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Outside

A New Semester Brings New faces to the Hill

First-year students get acclimated to McDaniel through orientation programs

JASON EDWARDS
Senior Writer

Fall semester classes are underway at McDaniel, but only after a four-day orientation program for all new first-year, transfer, and commuter students. 41 Peer Mentors, under the guidance of the Peer Mentor Advisory Board and Dean Barb Horriff, assisted students with their transition to McDaniel.

Ask any first-year student if he or her favorite part about Orientation, and chances are he or she will smile, maybe even giggle, and respond Choices! Others may have a different answer, but Mike Greer’s “Happy Hour,” free time, or another Orientation program.

But, ask the parent of a freshman if he or her favorite part, and undoubtedly the reply would be something like this: “I loved the sweaty young men and women in blue and green T-shirts who carolled all seven of my daughter’s 200-pound trunks spilling open with clothes up four flights of stairs right into her steaming hot room in Whitford Hall. I didn’t know the campus unified to ensure a smooth beginning to their transition to McDaniel. Barbo Homeff, assisted students under the guidance of the Peer Mentor program, loaded their cars alongside.

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Without the eager participation from volunteer groups like the peer mentors and ROTC, New Student Orientation might not be possible. Organizations within and beyond the campus unified to ensure a smooth transition for everyone new to McDaniel. Even the Westminster United Methodist Youth Group took part in Orientation, volunteering its time by assisting with move-in and by sponsoring a watermelon picnic along
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"The only negative is the occasional alumni-parent... that expresses strong feelings, but that can be a positive when their child comes here anyway," said O’Connell. Another issue the administration has had to deal with is establishing McDaniel College name recognition. The college continues to use the popular Doonesbury literature in its recruitment marketing, and is running a general advertising campaign.

The school developed a campaign that targets the Washington D.C. and Baltimore business communities through print ads and radio spots. The publications selected for this campaign include zoned editions of the Wall Street Journal, Baltimore Sun, Annapolis Capital, and business journals in both Washington D.C. and Baltimore. Radio spots were aired on public radio in both Washington and Baltimore, according to Joyce Muller, associate vice president of communications and marketing.

More specifically, the ads feature testimonials from President Coley, two students, two faculty members, and a trustee. Each advertisement focuses on the benefits of attending a private liberal arts college.

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"We were prepared for the initial emotional reaction," said Coley. "This happened with other schools that changed their name... eventually people will take a step back and understand it better.

Proof of support can be seen in the steady amount of contributions to the college’s annual fund. The college completed its second best fundraiser year with a total of $8 million in the 2002 fiscal year. Only 300 of 18,000 alumni solicited said they would not give to the college because of the name change.

Director of Alumni Relations Robyn Breton thinks that some alumni just used the name change as an excuse not to donate, and that many will come to accept the name change. Many of the Alumni were initially upset for being excluded from the change process even though the board of trustees are the ultimate decision-makers.

Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre also agrees that the opposition to the name change will steadily decline as time passes. Aside from a few dissenters the administration gets the sense that people are beginning to accept the change.

I may be wrong, but in five years the name WMC will be forgotten," said Sayre. Many current students are upset in fact becoming accustomed to the change. Sophomore Rachael Bryant thought the name sounded better when she first heard it.

"I didn’t come here for the name," said Bryant. "People wrote off the school before because they thought it was a state school... Most people I know are indifferent about the change unless they had some prior connection to the school."

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Dining Services get updated

Students entering Englar Dining Hall this semester are greeted by some familiar faces, but behind the scenes many changes have taken place.

Responsible for overseeing projects such as the opening of the new Coffee House, updating of menu options, and the rejuvenation of the Student Dining Committee is the new director of dining services, Cameron Smith. Other new members to the Dining Services Staff include executive chef Angelo Johnson and pub manager Rebecca Albaugh.

Smith has already made some changes in Glar, including increasing vegetarian offerings, creating new sensations at the international station, offering "real" grilled chicken on the salad bar and wrap station, and adding new displays for fruit and bagels.

These changes have already been noticed by some students, including sophomore Tori Stambaugh who commented, "I am impressed by the bigger variety of food this year."

