories aren't positive.

But don't get me wrong, being a stagehand is one of the best jobs I've ever had. I've learned so much, and everyone I work with is great.

But as great as it was, there were the few of the performers who thought they were divas and would request something every five minutes. Whether it was more microphones, more gaffing tape, or more water, some would just keep asking.

Editor's Note: The strike has ended as of press time.

Crazy Spears salvages her fifth album

By Eleanor Nagle

With publicly stripping down to her underwear, feeding babies soda, and flashing the paparazzi, it's obvious that Britney Spears has gone crazy, but her new album isn't tainted by her insanity.

Spears' fifth album, *Blackout* was released on October 30 to surprisingly good reviews, probably because the album itself is pretty good. It certainly isn't her best, and there aren't any breakout worthy hits. But if you like Britney, and you're looking for a fun album that's great to dance to, *Blackout* just may be the album for you.

The twelve songs featured on the album all have great beats that are certainly enjoyable to dance to and lyrics that are fairly entertaining, though there is such an overuse of the word "hoo" that it makes you wonder if Paris Hilton helped write the songs. The lyrics are repetitive, but then again, what dance songs aren't?

This album contains no bal-

"Why Should I be Sad?" is probably the closest thing to a ballad. The song is a thinly veiled shot at Spears' ex-husband, the infamous Kevin Federline, with the lyrics, "Why should I be sad? Heaven knows, from the stupid freaking things that you do."

lads, soft songs, and very little about love. In fact most of the songs have a lot more to do with lust than love.

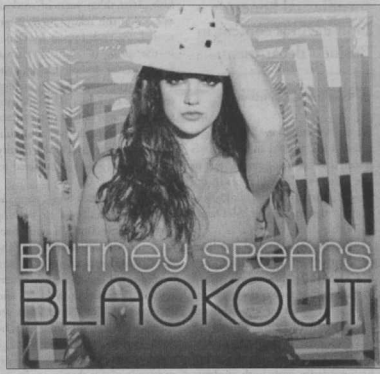
The album starts out with "Gimme More," which also happens to be her first released single. It's certainly not the best song on

the album but it's good enough.

The second song, "Piece of Me" is easily one of the best on the album. Spears doesn't exactly talk, but rather talks to a beat in a not quite rap fashion. There is a good music and beat behind her with lyrics that are pretty good. The lyrics talk of her recent trouble with the paparazzi and her latest hi-jinxes. There's a bitter tone to what she says but there's also humor in it. Besides, it's not exactly like Spears doesn't deserve her reputation.

"Heaven on Earth," the fifth song, is the only song on the album that talks non-sexual love, though there is still a strong sexual tone. With an '80s style intro and cute if not corny lyrics such as "You're heaven on earth. I've waited all my life for you" and "Fell in love with you and everything you are."

The last song, "Why Should I be Sad?" is probably the closest thing to a ballad, and that isn't saying much. The song is a thinly veiled shot at Spears' ex-husband,



the infamous Kevin Federline, with the lyrics, "Why should I be sad? Heaven knows, from the stupid freaking things that you do."

Overall, *Blackout* is a thor-

oughly pleasant album that will most likely please most Spears fans, though it may leave them nostalgic for the earlier and perhaps more memorable albums.

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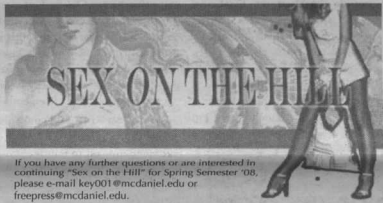
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And Finally, Be Safe

Reinforcing the definition of rape, verbal or physical, 'no means no,' writes **Katie Young**.

Despite our knowledge of the unfortunate commonality of rape, I still believe many of us are in denial. After all, isn't it true that those raped lacked responsibility?

NO! A stranger with a weapon forcing himself upon a woman in an alley isn't the most typical scenario of rape. Girls we know have found themselves raped or assaulted in some way, and it is sad to realize everything you thought you knew about rape was false.

According to the National Violence Against Women Survey, more than one out of every six women is a rape victim, and the majority of those victims were assaulted in their teens or early twenties. As students who attend a college affected by assaults, it is important that we be educated about rape.

If we continue down the road of denial, rapists will continue to get away with their crimes because the girls they attacked have been told that "it wasn't rape," and in some cases believe that the rape was in part their own doing.

Because many attacks fall within a gray area, the definition of rape and assault is not straightforward creating a lack of recognition of all kinds of sexual attacks. No matter how quickly the incident may take place, the U.S. Department of Justice actually defines sexual assault as any unwanted sex-

ual contact (i.e. ass/breast grab).

Rape, however, is a severe form of sexual assault - technically defined as forced vaginal, anal, or oral penetration. As sex-columnist Amber Madison notes, it is important to understand that "forced" assault can be both physical and psychological threats.

The following scenarios, Madison cites to "count" as rape:

1. A friend, boyfriend, ex, or anyone a girl has slept with in the past made her have sex when she didn't want to.
2. A girl was forced into sex by a guy whom she had sex with willingly at a later time.
3. A girl had sex but was too drunk, high, or young to understand what she was doing.
4. A guy forced a girl to have sex with him but told her that he loved her, that she was beautiful, or that she was so sexy he couldn't control himself.
5. A girl was forced into having sex, but her body responded and she "got wet" or even had an orgasm.
6. A guy threatened to harm a girl if she didn't have sex with him, so she did it because she felt she had to.

The fact is that anytime anyone, boyfriend, relative, friend, stranger, date, or teacher forces you in any way, physically or psycho-

logically, to have sex, oral, anal, or vaginal, it COUNTS.

Since one of the biggest misconceptions about rape is that rapists are strangers lurking in dark alleys, Madison also points out what specifically counts as "no".

1. A girl said no but didn't physically fight off her attacker.
2. A girl said yes at first, but then changed her mind and said no.
3. A girl didn't say no because she was afraid that she would be physically hurt or killed if she did.
4. A girl stopped saying no because it wasn't making the guy stop.
5. A girl showed pain or fear, and obviously didn't want the sexual encounter to continue.
6. A girl never said no because she froze up and said nothing.

Any way that a girl says no or stop means that a guy should stop. However, if a girl isn't responding in any way, her lack of response doesn't mean yes. If he ignores any of these signs, it is rape.

It can be difficult for a girl to come forward, or even comprehend that she was raped, especially if the rapist was an acquaintance or friend. But no matter how hard it is to realize, when a guy knowingly forces a girl into sex it is always that fault of a guy for not stopping rather than a girl for not being able to stop him.

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Commentary

From marketing Yellow pages to the Hill

Engaging, generous, friendly and honest, Don Lavin is content in Business department

By Ryan Rowe, Contributor

On the second floor of Lewis Recitation Hall, tucked in a corner is a simple office belonging to one of the most popular professors in the Business Administration and Economics department at McDaniel College.

For the dozens of students who enter this office daily, they are greeted by Professor Donald Lavin's smiling face and witty sense of humor. Most of the students who visit Lavin are there simply to socialize with someone they find fun to be around. Considering his popularity with both students and colleagues, you would think that Lavin's been teaching for most of his life. In truth, Lavin didn't start teaching at a four year college until 2000. But that doesn't mean Lavin hasn't been teaching in other ways for years prior to his arrival in Westminster.

Prior to coming to McDaniel, Lavin worked for thirty years as Vice President of the Yellow Pages marketing department. In fact, Lavin had over seven hundred people reporting to him, so teaching a

class of twenty-five hardly unnerves him. After thirty years of working as a VP at the Yellow Pages, Lavin retired. He ended up at McDaniel in the spring of 2000, as a favor for Professor Joseph Carter, who asked Lavin to teach a one semester course on Ethics. The following semester Lavin taught two courses, and within a year he was a full time member of the McDaniel faculty, wrapping up a very short lived retirement.

When asked to compare teaching at McDaniel to working at the Yellow Pages, Lavin mentions the interactions he has. The interactions between students and faculty at McDaniel and the interactions between co-workers and customers at the Yellow Pages are what he enjoys most about what he does. He also mentioned that the biggest difference between business and academics is that in academics you "talk about doing things" and in the business world you "actually do things."

The enjoyment of teaching and interacting with people continues outside the classroom for Lavin. In his spare time Lavin coaches recreational basketball and lacrosse teams. Lavin is also an avid reader, enjoying fiction novels most of all. But his biggest passion outside of the classroom is spending time with his son and daughter who are also in college. Perhaps having a

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son and daughter the same age as the students he teaches is part of the reason he is so popular at McDaniel.

Stacy Sherwood, who took Tax Accounting with Lavin in the spring of 2007, says "I find him a lot more understanding than other professors. He seems to relate to students on their level and does not appear as an authority figure."

Lavin has taught classes in many fields including accounting, ethics, and business, but he says his favorite course to teach is Tax Accounting because he finds the tax business to be a "challenging work endeavor." And he feels that this is the most practical course because if his students know about the tax business they can save money. Sherwood agrees, adding "I remember what he taught me after the class had ended."

Lavin, who has a Bachelor's degree in History from Loyola College, as well as a Masters degree in Finance and Accounting from Loyola is more than just a professor. Fellow professor of Accounting and friend, Susan Milstein, says he is "deeply religious" and practices what he preaches. He is also selfless, constantly putting students and the department before himself. Milstein reminisces about a broken refrigerator in the Business department a few years back, and how whenever Lavin got any extra money, from various sources, he would donate it to the fund to buy a new refrigerator for the department.

Despite his successes and experiences in life, he is constantly humble, Milstein says. She tells how recently he spoke to the students of her Stock club and talked about all the bad choices he had made when it comes to the stock market. Yet she and others know of the countless correct choices he made in the stock market that he refuses to gloat about.

Lavin says one of the most

rewarding parts of his job is watching students grow up and "become more comfortable in their own skin." He says that by the time they graduate as seniors they are almost completely different people from when they arrived as freshman. And while Lavin briefly laments about the administration part of the school and the administration part of his job he concedes that he loves the classroom.

When talking with Lavin it is easy to realize why he is so popular.

He is engaging, generous, friendly and honest. Lavin describes himself as "contented." And he says he is "confident and satisfied at where I am and what I've done." He says he has no regrets and is very happy living every day as if it were his last. But perhaps it is Milstein who best summarizes Lavin when she says "he is the light of the department." She continues, saying "mention his name and a smile comes across his or her face." That's probably because Lavin is smiling back.

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Features Co-Editor and Fall 2007 Graduate **Katie Young**



Compiled by Geoff Peckham

"but if I...
learned anything at all it was to
always be true to yourself and I
know that this is what I can do and
I'm gonna try..."
-Tristan Prettyman

One day, I woke up and realized that the last four years have come and gone and I am an entirely different person. I am a person who knows her faults and likes, and who has gained the ability to accept most of them. In the most unselfish way possible, McDaniel has allowed me to understand that I don't have the ability to make anyone happy but myself.

All the panicking of presentations, friendships, housing, and hook-ups has somehow been lost in time. Instead the periods in which I was most happy are the only times that I recall. I didn't really understand the significance of harder times on the Hill until much later. I have realized I have come to a place where I have been able to define mine own happiness and goals.

Advisors, majors, and friends have changed in the past years, but I have elected to surround myself with people who reflect the same choices I have made and also understand their own ability to find happiness within themselves. It'll take a while, but one day you'll realize that the times in which you were struggling, or others hurt you, were completely out of your control. No one is the bad person, but just not the right person for you to have in your life. People, like semesters, come and go, and that is perfectly alright.

So take that hurt, anger and pain and turn it around so that you can focus on your own strengths. McDaniel is a place where you can challenge yourself to do new things, speak up, and most importantly be noticed. You will be knocked down by certain events, but you have no control over them. Most importantly always be true to yourself.

Images of the Week

Big Win



Courtney Gogolinski (above) drives in for the game winning shot against Dickinson on Tuesday. She completed a three-point play to go ahead with 2.3 seconds left. Robin Gregg (below) scored 17 points in the 61-58 win.



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National Football League:

Week 15: McDaniel Guru says take Washington *and* Dallas

By Garrett Eagan, McDaniel Guru

Through 13 weeks of the NFL, there are lock teams for the playoffs. In the AFC, New England and Indianapolis are the easy picks. In the NFC, Dallas, Green Bay, and even Minnesota are all vying for their playoff lives. Week 15 is a showcase of games that may dictate who gets in the playoffs or into the wild card games. Here are my picks:

Pittsburgh 17 Jacksonville 13

With Roethlisberger and company doing well in the AFC North, this game seems like an easy win. However, with Gerard playing well and the Jacksonville defense playing strong, this one could go either way. Take the Steel over the Jaguars.

Green Bay 28 St. Louis 10

After a shaky two weeks for Brett Favre, he still is the reason for the success of the Packers this season. This game solely rests on the performance of Favre. Take the Pack over the Rams.

Baltimore 16 Miami 10

Another game that seems like an easy win for one side, but could go either way. Both teams are not playing well at all,

with the Dolphins still winless. Even though I would like to see Miami get their first win, I don't think it will happen. Take the Ravens over the Fish.

New England 31 Jets 20

There isn't much to say that someone has not already said about the Patriots. Offensively, Brady to Moss and Welker is unstoppable. This game stirs up a lot of emotion from the whole "Spygate" ordeal, so it could get out of hand. Even though Chris Ferrick-Manley expects a win by 40, the game will not get that out of hand. Take the Pats over the Jets.

Cleveland 20 Buffalo 16

This game will be close for both teams. Derek Anderson against Trent Edwards doesn't seem like an even match-up, but both teams have their own ways of winning. Take the Browns over the Bills.

Indianapolis 34 Oakland 10

Peyton Manning. Need I say more? The Indy offense is looking powerful after a debacle in San Diego, so this Raider team should be a walk in the park. Barring any ground breaking events, take the Colts over the Raiders.

---Picks of the Week---

Dallas 23 Philadelphia 10, Washington 20 Giants 17

These games are the picks of the week for the sole reason that these are the games that will most likely play out the wild-card setting in the NFC. This is a NFC East weekend for these four teams. Dallas has nothing to worry about with the playoffs, but they are the only team. The Giants, Skins, and Eagles all need to win to keep their playoff dreams alive. Even after a great game against the Pats in week 12, the Eagles will not make this one that interesting. The Skins-Giants game is the real contest for the NFC East. The Redskins are hanging on by a thread and one more loss can push them right out of the running. Take the Boys over the Eagles, and the Skins to edge out the Giants.

Sports Edition:

Who will win this year's Super Bowl?

Compiled by Garrett Eagan



Brad Wiley

"I think it's going to be the Cowboys. They have the easiest road to the Super Bowl."



Jacob McCurry

"I think the Steelers will win."



Cal Calcagni

"I would say it's going to be the Patriots and the Cowboys. Out of them I'll take the Patriots."



Steve Haack

"Colts will win. I don't like the Patriots, and I don't care much for the NFC."

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Close knit team key to success

By Chris Ferrick-Manley

McDaniel swimming coach Kim Easterday believes that her team is having a successful season even if their dual meet record does not reflect it.

In Easterday's eyes, the team is showing a lot of improvement on an individual level. She sees many of the people on the team swimming faster than they were last year. However, she concedes that it will be tough to make these improvements show up in the standings. One of the problems is a lack of depth among the men. There are only seven male swimmers and only one senior on the whole team, Chris Reed.

"You can have some good individuals who can win, but the team score doesn't always reflect that," said Easterday.

The team has three captains: Reed as well as juniors Katie Dorian and Kacy Cribbs. Like Easterday, they believe that the team has been successful even if the won/loss record does not show it.

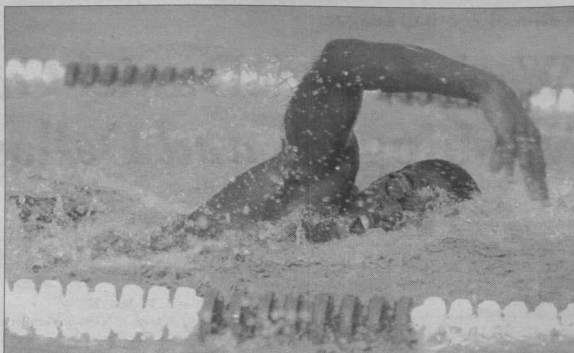
"I would define success as team support," said Reed.

All three captains agreed that team camaraderie and giving each other support was crucially important to them. They did however have some goals they wished to see accomplished by the end of the season. The men's team was going after the 400 medley relay record, which Reed described as "within reach."

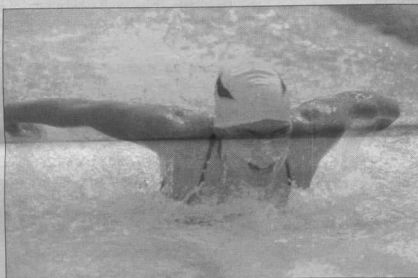
Last season the women's team lost a very close meet to Bryn Mawr, a team that they had not lost to in a long while, according to Dorian. Beating Bryn Mawr on February 2 this season has since become one of the goals of the women's team, explained Dorian.

Another significant accomplishment for the women's swim team is their academic accomplishments. They have made Academic All-American so many years in a row that Easterday claims she has lost count.

The swim team's final two home meets of the season are on February 1 and February 9 versus Franklin and Marshall and Washington respectively. The time for both is 1 p.m.



DAVE SINCLAIR



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The McDaniel swimming team has performed above expectation out of the gate this season due to the close bonds formed. Co-captain Chris Reed (above) has won multiple events for the men, while freshman Whitney Scheiren (left) has aided the performance of the women's team.

Preview: The 2007-2008 Basketball Season

Men start season 5-0, aim for more success

By David Nasongkhla

The McDaniel men's basketball team has started the season at 2-0 in conference play and 5-0 overall despite the dismissal of leading scorer and All-Maryland Second Team choice junior Ryan Brandenburg.

Led by juniors Chad Arrington and Ryan Finch and seniors Chris Prior and Brett Foelber, McDaniel looks to stay red hot throughout the season. Each are prolific scorers, and Arrington and Prior lead the team in rebounding.

"The team looks really good this year," said team manager, senior Camara Kadete. Already five games into the season, the team has won the Provident Pride of Maryland Championship at John's Hopkins University, beating Hood College 85-84.

Head coach Kevin Curley, who took over last season, looks to keep up the winning ways.

"He fires up the team, and keeps them motivated," said Kadete. "His work ethic is great as well."

The men's team has had its ups and downs in the past year. Coach Bob Flynn tragically passed away in the middle of last season. This year the team's top scorer was dismissed from the team due to problems off the court, and a couple of freshmen have quit the team and transferred schools. Despite all this, the team has stayed focused throughout.

"It would be nice to see the team go far this year, and maybe even win a championship," stated Kadete.

Every basketball fan hopes the men's team can overshadow the disappointing football season, bring a sense of pride back to the fans, and make the season exciting. So far, they're passing with flying colors.

By Jeff Davis

With an impressive win against Dickinson at home on Tuesday, Head Coach Becky Martin and the rest of the women's basketball team are ready for a new season.

With five seniors having graduated last year, the team for the most part is starting afresh.

"We're definitely going to have to go through some growing pains," Martin said. Having lost some chemistry and fluidity, the team is working once again to find that comfort level and cohesiveness it has known so well.

Seniors Robbin Gregg and Courtney Gogolinski are leading the way this season. Just getting into a long and competitive year, the team is relatively young and is still looking to find its identity.

There's a definite learning curve in this league, as there is for college athletics in general. Yet with a strong coaching staff, these new players will become accustomed to the level of play very quickly.

After the initial growth, these women should be in good shape. Martin is a veteran, having coached for 28 years and is not worried after the 1-3 start. In fact, she is quite confident in her players and her team as a whole.

She knows that all it is going to take is a little time to get adjusted to the court and to one another.

As the season progresses and the players continue to play together, they will be that much closer to their goal of getting to the Conference Playoffs and ultimately a championship.

"Every time we step on the court we get a little stronger, a little smarter, and a little more experience," Martin said.

This is a team that has had six, 20-win seasons in a row; three conference championships in the last six years, and has been in the NCAA tournament 4 of the last 6 years.

McDaniel's women's basketball team knows what this

tradition is all about, and they are proud to be a part of it. As they continue to develop their skill and allow their potential to unfold, these 14 players are going to become a force to be reckoned with.

After the first semester is over and the arduous finals have finally ended, Martin and her team are looking forward to January to work hard and springboard into a fast-paced and successful season.

"It's not how you start, it's how you finish," said Martin.

She's right. With hard work and a little luck, the women's basketball team will be right where they want to be.

McDaniel improved to 2-1 in the conference, and 3-3 overall with the win against Dickinson. After a win and fourth game, Courtney Gogolinski converted a three-point play with 2.3 seconds to go, giving McDaniel the lead and final score at 61-58.

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Women set sights on playoffs

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Family and friends offer support, keep Lutz in their thoughts

By Melanie Chupelin,
Co-Editor in Chief

The McDaniel College community continues to rally support for transfer student Jared Lutz and his family. Lutz remains in critical condition at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore. Medical personnel are closely watching his pressure vitals.

Members of the Lutz family have created a website for Jared through Caring Bridge, sponsored by the University of Maryland Medical Center. The site features a journal updated by the family with information about Lutz's condition. The guest book tab allows visitors to leave messages and since February 3, there have been a total of 165 messages.

In addition to the website, anyone in the community wanted to send their wishes to Lutz can address cards to Jared Lutz, c/o of University of Maryland R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, 22 S. Greene Street, 4 South - Bed 17,

Baltimore, MD 21201.

On Thursday, January 31 it was initially speculated that Lutz fell while completing his vault but information confirmed by Athletic Director Jamie Smith, explained that Lutz tripped on the mat, losing his balance and hitting his head. This occurred sometime between 5:15 p.m. and 5:19 p.m. according to Mike Webster, director of Campus Safety. Westminster paramedics arrived at 5:26 p.m. and a helicopter was on the scene at 5:47 p.m. landing on the soccer field.

The Carroll County Times wrote an article about Lutz's accident in its Saturday, February 2 issue where Joyce Muller, associate vice president for communications and marketing, said that Lutz had surgery on Friday and is in intensive care. She emphasized that the college is concerned and that their thoughts are with Lutz and his family.

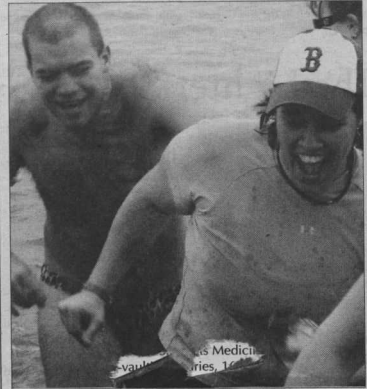
"In the fifteen years I've been here," Webster said, "there's never been a pole vaulting accident."

News of the accident was emailed to the members of the track and field team. In the email, Coach Bryn Upton said, "On Thursday afternoon, while practicing the pole vault, Jared vaulted off

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It's cold out here

Polar Bear Plunge



Jon Schultz and Amanda Rose ran back out of freezing water on Saturday, January 26. They were not alone; around ten thousand people participated in the twelfth annual Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge.

Among them were a group of McDaniel students and faculty members who agreed to "grin and bear it" for the sake of the Maryland State Police Olympics and McDaniel Best Buddies.

"I was shocked by the turnout," said senior Kelly Etzel, who participated in the plunge. "I had no idea so many people shared my love of the cold."

The plunges, which raised

\$3.5 million USD, were scheduled for noon and 3 p.m., but because of the enormous turnout, another was added at 1 p.m.

The water was a chilly 36 degrees fahrenheit.

Also among the participants was former Baltimore Raven Michael McCrary, former governor Bob Ehrlich, and current governor Martin O'Malley.

Maryland State Lottery winner Ellwood "Bunky" Bartlett donated \$1 million to the cause as well.

"It was fun to see so many people show up in their costumes," Etzel said. "I'll probably do it next year."
GP, MH, MC, AR, KE

RAs fired, rule enforcement could be cause for concern

By Geoff Peckham,
News Co-Editor

Three McDaniel residential assistants were recently fired by Residence Life, each for different violations of RA conduct.

Junior Genai Moore, junior Dave Robertson, and sophomore Ross Smith were all removed from their positions for separate reasons. This was in addition to the firing of RA Anna Moffit last semester. There was also another RA, former McDaniel student Casey Funkhouser, who decided to quit.

Residence Life did not comment on the dismissals, nor did Moore. Robertson was unable to comment as well, and Funkhouser

and Moffit could not be reached by press time.

Senior RA Jonathan Schultz confirmed that all the RAs were dismissed for different reasons.

"During RA training, we are told what is and is not acceptable for RAs to do. Most of them are common sense. RAs know that they cannot do what most other college students do because they have to uphold the RA contract, the image of Residence Life and the college and most importantly, their personal integrity," he said.

Smith said that he had already received warnings and violated probation by missing a staff meeting. He said he was not surprised

when he was called into Rouser Area Coordinator Dave Dahlberg's office and told of the decision.

"I was highly considering quitting," Smith said. "It was obvious I was not getting along with [the Res. Life staff] at all."

Smith said he disagreed with many of the warnings he received throughout Fall of 2007. He said that Residence Life is in desperate need of more RAs, after firing four in one school year and having one quit.

"I think that the Residence Life staff has to seriously consider the way they manage their RAs.

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Flu sends several students home

By Roxanne Fleischer

Once again a menace strikes campus, this time just over a week into the semester. The menace: Type A Flu. One of its many victims: Casey Crough, a sophomore at McDaniel. It started with a dry cough. Then came a fever. The cough became increasingly frequent, the fever remained, and nausea decided to drop in as well.

At first Crough joked about the serious abs she would gain from all the coughing. Only later did she change her outlook, saying, "I just want to stop coughing," as the sickness worsened.

She had been doing all the right things to get rid of the flu when it

first struck; she took Ibuprofen to reduce the fever, she pushed fluids, especially orange juice for the vitamin C, she got plenty of rest, and still the flu fought harder.

After to a visit to Health Services around midday on Tuesday, Feb 5, it was determined that Crough should go home, and she is required to remain there until Monday, Feb 11.

Crough was one of more than 25 students who struggled with the flu by the end of last week, according to Joan Lusby, certified Physician Assistant with the college's Health Services.

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News

Faculty evaluation forms revamped

By Bethany Grové

McDaniel is trying to improve the way in which they assess teaching standards. This could mean a brand new teacher evaluation form by the end of the spring semester.

The committee that reviews professors when they are due for tenure and promotions, the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC), recently requested that the faculty modify the teacher evaluation forms that students fill out at the end of each semester.

Rebecca Carpenter, associate professor of English, is in charge of modifying the forms. She recently ran a faculty meeting to discuss the current draft of the form, which has not yet been approved. Carpenter said the form needs to address certain issues.

"Does this form ask the best possible questions in the best possible format in order to assess teaching? How does our form compare with those at other comparable institutions?" Carpenter asked.

Many faculty members expressed concern about the front side of the current evaluation form, in which students rank their professors using numbers one through five. A few faculty members jokingly asked what a "three" means in regard to their teaching style. None of them seemed to have the answer.

The committee to evaluate the draft is currently advocating a form that will include more open-ended questions to which the students

can give narrative responses instead of number ranks.

An issue raised at the meeting was that of students giving easy classes higher scores than more challenging classes. Freshman Brittany Kemp said she has concerns about the same issue.

"Generally I don't think the forms are very effective," Kemp said. "All you do is circle down the page based on whether you liked the professor. I think some people give professors all fives if the class

was easy."

Carpenter said a draft of the form will be brought to the students to ask for their input as soon as the faculty can reach a consensus.

"I think students can give us better information about the strengths of our courses and the areas that need improvement if we ask better questions," Carpenter said.

The Lighter Side of the Campus Safety Blotter



Becky Snider, '09
Blotter Reporter

Missing construction equipment, stolen campus safety signs and juvenile comments—it's all part of the lighter side.

Editor's Note: This weekly piece highlights some of the more inane calls and incidents to which campus safety responds.

Well this semester started out as a sprinkling frozen frenzy with a hint of newspaper on the side. What do I mean by this you ask? "Unknown person(s)" took it upon themselves to play a joke. On January 2, a Campus Safety officer discovered a car decorated with sprinkles and newspaper, which just happened to be frozen to the windshield. Perhaps this someone's idea of a good birthday present. But if it was my lucky day, I wouldn't want to spend it undercoating my car.

Cars... well no cars were stolen or broken into over break, Jan term or in the first two weeks of the semester. However, one vehicle miraculously rolled into another parked vehicle in the old gravel parking lot. Cause? "Vehicle malfunction."

There were minor damages to both vehicles with no personal injuries.

Personal vendettas, on the other hand, seem to be the new thing to do. Equipment was reported to be stolen from the construction site near the Garden Apartments. Two lift fork attachments were taken from the site sometime between February 5 and 6. While this might be a common thing at construction sites, perhaps the students are just seeking revenge. Revenge for what? Well, there is the loud grinding, crushing noises at 7 a.m. Then of course there is the whole mess in general that construction has made between the gym and the Garden Apartments. Revenge or boredom? You be the judge.

Speaking of boredom, a student was documented for multiple violations on January 20 including "student conduct violation, alcohol possession (under 21), dishonesty: providing false information, de-

ciency offense: public urination, and failure to comply." Of course, this should be nothing new, right? However, this incident did not occur outside of Rouzer. Instead the houses on PA Avenue were the new setting for this tradition.

However, Rouzer did indeed have its share of stupidity. Someone unwisely left a stolen Campus Safety sign in visible sight over break. The sign was found by the DoCS on January 25. Stealing a sign from Campus Safety might seem like a good idea at the time, though you just might want to consider hiding things in the future.

And while you're at it, consider that the fire extinguishers placed conveniently in the dorm rooms are actually there for a reason. So it's probably not a good idea to throw them through windows after discharging them in the hallway.

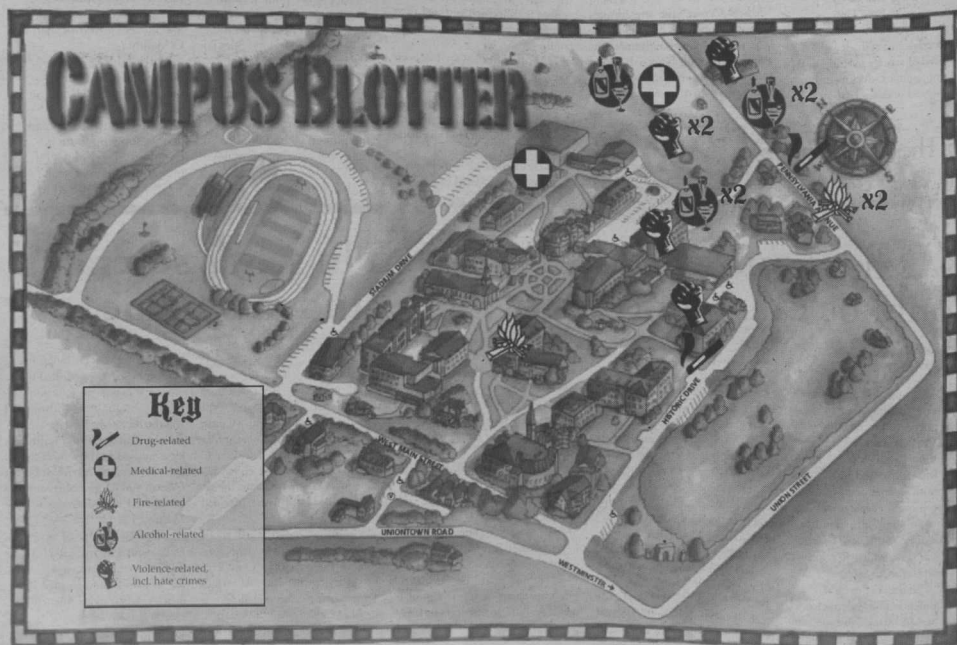
If you want to be really creative, don't follow the example of

the "unknown individuals" who decided that it would be really fun to write graffiti on the elevator walls in Whiteford. A DoCS officer responded to a report of graffiti on a wall on February 1 around midnight. "Juvenile comments" written in black permanent marker were discovered to be the cause of complaint. The incident has since been deemed inactive.

On a lighter note, someone has really gotten into the Valentine's Day spirit. A gentleman left a letter for a student at Campus Safety on February 2. The intended receiver of the letter was caught off guard and not too happy about the situation. Pending the suspicious nature of the incident, Campus Safety will be continuing the investigation into this matter.

Hopefully, McDaniel students have better luck on Valentine's Day.

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Pole vaulter Lutz remains in critical condition

From "Vaulter" on Page 1

ing the pole vault. Jared vaulted off the mats hitting his head. He was knocked unconscious. Just before 6pm Jared was airlifted to shock trauma in Baltimore. Coach Estes and Jason Maier drove down to the hospital and the last message I had was that he was undergoing tests and his parents were with him but he had not regained consciousness. I know I speak for the entire coaching staff when I say that our thoughts and prayers are with the Lutz family.

The McDaniel community was informed about the accident via an email from President John Develin Coley's office on Friday, February 1, which said, "Jared Lutz, a junior on the McDaniel men's track and field team, suffered a head injury during practice at the Gill Center on Thursday afternoon. Medical personnel on the scene rushed him to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center, where he underwent surgery."

"Currently he is in intensive care. This is a tragic and unexpected outcome to a routine sports practice. We know that you join me in keeping him and his family in our thoughts and prayers," the email added.

"In times like this you find out how large of a scope your friends are," said Doug Renner, track and field head coach.

Renner, who's been coaching since 1988, went on to say that he received a call from a coach at Messiah who had a kid on his team that went to church with Lutz.

"Our thoughts and our prayers are with Jared and with his family," added Renner.

Although Renner declined to comment about the accident, he said that this is Jared's first year in

the program, and his father is a pole vault coach and his sister vaults as well.

"He's a great kid. He's the kind of guy that brings a smile to your face when he walks in the room," said Renner. "He's certainly a great addition to our team."

The community can get updates on Lutz's status through the website as his family frequently adds posts to the journal section of Lutz's website.

The first post the Lutz family made, dated Thursday, January 31, said, "The beginning...where do I start? It's a little fuzzy (even for me) but it's my hope that when Jared looks back on this and reads it, he will see how much we love him and how many lives he has touched all across the world."

The post continued, "I don't remember at all how we managed to get downtown which is very sad because I was the one in charge of giving the driving directions! After getting our visitor badges, they directed us to the waiting area where Coach Estes and Jason were. They had driven down to be with him as much as possible."

Another post dated February 4, said, "The nurses were so pleased that the night went well. It was the first time that Jared's numbers didn't change negatively overnight [sic]. In fact, he's down to 40% on the oxygen and still in the 30s! They also changed the skull surgery bandages and were going to tweek [sic] a few of the wires. His coloring looks good and he still looks so peaceful!"

On February 8, the family wrote, "Jared...I prayed today for a sign for how he's doing. His numbers actually reached 14 today (he was at 80 when they brought him into the emergency room). I know that they will continue to go up

and down, but when they do go up, they seem to not go as far as before, and come down a little more than before. The nurses have said not to stress over the exact number but rather patterns. However, since I have such limited medical knowledge I need something I can focus on and relate to. This seems to be it!"

While friends and family have been able to read about Lutz's progress from the Caring Bridge website, others have opted to write on his Facebook wall, offering messages of prayer, encouragement and love.

Students on the track and field team met with the coaches to discuss the incident.

"I went to high school with Jared," said sophomore Jen Thompson. "We were friends on the track team at Liberty High school, then we graduated together, and we both came to McDaniel where we are both on the track team together. Jared is entertaining to say the least, no matter how bad your day is he has something ridiculous to say to make you stop and smile. He makes fun of me a lot too and that is pretty much my favorite part of our relationship: our constant friendly banter."

Junior Erin Balsamo, another pole vaulter, said, "He shows up to practice all the time, and he's always ready to vault. He's fun to hang out with and he's helpful. He knows a lot of tips because he's been doing it for years."

Asked about any safety concerns with vaulting, Balsamo added, "Every athlete knows the dangers involved. They know what could happen. They just have to take precautions. I'm still gonna do it."

At a glance Safety and Pole Vaulting

Steve Shutt, Head coach for men's and women's cross country and track and field at Gettysburg College:

- "We don't require the vaulters to wear any special equipment."

- "There are helmets on the market that aren't guaranteed to protect you if you fell from say 12 feet."

- There's been some speculation in the pole vault community that the helmet may do more harm than good.

- ~ "Pole-Vaulting Proves Lethal to Some Young Athletes, Father Publicizes Dangers of Sport That Claimed His Son's Life," <http://www.npr.org/programs/atc/features/2002/apr/polevault/>

- In 2002 Penn State sophomore, Kevin Dare, sustained massive head injuries after changing momentum and landing on the metal box where he had planted his pole; he died later that day.

- Kevin's father, Ed Dare, did some research on the Internet and found that "in U.S. high schools—where an estimated 25,000 vaulters compete—pole-vaulting has higher rates of death and catastrophic injury than any other sport, including football"

- "Today in the United States, laws require helmets for student vaulters in only two states: North Dakota and Minnesota (which adopted its law about two weeks after Kevin Dare died in Minneapolis)"

- ~ "The deadliest sport in America: Pole vaulting has the highest death rate of any sport in the country" by Bob Putnam, St. Petersburg Times, http://www.sptimes.com/2002/03/12/Sports/The_deadliest_sport_1.shtml

- "A study published in the January 2001 edition of the American Journal of Sports Medicine reviewed 32 catastrophic pole-vaulting injuries, 16 of which resulted in death"

- ~ "Pole Vaulting Helmets," <http://www.helmets.org/other.htm#polevault>

- "ASTM's [American Society for Testing and Materials] helmet subcommittee established a task group to develop a standard for a pole vaulting helmet, but it has been quite a challenge. The height of the fall can be 18 feet, reaching a velocity of 23 MPH/39 KPH. Contrast that to a bicycle crash, where the closing speed of head and pavement is typically about 12 MPH/20 KPH"

- "Nothing on the market will protect you against the direct blow to the back of the head from sixteen feet onto an unpadded cement pole plant box, even a motorcycle helmet"

Type A flu takes its course on campus

From "Flu" on Page 1

By press time on Monday, Feb. 11, the college reported roughly 35 cases of Type A flu on campus.

Members of the college community received emails encouraging them to "be mindful of frequent hand washing and avoiding any close contact with people, even handshaking and hugging for the time being."

Symptoms of the flu consist of high fever, headache, fatigue, dry cough, sore throat, runny nose, muscle aches and sometimes nausea and vomiting, according to an email sent on February 4.

"It is HIGHLY contagious. It is spread by coughing and sneezing of those who are infected or by

touching something with flu virus and then touching your mouth or nose," the email continued. "It can be spread 1 whole day before someone is symptomatic and up to 5 days after becoming sick."

Anyone who suspects that they the flu should make an appointment with Health Services as soon as possible. There is an antiviral medication that can be taken within the first 48 hours of symptoms. This medication can help shorten the course of the disease.

Lusby added that any students who wish to receive the vaccine next year should notify her to guarantee a shot, under limited supply.

For more information or advice, call the Health Center at ext. 2243.

From "RAs" on Page 1

They do not take into consideration the need of the RAs," Smith commented. He said that they are very strict with small details like community builders and door tags, but do not focus as much on the actual job. "I know many other RAs are frustrated with the way the Res. Life staff upholds these rules."

All final decisions on these firings came from Head of Residence Life Michael Robbins, who recently replaced Liz Towle. Schultz said that it has been difficult to adjust to the change because of the affection for Towle, but that everyone is getting used to Michael.

A current RA who wished to remain anonymous was not very surprised about the firings because of how strict Residence Life has been perceived since Robbins took over.

"They like to keep a clean reputation and anything that threatens that is dealt with immediately," the RA said. "Residence Life believes that there is no other option other than termination for any infraction of college policy."

The RA commented that Residence Life is in poor shape right now, and as a result would not be returning as an RA next year.

"Setting an example for the student body is one thing, but

constantly being scrutinized for every action I take is just too much for me."

"Residence Life, in recent years, has been made up of so many different personalities that it is almost impossible for students to consider the office as a single, cohesive department," said senior Kateyln Raab, a former RA herself. "Some employees have proven to be genuinely valuable members of the McDaniel community, and others have acted in ways that lead students to seriously doubt [their] professionalism."

Resident Assistant firings lead to discussion of rule enforcement

News

Recycle Mania inspires action

By Juliann Guiffré,
Features Co-Editor

Imagine sometime in the near future you carry your garbage to the trash cans and throw the recyclable material in the cans with white bags. All of a sudden someone descends upon you with a raffle ticket and packet of hot chocolate mix.

This is just one aspect of the nationwide competition McDaniel College is participating in for the first time called Recycle Mania. This will take place over a ten-week period (February 3 through April 5), and 400 colleges and universities will compete.

Each week the amount of recyclables per capita, the amount of total recyclables, the amount of trash per capita, and the amount of total trash will be measured.

Ether Iglich, head of the Green Terra Committee, encourages everyone to help out with the competition. She says the main component is making sure you put all recyclable materials in the white bags not black.

Green Terra was formed last fall as a part of a bigger effort for campus environmental improvement.

"We have a year to make a plan for the campus to be carbon neutral, and we intend to incorporate energy efficient appliances in the future," said Iglich.

Along with the Green Terra

"The best way for students and faculty to help and contribute is to be dedicated to recycling all glass, plastic, metal and paper that can be recycled...In using white bags for recycling, the system, the chain, will be unbroken."

Committee, the Environmental Action Committee (EAC) and students from the Environmental Protection Studies major are helping out with the project.

Senior Connor Rasmussen with the EAC said "that the best way for students and faculty to help

and contribute is to be dedicated to recycling all glass, plastic, metal and paper that can be recycled...In using white bags for recycling, the system, the chain, will be unbroken."

Items that can be put in these white bags include all paper, bubble wrap, shrink wrap, cardboard, aluminum cans and foil, steel cans and scrap metal, glass bottles and jars and all plastics.

Around 18 student volunteers will not only make posters and help set up events for Recycle Mania but will also "catch students in the act" and reward them with a raffle ticket and a packet of hot chocolate with the words "Thank you for Caring" on the back. The administration is sponsoring prizes for the raffle.

Rasmussen hopes that this contest will help in "debunking some campus myths about the college not recycling—because it does."

Iglich wishes to stress that this is not about the competition; it's about raising campus awareness.

"This is our first year and other schools like Stanford have been doing it for years," she said. "We have a lot of catching up to do."

Junior Zach Hetrick, an environmental major, agrees and thinks the important part of this competition is to "promote recycling and help motivate students to do their part to not only protect our most valuable resource but make McDaniel a more environmental and student friendly place."

Hetrick found getting involved with the Green Terra Committee a good opportunity to apply what he learned in the classroom and really make a difference.

Dr. Kelly Halimeda Kilbourne, professor of environmental policy and science, is excited about the college's entrance into this competition.

"I was surprised at how little type was recycled on this campus when I first arrived, and I am sure that the Recycle Mania competition will go a long way towards changing that," said Kilbourne.

Recycling on campus will help to lower the use of toxic chemicals, curb global warming, stem the flow of water pollution, reduce the need for landfills, save trees and protect wildlife habitat and biodiversity.

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Free Press re-launches website

By Free Press Staff

The McDaniel Free Press has re-launched its website, McDanielFreePress.com. The site was originally launched in the fall of 2007, but it rarely received major web traffic.

The new site is fully integrated with the Free Press blog network, allowing users to interact with each other seamlessly. Comments can be placed on each article, and there is a forum that welcomes photo and freelance submissions.

To log onto the site, simply type <http://mcdanielfreepress.com> into your favorite web browser's address field. From the homepage, you can read unique web content under the "Free Press Blogs" from many contributors who post frequent updates. Each newspaper section also has its own homepage, and feedback can be offered in nearly every aspect of the site.

Check out the "Announcements" section to suggest story ideas or alternate perspectives for upcoming issues.

In short, interacting with the web version of the *McDaniel Free Press* will lead to a more fulfilling engagement with your college life.

Constructive Note from the editor:

Right now, I am involved in a long-term-ish research project regarding the internet and democracy in America. In light of many articles and books I came across, I decided to redesign McDanielFreePress.com to facilitate the kind of discourse that is vital to the perpetuation of the government for the people, by the people.

Now, it is true that this website concerns only McDaniel students, but the proliferation of groups in civil society is necessary for a large scale democracy such as ours to function.

The problem is that there is so much information available to each and every one of us who cruise the internet, that it becomes impossible to see all of it. Not every perspective is equally represented at the legislative table. But when a community of people, such as the one found at McDaniel College, can come together and set their own agendas in the democratic discourse, then those lost voices can be heard. The internet makes this possible.

Independent newswatching organizations are just as important for a small college community as they are for an entire nation-state. The function of the *McDaniel Free Press* is to keep the McDaniel College community informed. In the past, this was a top-down conversation. The goal is to build a bottom up discourse, and believe it or not, this website is a big step towards making McDaniel College more democratic. - M.W.H.

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For students, being charged for printing is now a reality

By David Nasongkhla,
Commentary Co-Editor

Gone are the days of free printing on campus. Starting this semester the college implemented a new printing policy.

At the beginning of each semester, every student will be given \$20 on their student account for printing in the campus computer labs. That \$20 pays for 400 pages. After that, students will be charged five cents for each additional page they print.

Many students object to the new policy and find it unnecessary.

"It's whack," said senior Camara Kadete. "This school makes money off the students; they don't need to charge for printing," he later added.

The college decided to charge for printing not only to lessen the already sky high costs of maintaining the printers and buying ink and toner but to save paper and the environment as well.

After the reason for the new policy was explained, Kadete changed his mind.

"I don't think anyone will use 400 copies, except for the students who abuse the printers," Kadete said. "I guess it's a good thing because I have seen a lot of wasted paper."

However, there are some stu-

dents that cannot avoid printing. Students who take classes where professors post PowerPoint presentations online have to print constantly.

One student had to print PowerPoint for two classes had reason to complain.

"After all the printing for both classes was done, I ended up with \$8 left in my 'printing allowance,'" the student said.

The student approached the instructor about the printing problem and was told that the faculty was not informed about the new policy until the day classes started. The professor told the student that the policy was discussed at meetings; however, no formal or final plans were mentioned.

"So while it's easy to get mad at the professors, everyone needs to realize that they were as shocked as we were on this new printing policy," added the student.

According to a source from Information Technology, the new printing policy, so far, is very successful. Other than a few requests by faculty members for unlimited printing, there have been no complaints about the policy.

"I think it'll work," said Kadete. "No one should ever need to use 400 copies; it's plenty."

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One semester down

Freshmen revisit their beginning at McDaniel at the start of their second semester

By Ashleigh Smith

We all remember what it was like to be a freshman. Getting lost on campus. Trying to find your class when you don't know which one is the "New Academic" building. Meeting new people. Making Ramen noodles in the microwave at midnight, much to your roommate's displeasure. Doing homework. Or not doing homework. The transition from high school to college is memorable for every student.

So what do this year's freshmen have to say about the good and the bad of college life?

"I never knew I could make Hamburger Helper in the microwave," said Sam Segal.

College is not only a time of transition but also a time of change for many students.

"College has changed me a little bit," said Henry Belfont. "It has somewhat made me more independent than I used to be."

Still other students share an opposing view about college bringing about lots of change.

"I can never grow up," said Fenghao Wang, "so... nothing's changed."

When she first came to Mc-

Daniel, Jenny Wallace anticipated "trying out new things, like clubs and taking different classes. It seemed like a small, friendly campus. Personal."

Now, she said, "I've been introduced to new things—broadened my horizons. That's not a bad thing."

"I looked forward to playing college baseball," added Belfont.

The thing he'd miss the most?

"Being able to sleep in my own room without a roommate. I was a little homesick for the first few weeks of school," said Belfont. "To adjust I started to meet new people and hang out with them."

"I was home sick," said Segal, "but because of the closeness to home, I never felt too far."

Everyone has something he or she misses when leaving for college.

"My friends from back home," said Chelsea Lewis, adding that at first she did not look forward to "the social factor—coming to school and not knowing anyone."

"Food," said Wang. "Nothing compares to Chinese food."

While it is difficult to leave home and come to a new school, it is even harder to leave your home

country to come to school. Wang, a freshman honors student, hails all the way from Wuhan, China. Unlike some other study abroad students, Wang decided to spend all four years at McDaniel instead of one semester. So what's the appeal of coming to Westminster, Maryland?

"To experience a different culture and to get a better education," said Wang. "College education in China sucks. The classes

are from. "They are a lot different," said Belfont. "In high school you can get away with not reading the text book and you can study the night before a test and get a good grade, but in college none of that works."

According to Lewis, "There's a lot more discussion and a lot more freedom in what you can say."

"I really enjoy the small classes," said Segal. "I know all of my teachers pretty well and have no problem walking up after class with a question. I'm glad I'm not a number out of a couple hundred students and more of a person with a defined identity."

"I've learned to like the fast paced nature of classes and realized that every grade counts because, unlike high school, there are only a few grades that decide your final grade. Mess one up, and you've lost the A you were gunning for."

First impressions can be important too, especially when picking a college but more often than not they are wrong.

"They said a lot of people stay here for the weekends," Wallace said. "It's a lie."

Wang said, "I thought there were many teachers in the math

department, but there are only three."

"I thought there was going to be a lot more stuff going on on campus," said Lewis. "You have to make something happen."

According to Belfont, "I thought that McDaniel was a very good school without much to do on the weekends other than party. So far, my first impression is still true."

"People acted more like high-schoolers than the ideal college kid," said Segal. "I feel that a lot of people at McDaniel are just here for a 30 grand party their parents pay for. Don't get me wrong; there are many students here that do anything but party. On the same hand, many people know how to balance their priorities and partying to an amazing degree. Maybe it's because I'm in Rouzer, but I feel that a majority of the students in my building are immature and are here for the ride."

However, there seems to always be one thing that most freshmen are able to agree on: The worst part about McDaniel?

"Glarbage!" said Wang.

Students discover history through archiving Jan Term course

By Roxanne Fleischer

There is nothing like missing a deadline by several months and still accomplishing the mission. Dr. Bryn Upton of the history department knows this first hand.

While most Jan Term classes are approved the spring semester before they occur, the class "Advanced Research in a Private Collection" was not even proposed until September when a large, heavy-duty suitcase showed up at McDaniel College.

The suitcase contained articles, meeting notes, and photographs, collected by the late Morris Rannels, the superintendent of public schools in Cecil County from 1952 to 1960. A 12 to 15 page explanation and recollection of the events from his time as superintendent was also included.

This was the "private collection" that Jan Term students signed up to do advanced research in, and while these little known man's documents may seem meaningless at first, the story becomes more interesting when we look at the time period.

In 1954, the Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board of Ed* determined that separate schools were not equal. Because Rannels was a school superintendent during this time, the documents, containing his notes on the progress of desegregation and the work on the schools, become instantaneously intriguing, and this is why both Provost Don Faulkner and the curricular committee approved the proposal for the class on such a

short notice.

"It was a unique opportunity, an educational and beneficial class for both students and faculty," said Upton, who received the suitcase from Margaret Trader, the visiting associate professor of education at McDaniel. Trader had in turn received it from a man named Owen Crabb who was a friend and correspondent of Rannels. Rannels had asked Crabb to help him find a place to donate the collection to. Only one day before the suitcase was handed over to McDaniel, Rannels passed away.

As McDaniel College ended up with the collection, a group of ten students over Jan Term received credit for archiving the collection.

"When [Dr. Upton] opened the suitcase we just saw stacks of papers and scrapbooks, as well as loose newspaper articles and random invitations. It was a little scary and it felt like we would never be able to get through it all...but we took the divide and conquer approach to it, and managed to get through all the material in less than two weeks," said Kim Staub, '09, a history major.

The students created scope notes and a finding aid to help researchers use the archive. They also went through the documents and organized them for easy reference.

"[The students] put their detective hats on," Upton said. "It's one of those things you hope for—students to jump in head first."

"The hands-on setting was priceless," said Brittany Maffei, '08. "I was responsible for looking

through the miscellaneous items. Among them, I had a school building survey from 1948...It was put together to give Cecil County an idea of what schools needed additions, which ones needed general improvements, and which ones were so poor and run down that they were recommended to be abandoned immediately...nothing was even considered until Mr. Rannels found the document 4 years later."

The students were required also to write a paper on their experience and what they thought historians could gain from the archives they had put so much time into putting together.

"As a history major, the archives are where the information is and using them is a necessary skill. The experience made me feel much less intimidated about doing research...I know that I will use what I learned in this class in the

rest of my time here and even in my career," said Staub.

On the last day of class, nine boxes of carefully organized documents were carried from Hill Hall to Hoover Library. "This was something that [Rannels] took time to do. It will make his family happy to know that [his work] will be preserved for others to look at and learn from," said Upton.

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Features | Jan Term

From bananas to bowling- it's Jan Term

McDaniel students participate in unique coursework at home and abroad

By David Robertson,
Chief Photographer

"Did someone say England?"

Students returned to McDaniel for the spring semester reeling from their experiences abroad and on campus, though less than enthusiastic for commencing a more monotonous routine on January 28.

Aside from fulfilling a B.L.A.R. (Basic Liberal Arts Requirement), Jan Terms, lasting from January 3-25, give students the opportunity to experience something new—whether a medical or accounting internship, a first trip out of the country or an introduction to martial arts. On the other hand, one particularly adventurous trip was cancelled for reasons beyond college control.

December 2007 and January 2008 saw severe political turmoil across the country of Kenya, emanating from the Rift Valley and more recently spreading to the western reaches of the country. Foreigners fleeing to neighboring countries coupled with the decline of local incomes undergraduate students with faculty advisor Dr. Ochieng' O. K'olewe had to cancel their trip just a few days before

their scheduled departure.

For Erika Clark, '10, the trip to Kenya, rescheduled for the summer, fulfills an Education Minor requirement.

"It will really be a good experience for me and open my eyes to different learning environments as a future teacher," she said.

"I got to see an awesome country and just about everything in it that is worth seeing. And I got to live the culture and be almost totally immersed in it."

However, Clark was not too disappointed with the cancellation "considering the circumstance that there were riots in Kenya." She added, "I still want to go," assuming the conflicts dissipate.

Professor Dr. Emanuel Goldman, together with Ms. Lucia Goodhart and The Interpreter's Forum (TIF; in residence on campus), accompanied a group of students

to Israel.

"With the Middle East at the center of world affairs," said Goldman, "and President George Bush visiting at the same time, our study-journey took on an added dimension of meaning."

The strictly non-partisan excursion allowed students to grasp their own perspective on the Israeli and Palestinian conflicts, while simultaneously immersing themselves in the rich, ancient history of Jerusalem, traversing the Galilean Mountain landscape, the external and internal architecture of ancient mosques, even experiencing the modern hubbub of Tel Aviv.

"All these moments in time serve the college's education reason-for-being," Goldman expressed. As an aside, he enthusiastically described a pre-school in Jerusalem where students of Christian, Jewish and Muslim religions learn together, with teachers drawn from a mix of religious backgrounds as well. "I believe it bespeaks the mission of TIF, namely, peace through education. The school works. There is hope!"

Other trips abroad left students with memories to last a lifetime. Amber Maurer, '09, said of her trip to Italy, aside from the large

amounts of rubbish and stray dogs, "The culture itself was incredible and their food, whether it be pasta or marzipan, was awesome."

She added, "The people over there were really nice too, and if you tried to talk to them in Italian they would get all excited!" Considering the experience was one with the school rather than a solo excursion, she raved, "I got to see an awesome country and just about everything in it that is worth seeing. And I got to live the culture and be almost totally immersed in it."

Though many students remained on campus, they still had a variety of activities and course offerings to keep occupied. These ranged from gym classes (badminton among the more popular, tai chi, indoor soccer) and introductions to psychology, history, jazz studies, yearbook independent studies, and discussing French culture.

Other trips abroad included Dr. Mohamed Esa's "Treasures of Central Europe," Mark Rust's group visiting the Dominican Republic, and an England Theatre Tour with Ira Donner.

On a vastly different track, Adam Dvoskin, '09, accompanied

a group of students to Belize for fishing and diving. Having heard excellent reviews from students who already went on the trip, he said it was simply amazing.

This once-in-a-lifetime trip, Dvoskin's first time out of the States, gave him "the opportunity to meet with locals, converse with them, find out how they live their lives—how much it differs from American society." He also benefited from the trip, returning with friendships he may not have otherwise made on campus.

From snorkeling expeditions, spear fishing and climbing Mayan ruins, "it opened my eyes," he said, "to how much is out there we haven't been able to experience—you only get so much from a textbook."

Whether a first trip out of the country or taking a required gym class for punctual graduation, students can rest assured they have the opportunity for a true liberal arts education at McDaniel College. Despite the adventurous spirit of its faculty members and administrators, most students empathize with the thought, "I wish I were still abroad."

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Belize- Discover the people, parties, fish and yourself



Geoff Peckham '08
News Co-Editor

It's in the interaction with the people of the town, whether it be playing softball or basketball with high schoolers, or dancing with a local housewife. It's instead of getting your fast food fix from the golden arches, you're getting it from a small deli run out of an old woman's personal kitchen.



There are a lot of different angles that could be taken when writing a travel column, in this case the Belize Jan-Term. You could be poetic, attempting to use flowery language to describe the scene, "and the horizon's shades blended orange and red into a collage of beauty" or something cheesy like that. You could try to be funny, offering small tidbits of stories in an attempt to come off as witty. "Things I Learned in Belize: two coats of sunscreen are always better than one, don't swim over coral, never listen to a man on the beach who claims to be a doctor but also insists he's a Hollywood composer" (although those are good lessons to remember).

Or you could just reflect on what you've learned, and be honest with yourself about what you truly got out of such an experience. That's why we're supposed to do these Jan terms, to study beyond the conventional, to learn in an environment we might not have the chance to visit otherwise. And this trip to Belize that Dr. Herb Smith and Dr. Brian Wladkowski offer every year is undoubtedly one of the best experiences you can have while attending McDaniel.

"Fishing and Diving in Belize" has just finished up another year, and at first glance it may seem like one big party, an excuse to sit on the beach drinking rum but two weeks ("Welcome to the Caribbean, love!") But that's not what the trip is about. San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize is a special place. It has to go there to understand it. It becomes a bit more special every January when the Green Terror

students arrive at the Blue Tang.

It's in the opportunities that await the students, such as scuba diving with sharks, or feeling in a 40-pound fish. It's in the integration with San Pedro, a small town in a third-world country, and it shows. McDaniel students are out of their element when they arrive, and the time spent away from the norm plays a large role in what you get out of this trip.

It's in the interaction with the people of the town, whether it be playing softball or basketball with high schoolers, or dancing with a local housewife. It's instead of getting your fast food fix from the golden arches, you're getting it from a small deli run out of an old woman's personal kitchen (another thing I learned in Belize: Esperanza's burritos will beat out Taco Bell's any day of the week).

Did we do some partying? Sure, but so did the students who stayed on campus for their Jan term, as well as the students on all the other study-tours. We're college students, that's what we do. But there's a difference between having a drink in a bar in Westminster or in your dorm room, and having a drink on a speed boat on the way back from exploring Mayan ruins, all while watching a beautiful Caribbean sunset over the horizon.

OK, I guess I couldn't help but be a little cheesy.

This trip attracts certain types of people: enthused adventurers, spontaneous jokesters, beach bums and bunnies, zealous party-goers, and focused independence seekers, among others. As a result, certain chemistry is created amongst those



who decide to go. Combined with the setting, and the resulting dynamic leads to some pretty great memories, touching as a surprise birthday party or zany as a spontaneous skinny dip, that may make some other Jan-term students jealous.

People take opportunities like this for those memories, even if they aren't all good ones. It would be naive to think there wasn't the drama in the background that is inherent for all young adults, no matter where they are. And to put it bluntly, sometimes incidents happen. Like confrontations with locals, no matter how accidental the cause. But these elements are just as integral to a trip like this, because you learn from them too. And sometimes, even through the bad, good things can emerge, like fellow students sticking up for one another when it counts.

We learned how to fish. We learned how to dive. We learned

how to snorkel and which fish was what and even which fish tasted best. But what sticks out, and if you ask any of the other 26 students I'm sure they'll agree with me, is the people we interacted with. The culture we engaged with, and who we engaged in it with. That is what makes such a trip so enjoyable, and what helps us learn the most. Because when you combine all the elements mentioned above, what you really learn about is yourself. What you're capable of, what you truly enjoy, what you can live with and what you can't live without. And it doesn't hurt making great friends along the way.

So to those who've gone to Belize before, those who will go in the future, and most importantly, to those who went in 2008, all I can say is, "Don't stop Belizing, hold on to that island feeling."

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Originally this article was going to be about senior Stephanie Mackoul and her experience as a beauty consultant for five years at Uta, which according to its website is "the largest beauty retailer that provides one-stop shopping for prestige, mass and salon products and salon services in the United States."

I envisioned a series of articles throughout the semester that would feature some of Mackoul's makeup tips and a lesson or two about how to achieve certain looks such as the intimidating smoky eye.

However, after the events that took place one Saturday night I knew the focus of my column would dramat-

ically shift. What started as an interview over dinner quickly turned into an all night event. My evening plans of reading Shakespeare's Richard the II were defeated.

With relative ease I did what journalists are warned not to do—I lost objectivity. In fact, as Mackoul proceeded to give me a head-to-toe makeover I became the subject of my story.

I spent about thirty minutes with my eyes shut, while Mackoul meticulously went over my face with her arsenal of brushes and variety of products. As she did this she told me exactly what she was doing, and I learned a few new things about applying makeup.

When she finally let me look in the

mirror I saw that the results were pure magic. My skin looked flawless and my lashes were lush. My cheeks were kissed by bronzer, and my eyes were defined with thick, black liner. I didn't recognize the woman staring back, and neither did some of my friends.

"Wow! Look at you. This is not the Michelle I know. The Michelle I know is so chic, so Jackie 'O,'" said junior Yvonne Pearson.

"You look hot," said Kayon Williams.

I was taken aback. Hot has never been an adjective that someone has ever used to describe me. Sophisticated? Yes. Elegant? Yes. Hot? Definitely not.

Mackoul's work was certainly transformative, and she's looking for others who are ready for their own transformation. Mackoul is looking for a McDaniel-based clientele so that she can practice her makeup skills (free of charge).

Upon graduating from McDaniel with a communications degree, she plans to quickly enroll in cosmetology school.

"I have always loved art ever since I was little...and when I do someone's makeup it's like creating a new work of art," Mackoul said.

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Compiled by Julia Heck

Valentine's Day Edition:

What would you consider a romantic date?



Sheree Bell

"For that man to wine and dine me—meaning roses, champagne, soft music...out on the water."



Whitney Opdahl '08

"A good movie on a really cold night"



Rachel Goonan '08

"Reading comic books together, staying in and watching a movie while spooning...maybe a bike ride."



Will Brandenburg '11

"It would involve dolphins...sailing out at sunset...a pod of dolphins jumping around us...the Titanic theme song playing...a picnic meal...drifting across the ocean."



Dave Arnold '11

"Bare back horse riding down the beach while the tide changes, relax in the surf, dinner of shells and lobster...Glade scented candles..."



Jake Friedman '11

"A piñata, two blindfolds, and a Healthy Choice dinner."



Lee Anderson '10

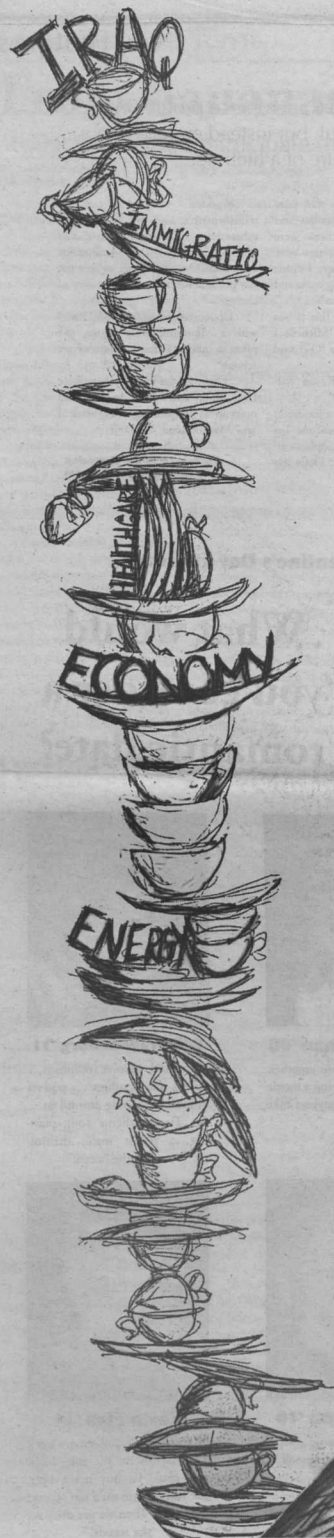
"A nice dinner...picnic dinner on the lake and a hammock."



Kevin Elza '11

"Ravens-Steelers Game, week 17, playoffs on the line, front row seats, I'd buy her a beer, the Ravens win on a last second field goal. Then we get dirty on the stands!"

DECISION 2008



Are we having fun yet?

Super Tuesday has passed, the field of candidates on both sides has dwindled and hopefully a great amount of us who have been following the 2008 election process have an idea of what's important to us, and who we're voting for as a result. The purpose of Super Tuesday, which was essentially the closest thing this country has ever had to a national primary, was to set up an early decision for both parties, so that the respective candidates could focus on the fall campaigning.

As Dr. Herb Smith of the Political Science department observed, it partially worked. John McCain has established himself as the frontrunner for the Republican side. Meanwhile, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are neck in neck, and it seems voters will be making history regardless by selecting either the first black male or white female candidate for a presidential election (a great joke from Letterman a few

weeks ago: that's the same choice Michael Jackson has every day).

Maybe you've seen those calendars in the mall with countdowns to inauguration for some of the candidates. Only 345 days until McCain is sworn in, or just 11 months and 16 days until Hillary gets the chance to fix this country. Some of that is taking the cynical angle, George W. Bush is gone in less than a year! The stage is already set for drastic change, so naturally that's the platform all the candidates are taking.

Obama is promoting change; Huckabee is preaching change; meanwhile Bush is sitting in the Oval Office looking up the word 'change' in the dictionary. (I kid!)

This column will not dive into all the things that are wrong with the country, or all the things that our current administration has done wrong since 2001. I'd like to be bit more optimistic. I'm not a bleeding heart liberal, nor am

I a staunch conservative. I'm registered an independent, a decision I only recently started to regret, because it means I can't vote in either of the Maryland primaries. I say George W. Bush has been a bad president because that's what I believe. That doesn't mean I won't vote Republican in the next election, because I might.

No, the purpose of this commentary will be to simply state what should be apparent: change is coming. The theme has been played up pretty hard, but that doesn't mean it isn't true. And this country is in a place where change is necessary. Our society is constantly changing, but in 2008, the way in which the world changes is changing as well.

For the first time since 1952, there is neither a sitting president nor vice-president campaigning. As

Smith pointed out, "the rule of hierarchy is suspended." Personalities matter now. And there certainly are some personalities running for president this time around.

Despite the plethora of problems our 44th president will have, there is reason to be optimistic. 2009 will open up so many new doors. The rest of the world is waiting for us to elect a new president, so that the channels of diplomacy will open up. It will be nice when the rest of the world stops hating us.

And let's be honest, we are not that popular with many other countries right

now. We haven't been for a few years, now. But we remain the most powerful nation in the world, and everyone else knows it. With a new leader, it means a blank slate (relatively speaking) and while no one is saying it will be easy, looking at this coming year with hope is so much better than despair.

I sounded like Obama there for a moment. Freudian slip maybe?

Things can get better. Whether they will is up to our next president, whoever he or she is. But the underlying theme here is that change is coming. And it couldn't be at a better time.



Commentary by Shaun Walker
Cartoon and graphics by Emily Biondo

Politics

What matters in 2008



Hillary Clinton
Democrat, Senator of New York

IRAQ WAR

Wants to begin ending the war immediately...Will start phased redeployment within the first week in office...Focus on a three part diplomatic initiative incorporating NGOs and the UN during withdrawal...Will address the needs of the millions of Iraqi refugees...Wants to continue to make targeted operations against Al Qaeda

CLIMATE CHANGE

Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent from 1990 levels by 2050...Cut foreign oil imports by two-thirds from projected 2030 levels...Allocates \$50 billion Strategic Energy Fund for jumpstarting research and development to transform the economy into a clean one...Increase fuel efficiency standards on automobiles while providing \$20 billion in "Green Vehicle Bonds"

HEALTH CARE

Plan "puts the consumer in the driver's seat"...Plan provides tax credits for working families to help cover costs...Coverage can't be denied for any reason...Health care not tied to job...Seeks to "rein in" insurance and drug companies to avoid profit seeking frivolous spending of tax dollars...Strengthen Medicaid and CHIP

EDUCATION

Invest heavily in proven strategies to get kids ready for school...Seeks to end No Child Left Behind...Plan to recruit and maintain outstanding teachers especially in rural and urban areas...Plan to create "Green Schools"...Invest in a summer internship program for secondary students...Will create a \$3,500 tax credit for college...Increase maximum Pell Grant...Increase scholarship for students who choose to serve in AmeriCorps...Strengthen community colleges through \$500 million investment...Reform financial aid process



Barack Obama
Democrat, Senator of Illinois

Believes that the military is being severely strained by repeated and lengthy deployments...Has opposed the war since it began...Will immediately bring troops home, two brigades per month...Won't allow permanent bases in Iraq...As troops leave, reignite political processes in Iraqi society...Promote stability through diplomacy in the Middle East...Pledges money to help with the refugee crisis

Reduce Carbon Emissions 80 Percent by 2050...Invest \$150 Billion in a Clean Energy Future...Support Next Generation Biofuels...Set America on Path to Oil Independence...Require 25 percent of electricity consumption to be renewable...Improve Energy Efficiency 50 Percent by 2030...Restore U.S. Leadership on Climate Change...Well, I don't believe that climate change is just an issue that's convenient to bring up during a campaign. I believe it's one of the greatest moral challenges of our generation."

Plan to cover uninsured Americans...Guarantee coverage to all Americans...Focus on prevention...Increasing competition to lower costs...Provide incentives for physicians to do excellent work...Strengthen Anti-Trust laws against insurance companies...Fight the global AIDS problem

Reform No Child Left Behind...Make Math and Science a national priority...provide affordable high quality child care...Address dropout crisis..."Step Up" plans to support summer learning opportunities...Create a refundable tax credit to ensure that the first \$4,000 of college is free...Reform financial aid process..."I don't want to send another generation of American children to failing schools. I don't want that future for my daughters. I don't want that future for your sons. I do not want that future for America."



John McCain
Republican, Senator of Arizona

Wants the public to support the efforts in Iraq...Critical of how the war was handled by the Bush Administration...Calls for international pressure on Syria and Iran...Seeks to increase troop levels indefinitely...Will implement new counterinsurgency strategy...Strengthen the Iraqi armed forces and police

No official mention on campaign website...Vowed in 2004 and 2008 to fight global warming and climate change..."America's economic and environmental interests are not mutually exclusive, but rather inextricably linked. A clean and healthy environment is well served by a strong economy."

Sees the "rapidly rising cost" of health care as the "fundamental problem"...Promotes the opening of the health care markets to encourage competition...Seeks to eliminate the tax code bias toward employer-sponsored health insurance

Against No Child Left Behind...Supports a school voucher system in which parents can choose the school to send their children to...Blames "underlying cultural problems" for education issues...No mention of post-secondary education



Mike Huckabee
Republican, Former Governor of Arkansas

Views it as an ideological battleground in the "War on Terror"...Supports the troop surge..."Withdrawal would have serious strategic consequences for us and horrific humanitarian consequences for the Iraqis."

His official website takes no position...Has said that he supports a cap-and-trade program for carbon emissions..."We have a responsibility to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions, to conserve energy, to find alternative forms of energy that are renewable and sustainable and environmentally friendly."

Acknowledges that the system is "irrevocably broken"...Wants the private sector to take responsibility to bring down costs...Feels that states should be able to innovate in improving the health of their citizens...Against universal health care "mandated by federal edict"

Places high value on music and the arts...does not support No Child Left Behind for infringing on states' rights..."I have been a strong, consistent supporter of the rights of parents to home school their children, of creating more charter schools, and of public school choice"...No mention of post-secondary education

Commentary: Politics

Evaluating the 2008 presidential primaries

By Mike Habegger,
Co-Editor in Chief

"Super Tuesday" has come and gone. Before that, John Edwards, the former Senator and Vice Presidential nominee from North Carolina, dropped out of the race after another disappointing showing in the Florida primary (the Democratic Party stripped the state of its delegates at the convention).

Rudy Giuliani, formerly the front-runner for the Republican nomination, dropped out and decided to back Senator John McCain of Arizona; this development was the culmination of one of the worst campaign strategies in the history of presidential political history. And the recent surrender by Mitt Romney, the former governor of Massachusetts, after the "Super Tuesday" primaries marked the end of three legitimate and major candidacies.

So what do we, as young Americans, have left?

On the Republican side, even with the somewhat surprising victories for Mike Huckabee—the former governor of Arkansas—on February 5, John McCain is in the

driver's seat for the nomination. A few months ago, it looked like McCain's campaign was dead, as he had to fire about half of his staff for want of money. The fact that McCain is now the leader, coming up from nothing (recall though that he was the leader all along in 2000 until Karl Rowe and Karen Hughes kicked in), and that Giuliani, the former anointed one, is out, is indicative of the overall weakness and divisiveness of the Republican party heading into the general election.

Huckabee continues to be a viable candidate in the south, winning several states since "Super Tuesday." It is probable, however, that he will drop out of the race after the "belway" primaries, where he has struggled to find support equaling McCain. Many Republican strategists have said that the longer Huckabee stays in, the more likely defeat becomes in November.

By the time this issue hits campus, Marylanders will have already cast ballots for their preferred candidates. Based on recent trends within the local electorate, Barack Obama has probably easily won on

the Democratic ticket, picking up 50 or so of the state's 70 available delegates. At this point, it looks like Obama has an edge. He's not ahead in delegates, but he's pulling way out in front in terms of fundraising, as he may bring in another \$30 million USD this month. Throughout the entire Democratic primary campaign, it is Obama who has been the mover. Undecideds flock towards him. Increased turnout flocks towards him. He's

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the inspiring one this time around. While progressives may not

agree with all of his policies and approaches, Obama has demonstrated that he can mobilize people. He makes people want to get out and vote, go out and fundraise, go out and be politically astute. This is probably a good thing—both for Democrats, and for America.

As much as it has been played up in the media and by the candidates, the 2008 primaries have really been a "change versus experience" narrative. McCain's victories on the Republican side are not surprising, because he has the aura of a change candidate.

On the Democratic side, Clinton and Obama's deadlock in terms of delegates is reflective of the internal struggle most Democratic voters are feeling. Obama signifies change, but, in reality, is lacking much of the substance to take a campaign to the White House. On the other hand, Clinton is perceived as a divisive character who stands arm and arm with Democratic party bosses (which, incidentally, she does...but so does Obama), lacking the ability to reach out to ordinary Americans who are disenfranchised with the American politi-

cal system. But she has the clearest, most feasible policy proposals—many of which were stolen out of the John Edwards playbook—and I believe she is doing a wonderful job representing the interests of the Democratic Party.

Young Americans, especially moderately educated college students, need to participate in this election. But we need to do more than simply go to the polls and fill in a circle, pull a lever, or touch a screen. We must participate in the conversation, and help shape future policy. How can we do this? By contributing money, by commenting on Hillary's policy proposals on her website, by starting a blog at my.barackobama.com, or by starting conversations with peers at lunch.

This election holds real promise for the younger generation of Americans. Tell the candidates that you do not wish to be pandered to for votes. We are the future of this great nation. This time around, let's make sure our voices continue to be heard—beyond 2008.

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Images McDaniel takes the Plunge



GENE SWENERT

Above, students, faculty & staff running into the water during the 12pm plunge on Saturday, Jan 26th. Below, the student team—McDaniel Best Buddies—raised a total of \$1,220. The faculty and staff team—Green and Gold and Cold All Over—raised \$2,084. AR



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February

Looking for something to do around campus? With the help of CAPBoard and many other campus organizations, there are several fun events planned for the month of November:

- February 11:** *Lunch and Dinner*
Sponsored by: Dining Services
Time: 11 a.m..
Location: Sandellas in the Klitzberg Pavilion in Gill Center
Cost: Depends on what you order
- February 16:** *Women's Basketball vs. Washington (Senior Night)*
Sponsored by: Department of Athletics
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Gill Center
- February 16:** *The Westminster Trio - "Music in the Forum"*
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Location: The Forum
- February 19:** *Presentation on Philippines Jan Term*
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Decker Auditorium
- February 20:** *Men's Basketball vs. Johns Hopkins (Senior Night)*
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Commentary



A place to eat that fills all kinds of appetites

Glar provides perfect setting to score a date, writes **Chelsie Houser**

Dane Cook once said "There's so many flavors of gum here, what do I wanna chew?"

I couldn't help but thinking about this idea of options and variety without relating it to Glar. For those of you who live off campus and have never entered the pearly gates of our dining hall, you might not realize how much more Glar has to offer.

Sure we have desserts galore and new choices at the salad bar, but Glar can fill an appetite that's hungry for more than just chicken tenders on Thursdays. If you are still having trouble trying to see where I'm going with this, I'm talking about the social mecca of our campus. Where else do you first notice your new sweetheart or the man of your dreams?

Like I said, Glar offers a lot more than you realized.

From my experience since

freshman year, a typical "glar chill" can last from a half hour to being kicked out at 7 by Cecille (our card swiper). During that time I sat with my friends and we played games and talked. More than what we were talking about, it was who we were talking about. The next hottie who entered would catch our eye and our voices would come to a simmer as the silence hovered over us. "Who is that?" was often said in unison.

Clearly, Glar is the place to be noticed and discover others.

Sure we come to get our cats, but without realizing it our subconscious is picking up on the FBI radar. Yeah, I'm talking about female body investigators. You know who you are. You see them walking in on that runway of an entrance, swishing their hair to the left as they zip their all-card into their bags. They look determined as they brisk past you, and your table can't help but turning around to see.

So maybe the next object of your affection is just around the

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corner splashing ketchup on his curly fries. This stare turns into more than just a look. Next you're sharing details with your friends about where the two of you could

be sharing a basket of battered shrimp in St. Lucia. Rather than create this dreamlike fantasy, the other option is to approach them. WHAT? Yes, I said it. Scary as it can be, approaching your target could be the next move to friendship and who knows, maybe more.

We all know this school is small and word gets around, but what is the worst that could happen? You're back to where you started. You have taken a leap of fate and took the chance while you had it.

This advice is coming from personal experience in Glar. After losing a bet I was dared to tell the hottie I spotted that I noticed him and thought he was cute. No, nothing ever blossomed from the moment we made eye contact and exchanged a few words, but it was a worthwhile experience. You too can take that leap of fate.

As you can imagine, this approach is more memorable and

has greater impact for the receiver. Rather than drunkenly slurring pick up lines at a party, wouldn't it be bold to stop them in their tracks while they're making toast? Not only will you gain respect and admiration from others who observed your encounter, you will also walk away with more confidence. This experience gives you the strength to do it again, even if it failed the first few times.

"If at first you don't succeed, try and try again." Being February, right now is the prime time. The spirit is in the air, and we're much more vulnerable to fall for your pick up line. He or she could be waiting right now. It's Valentine's Day, why not make it a memorable one?

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Oscar predictions give nod to *Juno* and *Atonement*

By **Juliann Guiffre**,
Features Co-Editor

Ok, I know the big issue right now is not who will win the Oscars but will the Oscars even broadcast? I get it. I feel for the WGA's cause and understand the sacrifices we need to make while talks are in progress.

However, I will be slightly devastated if there is no Oscars ceremony this year. The gowns, the speeches, the upsets and the sure things, and of course the lame attempts at movie humor by the host—I love it all. Therefore I'm choosing to ignore the impending "will they or won't they" enigma and act like everything is going as planned.

On with the predictions!

For Best Picture, I would love nothing more than to see indie fave *Juno* take home the gold...but really, how many times has a comedy won Best Picture? Look for *Juno* to get some recognition in the Best Original Screenplay category for innovative Diablo Cody. *Atonement* has been losing momentum, and Michael Clayton never had much to begin with. *There Will Be Blood* is mostly being recognized for Daniel Day Lewis

performance, so look for powerhouse *No Country for Old Men* to take the top prize.

Did you hear Daniel Day Lewis's acceptance speech at the Screen Actors' Guild Awards? Poignant and sophisticated, with a moving Heath Ledger tribute. Yeah, 'nough said. Sorry bout your luck George, Tommy, Johnny and Viggo; you're all still winners in my eyes.

Okay, for the Best Actress race we'll go ahead and exclude Cate Blanchett in *Elizabeth: The Golden Age*—no one wins two Oscars for the same role. Laura Linney was amazing in *The Savages*, but her nomination was, even she admitted, out of left field. In my opinion Ellen Page SHOULD win for her quirky and above-her-years performance in *Juno* but she won't. So that leaves a tight race between Julie Christie in *Away From Her* and frenchie Marion Cotillard for *La Vie en Rose*. Veteran Christie should have the edge after her SAG win.

Javier Bardem's grueling work in *No Country* will undoubtedly take the Best Supporting Actor prize, yet the Best Supporting Ac-

tress race was blown wide open by Ruby Dee's SAG win for *American Gangster*. Personally, I'm just going to call that a fluke. Cate

Javier Bardem's grueling work in *No Country* will undoubtedly take the Best Supporting Actor prize.

Blanchett's work as one of the Bob Dylans in *In Not There* is the best in my opinion. Yet Amy Ryan completely transformed for her role in *Gone Baby Gone*. Give the edge to Blanchett—those who skipped over her for Best Actress will give her the sympathy vote here.

Now let's all cross our fingers that the ceremony will actually go on! How else will we know who to make fun of the next morning for a horrendous gown or horrifying speech?

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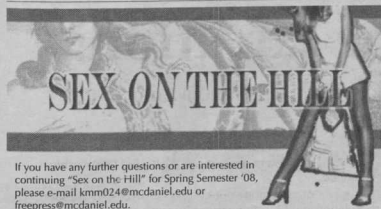
Celebration Martin Luther King, Jr.



Above, Dr. Zenobia Lawrence Hikes, vice president of student affairs at Virginia Tech, speaks at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration in Alumni Hall on Monday, February 4. Below, Lia Snow belts out a solo with the McDaniel Gospel Choir. DR



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If you have any further questions or are interested in continuing "Sex on the Hill" for Spring Semester '08, please e-mail mcmm024@mcdaniel.edu or freepress@mcdaniel.edu.



Katelynn McGinley '10
Staff Writer

Forget Barry White, hooking up at college requires creative time management skills and secret signals

One of the common assumptions about college life is that everyone is hooking up with everyone else all the time. While that isn't say that there isn't a fair bit of that going on, it's not as easy as the movies make it look.

First of all, you're sharing a room with, at the very least, one other person, at all times. Nothing can kill the mood faster than returning home to find your roommate playing World of Warcraft in his boxes.

So while there might be a lot of sex going on around campus –

it's not nearly as spontaneous as it might seem.

Sex, supposedly one of the more spur-of-the-moment actions for younger people, is actually something that takes a serious amount of planning on college campuses.

Forget those images of soft lighting and Barry White on the stereo (OK, no one really wants that – but play along), and get with the reality of taking advantage of the fifteen minutes you have after your class before your roommate gets back from work.

The advent of cell phones has replaced the old sock on the door (did people ever really do that in complete seriousness?) and has made it easy to passively ask your roommate to get lost for half an hour, but you have to be careful not to abuse that too much – after all, it is there room as well. Repay them by not being a jerk when they ask you to return the favor.

Some of you might construct complex secret signals, write euphemistic messages on the dryer-case board on your door, or just ask your roommate to take an extra

long shower.

Bolder people might be comfortable hooking up while their roommate is passed out, or hanging out in the other room. This also works if you're trying to drive out your roommate when they just aren't getting the point. There is also always the option of getting creative and taking it to places other than the dorm rooms...imagination and an ability to avoid getting caught are key in this situation.

Sex in college makes you think about time management in a whole new way.

If you feel down . . . pick this up.

"The cure for all ills and wrongs, the cares, the sorrows and the crimes of humanity, all lie in the one word 'love'. It is the divine vitality that everywhere produces and restores life."

~ Lydia Maria Child

American abolitionist, women's rights activist, Indian rights activist and author

So often we get caught up in thinking that love is just limited to our partners, families, and close friends; but this quote expresses that love is a cure that can be prescribed for everyone, not just our "top five."

By Torreka Jordan

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Online dating- scam, or salvation?

One reporter embarks on anthropological project to discover the secrets of Eharmony.com

By Melanie Chupen,
Co-Editor in Chief

Intrigued by this cultural phenomenon that just seemed too good to be true, I decided to take the plunge and engage in a strictly scientific investigation of the world of online dating through eHarmony.

Some people are way too honest about themselves. In their profiles they include information saying that they are often misunderstood because of their sarcasm or they remain cryptic by making you request to see a photo.

I have had family use the service, and the commercials are everywhere, boasting that eHarmony really works. According to its website, on average 90 eHarmony members get married every single day. With odds like that, why not try it out and take the first step by filling out your personality profile, a \$40 value that the site offers for free.

I spent a good chunk of time filling out the Relationship Questionnaire, which consisted of 436 questions. I was asked about any-

thing and everything, ranging from wanting children, to smoking, to how far I'm willing to travel for a relationship, to how religious I am to details about the spectrum of my personality.

Once you complete the questionnaire, a report about your personality is available. It describes what type of person you are and how others perceive you in both negative and positive ways. After reading your report, you have the ability to take a look at the matches that the site deemed most compatible.

Unfortunately, the benefits of filling out the free personality profile end here. You can browse the profiles of the matches that come up but you can't see their pictures. And let's face it; despite our best intentions of not being superficial and repeatedly insisting that a good personality is the most important quality, seeing a photograph of your match is necessary.

So I got out my credit card and paid the \$59.95 for a one-month subscription to eHarmony. This gave me the key to a whole other dimension of online dating.

And I'm not going to lie to you, this brought out a little bit of the shallow side of my personality. The matches I got fell in the age range of 21-30, which I had specified in the questionnaire. But I just died laughing at some of them who claimed to be one age but clearly looked 40 or older. Also, the pictures people put up of themselves are often laughable. My favorite

is the guys who put up pictures of them with old girlfriends.

Plus, some people are way too honest about themselves. In their profiles they include information saying that they are often misunderstood because of their sarcasm or they remain cryptic by making you request to see a photo and only include a limited amount of personal information. Still others have a terrible time spelling things correctly and they list oxygen as something they can't live without (Insightful, right?)

As I was perusing my matches one day, senior Maria Lathroum walked in the room and being the English major that she is made an analogy between online dating and online shopping. I couldn't agree more. Using an online dating service like eHarmony allows you to look at matches and read all about them before deciding whether to make contact, which is very similar to the process of buying something online.

I showed my friends my profile and matches, which eHarmony emails me practically every day with new guys who are supposedly the perfect match. So each day I am bombarded with possible Mr. Rights, who are waiting to be judged and contacted.

Despite all the hype around the credibility and reputation of eHarmony, there is a down side. I had one friend, who shall remain nameless, who filled out the free questionnaire and was rejected because eHarmony said that she

At a glance

eHarmony

• eHarmony is America's #1 trusted relationship service.

• At eHarmony our comprehensive, 436-question Relationship Questionnaire is just one of the key ways we screen singles for deep compatibility with you on as many as 29 dimensions.

• In 2000, backed by over 35 years of clinical and empirical research, Dr. Warren transformed the way singles are introduced online when he launched eHarmony - the first relationship service on the Web to use a scientific approach to match highly compatible singles.

• In fact, recent research presented at the American Psychological Society found that eHarmony married couples are significantly happier than couples married for a similar length of time who met by other means.

• Over 90 people a day are being married through eHarmony.com

wasn't compatible with enough people to let her through. The website quotes Newsweek as saying, "No Company Screens Its Members More Rigorously." And it's true. So not only have you had to get the courage to sign up for online dating, which still has a bit of stigma, but now you're being told that there's no one out there for you. Comforting, right?

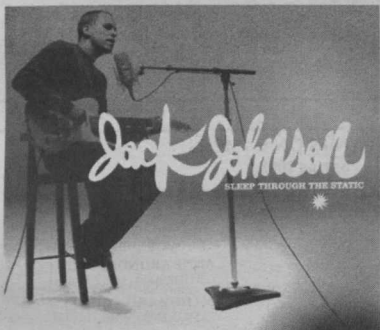
In my experience I have found that the key to achieving success on eHarmony is to fit the mold of being a heterosexual, white Christian. Having marked myself as not being affiliated with a religion and not spiritual, I haven't found many potential guys since the vast majority of them call themselves Christian.

I haven't exactly found Prince Charming but the pessimist (or re-

alist as I like to call it) in me tells me that eHarmony isn't the best way to make some fairy tale come true. I believe that if you want something to happen, you have to make it happen yourself. So this Valentine's Day if you find yourself single and lonely, surround yourself with friends and just be thankful that you don't have to break the bank for a significant other. And if that doesn't do it for you, venture onto eHarmony or any other online dating site like Match.com or Chemistry.com, fill out your free profile and explore your options.

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'Sleep' through this, and you'll miss out



By Stacey Eyer,
Commentary Co-Editor

"Jack Johnson, why is your music so popular?"

That's the question I found myself asking before inserting Johnson's newest album *Sleep Through the Static* into my stereo. And luckily, it didn't take long to figure out the answer.

Released on February 5, 2008, *Through the Static* is full of soft and simple melodies, prominently featuring the use of the guitar and

piano with a hint of the drums. These same melodies are reminiscent of summertime and tropical, well, anything—living in Hawaii has obviously had an influence on Johnson's music.

Don't be fooled, though. The music is soft and light but the lyrics are anything but. As the product description—a message written by Johnson himself—provided by Amazon.com said, "Some of the songs on this album are about making babies. Some of the songs

are about raising them. Some of the songs are about the world that these children will grow up in; a world of war and love, and hate, and time and space. Some of the songs are about saying goodbye to people I love and will miss."

These themes are evident from the start.

"All At Once," the album's opening track is a slow song that questions the state of the world we live in today.

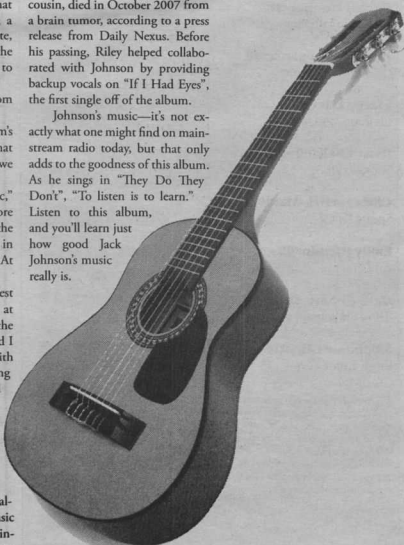
"Sleep Through the Static," the album's title track, is a more upbeat song that also questions the state of the world today, though in a more direct fashion than "All At Once."

"Angel," one of the shortest songs on the album coming in at just over two minutes, is also the sappiest song on the album. And I mean sappy in a good way. With lyrics like "You're so busy changing the world / Just one smile and you could change all of mine" combined with the gentle strumming of the guitar, it's hard to resist the sweetness of this song.

One of the sweetest and most touching aspects of this album comes not from the music but from the inscription found inside the cover: "In loving memory

of Danny Riley." Riley, Johnson's cousin, died in October 2007 from a brain tumor, according to a press release from Daily Nexus. Before his passing, Riley helped collaborated with Johnson by providing backup vocals on "If I Had Eyes," the first single off of the album.

Johnson's music—it's not exactly what one might find on mainstream radio today, but that only adds to the goodness of this album. As he sings in "They Do They Don't," "To listen is to learn." Listen to this album, and you'll learn just how good Jack Johnson's music really is.



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National Football League:

NFL season branded by rampant cheating comes to an end

By Garrett Eagan, McDaniel Guru

The 2007-2008 NFL season can be summed up in the four words that this anthology has been branded by: There was cheating, admitted by all parties involved. The Jets assumed the whistle-blower role, squealing on the Patriots and their suspect taping techniques of the opponent's sidelines during games. The Patriots admitted to taping the Jet's sidelined and took their punishment. The punishment was the harshest in league history, and the Patriots' dream of a perfect season would be shrouded in question.

And the NFL acted in the way they know best: a guilty way. Coincidental timing, destroying evidence, covering up the whole scandal by sweeping it under the rug all raise an eyebrow to those who believe in conspiracy theories like me. The 2007-2008 season also was a season of delinquency. Over 18 players were suspended for anything from decorum on the field to decorum off the field to decorum in the strip club. Roger Goodell has dealt with more in just a season

than Paul Tagliabue dealt with in 17 years as the NFL commissioner.

A champion has been crowned, and it's not the team who was on pace for perfection. Goliath has fallen, and the team once dubbed as the greatest in NFL history is reduced to nothing more than a shadow of its former self. Instead of finishing the perfect season and shattering the 36-year-old record set by the 1972 Miami Dolphins, the Patriots are known for losing their shot at perfection. The New York Giants, who started the season at 0-2 and were overlooked as too young or too old, had completed the biggest upset in NFL history. Eli Manning, who was patronized by his own fans for his demeanor during and after the game, is now a Super Bowl MVP.

With triumph and elation, there are those who are marked with defeat. The Colts lost in the AFC Divisional Playoff game against a San Diego Chargers team; a team that forced 6 INTs from a Peyton Manning returning from

a season ending in a Super Bowl victory and MVP title. However, this game was different. The Chargers were without star QB Philip Rivers and RB LaDainian Tomlinson, both out with knee injuries. The Packers also missed their opportunity to go to another Super Bowl with their star QB Brett Favre. The Packers, who hosted the Giants at Lambeau Field, were not able to continue their landmark 13-3 season against a New York Giants team surprised and as frostbitten as Tom Coughlin's face.

And then there was the biggest choke of the last decade. The New England Patriots, 18-0 going into Super Bowl Sunday and highly anticipated to both break the perfect season record and the Giants lost their perfect season. The Patriots opted to abandon their usual "fun-n-gun" offense for a more conservative approach that slowed down their team. The Giants also had something to do with the outcome. The Giants created new defensive schemes and were able to slow down the explosive offense, controlling the game, and allowing the 17-14 outcome.

Oh, Heath Ledger, how we shall miss thee

By Melanie Chupein,
Co-Editor in Chief

On January 22, Heath Ledger was found dead in his Manhattan apartment, allegedly because of an overdose on sleeping pills. The world was shocked when the 28-year-old actor passed away.

News of this tragedy spread faster than anything I'd ever seen. I was struck in my apartment, without cable or Internet, but I still managed to hear the news from my father, who is completely oblivious to mainstream celebrity gossip but heard it on the radio and thought I would like to know. Seconds later, my friend texted me and broke the news. She was sure she'd be the first one to let me know since I was so technologically deprived.

Right after it happened, reports quoted Ledger's father as saying that it was just an accident. There was also speculation that his upcoming role in *The Dark Knight* as the Joker was psychologically draining and messed with his head. Magazines also published stories linking Mary Kate Olson to Ledger, no doubt in hopes of benefiting financially off of this unexpected and untimely death.

I remember back when Ledger starred in *10 Things I Hate About You* with Julia Stiles. He was so charming with his nice smile and long, unruly hair. His character was so lovable.

I remember back when Ledger starred in *10 Things I Hate About You* with Julia Stiles. He was so charming with his nice smile and long, unruly hair. His character was so lovable. Then there's *A Knight's Tale*, which I must admit is not one of my favorite of Ledger's movies but he fit the period role well.

Then there's *The Brothers Grimm* when Ledger acted alongside Matt Damon as two brothers who ripped people off with their scams and were later faced with the challenge of bracing an enchanted curse.

Shortly after came 2005's now

infamous *Brokeback Mountain* where Ledger played Ennis Del Mar opposite of Jake Gyllenhaal who played Jack Twist. The two were working on a mountain where their sexual relationship ignited. I don't care what anyone says. At the heart of it, *Brokeback Mountain* was a love story and being obsessed with a good chic flick, I could appreciate it for what it was. Also, the acting was phenomenal by the entire ensemble.

The last movie I saw that Ledger acted in was *Casanova* where he plays the famous womanizer. He was so suave that you couldn't help but root for his character to get the girl despite his lying, cheating and manipulating ways.

Ledger's last movie will be *The Dark Knight*, which will be released this July. Many believe that he won't be able to hold a candle to Jack Nicholson's Joker, but in spite of this, fans will go to pay homage and watch the Batman saga continue.

Heath Ledger, may you rest in peace.

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Announcement from your SGA

Student Government meetings are every Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Hill Hall 108. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring questions, comments and concerns about anything on campus.

Also, we will be having a series of speakers over the next month from different departments on campus who will be sharing updates in their departments and students can bring their questions and comments to the speakers.

Our first guest speaker will be Debbie Shaffer and Mary Jo Colbert from Glar and Food Services on Wednesday, February 27 at 8 p.m. in Hill Hall 108.

Future speakers will be Michael Robbins from the Residence Life Department and Mike Webster from Campus Safety (dates to be announced).

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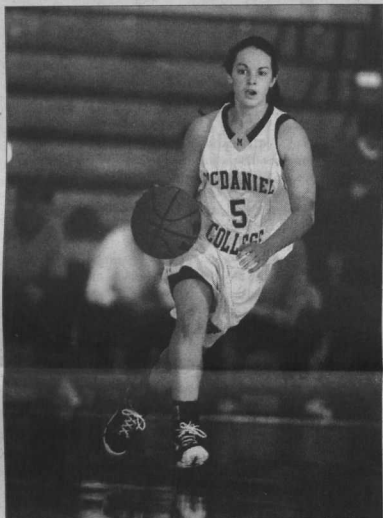
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Women's Basketball:

In rebuilding year, Terror women 'step up their game'



DAVE SINGULAR

Senior point guard Robin Gregg is leading the team in scoring (12.0) and assists (4.0).

By Chris Ferrick-Manley,
Sports Co-Editor

The 2007-2008 season has been a rebuilding one for the Green Terror Women's basketball team, having lost five seniors from last year's 23-4 squad. They stand at 11-10 (10-5 in Centennial Conference play) following a 66-56 win on February 9 against the Ursinus College Bears.

Head Coach Becky Martin, in her 27th season at the helm, admits the team has a way to go to reach the level of recent years. She points to their youth and inexperience as key reasons that the team has been "taking some knocks."

"You can't cheat the learning curve," said Martin.

Martin is not considering this a lost season however as the Terror women are in the hunt for one of the final spots in the CC playoffs, which Martin always considers the goal entering the season.

"It's gonna be a dogfight to the end but I think we're up for the

challenge," said Martin referring to the team's chances of reaching postseason play.

While she considers every remaining game critical, she specifically pointed to two road games—Dickinson and Gettysburg, keys in this year's very balanced conference.

"The students and players are used to us winning 20 games a year," said Martin. "It's somewhat disappointing not to live up to that expectation."

Courtney Gogolinski, one of two senior captains on the team also admits that this season would be more difficult than last year's.

"We knew we were gonna have ups and downs this year," Gogolinski said.

Gogolinski, who transferred from Lees-McRae in North Carolina before last year, thinks the team has made progress even if they have not won as many games as they would have liked. She specifically pointed to junior forward Lauren Wyble and sophomore center

Ashley Lyles in making significant strides.

Robbin Gregg, a point guard and the other senior captain on the team echoes the view that this team's youthfulness would make it a rebuilding year.

"The record shows that everyone has had to step up their game," Gregg said.

She believes that the rest of the year will be challenging and that the team will need to win some big games to make it into the CC playoffs.

While the team has over twice as many losses as they had last season, both Martin and Gogolinski believe that they have been competitive in many of the defeats, particularly a tough loss to the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays on January 24.

The final home game is February 16 against the Washington Shorewomen. Game time is 1 p.m.

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Multiple contributors propel Terror men toward playoff berth

By Ryan Chell, Sport Co-Editor

Many of the members of the McDaniel community missed it but fans of the Green Terror men's basketball team still had a lot to look forward to on the hardwood.

The team is off to its best start in recent years, as the team is breaking all expectations this season. Under first year coach Kevin Curley, the Terror are tied for third in the Centennial Conference with a 8-5 record and a 13-7 record overall. With their win against Swarthmore last week, they guaranteed their first winning season in almost two decades.

The Terror are led by their strong upperclassmen, many who played and learned under the direction of Bob Flynn, Curley's predecessor, who died a year ago from a heart attack in midseason. Senior Brett Foelber, who played for Flynn at Cardinal Gibbons High School, is leading the team in scoring with 11.6 points per game along with senior Chris Prior's 10.7. Prior's average of 9.8 rebounds so far this season along with junior forward

Chad Arrington's 8.1 rebounds a night, has showed each team in the Centennial Conference that they can play good team defense and keep the ball in their offense's hands.

According to Curley, this team has learned a lot from Flynn's foundation, but that this team is also playing well on its own this season.

"If you look at our stats, we have 7 or 8 guys who are contributing, so if one guy has a bad night, the other guy can pick them up and vice-versa."

"So far, it's been a good year," said Curley. "A lot of our guys have stepped up and made some big plays, and that is always nice to see." He said that this team is play-

ing great defense this year, which set the mark for the success of this team. In their 12 wins this season, the team has held their opponents to 58 points per game.

The team started out the season on a good note, winning their first six games. At the beginning of January, the team was off to a 7-2 start. Momentum was on their side as they began conference play, but only a week into January, the team was hit with a big injury.

Arrington, a major part of the team's rebounding and defense, fell to an injured shoulder in the Terror's 80-73 loss to Ursinus on January 12. Arrington would be out until last week's game against Swarthmore, and he may have returned earlier than the injury needed to heal. Including the Ursinus loss, the Terror went 4-4 without him down the stretch.

Even though the team missed Arrington, Curley talked about how well his team has played as a team, and how they carry an unselfish, collective nature with them in practice and in every game.



DAVE SINGULAR

"Sometimes, when we lose focus in the team thing, we are not quite as good," he said. "If you look at our stats, we have 7 or 8 guys who are contributing, so if one guy has a bad night, the other guy can pick them up and vice-versa."

And that formula has worked all season long, especially in big wins for them. But which was the biggest win? Curley mentioned the 85-84 overtime win over Hood in the season opener and his biggest conference win at the Hopkins

game.

Curley hopes that this team will continue to see success as the season comes to an end and that he can take his team's momentum into the playoffs. He also hopes that the students, who have returned from Jan Term and now know the team is doing well, will come out to see them play, like at the Gettysburg game earlier this season.

"There were a lot of people at that game," Curley said. "It's always nicer when the students are back."



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Poor behavior leads to Rouzer 'lockdown'

Residents of Rouzer are living under 24 hour quiet and guest restrictions

By David Robertson,
Interim Chief Photographer

Valentine's Day brought love and lovers to the McDaniel campus. Freshman Chris Longo was graced with the presence of his girlfriend, visiting from New York. However, in the shadow of recent restrictions placed on Rouzer Hall, Campus Safety confronted him for having a visitor.

Unaware that the area coordinator, Dave Dahlberg, approved her visit (and circulated an email to RAs and other administrators) prior to the institution of guest restrictions, he simply suffered some annoyance; though the other residents in Rouzer found the implementations quite inconvenient.

And this was just the beginning of what has turned into quite a battle between students and administrators.

Since Wednesday, February 13, Rouzer is living under 24 hour quiet (like those of finals week) and guest restrictions. The vice president for Student Affairs, the department of Campus Safety, the director of Residence Life and

Dahlberg told the Rouzer community during a mandatory meeting, that the vandalism and policy violations need to stop.

"We feel, as a whole," said Dahlberg, "that the behavior is unacceptable. We cannot understand why the Rouzer residents feel that over \$5,000 in damage, and growing, is acceptable."

The 2006-07 school year hosted significant increases in vandalism compared to years prior. Residents of Rouzer were threatened by similar restrictions last year after causing thousands of dollars in damage.

This year the amount and variety of vandalism has more or less matched that of last year, except with more publicity. Campus Safety officers now monitor the main entrances to the building nearly 24 hours a day. Incidents that include throwing chewing tobacco on the walls, destroying ceiling tiles, setting off fire extinguishers on students taking showers, throwing baby powder on unsuspecting residents in their rooms and vandalizing bathrooms and stairwells have led administrators to take such measures.

In response to the initial meeting, students had until Saturday, February 16 to appeal the charges

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Flashback

The BSU Decade Dance



DAVID ROBERTSON

Freshman Rosemarie Abraham steals the mic in a performance of "Respect" by Aretha Franklin. Dressed to impress, she and a few others donned garb fashionable in the 60s, a progressive era in Black history.

As part of the Black History Month celebration, this event—the Decade Dance—gave students a break from

the daily mundane routine to enjoy rootbeer floats and learn fascinating facts about African-American history.

The dance took place on a wintry February 19 night in Ensor Lounge and was sponsored by the Black Student Union.

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Text message-based security alert system implemented

By Becky Snider

McDaniel College has implemented a new security alert system that enables college officials to contact the college community in less than a minute if an emergency arises.

Dubbed "The McDaniel Alert," the program sends alerts via phone, fax and text message to everyone signed into the program. Members of the college community can sign into the program by contacting Campus Safety.

Perhaps the most effective part of the new alert system is that "it allows us (the DoCS) to communicate with students almost instantly," said Director of Campus Safety

Mike Webster.

To date, more than 500 people are in, according to Webster.

The college started to think about incorporating an alert program with the Department of Campus Safety sometime around May or June of 2007. Colleges across the nation have implemented a similar system, especially after the tragic events at Virginia Tech on April 16, 2007.

With the more recent shooting at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois, on February 14, it is becoming more and more apparent that incorporating this system into McDaniel and even all educational institutions across the

nation is a very smart idea.

A similar program was launched on August 23, 2007, at George Mason University in northern Virginia. According to a recent article in Mason, "the 'Mason Alert' has passed the 10,000 mark in total registrations. Registration for the program is open indefinitely."

As of right now, the McDaniel Alert is open to all students and faculty members.

"The more students, faculty and staff members who know about an alert, the safer all of us will be," Webster said.

The college investment in the

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Campus Life commission created

By Roxanne Fleischer

The administration at McDaniel College has created a Commission on Campus Life to assess the strengths and weaknesses in three areas: campus activities and greek life, diversity and athletics.

"We wanted to look at the three areas of campus that impact so many of our students," said Dean Beth Gerl, who is one chairperson of the commission. "It's all positive...we are looking at ourselves and asking what we can do better."

"It's a sign of a good administration when they are listening and open to change," said Coach

Rebecca Martin of the women's basketball team and a leader of the Campus Activities and Greek Life committee.

And a good administration also knows how to investigate on how to improve their five-year strategic plan. The current five-year plan will end in 2008, and the new one will run its course from 2009 to 2014.

Three committees are responsible for investigating what is going well and what is not. Surveys and polls are being taken, and other schools similar to McDaniel are also being interviewed. All of the

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News

McDaniel Alert cost effective, school officials optimistic about implementation

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alert system is a worthwhile expense according to Webster, who noted that McDaniel's system is very "cost effective." Webster also noted that "the pricing was very competitive." The company that powers the McDaniel Alert is TechRadium.

Their IRIS or Immediate Response Information System is what would be used by school officials to relay any and all critical messages.

An official from IRIS was contacted and asked a few questions about the standard price for a college of our size. In general the price range starts at \$3 per person

per year. This is based on a limited use estimate. The exact amount or price range that McDaniel paid could not be determined.

Mike Webster feels very optimistic about the new system. The amount of participation already bodes well for the McDaniel Alert.

"I think it's something to just

keep families alerted...aware," said sophomore Sarah Martin.

When asked if she was going to sign up for the new alert program Martin said, "Yeah, I mean I'd definitely sign up for it." Martin gave the impression that her parents were really the ones pushing for her to sign up for the program.

Sometime after Spring Break, the college is hoping to test the system. This test run will allow the Department of Campus Safety to repair and adjust to any problems the college might run into. In the words of Mike Webster, "No technology is perfect."

The Lighter Side of the Campus Safety Blotter



Becky Snider '09
Blotter Reporter

Alcohol in Rouzer, missing signs, nude individuals and graffiti in DMC—it's all part of the lighter side.

Editor's Note: This weekly piece highlights some of the more inane calls and incidents to which campus safety responds.

The campus seems well...dead. Just take a walk through the quad and down by Rouzer past midnight any night of the week and you can tell. Useless snow and ice coupled with freezing temperatures will do that. Thus, we must prepare for spring early this year. How do we accomplish this? By drinking of course!

The hotspots on campus include Rouzer Hall (no surprise there) and the gym. Seven different incidents involving alcohol were documented between February 9 and February 21. Rouzer seems to be as lively as ever.

And that's not just the alcohol talking either. Well, perhaps in the case of the two signs that were broken off a wall in Rouzer it was. Now tell me? What is the point of breaking signs? It just makes a mess and

let's face it: someone always has to take the blame.

Speaking of blame, can we really charge those in Rouzer who consistently discharge fire extinguishers? I mean they are only there to save your life, you know, in case of a fire.

Perhaps we should ask the students who attempted to gain entry to a room in Rouzer on February 17 sometime after 2:30 a.m. Though they probably wouldn't have been able to tell anyone anything at that point, not after they had disrespected a college official, failed to comply with Campus Safety, violated quiet hours and caused disorderly conduct.

Apparently a similar thing happened several hours earlier, when officers observed an intoxicated student trying to gain entry into Decker. The student was taken to Carroll Hospital Center (CHC) due to alcohol.

The night of February 17 must

have been the night to party. In further rebellion of the coming week, someone in Blanche decided that he would streak through the halls. Officers responded to a complaint of a nude individual just after 4:30 a.m.

There must be something in the water over at Blanche. Several students have been causing destruction of college owned property and disturbing other members of the floor since the beginning of the year. Your guess is as good as mine on which floor that would be.

As for what has been happening at the gym, it looks like the draw of Sandella's is just too much. Students are getting overexcited and breaking things, triggering false fire alarms. Though I suppose the accidental fire alarm could be ruled out since it was triggered by impact from a basketball. Weird, huh?

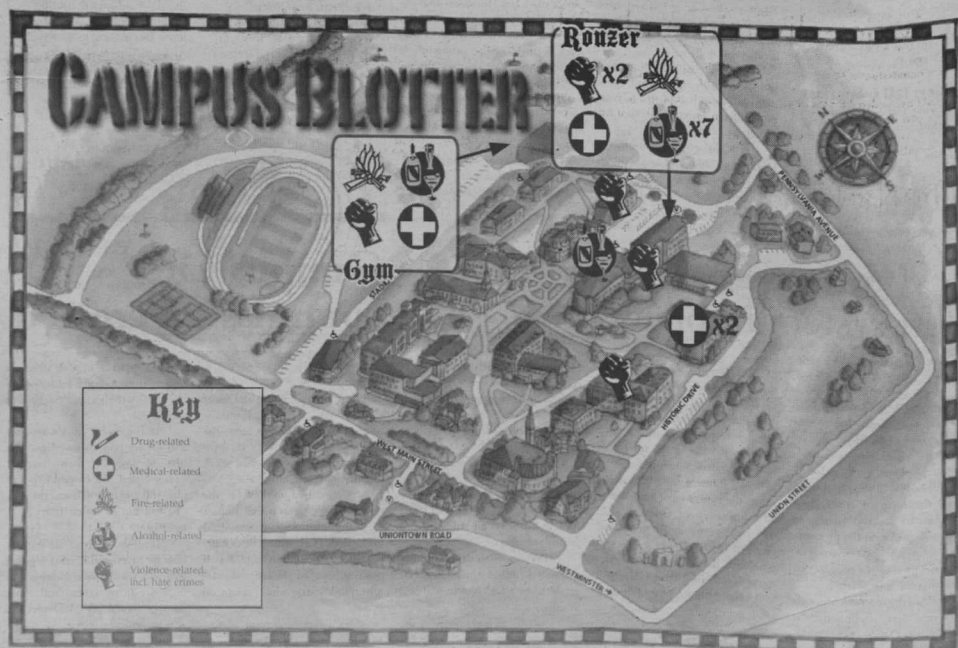
I don't think the two students documented for property destruction, drunk and disorderly conduct and underage alcohol possession

just past midnight on Saturday the 16 could be an accident though. Seems that it's all the rage to break things now; first there were the signs and now it's lights.

Compared to Rouzer and the gym, the rest of the campus is rather tame. The only noteworthy incidents happened in DMC and Blanche. Someone decided that DMC was rather lacking in decoration and thought that "hey why not add my own?" A report of graffiti on a dorm room door was received on February 11 at 11:46 p.m.

Well there is the rant for alcohol this semester. But wait, there is something missing, isn't there? Correct you are. Whiteford has been inescapably quiet these past few weeks. Think they're waiting for spring to arrive to stir things up? Could be. We'll just have to cross our fingers and wait.

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GREEK BEAT

Greek organizations see bright future in new pledges

By Bethany Grove

Greek life has recently started recruiting members on campus. Many Greek organizations have held their recruitment events in the past few weeks and Bid Day brought many new members to the sororities and fraternities on campus this spring.

For those who don't know much about Greek life, "rush" is a process in which students, or "rushes," discover the best Greek organization for themselves. It usually consists of going to events held by different fraternities or sororities in order to scope out which organization is most suitable.

Senior Chris Kron, member and former president of Alpha Sigma Phi, said they had a good recruitment response this year.

"We had about 15 guys interested and 12 guys at our closed smoker on Sunday night," Kron said.

An open smoker is an event that some fraternities hold that is open to anyone who is interested in joining and is used as a type of screening process. It is a way for rushes to introduce themselves to the group and to start determining whether or not they would be interested in pledging to that organization.

The "closed smoker" is held after the open smoker, in which the fraternity invites back certain rushes in order to get to know them better. On Bid Day, some rushes are invited to join the organization, and if they accept the invitation they become a pledge.

"We were fortunate to get ten potential pledges from our recruiting efforts this semester. They are all great guys and we are happy with the results." ~ Daniel Lebot '09

"The closed smoker was a good event because it was longer than the previous several," Kron said. "It gave a chance for the potentials to get a chance to know us and vice versa."

Phi Mu held a recruitment event based on the television show, America's Next Top Model. Senior MC DeSimone, a member of Phi Mu, said the recruitment has been wonderful so far.

"My favorite event so far was 'Phi Mu's Next Top Model' in which everyone dressed up like their favorite model and 'strutted their stuff' on the catwalk while introducing themselves," DeSimone said. "Even the girls who decided not to join Phi Mu were still an essential element to the fun."

Former Phi Mu president senior Lindsay Fairchild said they are happy to welcome seven new sisters into their chapter.

"We are more than pleased with our new additions and hope to continue to invite more responsible, fun-loving and unique women into our chapter within the next few weeks," Fairchild said.

"We have big plans and high hopes for the rest of the semester. Keep an eye on the ladies of love, honor and truth: Phi Mu."

Junior Daniel Lebot, the new president of Alpha Sigma Phi said they are also very happy with the results of recruitment.

"We were fortunate to get 10 potential pledges from our recruiting efforts this semester," Lebot said. "They are all great guys and we are happy with the results."

Eating healthy possible at Glar

By Julia Heck

Christine Brechbill, a health-conscious freshman at McDaniel, swipes her card at Glar, chats with Lucille and heads for the salad bar. Although she misses her mom's healthy cooking, she makes the best of her choices while she's away from home.

At home, Christine tries to have three balanced meals. She has eggs for breakfast, sandwiches, grilled meats, plenty of fruits and vegetables and organic dairy. How does she emulate this diet while at school? She avoids the entire section of fried foods and limits her carb intake. She fills up on veggies but has found that she does not eat as much meat while at school.

"I used to eat the stir fry every day...now it's gone," Brechbill said about the "Body and Soul line," recently taken away because of health department regulations. She also thinks that simple additions such as better quality meat and a larger variety of fresh fruits and vegetables would make a significant difference.

Deb Shaffer, who runs Glar, has other ideas about improving McDaniel's options.

"We would love to see the dining hall renovated with more of a 'food court' feel and more 'cooking to order,'" she said. However, Shaffer has pride in the kitchen's promise to use trans fat free oils as well as their "specialty salad" line.

Glar may not serve gourmet cuisine, but it is about making choices. Shaffer and her co-worker Glenda Troyer began to "change their lifestyle" as of January 1.

Shaffer said, "We are here 10-12 hours per day and knew that we were just making the wrong choices. The options are here, we just weren't picking them."

It's never too late to start making smarter choices. Troyer has already lost more than 25 pounds.

"Proper portion sizes are important. Unfortunately, Americans feel they have to super-size everything. You need to know your body too," Troyer said. "I know that I love carbs but carbs don't love me, and if I do eat them I better watch my fat intake."

Brechbill and many other McDaniel students and faculty eat healthy by selecting smart options: they forget about what's missing and deal with their given selection.

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Alpha Sigma Phi
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Jordan Doss
Wyatt Basely
Turner Hirsch
John Manfredini
Bryan Ward
Dan Kim
Paul Donoghue
Chris Sherman
Anthony Gordon

Greek Fraternities and Sororities

Phi Delta Theta
Drew Gress
Brian Juronville
Nick Bender
Matt Crowe
Antonio Bonaddio
Brandon Taormina
Will Brandenburg

Phi Kappa Sigma
Mike McNulty
Kurt Miller
Jami Leghew
Brad O'Brien
Joe Drzons

Phi Mu
Diana Desmond
Rachel Smiroville
Elyse Sparks
Annie O'Grady
Kim Kalinyak
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Information from Amanda Rose

Active Minds- breaking the silence

By Stacey Eyer, Commentary Co-Editor

Stress. Anxiety. Depression. Addiction. These are just some of the mental health issues people suffer from but no one wants to talk about. One group of students, however, is looking to change all of that.

Active Minds, one of the newest groups formed at McDaniel, joins more than 100 other colleges and universities as part of a national organization headquartered in Washington, D.C.

"As a group, we want students to know what resources are available to them on campus, and we also want to help eliminate the stigma associated with mental illness." ~ Brittany Eyer

experienced the loss of her brother and a college student to suicide. Malmon realized that many of her fellow classmates were in some way affected by mental health issues, though no one ever spoke about it. She wanted to change how people view mental health issues, and she wanted to reduce the stigma that is attached to these issues.

"Active Minds, as a group here at McDaniel, formed because a group of students here saw the same problems that Alison did and wanted to do something about it," said junior Kate Maloney, co-president of Active Minds.

Senior Brittany Eyer, co-president of Active Minds, shares a similar view.

"As a group, we want students to know what resources are available to them on campus, and we also want to help eliminate the stigma associated with mental illness," she said.

College students aren't immune to the potential dangers and affects of mental illness. The shootings at Virginia Tech last year and the shootings at Northern Illinois a few weeks ago are proof of that.

"College students (ages 18-24) are at a higher risk for developing mental illness than any other age group," said Maloney. "And even those who do not develop a men-

tal illness invariably suffer from stress, anxiety and depression in one way or another due to the very nature of being a college student—juggling academic, extracurricular and personal demands and expectations; navigating the transition to adulthood; and struggling with the uncertainty of the future."

Students who suffer from such issues should find comfort in knowing that there are options, like talking to someone. McDaniel offers such an option through Counseling Services located in Smith House.

Although the group just recently formed, they are currently planning several events to sponsor during Mental Health Awareness Month in April, including guest

speakers who have dealt with mental illness, a karaoke and ice cream night and a free yoga class.

The next meeting of Active Minds will be held on Thursday, March 6 at 9:15 p.m. Anyone interested in getting involved in Active Minds can contact Kate Maloney (kmm019@mcDaniel.edu) or Brittany Eyer (brc001@mcDaniel.edu), or join the Facebook group "Active Minds at McDaniel" to stay updated on meetings and future events.