Smith hopes to get additional student input and comments, particularly through the Student Dining Committee. While this committee is unknown to many students because it dwindled so much in recent years, Smith intends to increase student attendance and participation this year.

"We definitely like to get the students involved and opinions on what they see and what they want," said Smith. "I don’t want to be heard."

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Overall the school is well on its way to achieving the initial goals of the name change.

"I don’t have any doubt that [changing the school’s name] was the right decision," said Coley. "Most people will come to understand and embrace the change."
BETH MCCLANE
Staff Writer

On Thursday, August 28, McDaniel College ROTC held an awards ceremony for accomplishments made during the 2002-2003 school year.

The ceremony in the Quad also included active student recognition in many different fields.

Awards received at the ceremony include the Academic Achievement Ribbon, Dean's List Merit Ribbon, Col Bordguard Ribbon, and Gold, Silver, and Bronze Athena Awards.

The Ranger Challenge Award recognized cadets who placed 2nd in their division for Land Navigation in last year's Ranger Challenge.

The Advanced Camp Graduate Ribbon was given to 12 seniors who completed 32 days of intense training this summer.

Battalion Commander Toby McIntire stated, "I came out of there knowing I could do things many people wouldn't get the opportunity to do." She was "pretty flattered" about being chosen as this semester's Cadet Battalion Commander, and she feels that it is a big responsibility for her senior year.

Other summer achievements included Cadet Jacob Michael completing Airborne School in Vermont, and Cadet Thomas Kalar completing Airborne School in Iraq, and "one cadet getting ready to go." He also noted that ROTC teaches students how to be good citizens, and acquaints them with the army.

He also advised students, "money is never worth a serious injury."
The Truth Behind the Myths: the Real Life of an English Major

Everyone's proud of belonging to something larger than themselves, be it a service organization, a nation, a local government, a sorority or fraternity, or a fan of something or someone in particular.

Subcultures are always fascinating—people like me try to reject labels such as "hippie" or "pagan," for example, but are inwardly embracing of them. It's comforting to have a word with which I can identify myself and relate to others that share that quality.

While some might assume that I drop acid and practice magic in concordance with the above labels (two things that I do not do), I'm willing to accept the culturally negative assumptions in order to have a basis for social relationships with others, and self-definition.

One such subculture that I proudly claim as my favorite is that of English majors. At my new job, I note that others who have majored in English have similar pride, sarcasm, slacker tendencies, and a truly deep understanding for literature.

The pride of an English major is irreplaceable; one of the most difficult to describe. To be part of this subculture, you have to have a deep understanding for literature that makes other peoples' heads spin—James Joyce's Ulysses being the classic example. A true English major will know how to devour this, absorbs the meaning of the text, and spit it out like a sorority or fraternity, or a fan of something organization, a nation, a local government, or something larger than themselves, be it a service and spit it out like a sorority or fraternity, or a fan of something organization, a nation, a local government, or something larger than themselves, be it a service...
The world is no longer a television program about people in their twenties trying to figure out what the hell they are doing with their lives. The war can be the answer, in a sense.

It has become the horrific and traumatic saga shared by myself and other members of Western Maryland College's class of 2003. Perhaps you've seen that e-mail forward. It explains that if the world's population was represented by 100 people, there would be more women than men, more blacks than whites and so on. However, one minority figure completely shocked me: only one of those people would hold a Bachelor's degree.

This e-mail's content (which I believe was based on an actual study) was referenced in a graduation speech delivered to 2003 grads in May. Naturally, this put things into perspective for me. After about 50 job applications, I received only a few replies. One seemed promising—Dell, which I almost accepted. As one whose career goal is to work in publishing, I figured it would be a good start. I decided that it was time to stay in Philadelphia and secure a job before my graduation.

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The company’s environment was “young and in touch,” and the office space was a converted warehouse partitioned into cubicles. I was happy to receive my offer. I even had my own desk and computer, and blank cubicle walls. I decorated them with my service fraternity’s letters, pictures of college friends, and even a good luck note from a professor.