"By joining Active Minds or supporting our cause, students are doing their part to break the silence and create a culture on our campus where it is okay to get help," said Maloney.

Active Minds on the Hill

Counseling Services at McDaniel College:

410-871-3305

Office hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The National Suicide Prevention Hotline:

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

(<http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org>)

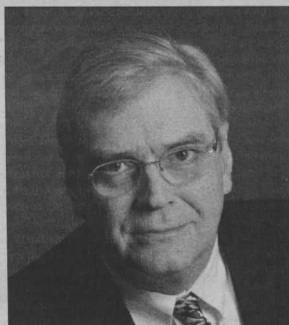
Free confidential mental health screenings are available at:

<http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/screening/login.asp?keyword=MCDANIELCOLLEGE>

“Whether on campus here or in Belize fishing, Herb embodies the spirit of our wonderful liberal arts college...”

- Dr. Christianna Nichols-Leahy

Politics, fishing and people



Herb Smith's life passions inspire students and peers

By Juliann Guilfré, Features Co-Editor

Writing a book on Maryland politics and government, working as a consultant for the Democracy Group, teaching at a college, scheduling fishing and diving trips to the Keys and Belize and being a husband and father, Dr. Herb Smith does it all.

Smith, 61, professor of political science and international studies, has known his lifetime career goal—teaching—since his sophomore year at Ursinus College, where he was the editor of the student newspaper.

“I had a wonderful professor, Dr. Gene Miller, who had so much fun teaching, he really inspired me,” said Smith, who then decided to combine his love of politics with his newfound passion of teaching.

Smith first got into politics at Haverford High School where he worked on the Student Council, yet he was always a person who liked to be “behind the scenes.” He ran a campaign in 1975 and lost by only 400 votes. The experience made him realize that being a politician was not for him.

“Being a professor is what I do, first and foremost, but I also like to practice the craft of politics as well,” he said.

Smith was a political science major from day one at Ursinus, and has a “very conservative streak” of holding onto what he does for a very long time. He met some young democrats while earning his Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins University, and his first job was District Coordinator for Liam Donald Schaefer when he ran for mayor of Baltimore in 1971.

Three years ago Smith sat down with Don Herche, Arthur Murphy and Don Lamb-Minor

and decided to start the Democracy Group, “a team of successful campaign experts that have used proven strategies and tactics to run effective campaigns since the early 1970s.”

“Immediately after hearing [Smith] speak I knew that I wanted to attend this institution. [His] passion for education, activism and students is inspirational,” said Brinegar. “He is truly one of the reasons I decided to attend McDaniel College.”

According to their website, “We know politics. We know the values and issues that motivate voters. We know how to win.”

Dr. Debora Johnson-Ross, associate professor of political science and international studies, says Smith is at his best during the election cycles.

“His enthusiasm for the process and helping students understand it are contagious and he keeps the department on ‘high alert’ during these periods,” she said.

Smith also teaches a student favorite class, “Campaigns and Elections” that encourages students to become directly involved in the political process.

This expertise during election cycles has led to other professional engagements for Smith. He has been a regular contributor on the “Political Roundtable” of the pop-

ular Maryland Public Television program “State Circle,” where he faces off with the infamous Richard Vatz of Towson University.

Smith’s knowledge of the Maryland Political scene is bolstered by his dedication to issues of local governance and his personal passion, education. Each year, he takes a group of McDaniel students to Annapolis to help represent the Maryland Independent College and University Association as part of a day of lobbying for education interests in Maryland.

Smith’s passion for politics and teaching motivated Shane Brinegar, ‘09, when he visited McDaniel in his junior year of high school for Boys State.

“Immediately after hearing [Smith] speak I knew that I wanted to attend this institution. [His] passion for education, activism and students is inspirational,” said Brinegar. “He is truly one of the reasons I decided to attend McDaniel College.”

Outside of his professional and political duties, Smith’s interests include trout fishing, tennis, environmental action including stream clean-ups, Irish, folk and country music, TV shows such as *The Daily Show*, *The Office* and *The Colbert Report*, and movies like *An Inconvenient Truth*, *Full Metal Jacket* and *Apocalypse Now*.

“My father took me fishing when I was four; I’ve been fishing ever since,” he said. When Smith was eight he went on a trip to the Florida Keys, which eventually led to his idea for the “Fishing in the Florida Keys” course over Spring Break.

After the Keys course became popular, Smith and Dr. Brian

Wladkowski, started the idea of a Jan Term fishing and diving trip—the eventual destination was sunny and serene San Pedro, Belize.

“I had researched it, and Belize had been discovered in the ‘80s as a great place for fishing and diving,” he said. “The first year we had six people on the trip—the next we had 24.”

Smith lives with his wife of eight years, Beth, in Baltimore. He made the whooshing sound as Google Earth zoomed into Maryland, Baltimore, his house, the dam behind it and the patch of land where he digs up old Baltimore beer bottles.

Dr. Christianna Leahy, associate professor of political science and international studies, said, “Whether on campus here or in Belize fishing, Herb embodies the spirit of our wonderful liberal arts college and our current campaign’s slogan fits Herb well: ‘carpe diem.’”

Stuart Clark, ‘09, has had a different but equally inspiring learning experience with Smith.

“Dr. Smith has a habit of quizzing students (meaning me) on trivia (meaning really, really obscure and esoteric facts),” he said. One day, after a class full of teasing Clark for getting a question concerning the megalodon and the mosasaur wrong, he asked him one more question.

“What is the very last line of *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*?” [Smith’s favorite movie?]

“Drink up, me hearties, yo ho!”

Additional reporting contributed by Mike Habegger.

Features

The man behind 8,500 e-mail accounts

From server problems to privacy issues, Chris Palsgrove makes the McDaniel network work

By Ashleigh Smith

The McDaniel College community constitutes 8,500 e-mail accounts between the students, faculty and staff. That's a lot of spam, and there's one man who oversees it all—the Network Communications Systems Administrator, Chris Palsgrove.

Most people at McDaniel probably only notice the e-mail system or the intranet when something is wrong and we have to run to IT, but it has to be maintained every day, and "That's a pretty big responsibility," said Palsgrove. "It's not easy and we do the best we can—and we have a lot of people to keep happy."

Palsgrove is the man behind all of our e-mail accounts. Part of his job is to create and maintain e-mail for everyone on campus, including monitoring spam e-mails in addition to a few other odd jobs.

"I do a lot of proofreading," he added, "for campus announcements that go out. I wind up going over them, and I guess because it's something coming from the main voice of the [college], I make sure that everything looks professional."

However, Palsgrove deals with a lot more than the campus announcements. When people have problems with their e-mail, he's the one they call.

"Especially with the switchover," Palsgrove said, "[all] different kinds of problems come in about how to access mail from the outside, how to use the webmail interface, why isn't the webmail interface working, why is it slower than the old one."

Last summer, McDaniel was introduced to the Zimbra e-mail



Chris Palsgrove sits at his desk in the IT Department. He plans on fully integrating the Intranet across campus computers.

suite, which replaced the old Squirrel Mail.

For e-mail users, "[i]t's a whole lot easier because it works more like e-mail systems that people are used to, like Outlook Express or Thunderbird or Apple Mail," said Palsgrove, who also commented that for his job, "The new system makes it very easy. You put information in, and it sets everything else up for you."

The transfer process is still ongoing, according to Palsgrove, and he hopes the old system will be completely gone by the upcoming summer.

"Probably fifteen percent of the stuff that we moved over was unnecessary," Palsgrove added. "People don't empty out their trash and it winds up taking up resources that we really don't have to spare."

Recently, IT added space to the e-mail server by removing

4,600 old e-mail accounts, held by already-graduated students or old professors.

"There were some people who weren't too happy about that," said Palsgrove. "There were some people who didn't really care, but we can't keep e-mail accounts for a lifetime."

"I guess it was kind of a big deal when I hit the big button," he added, "and cut that many people off of e-mail."

Palsgrove has been at McDaniel for almost four years and stepped up to his current position just over a year ago in December. "I had enough experience and enthusiasm that I stepped right in and started learning," Palsgrove said.

"When I was in college I messed around with computers quite a bit, even though it wasn't my major," said Palsgrove, who majored in Spanish. "Spanish

didn't really hold my interest. It wasn't something that I felt I could use around here as much as my computer knowledge."

"As long as I can keep learning in this position I'd like to stay here," he said. "I learn things every day, from different experiences, different little mistakes that I make, different things that I run into and finally to solve problems. When I finally figure something out it's very rewarding."

Palsgrove also hopes to continue to work on McDaniel's intranet system. "There are a lot of projects I'd like to continue working on, see to completion or just see develop more. In the next month or two [I'll] build up the intranet so all the on-campus resources, we're going to try to centralize them, basically a single interface where everyone can get to all of the things they need to."

The IT department also hopes to expand on giving students just one username and password for e-mail, Archway and Blackboard, which was done last summer by allowing students to log in just once to access all three. "We don't have any time frame set on that yet," Palsgrove added.

While Palsgrove enjoys his job, it's not always exciting; some nights, he stays until eight or nine. "[I]t's a little tough sitting in front of a computer screen all day," he said.

"One of the parts I hate the most is parents calling for their kids," Palsgrove added, "because I'm not really allowed to share any confidential information with parents."

"There's only a certain amount of things we can do in dealing with privacy. College e-mail accounts are the property of the college, so we technically own them and can do with them what we want, but there's also an expectation of privacy. Especially with grades and communication between students and faculty, communication between, say, campus safety and students, health services and students. Those are all matters that absolutely have to be kept confidential," said Palsgrove.

According to Palsgrove, balancing the e-mail system with all of the other systems can get very complex. "[The] 8,500 e-mail accounts, that's a lot to take care of, and that adds to the complexity of the systems we have to maintain."

So next time you head down to IT, be sure to give a thank you to the people working behind the scenes.

Job forum in Philadelphia advises attendees 'never give up'

By Rachel Hooper,
Features Co-Editor

"How to get your first job in Television" read the brochure. The Career Forum sounded like it was going to be informative, exciting and worth attending. Many college students and some high school seniors from across the tri-state Philadelphia region heard what different careers in Broadcast Television involve.

This Career Forum was presented by the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) and took place on February 9, 2008 at the all new, state of the art, CBS3 studios in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

There was an impressive number of speakers present representing the Philadelphia region, which is fourth largest television market in the country. To mention a few, the on-air news personalities included Jim Donovan, the consumer reporter at CBS3 and Terry Ruggles, anchor for NBC10 News. Other

big names included station executives Jim DePury, news director at WPMT-TV Fox 43; John Mussoni, executive producer for CN8; Michelle Murray, senior news director for Comcast Sportnet; and Michelle Bradsher, executive producer at NBC10 News.

After an inspiring panel discussion, the college age television job seekers met with the forum leaders in small groups. Each student had the opportunity to have questions answered. A wealth of advice was offered by the very experienced professionals about the different jobs in the field of broadcast television.

Their advice was valuable to any college student seeking a future job in any field. Handouts included basic interviewing tips, resume guidelines and advice on searching for Internet job listing sites.

"Get an internship," was the advice given by Eileen Matthews, executive director of the NATAS Mid-Atlantic Chapter, advice that was repeated by almost every

speaker. "You can never have too many internships" was the general consensus. Internships are valuable experience and a chance to try out job skills.

Internships are also valuable for building a network of people who can help you find and land your first job. The second theme of advice was the importance of professional networking in your field. If your college limits the number of internships you can complete for credit, offer to volunteer. Almost every panelist reported they once had an internship or that internships had led to jobs.

Lou Presti, senior producer of New Jersey Network, encouraged students saying, "Develop a friendly relationship with someone who is currently working at a station that can inform you of job opportunities." Others added that this the importance of staying in touch with that person.

Jim Donovan, CBS3, felt it's all about networking. He told the story of an intern he once had who

followed up with him every few months, just to catch him up on how he was doing in school. The intern would stop by the CBS3 studios at Thanksgiving, winter and spring breaks or whenever he was home from school.

Donovan said, "Never burn your bridges, connections mean everything" and went on to explain

"Know that you probably will have to start small, and work your way up. TV is no different than any other field. You don't start out as a star in the major leagues. Start small, work hard, pay your dues and keep your eye on the ball."

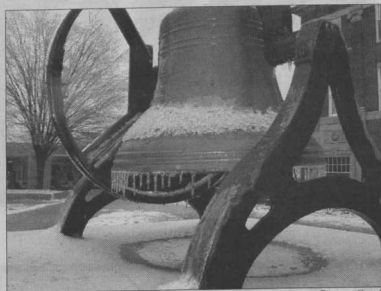
how later, he helped that intern get a job when the student graduated from college. Donovan made calls to other stations for the dedicated student journalist who was once just an intern.

"Set realistic expectations," was advice given by Scott Rich, news consultant. "Know that you probably will have to start small, and work your way up. TV is no different than any other field. You don't start out as a star in the major leagues. Start small, work hard, pay your dues and keep your eye on the ball."

Matthews' encouragement was the most important advice given: "Truly believe in yourself and your dream. If someone tells you that only five people will get a job, believe that you will be one of those five. Never give up."

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Around the Campus In Ice and Snow



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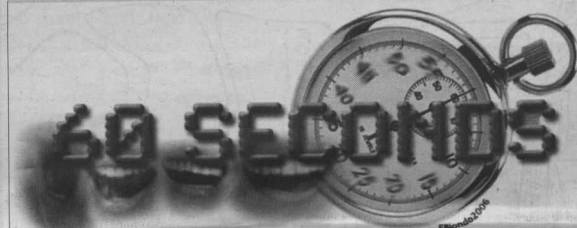
Above, seniors Gabriel Stern (left) and Peter Kendall are bundled up for their trek across campus on February 13. Bottom right, the campus was covered in ice on February 13, yet students still managed to make it to class.

Left, icicles hang from the bell in front of Hill Hall on February 13.

Top right, A group of students exit Hill Hall into the heavy snowfall Wednesday afternoon on February 20. Compared to the warm weather at the beginning of the week, this was a pleasant surprise for all, though it didn't affect evening classes.

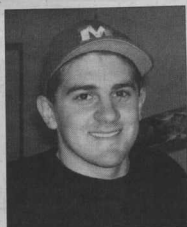


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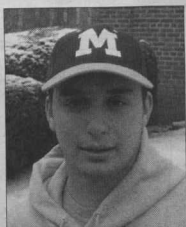


Compiled by Jeff Davis

During the winter what keeps you busy?

**Nick Brunner '11**

"During the winter, schools [sic] keeps me busy. But I also enjoy good times with good friends."

**Rob Rowse '11**

"During the winter, I run, throw the baseball, lift weights and study long nights into the wee hours of the snowy mornings."

**John Morneau**

"I maintain security of the building, while I read many books, magazines and the newspaper."

**Chelsie Houser '08**

"I try to party as much as possible to distract myself from the winter because I don't like the cold."

**Lauren Thomas '10**

"I love watching movies and playing games with friends while drinking my delicious hot chocolate."

**Amy Myers '09**

"Working at the bookstore and keeping warm with my boyfriend."

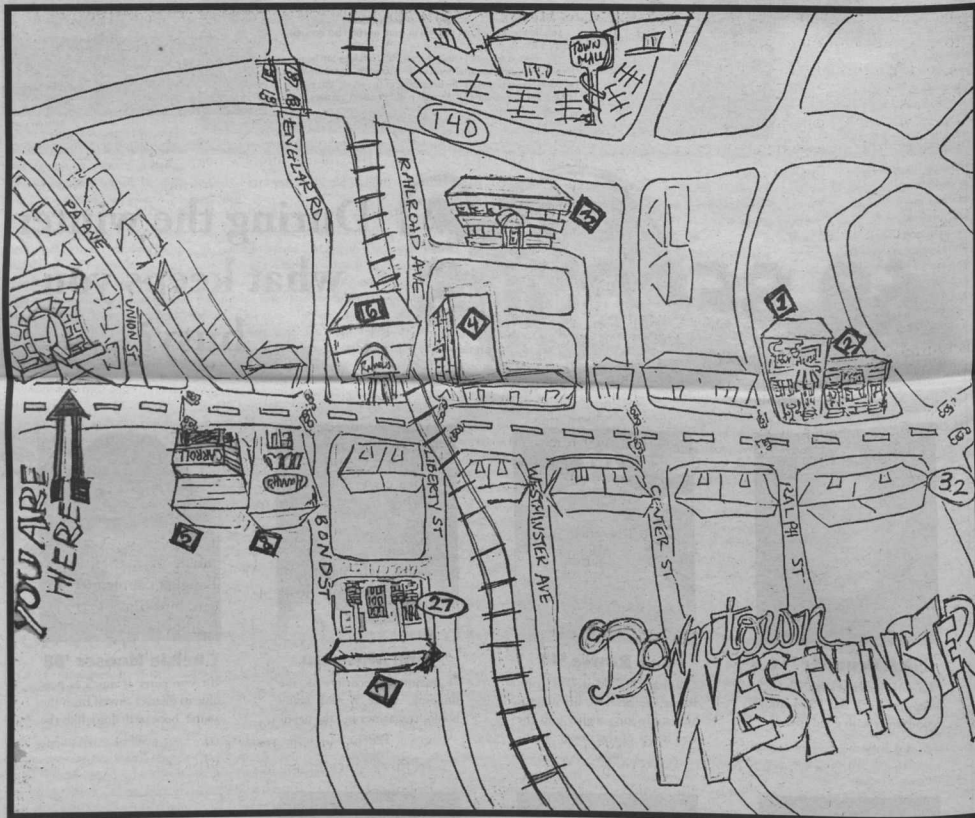
**Dana Willoughby '11**

"I like doing text-based role playing online because I like interacting with other people through writing; it really helps me escape boredom during the winter."

**Jeff Ramsburg '10**

"I shoot some hoops and I love bro'in out with Boardman, lax-in' it up day in and day out."

The Main Street Mile



Got idle time and you feel like you little to do? Entertainment is only a walk away. Enjoy this visual tour of some of the hot spots on Main Street (and a little beyond). Keep in mind other cool places for times when you have a car: Record and Tape Traders, Five Below, Carroll Players (indoor batting range and games), Hoffman's Ice Cream, Gypsy's Tearoom and Starry Night Bakery. Addresses for these spots are only a Google away. One place not noted on this outstanding Emily Biondo creation is Dutterer Park, which is right behind the florist on Pennsylvania Avenue. Great place to walk or watch neighborhood soccer or softball games. Otherwise, set your sights on Main Street and tour awhile.

1 The Pour House

This trendy coffee house offers great coffee, light lunches, live music and comfortable spots to flop down and talk with friends. Whether you have \$5 in your pocket or \$15, it's worth the investment.

2 Pottery Loft

Paint your own pottery while chatting with buddies. Bring your own snacks and drinks too. Count on plunking down more than 10 bucks, but this is the place where there is an artist in everyone.

3 Paradiso

Hands down, one of the best romantic date spots in town, especially on the second floor.

Lunches on the terrace on a spring day are popular. The bar, though small, has ambience too. Plan on spending between \$15 to \$30 person for the ideal beginning to dessert end evening.

4 Papa Joe's

Across the parking lot from Paradiso is a fun, authentic Mexican restaurant with reasonable prices and great, great food. This place offers informality, decent margaritas and the best salsa in town. You will never like Taco Bell again.

5 Carroll Arts Center

This place is two blocks away (right across the street from Ernie's) yet few students take the time to discover its entertainment value. Foreign films, live theater, great concerts and art exhibits on both floors – it's always worth walking through the doors. Films are about \$5 – concessions available too.

6 Rafael's (Back Deck)

This is the deck to plop down on when the weather warms up. Happy Hours are always popular – if not for the inexpensive drinks, then

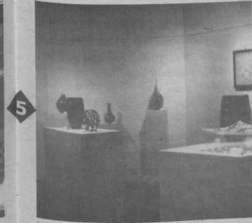
the appetizers. For ten bucks you can soak in warm temps and fun times.

7 Thrift Shop

Ok – the money you spend here goes toward helping some of Westminster's most needy, so keep that feel-good fact in mind while you sift through some "trash" to find cool "treasures." Good entertainment value. Don't ever spend full price to stock your apartment or dorm room – come here.

8 Harry's Main Street Grille

This place is as much of a tradition as Baugher's apple pies. You can buy one of Harry's famous hot dogs, or take a date out for elegant meal like grilled tuna or crab cakes. Pulled pork barbecue is great for lunch. Reasonable prices.



Current Affairs

International Memo: Serbia

Kosovo's independence is thorn in heart of Serbs

By Djerdj Matkovic,
former Co-Editor in Chief

Kosovo's declaration of independence on February 18, 2008, struck a deep thorn into the hearts of many Serbs. It's extremely difficult for a nation that has endured almost two decades of war, poverty, corruption, isolation, economic and social downfall to come to terms with a subject they feel so passionate about. As with any conflict that bears its roots in historical, religious, ethnic and political differences, the issue of Kosovo is a very sensitive one.

It comes with little surprise then that the protests held in Belgrade in the days following Kosovo's independence turned into violent expressions of resentment over the declaration, especially since Serbs consider Kosovo their ancestral homeland (Kosovo was the seat of the Serbian Orthodox Church, an inspiration for epic Serbian poetry, the site of historic battles against the Ottoman Empire and home to thousands of centuries-old Orthodox Churches).

Following World War II, Kosovo became an autonomous province within Serbia. In later years, the 80% Albanian majority in Kosovo demanded greater rights and more freedom to practice their language and religion. In 1974, Kosovo was granted a greater degree of autonomy.

In 1989 the Yugoslav president, Milosevic, worried about the Albanian majority in Serbia's ancestral homeland, abrogated the constitutional autonomy of Kosovo. This led to tensions and demonstrations that turned into armed conflict in 1998 between

the Serbian Army and the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army. After the 1999 NATO bombing campaign against Serbia, Kosovo came under UN jurisdiction, though still was a part of Serbia.

Ever since Milosevic fell in 2000, the newly elected democratic government in Serbia has been striving to bring the country out of turmoil and into a future within the European Union. The recent demonstrations in Belgrade are in part an expression of frustration over the seeming lack of progress

The violence has been ascribed to Serbia's "lost generation" that grew up in the dark years of sanctions and war in the 1990s. They had nothing to look up to, besides a sense of national pride that was corrupted by a constant feeling of victimization by foreign powers.

towards development.

The Economist.com ascribes the violence to Serbia's "lost generation", young people who grew up in the dark years of sanctions and war in the 1990s. In those times that generation had nothing to look up to, besides a sense of national pride that was corrupted by a constant feeling of victimization

The Former Yugoslavia A timeline of recent Serbian involvement

Slobodan Milosevic calls for Serbian domination of Yugoslavia in 1989.

Serbia and Montenegro declare a new Federal Republic of Yugoslavia under Milosevic's rule in April 1992.

*** Violence ***

Milosevic falls from power, October 5, 2000.

Milosevic dies in jail cell, March 11, 2006, signaling the end of an era.

Montenegro declares independence, June 3, 2006.

The European Union and the United States pave the way for Kosovo's independence, sought largely by Albanians, who were victims of violence in the 1990s, prompting NATO involvement. Fall/Winter 2007/08.

by foreign powers.

Echoes of ethnic hatred fueled by years of war are not likely to subside any time soon in the Balkans. The people of the region will never forget what devastation and sadness was brought to their



This map of Serbia shows the regions of Montenegro (bottom left) and Kosovo (white).

Kosovo declares independence, February 18, 2008.

families.

But with the disintegration of the region essentially over, a new chapter can finally be opened where the war-torn countries can look forward to development, progress, prosperity and most importantly,

peace.

Matkovic, class of 2007, is currently living in Washington D.C. He and his family are from Serbia.

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More violence, more reflecting, more coming together



Geoff Peckham '08
News Co-Editor

Covering the death of five students on campus has never crossed our newspaper's mind before.

And it likely never crossed the minds of the writers and editors of the NIU *Northern Star*. Yet that was the reality just two weeks ago.

Student newspaper rises above grief at Northern Illinois University

As the *McDaniel Free Press* discussed this issue's story budget last week, the Northern Illinois University shooting came into the conversation. It was decided that someone should write a commentary about it, and initially I declined, reasoning, "I wrote about the last school shooting."

Then I stopped and reflected on how sad a statement that is.

Many were at a loss for words at the Virginia Tech tragedy last spring, and in my last column of the spring 2007 semester, I attempted to convey that. Now here I am, almost a year later, writing about another disaster that no one saw coming, and everyone wishes they could have stopped.

It makes me sick to my stomach. I'm sure you all feel the same way.

But it's important to look for hope, even when it seems there is none.

For both the writers and readers of the *Free Press*, the stories are often happier, whether it is a fundraising campaign or a successful concert.

The less-than-happier stories often revolve around internal problems or smaller incidents concerning students. We laugh at the juvenile acts in the Lighter Side and pose diverse questions to ourselves in 60 Seconds. We write the paper because it's important, but we also enjoy it. You read it for the same reasons.

But covering the death of five students on campus has never crossed our minds before.

And it likely never crossed the minds of the writers and editors of the *Northern Star*, the school newspaper for Northern Illinois University. Yet that was the reality for these students one sad Thursday afternoon just two weeks ago.

One of the students killed was an ad representative for the paper. All of a sudden, the staff wasn't just covering the news; one of them was a part of it in the worst way possible.

It's human nature to grieve, as they likely did, but not every school paper would have or could have immediately started reporting these events the way the *Northern Star* did. A visit to the paper's website, www.northernstar.info, confirms this.

The image of five crosses surrounded by heaps of flowers and cards is the first thing to stand out on the site. Scroll down a bit, and the archive of coverage of the tragedy lists over 30 separate stories over the past week, ranging from campus updates to family interviews to editorials.

Many of the stories contributed offer more in-depth reporting than local or national papers.

The stories are not only well-reported but tastefully written. These student journalists saw the worst that humanity can offer and responded with the best.

They did their jobs because at a time like that, information needs to be shared and reflection needs to occur.

The students of NIU returned to class on Monday, February 25,

though they likely did not return to normal.

That will take much longer, if it ever happens at all. But despite the tragedy, the *Northern Star* should be proud of the work they did, because as hard as it no doubt was, such horror shouldn't be ignored.

And just dedication shouldn't be either.

They lost five students, including one of their own, and while no one envies them, the prayers and respect of the *McDaniel Free Press* as well as the rest of the college lay with their paper and the rest of NIU's student body.

(Peckham speaks on behalf of the entire staff here at the Free Press. The Northern Star has exemplified the outstanding purpose of journalism during the toughest of times. -M.W.H.)

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CHECK THIS

March

Looking for something to do around campus? With the help of CAPBoard and many other campus organizations, there are several fun events planned for the month of March:

February 29: *"Boys of Baraka"*
Sponsored by: Black Student Union
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Decker Auditorium

March 5: *"Bring Me Giants"*
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: WMC Alumni Hall
Cost: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors/students

March 6: *Open Mic Night*
Sponsored by: Illustrated Verse
Time: 9:00 p.m.
Location: The Forum

March 6: *Free Game Room Night*
Sponsored by: Late Nights
Time: 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
Location: Game Room

March 7: *Moviet: "I am Legend"*
Sponsored by: CAPBoard
Time: 9:30 p.m.
Location: Decker Auditorium

A good man is hard to find?

After viewing the *Vagina Monologues* twice, **Max Robinson** finds the production's attitudes towards men troubling

Like a host of other colleges across the country, McDaniel put on the *Vagina Monologues*. This is the second year that I've seen the show and after having seen it twice, I can confidently say I find something troubling with one element of the show: its attitudes toward men.

Now, let me preface this by saying that I think that the show itself has noble aims and not only talks about female sexuality in a frank, uncompromising way but also raises an enormous amount of money for abuse victims every year.

These are great things. What I find alarming is how men are portrayed in the show. Not once in the two productions of the *Vagina Monologues* did I ever see a single healthy representation of a man. Now, of course, I'm not going to say that the show should portray all men in a positive light. That would be counterintuitive to what the show is trying to do. I'll even say that it shouldn't be expected that most men are positively portrayed.

But the fact remains that there is not a single "good man" and that to me seems like a serious step backwards in terms of gender equality. When men aren't rapists or abusers

in the show, they're either too stupid to understand what a woman wants or just all around hateful towards their wife or daughter or whoever.

The one monologue that even approaches something resembling a "good" man in the show is the one about the bland, ordinary man who becomes attractive once the speaker discovered that he enjoyed looking at her vagina.

If this doesn't immediately bother you, let's look at this monologue with the genders reversed: a bland woman becomes attractive to a male speaker once he discovers that she loves looking at his penis.

If a man delivered that monologue, he'd be called a misogynist and a chauvinist and rightly so. But shouldn't this be considered bigotry regardless of the gender assigned to the participants? It's the same message either way, so why is it acceptable to portray anyone, let alone a man, like that? And what bothers me is that it isn't just one instance of this that this attitude is prevalent throughout the entire show.

Men are either somehow hurting a woman through physical violence or not capable or willing to understand her needs. I realize that these stories of rape and abuse from men are essential to the show, but where are the good men or at least a good man to act in contrast? The boyfriend who helped to get his

girlfriend to abuse counseling? The dad who had to partake in that classic old cliché and buy his daughter that first box of tampons?

Hell, how about the men who help to put on the *Vagina Monologues* every year? Is their contribution to the lives of women now meaningless because of that destructive and terrible minority?

The point I'm trying to make here is not that the show shouldn't talk about men who hurt women, but that it should, at least somewhat, address the majority who don't. Certainly, evil is not a gender exclusive trait. And yet, do we see those women who hurt or oppress their daughters or sisters or lovers? As far as I can tell, we do not. But we can't deny that such things happen. Feminism, as I understand it, was born out of the desire of women to be equal to men, not to put down men.

The show would be no less valid without this hostility and frankly, would almost certainly bring in more ticket sales, raising even more money for the fight against abuse. And at the end of the day, isn't that what everyone wants?

I'm not asking for the show to compromise its integrity in anyway, but to merely try and consider the feelings of those XY chromosomes sitting out in the audience.

This Day in History

February 28

By Bethany Grove

2007 Princess Lalla Khadija was born to Morocco's King Mohammed VI and Princess Lalla Salma. The king pardoned almost 9,000 prisoners to celebrate the birth of the princess, their second child.

BBC News, March 2, 2007

2005 Omar Karami, Lebanon's prime minister resigned during anti-Syria demonstrations in Beirut. The pro-Syrian prime minister was later reappointed on March 10.

BBC News, March 29, 2005

2001 A Selby rail crash occurred in North Yorkshire, England. Ten people were killed when two trains collided.

BBC News, February 28, 2001

1993 At the Branch Davidian compound, a gun battle began near Waco, Texas, when agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms attempted to serve warrants. During the 51-day standoff, six Davidians and four agents were killed.

New York Times, March 1, 1993

1991 Gulf War ceasefire was announced in Washington by President George Bush. Iraq accepted all of the 12 resolutions about Kuwait made by the United Nations.

BBC News, February 28, 1991

1986 Swedish Prime Minister Olaf Palme and his wife, Lisbeth Palme were assassinated. Mr. Palme, 59, was a social democrat who preferred loose security. The prime minister and his wife were shot in central Stockholm.

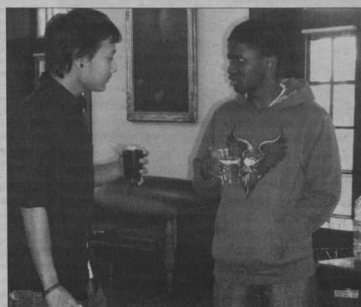
BBC News, February 28, 1986

Hungry for Conversation Int'l Dinner



STAFF PHOTOS

Above, Roderico and Caroline Mulliez engage each other in a dialogue in McDaniel Lounge. International Students and their host families gathered in McDaniel Lounge on Sunday, February 24. They dined on food from countries all over the world. Below, Lin Sun Oo and Desmond enjoy a beverage and conversation. *MH & LB*



Commentary

The Primary Question:

Hillary Clinton? What ha-happened?



Mike Habegger '08
Co-Editor in Chief

After the 2004 Democratic debacle, I was in despair. Very much so. As I ate lunch in the porch of Glar, I prayed for a 2008 presidential run by Hillary to save the Democrats from certain decline. As it turns out, she ran into the train of the progressive, anti-establishment Democrats—pundits, activists, grassroots organizers, micro-donors and bloggers. The progressive movement grabbed the reins of Barack Obama.

How did this happen? How did Hillary Clinton, the former First Lady and astonishingly popular senator from New York, fall from being a "shoe-in" president to second place behind a first term senator from Illinois?

I've always liked Hillary. Just like I've always liked Bill. I like them so much that it has been very hard for me recently, reading many articles, books and blog posts putting down Clintonian politicking to renounce my love for the Clintons. Maybe I like them because I grew up in a liberal academic household, leading to the idealistic assumption that a president, especially a Democrat, could be trusted to make the world better. I distinctly remember Bill, after passing the federal budget and fighting with the Newt for weeks, taking out a marker and writing on a white board, "Federal Deficit = 0!" in front of the TV cameras. To my middle school mind, this seemed like a feat of heroism.

I grew up in the reddest county of Pennsylvania (it voted 75% for Bush in 2004), and I would constantly hear my friends talk of Hillary being "such a bitch." How dare she try to give us healthcare? Who does she think she is, running the White House? Perhaps these perceptions were a result of Fox News socialization, or because Bill always seemed like such a nice guy—who could hate him?

Partly because I am such a contrarian, I was not swayed by such name-calling, and when Clinton escaped impeachment for having sex in his own office, it seemed like justice had won.

What does this have to do with

Hillary? Well, if Clinton could triumph an impeachment and resurrect his historical standing as one of the best president's ever, then certainly Hillary, by simple association, should have had no trouble in securing the presidency.

After the 2004 Democratic debacle, I was in despair. Very much so. As I ate lunch in the porch of Glar, I prayed for a 2008 presidential run by Hillary to save the Democrats from certain decline over the next 50 years. Well, after trouncing her opponent in the 2006 mid-term elections, I had my wish.

In my visits to upstate New York, where my mother's side of the family is from and one of the notoriously conservative regions since the Reagan years, I saw an outpouring of support for Hillary. There were yard signs everywhere. Even my grandfather, who has voted Republican for probably 70 years, had kind words for Hillary to the effect of "I don't agree with her on everything, but she sure has done a great job of representing us out here."

Used to be that no politician cared about Allegany county, never made the effort to contact the people who populate the region that used to set the world prices in oil and cheese (how far we have come). Hillary did. And she was rewarded. Clearly, she has the political skills. Clearly, she delivers, or at least provides the perception of delivery to constituents.

Therefore, I was pretty psyched for her easy victory in November of 2008, because, if she could convince those people to like her, she could certainly convince 55% of

nationwide voters. The presidency was just the next stop on the stepping stone route identified by Benjamin Ginsberg in his recent book, *The American Lie*.

Remember, during the summer, the *New York Times*' talking heads were calling for a Hillary victory in November as she had recently edged out Rudy Giuliani, the Republican front-runner (how far we have come) in head-to-head polling (Wikipedia.org).

So what happened to Hillary? As it turns out, she ran into the train of the progressive, anti-establishment Democrats—pundits, activists, grassroots organizers, micro-donors and bloggers. Since Howard Dean's campaign in 2004 that rallied against the moderate Democratic party establishment, culminating in his election to the head of the Democratic National Committee, netroots and grassroots activism has been in pursuit of the Clintons for their moderate views and support for the shrinking of government, something many so-called true Democrats severely disagree with. They have also been dissatisfied with the pandering and negative nature of Clintonian politics.

John Edwards was poised to be the anti-Hillary, Dean-like candidate. He even hired Joe Trippi out of retirement, who hoped that Edwards could be the candidate with broader appeal and name recognition that could deliver the nomination. It took a while for the progressive movement to coalesce behind Edwards largely due to his changing stances on a number of issues to become more liberal—in contrast with his moderate 2004

campaign; but bloggers were also holding out for Al Gore to run. It took until a few weeks after he accepted his Nobel Peace Prize before many progressives would begin to support any of the Democratic contenders.

But then came Barack Obama—a decidedly moderate, highly religious and young politician. Throughout the campaign, he has been forced to progressivize his positions, as has Hillary, by the pressure of Edwards. Obama got the small donors, the celebrity endorsements, the young "hip" energy of college students and voila, with \$150 million to spend, he has taken over this race, in a way realistic political analysts never thought possible.

Helped by the sensational media who coattail onto stories that run contrary to reality, the progressive movement grabbed the reins of Barack Obama.

Obama will be the next president. But I hope that the anti-establishment Democrats didn't get caught up in the success of their movement and forget their ideological platform. Yes, the Democratic Leadership Council, of which the Clinton's are closely associated with, is corrupt, but Hillary's policy proposals look suspiciously like what progressives have been hoping for in a presidential candidate. I hope we've haven't made the wrong choice for the betterment of this country. I mean, Obama? Talk about putting the party on the line in November.

I guess it takes the right kind of candidate. Sorry Hillary. Keep up the good work in the Senate.

Images

Black Student Union Decade Dance



PHOTOS AND WORDS BY DAVID ROBERTSON

Above, students and staff gather around a table in Decker Center to play cards February 19 during the BSU Decade Dance. As part of the Black History Month celebration, this event gave students a break from the daily routine to enjoy roofter floats and learn facts about African-American history. Junior Holly Thomas described the event as "a nice way to unite the campus and celebrate black culture all at the same time." Below, "The Pips," made up of Freshmen Niya Wills and Rosemarie Abraham, with Sophomore Lia Snow, perform "My Guy" in front of the assembled crowd. As Sophomore Abby Orevba stated, "It's a very fun way for everyone to enjoy roofter floats, dance and hang out."

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Late Nights



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Friday, February 29th

8:30 PM - 10:30 PM

The Pool (underneath Glar)

Van Hart's search to understand Hungary

By Laura Hutton,
Budapest Correspondent

"It was a much bigger love than my first husband," said Linda Van Hart, visiting professor from the Westminster campus of her jewelry making. Spending the semester on the Budapest campus teaching Mixed Media Collage, she explained that this class will be "a great way to work with students from all over the world."

On the main campus, Van Hart's jewelry making class focuses on her passion. She enjoys working with metal and expressing herself through the jewelry she molds.

"I love teaching almost as much as I love metal," Van Hart said.

At the Budapest campus, however, metal sculpting facilities were not available. By teaching a collage class, Van Hart allows students a different venue for expressing themselves through various me-

diums, creating collages that help transcend the cultural differences between students from around the world.

This self proclaimed world traveler has spent time throughout Europe and Africa including Ireland, England, Egypt, Kenya and others. Van Hart describes navigating Paris "like [it's] the back of my hand." She has also been to Italy five or six times and plans to go back twice during her time in Budapest this semester.

Growing up in Baltimore and attending Western Maryland College made Carroll County a home base for Van Hart, and she eventually returned to the school to teach part time in 1981.

Before returning to the Hill, Van Hart went to graduate school at Towson and fell in love with jewelry making. Unable to get into the watercolor class she desired, a friend suggested she try a jewelry

making class. Her passion grew from there.

After graduating from Towson, she taught at both Francis Scott Key and South Carroll high schools in Carroll County before returning to WMC.

After she began teaching at the college, Van Hart had her first jewelry show through her Tollhouse Studio in 1982. Van Hart runs the studio and showcases her jewelry in galleries and at high-end craft shows throughout the year.

While in Budapest, Van Hart has explored the city and its construction sites. "I have a thing for construction sites," she said, adding about construction workers, "There is not much under the hard hat, but a lot under the sleeves."

The construction mesmerizes her because it shows the growth of the city and how "it has been re-constructed so many times." One morning, after remembering construction she passed on the way home she "knew the morning light would hit the construction site" and hopped out of bed, still dressed in her pajamas, threw on a coat and ran out to get pictures.

As Van Hart reveled in the construction sites and architectural beauty throughout the city, she was taken aback by the people she encountered.

"We are lucky at the college [in Budapest]," Van Hart said, "the people do not speak English, they speak American." They understand our culture and many have lived it, but the story is different out on the streets.

Hungarians listen to our music, but they do not know our culture Van Hart said, and she explained, "I haven't figured them out yet. Those who are the nicest are the ex-pats or relatives, people who are not true Hungarians. . . I told this woman she was beautiful and she backed off me like I was a leper."

On campus at home "if you don't look someone in the eye and say hi, you're not doing the 'McDaniel thing,'" added Van Hart. She acknowledged that it is not the same way here.

As Americans, we are used to greeting strangers as we walk down the street. As a culture, we are pretty outgoing. Hungarians are more internal on the streets. By observ-

ing their culture, one notices their reserved nature, which warms up when they are in a more personal environment, for example, when they are surrounded by friends in a restaurant. But walking down the street can be off setting until one begins to understand the cultural differences.

Van Hart recalled an experience in Nairobi, Kenya. A man walked up to her and placed his arm on hers and started speaking Swahili. He was "looking right into my eyes," recalled Van Hart, and she could understand him and their strongly intimate culture that differs from what she has encountered here.

Exploring and photographing the city, Van Hart continues to search for more construction sites and keys to help her understand her place in Hungarian culture. Her feelings are reflected through a series of collages she is working on entitled "the woman in the mirror is wearing my clothes; but, she is not me."

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"If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare composed poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, 'Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.'"

~ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Leader of the American civil rights movement, political activist and Baptist minister

Regardless of what position you are given or what occupation you pursue, you should leave a mark of excellence. It's the simple fact that whatever you do, do it to the best of your ability.

By Torreka Jordan

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In the article "RAs fired, rule enforcement could be cause for concern," on page one of the February 14 edition of the *McDaniel Free Press*, Anna Moffett was misspelled as Moffit. Also in the article "Students discover history through archiving Jan Term course" on page five, Provost Tom Falkner was incorrectly identified as Don Faulkner.

Entertainment

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— Harrison Ford

Return of the fedora

Almost two decades after the Last Crusade, Dr. Henry “Indiana” Jones, Jr. is back in action.

By Juliann Guffire, Features Co-Editor



It’s been more than 18 years since Harrison Ford has held a bullwhip in his hand. 18 years since George Lucas and Steven Spielberg have teamed up to create a boulder rolling, snake fearing, ark searching, Holy Grail finding, Nazi fighting, cult battling adventure.

Indiana Jones is back.

After a decade of struggle, Lucas and Spielberg have finally gotten the fourth installment of their epic series, called *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*, off the ground, which hits theatres May 22.

The movie was rumored to be named several different things over the past year, until co-star Shia LaBeouf revealed the title in an interview on MTV.

Yes, Ford is getting up there.

He’s now 65, so why did he decide to throw himself into the role once more?

In a recent *Vanity Fair* interview, Ford explained that Lucas would send him script after script, which he’d usually rebel against, until one came along that he thought sounded smart and that carried on the other stories without trying too hard to make reference to them. And of course—after that first step into the old clothes, everything fell into place.

“There’s something about the character that I guess is a good fit for me, because the minute I put the costume on, I recognize the tone that we need, and I feel confident and clear about the character,” said Ford.

Lucas and Spielberg are pretty

hush-hush on the details of the script; however, he does promise that this fourth installment will move away from Jones’ usual inclination towards archeology and have more of a (Spoiler Alert!) science fiction focus.

Joining in on the fun is rising star LaBeouf, who is rumored to be playing Mutt Williams, the love child of Jones and Marion Ravenwood, Karen Allen, who will be reprising her role from the first film.

“Since knowing about me being in this, all I do is watch *Indiana Jones*; that’s all I do with my time, just sit around and watch the movies back to back to back,” he said in a recent interview.

In a statement released by Paramount/Lucas Films, LaBeouf

said he couldn’t be more thrilled, and that “to be cast in an *Indiana Jones* film is like grabbing the brass ring and holding on for the ride.”

Another newcomer to the Indy scene is Oscar winner Cate Blanchett, who will play Agent Irina Spalko, the mega-villain in a sea of Russian Cold Warriors pit against Jones. She calls this film (to MTV) “a big bar of chocolate, you want to eat the whole thing.”

Both Spielberg and Lucas admit that they expect some fans and critics to not like the new movies. Yet Spielberg said, “the best news is that, when I saw the movie myself the first time, there was nothing I wanted to go back and shoot, nothing I wanted to re-shoot, and nothing I wanted to add.”

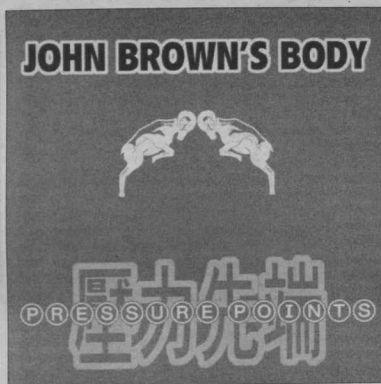
With several Oscar winners

and box-office hits under both their belts (between them, they have made 13 of the 100 top-grossing movies of all time), it’ll be interesting to see what this dream team has cooked up for the rugged archeologist and his classic franchise.

Spielberg seemed hopeful, as he looked out onto the cast and crew on their New Mexico location shoot and said, “No one’s changed, we all look the same. I just want to say: Break a leg, have a good shoot, do your best work, and here’s looking at you, kids.”

Visit indianajones.com to share in the excitement, and bum along to the theme song.

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By Chris Higgs

John Brown's Body is a group of the world music genre comprised of eight men out of New York and Massachusetts who stay true to the roots of reggae.

JBB, as the group is commonly referred, has been touring for a de-

cade and has released five albums. The latest of these albums, *Pressure Points* (2005), is a must-have for any fan of reggae, world or dub, or anyone just looking for a good collaboration of rhythm, harmony and melody.

After listening to the first song entitled “Bread,” one can really

John Brown's Body thrives on ‘Pressure’

get a feel for the treat they are in for throughout the rest of the album. With a steady-flowing and deep bass line, soothing vocals and prominent horns, JBB almost puts the listener in a trance-like state with positive vibes and rhythmic flow. After track one the hits just keep on coming.

Proceeding on to tracks such as “Blazing Love,” “New Blood,” “Resonate” and “Follow Into Shadow,” it is easy to see JBB prides itself in combining unique lyrics, harmonic vocals and a melody of horns with intricate bass guitar and hard-hitting bass drum to produce a highly original sound.

Although redundant at times with the lyrics as seen in “Make It Easy” and “What We Gonna Do,” John Brown's Body still emits a sound very different from the commonly known reggae of Bob Mar-

ley and Lee Scratch Perry, yet sticks to the guidelines these pioneers of music have left for us.

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The highlight of the album is track nine entitled “Not Enough.” The song begins with soft vocals and a short series of drum solos, but then drops into what seems like

a trance-like chant. The vocals are slow and harmonic. The horns are infrequent yet mighty. The drum and bass are the reason the listener is tapping his/her feet in time with the rhythm.

Senior Kevin West spoke highly of John Brown's Body for the album review.

“I’m pretty into reggae and dub, and it’s nice to hear something different than Bob Marley,” West said. “I recommend this album to anyone looking for a good, original sound.”

Pressure Points, or any other of John Brown's Body's music, can be found in any music store, online, through iTunes or at www.johnbrownsonbody.com. Do your ears a favor and check it out.

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Major League Baseball: Congressional Hearing on Illegal Steroid Use

Who do you believe?

By Garrett Eagan, McDaniel Guru

"I don't know what to believe. I know one thing I don't believe, and that's you," said Rep. Dan Burton, directed at Brian McNamee on Capitol Hill. While reading McNamee's past comments on Jason Grimsley and steroids, McNamee admitted to lying on several instances with steroids, of which Burton called "disgusting." While being questioned, Roger Clemens was adamant about his innocence.

"No matter what we discuss here today I'll never get my name back. Let me be clear, I have never taken steroids or HGH," said Clemens.

So who should you believe? Personally, I have no idea who to believe, but after watching most of the coverage of the hearings to-

day, I can tell you who is definitely sweating about their future. And that's Brian McNamee.

McNamee has physical evidence such as used syringes, vials and even used gauzes that will, according to McNamee, match the DNA of Clemens. The physical evidence has been kept by McNamee for over five years. The reason? McNamee claims he has never trusted Clemens, and he wanted to have something to produce if "it went down."

"Maybe it was my years as New York City police officer..." said McNamee. Maybe Clemens should have never trusted McNamee with his name. McNamee looked really nervous when testifying, but the adjective "timid" does not do justice. It was almost like McNamee

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know he wasn't being truthful with the congressional committee, and as Burton had claimed earlier, he wasn't being believed.

Clemens, however, was calm, cool and very strong in what he

told the congressmen. Rep. Virginia Foxx was prepared with a board with pictures of Clemens from Boston, Toronto, New York, and Houston. As it was evident and as Foxx commented, Clemens was the same size in all the pictures. So if the man was taking HGH, which stands for human growth hormone, shouldn't he have GROWN?

Then the subject of depositions by Andy Pettitte was brought up. When Rep. Elijah Cummings commented on how Pettitte's testimony coincided with that of McNamee's, Clemens quickly interjected with, "I think you misunderstood Andy." Did they? Pettitte is known for being one of the most honest and respectful players in the MLB today and had been totally open with investigators. So

if what Pettitte said coincides with McNamee, I think Clemens has a problem.

McNamee and Clemens are riding their statements straight into the ground. And one of them won't return if they are proven to be participating in perjury. Something has to give, and who's to say when that something will give? Will it be when the syringes are tested for DNA? Will it be when McNamee admits to lying again, about the biggest story of the nation today? Or will it be when Roger Clemens breaks down?

I think it was Terrell Owens who said, "Get your popcorn ready!"

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Kelly Pavlik defeats Jermain Taylor in rematch, while other big names train for upcoming fights

By David Nasongkhla, Commentary Co-Editor

Middleweight Kelly "The Ghost" Pavlik (33-0, 29 KO's) proved that his stunning knockout of former middleweight champ Jermaine Taylor (27-2-1) back in September 2007 was no fluke.

Pavlik scored an exciting seventh round knockout of Taylor to win his WBC Middleweight

Fans should watch out for the Cotto-Gomez fight. Cotto, considered the only welterweight who can dethrone Floyd Mayweather, is the heavy favorite to win the fight, but Gomez can flat out brawl.

championship. But that was back in September. Many critics and fans argued that Pavlik's stunning win was just lucky. But boy, were they wrong.

On February 16 in Las Vegas,

the two fighters met in the ring again, Taylor looking to avenge his loss and Pavlik hoping to silence the critics. It was an exciting fight throughout all 12 rounds.

Pavlik didn't knock Taylor out, but he threw a lot more punches and landed more superb exchanges. The fight could have gone either way until the tenth round, both fighters using crafty hands and footwork. Other opponents strengthen their resumes. However, it was Pavlik who finished strong, wobbling Taylor in the eleventh with the power shots.

Both fighters threw punches in bunches. Taylor threw 456 punches, while Pavlik threw a whopping 845. Pavlik was busy all night, breaking down Taylor until the pivotal eleventh and twelfth rounds.

Taylor came up just short of the decision on all three judges' scorecards. Even though he lost by unanimous decision, he redeemed himself and proved why he's considered a great fighter. He kept Pavlik busy all night and redefined himself as tough competition.

The two fighters probably won't fight again at middleweight,

as Taylor looks to move up in weight. However, Pavlik showed why he's the champion and plans for things to stay that way.

As for upcoming fights, Junior Lightweights Manny Pacquiao and Juan Manuel Marquez are set for their well-awaited rematch on March 15. Their first fight, which was at Featherweight, was sensational and ended up in a draw. That decision angered many boxing fans and was coined controversial. Fans have wanted the rematch ever since, and now they are going to get it. It's going to be another great fight.

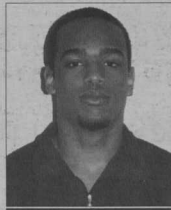
Another fight fans should watch out for is the Miguel Cotto-Alfonso Gomez fight in April. Cotto, considered the only welterweight who can dethrone Floyd Mayweather, is the heavy favorite to win the fight, but Gomez can flat out brawl. It's going to be a slugfest however it turns out.

Predictions: Pacquiao by KO in the eighth. Cotto by KO in the sixth.



Athletes giving terror a whole new meaning

Compiled by Garrett Eagan, McDaniel Guru



Chris Prior #21
Men's Basketball

The senior forward and team captain has been continually producing for the Green Terror this season. Prior's leading scoring and rebounds have aided the Terror in their first playoff berth since 1995. Coming into last Wednesday's game against Johns Hopkins, Prior has recorded 252 points and 224 rebounds. The way Prior has played recently can only be labeled as "Mean and Green."



Robbin Gregg #5
Women's Basketball

Out of 24 games recorded for the women's basketball team, the senior guard and team captain has led the Terror in scoring in 10 of the games. Gregg, who has recorded 284 points and 57 rebounds while dumping in 37 steals, has helped down conference opposition this season. Gregg has been a major part of the Terror's trip to another playoff berth this season. Gregg's role for the Terror is the epitome of "Mean and Green."

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Women's Basketball:

Milestone for Martin marked by 400 wins

By Chris Ferrick-Manley,
Sports Co-Editor

Green Terror women's basketball coach Becky Martin reached an important milestone in her career, registering her 400th victory on Saturday, February 16. The win also assured the team a spot in the conference playoffs.

Martin considers the 400th win special because of all the people that have helped contribute to her success throughout the years.

"There are a lot of names that should be underneath that," said Martin, referring to her accomplishment. "If you can remain sane long enough the wins do accumulate over the years."

She also downplayed the importance of win number 400. To her, it was equally if not more important that the current team would be finishing the season with a winning record and that the seniors would be heading to the playoffs.

Martin is also very happy with

the progress the current team has made in what was seen as a rebuilding year for the program. She believes the team is doing well with handling the pressure of a team that in past years has been nationally ranked and in the national playoffs.

Her players were excited to have been part of the historic moment. Martin is now one of only 26 coaches to have recorded 400 wins.

"Maybe by my senior year I'll be a part of Coach Martin's 500th win," said freshman guard Kim Acton.

While Acton knows that teams with lots of young players like herself are bound to have "rocky moments", she thinks that this team has a chance to win big. Specifically, Acton thinks the team has a shot at winning the conference championship if they stay focused.

Courtney Gogolinski, a senior guard and one of the captains, also thinks they have a shot at a Centennial Conference title.

"Winning the conference tournament is not too far out of reach," said Gogolinski. "It's a definite possibility."

Gogolinski also described Martin as being very humble following her milestone victory.

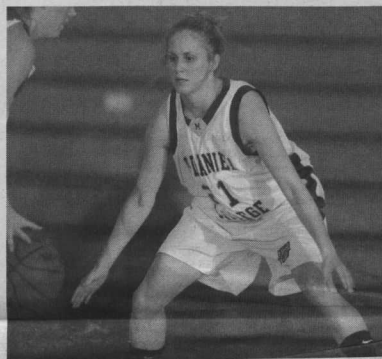
To get a chance at winning the conference tournament, the women's basketball team will first have to beat Gettysburg in the play-in game. The two teams played on Saturday, February 23 in the final game of the regular season at Gettysburg; the winner, Gettysburg, earned home court advantage for the play-in game on Wednesday, February 27.

The conference tournament will be held at Franklin & Marshall, who won the regular season conference with a stunning victory over Dickinson on Saturday.

The Terror defeated F&M on February 5, 68-59.

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"Maybe by my senior year, I'll be part of Coach Martin's 500th win." ~ Kim Acton '11



Courtney Gogolinski recorded 10 points and 5 rebounds in a loss at Gettysburg.

Swimmers set school records at champs

Chris Reed and Stephen Gomez set several program records at the Centennial Conference Championships at Franklin & Marshall on the weekend of February 23-24. Reed won a silver medal in the 100 breaststroke while setting a school record. Gomez took home a bronze medal in the 400 IM.

Two relay teams set school records in the 400 medley relay and the 800 free relay. Reed, Gomez, Scott Cammarata and Wes Henry, and Gomez, Reed, Henry, and Morgan DeHart swam the first and second events, respectively.

Whitney Schieren finished in the top 12 in three events to lead the women. Kacy Cribbs posted a 16th place finish in both the 100 and 200 breaststroke.

The men finished 6th overall, while the women placed 8th. -M.W.H. and Sports Information

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- 5) Allow it to load, and listen up.

Men celebrate spot in playoffs, 'internal affair' occurs

By Ryan Chell, Sports Co-Editor

Despite losing to the Gettysburg Bullets on Saturday, the men's basketball team has finished their best season in recent years and will be making their first playoff appearance since 1995. Coach Kevin Curley finished his first season going 15-10 and 10-8 in the Centennial Conference.

The Terror men will be the number four seed in the Conference playoffs and will play number five seed Dickinson on Wednesday.

The season was a success, but there has been a lot of drama for the team as they have limped into the playoffs.

On Wednesday, spirits were high as the Terror men faced Conference opponent Johns Hopkins at home. If they recorded a win, they would have been guaranteed a first-

round bye, a win on senior night in their final home game of the season, and Coach Curley would have recorded his 15th victory of the season at home, a record for first-year coaches in the Centennial Conference.

"We wanted to play well for the seniors," said Curley. "[Hopkins] is a good team, and we knew it would be a battle."

And a battle it was. In the last game against Hopkins, the Terror won in a close 59-56 match-up in Baltimore, where the Blue Jays missed a three-pointer to tie the game. This time the game was still 59-56 in favor of McDaniel with six seconds left. It looked as if the Green Terror would sweep the Jays and be guaranteed the number two seed in the playoffs, but this time, Hopkins hit the three.

Hopkins' Doug Polster hit a spectacular three-pointer to tie the

game and force overtime. In the extra period, Hopkins won 76-68.

"It was a tough game," Curley said. "We had a slow start offensively, and in overtime, it was the same story. It was frustrating, but you can't question our intensity."

Curley also gave Hopkins a lot of credit for making the big shot and forcing the game into overtime.

More drama occurred in this game than just the box score. According to reports from Sports Information and the *Carroll County Times*, an incident occurred between junior forward Chad Arrington and some of the coaching staff.

As the game progressed, senior Chris Prior, who had 22 points and 15 rebounds, fouled out.

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Rumors floated around Thursday and Friday that Arrington may have quit, or that he was kicked off the team.

Though seen sitting in the stands, Arrington did not travel with the team in the 78-57 loss to the Bullets on Saturday, and his presence was greatly missed offensively, but McDaniel still out-rebounded Gettysburg 38-35.

Arrington said he could not comment as of press time, as a final verdict had not yet been handed down.

Coach Curley politely declined to discuss the situation, citing the incident as an internal affair, but a source close to the team said that, according to Curley, no action has been taken against Arrington, and a decision on his status has not

been made as of press time.

The Bullets (21-3, 16-2) set a record for most wins in a season, and Dan Capkin of Gettysburg recorded his 1,000th career point in the game.

Even with the loss, it is still playoff time on the Hill, hosting Dickinson at home on Wednesday. Hopefully they will be able to correct some things on and off the court.

"It depends on who we play," Curley said. "We will probably have to adjust on some things."

Information compiled from Sports Information. Chris Ferrick-Manley and Garrett Eagan contributed to this article.

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Problems with Brussels campus

New policy confronts Greek underground

By Bethany Grové

Beginning in Fall 2008, there will be a new policy prohibiting students from participating in underground "Greek" organizations. Undergrounds will not be allowed to meet as a group, participate in on-campus activities as a group, wear or display the letters or insignia, according to Amanda Rose, assistant director of college activities.

"As a college we are taking a strong stance on exterminating underground organizations," said Rose. "Looking at some other schools shows the best way to do it is having a policy, so new students coming in realize that it is not okay. If you choose to be a part of these groups or associate with these groups, there are consequences for your actions."

Rose said the disciplinary ac-

tion will depend on the student's judicial history and the context of the actions, such as displaying an organization's insignia or defacing the campus.

The new policy is part of an overall attempt by Student Affairs to eliminate underground organizations, a process that involves meeting with the members and asking them to cease and desist.

According to Rose, under-

ground organizations do not have insurance or supervisors, so they have more liability issues than the recognized chapters. If someone in the group were injured or killed, the college and the individuals in the organization would both be liable.

Rose said the college is taking a strong stance because they

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Athlete airlifted

By Garrett Eagan

Senior Kevin Flanagan, a Green Terror lacrosse player, was injured around 4:30 p.m. during practice on Tuesday, March 3.

The Westminster Fire Department responded along with Campus Safety. Flanagan had to be airlifted to a nearby hospital, in a scene that has become all too common on the Hill this academic year.

Flanagan had sustained a concussion during practice on Tuesday evening, in what junior Jason Stealy called a "freak accident."

Mike Webster, director of Campus Safety, said that Trooper 3 Air Transport arrived at 5:10 p.m. According to Luke Stillson, director of Sports Information, Flanagan was air transported as a precautionary measure. This has become standard practice with any incident involving a head injury.

This is the third time a McDaniel student has been airlifted from campus due to an injury during an athletic practice.

Unforgettable

New exhibit in Rice Gallery by Robert Jones



Joan Hack

On Tuesday, February 26 the Rice Gallery introduced this month's show, "About a Hundred Things I Forgot," a collection of figure paintings by Robert Jones. His artwork will be on display through March 21. To learn more about the artist, visit www.Robertsparrowjones.blogspot.com.

Above, Beau Horning and Caitlin Buckland take a closer look at Jones' oil painting on panel entitled, "A Child's Diagram of all the Planets including Pluto."

For more photos of the event, see **page 7** *j/h*

Campus phone system to be replaced by computerized VoIP

By Michelle Menner

Up until the fall semester of 2007, students were asked to provide their four digit extension when scheduling an appointment at the writing center, but now according to writing tutor Naomi Raphael, they're asked, "What is the number where we can reach you?"

Often students provide their cell phone number. The shift from "what's your extension" to "what is the number where we can reach you" highlights the growing change on campus of students using their cell phones instead of their dorm telephones.

Raphael said that she didn't

even know her four digit extension, and junior Teresa Rauden pulled the plug on her phone.

It may seem that students find their provided land lines useless. However, some students, like Raphael's roommate, use their extensions when their cell phones don't work.

Even though the rare student may be using their phone line, the faculty members are using the phone lines the most.

"My sense is that our current phone system is betwixt and between," said Provost Tom Falkner. "In terms of student use, land lines are pretty much obsolete, but offices still need telephones that can

do traditional things."

The campus' need for a phone system and the students' irrelevant attitudes towards the system often cause a little bit of trouble.

Kellie Wuorinen, McDaniel's telecommunication/student network manager, receives complaints from faculty "all the time" about the inability to leave messages for students because their PhoneMail is full.

Since faculty members are now making long distance calls to students on their cell phones is this causing an increase in the phone budget?

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Garden apartments will be ready in May

By Juliann Guilfré,
Features Co-Editor

The new Garden apartments will be completed by the end of this semester, with capacity rising from 96 people to 108 to accommodate for renovations taking place in Blanche south after.

The new Garden apartments will have 12 apartments with kitchens and 12 with the suite style living; all will have new geo-thermal air conditioning, which Ethan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance, says will save the school money in utility bills. The project is projected to cost \$4 to \$4.5 million after everything is completed.

"I think we're going to come in on the low end of that range," said Seidel, "but you never know what the drillers are going to run into or what problems will arise."

Seidel said that after adding about 18 more kitchens in the new North Village apartments, they wanted more diversity in the Garden apartments. The suite style apartments are also less costly.

Sophomore Megan Hildebrand thinks that most juniors and seniors would prefer having a kitchen to open up the options for food. Senior Jessica Dittman, who has lived in both the old Garden

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Hazing Hotline has been relatively silent

The system enables students to report incidents of hazing in all campus organizations

By David Robertson

Within its first semester of existence, McDaniel College's Hazing Hotline was used about eight times. It has had no recent activity, according to Amanda Rose, assistant director of College Activities.

"This is very positive," said Rose.

The Hazing Hotline was established by the Division of Student Affairs during Fall Semester 2006. After doing research of other colleges in our division, Rose said she thought it would be beneficial for McDaniel's to have such a resource. Maryland's Annotated Code of 1957, Article 29, concerning Crimes and Punishments, defines

hazing as "any act or causing any situation which recklessly or intentionally subjects a student to the risk of serious bodily injury for the purpose of initiation into a student organization of a school, college, or university."

Located in Rose's office, the Hotline answering service is an anonymous way for students or administrators to report incidents of hazing from athletics, Greek organizations or other student groups.

Rose reviews all of the voice-mails and, if necessary, forwards them to Dean Beth Gerl.

"The Hotline has led to investigations of various groups on campus," said Rose. The information left on the answering service is

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further explored before any actions are taken.

Once the information is received,

"We have communication and conversations with the group involved," said Rose.

After contacting a number of students, most are unaware of the hotline's existence.

However, a short description of it warranted positive feedback for its availability to the McDaniel College community.

"The Hotline is a point of access for the campus community and gives administrators oversight for Greek organizations," said junior Mary Beth Bounds. "It simply provides another channel of information."

"Because it's anonymous, students feel comfortable approaching the subject," added Bounds.

Rose stated that the Hotline is not just focused on Greek organizations.

"Anywhere hazing occurs should be reported," said Rose. "I want to stress that hazing is not just a fraternity or sorority issue."

Students who know of any incidents that should be reported or warrant further investigation, should contact the hotline at (410) 871-3114, or by campus phone at extension 3114.

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The Lighter Side of the Campus Safety Blotter



Becky Snider '09
Blotter Reporter

Editor's Note: This weekly piece highlights some of the more insane calls and incidents to which campus safety responds.

Well March is here. Now let's talk about getting those parties started, or not.

The campus has been eerily quiet. I personally blame the horrendous weather we've been wreaked with. Is all very logical you see. Due to the fact that us students have been trapped inside our spacious dorm rooms, we've well, grown creative.

Coupled with the usual hours of drinking games in Rouzer and

the PA apartments, Blanche has been experiencing its own type of fun. Around noon on February 24, students reported having their room broken into. What was stolen you ask?

Food.

Apparently no one wants to leave the comfort of their dorms. Thus two individuals decided, "Hey, why not break into someone's room and steal their food?" Several items of snack food were taken. The two suspects were confronted, and the two suspects then offered to reimburse the stolen food.

Theft seems to be a theme late-

ly. A vehicle in the Garden apartments' lot had several items taken from it. Not only that, it seemed to be really insignificant and even kid-like. Seems that people are starting to practice for April Fool's Day already.

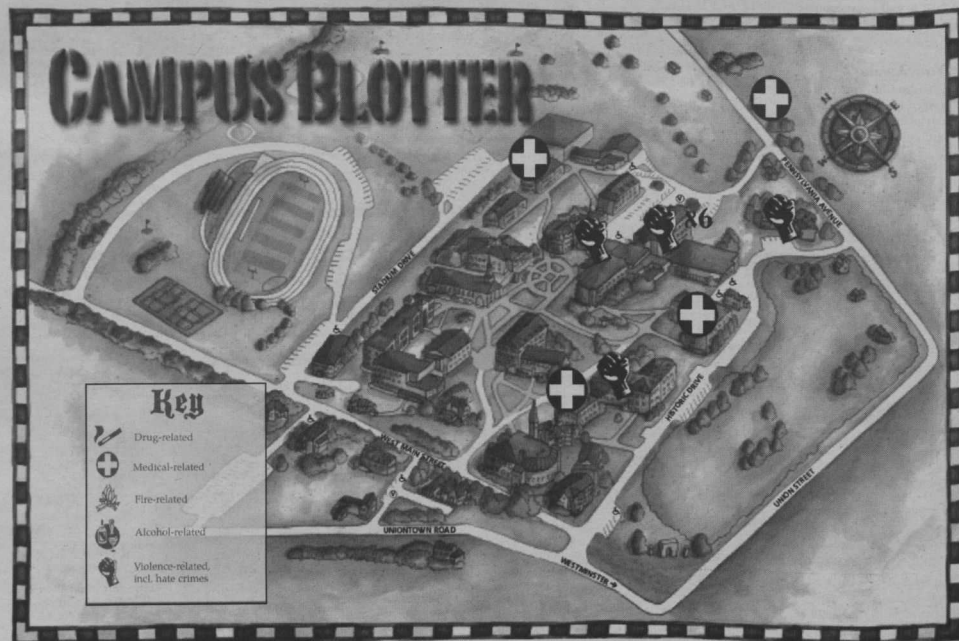
Apparently that can't keep people occupied enough. A student was documented for urinating in public in front of Rouzer around midnight on February 29. Perhaps said student thought the brick building looked a little dirty and could use a little good washing? Honestly, you never know.

You never know why people

do the things they do. Like driving at excessive speeds in the old tennis courts parking lot. I have it on good theory that the driver was over excited about the new Speed Racer movie though. Like I said, you never know.

So with that I bid you a good spring break and a Happy St. Patty's Day. Perhaps campus will miraculously "spring" to life when we return.

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Underground Greek life discouraged

Administration interviews underground Greek organizations and hope to stop activity

By Rose Eney

In the last few decades, the "underground" Greek organization, has emerged. The school administration and some students worry that these underground organizations cause problems and promote negative stereotypes about Greek life. Recently, the school has decided to take action in order to eliminate these illegal entities.

This process of elimination has begun with an investigation into the actions of a Phi Alpha Mu. Future meetings will take place with the men of Chi Delta Upsilon, Gamma Beta Chi and Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Assistant Director of College Activities Amanda Rose said, "The whole basis for stopping the underground groups is to help the McDaniel Greek community."

She explained that there are a lot of on-campus organizations that bring many good things to the

school, and they are trying to improve that condition by eliminating the underground ones.

The first major action that the school has taken to begin eliminating these groups was the investigation into the actions of Phi Alpha Mu, a group of women who had joined a remnant of an old on-campus sorority.

Rose said that this investigation started in the fall of 2007 and was based on information that had come to the school that same semester. Reports of activities reminiscent of hazing were brought to light by McDaniel parents and teachers.

The way that the school went about this investigation was simple. Rose said they, meaning herself and Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster, gathered a list of the women known to be affiliated with Phi Alpha Mu. They then spoke with each one separately and asked them similar questions in order to collect information.

This information was used to determine whether or not the group was still functioning as an organization and bringing in new members. They also had follow-up

interviews with a few members to clarify some details.

"There was no doubt in our minds that the group was still acting underground," Rose said.

They chose to wait until two weeks into the spring semester of 2008 to call all the women in for a group meeting. The meeting was direct and was scheduled to give the former Phi Alpha Mu members the results of their investigation.

Webster, Rose, Vice President of Student Affairs Beth Gerl, and Director of College Activities Mitchell Alexander all met with the women to explain that they must stop functioning as an organization.

This means that they cannot meet as a group, participate in on-campus activities as a group, wear or display the letters or insignia of Phi Alpha Mu or do anything else that would continue the group's existence.

Rose said that they fielded questions as well and that she "has no problem explaining and talking with students."

She believes that everyone who joined Phi Alpha Mu after the group's suspension in the spring of

2005 knew that they were not recognized for a reason, but did not realize that joining would impact the group's ability to reform on campus.

One unnamed former member of Phi Alpha Mu said, "I felt exhausted by the investigation, mentally and physically."

Another former member said that she felt completely attacked by the way that the school went about the investigations.

As for the other underground groups, they too will have meetings with school officials. The school knows of the existence of these groups because of how small McDaniel's campus is and because "it's obvious," according to Rose.

She added that they are not 100 percent sure whether the three other underground groups are still taking members or not, but the fact that they exist is the issue.

The meetings with Chi Delta Upsilon and Gamma Beta Chi will be straightforward. The school will be telling their suspected members to cease and desist.

The case of Sigma Phi Epsilon will be different since many members have been given "alumni sta-

tus" by their national organization. The real question for them will be about the members they may have who weren't initiated at the time their charter was revoked.

There are three main goals that the school hopes to accomplish, which include getting rid of the unrecognized organizations, promoting the growth of the recognized and expanding the Greek life spectrum that exists.

They have several ways planned to enforce the banishment of the underground groups from now on. For the spring semester of 2008, former underground members who do not abide by the rules that the school has set for them will be charged with "failure to comply with a college official."

This investigation, meetings, new policy and overall process has been for the betterment of McDaniel's Greek community.

"We have a long history," Rose said, "and we want to keep that."

Rose Eney is a member of Phi Alpha Mu.

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New policy drafted to eliminate underground Greek activity

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want the Greek community to be stronger and safer.

Rose said organizations mainly go underground due to suspension by the college for hazing or alcohol use, but it could also be due to lacking manpower or finances.

Senior Paul Boyd, a member of an underground organization, Chi Delta Upsilon, said he feels their case is unlike most. In 1994, the fraternity could not pay the national dues to Delta Upsilon, so the national organization would not recognize them as a chapter. McDaniel refuses to recognize Greek organizations that are not affiliated with a national organization, so the group became Chi Delta Upsilon and went underground.

"I feel as though it's taking away some of the basic freedoms people have to organize in general," Boyd said. "I don't really understand why people can't meet. Some of the organizations have done things wrong, but we never have."

Rose said the seven Greek organizations that are recognized by the college have jumped on board with the new policy. The new rule will also prohibit established Greek organizations from holding socials or functions with underground groups.

Junior Laura Davis, presi-

dent of Phi Mu, said she thinks this new rule will benefit the Greek community as a whole by sending a clear message about underground groups.

"The new rule is not designed to discourage personal friendships with members of these groups, but rather to show that their organization is not a legitimate part of the Greek community," Davis said. "Students often complain about underground groups but still hold functions with them, which sends mixed messages. Hopefully this new rule will discourage future students from joining underground organizations since it takes away one of the benefits of being affiliated with a Greek chapter on campus."

Junior Erika Wawzyanick, the president of Alpha Nu Omega said she agrees with the new policy and also thinks it will be advantageous to the Greek community.

"I think that the new rule is a great step in a process to improve Greek life at McDaniel," Wawzyanick said. "I can say confidently that everyone in my organization is behind this proposal in the hopes it will bring... more people into the Greek system and we will build a stronger Greek community."

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ROTC participates in annual field training exercises



By Scott Edmunds, Contributor

The Green Terror Battalion has certainly been busy this year. If you are not familiar with the loud cadences the unit calls while running at 6:30 in the morning, then you have probably seen the cadets in uniform at sporting events or walking around campus.

The new Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Sean Schumaker and his Cadre have increased enrollment by over 35 new cadets. Of course, as the battalion increases cadet strength it is becoming more and more integrated into the college experience.

Each semester McDaniel's, Mount Saint Mary's, and Hood's cadets come together for a field training exercise (FTX). The weekend long training event teaches the cadets first aid, land navigation, marksmanship and other various military skills.

One of the most common events at the FTX and a favorite of many is the repelling tower. A

new activity this year was the Field Leadership Reaction Course. The FLRC is an obstacle course where every cadet is given an opportunity to be placed in a leadership position and overcome a difficult task while leading several other cadets.

Another big event that kept the Green Terror Battalion busy last fall was the Ranger Challenge competition. This event is a long and physically grueling one as the best cadets come together from the 17 schools in 3rd Brigade to demonstrate their advanced military skills.

Various events include grenade throwing, M16 disassemble and assemble, M16 qualification, river crossing using the one-rope method, a ten kilometer foot march and the Army Physical Fitness Test.

The Green Terror Battalion placed fourth in our division and will do better next year. Lieutenant Colonel Schumaker and the several cadets involved already have the training plan prepared for next year's Ranger Challenge team.

Regrettably, the event fell on McDaniel's homecoming weekend, so the cadets involved were not able to participate in the homecoming festivities.

As a sophomore in the ROTC program I have really enjoyed my two years here. ROTC is constantly giving me chances to be challenged physically and mentally. It offers great leadership development as well as money for my tuition, room, board and books.

One of the best things about ROTC is the many different experiences it provides to cadets that regular college students may never experience.

While many college students will be trying to find a job after they graduate, I will already be employed by the United States Army and given the chance to serve my country, which is the most rewarding feeling ROTC can offer.

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New Garden apartments feature kitchens, suites

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apartments and the new North Village, disagree.

"With my schedule I tended not to use [the kitchen] to cook anyways. I really only needed to fridge. I think most students will be happy without the kitchen... since most don't have it for two years anyways, they won't really miss it," Dittman said.

The old Garden apartments had been built in 1975, and Seidel felt the style was very dated. Dittman added that the lighting was very poor; "there was one dim light for the living room and in the bedrooms there was one rather dark lamp." So while Gardens wasn't at the top of the list for renovations, it certainly needed them.

"The renovations to Garden apartments to upgrade the buildings and address some of the longer term facilities issues there will certainly help to make that housing more attractive and comfortable to the students again," said Michael Robbins, director of Residence Life.

The construction on the Garden apartments is part of a larger master plan to renovate many of the residential buildings, presumably ending with the conversion of a portion of Rouzer Hall to offices, space for clubs and other school organizations.



Renovated. The Garden apartments on Pennsylvania Avenue sit behind piles of dirt where cars were parked last year.

Robbins also thinks that "it is a very encouraging sign that McDaniel College has entered into an aggressive housing renovation plan and is devoting resources to back it up."

Seidel said that around 1987 the school came up with a master plan to renovate several academic buildings, including the addition of Academic Hall, Hoover Library, and the campus walkway system.

"After those projects were completed, President Coley determined that our next master plan should focus on residential space," Seidel said.

Soon after the plan was established, they realized that in order to renovate the current buildings they would need to build a residential new space to hold the over flow of students.

"The second phase of North

Village was 100% dedicated to allowing us to renovate the old residential halls," said Seidel. They knew the construction on the new North Village apartments wouldn't be done until halfway through the fall 2007 semester, so Seidel said that the logical choice was to let students sign up for these apartments and let them live in the Garden apartments while construction was being finished.

"Everything just fell into place. The new North Village apartments would hold 90 students and the old Garden apartments held 96," said Seidel. "That's how Gardens became the first residential hall we are renovating."

The plan is to start renovations on Blanche Ward Hall soon after those in Garden are completed and make enough progress over the summer to have students occupy one wing of the building in the fall. Again, Seidel said the numbers just work out; there is enough room in the new Garden apartments to empty the back wing of Blanche. Several new rooms will be added to Blanche but won't add to the capacity of the building because of the placement of a lounge on each floor.

According to Robbins, discussions have begun for work to be done in McDaniel Hall once Blanche is complete.

McDaniel borrowed \$20 million in the fall of 2006 which helped to fund North Village, the new fitness center and Gardens.

"Overlaid on that is the money from the Carpe Diem campaign. Both have allowed us to keep on going," said Seidel. "The money for Blanche is there, but after that we don't know. We have to keep fundraising."

Unsung Hero:

'Hey, it's the bookstore guy'

By Ryan Barre, Contributor

Throughout the past 15 years, the McDaniel Bookstore has been what every college wants from a bookstore. McDaniel doesn't have the biggest bookstore with the most books, nor does it have the largest selection of apparel; however, the service it has provided is unmatched by most other schools thanks to manager Kyle Meloche.

Meloche, born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, has been working at the McDaniel Bookstore since 1992. He began as a student worker that year and after graduating from Western Maryland College with a degree in art history and graphic design in 1994, came back to McDaniel to work at the bookstore full time.

In 1993 Meloche met his wife, Amy, while both were students. They tied the knot in 1997 and more recently gave birth to their first child. Meloche and his wife currently live in Westminster with their 2 1/2 year-old daughter, Emma, and spend as much time together as possible when he's not working.

Many people feel that Meloche is genuinely one of the nicest and most caring people working at McDaniel.

"He never fails to greet a cus-

tomers with a smile and he always seems to be in a good mood," said senior Dave Grimaldi.

Foreign language professor Dr. Mohamed Eisa said that Kyle has a "unique skill."

"I've never seen him lose his temper and he is always polite," Eisa said.

However, just being nice and smiling a lot is not what makes Meloche an unsung hero. It is the tasks that he performs day in and day out, semester after semester that go above and beyond the requirements of a bookstore manager. Almost every member of the student body and faculty that has interacted with Meloche has seen him go out of his way to meet their needs.

"Kyle is more than just a bookstore manager... we depend on him as faculty," said Donna Evergates, history professor. "He understands what we need and is very sensitive to our needs."

One thing that everyone agrees makes Meloche so valuable is the knowledge he has in so many areas. One could expect a bookstore manager to know a fair amount about different books in his store but Meloche's knowledge goes way beyond books. His knowledge of the school's curriculum is overwhelming, which allows him to

help with any problem someone has, regardless of whether they are student or faculty.

"Don't underestimate him. He knows a lot about the classes here," said Grimaldi. "He knows what teachers are hard and what classes to take which has helped me when picking classes."

Senior Dylan Judah said, "If I need a book, I don't even have to know the name of it. I just tell him the teacher or class and he automatically brings me the book somehow."

Past faculty members have encountered problems with books for their classes and Meloche has fixed them in an instant. After receiving a book for one of his courses, Eisa went to Kyle a day after the semester started and asked if he could get a different book to sell to the students instead of the one he originally wanted.

"Of course he said 'Sure.' That and 'no problem' are his two main responses when I need something," said Eisa.

Evergates added, "If we have a last-minute request for a book, he gets it over night."

It's clear that Meloche loves his job as well as the people and environment at McDaniel. He supports the school in any way that he can and has made contributions

that extend far beyond academics.

"I sponsor a lot of events on campus such as German-American Day, and Kyle always supports these events when I ask him to," Eisa said.

Although many people see him as an "unsung hero," Meloche does not see it that way.

"I am just working hard and doing my job," Meloche said. "I don't understand how people can

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In his earlier years at the bookstore, one of the students he knew as a customer invited Kyle to his wedding which he said "hit the spot." He isn't sure why he was invited but he was glad that he was.

Despite his somewhat modest

approach, Meloche always appreciates recognition. Although he has not been previously recognized by the school, he is grateful for the customer service awards from Barnes and Noble and past stories written about him.

He works approximately 55 hours a week including some Saturdays, limiting time for the hobbies he loves such as fishing and going to the micro-brewery with his friends, yet he never complains. He has been offered multiple positions at regular retail stores but believes that's not for him.

Every year at Homecoming, between six and eight students come back and say, "Hey, it's the bookstore guy," which Meloche highlighted as his best individual experience working at McDaniel. "It just makes me feel good that they remember me," he added.

Many unsung heroes like Meloche don't get the public recognition they deserve, but that does not mean they are unappreciated. Eisa has known Kyle since he was in school and would love to see him recognized for what he does.

"I don't know if there are awards to give to staff, but if there are he would be at the top of my list," said Eisa.

McDaniel welcomes inner-city youths

'Transform a Future' program inspires students to think about their futures

By Geoff Peckham,
News Co-Editor

The dreams of the students of West Baltimore Middle School run high. Thirteen-year-old Diamond Brock wants to be either a CEO or an actress. Eleven-year-old Terry Quickley wants to be a lawyer, at least if his NBA career doesn't pan out. Twelve-year-olds Tori Haskins and Jennifer Fox want to be veterinarians, and 13-year-old Maurissa Cromwell wants to be an electrical engineer.

These were among the inner-city youths who were welcomed by McDaniel students and faculty on February 27 for a program called "Transform a Future," which was organized in hopes of inspiring these students think about their future in a way they may not have otherwise.

The 22 students arrived on campus that morning for a day of activities sponsored by the Departments of Foreign Language, Music, Sociology, and the Office of Multicultural Services. They sat in on a class and listened to representatives from the school's cheerleaders, football, basketball, and soccer teams, as well as from the Black Student Union. The day also included lunch in Englar Dining Hall and a brief tour of the campus, including the library, the gym, the athletic fields, and even North Village.

"I always felt that it is our responsibility as adults to hold high



DR. LAUREN DUNDLES

expectations for our youth," said Erika Hall, one of the teachers from West Baltimore Middle and a member of Western Maryland College's class of 1999. "I wanted them to get the college experience at a young age."

Hall decided McDaniel would be natural fit for this project, so she contacted her former Sociology professor, Dr. Lauren Dundes. Dundes in turn contacted junior Genai Moore, who is from the inner-city, and was excited to be involved. She coordinated with Hall to organize the entire day.

Students who came were selected based on their open-mindedness, academics, behavior, and potential. Hall says that the students chosen "had a special quality

and [needed] to be encouraged to do something with their talents."

"I was really pleased with the kids," said Dr. Robin Armstrong, who teaches the African-American music class the students sat in on. "They were on task and thoughtful. I think it's a great kind of activity for both these students and college students to improve their communication skills."

Dundes emphasized that the day was not just a fun day away from school, but a chance to experience something they may not have otherwise. She said it was exciting to see young people looking at the college with "fresh eyes" and that she was quite sure that for at least a few of the kids, it would make them want to attend college.

Hall, who teaches 7th grade algebra at West Baltimore Middle School, said she saw excitement in the students even before they went, especially knowing that she had graduated from there. The opportunity seemed to motivate them, especially after they were informed that they were specially selected.

The excitement after their day at McDaniel was even more visible for all involved. Dundes said she saw a real sincerity in the way they thanked the students who took the time to talk to them. "The wonderment and awe were really heart-warming," she said. "This is exactly what McDaniel is supposed to be about."

The students received McDaniel T-shirts and goodie bags cour-

tesy of ROTC upon leaving, and gave the McDaniel students and faculty thank you cards in return.

"I would encourage people to give back to their communities," Moore said, who hopes to continue this sort of work after the graduates. She and Hall expressed their gratitude to all who helped make the day possible, from both McDaniel and West Baltimore Middle.

"This trip has ignited an interest," Hall said, adding that that many have expressed they want to attend McDaniel or another college in the future. "This is just the beginning."

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Bio and business top prices for college textbooks

Biology and business majors spend an estimated \$550-700, while English majors spend around \$300

By Christine Boynton,
News Co-Editor

As an English major with a business major roommate, I've always been amazed at how much more books can cost each semester, depending on your particular area of study. I would come back from the bookstore, complaining about my \$270 book load, only to get glares from other apartment mates, who dropped over \$500.

According to Kyle Meloche, McDaniel College Bookstore manager, it is the biology and business majors who spend the most each fall semester, and the English majors who spend the least.

He estimates that these majors spend around \$550-700, while English majors will typically spend around \$300 a semester. However, he adds "It is a bit difficult to say due to the BLAR requirements that students have to take as well."

Senior political science major Mollie van Lieu said that her more expensive books were for BLARs. The books for her major tend to be cheaper, because they're usually specifically-themed entries instead of giant textbooks.

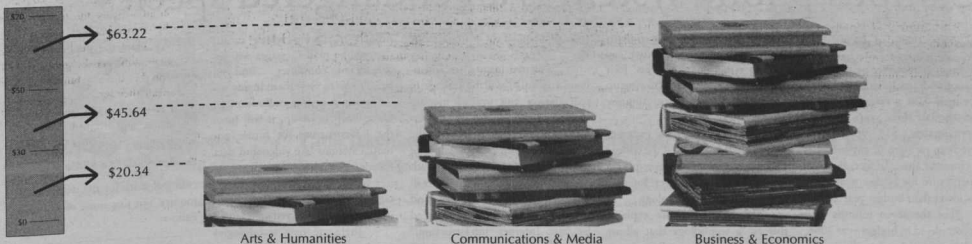
Senior biochemistry major Dennis Marcello estimated he's spent nearly \$2,000 on books for science alone.

"I recommend future students go online to get them cheaper," Marcello said. He recalled a friend who bought a textbook online for over \$100 less than the book store.

After doing a search of textbook costs by subject on a college textbook website, I recorded the price of the first 20 books listed and did the average cost of one book for eight different subject areas. The lowest price, on average, for a single book was in the Arts & Humanities, with the highest being in Business and Economics.

Additional reporting contributed by Geoff Peckham.

Arts & Humanities	\$20.34
History & Geography	\$28.00
Education	\$30.16
Social Sciences	\$39.38
Communications & Media	\$45.64
Languages & Literature	\$50.61
Math & Science	\$52.07
Business & Economics	\$63.22



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Shedding light on the deaf culture

One deaf student discusses her life experiences and dispels some common misconceptions

By Meredith Tucker, Contributor

When I was four years old, my grandmother sat in the middle of our church flipping birdies—she was trying to teach me the sign for the letter “D.” She wasn’t being profane; she was just a little confused.

When I was ten, my mom asked me one day if I wanted to have a nice sex. I guess my shocked expression made her realize she had confused the close signs for “apple” and “sex.”

When you are deaf, you need to have a sense of humor.

My name is Meredith Tucker, a transfer student majoring in English here at McDaniel College. I am a full time mother to a first grader, and I am deaf. My goal is to

specialize as a literacy specialist in the field of deaf education.

People wonder what it is like to be deaf and how we go about living our lives. Some hesitate to ask, but I appreciate the chance to explain.

I thought for my first article I would address some of the questions I have been asked, the apparent myths and facts about the deaf and hard of hearing and my own life experience in the deaf world.

Allow me to clarify that deaf generally indicates a person with no hearing, and a hard of hearing person has limited hearing, which varies from person to person.

I was born before there was any federal initiative to help parents of deaf children until the age of five, but I was lucky to have parents that

recognized I needed to develop language before the age of five. They worked hard with me at home even though they had to figure out so much for themselves. Every deaf child is an individual and schools now treat them and educate them this way, creating individual education plans for them.

I suppose because I have always been deaf, that to me is how life is. When people ask my mom what having a deaf child was like, she always says that it just added “a lot of spice to the family,” and I hope she will stay off the subject of apples.

For more information about deaf culture, read *For Hearing People Only* by Matthew Moore and Linda Levin.

Myth v. Fact

Myth: American Sign Language (ASL) and English are the same language.

Fact: The structure for ASL is very different than English and is mainly used for communicating; it has no written form. English is a spoken and written language. I had to learn ASL as a primary language to be able to communicate with others and to be able to visualize what others are trying to tell me in English. In ASL, it is definitely easier to see action.

Myth: Do deaf people read lips?

Fact: I will say that not ALL people in the deaf community are able to read lips. Some will develop lip reading when others are not skilled at it. English is a difficult language to lip read as 70% of it looks the same to a deaf person according to Matthew Moore and Linda Levin, authors of *For Hearing People Only*.

Myth: Deaf children should be put in special education.

Fact: Deaf students have different levels of exposure to education and language according to what is available in their school district due to when their deafness is discovered and other factors.

Hand art and visual poetry, a multicultural experience

Deaf conference explores the creativity that flows in various deaf cultures

By Rachel Hooper, Features Co-Editor

A conference that stretched the mind and the imagination was held from February 29 to March 1, sponsored by Swarthmore College's linguistics department. The title, “Around the Deaf World in Two Days (It's a Small World): Sign Languages, Social Issues/Civil Rights, Creativity” let attendees know that a broad range of topics would be presented.

The parking lot was the first hint that this weekend would be something special. The lot was crisscrossed with license plates from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Maryland, Virginia and even farther away, far out numbering those from Pennsylvania where the conference was held.

The entrance to the building and hallways was plastered with posters of Hand Art—a special form of photography displaying hands painted and posed to represent delightful animals and imaginary beings. This was a special treat for the arriving educators,

professionals and students who had traveled distances to attend this two-day deaf event with an international focus.

The conference was free of charge because of the generous sponsorship of the William J. Cooper Foundation. The speakers traveled from Texas, Illinois, Washington DC, Virginia and Connecticut. Several of the panelists were from Great Britain. There was standing room only and enthusiastic students found seats for themselves on railings and windowsills.

Who knew that sign language took so many different forms of different countries and regions of the world? The opening speaker, Carol Padden from the University of California San Diego, asked how many sign languages are there in the world? The exact number is unknown, but each presenter went on to tell of more new and different sign languages from small cultural groups and remote parts of the world like Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

Professor Mark Rust, coordinator of the graduate program in deaf education, attended the conference along with a few McDaniel students. He appreciated the overall focus of the conference.

“It was very encouraging to see,” said Rust.

A presentation that Rust particularly enjoyed was the lecture by Karen Nakamura from Yale University entitled, “Deaf in Japan: Signing and the Politics of Identity.”

The conference presenters repeated a disturbing set of statistics from the World Federation of the Deaf. There are 70 million people who are deaf throughout the world; 80% of deaf children in the world are illiterate and most are in developing nations. Most are not born deaf; they become deaf because the families can't afford medical care.

The presentation by Debora Karp, director of the Deaf AIDS Project in Landover, MD, and Lyle Monaghan, University of Wyoming, “HIV/AIDS in Deaf Communities,” was particularly disturbing and so was the prevalence of HIV and AIDS in the deaf communities within developing countries. The difficulty of communication and isolation from sources of health information has led to this knowledge gap.

People who are being tested for HIV/AIDS require counseling services, and currently with government funding cuts there were

no counseling services available for the deaf. Maryland is fortunate to have a strong AIDS education program, according to Rust.

“Harry Woodley is one particular reason,” said Rust about the activist from Baltimore. “He’s the founder of the Deaf AIDS project.”

McDaniel student Antoinette Smith had never been to a conference such as this before. She is taking ASL I and feels the conference was a good learning experience, especially with the multi-media services.

The technological assistance supporting the speakers was impressive, with each signing presenter projected onto an enlarged video screen, video interpreters, British ASL interpreters and a projection screen with written English called CART (Communication Access Real-Time Transcription). She could choose to listen to the video interpreters if she wished but she found it possible to understand much of the signing.

Even students who have never studied ASL or deaf studies but were interested in international affairs or civil rights could have appreciated this program. Others interested in the arts would have

found the art and poetry presentations fascinating. The evening poetry presentation was given by British poets Rachel Sutton-Spence from the University in British Sign Language (BSL) and Paul Scott, described in the conference flyer as “one of Britain's foremost British Sign Language poets.”

Smith described the poetry as “very visual, so even if you didn't know sign language you could kind of see where he was going...what he was portraying.”

“He was very visual and very active so it was good,” Smith added. “I liked it.”

Smith also loved the hand art saying it was “pretty cool to look at...how people can make their hands out of different animals and just by a pose and using different fingers...I've never seen anything like that in my life.”

All in all it was a valuable learning experience for Smith.

“I didn't even know sign language was almost 200 years old...so it was a great experience,” said Smith. “I'm definitely going again in two years.”

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Campus phone system is an endangered species

From “Phones” on Page 1

Dr. Ehan Seidel, vice president for finance and administration said in an e-mail, “The average total cost...over the last three years has been approximately \$157,000. There have been no signs of any increases in cost over time. In fact, the total expenditure for budget year 2007 was lower than budget year 2006.”

“For the seven months this far completed in budget year 2008, we have experienced no discernible difference from prior years,” Seidel

added. “If staff are calling students more frequently on students' cell phones rather than students' old digit extensions, it isn't showing up to date in the cost of operating the phone system.”

However, some new expenses may be on the horizon if the college decides to switch to a new phone system called Voice over Internet Protocol or VoIP technology.

The FCC's website explains this as “a technology that allows you to make voice calls using a broadband internet connection in-

stead of a regular (or analog) phone line.”

“The two immediate advantages [of VoIP] will be savings in space/power and unified messaging. Currently our PBX system takes a lot of valuable space in the computer center, and uses lots of power that generates heat. With VoIP, basically all the hardware will reduce down to a few boxes, and the phone network will be replaced by our Internet infrastructure,” said information technology CIO Esther Iglich. “Second it will allow

unified messaging which means that phone mail messages will reside on your computer...and you can choose to view them in any order either in text or audio formats. Once VoIP is set up, it will form the infrastructure for future potential systems like video and data transfer over 'phone lines.”

So, if there are several advantages to this new phone system why isn't it in place yet?

“There are new technologies out there, like VoIP, but we'll want to make sure that whatever we de-



cide will work for the whole community, not just some of us,” said Falkner.

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Rice Gallery brings memorable art to campus



THE FIRST WAS A HARE, OIL ON CANVAS, 2007



JULIA HICK

On Tuesday, February 26 the Rice Gallery introduced this month's show, "About a Hundred Things I Forgot," a collection of figure paintings by Robert Jones. His artwork will be on display through March 21. To learn more about the artist, visit www.Robertsparrosjones.blogspot.com.

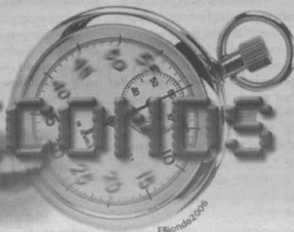
Above, Beau Horning and Caitlin Buckland take a closer look at Jones' oil painting on panel entitled, "A Child's Diagram of all the Planets including Pluto."



HER RED SWEATER, AN OLD BARN AND A DYING CAR, OIL ON PANEL, 2007



ANDY'S HOUSE, OIL ON CANVAS, 2004



Compiled by Chris Higgs

Where do you see yourself one year from now?

**Brian Hartwyk '08**

"Traveling the countryside with my folk singing group that I plan to start one year from now."

**Nicole Badwak '08**

"By this time next year, I will be at graduate school here at McDaniel, hopefully with a job."

**Max Pinnola '08**

"I would say hopefully attending graduate school in the Netherlands, working on my Masters in sustainable development, as well as embracing culture."

**Caroline Rushe '08**

"Right now I'm uncertain where I'll be a year from now. I really don't know."

**Lindsay Fairchild '08**

"Probably waiting tables at Olive Garden but hopefully traveling."

**Zach Davidson '08**

"Working in Ocean City, MD, and doing the same recreational activities as I do now as I try to grow up as slowly as possible."

**Laura Markiewicz '08**

"Right now, I plan on starting my own business with my partner in crime, M.E. Posey."

**Dan Blau '08**

"A year from now...hopefully employed, or dead."

UNSUNG HEROES

Salads in Glar have a little something special

She's a mother of three, a grandmother to five and a computer game addict, not to mention a loving girlfriend, a former waitress and now a woman that hundreds of McDaniel students call a friend, a confidante and unsung hero.

Bobbi Anders is truly a diamond in the rough, a needle in the haystack. She is recognized by students around campus as "the salad lady." Every day she can be seen behind the salad station in Englar Dining Hall, concocting one of her latest delicious salads. However, it's not just her salads that Anders is known for.

"Yeah, she's good with the students, they love her...not too many people take time out to talk to the students," said Vickie Espinosa, a Glar worker who thinks Anders is an unsung hero. Deborah Shaffer, the food service general manager, was excited to hear that some recognition was being paid to any Glar worker.

"I think it's great a Glar worker [was chosen]. We think all our workers are unsung heroes. I feel that our people are sometimes taken for granted," Shaffer said. "Like when there is a snow day, and classes are cancelled our people still try to come to work because they know the students still have to eat."

Sophomore Ginny Odierno spoke similarly about Anders in particular.

"Bobbi really has changed the atmosphere in Glar. She's definitely an unsung hero at McDaniel."

She actually cares about us, and unfortunately you can't really say that about many workers on this campus."

Anders' sense of humor meshes well with her students or as she often refers to them her "adopted children." Her humor was prevalent in her chuckled reaction to being called an unsung hero.

As she began to blush, she said, "It's cool. I'm coming here to make kids smile. Being an unsung hero is neat, not quite as neat as a paycheck though."

It's not just her raspberry and citrus salads or her simple hello to students that really makes her stand out. Anyone can do that. Anders takes time to get to know the kids that walk into her line every day.

"I treat them like I want to be treated," she said. "I'm with them every day so we should have a good relationship. I want to brighten their day."

Above all what really defines Anders as an unsung hero is knowing that her caring ways don't get her better benefits, a raise and certainly not much praise from her co-workers. The Westminster resident says it doesn't bother her.

"I'm the social butterfly," she said. "Their attitudes don't affect mine. I hope sometimes that mine affects theirs."

Anders has attracted hundreds of kids to the healthiest line in Glar, and she's proud of it.

"It's better than the donut line," she joked. Even students who aren't fond of salad go over to her line.

"I never even really liked salad," admitted sophomore Lauren Toomey, "but she makes one mean Caesar salad and talking to her is a nice break in my day. There are particular days when I'm not in the best mood, but Bobbi can change that with a smile and a salad."

Many agree Anders is a gift that McDaniel should be grateful

to have discovered. She's a class act. In today's society finding an honest and genuine person is often hard to come by. Finding an honest and genuine person who doesn't get recognition for her efforts is even harder to find; however, Bobbi Anders is that person.

—Kate Delenick

Be it rain, sleet, snow, or graduation, none will keep him from campus maintenance

One week-long snow and ice storm last winter gave McDaniel students four days off from school, sitting in their dorm rooms snuggled under the covers. But outside, one determined McDaniel grounds employee worked 36 straight hours shoveling snow.

"I love pushing snow; that's my favorite job," said Sonny Dayhoff with a chuckle.

Do you ever wonder why you're not slipping on an icy sidewalk after a blizzard? Or how after a whole night of snow the sidewalks are magically clear and salted?

"If I know it's supposed to snow, I'll keep my eye out all night and right when I see some start to drop I get out there," said Dayhoff, who loves the feeling of accomplishment he gets from the job.

Of course, he handles more

than just heavy snow storms. Every year when students wait to walk onto the stage and grasp their diploma, they don't realize that Dayhoff has just spent hours setting the stage for graduation.

Dayhoff, who has been at McDaniel for 35 years beginning when he was in high school, works around the clock performing duties that most of us never even realize are happening. Dayhoff and 22 other

employees with at least ten years of service to the school were formally recognized on January 28 with a luncheon hosted by President Joan Develin Coley.

Joyce Mueller, associate vice president of communications and marketing, said Dayhoff was given a pocket watch in recognition of his work here.

"Sonny is one of the mighty men of our physical plant. I'm in awe of how much he can lift and do," she said.

"If Sonny knows someone needs him to be there, he's there, no matter what," said Phil Boob, director of grounds and special events. Boob has been Dayhoff's immediate supervisor since he came to work at McDaniel about 20 years ago.

Dayhoff, 55, has been working at McDaniel for more than half his life and calls this place a family because "everyone works together." By the time he graduated from Francis Scott Key High School, he had already been working here part time for about two years.

"I had a connection, knew a

couple of employees who worked here," he said. After he graduated he worked for a year and a half in construction, but came back to McDaniel after his boss suffered a back injury and had to shut down the business.

Dayhoff, who lives in Taneytown and collects antiques, was a grounds worker when he started, and after a few years was promoted to foreman. Besides shoveling snow and setting up for events, Dayhoff and his crew handle dorm room requests and general maintenance.

Look at it this way: every time you want your bed lofied or de-lofied, your sink unclogged, your shower door or window fixed or water temperature adjusted, Dayhoff and his team come to the rescue.

Boob describes him as reliable and dependable and says he has so much confidence in him that sometimes he's afraid he overworks him.

"I have to stop and think, am I overloading him? I can explain things to him and I don't have to worry about it. I can focus my time and concentration on other things because I know Sonny will do what he's being asked," Boob said.

There are no parts of his job that Dayhoff dislikes. He was brought up to believe that if you don't like your job, you won't stay there.

"I enjoy the work and the people I work with, and I was never a person to jump around much," he said.

Dayhoff did not even let his hip surgery a couple years ago slow him down from his duties

as grounds worker. He returned after no more than a semester and worked full steam ahead, never once complaining, said Mary Jo Colbert, director of conference and auxiliary services, on why Dayhoff epitomizes the "unsung-hero."

Colbert and Dayhoff have worked together for 20 years, and he recalls times when "he would always be the one that would bring over the large charcoal grill for food service steak nights. Twenty years ago there was no grill on the line, so the steaks were done outside."

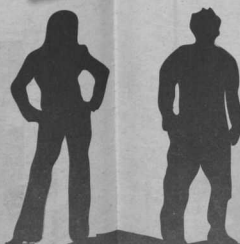
After being here for 35 years, Dayhoff has seen McDaniel grow and evolve in a way few others have. He especially likes some of the changes in the education system and the campus structure.

"When I first came here you didn't have a lot of the Deaf Ed; I like that. The campus is better designed now. North Village and the Garden Apartments are going to be fantastic, and the athletic system has improved," said Dayhoff.

He reminisces about days when "the stadium was terrible" with a cinder track and old concrete bleachers, and he can't believe how far it has come.

Terry Page, events scheduling manager, has known Sonny for more than seven years and remembers Dayhoff most for the endearment of "Sonny and Cher." Page said that "Cher was Jay [Kennedy] his former grounds person," and that Dayhoff "has a wonderful work ethic and takes pride in his work. It will be a sad day when Sonny leaves the Hill. We hope it will not be for a long time."

—Juliann Guilfrie, Features co-Editor



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BOBBI ANDERS • SONNY DAYHOFF

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Staff travels to Nashville for media conference

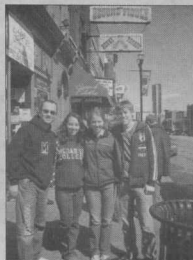
Here at the *McDaniel Free Press*, we are always attempting to increase our knowledge and learn new relevant skills to produce the best newspaper possible. So when we learned of a digital media workshop at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN last week, we jumped at the opportunity.

Co Editor-in-Chief Mike Habegger, Co News-Editor Geoff Peckham, Co-Features Editor Juliann Guiffre, and staff reporter Roxanne Fleischer spent 3 days learning how to adapt new digital media methods for our paper. We were split into two teams, received assignments to cover, and were let loose into the field. The finished products were two short video segments focused on some aspect of Nashville, produced entirely by the Free Press staff.

We hope to implement these new skills in the future, but until then, check out the videos at McDanielFreePress.com GP



Roxanne Fleischer, Mike Habegger, and Todd Vogt of Wichita State work on a video telling the story of Nashville's finest crossing guards. Staff Photos



Exciting plot twists are sure to keep audiences 'Awake'

By Jeff Davis

For all you *Star Wars* enthusiasts out there, *Awake* stars Hayden Christensen, the actor who played Anakin Skywalker and ultimately Darth Vader. Also playing critical roles in the film are Jessica Alba and Terrence Howard, well known for their roles in *Sin City* and *Crash*, respectively.

The movie opens with an interesting statistic. Over three million people each year undergo anesthesia, seemingly knocked out cold during surgery and most people don't remember a thing. However, 30,000 people undergo a certain phenomenon called "anesthesia awareness." They are temporarily paralyzed yet remain fully aware. They experience a living hell as they consciously undergo the pain of the operation. Meanwhile, the surgeons assume their patient is safely asleep.

Awake is a short film with many surprising turns. Hayden Christensen stars as Clayton, a

man who inherited millions from his deceased father. Clay is a busy man with his company, and all this stress and activity has caused him to have a bad heart. This bad heart leads to his operation during which the film is centered, where Clay enters the unenviable state of anesthesia awareness.

This movie is not for the faint of heart. The graphic surgery reveals the most intricate details of Clay's anatomy. If you don't like blood and guts, this movie isn't for you.

One wouldn't think an operation could be exciting, but *Awake* completely reinvents the meaning of "surgery." We see Christensen at his best in outstanding tandem to Alba, who played the role of Clay's wife Sam. Sam is forced to deal with her own problems as she awaits the outcome of her husband's surgery.

During the surgery, Clay parades in the fascinating occurrence of astral projection. This is the idea that one can project one's self out of his body and actually observe

himself from above. There has been documented proof of this occurrence and yet many simply do not believe it is possible. In Clay's heightened state of awareness, he manages to leave his body while being operated. He accesses certain memories he would have previously considered unreachable.

The one aspect of this movie that is disappointing is the fact that it ends abruptly—a bit sooner than expected. This does not take away from the thrill of the plot, but the viewer would probably like to see a little more at the end.

The plot really begins to unfold as Jack, played by Terrence Howard, operates on Clay. Out of his body Clay is able to hear things previously not possible for him to hear. This enables him to unravel and decipher an intricate plot formed against him. The mind-boggling twist that ensues is completely unexpected and utterly horrifying. *Awake* gets two thumbs up as a thriller suitable for just about any college student.



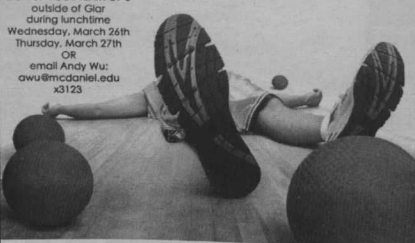
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DODGEBALL

Round 2

FRIDAY 10:00 PM
MARCH 28TH

SIGN UP YOUR TEAM OF 5
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WE WILL BE CROWNING A NEW CHAMP!



March

Looking for something to do around campus? With the help of CAPBoard and many other campus organizations, there are several fun events planned for the month of March:

- March 24:** *The Eric Byrd Trio: Tribute to Ray Charles CD release*
Sponsored by: CAPBoard
Time: 8 p.m.
Location: McDaniel Lounge
- March 26:** *Keypin! It Real*
Sponsored by: Black Student Union
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: The Forum
- March 27:** *Comedy Night with Shang*
Sponsored by: CAPBoard
Time: 8 p.m.
Location: The Pub
- March 28:** *"Sweeney Todd"*
Sponsored by: CAPBoard
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Game Room
- March 28:** *Dodgeball Tournament*
Sponsored by: Late Nights
Time: 10 p.m.
Location: Gill gym

Look out for: *NCAA March Madness!*

Web, sports spice up Spring Break

By Heather Gorsuch

For spring break, some McDaniel students are fleeing to warmer destinations while others are forced to stay home to earn a little extra cash.

With the invention of www.studentcity.com this made the process a little easier for self planned excursions. The website allows large groups of college students to find affordable, accessible spring break destinations.

Sophomore Britani Director did not trust the reliability of this website when planning her spring break. She and several of her friends will be spending four days in Walt Disney World. To avoid housing expenses, Director and her companions will be staying at a friend's beach house.

Rather then spending time with friends, sophomore Julia Coleman is spending her break with her mother in Manhattan. Coleman and her mother will be shopping on Fifth Avenue and attending *The Lion King* on Broadway.

"I rarely see my mom because I live in Boston. We love to go shopping together and the last time we went shopping in New York was for my sixteenth birthday," said

Coleman.

Many student athletes were lucky enough to have the opportunity to travel with their teams to several spring break destinations. The baseball team will be participating in a tournament in Tampa Bay, Florida. From March 14 through March 22, the team will battle eight other teams from across the country. In between games the men will have several opportunities to take in the warm Florida climate.

Outfielder Chris Zimmerman said, "I plan on attending many spring training games for professional teams in my spare time," while others will hit the beach.

The women's lacrosse team will be traveling to Hilton Head, South Carolina.

"I am really excited to be spending my spring break with the lacrosse girls in South Carolina," said sophomore Shaena Smith, "but I won't have much free time with all the intense practices we will be having."

Whether you're staying home or traveling elsewhere, many students are grateful just to have a week's vacation from classes.

Forget the exotic Spring Break, home time is fine



David Nasongkhla '08
Staff Writer

Ok, ok. I know you're going to read this and think, "What a loser," but I don't care. What's the deal with spring break? Am I the only one who goes home for spring break and either works or just hangs out with friends?

I bet it's wonderful to go to exotic places like Cancun or Punta Cana, but from what I hear, planning these trips are a hassle and cost a lot of money. That's not my cup of tea.

Going home, relaxing, enjoying some good home cooked food and seeing friends are what my spring breaks are all about. I like to get reacquainted with my hometown of New York City and do it all for free.

My idea of the perfect spring break is to watch some Knicks basketball (although there's not really much to watch there lately), catch up on some movies and most importantly sleep in my own bed.

Forgive me if I don't share the same enthusiasm about spring

break as some of you out there, but for me, it's just a time to relax, recuperate and get ready for the second half of the semester.

"David, you are such a grouch," you say? No, I'm not a grouch. I'm just simple when it comes to my vacation time. However, I understand why spring break is so popular.

"Spring break gives students a chance to go somewhere different and exciting where we can relax and have fun" said senior Jane Liberti, who has plans to travel this spring break.

"It's a time you get to really soak in because you have the whole week off to spend with your friends, where nothing else matters," said a buddy of mine from Penn State University, who plans on filming a road trip to Florida for his spring break.

"Especially during senior year, when it's probably the last time you'll have to be able to have fun" he added.

I see where they are coming from, and I get it. After all, all the beautiful women in scantily clad bathing suits are one reason to go to Mexico or Puerto Rico (Lydia if you read this, I apologize, but keep reading). But at the same time, relaxing back home in New York and playing with my dog are fun enough.

So in conclusion, while many of you in fact will classify me as a loser, I understand why. I guess, it's just a matter of "whatever floats your boat" and the East River floats mine just fine.

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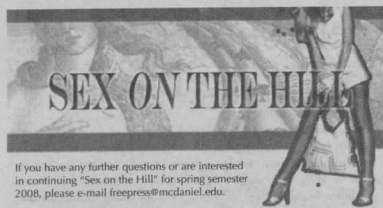
410.871.3114

If you witness or know of hazing happening on campus, call the hazing hotline. Messages can be left directly on voicemail. No one answers the phone, therefore calls may be anonymous. Questions, please contact Amanda Rose at arose@mcdaniel.edu

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The McDaniel Free Press is looking for students with experience in videography or video editing to work on the staff. We hope to implement news videos onto our website, and are looking for confident, serious and dedicated students who are interested in journalism. Contact Lisa Breslin (lbreslin@mcdaniel.edu), Mike Habegger (mwh003@mcdaniel.edu), or Melanie Chupein (msc006@mcdaniel.edu) if you are interested in this opportunity. Videos for the McDaniel Free Press will be a great addition to any portfolio. JC

Commentary



If you have any further questions or are interested in continuing "Sex on the Hill" for spring semester 2008, please e-mail freepress@mcdaniel.edu.



Leah Beck '09
Contributor

Men aren't the only ones viewing x-rated videos for their sex-ed

As a woman, I've always thought of porn as a more masculine pastime—post-pubescent boys cleaning out the Internet history before mom and dad get home, college males making use of the time the roommates are in class.

But it's becoming more common that women are seeking out pornography as well.

Hooray for sexual liberation and equality!

I have never really watched porn other than jokingly with friends, and the botched boob job in Jade Princess pretty much turned me off completely.

But wait: although roughly 70% of women have looked at pornography at least once, and roughly 70% of men look at it at least once a month, the statistics that stagger are not about adults.

According to Family Safe Media the average age that an adolescent starts looking at porn is 11, and 90% of 8-16 year olds have seen it. The numbers are staggering, but when you consider that 11,000 pornography movies are made each year, it seems inevitable that any

Internet user would stumble across it.

So what happens when society becomes bombarded with naked pop-ups and those misspelled websites? What happens when Sleeping Beauty becomes Sleeping Booty? What happens when people grow up seeing X-rated movies and pictures and start substituting digital sex for real intimacy?

So I did my research. After all, I couldn't very well write an article about porn without first watching it. I asked my horny male friends for suggestions, made some popcorn and settled in.

I realized that if someone's sexual knowledge had relied solely on the information in pornography, they would have some very skewed opinions on the matter.

For instance...

Except for the hair on the very top of their heads, women are hairless creatures.

Without getting into an awkward discussion of my personal grooming habits, the general consensus seems to be keep it neat; keep it

clean. Not hairless. And the feeling goes both ways.

Anal sex feels great!

I can't give you my opinion on this (I'm a firm believer of "exit only") but while men have a prostate—their version of the g-spot located in the anus—women don't. And from the stories I've heard, it's not that pleasant. And you can't just shove it in there!

Lesbians like to get it on fully made up, hair teased and big fake nails ready to go.

Yes, I've watched lesbian porn. Correction: I watched straight porn that—surprise—included a girl-on-girl scene. Over 90% of "straight" porn includes some kind of lesbian scene. And those fake nails? I only need one Pap smear a year thank you, and I prefer the cotton swab to acrylic probing.

Women orgasm quickly, frequently and at the most opportune moments.

Seriously? According to research, women only reach orgasm through

intercourse 25% of the time. The other 75% is up to you to decide. (Don't worry, boys, we don't always fake it because it's bad.

Common reasons?

We could be tired or sore or sometimes you just look so eager to please that we don't want to let you down). But, believe it or not, grabbing someone's boob should not elicit a hip-thrusting climax.

Sexmen is great for the skin.

This one gets me. Apparently pulling-out is the way to go, and ejaculating on a woman's [insert body part here] is awesome and she loves it.

I asked around about the fascination, and the majority of men don't have a burning desire to do it, and most women would be more than frustrated if a partner suddenly came all over them.

So remember: Porn is meant to be used recreationally, not educationally. And the real thing is always more exciting.

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The Polar Pool Party makes it another 'Late Night'



DAVID ROBERTSON



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As the second major Late Nights event on campus, the Polar Pool Party, senior and Late Nights staff member Autumn Hillsinger prides the organization on giving students "a new way to engage outside the classroom, besides athletic stuff. It will hopefully draw a larger variety of McDaniel students."

Left, a group of students play a game of volleyball during the party in late February. With senior Frank Gaitan as DJ, students partied late into the evening playing a variety of games and enjoying a small offering of food.

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DAVID ROBERTSON

Above, Freshman Cierra Hunter, with Late Night staff member Rodrigo Antonio, chat during the Swim Party in Harlow Pool, held in late February. "The idea is to make Late Nights known to the student body," said Antonio. "Considering other events on campus tonight, it's a great turn out."

Letter to the Editors:

Online dating actually a fun way to meet

By Anne Hebert, Reader

I'm writing in response to the article, "Online dating—scam or salvation?" in the February 14, 2008 issue of the *McDaniel Free Press*.

The writer of the article seemed to be disillusioned with online dating after just one month of perusing profiles and that an online dating site "isn't the best way to make some fairytale come true." She may be right, but there are plenty of people who meet enough decent people over the Internet, I being one of them.

I wouldn't call myself and [sic] online dating expert, but I've met quite a number of people, ranging from the sketchy-tastic to the seemingly normal.

As a disclaimer, I would just like to say that I tend to keep myself safe, and if anyone starts harassing me or creeping me out, I

immediately block him.

As for the rest of them, well, I get to know them!

I first got an online dating profile at Match.com when I was 18. I figured, I'm old enough, I'm an adult now, and I'm single...why not? Once my parents found out that some 31-year-old divorcee was contacting me they made me close my profile.

So, I stopped the e-dating for a while...until I stumbled upon a FREE online dating site quite by accident.

I started up again this past summer. I could see who's viewed my profile, click on "quickmatch-es" (a little activity that basically asked, "Would you date this person just by looking at his picture and the first paragraph of his profile?") and answer questions about myself. And for some reason, I got a good vibe from this website.

Most of the guys I've met have just been Internet friends, however, slowly but surely, I met a few in person. The first guy I talked to was tall, quiet and nerdy, and he seemed nice enough, but there was one thing on his profile that made me wary: one of the things he thought about a lot (and one of the six things he couldn't live without) was sex! I'm not a prude or anything, but that's not what I was looking for at the moment! I couldn't help but keep my distance the few times I met him.

Some of the messages I got ranged from friendly compliments like "I don't like the dress in the picture itself, but you look good in it" to strange ones like "So how did my profile make you feel?" to just plain creepy, "Hey sexy...I'm driving home near your town. Wanna go out to the Waffle House with me tonight?" Surprisingly, no one offered to give me anything...except one.

I met this guy one night when I couldn't sleep. He lived out in a rural area of West Virginia, was a truck driver and from talking to him I got the sense that he wasn't

very educated. He was, to say, a red-neck. But, I liked talking to him. I guess I like getting to know a variety of people. One night toward Thanksgiving, I was talking with him on the phone and he asked me in his Southern drawl, "Do you want me to give you anything for Christmas?"

"Sure, if you want to," I said, not really thinking of anything major. I thought it was sweet of him to ask.

"Do you have a cat?" he asked.

"No," I replied back, "Well, Merry Christmas."

I did a double take on this. It took me a while to realize that he was offering me a free cat! His reasoning was—and I am not making this up—that he had seven cats in his yard and his town was beginning to crack down on him for it, so he needed to get rid of them.

I didn't know what to say. I mean, I know the situation was really, REALLY questionable, but seriously, how often does one get an offer of a free cat?

I think one downside to online dating is that it's easy to ideal-

ize people by constantly talking to them and connecting with them without knowing their negative qualities. There was one guy who I talked to a lot, and finally met him in person after about three months. I'm not sure what happened exactly, but something was different. I think each of us expected someone perfect, or maybe we didn't know what we wanted to happen after finally meeting in person. It was a bit of a letdown to have a less-than-perfect first (and, apparently, only) date. We haven't talked since.