When I looked around, I absorbed the “young and in touch” atmosphere of the background checking corporation. Cubicle after cubicle of college graduate specimens, typing, mesmerized by the music on their headphones. All had undecorated cubicles, and communicated only via the office’s Outlook e-mail system. I was friendly, but no one even said hello back.

For once, for no one said “I’ve never heard of McDaniel College,” or “so Western Maryland College isn’t in Western Maryland.”

They all seemed satisfied. Typing mindless things, listening to music of their own preference that is actually chosen by executives at labels—the paragon of cookie cutter American mass production.

Everything worked in an ISO-approved assembly line, and now I was trapped.

Smiling photos of college friends, snapshots of free time spent with my boyfriend, and postcards of four smiling Beatles (obviously happy with their careers at the time) mocked me.

Instead, my mood more frequently began to match that of tragic medieval heroine Elaine, painted sympathetic as she resigns herself to floating down the river, with no other way out. Sadder still, I purchased the mini-poster image of Elaine with the last ten dollars in my pocket at the semesterly campus poster sale.

Now, I could have had a thousand dollars in my pocket with the money I’d made, but I was absolutely miserable. I was just lucky to have the job. Financially, I was faring better than most of my co-graduates, but emotionally, I was experiencing many of the same feelings.

Despair, the feelings of being hours from friends, and having to start all over again.

Of all the feelings that intrigued me, one thing bit me square on my cubicle partition. I would read over it as the computer systems frequently crashed.

She asked me, in the letter, not to give up my quest for knowledge and creativity.

I thought about it every night, because since getting a college education, I had realized that knowledge and creativity were such large parts of my identity.

But I had to stick with this horrid job (that turned out to involve little proofreading at all) because of the economy.

My jobless friends most likely resented me for getting so depressed over this job.

My family was sure that it wasn't my own attitude, and not the job itself, but like the professor that wrote the note, I knew better than that.

I wanted to quit. The only support I had was reluctant, and from the boyfriend.

I was ready to quit when I got the call about a job opportunity at a print-on-demand publishing company in Old City, Philadelphia. I went down the same day and got hired.

After almost three months of the Real World kicking me in the conscience, gaining twenty pounds and realizing that food and sex is truly the best you can do, and that I had left in the world, the right job came after me.

The same day, my friend with a music degree from Cornell University called to tell me that she didn’t get a job at a bookstore because she was “overqualified.”

Things are still rough out there. And now that I’m happy and secure in my dream job, I still reflect on college and the things that I learned and participated in while I was fortunate enough to be there.

The opinions expressed in this newspaper were part of one such activity.

I’ve learned not to simply launch into a political diatribe on why the war was wrong. I think most of the class of 2003, jobless and/or unhappy, would agree that I’m too young to pontificate.

But I guess all I really learned in college is that trying your best is truly the best you can do. So holding your own opinion will eventually gain you respect if you’re decent about it, and persistent.

Going to grad school part time is also going to be enjoyable. However, it won’t be Western Maryland, and life is never the same after college.

Despair is still all too prevalent out here in the Real World, and standing again on that idyllic Hill of knowledge hidden away in Westminster only provides a contrast to the world of the corporate.

In the end, though, I suppose war can be the answer, in a sense. Once you graduate, you’re fighting it.

Having a degree doesn’t mean anything if you haven’t learned its true value; it just lets you fend for yourself.

As I lunch within sight of Independence Hall, it isn’t easy to tell if I realize that I won’t be returning to college, but this city is beautiful and there’s no place I’d rather be, and no better way to have gotten here.

-Tara DeliaFranzia, McDaniel College Alumn
Patience Please... McDaniel student expresses the need for more patience at Hoover Library

The library staff and I apologize for these inconveniences. We are all working to correct these system-based idiosyncrasies that interfere with our ability to serve you as efficiently and expeditiously as possible.

So, please be patient with us.

We can’t totally eliminate the inconveniences, but we can make them somewhat less painful for you.

I’m reminded of the saying, “The more things change, the more they remain the same.”

While Hoover’s automation system may have changed, the library’s mission to provide you with the information and materials you need has not.

So please be patient when standing in line waiting for a check-out, searching the catalog or locating a psychology article online.

Library director Michele Reid is working to improve the functioning capabilities of this new system, and it will take some time still to make this system work for all of us.

All that the library staff asks of you is your continued patience with us.

-Michael Vyskocil, staff writer

Trials & Tribulations: The story of a Recent McDaniel Graduate

Trials and tribulations. Well, that about sums up the summer vacation of myself and some of my closest friends, also McDaniel (I mean WMC, the name that has not changed inside my heart!) alums.

You see, a few months ago, we were all excited seniors clutching our diplomas close as we smiled for at least a million photos, and talked about the first full-time job we would take, or the graduate program that would begin in the fall.

Many of us thought we had it all figured out: Those who had found jobs were taking a little vacation, drawing up budgets, and preparing for their first week of work. Those accepted into a graduate program with promised funds were only a summer vacation away from the next few years of learning.

Those who had not found a job yet, like myself, had faith in our abilities and knew that opportunities would knock soon enough, and those who had not yet found a way to fund graduate school yet would find the money soon enough.

At first, the e-mails were positive and spoke of happy time: a week at the beach was relaxing and the first week at the new job was exciting.

I had been putting together folders of resumes and references, and writing samples to send in response to vacant reporting positions I had found on various Internet job listings and websites.

I knew that breaking into the news business may take longer than I would like, so I also applied for various positions that I felt qualified for, including administrative assistant, advertising sales representative, stage manager, child care assistant, event planner, assistant to the publisher, and the list goes on.

I remained confident in my abilities and goals, while the e-mails and phone calls remained positive. Sometime in mid-July, the tone was changed from positive to negative. It was not the only one receiving rejection letters and other forms of bad news.

I started wondering if my diploma was null and void and my transcript was a phony.

Friends who were all set to start a prestigious Master program in the fall were finding out that they no longer had the funding that was once promised to them. Now, at the eleventh hour, they were struggling to find a new funding, or looking for a job that would pay for their schooling.

One friend wrote to sit that she absolutely hated her job and could not take it anymore. I was at my wit’s end, hopelessly losing confidence in my writing abilities and thinking that the Phoenix clips in my portfolio would be my last journalistic endeavors.

One day I decided to check out what the Gettysburg Times had to offer in terms of job vacancies.

By the next day, I had my application package ready to go and I delivered in person to the Human Resources Coordinator, who interviewed me moments after I arrived, and set up a follow-up interview for the next day, Friday August 15 at 10 a.m. By 2:00 p.m., I had a job as a general assignment reporter.

The search was over and my journalism career is beginning. Other people’s e-mails would like to work, drop them an e-mail or phone call — they may be more help than you anticipated.

And of course, do not let pride get in the way of asking for help.

Last but not least, no matter how organized you are or how early you start, there will always be trials and tribulations; they are natural part of the human condition.

-Staci George is a 2003 alumna.
AIM a Growing College Trend

ROB GOREE Staff Writer

It can be heard while walking down the hallways, hanging out in dorm rooms, and even sometimes while passing by dorm halls. The incessant 'ping' and 'ding' of instant messages being sent and received has flooded the McDaniel College residence halls.

The phenomenon of students using "AIM," better known as AOL Instant Messenger, to talk to people within walking distance seems absurd at first. To some it would seem easier to simply stop in a friend's room or meet them personally in Decker, but the numbers of campus residents using instant messenger instead of personal contact continues to grow.

Even cell phones and landline phones are growing obsolete. Many McDaniel College students find that using instant messenger instead of making calls helps to cut down on the cost of expensive phone bills.

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However, AIM's benefits outweigh its pitfalls. McDaniel students can keep in contact with friends off campus that live far away as well as maintain everyday contact with other students without the use of a phone. Instant messaging has become a fundamental part of McDaniel's social scene.

Lack of Soap Creates Controversy

BAILEY FANNIN Staff Writer

College is supposed to be the most exciting and carefree years of our lives. So why are McDaniel students up in arms about soap?

"It's unsanitary," states Semira Yobuha, "I've had to be conscious of hygiene, but it seems to not be practiced here.