So is online dating worth it? Personally, I would say yes. There are so many people out there; just be sure to stay safe! It's different for everyone, though. Some people prefer the old-fashioned, computer-screen-free means of dating, and there's nothing wrong with that.

As of right now, my profile's still up. I'm still single, but I'm not actively searching for anyone. I figure it's a fun way to meet people, but I don't have to look for anyone serious right now.

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Moral compass leads McCain

By Eleanor Nagle

In today's political world, morality and character are not really running platforms. Except of course for John McCain.

Despite his conservative views and voting record, McCain has remained well-liked by the majority of the public, with a reputation of strong character and values leading to good leadership and the ability to put partisanship aside to do what is best for the country. However, with the recent article on his alleged inappropriate relationship with a lobbyist and other incidents that could damage his credibility, his character is being called into question.

As a former Prisoner of War

and torture victim, McCain proved his patriotism and bravery years ago while in a war camp in Hanoi, where he underwent various forms of torture. Even when his captors offered to release him he said he would not leave unless all the other men were going with him. His captivity has often been used to his advantage as examples of his courage and character.

Over the years, McCain has spoken out against bad campaign finance and taking inappropriate funds from lobbyists, which is what makes the new charge of an inappropriate relationship with a female lobbyist more scandalous. The charge, if true, would show a great deal of hypocrisy.

McCain, has a well-known

pendant for speaking when he probably shouldn't and responding to things he probably shouldn't. He has a deep sense of self-confidence and does not always know when stop himself from saying potentially embarrassing and damaging things. When an unfounded claim comes up against him, he responds in not so appropriate ways.

McCain's moral compass and sense of right and wrong are important to his public image. Though he is most certainly the 2008 Republican candidate, he needs to be careful not to depend too much on it should a scandal come along. His possible presidency could depend on it.

By Torreka Jordan

*If you feel down . . .
pick this up.*

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."

~ Josh Billings

Be grateful for the changing seasons, for they bring a new light and growth. While winter fades away and spring arises, your hopes and thoughts should also bring light and blossom before you.

By Torreka Jordan

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What's in store: spring sports preview

Coaches' enthusiasm runs high on Hill

While spring here on the Hill comes loaded with a sort of reliability we can certainly depend on—including the weather and midterm grades—one thing we can depend on is the start of spring sports.

The Green Terror spring sports teams have officially begun practicing; some teams have even started competing already. Some of the coaches and players have commented on the upcoming season. *Compiled by Roxanne Fleischer*

Softball:

Coach Phil Smith has goals for the softball team both on and off the diamond. One goal Smith said the team has is to be one of the top 50 college softball teams in the nation in the NFCA rankings for team GPA. Last season the team was in the top 75.

Senior leadership and a great freshman recruiting class will prove to be an aid in the success in the upcoming season.

"The final expectation I have for the team is for them to have a great experience playing this season as a team—one focus—one goal—one team... we are looking forward to getting back on the field to continue our drive for excellence as a team and to represent the McDaniel community with integrity," said Smith.

Men's Lacrosse:

"We have a good nucleus of scorers back from last year as well as a slew of newcomers," said Coach Mike Hatton. Coming off of an 8-6 record last year, the men's lacrosse team is looking to build off of their successes and to host some big Centennial Conference games this season.

"Our expectations are high," said Hatton. "We would love to be able to put ourselves into a situation in which we could play in the NCAA tournament." The coaching staff and team seem to be excited to see what they can do this season.



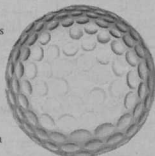
Women's Lacrosse:

Coach Muffie Bliss looks forward to the season, "building off our success from last year." Last season the Green Terror lacrosse team went 14-5. This season they have already shown their strengths.

"We have a solid class of new players and a great strength in our returners... I would like this year's team to work well together and to continue to strive for excellence. We have a lot of talent and we need to put it all together," said Bliss.

Golf:

The golf team is looking to gain some wins this spring. Senior Gerry Butler said that the team's ultimate goal is to "win conferences, which is an automatic qualifier to compete in nationals." Butler said the team has three solid freshmen and one other senior besides himself that all bring a lot of experience and are coming off of a good fall season.



Track and Field:

Head Coach Doug Renner sees lots of potential for this season's track and field team. Among others, Renner named Jason Maier, Rachel McCallum and members of the relay teams as expected to medal in their events. Jessica Dittman and Tim Snyder are returning seniors who will provide leadership and talent for the Green Terror track team.

"Overall we're still looking for athletes; we need people in all areas—from sprints to distance to the field events," said Renner.

Playoffs bring men's dream season to an end

By Ryan Chell, Sports Co-Editor

It has been a few emotional weeks since the McDaniel men's basketball team were trying to make and break history on February 27 as they faced Centennial Conference opponent Dickinson in the first round of the playoffs.

The fourth-seeded Green Terror, making their first playoff appearance since 1995, came in with a 15-10 record and faced off against five-seed Dickinson, who posted a 13-11 record coming into the night. Coach Kevin Curley had the team going for their first playoff win since John F. Kennedy was president back in 1961.

Unfortunately, a valiant first-half performance by Dickinson, especially guard Kizmar Grell's 21 points, put the Terror out of position to advance to the second round of the playoffs as they fell 89-80. The Terror were down 45-30 at halftime, but junior guard T.J. Odunlami's performance in the second half lifted his team to as close as eight points, but by then it was too late.

"It was a tough game," Curley said. "We battled back; we kept our heads up... Dickinson just had a great start."

Junior Brad Wiley agreed with Curley.

"They showed a lot of heart, but at the end of the day they did not score enough to win," Wiley said.

"They should be proud of the fact that we got here, that we won 15 games this year, and they put us on the map this year. I know they are disappointed, but it is another experience for them."

This marked the last game for many Terror seniors including key players Chris Prior and Brett Foelber. Both were emotional on the sidelines after their valiant effort in

the second half came to an end.

"It was nice to get here," Prior said. "It would have been nice to win it though."

Curley said the exact opposite, and had more than enough praise to throw toward his seniors.

"They should be proud of the fact that we got here, that we won 15 games this year, and they put us on the map this year," Curley said. "I know they are disappointed, but it is another experience for them."

The season ended with their first winning season since 1985, and its most wins since 1982.

The team was without junior forward Chad Arrington, who it was announced the day before that he was suspended for violation of team rules. His presence was greatly missed in the game, as McDaniel was out-rebounded by Dickinson 43-31 in the loss, and Arrington's 7.1 rebounds per game were good for second on the team. *The Carroll County Times* reported the suspension, but did not specify what the incident was. Arrington will be allowed to return to the team next season.

Editor



Sports Co-Editor Ryan Chell and McDaniel Guru Garrett Egan give their take on a prominent topic

Guru

“Was this the right time for Brett Favre to walk away?”

Editor:

This was something that should have happened a few years ago. Yes, we got to see the best of Brett Favre this year, and it was a memorable run, but anything less than a Super Bowl victory this year was a failure. And if Brett continues to put off retirement every year, Aaron Rodgers, the QB of the future, may have to retire before he does! You cannot continue to put the learning process of the future Packers on hold much longer. He ended his final playoff game on a bad note, costing his team the victory and he could not win in the big games this year.

He broke every passing record still in the books. He has a Super Bowl victory under his belt already. It was great while it lasted, but this is Aaron Rodgers' team now. Brett, go spend time with your wife, walk away from the game instead of limping away and leave us with the great memories you gave us over the years. And to those people who say that his retirement isn't genuine, you did not see his emotional news conference last Thursday. Brett Favre is done.

Guru:

Ryan, you and I both know this wasn't time for #4 to walk away. Besides his reason for being mentally tired and worn down, Brett Favre had what he wanted. A team he could work with that was youthful and was a PLAYOFF TEAM. And now they are left with Aaron Rodgers? You stay one more year, make another run into the playoffs and then retire on top.

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Men's Lacrosse:

'Terror' no longer in sight for lacrosse

By Ryan Barre, Contributor

Stricken with turmoil throughout most of the new millennium and long removed from the glory days under former coach Keith Reitenbach, McDaniel's men's lacrosse team hopes to return to old form in their second season under Head Coach Matt Hatton.

In the team's first season under Hatton, a four-year letter winner and two-year starter at Hobart College, the team finished with a record of 8-6 overall and 3-5 in the Centennial Conference, which is slightly better than the previous year but still not where they want to be.

In the two years leading up to Reitenbach's departure in 2002, the team compiled a 23-6 record and was a force to be reckoned with in the Centennial Conference.

However, after the first season under former coach Jim Townsend, the team began to fall apart and has not been the same ever since.

Senior captain Chris Edmonds, one of the remaining players to play under both Hatton and Townsend, is pleased with the way Hatton has run things so far.

"Coach is focused on the sport

and is there to work for us, but he expects the same in return," said Edmonds.

Edmonds said the biggest difference between the two coaches is Hatton's positive reinforcement and the individual attention he gives.

"If we're struggling with something, he will work with us where Townsend would not," added the captain.

Senior Alex Becker, another player who has experienced both coaches' styles, believes that Hatton is here to stay.

"He is an excellent recruiter," said Becker. "Our last two recruiting classes have been really good."

"Hatton make players want to stay here," Townsend didn't," said Edmonds. After spending three years on Townsend's staff as a graduate assistant, Hatton has seemingly learned from the former coaches' mistakes and is making the best of it.

Hatton is hoping the chaotic nature of the program is now in the past and feels the team is ready to make a big leap forward despite being somewhat young.

"We have to walk a fine line and set the best example for the

kids," said Hatton. "I think it is finally time to shed some positive light on McDaniel lacrosse both on and off the field."

As the team prepares for the season, its confidence seems to be increasing daily. According to Hatton, depth is the team's biggest asset on offense, with four of their top five scorers returning to help lead the team, including sophomore Gibbs Preston who led the team with 38 points.

However, the team will also be relying on transfers including Hatton's brother, Mike, who transferred from Syracuse, as well as incoming freshmen to fill the void. The team is starting a handful of freshmen, and one of Hatton's main concerns is making sure they grow throughout the season.

"We have a lot of young guys that will be playing this year and it's exciting," said Hatton. "When you have a young team, you live and die by freshmen."

Sophomores are also expected to step up and play a bigger role for the team, including midfielder Kyle Hadden.

"Kyle is going to be a good leader for us this year," said the head coach. He also pointed to

junior Jason Stealy as someone he expects to play a big role.

Despite the young team, neither coaches nor players see this as a rebuilding season. Edmonds said practices have been going great and believes the preseason was a success.

"I think we're ready for our first game and have what it takes to be successful," Edmonds said.

The team is hoping that with all their preparation and new additions, they can accomplish big things this year. On March 1, the team backed Edmonds comments by beating Moravian 21-3 to move to 1-0.

Everyone seems to agree that there is a lot of talent on this year's roster which should prevent the team from letting games they should win slip away, as they did last season with disappointing losses to Ursinus, Muhlenberg and Franklin and Marshall.

"We need to take care of our out-of-conference schedule, and then deal with the conference games," said Hatton.

Trying not to overlook certain games, it appears most of the players are looking forward to the annual meetings with conference

rivals, Washington College (WAC) and Gettysburg College.

"I think one of our main goals is to beat Gettysburg and WAC," said Kyle Hadden.

The April 9 showdown with Gettysburg will be the first home game against them in three years and it figures to be decided late.

"This is a crazy conference where everybody wants everybody," said Hatton.

If McDaniel is able to beat Gettysburg and/or WAC, it would be a huge step toward reaching the team's ultimate goals of making the conference finals and then winning it.

Gettysburg has played WAC in the conference championship every year since 2001, but McDaniel would love to upset the traditional final and snatch one of the two NCAA bids that typically come from the Centennial Conference.

"This year's team plays with a higher tempo as well as a more run-and-gun, in-your-face style," said Hatton, which he believes will be fun to watch and produce a good amount of success but whether that success can match that of the past is not yet known.

Alumni starred on courts and fields, now inspire students

By Chris Ferrick-Manley, Sports Co-Editor

Two of McDaniel's longest tenured head coaches began their quest for success in the dugout and on the sideline as students on the Hill playing for the same teams they coach today.

Baseball head coach Dave Seibert, a graduate of the class of '78 who received his degree in physical education, played cornerback on what was then Western Maryland College's football team and left field on the baseball team. He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, but he admitted that it was schoolwork that was his big focus.

"For me it was pretty much sports and academics," said Seibert. "I didn't have a big social life."

Seibert originally made the decision to come to Western Maryland for a few reasons. He cited his parents and coaches' recruiting efforts. His older sister also attended Western Maryland.

"I felt it was the right fit," said Seibert.

He stayed on at Western Maryland for graduate school in educational administration, initially hoping to pursue life in the high school ranks as a teacher. He

never intended college coaching to be his career plan, but in 1981 he was offered and accepted the head coaching position for the baseball team.

Baseball has not been the only sport that Seibert has coached. For 14 years he was the defensive coordinator of the Green Terror football team. Following that, he coached the quarterbacks for four years, which were the most successful seasons for the Green Terror passing game.

His football coaching career ended in 1999 because of a new college policy that required coaches who were involved in more than one sport to stay with just one. Off-season practices such as fall ball for baseball and spring football required that a coach have his undivided attention on one team, explained Seibert.

Like many other Western Maryland alumni, Seibert had his reservations about the name change to McDaniel. Specifically, he mentioned alumni who supported the baseball team with contributions but stopped doing so after the name change.

"I support whatever the school's decision is because I'm a team guy," said Seibert, who has moved on.

Another Western Maryland alumna who has coached for many years at her alma mater is women's basketball head coach Becky Martin, who graduated in 1980, also with a degree in physical education.

Martin participated in three sports while attending college here. She played forward/center on the basketball team for four years, hitter on the volleyball team for three years, and high jumped in track. She was a member of the Sigma Sigma Tau sorority, a local sorority that eventually merged into a national chapter and is better known today as Phi Sigma Sigma.

"I had a typical college life," said Martin.

Martin decided to attend Western Maryland because she was going to college at the time Title IX was taking effect, helping to level the playing field for women in college athletics. She cited the "more competitive opportunities" than ever, while she was here.

Asked why she decided to coach at her alma mater, Martin said, "I wanted to give the next generation of athletes the same opportunity."

Martin also disliked the name change and admits she would not have made it if it was her decision.

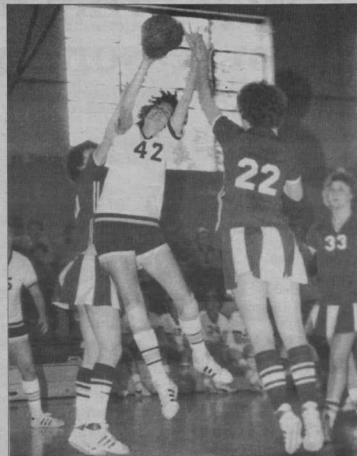


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"Like most tried and true Western Maryland graduates who bleed green and gold, I wasn't happy," said Martin.

However, she does concede that it is up to the administrators to make those kinds of decisions

for the betterment of the school's future.

"Western Maryland isn't paying my check now," Martin said, "McDaniel is."

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Brussels program scrutinized by students

By Gall Beverage, Contributor

The new Brussels exchange program is garnering mixed reviews among students, prompting college officials to call a meeting on March 5 that assessed the pros and cons of the Belgium experience. Officials hoped that it would draw McDaniel's best and brightest.

Dr. Thomas Falkner, the provost and dean of the faculty, said that he called the meeting to "evaluate where we are," concerning the exchange program with the Facultés Universitaires Saint-Louis (FUSL), "and to make plans for the future."

Some students are not very excited about the program. "There are issues," said a senior who participated in the fledgling program

last fall. "Big issues."

"Frankly," said Brenden Aston, a fall 2007 participant in the program, the meeting was called because "none of the administrators or deans knew anything about the program."

Provost Falkner said he was "disappointed" to learn that students do not trust him in his fa-

"We were the guinea pigs in this situation . . . [the program in Brussels] wasn't organized from the get-go."

miliarity with the university in Belgium, given his extensive work with administrators there. "I think I'm as informed about the program as I can possibly be," he said.

One student in particular sent an email to Rose Falkner, director of international and off-campus study and the wife of Provost Falkner, to express concerns over the Brussels exchange experience just three weeks after arriving at FUSL last fall.

"I am not angry, just curious," about "some issues" with the program, wrote the student, who prefers to remain anonymous.

"Classes, credit transfers and language barriers," were cited as the three main concerns in the e-mail, along with the lack of attention from FUSL faculty and staff.

The FUSL faculty responsible for McDaniel students is Ms. Paulus in FUSL's office of international programs. She held her first meeting with the students "two weeks after classes began," according to the e-mail.

"We were the guinea pigs in this situation," said Oliver Cima, a senior and political science major who attended FUSL in 2007 who agrees with many of the complaints outlined in the e-mail. According to Cima, the program in Brussels "wasn't organized from the get-go."

Two of the five students in the group that went to FUSL confirmed having failed at least one class; four of them believe they

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McDaniel remembers Herlocker

Chemistry professor dies unexpectedly at age 67

By Bethany Grov

Retired McDaniel faculty member Dr. David W. Herlocker will always be remembered for his passion for running, his family and dogs. He'll be remembered every time his friends pour a Pepsi (not Coke) over ice or purchase a lottery ticket.

Herlocker, a chemistry professor on the Hill for 40 years, died at home on Wednesday March 19 at 67-years-old.

Herlocker was department chairman and was named professor emeritus upon his retiring in 2006.

"Under his leadership, the Chemistry Department doubled in size, moved into high-tech labs, founded a chemistry honor society, Gamma Sigma Epsilon, and gradu-

ated scores of students who have gone on to impressive graduate schools and careers in industry and the medical field," according to the memorandum e-mail sent out by President Joan Coley on March 21.

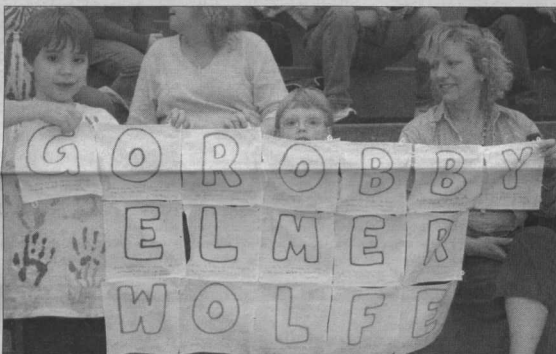
Herlocker graduated cum laude from Knox College in 1962 with a degree in chemistry, as stated in the memorandum. He earned his M.S. from the University of Illinois in 1964 and in 1966 earned

his Ph.D. in Chemistry. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and served on numerous committees on campus.

As a member of the Westminster Road Runners Club and founder of the Main Street Mile, Herlocker was quite a fan of track and field. He remained an avid runner until 1995, when an accident left him seriously injured. A

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A Dedicated Following College Hosts Tournament of Champions



DAVID ROBERTSON

On Thursday, March 27, McDaniel College hosted Tournament of Champions.

The annual event, has been hosted by McDaniel for twenty years since its founding by Jim Bullock. McDaniel athletes acted as buddies to individual student participants.

The event is modeled after the Special

Olympics.

The fans of Elmer Wolfe Elementary's representative athlete Robby Shilling held a sign to show their support.

One event was a shuttle relay that combined McDaniel students and tournament participants in teams. **DPR**

Fellowship experiences 30-Hour Famine

By Jullann Cluffire,
Features Co-Editor

Betsy Gravenor only made it about two hours before she started to feel hungry. Worried, she knew she'd have to make it for 28 more. At 5:00 p.m., her stomach started growling for dinner. By the middle of the night, she felt a dull ache in her stomach, and she was tempted to eat something just to make it go away.

Yet somehow she was comforted by the fact that she knew when her next meal was coming, and there are so many others who can't say the same.

To support the 29,000 children under the age of five who die each day from hunger, on Friday, March 28 at noon members of the Christian Fellowship and other students began what would be 30 hours of fasting, called the 30 Hour Famine.

"Even the hunger pains I [experienced] are only mild when I put them into perspective; I'm sure they are nothing compared to what other people around the world experience every day," said Gravenor.

All donations will go to World Vision, a Christian Humanitarian Organization that provides food and other aid to countries all around the world.

According to Debbie Diederich, the 30-Hour Famine national director from World Vision, more than half a million students in the U.S. chose to "be hungry" to raise money for children around the world. She says that every \$30 raised can help feed and care for a child for one month.

Junior Lauren Howe, a social work major, coordinated Hunger

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Herlocker fondly remembered

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year later through persistence and hard work, he was able to finish the Main Street Mile.

"I used to visit him while he was in rehab after his horrific accident," said Coley. "I would always bring him lottery tickets. I accused him of holding out on me when he told me that he never won the jackpot, and when he retired he claimed that he had a secret Jaguar stashed away from his lottery winnings."

Herlocker was a very uniquely intelligent man with great drive and work ethic. Former Provost Sam Case made a speech at Herlocker's

memorial ceremony on March 25.

"Neither was Dave a quitter," said Case. "An example of this was his first marathon, the Marine Corps marathon, back in the late 70's. He dropped out at 17 miles due to fatigue. He was not happy about this so we drove back to Washington over Christmas break to run the last 9.2 miles, giving him a time of 42 days, 6 hours and 12 minutes for his first marathon, but he did not quit. Obviously these qualities were exhibited in his remarkable recovery from the terrible accident."

A story shared from biology laboratory coordinator, Robert Repsher, an alumnus of Western

Maryland College, portrayed Herlocker's same dedication, as well as disgust with Maryland drivers in the snow.

"He was a very unique man. He was known for never being late to classes and never canceling classes," Repsher said. "I had an eight o'clock chemistry class with him. I remember when the provost would close the college due to inclement weather, he decided to meet his classes anyway and expected the students to show up."

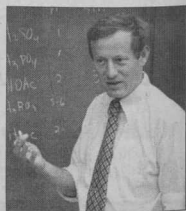
Herlocker was a man filled with knowledge and trivia.

Coley said in faculty meetings they would often turn to him for questions about course prerequi-

sites, academic calendar dates or any other trivia because he always knew the answer.

Other things he enjoyed, according to Case, were Jeopardy, dogs, the Carroll County Dog Show, the Chicago Cubs and the Chicago Bears. He took a special interest in McDaniel women's volleyball and basketball. He was dedicated to seeing his students succeed and was often seen cheering on the athletes and writing lengthy graduate school recommendation letters.

Herlocker is survived by his children and partners Caryn Herlocker Meade and Adam Meade of Raleigh, NC, and Daniel Herlocker and Ellen Keelan of Brattleboro,



VT; father Donald Herlocker of Canton, IL; brother and sister-in-law William and Hilda Herlocker of Kildeer, IL; sister and brother-in-law Linda and Peter Speck of Wanganui New Zealand; grandchildren Evan and Georgia Meade; former wife and friend Helen Herlocker; and numerous friends.

The Lighter Side of the Campus Safety Blotter



Becky Snider '09
Blotter Reporter

Escapades on PA Avenue, parking permit forgery and drinking in Decker Center—it's all part of the lighter side.

Editor's Note: This weekly piece highlights some of the more insane calls and incidents to which campus safety responds.

Time certainly does fly. April is almost here which only brings May. Excitement there, no? Hopefully Spring Fling is not a complete wash out this year. As bad as it sounds, let's wish for less rain—for several reasons.

One reason being that we already have enough liquids on campus for half the population of Westminster. The liquids that I'm talking about just happen to be of the alcoholic version. A version that seems to have worked its way all across campus these last few weeks. On March 8, one student thought that it would be a good idea to walk around Decker with an open container of alcohol in a public area. Then there was the student in Whit-

ford who had to be taken to CHC for alcohol poisoning.

Now there's a smart way to start spring—woo, party hard. I guess that "possession under 21" offense wasn't enough.

There is of course the escapades on PA Avenue that we all know and love. This time there is an entire page devoted to our love of the alcohol found on PA Avenue. On March 8 (seems to be a popular date), students were documented for violating multiple policies. One student was documented with failure to comply and dishonesty. The policy violations include: keg, multiliter container, beer bong, hard liquor, drinking games, possession under 21, providing false information, failure to comply with Campus Safety and furnishing to a minor. Quite a list if you ask me. Must have been one hell of a party.

The same night, two students were documented for underage alcohol possession in Rouzer. On March 9 there were several incidents documented in Decker College Center. One student was documented for underage possession, another student was found intoxicated. The cup, err, scale was tipped when a Greek organization had their party shut down early due to violating clubroom policies. Gee, wonder who they were? It's all fun and games until someone steals the tequila.

More recent drinking events on campus include the multiple students in North Village who were charged much the same as the ones on PA Avenue. Other incidents include a sprinkling here or there on PA Avenue or off campus.

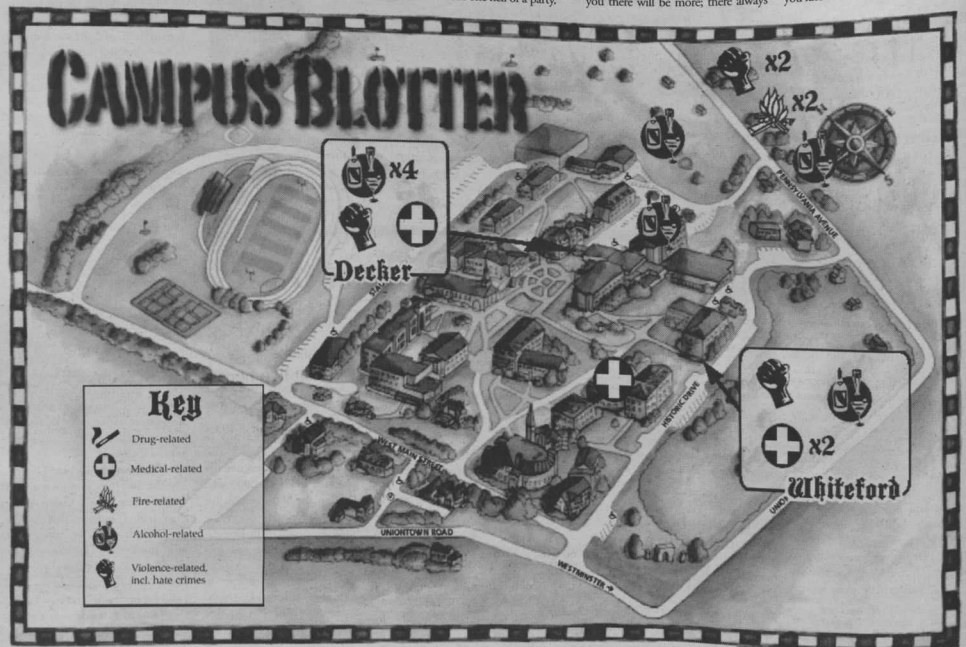
Just wait though, I guarantee you there will be more; there always

is. So keep your little red plastic cups ready.

Seems that the only thing worthwhile to do is drink and well, punch holes in stairwell windows. That's right. On March 25 one student decided that it would be really fun to punch through a glass window in Blanche. Sure, fun.

Of course the student could always turn to tampering with fire equipment, which happened on PA Avenue. Or maybe students can start making their own parking permits.

Oh wait, someone already attempted to do that. I guess the parking permit was a bit too altered. Well better luck next time, you know with punching in the window and all. And with that let's start bringing the semester to an end. Study hard, have fun and don't get caught. I mean, well you know what I mean.



FUSL credit, tuition details hazy for some

From "Brussels" on Page 1

were unprepared for the European curriculum.

"I didn't know the language would be such an issue," Cima said.

"All courses taught in English" is written under FUSL on the "Affiliated Programs" page on the McDaniel website. On the "About FUSL" page, it states that there is a "wide range of bilingual and trilingual courses" available.

Of the ten classes purported to be offered in English during the fall of 2007, McDaniel's website lists two independent studies, one internship and one French class, taught in French, narrowing the number of available classes taught in English to six.

To the surprise of McDaniel

Provost Falkner: 'I think I'm as informed about the program as I can possibly be.'

students, six classes taught in English at FUSL are not enough to equal a normal course load of 16 credits at McDaniel. Before Paulus' meeting, the credit value of classes at FUSL was allegedly "a series of rumors and gossametes on everyone's part," wrote the author of the e-mail.

"2.5 credits is the most I could get out of a class," said Cima. "You're paying full time and get-

ting part-time credits."

McDaniel does not decide how many credits students receive for their work abroad, according to Provost Falkner.

"There are agencies that do that sort of thing," said the provost. "We hope that students would receive approximately the same number of credits in Brussels as they would here."

Credits are difficult to earn at FUSL. Aston, for example, took eight classes in Brussels, including an independent study worth four credits, totaling what would have been 18 credits at McDaniel. He only earned 11.5 credits from FUSL, not enough to constitute full-time status at McDaniel despite the full-time bill he paid.

Meanwhile, students here from Brussels are facing a different credit-transfer issue.

"We have to take five courses here," said Mélanie Pecher, an FUSL student at McDaniel this semester. "It's harder," she said of her current work load, "but you just have to be used to the system."

According to Pecher, the extra work will pay off for FUSL's students, who will earn a total of 60 credits by the end of the year. Each class taken here is worth six credits at FUSL, she said.

Provost Falkner denied some students' claims that McDaniel and FUSL had made a deal ensuring more credits for students from Brussels. "What our credits are worth in Europe is their decision," he said. "We have nothing to do with that."

Several Brussels students have made their own deals with professors, opting to take an independent study "in lieu of the fifth class," according to Falkner.

Frederic Delmotte, another FUSL student at McDaniel, is not satisfied with the way FUSL is handling credit transfers. In February Delmotte received word from the head of the economics department at FUSL that the grades he earns at McDaniel will be lowered upon his return home, due to McDaniel's allegedly easier curriculum.

"That's crazy," Delmotte said, "because I work more here than I do in Brussels."

Aston said that because of credits and language barriers, he would only recommend the Brussels exchange program to students who "can think on their feet, not the general population."

Falkner tacitly agrees with Aston. "This program is for strong, motivated, independent students," she said. "It's not the cushy experience you get with other programs."

According to Mary Beth Bounds, another participant at FUSL in 2007, the curriculum in Belgium allows students freedom from attending classes, which means freedom "for traveling or discovering Brussels."

There is a question of whether even strong students are willing to take on the exchange program with FUSL. The issue of credit transfer led some participants to question the tuition they paid for the program. One McDaniel student said

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that he paid \$15,000 more than the "around one thousand" dollars that Pecher said FUSL's students pay to come here.

Provost Falkner explained that McDaniel's students never paid tuition to FUSL, nor are the students from Brussels paying McDaniel, outside of meal plans and housing. "You pay home tuition," he said, "and stay away."

"It's completely fair," said Aston of the variance in tuition. "Europeans pay taxes so they can go to school. We don't."

As for the discrepancy between the full-time tuition paid by McDaniel students at FUSL and the part-time credits they can transfer between schools, the provost said it is up to the students themselves to earn the credits they need while they are abroad.

"Although, there is a concern"

that completing a 16-credit course load at FUSL would necessitate "an unreasonable amount of work," said Provost Falkner.

Some students agree that there are concerns because the program has not been fully explored. "I won't say it's not ready," said Delmotte about FUSL's program for American students, "but it's not developed yet."

One student who attended the meeting said that there was no clear decision made about the future of the Brussels exchange program.

Falkner, however, said that the administration and faculty is sure of one thing: "We don't want the program to die."

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Time for a facelift

Blanche Ward Hall has seen better days, but a bright future of extensive renovations lies ahead

By Kate Delenick

Many McDaniel students see Blanche Ward Hall as their home away from home. It's where numerous college kids spend weeks on end lounging, laughing, and living. But lately, students are searching for a new place to rest their heads at night.

A visitor to Blanche soon notices vomit stains on the carpet, obscenities marked in ink on the stairwells, garbage everywhere and sickening smells that just don't seem to go away. These are just a few of the many problems Blanche residents face on a daily basis.

But who is to blame for this? Is it the resident assistants for not keeping a close enough eye? Is it the Blanche area coordinator? Could the physical plant be to blame? Or should the blame be placed on the Blanche residents themselves?

Sophomore Blanche resident Will Hopkins said, "I think all parties involved are at fault. There are many things that can be done to change the overall appeal of this old dorm. Three rooms on my floor have had bed bugs and nothing has been done to clean those

rooms. They are just left stagnant and gross."

But building renovations may be coming faster than most students think. Lisa Jackson, the Blanche area coordinator since 2006, commented on the maintenance problems plaguing the building. She said that anytime she is told of a maintenance problem she contacts the physical plant.

"They are the individuals who are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the buildings and grounds," she said.

Since the problems are so obvious to students, can any light be shed on these issues? Some residents don't think so.

"The only good thing about Blanche is the people that live here," said sophomore resident Ryan Liberatore.

Senior Paige Willoughby, a Blanche resident for almost three years, also has strong opinions on the old dorm. "The same problems have persisted for years -- bed bugs, mice and so on; the living conditions are just unhealthy," Willoughby believes no matter how much one cleans his or her room it'll always remain dirty. "I think

it's about time they do something to the building," she said.

Perhaps the outcry of students is finally being heard. Plans for a renovation project are currently underway for the old dormitory, according to Director of Residence Life Michael Robbins.

Robbins said that after graduation this May the renovations will get under way. "Floor lounges will be added in the corner area of each floor where the two 'wings' meet. The shorter hallway wing will be available for housing in the fall, but there will be ongoing renovation work until the spring '09 semester and possibly for a little bit of time into that semester next year."

New lounges are apparently not the only thing students can look forward to. Lately many students have been dumbfounded by what is happening to the ground floor of Blanche, which is currently vacant.

"It seems like a waste of space and with it looking so dirty down there it could be where many of the bugs are coming from," said sophomore resident Anthony Bonaddio.

Robbins, however, mentioned renovation plans for that area as

well. He said that the ground floor work in the dormitory this past summer was the first phase of a building-wide project. Added to the floor will be bathroom facilities as well as residence hall rooms.

Third floor Resident Assistant Liz Brown said, "I heard new carpets, central air and new furniture. I think this renovation is a good idea."

"The only good thing about Blanche is the people that live here."

For a dormitory built in 1935, many believe the future is finally looking bright. Renovations in the million-dollar range are planned for a building that according to Dr. James E. Lightner's book, *Fearless and Bold*, cost \$161,042 to build.

"The changes to Blanche are a great move for the school," said Craig Silbert, class of '75 and father of current student, Saralyn Silbert, '10. "I can't say anything for sure, but the furniture that's in Blanche right now looks very simi-

lar to the stuff when I was in school and that's over 25 years ago."

According to Dr. Erhan Seidel, Blanche has gone through a number of renovations over the past ten years, but nothing close to the "scale anticipated in the current plans."

But can the students living in Blanche now bear living in the hall for a little while longer? Brown thinks so. "There are perks to better housing in places like North Village and Pennsylvania Avenue houses, but I don't think it's that bad."

With only a few months left with the "old" Blanche Ward Hall, maybe it's time students and faculty take a moment to embrace it. A change of attitude could be in place for many students, even the current residents. They can be at peace knowing they were the last group of students on the Hill who had to live through the bed bugs, the smells, the leaky showers, the garbage and so on.

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News

Fashion show gives good cause green light

First BSU fashion show for charity takes audiences on a well-dressed trip through time

By Michelle Mennen

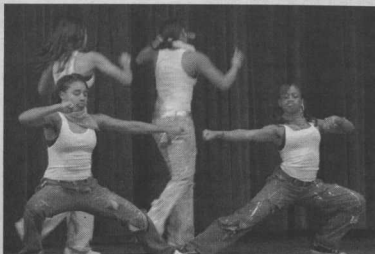
The lights were lowered, the stage was set, the music was pumping, the clothes were fabulous and all of the glitz and glamour was for a great cause.

Directors Yvonne Pearson and Shalanda Wills finally were able to see their dream become a reality on March 29 when the Black Student Union presented its first ever benefit fashion show entitled "Green Light, Looking Back to Move Forward."

The show, which unveiled in Alumn Hall, kicked off to raise awareness about AIDS in Africa and the Invisible Children of Uganda. All the proceeds from the show went to the SOS Foundation and the Invisible Children Foundation.

Saturday night's event was a fashion show through the decades because learning from the past helps people to begin to change the future, organizers said. Pearson said the show was an "entertaining way to educate" and stressed the correlation between fashion and history.

Tour guide George Moorehead took the audience on a journey from the Cotton Club set in the 1920s complete with flappers to the 1960s flower power and



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protest, and then moved the audience through the millennium with the models strutting their stuff to the sounds of John Mayer's "Waiting on the World to Change" and the Black Eyed Peas' "Where is the Love?" courtesy of D.J. Frank Gaitan.

The show's success is due to the hard work of so many people over the span of almost a year.

"It's a great collaborative effort," said Pearson.

Starting in May 2007, Pearson and Wills began the process of envisioning and organizing the show. They felt that this year's fashion show needed to be different from the fashion shows of BSU past, so they decided to introduce the idea

of the first ever benefit fashion show.

"I like to be the first to do things. I like leading the way," Pearson said.

However, Pearson and Wills could not pull off such an ambitious show without the help of the McDaniel community and local businesses who all believed in the cause.

In October, information sessions were held for all those who wanted to participate in the show in some capacity. At the start of one of these sessions Pearson said, "I'm nervous. This is the biggest thing I've done in my life."

Her humor and passion for the project was present throughout

the information session and she provided words of warning to all who wanted to participate, "I don't put out mess," she said.

Fashion show practices were soon underway starting at the end of October and continued through the fall semester, and began again at the start of the spring semester. During this time 32 models, representing a variety of campus organizations, met four days a week for approximately two hours each evening to prepare for the show.

Gamma Sigma Sigma President and model Amy Faby said, "we came together. We all had laughs and got to know each other really well."

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The following campus organizations also lent a helping hand to the show: Amnesty International, Alpha Phi Omega, Gamma Sigma Sigma, SGA, McDaniel's sociology department, College Activities and Phi Delta Theta.

Other students volunteered to help with behind the scenes activi-

ties. Hair stylist Tosin Abraham and make-up artist Stephanie Mackoul created the special looks for all of the models. David Olorunfemi and Lindsey Shue designed the programs.

The scenery was straight from the minds of Rachel Bishop and Conrad, and Lia Snow and Rudi Robinson were responsible for the inventive choreography for a dance scene in the show.

Local businesses also were a part of the volunteer effort with their generosity. Westminster's Kohl's and Rue 21 contributed all the beautiful clothes to the show as did Deda's of Towson.

Other businesses donated gift certificates or items for the show's raffle. Local restaurants Friendly's, McDonald's, Olive Garden, and Texas Roadhouse all donated gift certificates, but the four pairs of Versace sunglasses donated by the Center for Total Eye Care were the most coveted raffle gifts of all.

Even though the show featured fantastic giveaways and great clothes, this year's BSU fashion show truly was about everyone in the community coming together to help support a wonderful cause.

In their parting words in the show's program, Pearson and Wills said, "Remember hope can change the world."

Maryland Senate passes legislation banning text-messaging while driving

By Leslie Shirk

Ever get a text message during the commute, travel or trip home for winter and spring breaks, or even for weekend visits? One's natural inclination would be to type on his or her sidekick and text away. So what's the problem with responding quickly to a seemingly harmless text message? Though states are beginning to take action, there are still many states that don't have a ban on text messaging or general cell phone use.

The District of Columbia and Virginia already have these laws in effect, and now Maryland has decided to join them.

As of March 14, 2008, the Maryland Senate voted to toughen driving laws. Not only did they decide to inflict 10 p.m. curfews on 16-year-old drivers, but a close vote (23-21) has managed to approve a bill banning cell phone use while driving. The main cause for these stricter laws: people. More specifically teens texting while driving, or gabbing away on their phones. After countless accidents, ranging from minimal injuries to fatalities, officials found a need for the ban.

"I'm for the law," said sophomore Anna Migliorini, a sophomore, "because it pulls your attention from the road and instead of focusing on the road you're focusing on the text."

Junior Chelsea Chapman says, "It's extremely dangerous [to text] while driving, because even if you're memorized where the keys are on the phone, less attention is given to the road."

Under this new law, Maryland officials comment that, like the District of Columbia and Virginia, drivers will be allowed to use hands-free devices connected to their cell phones. However, if caught on their phone without a hands-free device, they will face a \$50 fine.

"This does however, pose an interesting obstacle for college students who are leaving campus and driving home, specifically those driving to other states that do allow texting."

Sarah Shank, a senior and Florida resident said, "I'm for the ban because personally I wouldn't be comfortable enough to text while driving, since I don't really feel like I have the whole texting thing down well enough regularly. Plus, mine [texts] wouldn't make any sense if I did."

Sadly, drivers don't seem to realize how dangerous it can be to text while driving, since it takes their eyes off the road and focuses them on their phone screen instead.

In addition to the proposed bill by the Maryland Legislature to ban cell phone use while driving,



the text-messaging ban is subsequently well under way as well, since this would come as a packaged deal.

"I do [text] while I drive and believe I can handle it, but at the same time, I know it's wrong to do," said junior MJ Alexander.

However, with the benefit of banning cell phone and text messaging use while driving also comes the question of, why not ban other things such as smoking while driving, such as eating, or changing with the radio?

MJ Alexander said, "You're using maybe a hand, it's like carrying an apple or changing a CD. All that should be banned if this is the case because it all takes your attention off the road."

The Senate is still awaiting a verdict from the House, which will make or break this bill's case. Ironically, several Senators who would have usually voted against such a bill have surprised the Senate with their decisions to support and promote safer driving.

IVCF endures 30-Hour Famine for awareness

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Day as an event for her Christian Fellowship affinity group. It has been held annually for many years, but this year Howe decided to open it up to the entire campus.

"We are so blessed," she said, "to live where we live, and have an education; it's easy to forget there are starving kids out there." Howe thinks many causes supported by World Vision are important in helping to raise awareness.

She can participate in the fast because of medical reasons, but Howe helped plan it and participated in the games and activities.

"I definitely don't eat in front of the others though, that would be mean," Howe said.

Senior Amanda Eubank, a biology and art history major, first became involved with the 30 Hour Famine in high school with her local church.

"The first time you do it it's hard because you're used to eating. We have to play games and find ways to distract ourselves," she said. One such game is called Tribe: Indonesia, where they participate in activities to help them experience some of the obstacles many must overcome just to survive.

"We'll have to walk around with a limp or walk with a heavy backpack on," Eubank said. "It helps us identify with what children are going through in third world countries."

Other activities include a Friday

movie night and a Saturday night Bible study, as well as a sponsored pizza dinner for breaking the fast, usually donated by a local pizza place.

Each year, members of the Fellowship create a visual representation of their cause. Last year they constructed a 29,000 link chain around red square-one link to represent one person who dies each year from hunger.

"29,000 links...that took a long time," said Howe, "but afterwards we sat outside Glar and sold the links for 25 cents each to raise money for World Vision."

Eubanks said that the important thing to do is drink juice to keep the hunger pains from getting too strong...and don't "gore yourself on pizza when you break the fast, after the first time you know that eating too much will make you very sick."

She also said that one girl, who wanted to be "hardcore" with the Famine, only drank water instead of the allowed juice and ended up throwing up because of it.

Eubanks hopes this event and its message reaches other people on campus.

"These are big issues that everyone can relate to," she said, "Starving children, AIDS, this is a common interest in helping people that need it."

"Maybe people will think twice before complaining about Glar all the time," Eubank added.

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April

Looking for something to do around campus? With the help of CAPBoard and many other campus organizations, there are several fun events planned for the month of March:

- April 5:** *McDaniel Dance Company Performance: Future*
Sponsored by: McDaniel Dance Co.
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Location: Alumni Hall
- April 7:** *Budapest Orientation*
Presented by: Rose Falkner
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Hill Hall Rm. 016
- April 9:** *Blood Drive*
Sponsored by: College Activities
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Location: The Forum
- April 9:** *Residence Life Q&A*
Sponsored by: SGA
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: Hill Hall 108
- April 10:** *Free Casino Night*
Sponsored by: Late Nights
Time: 10:00 p.m.
Location: The Forum
- April 12:** *New York City trip to see "Chicago"*
Sponsored by: CAPBoard
Time: 7:00 a.m.
Contact: CAPBoard for details
- April 14:** *Etiquette Dinner*
Sponsored by: CAPBoard
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: The Forum

Signs of the times: Movies and dance are visual expressions of language

By Meredith Tucker, Contributor

There is an old saying that says, "A picture paints a thousand words." If that statement is true, then a movie paints millions of words, bringing them into a full Technicolor life for a Deaf person.

Many people are surprised that I love movies so much. Until recently, most were not closed-captioned. I recall my mom taking a tiny flashlight and signing low under the seat the gist of what was going on. The first movie I remember being a curly-haired, red headed girl dancing and singing as Mom's hands raced to keep up. I was hooked! My silent world had been filled with fast action, color, dancing and interest.

As I grew older, I read books and then later saw their movie adaptations. The movies made the books "live" for me and gave me a broader comprehension of things I was incapable of understanding like "cannon blasting," "a thunderous gallop," or "a bloody scream." Thousands of these terms were near meaningless until I was able to visualize them on the screen and connect them with the words I had read.

When I saw words associated with feelings and emotion connected with expression on faces I was more able to comprehend the story. I especially get more out of comedy if I can see faces.

Music used to be a bit of a mystery to me—something reserved for hearing people. When I saw people dance and studied their

movements and felt the powerful vibration flow through my body from the speakers, I began to understand that music is a language in itself and that dance has a visual expression. It is just like sign language and it is a visual expression of a spoken language. By watching dance I too can share in music.

Before we had a closed-captioned television, Mom would interpret television shows and the movies that we would rent. I'll never forget her renting the movie *Stella* when I was in high school, and she told me it was a very important movie about how much mothers loved their daughters.

I sat and watched the movie, and I couldn't control my laughter at her when she cried her eyes out at the end. She then signed to me, "Just wait until we have a daughter," which made me laugh even more, and she ended up being hurt.

I now have a daughter of my own, and *Stella* is one of my favorite movies. It makes me think of my own mom, how much she loves me, how much I love my own daughter, how there are no limits to a mother's love and the sacrifices moms make.

Now I can share a list of my favorite movies in a variety of genres: 1. *Blade Runner*, 2. *Gone With the Wind*, 3. *Elizabeth*, 4. *There's Something About Mary*, 5. *Top Gun*, 6. *The Family Stone*, 7. *Tin Cup*, 8. *Vital Signs* (a short film created by two deaf filmmakers, Wayne Betts, Jr. and Chad W. Taylor, owners of Mosdeux).

Commentary

Sports: Steroids

Canseco just can't keep his mouth shut

By Garrett Eagan, McDaniel Guru

Well, it's official. The ex-player turned snitch has inked another book, set to hit shelves this spring. He has rung the bell on Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, and Barry Bonds. He used cookouts as meet and greets between dealers and players, using the interaction for future evidence. He has linked the word "steroid" to every homerun ever recorded.

And now, he is doing it again. Fellow juicer and ex-big leaguer Jose Canseco has written another book on the steroid ordeal, and the names involved in it are not a big surprise. In the book, "Vindicated: Big Names, Big Liars, and The Battle to Save Baseball," Canseco is blowing the whistle on more players, including superstars Alex Rodriguez and Magglio Ordonez.

The book, which was accidentally bought recently, has already been leaked over the web. According to the new book, Canseco had introduced A-Rod to a steroid dealer, and from there the charges even reach the claim that A-Rod was after Canseco's then-wife. Had enough yet?

I think we all have. I do credit Canseco for not ruining the game of baseball or tainting it, but shedding light on the people who were actually ruining it—the players who were juicing. But, the second book is a bit much. No one is perfect, and with all the tests and constant scrutiny, I do not think the latest names involved in his new book are valid. Remember, this is coming from a guy who missed a deep fly ball, which bounced off his head and continued over the wall for a homerun. Canseco should just focus on his personal business, and not try to further his self-righteous role as the torch-bearer against steroids.

One was enough, but this is too much. And this book comes right in time for the new season, in which A-Rod is heavily on pace to continue his pursuit of HANK AARON's record (not Barry Bonds). Whether these charges are accurate is still to be determined, but one thing is certain, A-Rod is tight-lipped and focused on baseball. Good idea.

(Read the full commentary on the Free Press Blog at www.mcdaniel-freepress.com)

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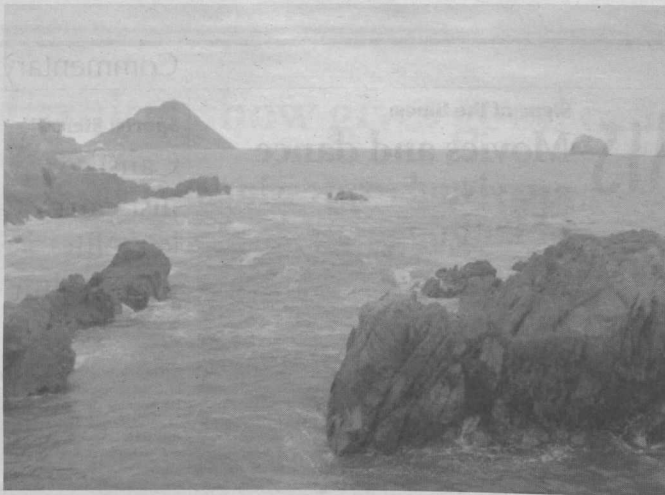
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Late Nights



SPRING BREAK



It seems that students found as many adventure spots between March 15 and 23 as destinations over this past January Term. From Cancun, Mexico and Ocean City, Maryland, to Puerto Rico and ancient temples, pairs and groups of students certainly lived up to the term "break." Many enjoyed newly-acquired legality in the realm of alcohol, while others relaxed on the beach or pool-side, returning to our quiet campus refreshed and tan. And from the moans and groans that escaped at the start of this spring semester, it sounded like students desperately needed relief from overwhelming numbers of papers, presentations, and other time-consuming projects.



One graduate student, Rodrigo Antonio, escaped to Puerto Rico with a few other McDaniel students, reluctantly returning to campus the Saturday before classes resumed. "We were just wild in San Juan," said Antonio of his catamaran cruise, lounging on the beaches, diving excursions, and touring the city.

After everyone regaled of their travels abroad, or simple chill time with family and friends back home, a thoughtful air surrounded most: this spring semester is half over—finals are rapidly approaching, for seniors graduation looms on the horizon and for others, the end of their first year on campus draws near. Yet these experiences will last far longer than monotonous escapades on campus (legal or not), cramming for exams, or worrying about waking up in time for lectures.

--Dave Robertson

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Compiled by Kate Delenick

What are you most looking forward to during Spring Fling weekend?



Jason Stealy '09
Bill Warner '08

"Yeah definitely, Kevin Flanagan's backyard wrestling."
"Backyard wrestling during spring fling weekend."



Deane Mellor '11

"All the fun activities and of course, beating Dickinson in lacrosse."



Mandy Pickard '10

"Pudding wrestling in Red Square."



Meg Ryan '10

"Celebrating a fantastic year with all of my 'LYM' friends and just having a weekend of non-stop fun."

NCAA panel on Division III

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She admits that sports were the major reason she chose McDaniel. Grace feels the Centennial Conference has a good reputation for several sports and is very competitive. She does not know anything about the NCAA's plans but thinks that a split could help Division III athletics to be more competitive.

Junior Shawn Weaver has been on the men's soccer team for three years at midfield and forward. "I love soccer but I wasn't into playing all the time every second of the day," said Weaver, who did not want to play Division I sports like his sister. He prefers Division III.

"I think it's a very competitive conference in pretty much all sports," said Weaver who also appreciated the academic standing of the schools.

Asked about a split in the conference, Weaver felt it would make it easier to get into the NCAA tournament. Another benefit, "You have more time for yourself to get your academics under control, all that. I like having the free time," said Weaver.

There is a lot at stake with the possible changes and how the changes might take place. Joe Dzoncic, a sophomore pitcher on the baseball team, feels there is a big difference if the Division is split and ranked as Division III and IV or even A and B.

"It would probably make me leave if we were to go down to the lower division," said Dzoncic. "I would definitely be looking at better schools if that were the case."

Editor



Sports Co-Editor Ryan Chell and McDaniel Guru Garrett Eagan give their take on a prominent topic

“What team has the best chance to win the National Championship from the Elite Eight?”

Editor:

The obvious pick here would be North Carolina because of the way they have played against Mount St. Mary's, Arkansas and defensive-minded Washington State last week. I am going to go a different route and say the Texas Longhorns. They have beaten two of the four #1 seeds in UCLA and Kansas in the regular season, and many people thought that this team would struggle with Kevin Durant going to the NBA, but the team still looks dominant. The Longhorns will be at home for the rest of their region, and will hopefully push #1 seed Memphis, who showed that they can hit free-throws in their defeat of Michigan State.

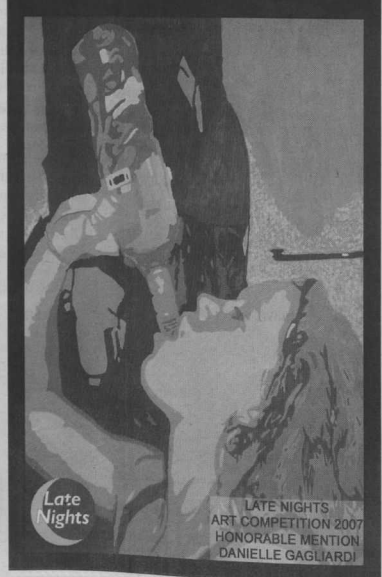
Led by guard D.J. Augustine, who averages 19.3 points per game, to go along with six assists (as well as shooting close to 40% from 3-pt range), the Longhorns outside game is phenomenal. But they also have that much-needed balance attack, as evident by sophomore forward Damian James who averages 13 points and 10 rebounds. In the end, they have the home-field advantage. They already played their bad-game of the tournament against Miami. They may not be the best team on the right-side of the bracket, but with UCLA and Memphis not playing perfect basketball, it may be time for the Longhorns to take advantage. The Longhorns have the second most wins in NCAA Tournament History (32) without winning a championship, and I think if Rick Barnes keeps his team focused, they could be a team to win those final games needed to cut down the nets.

Guru:

The team that I feel has the best chance to win is Kansas. There are many reasons why people might say North Carolina, yet Kansas is more of the total package to win this tournament. They average 81.2 points per game, shooting 50.9% from the field and 69.8% from the charity stripe. The thing that impresses me about Kansas is the fact that there is not one big star like North Carolina. Four players on the team average right around 12 points per game, lending support to the fact that Kansas plays unselfish basketball, and if one players struggles, the team won't suffer. The best part of Kansas's game is their guard work with Rush and Chalmer, which is evident by their 40.2% from behind the arc. The way Kansas plays I do not think that North Carolina can stop them. Most likely they will face UCLA in the National Championship on April 7, which I think they have the upper hand.

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CockTales performance improves, \$1,000 raised 'making dick jokes'

By Max Robinson, Contributor

March 12 and 13 saw the second annual production of CockTales, McDaniel College's one and only forum for monologues on male issues.

Last year, the cast consisted of nine men and women. This year's cast nearly doubled in size and covered issues ranging from testicular torsion to popular rejections from sperm donation to the art form of masturbation.

While I feel last year's cast was a little more closely knit than this year's expanded group, the quality of the program has stayed just as consistent. This year's monologues managed to stay original and not retreat old ground covered in last year's show, despite having a larger

cast and being a longer show.

That isn't to say this year's show was flawless; there wasn't as much practice as last year and the first night's show was plagued with technical difficulties.

Still, this year's performance exhibits some very healthy growth; the larger cast and larger audience turn outs (even after adding another show). The sale of some very delicious Cockies and super-stylish CockTales T-shirts allowed us to raise over \$1,000 for the Boys Home Society of Baltimore and Family and Children Services of Central Maryland.

Not too bad for a bunch of guys and gals having fun and making dick jokes, huh?

Cancelled Kenya trip causes student to reflect

By Julia Heck

For years, I have been avidly interested in issues across the African continent including Rwanda, Sudan and Uganda. I've had a desire to perhaps go to Africa in the future and work with a relief organization. However, when I signed up for a Jan Term trip to Kenya, I had different intentions.

I was looking forward to a purely cultural experience and doing to build upon a village's library. Only a few days prior to our intended departure, I was shocked to find out that our trip was cancelled due to unsafe conditions in Kenya. Our group, as well as faculty parents and other students asked, "What in the world brought one of Africa's most stable nations to conditions similar to Darfur, Sudan?"

On Tuesday February 26, Dr. Ochieng K'Olewe, who was supposed to lead the Jan Term class in his native Kenyan village, had a talk to answer these questions.

He began by saying, "The past explains the present."

In order to understand the current conflict in Kenya, one must be familiarized with Kenya's history. Prior to British rule, the 42 ethnic groups were dispersed throughout the country. Without borders, many traveled the land as nomads.

In 1895 when the British formed the Kenyan colony, they

created problems that echo in Kenya's current issues. They grouped ethnicities based upon similar dialects and formed boundaries creating resentment between ethnic groups. The main problems were the displacement of people who had never been concerned with boundaries and the British signing treaties.

Many groups formed a bitterness that was not erased after Kenya gained independence. Since 1963, there have only been three presidents elected in Kenya. Since independence the people have been on a quest for a more suitable leader.

In 2007, with Kibaki as president, many people were excited and optimistic for a change. He had high expectations for Raila Odinga to implement positive change in Kenya.

The results of the December 27 election came with great surprise and skepticism. The votes were believed to have been rigged. That ultimately caused violence to break out. Supporters of Kibaki and Odinga began to attack one another in brutal battles.

Jeffrey Gettleman from the *New York Times* said, "Kenya used to be considered one of the most stable nations in Africa known as an oasis of peace in a turbulent region."

Since the election, over 1,000 Kenyans have been killed and

hundreds of thousands displaced. Sexual violence has been targeted towards women and children and entire villages have been torched.

K'Olewe said, "We used to be that model country; this has shattered that."

Kenya has been a nation where refugees of neighboring countries have found security. Now 300,000 Kenyans have taken refuge in Uganda.

However, K'Olewe is optimistic for his homeland.

He said, "There is hope. I don't think Kenyans will settle for what we used to."

He proposed three goals to improve Kenya's political future: implementing a constitution in order for powers to be shared, redistributing land and using the role of education to change future generations.

Kenyans saw hope on Friday, February 29 when Kibaki and Odinga agreed to share power with Odinga as prime minister.

However, Kenya still has a long way to go. On Monday March 3, thirteen people including six children were burned or hacked to death.

It is important to be aware of current issues around the world. You can always be active in some way. K'Olewe suggests writing letters to representatives and said that surprisingly it can make a difference.

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By LaShawntay M. Tinker

In the past the Black Student Union (BSU) has been dedicated to hosting McDaniel College's annual "Keeping It Real Forum." It is at this annual forum that students, staff, administrators and professors have the opportunities to address various issues, problems, solutions and suggestions of concern.

Typically the "Keeping It Real Forum" panel consists of a diverse group of staff and students (deans, professors, directors, etc) who adequately represent and contribute associated perspectives. This year some of the main issues of concern to students were the role of Campus Safety (do they treat ALL students fairly?), diversity (whether McDaniel students consider this campus to be diverse),

sanitation of the bathrooms, the flu, how McDaniel handled the situation, relationships and friendships amongst students of various backgrounds, the role of the BSU and the lack of support from the majority of the student body and staff.

For as long as the BSU "Keeping It Real Forum" has been in existence the audience and support of the event has been a homogeneous one—only members of the umbrella organizations and minority students support. It appears that for some reason or another, students continue to be resistant towards the BSU and events sponsored by the BSU.

It is the members of the BSU that often question why we do not receive student and staff support? Why do we have a homogeneous membership? Why don't students attend our

events?

However, this lack of support does not halt the true mission and purpose of the BSU: to educate and bring awareness of black history and culture to the campus and community. The BSU will continue to invite students and staff with open arms to all events and forums.

On a positive note, this year the "Keeping It Real Forum" was one of the most diverse forums thus far! This year the forum was composed of multiple cultures, races, ages, students and professionals. A lot of good questions were answered, problems were addressed and solutions were offered!

The BSU can only hope that next year will bring an even bigger and more diverse crowd than the year before.