"The bathrooms are a breeding ground for germs and diseases." Students want the soap because it is a basic hygienic need," explained senior Sarah Campbell. This growing use of instant messages ties into the general increase in human inactivity since the dawn of the Electronic Age.

Instead of walking down to another dorm to socialize, many students find it easier to communicate using instant messenger as opposed to engaging in face-to-face dialogue. Similar to Campbell, freshman Patrick Linz admitted to using instant messenger frequently.

"I find myself using [AIM] more often than the telephone," Linz confessed.

The use of instant messenger has decreased the amount of direct human contact on campus, but some students have not allowed the use of instant messenger to affect their interaction with others.

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FEATURES

"My Boss's Daughter" Likely to be fired at the Box Office

SARAH BLACK Staff Writer

On a scale of 1 to 10, this movie is about a 2. Ever seen "Meet the Parents"? Well, "My Boss's Daughter" is sadly predictable, unlike "Meet the Parents," and it is not nearly as funny. Maybe it would have been funny if they had starred Ben Stiller and someone who is not Tara Reid—someone who is not partifying all the time, who is worthy of being in a movie, and oh, yea, someone who is actually good at acting. Or maybe they just needed a whole different producer.

In "My Boss's Daughter," Ashton Kutcher stars as the love struck young man, who is trying to please his girlfriend's father, Lisa Taylor (Tara Reid). Tom Stansfield (Kutcher) thinks he's going to be at party with Lisa, but instead is stuck house-sitting for Lisa's father (his boss) who's going out of town and who is the ultimate neat-freak in addition to his disturbing affection for his pet owl, O.J. (yes like the pro football player).

In true comedy tradition, everything and anything could go wrong, does. Now, you know that in a movie, if there is anything pertaining to watching someone else's pet, trouble is bound to happen.

As predicted, the owl flies out of the house after not flying for years, and after drinking marijuana infused toilet water. Stansfield of course, is caught running around the neighborhood chasing this damn owl. I bet you're wondering how marijuana got into the toilet in the first place. "Red," is Lisa Taylor's brother, who is violating his family's restraining order (Why does this part seem random to me?) and he is selling marijuana out of his father's house to "let's piss all over everything" guy who later gets buried alive in the backyard by Stansfield's friends.

Does anything of this sound out of whack, or is it just me? I thought this part was random and just out of place in this movie's plot. It's like the producer was trying so hard to make this movie funny, that he forgot what the actual plot was about, and thus the movie turned out not being that funny.

While chasing that damn owl, Stansfield notices it go into an open window of a house, and so, of course, he knocks on the door, and is answered by a father who mistakes him for his daughter's boyfriend.

There are some things you just don't do.
Sophomores Think Like Freshmen Again

Four McDaniel sophomores reflect on their freshmen years.

The humidity is on the rise, the fans are blowing, and McDaniel students are moving themselves into their dorm rooms. For freshmen, this is a whole new experience, a tease of independence, a taste of reality. For sophomores, however, this is a time of reunion with friends, getting ready for classes (summer was short, wasn’t it?), and reminiscing on their freshmen years.

Four sophomores, Hanif Ahmad, Ahmad, Eleanor Eaton, Kelly Tawes, and Nathan Kunk, shared their thoughts about last year’s freshman orientation and first week of class, and also gave a few words of wisdom for the incoming freshmen. Ahmad, a sophomore with an exercise major, member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and member of the indoor and outdoor track teams, remembers his orientation painfully well.

“I was very unsatisfied,” he says as he shakes his head. “There was no communication in my peer group and there weren’t any fun activities.”

Fellow sophomore Eleanor Eaton agrees. “Some of the ice-breaker activities were just plain stupid. I got so sick of them! I just wish I’d had more personal time to get settled in and get to know my roommate instead.”

Some people likened orientation, however, Kelly Tawes felt “half and half.” The communication major and member of the golf team says, “Some of the activities were good, but it (orientation) was just too drawn out.”

Nathan Kunk loved orientation. The baseball player with a psychology major thought that last year’s orientation was “very interesting. I didn’t know anybody at first, but by the end, I knew pretty much everybody that I needed to.” Kunk also felt that orientation was well organized and that his peer group helped him get through it.

One thing that these four students have in common is that they all loved Choices. Eaton specifically remembers her reaction to the show.

“I was just sitting there, listening to someone talk on the stage when all of a sudden these two people down in front starting making out, and the girl next to me started singing The Star Spangled Banner and throwing condoms everywhere! I was so confused, until all of a sudden it hit me—they were part of the show! It was hilarious!”

The reactions to last year’s freshman orientation are mixed, and so are the thoughts that the four sophomores have about their first week of classes at McDaniel College.

Ahmad thinks that the week “wasn’t too stressful,” as did Tawes, who felt that “it wasn’t anything I couldn’t handle.”

On the other hand, both Eaton and Kunk felt overwhelmed by their first week in the classroom.

“I was okay with my freshman seminar, but I absolutely hated my night class—I can’t sit in a desk for three hours!” exclaims Eaton.

Kunk says that starting classes was “really rough. I didn’t know what college classes would be like, or how the professors would run them.”

“Both concur that college learning is different from high school learning, which made for a very interesting week.”

Every sophomore has something that they know now that they wish they knew a year ago.

“For some, like Ahmad, it was simple: “I wish I knew how to keep up on the work.” Klunk agrees, saying, “It isn’t like high school where you can sleep through class and B.S. your way through it— you need to actually do it!”

Eaton, on the other hand, wishes she’d foreseen for the diverse personalities and interests on this campus.

“I wish I’ve been prepared to stand up for what I believe in, because people tried to get me to do things that I didn’t want to. When you first get here, you just want to fit in.”

Each student interviewed had some advice to share with freshmen.

“Don’t do it unless you believe in it,” warns Eleanor Eaton, who is a strict believer in her own morals and beliefs.

“Keep up with the books and don’t start slacking— if you start slacking then you’ll pay for it,” advises Nathan Kunk.

Kunk also urges freshmen to “set goals and follow your instincts.”

She also says to get involved in school activities. “Join anything—religious groups, sports teams, academic societies— anything. Just get involved!”

Hanif Ahmad has a very original piece of advice. “Keep the work up, and while you’re at it, pledge Phi Delta Theta if you can!” If it worked for him, then it must work for the rest.

During orientation and classes began, some first year students became nervous about the difficulty level of their classes.

Freshman Melissa Gallow admitted to having some reservations.

“I was nervous that I would get some crazy professor or there would be some really difficult questions asked that I could not answer,” Gallow explained. “But now I feel like this is pretty normal, it is nice to make my own schedule and my own decisions.”

Button agreed with Gallow, “I feel like I am getting the hang of things now. I have a set schedule now.”

Of course, the most memorable for students are often outside of the classroom.

“Six friends and I walked to Denny’s at 3:00 a.m. Someone just said ‘DENNY’S!’ and we decided to go. I had no idea where it was at and the walk back was so long, it seemed to take forever,” told, “I have also noticed that downtown Westminster is pretty scary, it is my first two weeks here and I have already walked past an arrest taking place.”

Matt Rouse, a freshman cross-country runner, has also experienced some interesting situations in his first weeks at McDaniel.

“I had to remove a locust from our windows with duct tape because it was just, got stuck. I attached the tape to its wings and got it out,” Rouse recalled.

In addition to the lodged locust, Rouse also had a run-in with a fellow freshman neighbor who had locked himself out of his room… in a towel.

“He asked to use my phone to call campus safety to let him in,” Rouse laughed. “And he said, ‘Yeah, I am locked out and I don’t have any clothes on.’”

Craig Mackenzie, also a first year cross-country runner, attests to feeling comfort in the smaller teacher-to-student ratios in contrast to his very large high school.

“I really like it here,” Mackenzie stated. “There are less people than my high school.”

Outside of class though, Mackenzie encountered something more surprising than the small class sizes offered at McDaniel.

“This one kid was in the bathroom, he wasn’t drunk or high or anything,” Mackenzie said. “But he just walked into a wall and then he left, like nothing happened.”

New Yorker Jessica Selman believes that McDaniel’s classes and the occasionally crazy atmosphere are just right for her.