On the 'Keeping It Real Forum'

*If you feel down . . .
pick this up.*

"I recommend you take care of the minutes and the hours will take care of themselves."

~ Earl of Chesterfield

How can it be that April is here already? Now that we are close to the end of the spring semester, the due dates for various projects and papers are drawing near. And at times it can seem to be overwhelming, but as long as you manage your time well, one step at a time, you will become productive and not just busy.

By Torrek Jordan

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This Day in History

April 3

By Chris Higgs

2004 Freddy Adu, 14 year old soccer star, becomes the youngest professional athlete in American professional sports in over a century.
www.infoplease.com

1996 Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski is arrested.
www.infoplease.com

1974 Nearly 150 tornadoes destroy areas covering 13 states.
wikipedia.org

1933 First flight over Mount Everest.
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1860 First Pony Express service begins.
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1783 Author Washington Irving's birthday.
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Alcohol can help prevent heart disease

By Julia Heck

Drinking can save our lives? Recent studies across Europe and the U.S. tie drinking alcohol to maintaining a healthy heart.

In a recent BBC article Ellen Masson, a cardiac nurse at the British heart foundation said, "The combination of moderate drinking and physical activity appears to be a winning one in a reducing the risk of fatal heart disease."

Research has suggested that alcohol consumption may be heart healthy because it may increase the levels of "good" cholesterol and thin the blood.

South Carolina researchers studied the results of 7,500 people after four years. They found that new (people who did not previously drink), moderate drinkers were 38% less likely to develop heart disease.

A European Heart Journal Study followed a group of 12,000 people for almost 20 years, 1,242

of whom died from Ischaemic heart disease (IHO). They found that people who did not exercise or drink had 49% higher chance than those who did one or both. Moderate drinkers who exercised at a similar level were 30% less likely to develop heart disease than non-drinkers.

An anonymous McDaniel student who partakes in the partying scene said, "I've heard about this before but there's always the key word: moderation. Also, the studies probably only hold true to wine, when I take a couple shots of vodka, is that going to help my heart?"

The studies showed that those who drank wine were at a lower risk. And yes, these benefits come with moderation. The researchers consider 14 units of alcohol per week as moderate. A unit of alcohol is defined as half a pint of normal strength beer. A medium-sized glass of wine is two units.

Freshman Cassidy Bryson,

said, "Alcohol in moderation is no big deal. It's evidently healthy to have a little bit every now and then, and it's only when you abuse alcohol that it becomes an issue."

Dr. Dana King, leader of the South Carolina study, said, "When we say seven drinks a week, we mean one a day not seven drinks on a Saturday night." Some people may misinterpret these studies.

Freshman Rory Anderson, said, "Knowing your limits and being able to stay in control is really important. Having a glass of wine with dinner most nights helps you relax and fight cardiovascular disease, but binge drinking Friday and Saturday nights is just hurting your liver and brain."

To a partner's dismay, this study unfortunately does not endorse binge drinking or any drinking in excess. However, the more sophisticated individual who enjoys a drink with dinner could actually be drinking to a longer, healthier life.

The Other Boleyn Girl keeps more than Henry's attention

By Kim Williams

Many people warned me against seeing *The Other Boleyn Girl*. However, I am open-minded and curious, so I decided to check it out and thankfully I was pleasantly surprised. As both a product of a generation with a relatively short attention span and a movie buff who loathes wasting time on a bad picture, this film is one of an elite few that has proved capable of holding my attention for almost

two hours. It is a story of intrigue, court love affairs, power struggles, and family.

The film centers on the turmoil as two sisters struggle for the attention of King Henry. Although many people will be familiar with the plot from history class, the actors do a superb job of capturing the audience's interest regardless. The film features an all-star cast, including Natalie Portman as Anne Boleyn, Scarlett Johansson as Mary Boleyn, Eric Bana as King Henry, and Jim Sturgess (from *Across the Universe*) as George Boleyn. Even though I know how the relationship between Anne Boleyn and King Henry ends, I still found myself ashamedly in tears as the conclusion drew near (I will not ruin it for anyone who somehow managed to glide through life without learning this fact).

Perhaps it is only for history

Perhaps it is only for history enthusiasts, but I think the movie is capable of interesting a large spectrum of people.



enthusiasts, but I think the movie is capable of interesting a large spectrum of people. Not only are the costumes themselves fascinating enough to draw ones attention, and the scenery worth at least a glance, but the acting was beauti-

fully done. For anyone who is a fan of Sturgess, he has a heart wrenching scene which was so well done I felt the urge to stand up and clap. The movie also has some interesting twists, such as portraying King Henry as a more sympathetic char-

acter. Filled with drama, romance and heartbreak, this is a film worth seeing.

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A possible actor's strike? Are you kidding me?



David Nasongkhla '08
Commentary Co-Editor

Three weeks ago, Hollywood writers returned from a major strike that halted the production of movies and television shows. Thank God.

But, as if Hollywood actors aren't satisfied enough with the millions they bring in every year, they are in talks about going on strike as well.

I don't know if I can handle an actor's strike. Hit shows such as *Lost* and *Saturday Night Live* were hit pretty hard by the writers strike. But for those out there, who, like me, follow the teachings of Michael Scott, must be having a tough time waiting for the new episodes of *The Office* to air since

the writer's strike.

The Screen Actors Guild contract expires in June, and the actors, who, like the writers, want to bring in more revenue with the growing use of the internet, and the potential millions of dollars it holds, won't renegotiate contracts until those numbers are included into the new contract.

Come on Screen Actors Guild, stop being so greedy. All I'm saying is that you people are making millions and yet you still want more. Just like in baseball, players make millions to play a game but yet they still aren't satisfied with their income.

I'm sure there are thousands of

people, even millions, around the world who would be willing to act for a lot less. Heck, I'd direct, write, shoot, and edit movies myself for a quarter of a million (wink, wink) dollars for each movie.

There's something to be said about the members of SAG: they just aren't humble. As much as Brangelina seem to be helping out the third world by adopting one kid from each third world country, they would probably help a lot more by donating a million here and there to various charities.

You know they can afford it. Hollywood isn't going to let the actors walk, so of course, they will renegotiate the SAG contract in fa-

vor of the actors granting millions more. Of course when the next contract expires, actors might be asking for hundreds of millions.

But I guess it all comes down to the dollar. As much as us fans of film and TV hate to see the actors go on strike, it's easy to forget that even though it started out as entertainment, Hollywood, like everything else, has become a business. And the number one thing that drives a business is money.

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Women's lacrosse shoots for conference champs

By Chris Ferrick-Manley
Sports Co-Editor

The Green Terror women's lacrosse team has picked up where they left off after winning the ECAC title for the South Region last spring, starting off the season 5-2 (1-1 in Centennial Conference play).

Head coach Muffie Bliss goal this year is to win the Centennial Conference, a goal that will not be easy for the Terror women. Also in the stacked conference are Gettysburg and their #4 national ranking, and defending national champion Franklin and Marshall who hold the #1 ranking. F&M already defeated McDaniel 28-2 earlier this season.

"Conference opponents are

always the hardest," said Bliss, who has never beaten Gettysburg and has not beaten F&M since 2003.

The fifth-year head coach does believe that her team has the ability to beat any other team on any given day, if they "bring their A game".

Key scorers for the team include senior captain Kerrie Wuenschel, and sophomore Brittany Baer who was named the Centennial women's lacrosse player of the week for the week ending March 9.

Chelsea Ferruzzi and Stephanie Sudbrook are midfielders who Bliss said "can place the draw wherever they want."

Defensively, Ceri Miller,

Lee Oliver, and Erin McDonnell earned praise from their coach.

"Three core players who have helped get our defense off on the right foot," she said.

In addition senior captain Sarah White is the goal keeper who averages a 50 percent save average.

Wuenschel shares her coach's optimism for the season, believing that the team has a realistic shot of winning the conference.

"Our coaches say this is the most talent they've seen since they've been coaching," said Wuenschel, "Our goal is to finish first."

Lee Oliver, who is the third senior captain on the team, sees her team with a top three finish in the conference.

"If not in the conference finals, top three," said Oliver.

Oliver, who was Second Team Centennial Conference and Second Team Regional All-American at defender last year, believes this young team that starts two to four freshmen every game has a chance to accomplish something that the upperclassmen have yet to do namely beat either Gettysburg or F&M.

"We're young but I think we're going to do well," said Oliver, "It's a really competitive conference."

The next home games are today at 4 p.m. and April 5 at 12 p.m. The Terror plays #4 Gettysburg at Gettysburg on April 9 at 7 p.m.



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Lee Oliver, a senior captain, wants a top three finish in the conference.

Coaches worry that division split could affect recruiting

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and Washington College and larger Division III schools such as University of Wisconsin, Whitewater.

Asked if a split in Division III would impact the Centennial Conference, Seidel said he felt there would be no impact. "One hundred percent of the schools in this conference have the same philosophy as we do, and we chose the same thing," said Seidel. "We're trying to look out for the students, not just their academic life, but their social [life]...we want athletics to be an important part, but not at all a consuming part," said Seidel.

Could a split into Division III and IV affect recruiting?

"I wish they'd get away from numbers," said Seidel. He does not believe McDaniel will see that much of a difference.

"A person looking for our type of school and our type of ath-

letic program is still going to come here," said Seidel.

McDaniel coaches are unsure what changes may occur. "I think right now nobody has the crystal ball," said Rebecca Martin, who has been coaching the women's basketball team for 27 years. She feels the NCAA is looking towards the future and trying to come up with a strategic plan.

When Martin was asked if she thought the Centennial Conference would split up, she said she did not know, but felt that the shared philosophy about academics would hold the schools together.

Martin described a survey that she knows was sent out by the conference requesting input from coaches and the athletic administration, "so they can get a sense of everybody's feeling regarding the program as it stands now."

"It's not my decision to make, it's the presidents decision to make," said Martin. "And the

president will make the decision once she's gathered pertinent information from all the sources to make the best decision for this institution."

Martin would not like to see the conference become more restrictive. "I think in general at McDaniel, we do a great job for a well-rounded opportunity for our students," said Martin. "Our students do well, and they also have the opportunity to excel on the playing field if they choose to."

David Seibert, head coach of McDaniel's baseball team, is heading into his 28th season this year. He has two concerns if Division III would be split. "My take on that is that it depends on how they call it; name it, if you don't do a numerical ranking...where it would appear as though one part of the division is higher status than the other."

"That would affect recruiting. I think that's my biggest concern," said Seibert. "Yeah, I don't want to

be [in] Division IV and have Division III that's non-scholarship like we are...kids and parents are all going to sit there and say...I would rather have my kid go to division III," laughed Seibert. "That's a little more suited to the ego."

Seibert would like the Centennial Conference to stay the way it is and doesn't care if they add more schools. "I really don't want to see a split, and if we do see a split, I want it to be equal naming, something where you don't differentiate between divisions," said Seibert.

The assistant coach of men's basketball, Kevin Selby, said he does not know enough about the NCAA's future plans to say if a change would benefit McDaniel. Similar to Seidel's description of size disparities, Selby said in Division III, "there are big universities with huge numbers of students and money going into athletics. I think it would be a separa-

tion between those two kinds of schools...putting them on a more equal playing field," said Selby.

However, Selby is referring more to recruitment when he compares big and small. "Look at our men's basketball team, we won the Division III Pride of Maryland basketball championship," said Selby. "We beat state universities like Salisbury on our way to that championship and they're much bigger schools than we are."

Several other McDaniel coaches and assistant coaches who were asked for interviews about any of their concerns declined, stating they did not yet know much about the proposed changes and that it was being handled at an administrative level.

McDaniel student athletes openly shared their opinions. Sophomore Sally Grace has been playing point guard for the women's basketball team for two years.

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Among injuries and illness, runners value friendships the most

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program to help him overcome his occasional knee pain and attributes the program to his running success.

At the DuCharme Indoor Invitational, White took sixteenth place in the one mile run with a time of 4:50; a personal record.

White is most proud of the team's 21st place finish at the NCAA Midwest Regional meet in November.

"Our 21st place finish...is one of the highest places our team has finished in school history," White said.

These great achievements are due in part to what White sees as the team's "strongest aspect."

"We are all pretty close with each other and I think team camaraderie and friendships are the best thing a D3 runner can take out of a sport," said White.

Junior Kevin Bowman was hit with mononucleosis at the start of the cross country season when he was a freshman, but he returned

in fighting form with a number of great achievements.

For his junior year though, Bowman is not running because of a knee injury that happened last summer while he was training for the cross country season.

"My best talent as a runner is being chronically injured. I got a overuse injury in my knee...and I am still dealing with it, I even had surgery on it in September, had three months of rehab...but the pain returned," Bowman said.

White said, "Kevin Bowman has the most potential out of all of us runners on the team and if he can get healthy from his IT band injury he could still come back and do some major damage in our conference."

Although he is no longer a part of the McDaniel running program, junior Tim Eggars also knows what it's like to deal with chronic injury. A shin injury early in his athletic career prevented Eggars from fully developing as a runner.

"I had a serious injury my first week as a Green Terror. My perfor-

mance and passion never was the same," Eggars said.

Eggars was still able to run during three cross country seasons and two seasons of indoor and outdoor track, but his injury never left.

"The injury always haunted me just when it seemed I was over the hump and could continue with my career," said Eggars.

Even though his athletic career came to an end, Eggars still values the friendships he made while he was a part of the team.

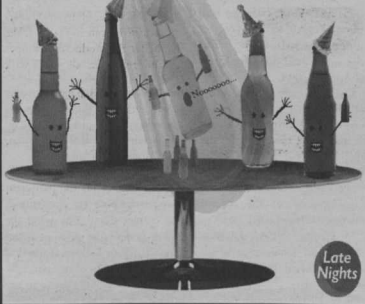
Whether these student athletes are still running or if they all mentioned the importance of the friendships they've made while on the team.

Crutchley said, "The bonds I have created with my teammates, the lessons I've learned and the feelings of success I have experienced running at the collegiate level are unsurpassed."

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Runners set records and combat injury

By Michelle Menner

Almost four semesters ago, four Green Terror runners were profiled by then *Free Press* sports editor Laura Hutton. Cody Crutchley, Dan White, Kevin Bowman and Tim Eggars were runners who all were promising talents on the team. Some had speed and determination, while others struggled to overcome illness or injury. However, that was then and this is now.

Best known for his speed is junior Cody Crutchley. The beginning of his athletic career here is marked with many personal bests, and today he continues his success. In March, Crutchley placed thirteenth in the Men's 800 meter run with a time of 2:03.5 at the Centennial Conference at Ursinus.

He says his greatest accomplishment so far was in 2007 at the Outdoor Conferences at Haverford College when he was a member of the 4x800 relay team.

"Our coach kept telling me and the three other members... that we would run a 7:51 which would crush the school record by about six seconds and would mean that all four of us would have to run sub two minutes for an 800 meter," Crutchley said. "Needless to say, we were all very skeptical, but come race day we ran 7:51 and put our names in the record books."

In February, the team placed fifth at the DuCharme Indoor Track and Field Invitational at Dickinson. Crutchley had a satisfying fifth place finish in the one mile run with a time of 4:40.

"The mile requires a runner to think about pacing unlike a sprint but have the balls to break loose of pacing to push the envelope so to speak...[that] was my first mile of the indoor season since I normally just focus on the 800," Crutchley added. "But I was very satisfied with my time but plan to hit much faster times when I devote more

time to this event in the spring."

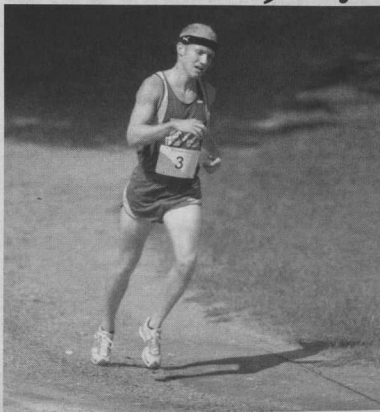
Crutchley sees a great future for Green Terror runners. "I look forward to bringing aboard some incoming runners next year and passing on the torch so to speak to a new generation of McDaniel runners who I hope will be tracking down the records we have created," Crutchley said.

Dan White was a contender for most improved at the beginning of his sophomore year, but then he was plagued by a knee injury that sidelined him for almost the next three seasons. After undergoing surgery he started running again this past cross country season.

"After a full season of cross country and my first ever indoor season, I feel like I am in the best shape I have ever been in and hope to continue to improve," said White.

White developed a lifting

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Junior Cody Crutchley looks forward to passing the torch to incoming runners.

NCAA panel considers splitting bloated Division III

Centennial Conference likely to stay together after panel listens to members

By Rachel Hooper, Features Co-Editor

The NCAA website posted the news on March 28, 2008, that the Division III working group is ending its discussion of creating new divisions in response to preliminary results of a survey.

Responding to the degree of opposition to restructuring, the panel is giving membership more time to explore options and planning future Division III Town Hall Meetings beginning in May. According to the website, the results of the survey will not be released until April 9, 2008.

Over the past month, when asked about their concerns for the future of the Centennial Conference and with restructuring still being considered, McDaniel and Centennial Conference officials shared their concerns and explained the background of the current problem. McDaniel participates in the 11 member NCAA Division III Centennial Conference which could be affected by any future changes.

Steve Ulrich, executive director of the Centennial Conference

since 1993, thinks the conference that McDaniel is part of could join a new grouping because something has to be done about the increasing number of schools in Division III.

"The plan is to stay together; I don't think we'd let an issue like this split us up," said Ulrich. "The conference has been together for 16 years...I think as a whole, myself, along with the [college] presidents, we'd like to stand by the original philosophy of Division III."

McDaniel President Joan Develin Coley agrees with Ulrich. "The conference will remain united; I do not anticipate that we will split apart."

"All schools in the conference have been sent a survey...I will not send it back until I get the input of many others at the college," said Coley. "I am filling out this form with input from my athletic director, coaches, faculty representative to athletics, and this meeting has not taken place. In the end, we will go with the will of the Centennial Conference, I am sure."

Jamie Smith, McDaniel's athletic director for the past eight years, is keeping an open mind. The current discussions are at the higher end of the division structure. "They are looking at whether one division has become essentially too large and should they form another division," said Smith.

According to Smith, over 100

schools have joined the Division III in the last 15 years. Currently Division III consists of approximately 420 members and is expected to grow to 448 members by the year 2012-2013.

One difference between the divisions is that Division I and II offers athletic scholarships and Division III does not. With the current discussions, Smith does not anticipate a change in that policy.

McDaniel Vice President for Administration and Finance Ethan Seidel explained that the NCAA does not yet have any plans. "It's more of a discussion, and the discussion has been going on for a number of years now," said Seidel.

He explains several factors that are driving the talks. One factor is the size of Division III and the logistical problems with championships and playoffs.

"You can only invite so many schools to a playoff; it just leaves a huge number out," said Seidel.

Over time, with the increased size of Division III, a disparity has developed in the types of schools, according to Seidel. "So you have everything from very small liberal arts colleges, some are even smaller than us, to state universities... in Division III," Seidel placed McDaniel in the middle between smaller schools like Bryn Mawr

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With experience, deep bench, softball sets sights on championship

By Kate Delenick

"One Focus - One Goal - One Team," is a motto that McDaniel Softball team takes to heart. With a full fall season and a trip to Florida already under their belts this year's team is pushing forward to tough conference play.

With four senior captains and a "very versatile" freshman class, coach Phil Smith believes the team is well prepared for their upcoming opponents.

"We have a deep bench, which is something new," Smith said. With a conference that has improved exceptionally over the past three years the team finds themselves in the middle of some of the best competition in the region.

"Three years ago we would have best Swarthmore 16-2, but now they're making conference playoffs," Smith said. With three conference games in four days coming up for the Green Terror injury updates are on the minds of the coaches and players.

Like most teams on the Hill, softball finds themselves bruised but certainly not broken. Sophomore short-stop Lauren Toomey injured her ankle in an early sea-

son game against Mary Baldwin and senior captain Karyn Curley is playing with an injured shoulder that by seasons end may require surgery.

Injuries aside, the team finds themselves motivated and determined to reach their goals this year. In the classroom the team found themselves last year among the top 75 Division III schools nationally for highest GPAs and this year would like to break into the top 50. On the field, beating current conference champs, Gettysburg is in the minds of each player. On April 27, the Terror will get their chance to take the Bullets at home.

Captain Diana Rosemier, junior Kelli Workmeister, and sophomore Lauren Toomey have come through clutch for Lady Terror before and this season will be no different.

With their experience as well as with new-comers like freshmen Megan Elfert and Lauren Wildasin the team is stacked with talent and with each swing of the bat they will be one step closer to a conference championship.

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Have a great summer! Thanks for reading, and congrats seniors.

Budapest good for grades, traveling

By Kate Delenick

The rumors are abundant and impossible to ignore: "Skipping classes are a rite of passage and a GPA boost is a guarantee." But does a semester at McDaniel's Budapest campus really live up to all the talk and expectations?

Studying abroad is a luxury that many students at McDaniel are lucky to experience. Lately there has been a large influx of students participating in the program, and McDaniel's own campus in Budapest is a top choice.

Speaking with anyone who has

studied in Budapest or is considering it, the academics is an aspect that cannot be ignored. And when it comes to McDaniel College Budapest, many believe the academic rigor is on the lighter side. The campus consists of one gated building and most of the classrooms are on one floor. If students are looking for an official library on campus, they won't find one.

In researching the matter, however, the results are not as black and white as some might think. Senior Lindsey Harden, a McDaniel student who studied abroad during the fall 2007 semester, quickly found

out that what she had heard about Budapest's easy classes and the reality of the academics were two different things.

"I heard it was going to be the easiest thing in the world," Harden said. She was told that students never had to attend class but soon realized that most of her professors had fairly strict attendance policies and classes were rarely cancelled. "I heard I would never have work, but I almost always did," she said.

Though many students agreed with Harden, some who studied in Budapest only had class three days a week. Sophomore Fernando Gomes

said he has been lucky enough to travel to places like Paris on the weekends because of the flexibility of his class schedule, which allowed him to have Mondays and Fridays off.

In terms of actual grades received in Budapest, 9 out of 10 students agreed that their GPA increased either during or by the end of the semester. Many found that even a slight increase required "much less work" than they would have put in at McDaniel. Other students, like senior Kristen McDaniel,

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Sherman speaks

By Rachel Hooper,
Features Co-Editor

Award-winning reporter, John Sherman, from Channel 11 WBAL-TV in Baltimore, gave an inspiring keynote message at the Society of Collegiate Journalists' annual event. His message, that reporting can be important work and that reporters play a vital role in keeping communities informed, was a high-point in the day-long event of workshops and networking.

A group of about 40 students and teachers heard the speech, coming primarily from McDaniel, Hood, Gettysburg, Shepherd, Loyola, and Anne Arundel Community College. This year, students from two local high schools, Westminster

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Glimpsing victory Annual Greek Games feature Penny Wars



DAVE ROBERTSON

From April 7 through 11, members of Greek organizations on campus competed in the annual Penny Wars. Sophomore Ross Smith peers into a jug to check the progress of one group's change status. The competition level became intensified as groups placed bricks of pennies into their own, and rounded up any spare change or paper money to place in others'. **DPR**

Four campus filmmakers finish final projects, overcome difficulties

By Michelle Menner

Drinking, drugs, and getting into fights are all a part of one Baltimore guitarist's world. By day he washes windows, and by night he is a part of a hard parrying heavy metal band. His name is Scott, and his band is the subject of Taylor Hebdens' film for her senior project.

In addition to Hebdens, seniors Steven Eggers, David Nasongkhla, and Billy Duffy have been working hard on their films this semester for their final project as film and video studies minors. Each had to overcome some challenges while filming, but their dreams for future filmmaking are still alive.

"My dreams definitely include film. I want to be involved in film in anyway possible," said Hebdens. "Whether it has to do with writing, working the camera, directing, editing. I love it all."

Hebdens' film, titled "Playing in the Dark," is about the above mentioned guitarist, Scott. Her film follows Scott's life as a part of the band and tries to answer the question of whether Scott will continue his destructive behavior or eventually grow up.

"I enjoyed being around a group of heavy metal dudes. They partied really hard and always

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We are pleased to announce that we have taken the initiative and produced some feature videos based on what we learned at that workshop, which can be viewed at www.mcdanielfreepress.com/blog/Geoff.php right now.

These videos encompass various aspects of the college life. They include some insight on the rich history of McDaniel, as well as some behind-the-scenes looks at some of the events that occurred on campus this semester. Hopefully, this is a sign of bigger things to come for the Free Press. Check them out now. **GP**

McDaniel feels the boom of applicants

By Christine Boynton,
News Co-editor

exams."

A surge in college applicants has hit colleges across the country, and this impact has been felt at McDaniel. This surge of students, dubbed the "echo boom," offspring of the "baby-boomer" generation, has made the college acceptance rate even more selective, and as a result, more competitive.

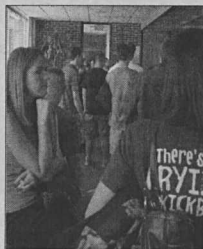
At Harvard University, admission was only offered to 7.1% of total applicants, rejecting 93 out of every 100 applicants. The New York Times reports that many of these rejected students had "extraordinary achievements, like a perfect score on one of the SAT

Following this panic, high school seniors are beginning to apply to many more schools in an attempt to have some feeling of security in the process. According to USA Today, a study compiled by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA found that "the proportion of high school seniors applying to six or more colleges increased by 41% from 1994 to 2004."

Gina King, Director of Admissions at McDaniel College is well aware of this trend. However, she notes that extreme levels of rejected

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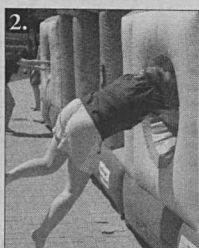
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By noon on April 8 a chaotic mass of students crowded outside the Residence Life office on the upper floor of Decker. The chatter was slowly building to a dull roar, while students scrambled to find the best possible group of people to have on their application for the Garden Apartments.

"It was crazy," said junior Bethany Bachtel, "There wasn't even a real line, just a hundred people crowded in that little space hoping to get a good number."



DAVE ROBERTSON



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At the close of Diversity Week, sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Services, on Friday April 25, a carnival was held in Red Square featuring the blow up obstacle course Adrenaline Rush II, cotton candy, Coexist t-shirts, and tile painting. JG

The Lighter Side of the Campus Safety Blotter



Becky Snider '09
Blotter Reporter

Hard liquor, an orange parking cone, and hiding thirty-packs in the bushes, --it's all part of the lighter side.

Editor's Note: This weekly piece highlights some of the more inane calls and incidents to which campus safety responds.

An open 30 pack of beer, an orange parking cone, and rustling noises...what does one get with a combination like this? Surely something entertaining. You might have noticed that lately, the campus has been a regular circus, and I am not just talking about watching shirtless individuals stumble across Red Square.

Though what could be more exciting and entertaining than watching drunken people stumble around and actually act like they are in a circus act? Well, here are verbal arguments which are their own form of entertainment. And we've had quite a few of them lately. It seems as if some have taken the idea of stand up comedy to a whole new level. Have no fear, if the noise of a verbal argument doesn't attract your attention, the noise from a party sure will.

When walking through Rouzer, two Campus Safety officers heard the traditional sounds of a party

well in mid swing. After the officers knocked on the door they distinctly heard "Shh, Campus Safety." Before the door was finally opened, rustling noises and sounds of things being moved around were heard by the officers. At least one student admitted to drinking hard liquor; 10 students and one non-student were identified. The usual incidents were documented: alcohol in a dry dorm, possession of hard liquor, possession under twenty one, possession of a multi-liter container, residence halls room capacity, and violation of quiet hours.

Enter the orange parking cone. Sometime on Friday, April 25, a student was documented for possession of hard alcohol and for the theft of one orange parking cone. Why the orange parking cone you ask? Well, your guess is a good as mine. Although according to the DoCS, stranger things have been known to be found in dorms.

Of course stranger things have happened in dorms too. For instance, on April 17 a Campus Safety officer witnessed a student trying to hide an open 30 pack of beer. Around

midnight, a student was seen near Academic Hall carrying what looked to be a pack of beer. Upon seeing the officer, the student decided to go in the other direction. By the way, not a good plan for future reference. In further attempt to hide the beer, the student thought that the bushes near Lewis would be just a good place as any. Brilliant idea, even more so then pretending to be on the phone when Campus Safety walks up looking for you and the beer you just hid in the bushes. The student was compliant; a half empty case of beer was recovered in the bushes near Lewis.

Speaking of strange, another fire extinguisher was stolen, only this time it wasn't in Rouzer. Instead, someone in Blanche thought it for a souvenir, perhaps to use later in the protest against the umbrellas on the patio of Decker College Center. On April 13, Campus Safety found a working fire outside of Decker. Someone had set an umbrella on the patio afire. It hasn't been determined if it was intentional or not.

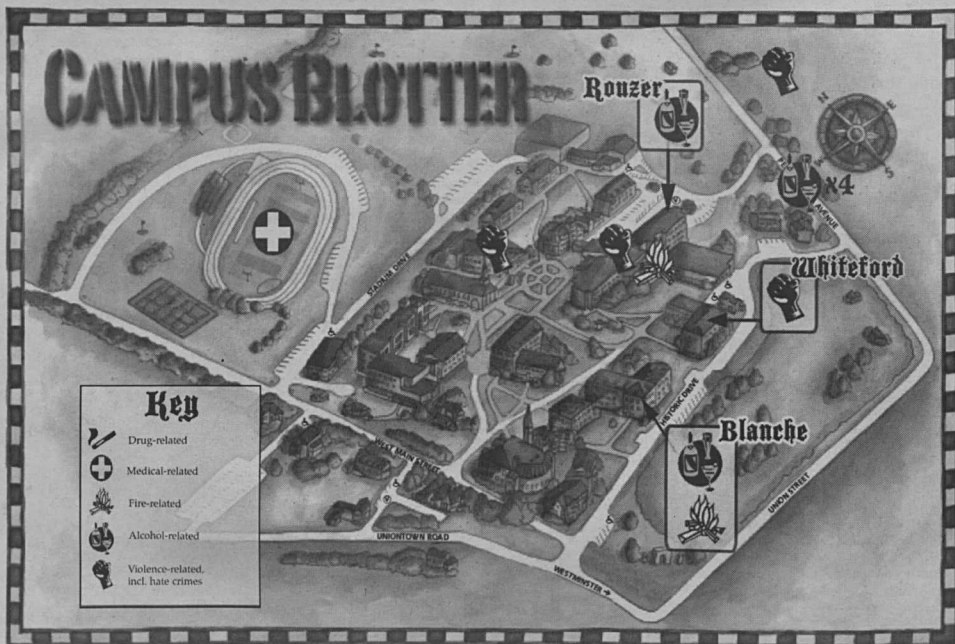
Apparently someone has a grudge against Decker. On the same day Campus Safety found a severely

Caught With Their Pants Down!

On Saturday April 26, two students were found in a college building -- indecently exposed. Documented for unauthorized entry and indecent exposure in Academic Hall...A vending machine in ANW found broken with all the goods removed. An officer discovered three students streaking in the vicinity of the football field during Relay for Life...On May 3, officers discovered students in the pool after hours. According to inside sources, all the students escaped after spending more than two hours in the pool area. The officer on duty reportedly yelled "Hey blonde kid, don't do that!" before letting him run away.

cracked glass door on the premises of the College Center. Campus Safety later determined that a brick had been thrown at the glass door.

If that is not enough strange behavior for you, keep a look out for three male non-students looking at and touching vehicles. The still unidentified individuals have been noted for their suspicious actions. In parring, look out for strangers going car shopping on campus.



Number of applicants to peak in next few years

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applicants, like those at Harvard, are an anomaly. "Over 70% of the colleges in the US accept over 75% of their applicants," she says. Though happening at a smaller scale, McDaniel College has also witnessed the number of their applicants increasing, in a steady rise since 2002.

"Our applications have grown 68% since the name change – this is due in part to the echo boom, and in part to students now recognizing our college as private, liberal arts," says King.

As students apply to a wider range of schools, the rate of accepting admission once accepted into McDaniel College is about one in every five students, says King. Due to this trend, it has become necessary for admission to follow a projection model – one that allows them to send out more acceptance letters, but still retain the desired class size.

Though the number of applicants continues to increase (see chart), McDaniel College can still

only accept a total of 500 students – this includes transfers and incoming freshman.

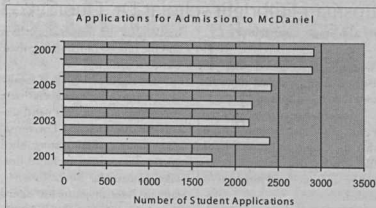
Based on compiled data from the past few years, King projects that the rise in applicants will continue to increase over the next two to three years, before leveling off and calming down. A recent study by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

continue until 2015.

This study also predicts that Hispanic graduates will, by 2015, increase by 54%, and the number of white graduates will decrease by 11%. Many small liberal arts schools are beginning to take note of this projection. Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, has begun to promote in the South and Southwest – areas with large numbers of Hispanic high school graduates.

McDaniel College has also increased efforts of recruiting for a diverse student body. For the past three years, Associate Director of Admissions, Stephanie DeSanctis has represented McDaniel and led a group of small liberal arts colleges in a two-week tour around Central and South America.

This tour has seen success, and applications from these areas have gone up – though liberal arts is not in their culture, and is vastly different from their own country's education system, explains King. She adds, "We're trying to work with niche markets." Besides these specific geographic locations, these niche markets include first gen-



eration students and students of color.

Though next year's class will not be determined until May 5, the Fall 2008 class already ranges from many different areas, two of the more exotic locations being Nepal and Zambia.

McDaniel continues recruiting efforts across the United States as well. Every year McDaniel College is represented in the cross-country "Colleges that Change Lives" tour, visiting five to six cities a week. Their efforts seemed to have paid off, as evidenced by the still-forming profile of next year's class. So far, incoming students

will hail from: Alaska, California, Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Maine, North Carolina, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Virginia, and Washington State, to name a few.

Though the number of applicants continues to grow, recruiting efforts remain vital to McDaniel College – both from across the United States and around the world. As King says, "A diverse student body is how we can succeed."

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A group from admissions has led a group of small liberal arts colleges in a tour of Central and South America.

Gina King: "We're trying to work with niche markets."

confirms this prediction. It found that the growth in numbers of high school graduates, this year, begin a decline that will con-

Denials outweigh approvals in air conditioner lottery

Until dormitories are renovated, policies, questions over air conditioners will remain

By Leslie Shirk

The lottery pool for an air conditioner has become increasingly difficult this year. As the trend usually goes, when the demand increases, the supply shrinks. Unfortunately, since the demand has increased, the approval rate has decreased, leaving many students in a tight and, quite often, unhappy health situation.

The protocol for air conditioning is as follows, according to student handbook: "students are allowed to have air conditioners if they have a documented medical note, a genuine need which is decided by Health Services, and they must submit their forms to Health Services by a specific date to qualify."

So what happens when a student goes through this process and is then denied? The said student is out of luck until the following semester.

"My Freshman year, my allergies were really bad in the fall, but in addition, I get migraines if I'm too overheated, and get really sick. So I got a note from my doctor and filled out all the forms. The RA approved, then with room checks she said to hide it... then I got the e-mail from Residence Life denying it," comments Casey Crough, a sophomore.

"I shouldn't have girls coming up to me asking if they can

have air conditioners because they should already have clearance and know if they do and can prove it, because then it puts more stress on the Area Coordinator over and over again," says Resident Assistant, Anna Conley, a sophomore.

Many students are denied simply because, "the electricity bill is just too high to accommodate everyone who wants an air conditioner, and the building will just shut down if there's too many [air conditioners] in the building. It just becomes a real balancing act," says Joan Lusby, the Physician's Assistant in Student Health Services.

"I think if people who have a legitimate doctor's note, they

"I feel as if people don't need air conditioning around here...people are more spoiled than they realize and can learn to live without it." ~ Anna Donaldson

should be able to get an air conditioner. I deal with not having one my Freshman year, by having five fans," adds Crough.

"It will change from year to year, if more life threatening cases arise, people will get bumped, who otherwise would've been approved," adds Lusby.

Several students tend to disregard what Residence Life approves

or denies and instead keep their air conditioners, only removing them if caught. As many students know, most of the RA's hate to be the ones to tell them that they have to either take them out or that they will be charged.

"I know people who have them who need them, and have to tell them to take them out. I realize the side effects of not having an air conditioner, and yet I know we can live without it too. But to be fair, I wish the entire building [ANW] had it, and since I represent Residence Life, it reflects poorly on me," notes Conley.

On the other end of the spectrum, there are students who also claim that they need an air conditioner, when in fact, they have no medical inhibitor to keep them from being healthy without one. In essence, they try to abuse the system.

"I feel as if people don't need air conditioning around here...people are more spoiled than they realize and can learn to live without it," says junior Anna Donaldson.

It's partially for this reason, as well as those who have the most significant need for one, that the selection order is made. Obviously Residence Life cannot accommodate and please everyone, but the general consensus among students is that there should be a more organized and straightforward process for air conditioner selection.

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Budapest unique opportunity

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said they had received their highest GPA since entering college.

"It was just very strange all the sudden getting 90% and 100% on everything I turned in," she said. McDaniel believes that getting better grades abroad in Budapest has pushed her to get better grades at McDaniel. "I never used to care about grades," she said, "but after I realized I could get high grades, I actually want them and try to get them now."

Due to time constraints, Director of International and Off-campus Study Rose Falkner was unable to provide concrete statistics about the average GPA achieved by McDaniel

said the classes were not necessarily simple, "but the grading was easier." She recalled a day where she was in a rush to get to class and had to quickly print out a paper that. She did not realize until she got the paper returned that two of its pages were missing.

"I still got an A," Van Lieu remembered.

This leads many students to ask whether professors even read material handed into them, or whether something like that would happen at McDaniel's main campus.

For many students, studying in Budapest isn't always about education in the classroom, but about the knowledge attained by traveling to other countries and experiencing different cultures.

Junior Amanda Gushard-Edwards said she believed the faculty wanted the American students to come to class and learn but that many professors were open to her missing a class or two for other opportunities. "Traveling was encouraged," she said.

Junior Christina Hinkle, who is currently studying abroad in Budapest, feels strongly about the value of the overall experience rather than the actual classes taken. "You can sit in a classroom and read anywhere, but [most people] only have the chance to live in another country like this once," she said.

With the number of students studying in Budapest on the rise, many agree with Hinkle's view. So while there might be truth to the reports of higher GPAs and easier classes, there is much more to it than that. The Budapest program is not only about getting a higher GPA, it's about receiving a college education while also having the experience of a lifetime.

Mollie Van Lieu, '08 recalled an incident when she turned in a paper with two pages missing.

"I still got an A."

College Budapest students, nor was the Registrar's Office or Brian Ault of Academic Affairs.

With or without statistics, students who have studied in Budapest have provided raw accounts of their time spent there. Junior Hillary Keating, who also studied abroad in the fall of 2007 said, "I will probably tell the next group [that studies in Budapest] that it was easy."

Senior bio-chemistry major Kevin Flanagan, who studied abroad in the 2007 fall semester, believed that while his GPA increased it wasn't "indicative of the level of difficulty within the classes."

Senior Mollie Van Lieu, who studied there in spring of 2007,

News

Debunking the Balkan historical myths

Bosnian Fulbright scholar Dr. Dubravko Lovrenović visits McDaniel, speaks to students

By Kim Staub, Contributor

Winston Churchill once said, "The Balkans have produced more history than it can consume."

Indeed, Kosovo's recent declaration of independence has proved that the ethnic and political conflict that has overcome the Balkan region since medieval times has not ended.

On April 14 and 15, McDaniel College hosted Fulbright Scholar Dr. Dubravko Lovrenović. Assistant Professor at the University of Sarajevo, Lovrenović has been researching and lecturing this year as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Chicago.

Specializing in Medieval Bosnian history, Lovrenović has written on topics including medieval Bosnian tombstones and most recently, Bosnian myths. These topics may seem outdated, but from his lecture it is apparent that understanding these myths and varying approaches to history is important to understanding the

breakup of the former Yugoslavia and the process of rebuilding these war-torn nations.

On April 14, students, faculty and community members were welcomed to sit in on a panel discussion that included Lovrenović and many other distinguished guests. These guests included Bosnian Ambassador Biser Turković, famous Bosnian journalist Kemal Kurspahić and specialist on inter-religious dialogue in the Balkans Ina Merdjanova. Moderated by Dr. Paul Miller, professor at McDaniel College, the guests were first asked to give their own experiences of the Bosnian war.

One of the most interesting stories was that of Kurspahić, editor of the Bosnian daily *Oslobodjenje* during the war. Kurspahić discussed editing the newspaper using paper and ink purchased on the black market. Despite the difficulties, Kurspahić was able to print a paper every day of the siege of Sarajevo, despite the dangers to him and his reporters.

On April 15, history majors were able to meet with Lovrenović to discuss his work and profession. With the majors, he discussed how being a historian is "a very dangerous position." He described history as a "collective memory" and challenged these young historians to remember what others want to forget.

"The Lyceum was definitely my favorite event," said senior history major Christine Frieman. "...so often, people think of history in association with Ben Stein in *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, but he really showed us the way historians actually shape the way we look at the world through our studies."

For Lovrenović, the way individuals and historians look at the world shapes his studies of Bosnia-Herzegovina. He acknowledges the presence of three different versions of Bosnian history and spoke about how these interpretations were used for political means—not only during the war but also in today's reconstruction. According to

Lovrenović, the work for historians is to sift through the myths to try to find the truth.

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"There is no human life without memory," he said, and his recent work with Bosnian myths has been to look at how human memory can be shaped and used. His lecture, "The Bogomil Debate That Won't Go Away: The Bosnian Medieval Church and Modern Political Controversies" discussed

the struggle against myths in the remaking of Bosnia-Herzegovina after the war. He labeled it a "historiographic war" between competing myths and described how they were used and abused for political purposes through time.

Crushing the myths that have become accepted as truth in society is a difficult but necessary job for Lovrenović. If Bosnia-Herzegovina is to become a true nation with one national identity, it has to overcome these literally mythical battles.

Lovrenović will continue to debunk these myths in order to help restore his country through his work at the University of Chicago and beyond. Working on debunking these myths is his life's work, and, with the well being of Bosnia-Herzegovina at heart, he will keep pressing forward. He simply "cannot give up."

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War in Iraq and ROTC inspire cadets

by Rachel Hooper, Features Co-Editor

The impact of the Iraq war on McDaniel's ROTC program has produced more focused and dedicated cadets who are almost certain that they will be deployed into a war zone after graduation.

"We were the first class to go in knowing that we were most likely going to get deployed, and as each year goes on, it was more apparent that we are getting deployed," said Mike Bindas, an ROTC cadet who will graduate this May. According to Bindas, seniors from the class of 2004 never thought they'd get deployed and were in the Army because it was primarily an easy way to get an education.

"Now it's pretty much everybody knows we're going to Iraq or Afghanistan," said Bindas.

Asked if the war in Iraq and 9/11 has had an impact on McDaniel ROTC cadets, Bindas said, "The war on terrorism that's going on now has caused cadets that are in ROTC to be more focused cadets; you have people really motivated and dedicated to work."

Bindas entered ROTC after attending a military high school. He knew he would be a good leader and hopes to someday work in the intelligence community with the Defense Department.

Lt. Col. William Schumaker, battalion commander and professor of military science for the ROTC program at McDaniel, arrived here last June. According to Schumaker, five years ago the program was floundering, but now the enrollment is significantly rising with an expected 85-90 cadets in the entire program next year.

The Green Terror Battalion includes McDaniel, Mount Saint

Mary's University, and Hood College. According to Schumaker, with 18 contracted cadets, the battalion has one of the largest freshman classes and is expected to grow this semester.

"This is one of the most successful ROTC programs in the small-school category, arguably on the East Coast, some will say nationally," said Schumaker.

What does Schumaker see as driving the increase?

"People join the Army for ROTC for a whole host of reasons; some economic, while others traditional because their parents have served in the military...some do it out of a patriotic desire...They want the adventure. They want to go to Iraq. They want to fight," said Schumaker. "So I would say there is not a specific reason; I do not see the war as an adverse recruiting obstacle."

Lt. Col. Herbert Harris has been lieutenant for the college and executive officer for the military at McDaniel for two years. The recently retired officer said he came to the ROTC program because he wanted to influence another generation of officers.

"Everybody in here will become an officer...they made that decision; they want to be the ones who make the change, affect the change by leading and directing," said Harris. "You've got to have quality people and that's what we're trying to produce—people who can make effective change in the world, which is perfect for this program that the college talks about...changing lives."

Harris says the number of cadets at McDaniel has steadily increased from less than 50 in 2004 to over 70 in 2008. About the Iraq

war Harris said, "Everyone realizes that it's not 'I'm going'; it's 'when am I going?' That's the mind-set of most of them."

Capt. Jennifer Cope, who is new to the McDaniel ROTC program, believes cadets are attracted to McDaniel because it has a solid standards-based program. However, she is surprised by the increase in numbers.

"Students joining ROTC now know that they are going to war. It takes a lot of guts to sign up knowing that within four years, you could be overseas," said Cope.

Master Sgt. Alonzo Perry has seen McDaniel's ROTC program grow in his two and a half years here. The amount of support the ROTC program receives from the college helps tremendously.

"They are really supportive of everything we are trying to do," said Perry. He added that in 2006 they won the MacArthur award for being the best small school battalion, which, according to the MacArthur Memorial website, is an award based on a number of factors including enrollment, retention and contract mission accomplishment.

Regarding the war in Iraq, Perry said, "I think it does [influence the cadets] because we explain to them from the very beginning that everyone is deploying...whether it's active duty, guard, reserve, they come in knowing that there is pretty much 100 percent possibility that if things don't change that they will deploy."

"They still stay with the program," said Perry. "It is not a deterrent."

Every ROTC cadet interviewed about his or her ROTC life on campus reported similar benefits of the program. All cadets agreed that physical training in the

early morning isn't always fun, but a requirement they learn to accept.

"Nothing in ROTC is bad," said Tyler Bilohavek, a sophomore political science major.

"My decision to join the military happened on 9/11...I was in the eighth grade at the time, and there was little I could do...I vowed that I would do something for my country when I was old enough," said Bilohavek. "Many Americans have died to give us the freedoms we have today, and it's the least I could do."

Class of 2004 ROTC members never thought they'd get deployed. "Now it's pretty much everybody knows we're going to Iraq or Afghanistan," said Bindas.

Bilohavek says ROTC cadets can be stereotyped and labeled for having "war hunger" and for fighting for the wrong reasons. Asked if he has ever been harassed or ridiculed about the Iraq war or being in ROTC, he said, "All the time...a lot of people stereotype people in the military as being right-winged, Bush-loving, gun-slinging people; they assume we all have the same opinion about the war and always want to pick a fight with me about it."

Sophomore Jamie Latham joined ROTC as a freshman. She echoed that 9/11 happened had a big impact on her decision.

"My dad's in the Army...and

he had a very strong sense of duty for it and how we have to protect our nation from terrorists," said Latham. "It really influenced me to follow his footsteps I suppose and also fight for our country as well."

Latham said she joined the military knowing what she was getting into. "I want to fight for other people so they can have those same freedoms, but at the same time nobody wants war."

"I knew signing up I'd be sent to Iraq or somewhere; I knew that when I was in high school freshman year," said junior Dan Gonski. "Signing my name on that contract I knew that I would be sent to war." Gonski now aspires to become a medical platoon leader and conduct rehab for soldiers and also hopes to get his doctorate in exercise physiology.

Senior Alex Becker says he chose McDaniel because it had the best ROTC program in the area, and he wanted the best preparation possible in a time of war.

Asked what makes the program the best, Becker said, "The commander leading it...ultimately the credit goes to Lt. Col. Schumaker, who deserves all the credit in the world, because I know for the seniors in our class, he mentored us and has gotten us ready for life."

"People we have in ROTC now made a decision to join the military when our country was at a time of war, and I think that takes more guts than most people show as 17 and 18-year-olds in the country nowadays," Becker added. "It just pays them honor, especially the ones who witnessed the war; it's over 4,000 soldiers who have died. It definitely takes a lot of guts for them."

CHECK THIS



The Summer Months

By Chris Higgs

First it was \$2.00 a gallon. Then it was \$3.00 a gallon. Now fuel is over \$3.50 a gallon with more price hikes in sight. It is official. The days of filling up the gas tank with 20 bucks are over.

Fuel consumers across the nation are feeling the pain of costly gasoline and more so a withering wallet. According to www.CNN.com, the average price of regular fuel (87 octane) nationwide is \$3.51 per gallon. Furthermore, CNN cites an American Automobile Association (AAA) study showing California has the most expensive fuel across the country at \$3.86 per gallon. Diesel fuel is already well over \$4.00 per gallon, straining truckers and pick-up truck drivers alike.

Coming back a little closer to

home, Westminster is a little higher than the national average. After a survey of the area around the McDaniel campus, the cheapest regular fuel can be found at Sheetz at \$3.53 per gallon. The most expensive regular fuel can be found at the Exxon station on Route 140, hammering the wallet at \$3.65 per gallon.

Many students have their cars on campus for the thrill of transportation freedom. However, the increasing fuel prices are creating more problems for the students making the automobile more of a hindrance than a help.

Junior Terrence McDermott expresses his disappointment in escalating fuel prices. "I didn't have my car on campus at the beginning of the semester, but now that I do,

Gas prices on the rise with no relief in sight

I'm dropping at least 30 bucks on gas a week just to get around. It makes saving money hard," said McDermott.

How are other people reacting to the skyrocketing prices? Many people are trying to carpool more frequently and use public transportation. Others are ditching their sport utility vehicles and pick-up trucks for smaller cars and hybrid vehicles.

According to CBS News, SUV sales have decreased by 28 percent while sub-compact car sales have increased by 32 percent. More people are deserting the desire for flash and power while settling for a vehicle that is a little more fuel economy-friendly.

Junior Tim McTernan contemplates exchanging his SUV for

something a little easier on the gas and wallet. "It just costs too much to keep my [SUV] on the road. My parents and I are thinking about trading it in on something smaller when I get home for the summer," said McTernan.

With prices expected to reach \$4.00 per gallon and higher over the summer, the general public will just have to wait and see how high costs will go. With warmer weather won on its way, walkers and cyclists will likely increase, as well as carpooling, public transportation and the use of alternating drivers.

Until we see any changes or a decrease in fuel costs, one question remains in mind: will it ever end?

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Gassin' up What we pay now		Cost per Gallon (\$)		
Station	Location	Regular (87)	Midgrade (90)	Premium (93)
Shell/Jiffy-Mart	Main St. & Carroll St.	\$3.55	\$3.65	\$3.75
Sheetz	Main St. & Rt. 32	\$3.53	\$3.65	\$3.83
Wawa	Rt. 140 & Leidy Rd.	\$3.55	\$3.67	\$3.77
Oceanic	Rt. 140 & Englar Rd.	\$3.55	\$3.69	\$3.79
Exxon	Rt. 140 & Sullivan Rd.	\$3.65	\$3.75	\$3.98
Sunoco	Rt. 140 & Cranberry Rd.	\$3.59	\$3.75	\$3.85

Commuter Student Association involved in activities on and off campus

By Ashleigh Smith

Commuters make up about 20% of McDaniel College's undergraduate program, according to the college's handbook, and all of them, approximately 340, are represented by one campus group, the Commuter Student Association (CSA). From charities and fundraisers to movie and pizza nights, and from on-campus to off-campus, the members of the CSA are both an active and important part of the community.

"Outside of SGA and the Honors Program, CSA is probably the most important group," said Stuart Clarke, president of the CSA, "because we represent so much of McDaniel."

Clarke notes that the CSA is an important tool for fostering active communication with the college because there are so many. The CSA is able to bring issues for commuters to the college's attention, and the college is able to respond. Because of CSA's efforts, the new commuter student lounge was established on Academic Hall's first floor.

"The CSA is a group that provides the source for commuter stu-

dents to express their point of view and influence McDaniel policy," said member Steven W. Carney.

Clarke said that the CSA not only offers commuters a community while on campus, but it gives members a chance to get involved off-campus.

"[CSA] isn't bound to the campus," Clarke said. "It's a great springboard for community service."

One of the biggest events by the CSA this year involved a fundraiser to aid in the care of patients with ALS and other diseases. The fundraiser involved two parts—a raffle and a ghost tour of Gettysburg.

Unlike nation-wide fundraisers, the ALS fundraiser was created entirely by the CSA in honor of the father of member Steven Lowenthal, who recently died of ALS.

"[Carroll Hospice Center] was the first choice because they were helping my father with his ALS and everyone agreed," Lowenthal said.

Clarke said that at a gross of \$200, it is the most successful CSA fundraiser they had. "It may not sound like much, but we are very proud." The CSA will be writing a

check for half that amount to the CHC, which is run entirely on donations and private funding.

Members hope to continue to expand their fundraiser and to hold another in the upcoming fall semester to raise even more money. They also plan on raising money by selling unique bracelets.

"A majority of the commuters just want to leave the campus. They miss the contacts and relationships that they can build if they reached out to resident students..."

Junior Melissa Stickle is a new addition to the CSA. "It is good to have support, a place to go to between classes, a place to keep your lunch until you need it." She also sees the CSA as a good opportunity to "get to know more people and have fun."

According to CSA adviser

Mitch Alexander, the CSA "gives the commuters a place to feel comfortable and a part of a group without forcing the issue."

Alexander said, "I wish more commuters would take a more active role in the group. A majority of the commuters just want to go to class then leave the campus. They miss the contacts and relationships that they can build if they reached out to the resident students by just getting involved."

Members of the CSA are not only active on-campus, but are also active off-campus and in their home communities. Clarke has been a volunteer at his family's animal rescue since before college. "It's something I didn't want to give up for college," added Clarke.

Carney manages and runs a band, the Lowriders Blues Band, and also works as a repairman and instructor at his family's business in Harney, MD, called The String Doctor. In addition to music, he also volunteers as an assistant scoutmaster for the boy scouts and at the Harney Volunteer Fire Company, and is a Civil War living historian.

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Editor's Desk: I would call myself the best editor ever

By Mike Habegger,
Co-Editor in Chief

It's been quite the ride for me at the *McDaniel Free Press* over the past few years. From controversy to good writing, from new friends to a prevalence of late night curse words, from gallons of Diet Coke to mountains of trash, my experience with the paper has been pretty *freaking* good.

I came into the field of journalism way back in freshman year, as my roommate, Jon Teter, and I took a tour of campus organizations the first week of classes, telling ourselves that we had to get involved in extracurriculars. Pat O'Toole ('07) got me into the sports section and I wrote a few stories, having never written anything journalistic in my entire life. The next semester, Pat asked me to come on board as the sports section editor. A year later, that sport seemed willing to put me in charge of the entire paper after a vote, even though I offered no new ideas. Katie Young and I started into the unknown. I had no idea how to do layout, and contrary to popular belief, to this day I've never taken a journalism class, or had any formal training. *For Dummies* and *I, our motto was "Duh! It's."*

Looking back at my first stories, I notice two things: First, I was a pretty damn good reporter and I'm wondering where my motivation went; Second, the paper was only four to eight pages long, with maybe one or two pages per section. The edition you see before you is 28 pages. There are a number of factors that have caused such an increase in output, but I've been very excited to see the *Free Press* grow on my watch.

As editor, I've been intimately involved in the production of 30 12 to 20 page issues and one April Fool's edition. That's a lot of newspapers. As a result, I probably know more about what has happened these past four years at McDaniel than anyone else. You probably don't know this, but in the beginning, I would estimate that the other editor and I spend about 15-30 hours putting together the *Free Press*. It ain't no joke. It takes a lot of hard work from everyone, and I offer my highest gratitude.

Former editors have often talked about leaving their lasting mark on the paper. For me, I hope that the next generations of college students will continue to develop and explore the possibilities of the website I painstakingly, yet happily, designed. I have said this many times before in these pages, but the internet represents a new opportunity for civic involvement. I charge the McDaniel College community to keep updating *McDanielFreePress.com*.

Thank you, everyone, for letting me edit your newspaper.

For more reminiscence, see: mike.mcdanielfreepress.com

News

The misconceptions and truths of sexual assault

By Julia Heck

"On Sunday, August 26th, sometime shortly after midnight, the Department of Campus Safety (DOCS) was anonymously informed of an unconscious subject in the backyard of a West Main Street home. DOCS contacted 911 who immediately responded and found a female member of our community. The semi-conscious woman was determined to have possibly been sexually assaulted..."

Most members of the college community have forgotten this emailed alert that circulated days after Fall Semester began. However, to those close to the incident, many circumstances linked to that horrific night remain unresolved, and the night of August 26 haunts them to this day. April is Sexual Assault awareness month, and it seems fitting to explore the truths of sexual assault.

"One of the biggest misconceptions is that we are most vulnerable around strangers in parking garages or dark alleys...but the truth is most rape or sexual assault cases involve people we know very well, or even in dating relationships," said Lauren

Wallace from Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County. "About 73% of victims know their assailants."

Female college students ages 18 to 24 are at the highest risk in America. In 2001, 97,000 students were victims of alcohol related sexual assault or date rape, according to

"If she was dressed slutty and being really flirty I would think she was asking for it..." said a male student

RAINN.org. In turn, sexual assault is the most underreported crime in the U.S. largely due to misinformed victims and peers.

McDaniel students were casually questioned about what they considered sexual assault. Some of their responses are alarming:

"If she was dressed slutty and being really flirty I would think she was asking for it...then I guess that wouldn't be considered rape," said a

male student.

One's appearance and outward manner may, at times, be deceiving; however, these behaviors are never an invitation for sex without consent.

"If you're drunk, nobody [forced you to] drink, so you are responsible for what happens. You put yourself in the situation," said a female student. She is one of many victims of a very common misconception. Though the case may seem less clear when alcohol is involved, without consent, it is still sexual assault.

It's important for students to be well informed about the truths of sexual assault in order for victims to receive justice. The number of rapists who will ever spend a day in jail is a frightening 6%.

All students should become more aware and act upon incidents involving sexual assault. This is imperative so that forgotten or unsolved cases such as the one during the first weekend of school do not happen. Or perhaps it is necessary to horrify the community so much that the victim is not the one to leave campus.

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Relay for Life

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John Sherman speaks at ninth annual College Press Day

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and Century, also attended.

Sherman, a highly qualified and experienced speaker, held the attention of the future journalists in the audience. His topics included the importance of the field of journalism, the day-to-day ups and downs a news reporter faces, and a few final life tips from what he has learned over the years.

Sherman stressed the fact that as a reporter you have to do difficult things. "I'm in maybe 20 or 30 living rooms of parents with kids who died the night before...I like it when they don't answer the door," said Sherman. "You are inserting yourself in people's lives in hard-news situations, often when I pull up to your house, it's the worst day of your life."

On the other hand, he advises, "I think it's really important for anyone in journalism to remember not to take themselves or their job too seriously." The audience laughed when he said, "I'm still the guy who on a snow day is standing out in the snow, saying it's snowing."

The audience viewed a sample of Sherman's skilled reporting in his story package "Washed Away." This emotional feature told the story of how a man named Donald Willey was trying to save a historic cemetery from being washed away along the coast of Hooper's Island. It portrayed the battles he faced trying to conserve the history of the early settlers to the island for future generations.

Sherman advised the aspiring journalists, "Seek emotion, every

good story has emotion."

He said that the reporter has to choose to make their work important on their own because, "your boss isn't going to come to you and say, 'I need you to go to do some really important work'...Your work will become important when your standard for yourself exceeds what is expected and you meet that standard regularly."

He offered the audience one final life tip. "There are times when it is imperative to stand up for what is right; there are also many other times when I believe it is as important to be effective as it is to be right or wrong."

Sherman also responded to a question about broadcasting being a very competitive field. "It's a nasty world out there," he answered. "The more success you achieve, the more people want to bring you down; just be ready for that."

With all of the difficulties and stresses, Sherman still described his work with enthusiasm. "I really do love what I do; I get to drive around in a van with a great friend of mine, and we get to make little tiny movies," said Sherman.