“Any college where my suitemate’s drunken friend leaves his shoes in our room,” Selman said laughing. “AND THEN wanders around looking for his dorm, is a great place to me!”

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Honkofsky, 21, brought the city of Westminster its first tobacco shop, Heads 'N Threads, specializing in tobacco and clothing.

Honkofsky was previously manager of Firefly glass and tobacco shop of Baltimore, but has recently relinquished his managerial duties to his uncle.

Honkofsky brings the same flair of his previous shop to his new one and boasts a wide selection of tobacco pipes.

Honkofsky said, "I try to cater to the college kids with inexpensive clothing and flexible prices."

"If I can help someone out, I will try to. I'm a businessman and bargains are what bring back customers."

With two colleges in Westminster, it seems that Honkofsky's business is soaring.

The popular store sells the majority of what is in the display case within a week or two.

"I try to give back to the community by creating positive activities for kids," Honkofsky said.

"I am trying to start an XBOX Madden football tournament for college kids and anyone who is interested."

In-store sign-ups for the tournament are available anytime, and inquiries are welcome during business hours.

Furthermore, Honkofsky advertises a 20% off program for college students.

"All you have to do is show your McDaniel ID and you get a 20% discount on the spot," he said.

Honkofsky shares ownership of Heads 'N Threads with his cousin, Alan Nusinov, age 26. Nusinov knows many independent glass blowers as well as nationwide connections to larger glass blowing companies.

The cousins have aspirations to use these resources to start a second store in Colombia.

"I know so many people in Colombia, word of mouth alone would make the store a great success," Honkofsky said.

Honkofsky attended school for a year at Catonsville Community College and finished the year with 21 credits.

"I know we have huge expansion opportunities in Colombia for the future, but right now we are happy with our clientele in Westminster."

He added, "They are loyal and reliable customers, and I do what I can to give back."

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**Physical Fitness Provided with Limited Resources and Less Equipment**

**WALTER ZALES Staff Writer**

Back in mid-May of this year, I had to decide which gym I was going to join for the summer, for soon the fitness center at McDaniel would be running under different hours that just would not fit my schedule. I worked out at a variety of gyms between May and August; local gyms like Triangle Fitness, and even corporate gyms such as Gold’s Gym.

When September rolled around however, my memberships had expired and it was time to go back to the gym at McDaniel. And that is when I realized why I was so happy in May to be back at a gym like Triangle Fitness.

I walked into McDaniel’s gym the first week of class, and true to form, it seemed less equipment was there, without one new machine in sight.

Every semester I come back since my freshman year, it seems a new piece of gym equipment is missing, and the pieces that remain are in worse shape than before.

However, this semester brought along a new twist. I was surprised the day I walked back in to hear absolutely nothing.

The “sound system” (or sad attempt at a stereo that occupies the gym) was not working.

I wondered why, and I was told the speakers had yet to be hooked up. It is now two weeks into the semester, and still those speakers sit without a note coming fourth from them.

Not that our 1975 stereo complete with broken tape deck was anything to write home about before, but at least there was something to occupy the silence. It receives three stations, and CD’s weren’t even around when this system came into existence.

Personally, I would like to put a jar on the front desk of the weight room for donations towards a decent system. I would be the first to drop a big $20 bill.

The sound system is the least of my complaints however. Next on my list would be our “cardio room.”

This room, about the size of a McDaniel dorm room, houses about 10 pieces of cardio equipment.

How can anyone stand to do cardio in a 5x10 area with nine other people running right next to you? I don’t know if there’s enough air to breathe in such a situation.

Still, there is a plethora of complaints as far as our fitness center goes.

The lifting equipment itself is a considerable danger with its wear and tear.

The grips for the cables for doing workouts like cable crossovers are so rusted, that when one releases the grip after a set, your hand becomes the same color as the grip you just used.

The barbells have considerable rust as well.

There are also supposed to be four clips for the four different hooks on the cable machine.

However, a game of switcheroo must be played at the cables for we only have three.

The barbells have considerable rust as well.

For example, the leg extension machine.