"We come in at ten and put it together, and at five o'clock it's on TV," he said, smiling. "Then you start fresh again the next day. It's a journey I love it."

In the introduction by journalism professor, Terry Dalton, the group learned that Sherman has won the highest national honors in the industry since joining WBAL in August 2002. His awards include a Peabody Award for "Chesapeake Bay Pollution Investigation" and

the Alfred I. Dupont-Columbia University silver button for "Dirty Secrets." The 10-part investigative series which led to the closure of the company, New Earth Services, which was worsening rather than improving the pollution in the Chesapeake Bay.

Society of Collegiate Journalists president and senior communication major, Alyse Hollomon,

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enjoyed how Sherman spoke on a number of different topics. She learned important new details about broadcasting. She felt the clip Sherman showed was especially interesting. "It was beautifully done," said Hollomon.

Not only the main speaker, but also the entire day was helpful to those who attended. Matt Lego, a senior from Westminster High School is hoping to double major in mass communications and marketing, with a minor in public relations. He attended the morning workshop on internships and was impressed with the importance of taking the

initiative and finding opportunities in the field.

"I think I got a lot out of it," said Lego, who enjoys working on his high school newspaper. As a senior, Lego thought the Press Day event may have helped him even more than the college students in attendance because the advice he heard from the college students carried a lot of weight.

Kevin Hudson, a high school sophomore at Century High School in Eldersburg, is considering journalism as a career. He has been working on the school paper as graphics editor. He found the page design workshop especially helpful and getting advice from the speaker who he felt had a lot of innovative ideas.

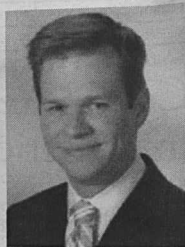
"I'm a sophomore, so to have this information early...I think it gives me an edge," said Hudson. "I'm probably the youngest person here."

An attendee from Gettysburg College, junior Madeline Shepherd, is a double major in English and an individualized major in religion in American political history.

"We actually don't have a communication major at Gettysburg," said Shepherd.

Shepherd also appreciated the morning workshop on internships, and was impressed with the value of getting experience while you're still in school. Shepherd hopes to eventually go to law school, but she would also like to get a job editing or working for newspaper.

When asked what stuck out most about the workshops, Shepherd said, "the experiences of the



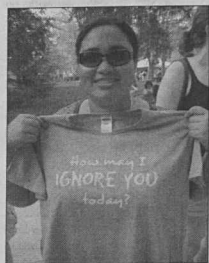
individual students...their professionalism in presenting their experiences, the stories they shared and the advice they were able to give."

The value of College Press Day, the speaker's message, and the workshops were summed up by Shepherd. "You might work for your school newspaper but you don't know how to break into the real news industry or writing professionally or getting published in a regular newspaper," she said.

Participant evaluations of the day supported the popularity of Sherman's speech. According to Hollomon, there was a lot of positive feedback about the workshops and many attendees praised Sherman's keynote speech. The high schools expressed appreciation for being invited to the program. "It was a great event, everyone was happy...everything went smoothly; the food was good," said Hollomon.

Spring Fling

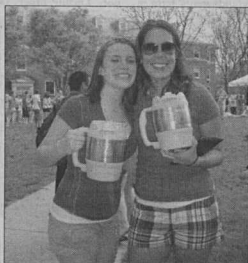
Despite the possibility of rain, the ongoing NFL draft and potentially day-ruining allergies, McDaniel students celebrated Spring Fling on April 26. The all-day event included a giant game of Twister, a basketball toss, a rock climbing wall, an obstacle course, music, and food. Take a look back at some of the fun!



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Senior Edition: What advice do you have for underclassmen?



Kristin Pavlovsky '08

"Always stay true to yourself."

Eric Danforth '08

"Step out of your comfort zone as frequently as possible."



Alaina Willing '08

"Don't roll your eyes when they say get involved. Even if you've never held a leadership position or started your own club before, that doesn't mean you can't. You might be surprised."

Features | Unsung Heroes

Phil Boob 'goes the distance' for McDaniel

By Gail Beveridge

You may know him as the man who puts salt on the icy sidewalk outside of your dorm or the guy who guarantees that the campus Christmas tree is lit. Since 1987 he's made sure that the fields are ready for Homecoming and the stages are built for official academic ceremonies. Even if you haven't seen him, he's made life at McDaniel easier for you.

Phil Boob, director of grounds and special events, is one of McDaniel's most valuable staff members, and a "caring, dedicated, hard-working, well-liked individual," says Mel Whelan, another 21-year student and building services coordinator, "but he's not going to admit it."

Boob does, in fact, deny that he is an unsung hero in spite of his long hours and the lack of mention on McDaniel's web site. "I consider myself an employee," he explains, "I try to do my job." His modesty, however, is unconvincing.

Robin Brenton points out that much of McDaniel's community is unaware of the "tremendous time and effort" that Boob provides to maintain the physical aspect of the campus. As vice president of alumni relations, Brenton works closely with Boob and describes the "love and care that goes beyond what's expected," when planning and

operating the logistics of events on campus.

Boob has a long history of going beyond what's expected. It began on his grandparents' farm in Loganton, Pa., where he worked almost year round. Although he lived and attended high school in a town 14 miles away, he caught a ride with the milk truck to and from school during the week so that he could help out on the farm. It was on the farm that Boob's love affair with the outdoors blossomed.

"I enjoy it," he says, "just to get out, to be out."

His dream job? "A guide for hunting or fishing," Boob says without hesitation, "somewhere in the West." He has even been known to take a couple of hours and stop at a local fishing hole.

"If I want to throw a line in the water, I can," he says, "or I can just look around at nature." Unfortunately, these days there is little time for fishing or looking, but Boob is not one to complain.

In fact, Boob makes no mention of the endless grounds maintenance or heavy lifting he takes part in, but says that "dealing with personnel issues" is the worst part of his job. "The firing's always hard," he says.

It is easy to see that the physical aspect of his job is not the worst part for Boob. His strong frame is

evidence of his football career at Delaware Valley College, but his humility prevents him from promoting his work ethic, physical or not. Luckily, others are willing to describe his work ethic for him.

"Phil goes the distance," says Mary Ann Friday, executive assistant to President Coley. "If he sees something that needs to be done, he's on it." Friday has worked with Boob on every major event hosted by the President's Office, and is confident in his abilities. "I look forward to working with him," she says, "always."

"The special touches, the very early morning and late evening hours," set Boob apart, adds Brenton. However, it is his dedication to McDaniel's community that "shows in every aspect of his work," he says.

Boob agrees that the community has played a large role in his loyalty to McDaniel. "It is my family and the community that keep me here," he says.

However, when Boob first arrived at McDaniel in 1987 he was not as taken with his surroundings. He was holed up for a month in the Thompson Hall infirmary while his house—at 181 Pennsylvania Ave.—was being prepared for him, his wife and son. Shortly after his stay in a room that consisted of a "cot and an alarm clock," he met Whelan, and credits their friend-

ship for support. "We've been through the grace period of 'it'll get better,'" says Boob.

Whelan agrees that they have always been a good team. He says that Boob has not changed since that first year, except around the edges. "He's gotten grayer," Whelan reveals about Boob's hair. "I'm not sure he doesn't dye it."

Mary Ann Friday:

"Phil goes the distance. If he sees something that needs to be done, he's on it."

Aside from good friends, Boob's link to the McDaniel community was strengthened by his family and the benefits that his job provided them. Raising children with access to the campus meant the family could take full advantage of the swimming pool, athletic fields and library. In those days, Boob relied on the campus for both work and life, which meant that "there was not a lot of separation between the job and my family," he says.

As his kids got older, however, Boob was able to provide them with tuition through his position at McDaniel. When he found

himself frustrated at work, Boob says that he reminded himself, "I'm doing this to provide for my family."

Now, as Boob's son works on a master's degree at Syracuse University and his daughter establishes herself as a nurse, the pressure is subsiding for Boob, and he is creating a space between his work and the rest of his life.

"I've completed at least two thirds of my job as a father and husband," he says of the opportunity his work provided his children. It is questionable, however, whether he can now truly relax.

Whelan says that Boob returned to work two days after knee surgery last year. "He's not one to stay home," Whelan says, "or to say no." He's moved the golf course lawn when employees were out sick, he's taken care of plumbing issues in buildings that technically aren't in his jurisdiction, and "I've seen him here at 5 a.m. when the snow is falling," says Friday.

"Would I like to retire as early as I can?" says Boob. "Yeah." But for 21 years, he has been an irreplaceable member of the campus community. For Boob to be matched as a friend and colleague, "Well," says Whelan, "that would take an exceptional individual."

Student returns to college after ten years

Terri Dorsey, 35, balances a life with a husband, three kids and a twenty-credit semester

By Ashleigh Smith

Terri Dorsey lives her life by the words on magnets garnishing her refrigerator, the words of Henry David Thoreau and George Eliot:

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you've imagined."

"It's never too late to become what you might have been."

For an undergraduate student who returned to college after more than 10 years, Dorsey is certainly one who embodies those words.

"Terri's pursuit of a degree is the epitome of one who goes confidently in the direction of one's dreams and dares to live the life one has imagined," said her husband, Greg Dorsey. "I am extremely proud of Terri, happy for our family, and appreciative of McDaniel College."

Dorsey is a first-semester senior at McDaniel, but unlike most seniors, she will graduate at 35 years old. She balances a life outside of campus and her family's hectic schedule with a twenty-credit semester.

"I have the disadvantage of having three kids that have an unbelievably insane busy life, and a husband, and a household," said

Dorsey.

Outside of class, Dorsey also gets involved in sports. She tries to work out regularly, and she adds that she and a friend are joining a softball team.

Dorsey's kids are also very active in sports. "I'm taking one night class, and my son had a playoff game at six, and that's when my midterm was," she said. "I took the midterm really quickly and I flew to his game and made most of it."

"I won't miss my kids' games," she added. "I do everything in my power."

She hopes through her hard work to set a good example for her children. "They must look at their mom and realize she's really bustled her tail."

"Especially my daughter," Dorsey added. "I hope that she sees just more by example than me ever telling her to chase her dreams. I would much rather my daughter take it the easy way than my way."

Dorsey and her future husband discovered that she was pregnant with her daughter, who is now 17, before starting her freshman year at Catonsville Community College. She later dropped out because of the difficulty of raising a child

and handling the responsibilities of college.

While raising her family, Dorsey worked part-time, first in a customer service job and then as a teacher in the computer lab at her children's private school.

Dorsey's journey began when she signed up for two classes at Carroll Community College (CCC) on a whim. She said that although she didn't consult with her husband when signing up for those first classes he was very supportive of her decision.

"I'm taking one night class, and my son had a playoff game at six, and that's when my midterm was. I won't miss my kids' games," said Dorsey. "I do everything in my power."

"My reaction' was one of mere expectation," said her husband. "Terri has always courageously and

passionately pursued her dreams. Enrolling in CCC was merely her first step."

Dorsey acquired her Associate's degree first from CCC, saying that the smaller goals were easier and more practical. She then transferred to McDaniel.

Most of the appeal of McDaniel was that the campus is two minutes from her home. "If a class gets cancelled I can go home and do laundry," she said.

Now, Dorsey is finishing up a degree in communication, with a minor in art, initiated by a Jan Term art class with Katya Michajlyshyn, who described Terri as "very organized, punctual, very ambitious, focused, all while maintaining a charming, lovely, relaxed and engaged attitude."

However, the initial transition to McDaniel's campus was a bit of a shock. "McDaniel was harder," Dorsey said, "Not harder academically, but harder for me. I don't think it's at all accommodating for commuters. I hated it really the first semester."

Dorsey also notes that there are many more non-traditional, adult students on the CCC campus than there are in McDaniel's un-

dergraduate program.

"I'm sure [other students] think I'm like this weird older person," says Dorsey, "and I really don't care. I think the only thing that's really different is I have a lot more life experience."

"The life experience [Terri] has had projects very nicely into the classroom," said Michajlyshyn, adding that it creates a good opportunity for the other students.

"I like to see this kind of a balance between older and younger people."

Dorsey is considering retiring at McDaniel in pursuit of a Master's degree, or she could become a teacher. She comments that starting college again gave her a sense of personal fulfillment to finally be achieving her goals.

"I put it on hold, and I didn't do it exactly as I'd hoped and planned. Thinking back to the words of Eliot, she added, "I think at the end of the day it isn't ever too late."

CSA involved

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Off-campus, Stickle, a junior sociology major and elementary education minor, is a mother of four children, who keep her busy with baseball practice, field hockey, chorus concerts and PTA meetings.

"Off-campus is hectic!" said Stickle. She also works part-time as a florist.

"I am heavily involved with my community, having started a community center when I was 12," Lowenthal said. He also works at a deli in Taneytown and helps his family out.

"I am a commuter so I can see my family on a daily basis," Lowen-

thal said. "Having parents from big cities, one being New York, family to me is highly important."

Members hope to keep the CSA growing, despite their full schedules. "Every year it grows a little more," said Clarke, who has high hopes for the future.

In addition to fundraising, the CSA also holds regular movie and pizza nights, and encourages both commuters and non-commuters to attend. Other information on the CSA can be found on their new website, <http://geocities.com/csamcdaniel/csa.html>.

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ΑΓΓΑΣΦΟC GREEK BEAT ΒΚ ΕΦΘΜΑ

Greek Games 2008



Tug-of-war! Alpha Sigs dominated the competition, putting up a good fight.

Sorority girls and fraternity guys cheered at the throwing competition, held on the infield of Bair Stadium.



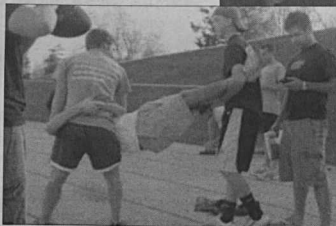
Chris Reed won in the men's football throw, and Alpha Nu Omega won the softball throw.



Amanda Rose shouted rules and regulations for the track events and called for participants in the football/softball throwing competition.



Members of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity practiced carrying a brother for one of the track events at Greek Games.



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*If you feel down . . .
pick this up.*

"People don't understand that not only can they make a difference; it's their responsibility to do so."

~Florence Robinson

Many people feel as if they do not have a voice or "the right stuff" to make a difference, but they are sadly mistaken. Everyone can make an impact on someone and his or her environment especially those who seek wisdom and value an education. So don't limit your possibilities or diminish your responsibility; the world is waiting for it.

By Torreka Jordan

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Features

Unsung Heroes:

The friendly smile at the SASS office

By Rachel Hooper,
Features Co-Editor

For some students with a learning difference every school day is a challenge, but walking into the Student Academic Support Services (SASS) office, they will be met by the smiling face of a receptionist whose warm welcome can change the course of their day.

This friendly smile behind the reception desk belongs to Christine Derez, the office manager for the SASS office. Derez is committed to working with all students who pass through the door.

"If there's no one here and if I can help out, you know I'm certainly going to," said Derez.

Before Derez came to McDaniel in March 2007, she worked as a residential counselor for a non-profit organization serving individuals with various disabilities. She grew up near Baltimore, attending Fallston High School before graduating from Salisbury University on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. She now resides in Montgomery County. Derez has a boyfriend and is busy working for SASS, while at the same time taking graduate courses in counseling at McDaniel.

Despite her demanding workload, she still has time for her hobbies such as tennis and golf. "I like to do a lot of home improvement stuff; I love to travel, cooking and bike riding," said Derez.

Susan Dorsey, associate director of SASS, hired Derez for her personality. "I was looking for a specific type of person, where students would come in and wouldn't be afraid to ask questions...she would be caring and someone close to their age," said Dorsey. "Students who take things too seriously take note of Christine's humor and sometimes this helps when they normally wouldn't have smiled," explained Dorsey. "She's office student friendly."

Dorsey is pleased that Derez has fit in well with the office personnel, including working

with the graduate assistants who help SASS students. According to Dorsey, "People that run the offices on campus generally do not get the recognition they deserve."

"People would love to work for our office because we're like a family, and she is an important part of that family... and I really need to let her know how special she is and how much we love having her here," said Dorsey, laughing.

Kevin Selby, the director of SASS, works with Derez on a daily basis and is aware of the many tasks she performs for students. In a typical day, she may help students get their notes, order books on tape, schedule appointments and ask volunteers to read books for the students. Derez is particularly appreciated at registration time when students come in very concerned.

"She has just done an incredible job of easing their tensions, organizing them," said Selby.

"The fact that she does go above and beyond what her job actually calls for, and helping students is just that natural charismatic personality that she has," said Selby. "I think that she is very unsung in that way...that makes her that hero and the glue of this office."

Another co-worker, Carole Waddell, a learning specialist at SASS, said Derez uses "laughter, lots of laughter; she's organized." Waddell added she values Derez because of her positive attitude.

Sophomore Julia Coleman comes into the SASS office every other day to get notes. She appreciates Derez's work and credits her for some of her success. "I think that without [Derez] there, students wouldn't be able to handle both the academic pressures and all the self-advocacy part," said Coleman. Derez is organized with everyone's schedules and accommodations. "I think she's definitely an unsung hero," said Coleman.

Junior Teresa Reardon also commended the welcoming skills of Derez. "Sometimes I feel



needy when I come in [to SASS] but she never thinks it's a problem and she's always enthusiastic to help," said Reardon.

Asked if she thought she could handle balancing her academic workload and school life plus handling all the tasks Derez performs for her, Reardon replied, "No, I definitely would not order books on tape in a timely fashion or make sure I have letters ready for my professors for accommodations...I mean she's just really on top of everything and keeps us on top of what we need to do."

It is not only the many tasks Derez does for the students that make the office manager a special person. "It's more than she is willing to help; she's willing and she's happy, and she's friendly," said Reardon.

Derez was drawn to this campus job because after many years of working with kids with disabilities she has decided to become a counselor. She feels that her work at SASS is rewarding overall.

"[Students] come in here and they have a test they need to study for and they need a little extra study skills...a week later or so they say, by the way I got a B+ or A- on that test," said Derez. "I'm really excited...because then you know the whole office is really doing its job."

When told that she does a lot for the SASS office, but may not always get a lot of recognition and could be considered an unsung hero, Derez laughed shyly and said, "Not really...I'm just doing what the job states."

This Week in History

By Eleanor Nagle

May 11

1858: Minnesota becomes the 32nd U.S. State
1960: The first birth control pill becomes available on the U.S. market

May 12

1937: George Carlin is born
International Nurses Day

May 13

1950: Stevie Wonder is born
1964: Stephen Colbert is born

May 14

1607: Jamestown, Virginia is settled
1998: Frank Sinatra dies

May 15

1905: Las Vegas, Nevada is founded

May 16

1929: The first Academy Awards are given out
1966: Janet Jackson is born

May 17

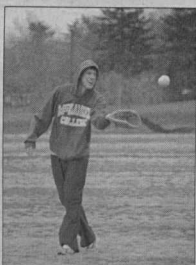
2004: Massachusetts becomes the first state to legalize same-sex marriage

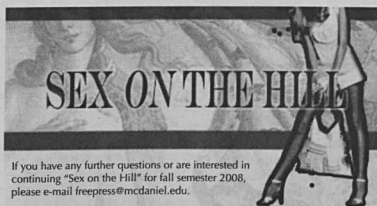
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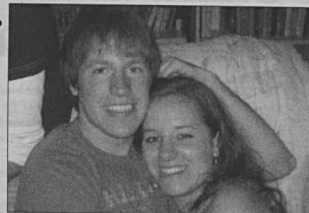
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Confessions of a fairy godmother



There's nothing innately wrong with the gay boyfriend that offers unique emotional support, **writes Leah Beck**

We see it in pop culture, literature and our everyday lives. It's not something that shocks the college age, but our parents might be wary. There's nothing innately wrong with it, but it often raises eyebrows. I'm talking, of course, about the gay boyfriend.

The gay boyfriend is a simple phenomenon to define, but it's not so easy to pinpoint the exact reasons for its popularity. After all, wouldn't most straight women want to spend most of their time with a female friend, someone who can reciprocate feelings or emotions? Or a straight male, for the dating and social side of things?

But, of course, it's not quite so simple.

As a self proclaimed "fag-hag" I understand the love for boys who like boys. My obsession started with Ricky, the gay best friend of Claire Dane's character on the early 90s show *My So-Called Life*. I wanted an eyeliner-wearing, gay best friend to gossip with in the girl's bathroom. If that was high school, I couldn't wait.

Ironically enough, the first openly gay man I became friends with was named Ricky, and although Ricky and I soon lost touch—after all, we went to different high schools, so the bathroom conversations were missing—my love of the gays was official.

While many women may have missed out on the gays in high

school (I was in choir and theater, the homo-hot-spots), college can offer up plenty of opportunity. I met my gay "husband" here, a man I will only refer to as David Robertson, and most of my experiences revolve around our relationship.

The gay boyfriend (or husband, in some cases) fulfills two important aspects in any woman's life. He offers the emotional support of a female friend, while also providing a male perspective, but there are a few crucial elements that only the gay boyfriend can provide.

Unlike a female friend, the gay boyfriend holds absolutely nothing back. It's always out of love, or simply wanting you to look fierce, but

the words can sometimes sting—I was once told "honey that color is fabulous on you but your butt looks terrible! Please go find something else to wear on your bottom half!" The gay boyfriend offers us the critiques women secretly want (and sometimes need) but are afraid to ask for.

As for the male side of things, the gays offer the companionship of a man without the pressure of a possible romantic relationship. The social anxiety is lifted, and the most you have to fear is the rejection of your shoes. There are no unwanted sexual advances; of course, the possibility isn't always ruled out. I've certainly cuddled with many of my gays, and David and I even kissed

once because we thought it would be fun.

We've had sleepovers and dates, and not once did I worry about how attractive I looked or how I was going to be viewed. We've gone shopping and gossiped about boys, but we've never argued over men because, generally, one of us has an advantage.

I have my actual boyfriend, but I could never survive without my gay boyfriends.

After all, where would Grace be without her Will, Carrie without Stanford, Kathy Griffin without... well... every gay man ever? Most likely we would be lost, confused, empty and, of course, completely underdressed.

Earth Day

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Junior Kevin Jubb and senior Kristin Warfield share a moment while planting flowers outside Decker College Center.



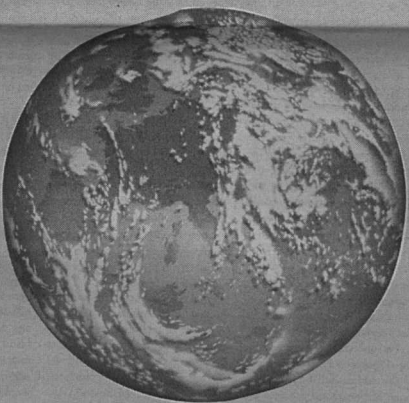
Sgt. Jose Flores takes a moment to hug "tree" Ellen Larson during McDaniel College's Earth Day festivities.

Sophomore Ellen Larson dressed in a papier mache tree, made by fellow sophomore Amelia Relinger, and walked around Red Square sporting a "Hug Me" sign on her back.



JULIANNE GIFFERRE

Physics professor Dr. Jeff Marx and IT technician Bruce Bell show off their juggling skills in Red Square on Earth Day.



Senior Rob Holthouse sang in Red Square and even strummed along with the hourly church bells to celebrate Earth Day.



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Commentary | Politics and Society

Letter to the Editors:

Obama and his naivety hurt his campaign

By Stuart Clarke, Reader

There have been a number of watershed events in American history, which irrevocably altered the course of this nation forever. We have just seen one such event in the form of a scandal surrounding Barack Obama's former pastor, Reverend Jeremiah Wright. The recent comments by Senator Hillary Clinton prove that this issue continues to reverberate.

By now, all are familiar with Wright's comments; suffice to say, the airwaves, Internet and multi-media have been filled for over two weeks with his words and debates over whether they are racist. Such arguments have now been offered by individuals from both sides, yet few point out that the comments themselves have NEVER been (and should not be) the real issue, at least where Obama is concerned.

There are two points to be made. The first is the swift and inevitable impact the Reverend's comments have had on Obama's campaign. It was not Wright's comments, but rather Obama's response to them that says the most about his campaign. Secondly, despite the seemingly endless discussion on the issue, Wright seems to have slipped through the cracks of the chasm he created.

To explain this first point, it is important to note why the Reverend's relationship with Obama is significant. The U.S. is the world's most powerful country, and the leader of this country arguably holds the most important job on the planet. It is only fitting that this post be filled by someone who has been vetted thoroughly, battle-tested and proved him/herself ready to take on the challenges inherent to the task. Thus, when on March 18, we saw Obama's response to Wright on national television, we caught a glimpse of his responses to adversity and how he would likely deal with crises as president.

No one could ever truthfully claim Obama to be a poor orator, and this address was no exception, though not nearly on par with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (as has been suggested). He skillfully condemned the remarks made by Wright while simultaneously explaining why he would not disown his former reverend.

However, unlike his other speeches, this one actually brought attention to a demonstrable and perhaps irreparable flaw in Obama's candidacy. This was not because he failed to address the issues he set out to ameliorate, but because he did in such a way as to cast serious doubt on his ability to lead this country in an era of unprecedented obstacles. It was what he said, not how he said it.

The defense he provided, if condensed, is essentially that of the Golden Rule. Rather than condemn the man, he instead seeks to understand the misguided reasoning that gave rise to these comments, and

thus solve the problems at their source. It is a way of life that is as praiseworthy and laudable as it is hopelessly naive for someone running for president.

The distinction to be made is between idealism and naivety. Idealism gave rise to Ronald Reagan and John F. Kennedy, naivety to Jimmy Carter and the current administration.

While idealism is a combination of dreams and confidence tempered by experience, naivety lacks that final, critical element. It is that which Obama's address brought to the fore. At what point does the need for reaction override the search for justification? When does his personal conviction trump expediency? And, most importantly, when does Obama's loyalty to his country—the one his former pastor wished to the netherworld—become more important than his loyalty to his friends?

This, then, is the problem. For the most part, Wright's comments were, at the risk of sounding flippant, somewhat hackneyed. Whether it be the HIV conspiracy or 9/11 compeupance, Wright was by no means the first to perpetuate these "sermons," and he will not be the last. Our Constitution guarantees the right of free speech, and Wright is not—and should not be—denied that right, regardless of how ridiculous his assertions.

But the most pivotal and heinous point—that of "G'd d'mn America!"—in the end calls into question Obama's patriotism. This is not, of course, to insinuate that Obama shares Wright's views, but the Senator's mantra demonstrated that he put loyalty to his pastor over loyalty to his country. A simple condemnation decries only complicity of motive, not improper prioritization.

Indeed, attempting to rationalize such comments shows a dangerous lack of political maturity on Obama's part. At what point does he stop making excuses for others? If during an Obama presidency, Iranian dictator Mahmoud Ahmadinejad were to issue another scathing rant against Israel or Kim Jong-Il were to threaten South Korea or Japan, would Obama condemn their comments then seek to find a rationalization for them? A more experienced leader would not have attempted to separate the man from his comments in an attempt to justify a personal conflict.

Furthermore, that the relationship between Obama and Wright has reportedly lasted some twenty years adds a more ominous dimension to the situation. Wright was more than a mere spiritual advisor; he married Obama and his wife and baptized their children. Thus, the odds are long that Obama never heard Wright make such comments, and Obama in his address did acknowledge hearing controversial political statements from Wright (though not the ones in question).

Nevertheless, if taken at face value, Obama's statements suggest that 20 years of hearing controversial, political commentary with which he strongly disagreed, even combined with Wright's latest offerings are not enough to disown the man. Certainly all would agree that loyalty is important, but just how far does Obama's loyalty go before it becomes blind following? Would an explanation similar to Obama's be sufficient to explain retaining, say, Alberto Gonzalez? Or perhaps Donald Rumsfeld?

This is entirely the kind of event needed during a presidential campaign to show how a candidate would react in actual practice—an occurrence sorely lacking in the last two presidential cycles. Ironically, this litmus test has provided a litmus test of perhaps the only obstacle Obama faced—whether or not he is sufficiently experienced for the office.

Wright's comments were just this kind of situation—a scenario that demanded immediate action. Yet, instead of unconditionally and unequivocally condemning both the comments and the man who made them, Obama tried to explain them, to rationalize them, and despite his protestations, to justify them. It is the sign of a decent man, a good man, but a naive man, and thus a man who is in the final analysis not yet presidential material.

The second point to be made is of greater importance, for it concerns the future of this country and not just a single election cycle. The comments of Wright have brought to the fore questions and issues that my generation was supposedly beyond. That is not to say that racism, sexism and anti-Semitism are dead; they are unfortunately issues that will likely always be present. However, statistics had shown this decade and the 82-25 generation in particular, to be the most tolerant and accepting in the nation's history. Yet after watching people interact since the Wright story made national headlines, suddenly you would never know that.

The United States did not become the greatest country in the world by bowing in the face of evil, whatever that evil may be. Hate-mongers and bigots exist in all races, all religions, all creeds, all ethnicities and all political parties and want to see exactly what is occurring—strife they have caused. The truly sad part, the tragedy of the story, is that we as a people are letting it happen.

Rather than rising up as one people and telling Wright there is no place for his hate-filled speech in American culture, we are fracturing along the very lines we claimed to have sealed. And as long as we allow people like him to continue, the wounds they reopen will never really heal. Thus, if there is to be a racial divide as a result of this scandal, it will be our fault for allowing it to happen. We are better—we must be better—than what we have shown.

A poorly articulated but well intentioned rebuttal

"We bombed Hiroshima, we bombed Nagasaki, and we nuked far more than the thousands in New York and the Pentagon, and we never batted an eye. We have supported state terrorism against the Palestinians and black South Africans, and now we are indignant because the stuff we have done overseas is now brought right back into our own front yards. America's chickens are coming home to roost." ~ Rev. Jeremiah Wright

By Mike Habegger,
Co-Editor in Chief

What bothers me the most about the "letter to the editors" printed above is that the writer has described the Reverend Jeremiah Wright's speeches as "hate-filled." I have a big problem with this statement because what Wright is talking about, even in his most controversial soundbites, sounds like the truth to me. It's not hate-filled; it's really filled, and most Americans, including Obama, have chosen to ignore real issues raised by Wright.

The author of the above letter to the editors chastises Obama for rationalizing Wright's statements instead of condemning them. Well, I'm here to rationalize them even further.

What is implicit in the author of the above letter's argument—and he is not alone—is that Black people just aren't grateful enough for their cushy situation in America. Yes, such a cushy situation hundreds of years of slavery followed by systematic persecution was. This attitude is reflects nothing but condescension, nothing close to understanding, which is what is really missing in this whole drama.

I am not happy that I have to use precious space in this fine newspaper to discuss Wright's comments that have been used by Obama's opponents to score political points. The media has spent far too much time doing the public the disservice of playing and replaying the soundbites from YouTube instead of providing real explanations and context. But that would take too much time, and too much controversy.

Indeed, the author of the above letter is correct: how can you rationalize a statement as inflammatory as "God damn America?" For Obama, it was nearly political suicide for him to even confront the issues raised by Wright. But instead of confronting the real issues, he confronted the man, as the media did, creating a spectacle of a crazy Black man whose time had passed him by.

It's also too bad that Wright has had to parade himself on the TV to defend himself. In this wave of national attention, he too has lost focus on the issues, to the delight, however, of TV commentators and political pundits.

Race is still a big issue in America (Paul Krugman and a few other critics have been correct in exposing the American narrative of racism). And Blacks—even crazy old preacher men—are not

to blame for this situation; it is foolish to think such a thing. Race is an issue because movement conservatives have perpetuated racial divisions to win elections. The naivete of the newest generation of conservatives, to which, presumably, the author of the above letter is a member, to assume that race is no longer an issue and has not won the Republican Party elections is far more naive and hence "dangerous" than Obama's rationalizations.

In some of the clips, Wright is shown chastising the "old White men" who run the country. This chastisement is warranted because the fact is that the old White men who perpetrated slavery upon Blacks are the same old White men who, through their foreign policies and their profit-at-all-costs business practices, have brought the consequences in the form of transnational terrorism back home upon innocent Americans.

This, frankly, sounds like the truth to me, and these points have not been raised often enough, because they have been struck down as "unpatriotic," especially in the time of unhealthy collective trauma following 9/11. Instead of finding the cause of such hate, the United States government, led by movement and neo-conservatives, has chosen to fight an endless shadow war against enemies who have our national prestige. This is as misguided as it is ignorant. Instead of investigating real causes of the 9/11 violence, the elites have chosen to focus on the spectacle of a man—Bin Laden—and the thrill of smoking him out of his hole.

The author of the above letter argues that in not condemning the statements made by right, Obama is somehow unfit to lead the country. But, in condemning the statements, Obama also risks alienating people who see the points raised by Wright as legitimate issues that need to be discussed—people like me.

Unfortunately for all of us, the Wright incident has caused America's racist chickens to come home to roost once again at the forefront of American politics. For a time during the campaign, it seemed that we had escaped such barbarism, with the prospect of a woman or minority to gain the nomination. But now it appears that the Right will do anything to paint Obama into a corner to gain the White House, including playing the racist card.

Turning Back the Pages

Compiled by Becky Snider

Dateline: **October 11, 2007**

Runaway teen still missing

Campus was alerted about a missing teen on the morning of Thursday, September 27. A Carroll County officer said that the missing teen, Rebecca Bainbridge was a "runaway" not missing. Bainbridge has no ties to campus.

Dateline: **November 1, 2007**

Wrestling recruit found intoxicated

Campus Safety interrupted a party in an off-campus dorm on the night of October 19. One of the individuals solicited was a non-student wrestling recruit. The recruit had to be removed from campus to a nearby hospital. z

Dateline: **November 15, 2007**

Rouzer Hall continues to be 'free-for-all'

The residents of Rouzer are notorious for being disruptive and destructive. During the 2006-2007 school year, the total cost of damages to Rouzer exceeded \$21,000. Compared to the costs of damages to the female freshman dorm Whiteford, this is astronomical.

Dateline: **December 10, 2007**

Premeditated robbery in Rouzer Hall

Three residents of Westminster, all age 20, were charged with armed robbery, burglary, and theft in an incident that occurred just before midnight on November 14. The victims were Greg Vernon and Sergio Nieto.

Dateline: **February 14, 2008**

Pole vaulter injured during practice

On Thursday, January 31, it was initially speculated that transfer student Jared Lutz fell while completing a vault. It was later confirmed by Athletic Director Jamie Smith, that Lutz had tripped on the mat, losing balance and hitting his head. Currently Lutz is still in the hospital.

Dateline: **February 28, 2008**

More violence, more coming together

The Free Press reflects on the NIU tragedy and commends the university's newspaper staff for an event that surely cut too close to home.

Dateline: **March 13, 2008**

Policy confronts Greek underground

Starting in the fall of 2008, there will be a new policy preventing students from participating in underground "Greek" organizations. According to assistant director of college activities and greek life advisor Amanda Rose, underground organizations will not be allowed to meet as a group, or wear and display letters or insignia.

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Alumni look back on their time on the Hill, offer advice

When you look back on the years you spent in college, what will you remember most? Will you remember the bad grade you got on that test your freshman year, or will you remember the hours you spent with your friends studying for that test?

If you answered yes to the latter, you're not alone.

Yes, college is a place for learning. (Why else would we spend thousands of dollars for four years?) But college is also a place for meeting new people, building long-lasting friendships, and making memories that will last you a lifetime.

Whether you graduated twenty years ago, a year ago, or are patiently waiting for your graduation day to come, the moments you spend with your friends will last longer than that bad grade. Just ask the alumni of McDaniel College (or Western Maryland College, depending on the graduation year).

Better yet, read on to see what the alumni remember most about their college experiences and what they have to say to the Class of 2008:

--Stacey Eyler

Amanda Brown

Graduation year: 2007

Major: English

Occupation: "Marketing assistant" at Havtech

What were some of your memorable experiences from college?

Just about all of senior year. All through college, I took for granted the friends I made and the college atmosphere. When I reached my senior year, especially the final semester, it was time to hang out with my friends and enjoy life as opposed to spending all my free time studying.

What did you learn in college (outside of the classroom)?

I learned how to appreciate free time. Like warm afternoons in the quad, playing tag on the football stadium, or midnight runs to Wawa. It's hard to find time like that after college, but when you do, it's the best.

Is there anything that college did not prepare you for?

Apparently, construction.

What advice would you give to the Class of 2008?

As much fun as your senior year is, prepare to grow up... and fast. Come June, you're working 8-5, paying rent and utilities, grocery shopping, and everything else that comes with being an adult. But always remember your friends and do what you can to be with them.



Melissa Wisner '06 (fourth from left) and friends at the Spring Formal in 2004

Kevin Heffner

Graduation year: 1988

Major: Communications

Occupation: Director of External Relations at UMBC

What were some of your memorable experiences from college?

My fraternity experiences, football, the friendships, and the relationships with my professors. And graduation. I got to sit next to Louise Fletcher who played Nurse Ratched in One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. She was the honorary degree recipient the year I graduated.

What did you learn in college (outside of the classroom)?

I learned the value and importance of personal relationships, and not just with people in school. Developing relationships has served me as well as anything I learned in school.

Is there anything that college did not prepare you for?

Managing a household of kids.

What advice would you give to the Class of 2008?

Kurt Vonnegut once said in a commencement speech that nothing he said that day would stay with those students. So his advice: "Wear sunscreen." That's my advice to the Class of 2008.

(Editor's note: This quote is often associated with Kurt Vonnegut. However, he never actually said it. For more: <http://www.wesselenyi.com/speech.htm>)

Melissa Wisner

Graduation year: 2006

Major: Biology

Occupation: Almost done my second year of Medical School

What were some of your memorable experiences from college?

Though I only joined my senior year, my time with Gamma Sigma Sigma (service sorority) was very memorable. The group is very supportive and supported each other both in service and in life. I remember my science classes where the professors would go beyond what was expected—extracurricular research experiences from freshman year on, special demonstrations in class when we didn't understand, dressing up or play acting in class, or giving us the chance to take our tests at a time where we would be able to perform the best. The professors wanted us to learn and to have fun doing it. I also remember all my friends on campus. They were there when I needed them most.

What did you learn in college (outside of the classroom)?

How to live on my own and deal with life events. I also learned that nothing in life needs to be handled alone. There are always people willing to help if you tell them what is going on and let them. This doesn't just refer to the big things in life but the little ones too. Sometimes it's hard to truly understand this until you are in a more independent situation, such as college.

Is there anything that college did not prepare you for?

There will always be things here and there that it didn't prepare me for. That's just life. Nothing really jumps out at me though. Actually, looking back, the things I disliked about college might have prepared me more. Then again, that isn't really surprising.

What advice would you give to the Class of 2008?

Don't forget your family or the friends you've had "forever." Unfortunately, I found it easy to quickly lose touch with friends from college. It's still great when I get to see them but my family are the ones who are always around to support me.

Pat O'Toole

Graduation year: 2007

Major: Psychology/Sociology

Occupation: Employment specialist with a mental health organization

What were some of your memorable experiences from college?

My freshman year, PTT's Michael Wilbon gave a lecture in McDaniel Lounge. I had the opportunity to interview him, which was truly enjoyable as a young sports journalism enthusiast, and he placed the McDaniel sweatshirt that the school gave him on the back of his chair the following evening. As strange or petty as it seems, it really legitimized my choice of school.

What did you learn in college (outside of the classroom)?

I learned how to be personally responsible for some pretty serious undertakings. My recent job acquisition is entirely a testament to extracurricular involvement in college, as it has nothing to do with what I "studied."

Is there anything that college did not prepare you for?

Not having my closest friends next door or down the hall.

What advice would you give to the Class of 2008?

Don't settle or accept the direction you first go in just because it is what everybody else is doing. You will hear people around you saying things like "I can deal with this," or "This will work." Be particular, though, and you will fall into what you should be doing—even if you have no idea what that may be. These times truly are ephemeral, but the choices you make in them will be permanent if you allow them to be.

Christian Abildso

Graduation year: 1998

Major: Business and Economics

Occupation: Finishing up a PhD in sports exercise physiology; masters in public health

What were some of your memorable experiences from college?

Human bio—that's where I met my wife. I remember Dr. Alton Law; he retired in 1998. It was after graduation, and I had all my stuff packed up. I was sitting on my car, and he comes walking by dressed in his graduation regalia. I asked him, "What do we do now?" And he said, "I don't know." It was a very poignant moment.

What did you learn in college (outside of the classroom)?

I learned to play bocce. And I learned to enjoy people from all over.

What advice would you give to the Class of 2008?

Enjoy the last month. And stay in touch with your friends.

Jamie Ridgely

Graduation year: 2007

Major: English/Elementary Education

Occupation: Long Term Substitute for Reading Specialist

What were some of your memorable experiences from college?

I have so many great memories from college, mostly just of hanging out with friends around campus.

What did you learn in college (outside of the classroom)?

I learned that true friends will always be there for you no matter what.

Is there anything that college did not prepare you for?

I felt very prepared to enter a teaching position after college.

What advice would you give to the Class of 2008?

Try not to get overwhelmed with finals and finding a job.

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Staci George

Graduation Year: 2003

Major: Communication; minors in journalism, political science

Occupation: Classified advertising sales for the Washington Jewish Week (newspaper based in Rockville, MD); founder/sole proprietor of By Staci (a home-based side business in Silver Spring, MD) where I do media relations, marketing and event planning.

What were some of your memorable experiences from college?

- Having my entire living room floor of my Garden Apartment filled with presents that would soon be wrapped by my Gamma Sig sisters and then delivered to our Adopt-a-family. One weekend afternoon, we had a "wrapping party" at my apartment, where we also sang carols, baked cookies, and made ornaments while we prepared the gifts for the family. We were able to give a local family a holiday meal, gifts, and cheer that they may not have had otherwise.

- Sitting in the Whiteford basement lounge all night chatting with Lauri Gann '04 soon after we met. We are still close friends (and Gamma Sig sisters), along with Karen Whelan '05. The three of us meet regularly for coffee at the Pourhouse.

- Planning and hosting College Press Day 2003. It was a huge endeavor I had as president of Society of Collegiate Journalists. In the end, the event was a success—we had attendees from about eight different colleges and a dozen media personnel who came to network, lead workshops, participate in panel discussions and speak to the students about the news business. Prior to the event, a lot of time and hard work went in behind the scenes. Mr. Dalton, myself, others in SCJ, and some of his students worked diligently to make the day rewarding and worthwhile for the attendees.

What did you learn in college (outside of the classroom)?

I really wish there was a major in extra-curriculars. I would have earned it. There is nothing 9-5 about the journalism field, so going into the newspaper office to do layout at 10 p.m. on a Saturday night or writing at story at 2 p.m. on a Sunday afternoon prepared me for the crazy schedule of a real newsroom.

Whether it giving tours at Reunion Weekend, working on the alumni e-newsletter, or taking pictures at Raven's training camp for the alumni office to use, I learned the importance of volunteering. I am still very involved with the campus—as chair of Class of 2003 Reunion committee, a member of the Founder's Society, as a member of the Graduates of the Last Decade committee and member of the Alumni Council. I've been invited to speak at College Press Day, attend alumni-student dinners both campus wide and for just the communications dept., and look forward to seeing other alumni each fall at the Founder's Society dinner.

Is there anything that college did not prepare you for?

I didn't feel prepared to handle the kind of rejection I faced during the summer of 2003. Some fields are harder to break into than others, and some have salaries that are a lot lower than others. This is what I faced as a student journalist seeking to evolve into a professional journalist. The key lesson I'd like to share now to readers is this: No matter what major you do or internships you complete, there is always a learning curve with any new job you undertake. During the interview, it is important to show the interviewer how you can connect the dots between your major and interests and the service their business provides to their customers. Show your continued interest in learning and growing as an employee. What you learned in school is the foundation of what you will learn in the field you've chosen. Each new experience you have during your working years will be the pillars of your success. The key is to focus on the positives rather than the negatives. Find a way to make each and every decision the right decision for that time and situation. Networking is extremely important. You already know a lot about many subjects. Now you need to get out there and meet people who can converse on these topics, as well as be your potential colleagues and clients.

What advice would you give to the Class of 2008?

Looking back at my five years since graduation, the best piece of advice I can offer is: Don't get discouraged if you do not have your dream job offer, or any job offer for that matter, the moment you cross the stage and have your diploma in hand. In addition to going through the help wanted ads on a regular basis, be sure to contact alumni that work in the field you are pursuing.

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Features

Sleeping below the gas chamber in Dracula's Castle, an innocent man, a decade in prison

Former Marine Kirk Bloodworth spoke to McDaniel students of being wrongfully convicted of rape and murder

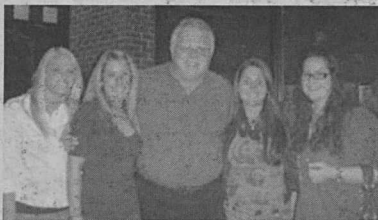
By Kate Delenick

A former Marine's life changed forever on March 22, 1985. On that day, an innocent man was sentenced to death in the gas chamber. An ignorant courtroom applauded the verdict; they applauded his death.

Kirk Bloodworth came to McDaniel College on April 17 to tell the gripping story of his fight for freedom and his road to innocence. Forensic science professor, Terry Biddinger, took a chance in e-mailing Bloodworth.

"I never thought he'd come," she said. In a packed Decker Auditorium, Bloodworth spoke to a full crowd, which by night's end, went three rows deep of standing room only.

Goosebumps could be felt and gasps could be heard among many of the audience members as he spoke of his time spent in jail for wrongfully being convicted of raping and killing nine-year-old Dawn Hamilton in 1984. He described the Baltimore prison as "Dracula's Castle" where he lived for nine



Kate Delenick, Becky Griffin, Lauren Laker and Emily Kinnaman attended dinner with Bloodworth.

years.

"I put toilet paper in my ears so cockroaches wouldn't lay eggs in them," he said. "It's the closest place to Hell I've ever been in my life."

Bloodworth spent his time in prison shouting his innocence to anyone who would listen, though no one ever did. He wrote letters to presidents and to Donald Trump. No one ever wrote back. His family though, remained behind him 100% throughout his nightmare.

Bloodworth said he felt like,

"a sheep being led to the slaughter house" when he was taken to prison. "We're gonna get you Kirk!" the inmates would yell at him.

Naturally, after being in prison for almost a decade, things in Bloodworth's life changed. His mom, his "biggest fan," died just three months before DNA proved her son's innocence. Bloodworth broke down when he recalled that he could only see his mother at her funeral for a mere five minutes, in handcuffs.

During his sentence, Blood-

worth remained focused on his innocence. He repeated throughout his speech, "This is my life; I have to endure." He did what he could to pass the time, playing chess with fellow inmates and reading—a lot. He actually spent so much time in the library they eventually made him the librarian.

With much dedication, persistence, knowledge and hard-work DNA testing finally proved Kirk's innocence. On June 28, 1993, the Maryland Penitentiary received a call telling them they had a free man in their prison, and he needed to be released. "Free at last!" Bloodworth yelled.

Bloodworth spoke for over an hour, and at the end took questions from the audience. His story touched everyone in the auditorium, and he received a worthy, standing ovation. He stayed afterwards to take pictures and sign his book, *Bloodworth*.

Upon his request, some students from Biddinger's forensic science class went out for dinner with him. The Larry King Live guest

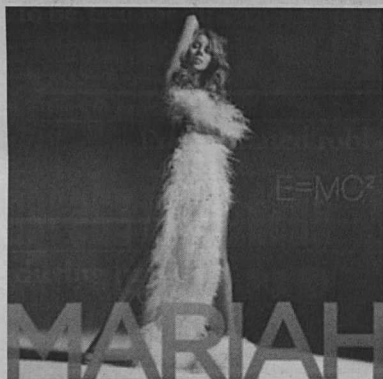
and two-time Oprah guest shared how excited he was to come to McDaniel and meet "the future." By the end of dinner the students had grown to love a man who for nine years was viewed by this country as a rapist and murderer.

"He's like an uncle to all of us now. Uncle Kirk...we felt sorry for him, but he told us to feel sorry for the justice system" said sophomore Lauren Laker, a student from the class.

Bloodworth, now remarried and a recent homeowner for the first time in his life, is focused on getting his story out. He is the program officer for The Justice Project, which is a project based in Washington D.C. that works to get innocent people off death row and out of prison. He left the Hall with some good advice that he said his mom once told him.

"Don't sit there like a lump on a Dill pickle—stand up for what you believe." Thanks to Bloodworth's fighting message, innocent people around the country can finally "stand up."

Carey keeps comeback alive with new album $E=MC^2$



By Eleanor Nagle

Mariah Carey has had an interesting career, to say the least, filled with brilliance, success, failure, strange TV appearances and mental breakdowns. But the only thing that shows in $E=MC^2$ is the brilliance.

Carey pulled herself back on top with her interesting, fun and enjoyable new album. It has everything a listener needs: upbeat dance songs, love ballads, great breakup songs and sexy tracks that make you blush.

"Touch My Body," the first

single to come out of the album is the sexiest of the songs and one of many good dance tracks. While it is not the best song on the album, it is certainly up there.

If you download the CD off iTunes you also get the "Touch My Body" video for free. The video is surprisingly funny and makes fun of itself in an incredibly humorous sort of way that makes you wonder if it's a joke. It features a nerdy computer guy and Carey dancing around and having pillow fights.

There are a few ballads on the CD, but the best of them by far is "Bye Bye." It has much the same feel as former hits from past CDs,

such as "Hero" and "One Sweet Day." On the track, Carey sings about the loss of someone close to her without specifying who, which makes the song easy for anyone suffering from a loss to relate to.

Many of the songs on the album have the scorned lover feel, especially "Side Effects," which appears to be a very thinly veiled attack on her ex-husband. The song plays out in the angry bitter way whereas other songs such as "Thnx 4 Nothing," "For the Record" and "I Wish You Well" concentrate on the sadder parts of break-ups.

If you feel like dancing, "I'll Be Loving You Long Time" and "O.O.C.," "Touch My Body" and a few others provide upbeat, fun songs that really get you moving.

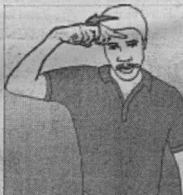
A variety of artists, including Damian Marley, Young Jeezy, Da Brat and T-Pain are featured with Carey on various tracks and all enhance the songs, making them even better. Young Jeezy is probably the best with his contribution to "Side Effects."

Overall, $E=MC^2$ is a very good, if not great, album that is well worth its price, especially if you illegally download it, as I suspect many of you will. Carey gives at least one song to go with pretty much any mood or emotion you could have making it a versatile CD and perfect for any good old fashioned pop lover.

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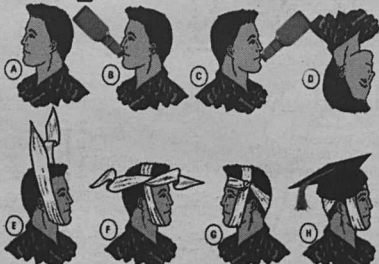


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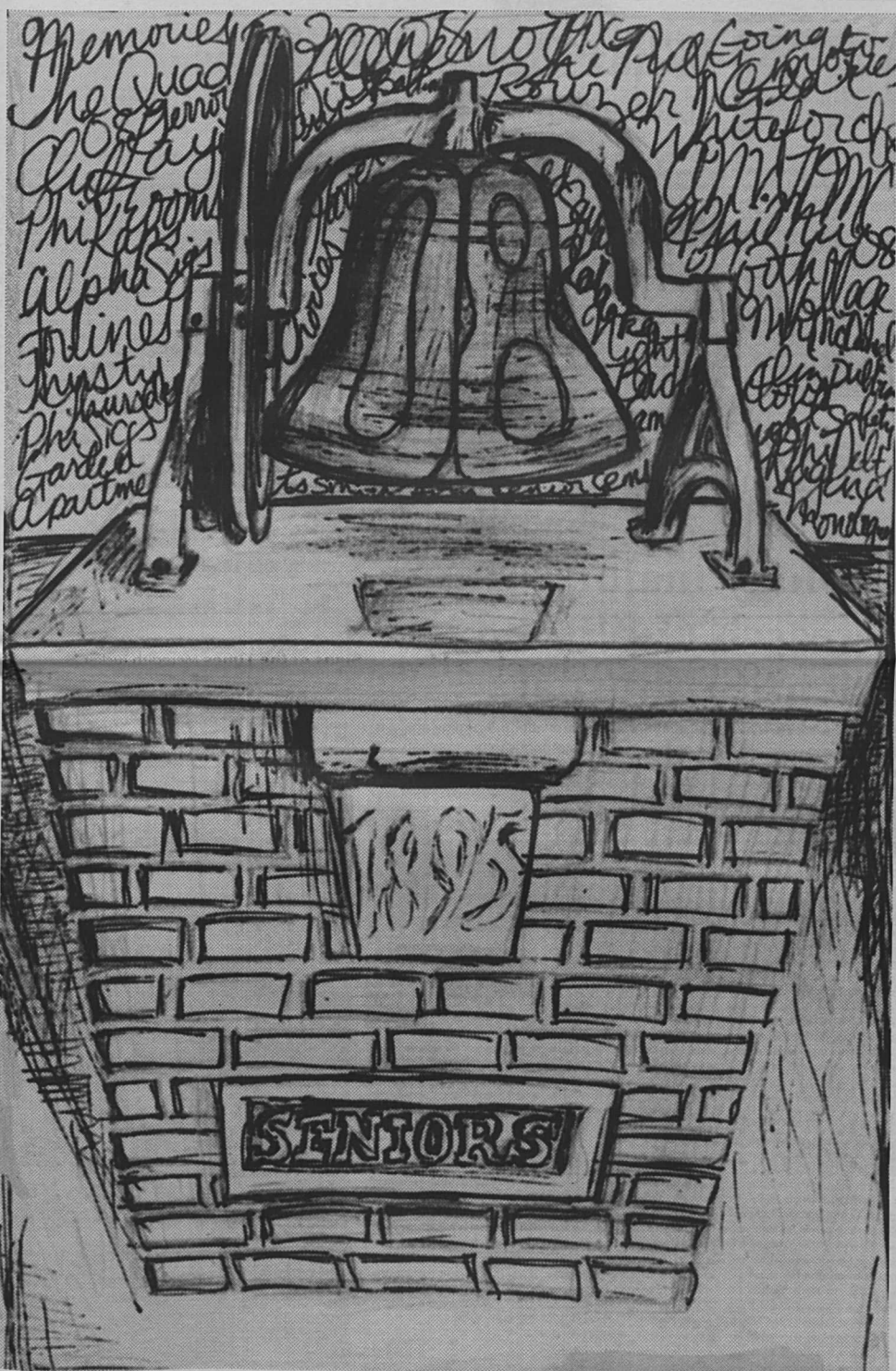
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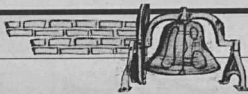


Don't Let Alcohol Wreck Your Memories

Late Nights



Senior Special



Geoff Peckham '08
News Co-Editor

What McDaniel means

At graduation time, seniors look back on their four years on the Hill

"I f#%&ing hate this place."

Strong words, and a lot of us have said them. McDaniel College has been good to us, but not always. From the Wall to the Quad, from Blanche to the Mansion, many of us have had problems with this campus at one point or another.

Yet we're still here.

There have been bogus citations, uptight administrators, ignorant campus safety officers, and an ever-rising tuition. Ask graduating seniors all of the ways in which this school has frustrated them, and you may get a plethora of answers. Mistakes have been made at all levels regarding credits or qualifications, there has been unnecessary resistance when attempting to accomplish even the smallest task, a lack of opportunities when it counts, and the food has pretty much sucked all four years. The talk of transferring fluctuates, and

people insist that they won't be back next year.

Yet we're still here. Ask those same seniors why they stayed.

"My friends."

"The friends I've made."

"My close group of friends."

We've all read the slogan, "Changing Lives Since 1867." A lot of us probably didn't give it much thought when we first arrived here, but for those graduating soon, it may ring a little truer. Lives do change here, but it isn't always because of the school. It's the people. It's in the characters of this story on the Hill that we've called college.

The overzealous partriers, the ones who will invite you over for a keg-stand because it's Wednesday. The drama nerds who take their craft so seriously they almost can't function in any other setting. The Greek-for-lifers, the ones who take

so much pride in their fraternity or sorority, all other Greek life pales in comparison. We have jocks, cadets, musicians, sports junkies, fitness freaks, fashion mongers, video-game addicts, indie kids, tomboys, intellectual wannabes, and countless other types of people.

But there's so much beneath each McDaniel student. Everyone has left their own mark on this campus, and on each other. These are the characters this school has provided us. Without each individual to play their part, the story wouldn't be complete. McDaniel wouldn't be complete, and neither would we. It is the people of McDaniel that make it what it is. It is the characters on campus that give the campus itself character.

Everyone may have had their problems one way or another on the Hill, but because we all have each other to live through those

problems, we have all become closer. We are tight-knit, so it doesn't matter. We all still care deep down about this place. Some of us may hate to admit it, but we hate to love McDaniel, and love to hate it at the same time. It's been part of the story.

We are all still here, but soon we won't be. Our parts may end, but the story will go on. More characters will come, to add to the marks that we've left. And in turn, McDaniel will leave the same mark on them. And sooner or later, when we've had time to reflect on our college days, on the people we've become as a result, we may be saying the same thing: "I f#%&ing love that place."

Additional contributions were made by Bill Kauffman.

Biology major's research published in scientific journal

Senior Kendall Bieschke published her manuscript after performing analysis for her Senior Seminar paper on how the body responds to hip implants

By Chris Higgs

Senior biology major Kendall Bieschke has achieved a notable accomplishment which many scholars may only dream of. She had the manuscript encapsulating her Senior Seminar research project published in a scientific journal.

For the research project, Bieschke chose to study the biological response to a hemi-resurfacing hip implant, which means taking a closer look at how the body responds to an implant in the hip joint. To do so, histological analysis needed to be performed. This is "the processing of a femoral head of the hip, cutting it into slides, staining the slides, and viewing them under a microscope," according to Bieschke.

"I worked 40 hour weeks, eight hours a day. I was in the lab all summer."

In collaboration with Dr. Lynne C. Jones and the Orthopedic Surgery department of Johns Hopkins University, Bieschke was able to conduct her research in a laboratory at Good Samaritan Hospital.

"It's qualitative analysis. It's looking at photographs and X-rays of slides to determine the biological response of the bone to the implant," said Bieschke. "I wanted to know how the femoral head was

responding to the hemi-resurfacing implant."

After conducting the research, Bieschke and Jones submitted the research to the *Biomedical Sciences Instrumentation Journal* (BSIJ) and then attended the Rocky Mountain Biology Symposium, a conference held in Colorado. There Bieschke was able to present her findings to fellow scientists and panelists of the BSIJ.

"[Because] not very many undergraduates are fortunate enough to have a published paper, Dr. Jones suggested we submit the manuscript to the journal," said Bieschke.

However, the presentation and publishing did not come easy. The research started in January of 2007 and didn't begin nearing completion until the following December.

"I worked 40 hour weeks, eight hours a day. I was in the lab all summer," said Bieschke.

Bieschke's knack for orthopedic surgery did not come to her by chance. Her father worked with orthopedics for Good Samaritan Hospital. In fact, it was her father who suggested contacting Jones for ideas regarding the Senior Seminar project. After brainstorming, Bieschke and Jones decided to pursue the hemi-resurfacing hip implant.

Being published as an undergraduate student is only the beginning for Bieschke. She will be working in collaboration with University of Mississippi Medical Center on



an as-of-yet undetermined research project by completing the processing portion of the task. In the fall of 2008, Bieschke will be attending Arcadia University in Pennsylvania, studying forensic science with hopes of someday working in an FBI crime lab. Eventually, she would like to obtain her Ph.D. in molecular biology so she may continue working with forensics.

Bieschke reflects on the opportunity very positively. "I went into the research project for my Senior Seminar and came out with a publication. It was a great experience."

Activity and Leadership Awards 2008

Greek Man of the Year - Jonathan David Schultz

Greek Woman of the Year - Sarah Elizabeth Shank

Elizabeth Lintz Burkhardt Memorial Service Award - Chanan Leann Delivuk

Steve Robert Wilson '75 Memorial Service Award - Jason John Maier Nicholas Adam Wilbur

Charles W. Havens Award - Timothy Mark Snyder

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Student Government Assembly Award - Elizabeth Amelia Moran

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Alumni Citizenship Award - Katie Ashley Sarris

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Spotlight on Senior Projects

Four student filmmakers learn while the tape rolls

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showed me a good time," said Hebben.

Sometimes the hard parting ways of the band created obstacles for Hebben because "Scott wouldn't pick up his phone when I needed him," she said.

This film about the life of a heavy metal musician may never have been captured by Hebben's camera, because of her experience on the first day of her scriptwriting class.

"When I found out my first day of scriptwriting that we had to write an entire full length script in one semester, I wanted to drop the class right then and there, because I didn't think I could do it," said Hebben. "I stuck with it though, and I'm so glad that I did. It felt so rewarding to have a full-length

script at the end of the semester."

Fellow filmmaker Eggers feels that his documentary "The Green of McDaniel" will send a positive message to the campus community about the Environmental Action Club's (EAC) efforts to make the campus more environmentally friendly.

The film focuses on the EAC and director Connor Rasmussen's involvement with RecycleMania, Earth Day, and Trash Quest.

"The most enjoyable part of making the film was feeling like I was a part of the EAC," said Eggers.

While filming, Eggers had scheduling conflicts due to his busy semester, and even some technical glitches when using Final Cut, Apple's editing software.

Despite those challenges, Eggers hopes that his film will be

shown beyond the Hill to other schools.

"I think it's important to get the word out that we are constantly making efforts to help the environment," said Eggers.

Another filmmaker who hopes that his film will be shown "everywhere and anywhere" is Nasongkhla.

His fictional narrative "How You Land" is about the struggle of one man's decision to remain loyal to his low-life best friends, or to strive for a better life with the help of a girl he meets at work.

Nasongkhla ran into trouble on the first day of shooting though.

"Shooting outdoors was the biggest challenge. The microphones built into the cameras pick up all sounds, including wind," said Nasongkhla. "So a lot of my footage

from the first day of shooting had to be thrown out because the wind ruined [the] audio."

Nasongkhla credits script writing, film analysis, and documentary production as the classes that contributed to his filmmaking skills. However, his love of film did not start on the Hill. Nasongkhla's passion for film didn't even start behind a camera, but rather it began when he was an actor.

"A close friend of mine in high school asked me to act in one of his student films. He introduced me to the whole filmmaking process, and from then on I knew I wanted to be a filmmaker," said Nasongkhla.

Duffy's love of film started in high school too and led him to create the film "Player's Thumb."

After partaking in some "bad weed" the film's main character, Tom, begins to hear video game

music inside his head which ultimately results in the termination of his friendships.

While filming, Duffy enjoyed the "ridiculous" improvisation that some of the actors provided, and even had to deal with an unexpected challenge when the lead actor decided to dye his hair.

Duffy's dream of having his film shown beyond the campus will not be possible though.

"I don't have the rights to a music track in [the film] and it would result in a lawsuit anywhere outside Academia," said Duffy.

All law suits aside, these four students credit McDaniel with fueling their love of film and hope that they will become the filmmakers of tomorrow.

New essay-based course evaluation form approved by faculty at meeting

by Juliann Gullire
Features Co-Editor

Dr. Rebecca Carpenter thinks that the old faculty evaluation form caused students to rate teachers like hamburgers.

"For classes, unlike some place like Applebee's, you can't use a 1-5 scale," said Carpenter, associate professor of English. "You could say a hamburger can be rated from 1-5, but a 14 week experience? You probably have more to say."

Several years ago the faculty decided that changes needed to be made in how the school evaluates teaching. After three committees and hours of 8 a.m. meetings, brainstorming ideas and moving through drafts, a new faculty evaluation form was voted on and all but unanimously approved at the March faculty meeting—one that

discards the "ratings system" used in the old form.

"I think some faculty were concerned that the forms didn't solicit the information they really wanted, both in terms of what was working in the class, and in terms of what areas could be improved," said Dr. Julia Jasken, assistant professor of English.

Carpenter said that some thought the students may have been giving a teacher they liked all "5s" on the survey even if the teacher has things to work on.

"I really like that the new form has more room for open-ended answers. I always get the most valuable feedback from students when they are writing about a course in their own words instead of just circling numbers on a scale. The new form accomplishes this," said

Jasken, also on the committee.

Another change implemented in the new form is not asking the student if this course was a major requirement, a competence requirement, a BLAR, etc. Carpenter said they felt that students felt more self-conscious about what they wrote because it may be easier to figure out who the student is.

The first two questions on the new form ask, "Did you come to class prepared?" and "Did you work to the best of your potential in this class?" in order to better assess the effort that the student put into the class.

"Students influence their own experience," said Carpenter. "If I teach really well, but you do none of the reading you won't get much out of the course."

Over the past few months, the

committee, which was put together by Dr. Thomas Falkner, provost and dean of the faculty, has pored over academic articles and looked extensively at other school's surveys who have adopted this approach, particularly Uninus and Colby College.

"We wanted to find ways to elicit written responses, and we wanted the forms to be concise and informative to the instructors," said Steven Pearson, committee member and assistant professor of art and art history.

They then ran the forms by students from the Student Government Assembly (SGA) as well as the men's and women's track and field team in order to get input from a cross section of grades and majors. Junior Cody Crutchley, a member of the track and field team, likes

that the students are now more in control of how to answer the question and can define it in their terms.

"It's important to have an evaluation that is unique to every student, not merely some cookie cutter fabrication that for the most part did not change from student to student," he Crutchley. A member of the SGA stated that topics discussed during meetings could not be commented upon.

According to Carpenter, the comment they received most often was that the time to take the survey needed to be increased to 20 minutes in order to adequately fill out the nine narrative questions.

Dr. Henry Reiff, dean of student academic life, said he likes the greater emphasis on narrative answers, but has one issue with the end-of-semester evaluation form in general.

"If you're looking for formative assessment that can make a difference in day-to-day activity, you can't wait until the end of the semester," he said, adding that he thinks a mid-semester informal evaluation would be a great idea to help with fine-tuning the course. Carpenter thought that sounded like a very good idea, although she doesn't think it should be mandated.

Pearson feels this form meets the needs of a liberal arts institution better than the old form and Carpenter agreed: "We've come up with a form that better addresses the values of the college."

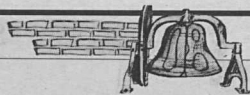
"You can look at lesson plans and syllabi and tests, but the people who are in the class every day are going to be able to say a lot more about a professor's teaching ability," said Carpenter.

Regress to your childhood



Students took a break from their studies and their stress Tuesday, April 15, from 6 to 9 p.m., by attending "Regress to Your Childhood"—an event that featured board games, coloring activities and old school music. Sponsored by Active Minds, a group dedicated to understanding and respecting mental health issues, "Regress to Your Childhood" included free snacks—a sure lure for college students. For information about Active Minds, contact Kate (kmm19) or Brittany (bre001). Photos by Kate Maloney

Senior Special



'Postpone the real world'

Two graduating seniors will make their mark on the global community in Peace Corps, AmeriCorps

By David Robertson,
Interim Chief Photographer

Post-graduation: sandals? Cubicles? Volunteering? Weekly paychecks? The opportunities presented to students during their undergraduate career at McDaniel are endless.

For two students, seniors Katelyn Ryan and Autumn Hilsinger, their recent acceptance into AmeriCorps and the Peace Corps respectively will help alleviate some of their accrued financial debt as well as provide them the opportunity to step out of the confines of Maryland and truly experience the global community.

In June 2009, Hilsinger will join roughly 2,500 United States Peace Corps volunteers whose talents are spread throughout 20 countries. Ryan, recently accepted into the Triple C program of AmeriCorps, will join a team of 12 as part of what she calls "the domestic version of the Peace Corps."

"I think it is extremely important for me, as a future teacher, to see the world I will be educating students about," said Hilsinger of her plans to volunteer in Africa, as part of the Peace Corps' ongoing effort to stop the spread of AIDS.

A history major in the process

of earning a Master's degree in secondary education, Hilsinger said, "Getting a job immediately following college seems like a waste. If everyone took the same path they had to just make money and use it to help someone, somewhere, life would be much more fulfilling for everyone."

Though she will be walking across the stage this May with the class of 2008, she completed her undergraduate studies in December of 2007. In addition to graduate work this semester, she has helped with the increasingly popular Late Nights activities on campus; but her dream, Hilsinger says, is to volunteer abroad.

"I have the ability to go to another country not necessarily to stop the spread of AIDS or save the world, but to at least save someone's world," she said, rather passionately about the prospect of this two-year commitment.

Ryan, on a more local level, will be leaving in October for Denver, Colorado, as part of an effort to aid community development, specifically relating to the homeless and by participating in a variety of environmental projects.

When finished with her ten months of service, Ryan plans

to use the reward money (up to \$5,000) to pay off student loans. Hilsinger expressed similar intentions.

"I have always wanted to volunteer after college. It's a wonderful chance for real life exposure to the underprivileged, without being gone as long as the Peace Corps requires," said Ryan.

Ryan will aid in four to six projects while a member of her team, with an 80 percent chance of traveling to Louisiana to help with continuing hurricane relief. However, there is a possibility that she may work for Amnesty International (she will hear of her acceptance over the summer), or apply for a grant to teach English in France for one academic year.

"In any event, it's a way to postpone the real world for a while yet," said Ryan. "This will help me figure out where I want to be."

For more information on these volunteer programs and other opportunities available within these organizations, visit www.peacecorps.gov or www.amerikorps.org.

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At a glance Katelyn Ryan, Class of 2008

Major:
International Studies and French

Favorite Memory:

I have so many good memories from college. I honestly can't pinpoint just one. However, I anticipate that my spring break trip this year to Mazatlan, Mexico, with three of my Gamma Sig sisters will be a lasting memory from college.



Worst Memory:

I'd probably have to go with getting hit right under the nose by a Frisbee which flew through the second floor bathroom window in ANW (What are the chances, I know!). I was bleeding pretty badly, and it was horribly painful.

Who was your mentor while at McDaniel and why?

I had more than one mentor through college. I had Dr. Lealy for Intro, to Poli Sci and her knowledge and passion for politics and human rights absolutely inspired me to pursue a degree in political science. Dr. Johnson-Ross' courses on African politics solidified my desire to travel to Africa in the near future and finally Dr. Motard-Noar was always so supportive of my continuing French and studying abroad. All three of these professors really had a positive impact on my personal and educational experience here at McDaniel.

Seniors feel Greek Life provides sense of leadership, close-knit bonds and lasting friendships

By Leslie Shirk

Several misconceptions and stereotypes have been made about Greek Life over the years, and still remain an issue on our campus. In clearing up these misconceptions, however, one can get a glimpse into what can be gained from being a part of this community. This particularly applies to what long-time Greek seniors have gained looking back on their experiences.

There are benefits that often go unrecognized, from leadership skills to members learning more about themselves and bettering themselves through active participation in their organization.

"I am confident in my own abilities and have become a much better leader," says senior, Richard Mann of Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

A group of men and women form a close-knit bond as members of such an organization, that many students who are not part of this don't quite understand.

"[Greek life has] given me a social and emotional outlet, as I have a network of friends with whom I have great bonds. There has always been someone there for me whenever I needed anything," comments senior Dan Coons of Alpha Gamma Tau Fraternity.

Unlike the stereotype that Greeks by their friends, it is essentially groups of men and women who love and care about one another unconditionally, like a family.

"We are friends and confidants beyond being just sisters, and Phi Mu is just the wonderful thing we all believe in that brought us together," says senior Emma Boutiller of Phi Mu Sorority.

As noted by a majority of the Greek Life seniors, some of the best friends they made in college were from their own organizations or even from others that pledged at the same time. This doesn't mean that one has to pledge a Greek organization to make lifelong friends, but it is definitely a common trend among the Greek community as a whole.

"I found myself having closer ties with the brothers than with the other guys, but coincidentally my best friends from soccer and ROTC are also in my fraternity," said senior Christian Maisel of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Many students are unaware at just how much the members of the Greek community are involved in and a part of, blending in with everyone else on campus. Greeks are involved in multiple organizations besides their own social fraternities

and sororities, ranging from honor societies within their majors to various sports.

The seniors who are involved in Greek Life have expressed a consensus, which is what Greek Life as a whole strives to accomplish, and that is a sense of leadership.

This sense of leadership carries into the real world as well, helping to mold whom these men and women will someday become, bringing their skills into play.

"I will be more adept at working in groups and taking charge of organizing projects and events," says senior Jarrett Smith of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

Put quite simply, a Greek organization is very similar to a small company. It takes the whole organization to get things accomplished.

"Everyone has specific jobs and is expected to perform certain activities in order for everything to run smoothly," says senior Omega Brudis, of Alpha Nu Omega sorority.

These responsibilities and duties upheld within a given organization foster a better relationship with peers and more importantly working with others.

"[By] taking new positions and dealing with people...so many difficult situations I've been thrown into...[I feel like I can be] thrown

into any position and step up as a leader," adds Maisel.

However, the goal of the Greeks is not to say that Greek Life is for everyone, or that it's the only way to enjoy your college experience, but as Mann phrases it, "People often don't give it a chance. It is a very fulfilling commitment and will give you back three times what you put in it."

Perhaps the best parting advice to take from this look into what can be gained from Greek Life experience is to come out and see what the organizations are about and get to know them before passing judgment.

While the Greek campus may not appear unified all the time, they unite under the common ground that they have become better individuals as a result of joining their organizations, form close bonds as well as have immeasurable leadership opportunities available to them.

"I feel like you make your experience at college with what you put into it," said senior Phi Sigma member Samantha Greller. "I feel this goes hand in hand with Greek Life."

Shirk is a member of Phi Mu Sorority.

GREEK GAMES

2008

RESULTS

Fraternity:

Alpha Sigma Phi

Sorority:

Phi Sigma Sigma

Penny Wars

Fraternity:

Alpha Sigma Phi

Sorority:

Phi Mu

Total Amount Raised:

\$706.14

*money will go to charities
picked by the winners



Senior Surveys

Sarah Coppersmith

Major:
Psychology

Minor:
Elementary Education

Favorite Memory:

The rainy day tradition. Ultimate puddle jumping in rain boots complete with mud sliding around the hills and flat areas of McDaniel College while



wearing trash bags and rain boots.

Worst Memory:
Duct tape. Enough said.

Where are you going from here?

I will be student teaching in the fall of 2008 after graduating. After that I will hopefully get a job teaching elementary school in Carroll County!



Who was your mentor while at McDaniel?

Everyone in the education department that has helped me get where I am at today—Dr. Craig, Gay Jewell Love, Dr. Travetto have been my lifesavers. Schlossberg for his support and guidance while allowing me to vent.

Alexandra Neiman

Major:
Psychology and Theater

Favorite Memory:

The first snow day we had while I was here—we all just hung out and played games all day, it was so much fun!

Worst Memory:

When I got into a car accident on campus. No one was hurt, though, just the fence.

Where are you going from here?

I'm moving to Virginia and I'm pursuing my certification in interpreting American Sign Language. Hopefully,

I'll be an interpreter in an elementary school five years from now.

Who was your mentor while at McDaniel?

Ron Miller was my advisor from my freshman seminar and I stuck with him throughout college. He's taught me a lot about interactive theater, an interest of mine, and how I can use it in real life, not just a class room. Ron's given me a lot of really great opportunities to take on responsibility and both create and collaborate in different interactive theater pieces. I've grown a lot under his leadership, and it was really awesome to get to work with him here.

Sarah Free

Major:
Psychology

Minor:
Elementary Education

Favorite Memory:

Spending time with the ladies from the MST!

Worst Memory:

Papers!

Where are you going from here?

I plan to remain in Carroll County and teach at a local elementary school. I am also getting married next summer.

Who was your mentor while at McDaniel?

All members of the education department. They are the types of teachers we all strive to be and hope to become one day.



Stephanie Gilbertz

Major:
Communication

Minor:
History

Favorite Memory:

Throwing Rachel Oxman a surprise birthday party Junior year: I had to pretend to cry to get her to stay in my room while the others prepared the party; telling her someone fell down the stairs to get her to go back to the house; and burning the bread and setting off the fire alarm. The next day on campus there was a story that we tried to burn down the CCM house.

Worst Memory:

It's a tie: Freshman year when I found

out my mom had cancer, and senior year when I found two men standing at my window (thanks to a forklift), when I was NOT properly dressed to have two men staring in my window.

Where are you going from here?

I'm going to grad school in August. In five years, I hope to be alive and happy. Everything else is just a bonus.

Who was your mentor while at McDaniel?

There have been so many professors who have impacted my time here: Dr. Upton, Dr. Kachur, Dr. Lemieux, and Dr. Willard have all made serious positive impressions in both educational and social respects.

Meghan Carlton

Major:
English

Favorite Memory:

Getting cast in my first play here. I met so many amazing people.

Worst Memory:

The week before my senior seminar was due!

Where are you going from here? Next year, I'm going to JMU to get my M.A. in English. In five years I hope to be working towards a Ph.D in Literature.

Who was your mentor while at McDaniel?

My advisor, Dr. Becky Carpenter. She is an incredible woman, and she has encouraged me and guided me since I started at McDaniel.

Jaimie Fleming

Major:
Psychology and Elementary Education

Favorite Memory:

Freshman year when I met my boyfriend, it was because of him that I was able to enjoy college and continue making happy memories.

Worst Memory:

Unfortunately I had a horrible roommate situation one year that really dampened my spirits. Had it not been for my boyfriend and friends I would not have made it through that year.

Where are you going from here?

I plan on teaching in an elementary school and attending graduate school.

Five years from now I see myself happily married, starting a family, and still in love with teaching.

Who was your mentor while at McDaniel?

My mentor was Dr. Sharon Craig in the education department. Her love of teaching continued to inspire me each year. Dr. Craig gave me the foundation that I needed to be successful in the classroom.



Donnie Bell

Major:
Political Science and International Studies

Favorite Memory:

Writing "The Intifada Song" to the tune of Adam Sandler's "Chanukah Song" with Robert DeBaufre for Dr. Khoury's Comparative Politics of the Middle East class.

Worst Memory:

Realizing that my final exam for sociology started an hour ago and I thought I had two more days to study and finish my project.

Where are you going from here?

I've wanted to be a counterterrorism intelligence analyst since I was 12, and I recently received a conditional offer of employment to be an FBI intelligence analyst.

Who was your mentor while at McDaniel?

My two favorite professors, Eleftherios Michael and Amal Khoury, moved on to other schools, but they are still very interested in keeping in touch with McDaniel students. I think young teachers bring a unique enthusiasm to the college, partially because they are more likely to view us as their colleagues than their students.

Brenden Hodge



Major:
Political Science

Favorite Memory:

Sig Mansion: X-mas party, forties and shorties, Halloween, and pranks on Adam Dwsokin. Being an Alpha Sig.

Worst Memory:

Living in Rouzer.

Where are you going from here?

Law School, and five years from now? Probably either a Supreme Court Jus-

tice... or Jerry McGuire.

Who was your mentor while at McDaniel?

"Chaz Money" aka Dr. Charles Neal. Why? No matter how much I talked, or hard I tried, he never kicked me out of his class



Senior Surveys



Jodie Marshall

Major:
Political Science

Favorite Memory:
My friends, both from now and from 1996-1997.

Worst Memory:
Leaving WMC in 1997.

Where are you going from here?
Grad school, then teaching elementary education.

Chanan Delivuk

Major:
Art Studio and Art History Double Major

Minor:
Writing

Favorite Memory:
My Honors Art Show Opening—all the people looking at my work and feeling a sense of accomplishment!

Worst Memory:
Going to an Atmosphere concert in Baltimore during the middle of the week and driving back early as shit in the morning to get to class by 9:10 AM because I hate missing class.

Where are you going from here?
I am going to be a graduate student at the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences at The George Washington University to pursue my Masters of Fine Art. In five years, I see myself exhibiting my work in galleries and teaching art classes at a college level. I hope I have a dog by then...I really want a pit bull!

Who was your mentor while at McDaniel?
I had several mentors at McDaniel, all for different reasons. First, I would like

to say Steven Pearson in the art department because he taught me so much in my two years with that department. I feel like I have grown in numerous ways and that he always pushed me to think critically as an artist. I can honestly say I am going where I am going and doing what I am doing because of what I learned from him. I would also like to say Ms. Zephia Bryant in the Office of Multicultural Services has been a major influence in my life while here at McDaniel. She is such an amazing person and is doing so much to keep diversity on this campus, as little of a percentage as that may be. She is always available in her office, and what is sad is that a majority of this campus has no idea where that is!! I would also say that my friends have been great inspirations in my life and that I will truly miss them all! They know who they are and I wish them the best when I leave them!



Amy Kempf



Major:
Studio Art/Education

Favorite Memory:
Ringing the bell—as a new student—I was ready to begin yet another chapter of my life, which I knew would be both challenging and fun. There have really been so many great memories while I have been here at McDaniel!

Worst Memory:
It was the second week of school, I had 10 minutes to get to my next class (which was across campus—but is not usually a problem) when my car door accidentally shut—-with my book bag, purse, and keys in it. Yes, the windows were up and the doors were all locked! I can laugh about it now—but it was horrible at the time!

Where are you going from here?
Well, I am going to do my student

teaching in the fall and then I plan on getting a teaching job, hopefully in Carroll County. In five years... hmmm... well, I will probably be married (again)—and have a great job as an art teacher. Oh yeah, I am sure I will be back at McDaniel, as a grad student, taking classes towards my Masters degree.

Who was your mentor while at McDaniel?

Dean Sarah Stokely—was my first mentor—she gave me much guidance as I began here at McDaniel as a new student. I felt she went above and beyond as she became my advisor—making sure my classes transferred here from Carroll, helping me set up my new classes, making sure I was not having any problems as a new student, and staying in contact with me during my first year and beyond. She was awesome! Later, I had many mentors in the education department which gave me excellent guidance to get where I am today.



Alexander Meyer-Stokes

Majors:
Psychology

Favorite Memory:
Belize 2008.

Worst Memory:
Animal House moment in DMC junior year.

Where are you going from here?
I'll be attending Grad School at Loyola College in Baltimore, and hopefully will become a high school guidance counselor/college advisor at some point.

Who was your mentor while at McDaniel?

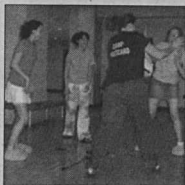
I had many mentors here. They included Dr. Margaret Boudreaux in music, Dr. McDewitt in psychology, and the people in alumni relations. In addition to helping me succeed here at McDaniel, they were some of my closest friends.

Chelsie Houser

Major:
Psychology

Minor:
English

Favorite Memory:
Playing the paper game with my friends outside of Glar freshman year. We would agree on a bet before the game was played. The loser had to do the bet in Glar where everyone would see us. It was always embarrassing but funny to look back on.



Erin McKeon

Major:
Social Work with a focus in Deaf Studies

Favorite Memory:
Studying Abroad and joining Gamma Sigma Sigma.

Worst Memory:
It was my toughest semester to be at school when my closest friend/relative was in Iraq but his safe return to campus has had me giving thanks every day.

Where are you going from here?
In five years I hope to be teaching special education to pre-k children but for now I am taking a year off to "recuper-

ate" and make some money.

Who was your mentor while at McDaniel, and why?

Cathy Orzolek-Kronner in the Social Work Dept. has had my back since day one. She was beyond helpful in orienting me into college life as a freshman and she has nothing but supportive words and high hopes for me after graduation.





Senior Surveys

Seniors by major:

Courtney Novotny German Major

What are your best and worst memories of McDaniel?

I loved dancing in the Dance Company's annual recitals, especially this year's production, Revolution Technology. Putting in six to eight hours of rehearsal a week was a challenge to balance with my other work and activities, but there's nothing like the exhilaration you feel when you're performing on stage in front of an appreciative audience. Ironically, one of my worst memories was trying to balance my classes, dance rehearsals, creating the PowerPoint video for our recital, rehearsals for each of the three instrumental ensembles for which I play trumpet, looking for a job and attending interviews, plus writing my thesis. My final year was extremely stressful, and I'm looking forward to relaxing after finals.

What are your future plans?

I will be working at Lockheed Martin in Baltimore, MD, in the Finance Leadership Development Program. I plan to start my MBA in the fall of 2009.

Who is your mentor at McDaniel?

Dr. Esa, my advisor and German professor, encouraged me to add a second dual major in addition to my business and economics major. I loved taking German classes, but I had never considered majoring in German since I didn't want to teach. But with his encouragement, I completed an economics and German dual major and an internship in Germany, which will be useful should I ever decide to work in international business.

Any words of wisdom for younger students?

Don't underestimate yourself and set your goals too low. You can almost always accomplish more than you think you can. Don't be afraid to ask for advice or help, or to ask for what you want. You won't achieve your goals if you're too timid to risk embarrassment or rejection. And savor your four years at McDaniel, it's the best time of your life!

Katie Saris

Education Department

What are your best and worst memories of McDaniel?

My best memories include: making up a roll call dance routine with my brothers in the co-ed service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega. We make all of our dances related to the cheerleading movie, *Bring It On* and have a blast performing it at our conferences. I also have loved all of the activities and conferences I have participated in with the Maryland State Teacher's Association Student Program here at McDaniel. This group is a dedicated group of teachers and we love to sing and take funny pictures as we volunteer. Finally, my favorite memory from freshman year was creating a Spanish mini-drama (*El Robo: The Robbery*) with one of my favorite people, Jess Carlozo. I have no worst memories... everything is a learning experience.

What are your future plans?

I just got hired with the Frederick County Public School System as an elementary school teacher at Lincoln Elementary. I am a psychology major, elementary ed. minor so I am going to teach for the rest of my life. I couldn't be happier about it. Long term, I would like to get my Master's in an education-related field such as school guidance counseling, administration, reading specialist, ESOL, etc.

Who is your mentor at McDaniel?

Two people have had a lot of influence on my choice to be a teacher. First and foremost, my mother has been the best teacher I could have ever had. She has taught me to learn from every experience in my life, to care deeply about those who are less fortunate, and to conquer my struggles by dreaming and thinking positive. In addition, my high school sociology teacher, Darren Hornbeck made learning come alive for me and showed me what I want to give to my own students.

Any words of wisdom for younger students?

For those education students - you can do anything you want to with the education department behind you. Get active with MSTA and Kappa Delta Pi in order to give back to the community. To all students, be a person YOU can be proud of. Make good decisions here on the Hill because every decision you make will have an impact on you in the future.

The person who fits your description is Katie Saris—hands down. She is the epitome of what we strive for in an education minor and ultimately a beginning teacher. I would have to say that she is one of the most outstanding teacher candidates I've ever worked with. She is the whole package—academic excellence, leadership, dedication to service, passion for children, and a true passion for life. —Susan Nash Travetto, Ed.D.

Katie Kernan

Religious Studies

What are your best and worst memories of McDaniel?

My best memories of McDaniel are dancing around with Emily Paull in our Halloween costumes to "Chase This Light," and searching for the best Chiquita banana stickers in GLAR to wear for the day. My worst memory of McDaniel is coming down with the GI bug during finals week and having to be carried to the emergency room by Campus Safety because I was too weak to go myself. IV's are always better to have put in when you're unconscious, and for this instance I was definitely wide awake.

What are your future plans?

To take a year off, work, pay off some debts, figure out where I want to go to graduate school, and GO! Plans with my major (Dual Philosophy and Religious Studies): Not a damned thing...MFA in creative writing, here I come!

Who is your mentor at McDaniel?

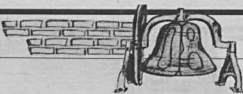
Kate Dobson, without a doubt. She introduced me to the pleasures of writing and the written word has become the best sort of drug. I'm not only on the constant search for my next fix, but I'm ready and willing to live like a pauper to get it. I only hope I can make her proud and dedicate my first published work to her influence someday.

Any words of wisdom for younger students?

In the immortal words of my idol, Dorothy Parker, "Now I know the things I know, and do the things I do. And if you do not like me so, to Hell, my love, with you." Take some road trips, do everything once, and remember that those who wander are never lost. Cheers.



Senior Surveys



Peter M. Kendall

Theatre Major

What are your best and worst memories of McDaniel?

I think my best memories of McDaniel are the beginning and end of each year, after exams are finished. No one has any work to do, and nothing to worry about. Everyone can just hang out and do exactly what they want to. In particular, I can remember a time my freshman year right before we left for summer, when me and my friends would hang out and party every night; eventually, we would all end up outside for a walk or just lying in the grass. Being really young still, and not having a lot of responsibility was awesome. There was no penalty for just being absolutely ridiculous. I wouldn't want to do some of the things I did back then now, but I am glad I did them then, and I look back on them very fondly now.

What are your future plans?

As of right now, I am going on a year long national tour playing Orlando in AS YOU LIKE IT with The National Players, the oldest running classical touring group in the U.S., which runs out of the Olney Theatre Center. After that, I plan to work in the Baltimore/D.C. area as an actor, and go graduate school to get an MFA in Acting at either Old Globe's program at University of San Diego, Yale, or the Denver Center's National Theatre Conservatory - it depends on which one, if any, I get into.

Who is your mentor at McDaniel?

I feel so fortunate to have close relationships to the entire theatre faculty. They are some of the most supportive, passionate, inspiring, brilliant, and talented people I have ever met. Some of my fondest memories I have here at McDaniel are of sitting with Ira Domser (the Director of theatre) at a cast party and talking late into the night about theatre, life, and everything in between. He has been a mentor, a fantastic supporter, and a role model. Ron Miller, who I took most of my theatre coursework with, is one of the most intelligent people I have ever met, and always pushed me to think about theatre in abstract and wonderfully different ways. He has showed me theatre in many different and unique forms, and that theatre can go way beyond just an aesthetic art. But, I think that if I had to choose one person who has influenced me the most, it would be Elizabeth van den Berg. She has become one of the people I admire most in my life. She is someone who I not only seek professional advice from, but personal, as well. She has helped me so much in getting a leg up into the treacherous world of the theatre industry, and her advice and guidance has been invaluable. She is one of the most respected artists in the DC area, and I am proud to say that I am her student. She inspires me to become the kind of actor (and person) that I have always wanted to be, and now, know I can be. She pushes me to do my best, and better. After four years, I feel proud to call her my teacher, and now, my friend. I will keep in contact with all three of these wonderful people long after I leave McDaniel.

Any words of wisdom for younger students?

For theatre majors: Work harder than everyone else. Put your entire self into it - your mind, your heart, and your soul. Art is useless if it is not created passionately. Don't give a shit about failing, and do it because you have to, not because it is just something to pass the time. In the wise words of Elizabeth van den Berg, "I never said acting was easy."

He is passionate about the craft of acting; works hard in and out of class and rehearsal to perfect his work; motivates others by his dedication and attention to detail; is curious - asking questions, and goes beyond required reading, continually asking to borrow books and plays; and is pursuing study and career beyond McDaniel.
Elizabeth van den Berg



Timothy Neeson

Spanish Major

What are your best and worst memories of McDaniel?

For me, my greatest memories have been when I was abroad. I took two Jan. terms - one to Mexico and the other to Central Europe in addition to a semester in Spain. These were great opportunities that I couldn't pass up. My least favorite memory was waking up to the sound of construction every morning during the fall semester when the new North Village was being completed.

What are your future plans?

I plan to go into business consulting, a career that will enable me to travel and apply what I learned in my majors.

Who is your mentor at McDaniel?

All my advisors have been really supportive of my choices in college. I especially received a lot of encouragement to study abroad from the Business Administration and Economics Department. My professors were very open to me combining my Spanish knowledge and interest in economics.

Any words of wisdom for younger students?

The best piece of advice that I can give incoming students (and even current students) is to join some clubs, and study abroad of course!

Seniors prefer psychology, economics and business administration

By Bethany Grové

When seniors cross the stage on Saturday, May 24, the faculty and staff in the psychology and economics & business administration departments will probably be breathing a deeper sigh of relief than members of other departments.

After all, the psychology and economics & business administration departments graduated 48 and 44 students respectively. Psychology was the top major and education was the top minor for this graduating class, which mirrors the top major and minor school wide for the 2007-2008 school year.

Dr. Paul Mazeroff, senior lecturer in psychology and acting department chair says the psychology major is very applicable in daily living, which could explain its attractiveness.

"Although there are many reasons for its popularity, I think the main ones are that it helps people explore who they are and better understand their relationship with significant others as well as their fellow humans in general," Mazeroff said. "Likewise, it ties in nicely with other disciplines in the liberal arts curriculum, leads to careers in helping and will have relevance in

almost anything they do, whether it's marketing a product, understanding a film or raising a family."

The most popular majors for all undergraduates during the fall 2007-2008 school year are the economics & business administration department with 216 students, the psychology department with 185 students, and the biology department with 119 students.

For this senior class the third most popular major, after psychology and economics & business administration, was English, with 34 students.

Senior Chelsie Houser, a psy-

chology major, further explained the appeal of the field.

"I think the major is so popular because psychology is applied to many different fields of study," Houser said. "In my Madness class we've learned how it relates to art, music, English, philosophy and theater. We go to a liberal arts school, so being able to take psychology and see how it is intertwined with other classes we've had is what adds to the appeal."

The most popular minors for all undergraduates are education, with 67 students, writing, with 28 students, and accounting, with 27

students. This year's seniors reflect the same hierarchy of popularity. 45 seniors are education minors, 20 seniors are writing minors, and 13 seniors are accounting minors.

Britt Beachley, a sophomore said the education minor is quite intensive.

"The education minor is insane with the amount of credits you need. If you don't come in as a freshman knowing you want to teach, you might be here forever. Though the work is hard, it's still a lot of fun," Beachley said.

News Co-Editor and Spring 2008 Graduate **Geoff Peckham**

what i know now

I wish that I knew what I know now, when I was younger.

I'd love nothing more than to offer some truly inspiring parting words, something highly thought-provoking. It's a time for reflection, and I've been doing more than my fair share of that lately, and this final column in the *McDaniel Free Press* is my attempt to quantify those thoughts, to create something truly insightful, and leave my final mark on the newspaper, the college and those of you reading.

But an original writer wouldn't have started such a column by quoting "Ooh La La" by the Faces. As I sat attempting to organize my thoughts, all that kept coming to me were overused clichés. I'm sure a few of you will read this and write it off as self-indulgent preaching, the work of an egotistical attention-whore who's been thinking too hard lately, doing the whole "what does it all mean?" thing. What's more cliché than that?

But that doesn't mean it isn't true. Most clichés are. There's a reason why certain sentiments have been expressed time and time again. I can understand when someone wants to break away from the mold, to convince themselves that their thoughts and ideas are completely unique, that no one has ever done the good deeds they've done or made the same mistakes. But some frames of mind are just timeless. When expressing ourselves, sometimes clichés are all we have.

Some things are just universal. Genuinely, we all really do have to do some soul-searching in our lives at one point or another. We really do have to know where we are coming from in order to know where we are going. We all feel love, and pride, and value things like friendship and acceptance. We all feel pain and embarrassment. We all are capable of heartache, jealousy, selfishness and anger. We all laugh; we all cry. We all feel, on our own terms, and when you're weeks away from graduating, from entering the so-called real world, the feeling increases, the reflecting increases and the clichés increase.

So here we are. Here I am, attempting to make sense of it all on my terms. And this is where the clichés come in, because when I think about college, I think about how much I've learned. But I'm not thinking about thesis statements or journalism ethics. There are three maxims I've internalized that I can honestly say that I will take with me for the rest of my life as a result of my time as a McDaniel student. This is what I take with me. And this is what I leave to all of you:

"For lack of a better word, there is a lot of crap that we all have to deal with in our lifetimes. It may be cynical, but it is also true. Some of it we understand, and some of it we don't. The reason we deal with it, the drama or the frustration, is because along with all that crap, there are some truly great things in life. They are different for everyone, but they are always worth it."

"There is almost always a gap between the people we want to be, and the people we really are. But we are all capable of closing the gap."

"All of those great things in life, the amazing experiences to have and the incredible places to go, it's the people you share those moments with that make them special, that make them memorable. People make all the difference in life."

So here we are, wondering where to go from here. There aren't any real answers, only choices that we can make and hope that McDaniel College has helped to prepare us to make those choices. We know what is important to us, and more importantly, who is important to us. We know who we are, and who we want to be. If nothing else, that is McDaniel College's gift to us. And for that, after reflecting on it... it's all been worth it.

How cliché was that?

(Editor's Note: This feature of *The McDaniel Free Press* is inspired by *Esquire Magazine's* "What I've Learned")

Fireballs take intramural volleyball championship

By Leslie Shirk

Pumped up and ready to play, team Omega and team Fireball went head to head Monday, April 28, in the championship round of intramural volleyball. Winning two of the three matches in this game, 25-19 and 25-21 respectively, the Fireballs are the new intramural volleyball champions.

Since March 31, four teams have been taking turns playing each other and refining their skills to get ready for the playoffs, which began April 21.

These two teams met for the fifth time Monday night to decide which team would win the intramural volleyball t-shirts and get to be called the 2008 champions.

"I think it's going to be a good match," said senior Angela Brudis of team Omega.

Going into intramural volleyball as an *all freshman* team, these winners had not won a game the entire season.

Going into the game on April 28, they were "hoping the team would take it seriously," said Fireball captain, Rebecca Fiorentino.

So what's their secret for winning?

According to Fireball member and freshman, Shawn Christian-

son, "We take it seriously, but we like to goof around too...it's not life and death [to lose a game]."

Until the Phi Mu team had to forfeit a game, the Fireball team had a record of 1-5, the underdogs of the crew.

The four teams: Omegas, Fireballs, Phi Mu and the I Team began the battle for the two spots in the final championship round back in March, each competing against the other teams four times.

After the first round of eliminations in the playoffs, the Phi Mu and the I Team lost, leaving the co-captains, sophomore Jessie Largent and Brudis of the Omegas and Fiorentino of the Fireballs to fight for the title of intramural volleyball champions.

Brudis added that they "stress open communication and team work to try and boost each other up," and this strategy apparently worked up until the championship, leading them to the final round.

Teamwork and confidence played pivotal roles in the success of the two teams competing, and both teams put forth their best efforts to get those coveted t-shirts.

A round of congratulations for both teams and the close scores.

ALCOHOL & ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Here is the comparison between the average number of drinks consumed per week and grade point average.

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7.6 Drinks	C
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Sports

Unsung Hero:

Mary Grace 'amazing' as team manager

By Garrett Eagan, McDaniel Guru

With teams at McDaniel, she forgets the behind the scenes people who make the difference. Sophomore Mary Grace Gonzalez is both a matriarch and friend to many members of the lacrosse and soccer players. As the manager for both teams, Gonzalez makes a lot of things happen even though her influence is rarely heralded in newspapers or on the local college television station.

Known as "MG" to the players, Gonzalez has been a manager for several teams both at McDaniel and also at River Hill High School. However, those who know her from River Hill and McDaniel contend, she is much more than a manager.

"I went to high school with Mary Grace and I know firsthand that she has always been this caring," said senior lacrosse player Kristin Mele. Other players add to



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Mary Grace Gonzalez, pictured left, is the manager for the lacrosse and soccer teams.

this same description of Gonzalez.

"She rarely gets recognition for all of the time, effort, and dedication she puts into the athletic programs here at McDaniel,"

said freshman lacrosse player Kelly Scheler. She added that Gonzalez volunteers her free time to help both the soccer and lacrosse teams with literally everything they do.

Her roles range over a large variety of responsibilities, some that are not even expected of her.

Gonzalez supplies an extra pair of everything from clothes, socks, water, and even deats to each practice. She re-supplies balls to keep practices going, and also provides insights on the players' performances. "She is always very judicious with her answers, giving just enough info to benefit the player and coach," said women's soccer coach Bryan Shumaker. In addition, Gonzalez's dedication is echoed among coaches.

"If we are out there at practice at 5:30 in the morning in the middle of February, so is Mary Grace... If we are outside in the pouring rain, so is Mary Grace," said women's lacrosse coach Muffie Bliss. She also helps with off the field elements as well. Gonzalez helps pick movies to watch on away games, takes the food orders,

and keeps track of stats and equipment. The list of responsibilities is endless.

"I am the person everyone comes to when they need something, whether it is tissues, band-aids, snacks, or even gum," said Gonzalez. In the little time she has beyond practices and games, she enjoys watching television, hanging out with friends, and even baking cookies and cupcakes. However, it's what she brings to athletics that allows her to shine.

As Mele made clear, "she is our event planner, our alarm clock, our brains, and our mother sometimes...none of us ever hesitate to ask her for something because she ALWAYS comes through with whatever we need...she is amazing!"

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Funding of team budgets satisfies coaches

By Michelle Menner

Deciding the individual budgets for each athletic team is like trying to give equal playing time to all the members of the basketball team; everyone just isn't going to get a fair share.

In one year's time there are 24 sports teams that are in play on the Hill and each one has its own budget. Their budget consists of costs related to travel, equipment and uniforms and contest officials according to Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice president for Finance and Administration.

These related costs are what cause discrepancies among the individual budgets for each athletic team.

"I have no idea of other teams' budgets and can only concern myself with my program," said Coach Michael Diehl of the women's golf team in an email. "I believe the school does the best they can in providing funds for each team but athletes/coaches/students are always going to want more if they can get [it]. What person in business would not?"

Seidel declined to share individual team budgets, but disclosed the total expenditures for travel, equipment and uniforms and contest officials for fiscal year 2007.

"The aggregate travel expenditure was \$245,274. The aggregate expenditure on equipment and uniforms was \$140,068. The amount spent on contest officials was \$44,348," Seidel said in an emailed statement. "These are all of the operating expenditures directly attributable to the teams," he added.

There are several factors that decide how much money a team gets for their budget and certain factors may increase the expenditures of one team's budget over another's.

Travel is a category where there are often significant cost differences among the teams. If a team has more away games than another then their travel budget will be larger.

Another area where discrepancies arise is the cost of uniforms.

"Every three to four years generally" teams get new uniforms according to Director of Athletics Jamie Smith.

If a team is getting new uniforms, then their costs will be higher than a team that is not getting new uniforms.

There are also disparities in the equipment costs. The amount of equipment needed for certain sports and the replacement of equipment are all a part of this category.

For instance, the cost of equipment needed for the football team, which is the extreme example, versus what is needed for the swim team will show that there is "not an equal amount," said Seidel.

Another cost built into a team's budget is money to pay for the officials. If a team has a home game then they are responsible for paying the officials. The more home games a team has the higher their cost will be for athletic officials.

The size of the team is another factor that affects the budget. Again, Seidel uses football as the prime example. He said that some years there were over 100 players on the team. Also, he explained

that football is the largest team with the most equipment so they're "obviously spending more money."

However, Seidel stressed that everything shouldn't be about those getting more money. He explained that the real question is "Is the student-athlete getting the same amount of attention? Is the student-athlete being treated equitably?"

"We provide what is needed [and] the appropriate support," Seidel added.

However, Kevin Bowman, a Green Terror runner disagrees.

"I do think that the athletic department overlooks the track/cross country team in terms of money and supplies," Bowman said. "I have no real way of knowing for sure as I don't see the bills; it just seems that way in terms of other sports like football placing lights, benches and other crap on the track so we only have four [track] lanes instead of eight."

Coaches seem to be happy with the financial support that is provided to their teams.

"I am actually quite pleased with the women's lacrosse budget. While I would never turn away more money, in comparison to what other women's lacrosse programs receive we are at or above them," said Coach Muffie Bliss.

Coach Diehl added, "I would say that the school has been very supportive of the women's golf program... I believe that the school does the best they can in providing funds for each team."

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Editor



Sports Co-Editor Ryan Chell and McDaniel Guru Garrett Eagan give their take on a prominent topic

"Who will represent the Eastern Conference in the NBA Finals?"

Editor:

In my mind, I think the Boston Three-Party of Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce, and Ray Allen are going to bring another championship appearance to the Massachusetts area. The Celtics hold the best record in the NBA, and despite not keeping up with their phenomenal pace in the first part of the season they are still the most consistent and dominant team in the Eastern Conference. Garnett and Pierce hit down-low for 38 points a game between the two, and Ray Allen hits fade-away jumpers to add in his 17.8 points per game. They are 4-3 against Detroit and Cleveland, and will probably face a team like Philadelphia or Atlanta in the first round, who they are 6-1 against.

And the other thing that Boston will take advantage of is that they will probably have home-field advantage for the majority of their games, and they are a whopping 33-6 in Boston. Even when Kevin Garnett was out earlier in the year with his abdominal injury, the Celtics were still able to hang in there. Oh, and when they do face those Western Conference teams in the Finals, take this into account: they are 21-5 against the Western Conference-including 2-0 against the Lakers and the Spurs, and 1-1 against the Suns and New Orleans. Should be a good Finals with the Celtics back in the picture.

Guru:

This season has been very close in the Eastern Conference, and looking at the playoffs the favorite is close between Cleveland and Detroit. On one side you have a Pistons team that has more of the seasoned veterans, especially in the playoffs that can carry them into the finals. With the guard work of Billups and Hamilton, averaging 17.2 and 17.7 ppg respectively, it's hard to look anywhere else. Inside you have Wallace and McDyeess, who will make the Cleveland look like middle-school kids. Wallace is leading the team in blocks, and McDyeess second chance points and put-backs, which will help not only with Cleveland keeping the ball offensively, Cleveland is LeBron, and that's evident by the 30.2 ppg he averages a game. There is Igauskas inside, who is good for 10.4 ppg and ten rebounds, but he really is a weak player inside; he's just huge. Even though they went deep into the playoffs last season, they still have questions with these players. Look for Detroit in the Finals

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Sports Commentary: 2008 Olympics

Controversy transcends Beijing Olympics

The United States is boycotting opening ceremonies due to Chinese involvement in Darfur, writes Jeff Davis

The 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China has been marked by a heated debate. During the months leading up to it, many have questioned the Chinese government. China's support for the Sudanese government in Darfur is undoubtedly a huge problem. But the real question is whether or not this is going to stop the United States' athletes from participating in the events.

As of now, most U.S. athletes look like they're going to participate. However, the lack of stability in the situation and ongoing political struggle is unnerving to say the least, leaving capable U.S. involvement insecure. Based on recent events, the most likely situation is that the U.S. will boycott the Opening Ceremony and not the actual Olympic Games.

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama is hesitant about U.S. participation in the Beijing Olympics. His personal indecision on the matter represents the current situation quite well. Way of China's human rights record, he has recently been quoted as saying he is of "two minds" on the subject. On one hand, Obama views the situation in Tibet and

China's negative involvement in Darfur as a disgraceful activity of a rising nation. On the other hand, he is extremely reluctant to make the Olympics the center of political turmoil. The Olympic competitions are, after all, a place where the entire world comes together as one.

It is tough to say where tension between China and the U.S. began, but it is interesting to note current conflicting business interests.

"If we have to boycott the Olympics to jolt China into awareness that what they are doing is utterly wrong, then so be it."

"I am a strong believer in free trade, but I think that we have not been very savvy negotiators when it comes to China," Obama has said. "I think they've played us."

China, gaining the upper hand on the business spectrum, has created a little bit of resentment,

directly resulting in worse bottom lines for United States businesses.

Although the Communist Party is thoroughly imbedded in China, there are more enlightened political factions in the country on the rise. China as the stereotypical Communist country is no longer true – in fact, many Chinese become upset when labeled in such a pejorative manner.

Another notable big name involved in the controversy is Hollywood director Steven Spielberg. In February, he withdrew as an artistic adviser to the Olympics' opening and closing ceremonies over China's support for the Sudanese government.

Junior Laura Kurtle says that she'd love to see all of the U.S. athletes compete in the games. At the same time, there are a significant amount of people on the other end of the spectrum. One McDaniel student, who wished to remain anonymous, said that the fact that China is doing nothing to improve the situation in Darfur is pretty sad. "If we have to boycott the Olympics to jolt China into awareness that what they are doing is utterly wrong," he continued, "then so be it."

On Tuesday April 1, 15 House members urged President Bush to reconsider his decision to attend the Beijing Olympics. Their letter cited the crackdown in Tibet, the Beijing government's close economic ties with the government of Sudan and recent suppression of religious and human rights advocates. The Chinese government actually has the nerve to jail American journalists and reporters, and it won't be left unnoticed.

Who do they think they are? China is a brutal place and although they have come a long way in recent decades they are by no means pleasant people to deal with.

At the same time there are a lot of people who oppose the boycotting, believing its overall effect would be "harmful". Earlier this April a group of American-Tibetans gathered in front of the White House. They desired not for the games to be boycotted but rather only the opening ceremony. This is more likely than anything else; it wouldn't immediately fix anything but it would bring immense global awareness to the situation in Darfur, while still allowing all the athletes to compete.

Further, many believe that President Bush should definitely attend the games and enjoy them, but use his to leverage and send a message – to sit apart from the Chinese dictators and let them know he is not with them. We will find out what he does in August.

We also have got to consider the Olympic athletes' point of view. These athletes have dedicated years of their lives doing nothing but training and preparing. Yes, they get to compete in multiple events leading up to the Olympics, but it's all in preparation for the big event. With all that can happen in four years, and with the ephemeral prime of each athlete's life, it could easily be each athlete's last shot at an Olympic medal. Are we really going to take that away from these athletes over international relations? Are the Olympic Games really a place for political protest?

Take a sigh of relief, because you're still going to see your favorite Olympic athletes this summer in Beijing, scheduled August 8-24. But keep in mind that debate is ongoing as you read these words.

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Commentary: Major League Baseball

Some teams' starts surprise fans, effectiveness of big off-season moves too early to tell

By David Nasongkhla,
Commentary Co-Editor

The baseball season is finally under way, and with it comes a lot of early surprises. All the off-season trades and acquisitions garnered a lot of buzz and placed teams in first place even before the start of the season.

However, that's not the case.

The most talked about off-season move was the Detroit Tigers acquiring slugger Miguel Cabrera and pitcher Dontrelle Willis for basically nothing in return from the Florida Marlins. Cabrera joins a lineup that is already stacked from top to bottom with hitters like Magglio Ordonez, Gary Sheffield, Ivan Rodriguez and Carlos Guillen. Although Detroit would seem to have such a potent offense, they clearly didn't live up to expectations as the Tigers started the season at 0-7 and currently sit in fourth place in the American League central with a 9-13 record.

Ironically, the Marlins, who gave up their best hitter in Cabrera, are off to a hot start and are currently in first place with a 13-8 record in the National League East.

"I did not expect that at all. Detroit has arguably the best lineup in baseball and for them to get off

"For a while we [the Orioles] were the best team in baseball, and now we're in second and ahead of the Yankees."

to such a horrendous start is hilarious," said baseball fan Jay Eaton, a junior and die-hard Toronto Blue Jays fan.

The other huge move made in baseball during the off-season was the trade of the best lefty pitcher in baseball, Johan Santana. The Minnesota Twins traded the all-star to the New York Mets for rookie prospect Carlos Gomez. Mets fans expected their pitching staff to be stellar with the addition of Santana to a staff that includes veterans Pedro Martinez and Oliver Perez and the young John Maine. The Mets however lost Martinez in his first start with a hamstring injury and currently rank second in the National League East with an 11-9 record.

"Almost every team made a move to get better, but of course, my team traded their best pitcher," said junior Brad Eyster on the

hometown Baltimore Orioles, "but it's not too bad, for a while there we were the best team in baseball, and now we're in second and ahead of the Yankees, so I guess it's ok," added Eyster. The Orioles started the year with a 6-1 record.

The teams fans expected to start hot haven't. The Yankees, Philadelphia Phillies and the Atlanta Braves are playing .500 ball right now, as is almost the rest of the Major League. Only two teams have really taken off and those are the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Chicago Cubs, who share the major's best record at 15-6.

Of course this wouldn't be a baseball article without talking about the defending World Series champions the Boston Red Sox, who are in first place in their division with a 15-8 record and look to be in pretty good shape in trying to defend their title.

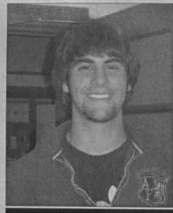
"It's going to be a very interesting summer if everything goes the way they are going," said junior Ryan Barnett. "The baseball season is so long that surprises can happen at any time. I can't wait."

Barnett is absolutely right. There are 140 games left in the season, and anything can happen.



Athletes giving terror a whole new meaning

Compiled by Chris Ferrick-Manley



Evan Young #36
Men's Lacrosse

The sophomore carries on the 72nd year of lacrosse in his family.

Young has started in eight games out of the fifteen he's played in, and he has made 17 goals. His record shows a .224 shot percent.

"I'm proud to participate in McDaniel College lacrosse and carry on Green Terror tradition," Young said.



Erinn Hopkins #6
Women's Lacrosse

The junior midfielder/attack scored eight goals and dished out three assists to help the Terror edge out Muhlenberg in the opening round of the Centennial Conference playoffs on April 23. The Terror won 22-16 and will advance to play Franklin and Marshall on Saturday. Hopkins was one point and goal shy of the Terror record, and they will need her to emulate that performance against F&M.

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Green Terror baseball turns it around

By Christopher Ferrick-Manley,
Sports Co-Editor

The Green Terror baseball team rebounded from its slow start and a slew of injuries to post a .500 record in Centennial Conference play (13-19, 9-9 CC). McDaniel also ended its losing streaks to Gettysburg at seven, and Franklin and Marshall at 14.

Head coach Dave Seibert believes that the team's turnaround in conference play this year has to do with better fundamentals, what Seibert terms "Performance Goals." These include making sacrifice bunts, hitting the cutoff man and working the count.

"Do those things well and your chances of winning increase greatly," Seibert said. Seibert shuffled his lineup during the season, partly to respond to injuries and partly to respond to players who were in slumps.

"If guys are slumping, eventually you're going to need to replace them," Seibert said.

Among the changes was sophomore Sergio Nieto replacing junior Shawn Yohe at shortstop; freshman Matthew Pace replacing junior Brent Toms at third base;

and junior Andrew Worm replacing junior Troy Tipton at first base. Freshmen Matt Graziano and Chris Longo also saw playing time.

Perhaps the change that had the biggest impact occurred on the mound, however. After sophomore Brian Rosato was lost for the season as a result of a freak injury moving the infield tarp and junior Ryan Graves who has a stretched and partially torn MCL, freshman Tyler Persun saw increased work. He finished the season with a 4-1 record and a 2.25 ERA, both team bests.

Rosato and Graves were not the only two players on the team bitten by the injury bug. Yohe pitched through a muscle situation in his arm the entire year while Toms' season was prematurely ended against Muhlenberg when he was hit by a pitch, breaking his nose. Junior captain Justin Reitz was forced to sit out a game against Gettysburg with a sore hamstring. "Injuries affect every sports team in the country," Seibert said. "We'll see who steps up."

Seibert also believes that the team needs to stay positive. He attributes the increased success of

this year's team to their ability to be more positive and not to dwell on the negative.

"You're exposed in baseball; people see it when you make mistakes," Seibert said. "The only way you're going to succeed is to stay positive in anything you do."

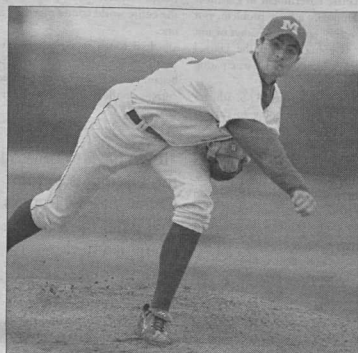
Reitz agrees with Seibert that optimism is crucial to success for the Green Terror. He cites negativity being a source of conflict in the past on the team. In specific, there was conflict over players thinking that they should be given more playing time.

"Negativity has brought us down, caused internal conflict," Reitz said. "Winning ends a lot of that."

In the end, Reitz thinks it is up to the players themselves to execute better and deal with the decisions that they may or may not like.

"We give multiple outs in an inning that are unnecessary," Reitz said, citing fielding as an area that the team should execute better in.

In the opinion of junior pitcher Chase Wolf, the team is starting to bring in good talent. Wolf sees the team going up due to its talented freshmen and sopho-



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Junior Chase Wolf sees the team improving over the next few years as players begin to take more responsibility.

more, although he predicts a slight decline when the large junior class leaves after next season.

Wolf also sees most of the internal problems that the team had had in the past, being a thing of the past.

"The people who have been subbed out have been real good

team players and are not causing any problems," said Wolf.

Personal accountability, according to Wolf, has also increased to the benefit of the team.

"It was easy to blame one run losses on Coach Seibert instead of blaming ourselves," said Wolf, "but we all make our share of mistakes."

Women's lacrosse ends season on a downer

By Christopher Ferrick-Manley,
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The Green Terror women's lacrosse season ended on a down note, losing to #2 Franklin & Marshall, the defending Conference and national champions. They had previously beaten Muhlenberg 22-16 to advance to the semifinals.

McDaniel lost to F&M earlier during the regular season, as well as three other ranked opponents: #4 Gettysburg, #8 Washington and Lee, and #13 Dickinson. Head coach Muffie Bliss does not see the tough schedule of her team as detrimental in any way.

"Those are learning experiences," Bliss said.

She believes tougher opponents will make her team, which started as several underclassmen, better prepared for the future, both this season and next.

"The younger players have really stepped up and are ready for the next level of play," Bliss said. "They are prepared to face whatever comes this way."

Kerrie Wuenschel, an attacker and senior captain, felt that the scores of some of the games against ranked opponents did not truly reflect the ability of the team. Wuenschel, who was part of Bliss'



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Junior midfielder Errin Hopkins navigates around defenders.

first recruiting class at McDaniel, is proud of what the team accomplished in the past couple of years however. She cited the best achievement as their win in the East Coast Athletic Conference Tournament last spring.

Individually, Wuenschel also sees continued improvement from the program.

"Every single person has improved so much; they are going to continue to grow," Wuenschel said.

Erin Hopkins, a junior midfielder, echoed Wuenschel's statements.

"Our team has worked good

together and brought out each other's strengths," Hopkins said. "Whoever has the most hustle and muscle is going to win."

Three players from the team won postseason accolades from the Centennial Conference. Junior midfielder Chelsea Ferruzzi received first-team all-CC honors while sophomore attacker Brittany Baer and senior defender Lee Oliver received second-team all-CC honors.

F&M went on to defend its Conference title by defeating Gettysburg 14-6 in the CC championship game.

Softball seniors come up big in final game

By Kate Delenick

To end your college career with a walk-off three-run homerun is something most baseball and softball players can only dream about; it's something fairy-tales are made of. But through much hard work and dedication senior Emily Trainor is leaving the Hill with her fairy tale ending.

The four softball seniors were honored on Sunday, April 27, and they did not disappoint their team or their fans. Trainor, Diana Rosemier, Karyn Curly and Brittany King will be leaving the Hill after season's end, but they're all doing it on a high note.

The Green Terror pulled together a sweep against last year's Conference champions, the Gettysburg Bullets. The Terror scored a 3-1 victory in the first game, but it was the second game that left the crowd in awe, and even left some teary eyed.

After a game full of hits and some misses, it appeared the girls were out for the count. The Bullets had just managed to break a 3-3 tie with a homerun to give them a 5-3 lead, but all was not lost when Trainor came up to bat. It was a long shot, and as she rounded first base, the senior pumped her fists in the air realizing the ball was out of

the park.

The bench quickly cleared as the team gathered around the senior as she made her way to home plate.

"Tears of joy were streaming down Emily's face," sophomore Lauren Tooley said. "It was so exciting...it was perfect."

Rosemier also played well in her last Conference game. She drew three walks and made amazing plays in the field, including a diving catch in center field leading to a key Gettysburg out.

Seniors King and Curly played with a vengeance, realizing it was also their senior day. King scored a run in the fourth off an RBI single from Lauren Wildasin, and Curly contributed with quality play on first base.

The contributions of the four seniors have been felt by the whole team and they will be sorely missed.

"The captains have taught us so much, and I know they've also learned a lot over the four years here," freshman Kelly Toms said. "They've taught us things we can keep with us for the rest of our time here, and they've learned things they can take with them out into the 'real world.'"