The padding on the right bar to hook your feet into is so torn and beat, that the metal bar pushes down with all the pressure behind the weight on your shin.

This is of most discomfort, trust me I have sensitive shins.

The incline bench is also a blast to work out on.

That thing is so wobbly, it is a wonder that no one has fallen off while doing incline press.

My point is this: these machines are old, rusted, missing pieces, and most important of all, dangerous.

While working out with heavy weights, one could easily hurt themselves or others around them when the equipment is faulty.

There is much potential for this, for many inexperienced gym goers start their lifting career when they arrive at McDaniel College.

Some students need to be taught some of the basics of weight training before they enter the gym; however there is no on-site trainer in the McDaniel weight room.

Such is not the case at another private college in Maryland, Villa Julie College.

Not only did this similar school have it’s gym re-done just this past fall with new equipment, but they also have satellite television in the weight room, as well as an on-site trainer at all times, to help lifting beginners.

It came as a shock to me when I first learned how much more advanced Villa Julie’s gym was compared to ours, for a few different reasons:

**Reason One:** Villa Julie is a school similar in size to McDaniel, however with a smaller price tag. One would think we could afford more things easier than a school whose tuition is nearly half of McDaniel’s.

**Reason Two:** Our football team is one that always does well every season. Villa Julie’s football team is one that doesn’t exist.

We have far superior sports programs here at McDaniel compared to Villa Julie, yet their training facility is far superior to ours. I know if I was a McDaniel football player, I would still have my Gold’s Gym membership throughout the semester.

**Reason Three:** How many professional football teams do you see training at the Villa Julie campus?

How can McDaniel house the Ravens training camp and have such lack-luster equipment?

In conclusion, after my ranting and ravaging, I really do believe something has to be done about our current fitness center situation.

I realize there are plans in place for the future, but that will just take too long for what is a danger.

If there any ideas on how to improve the situation, I would love to help out.

The jar for stereo donations I think is a

Men’s Soccer has High Hopes for Fall Season, Simple Goals

**AMALIE STAIDER Staff Writer**

It’s finally time to put all the hard work demonstrated in the offseason to use.

The start of the men’s soccer season brings back four returning seniors, three juniors, and 11 sophomores.

There are 11 total freshmen on the team.

Athletes interested in trying out for the team were required to go to camp, which was a five day long session starting on August 19th and ending the 23rd.

There were two practice sessions a day.

Once camp was over, cuts were made.

For freshman Jerome DeFrancis, “making it to Monday” was the best part of the preseason.

DeFrancis explained, “First I wanted to make the team, then eventually start and play every game.”

Such goals seem simple enough, but many of the athletes who tried out for the team will not see playing time this year.

Rather, they will have made what is called the "practice team."

This team will scrimmage against the starting lineup in practice, playing a crucial part of the overall success, even though they do not see action on game day.

The team’s goals start simple, with the drive to make every game competitive.

Then the goal gets a little more intense with wanting to win back their reputation from years back as the Conference Champions.

Sports Trivia Questions

**Who is the all-time leading NFL rushing and receiver? 2003 season opener?**

**Who was the only rookie Quarterback to start the season?**

**Answers in next issue.**
NFL Football: Salaries, Attitudes Out of Control Now More Than Ever

Pat O’Toole
Assistant Sports Editor

A National Football League rookie, looking for his start, is forced to miss the first 19 days of training camp.

The first-round draft pick says he can’t wait to get on the field and start practicing.


That’s the story of Jacksonville’s Byron Leftwich, the seventh overall pick in the 2003 draft.

After his holdout, Leftwich ended up with a contract between $20 and $30 million over five years.

He will also receive an $11.4 million signing bonus.

Not too shabby for a rookie, but was it worth missing two-thirds of training camp for?

As unbelievable as it seems, this situation is as common in the NFL as an illicit drug arrest.

“It’s getting out of hand. All pro players are taking for granted what they’re there to do: they’re getting paid to play a game they love,” said McDaniel junior Tim Sheets.

In the NFL, the overall trend of player salaries holding out for more money than they will ever need is putting the team owners in a tight spot.

Because of the salary cap, the player’s salaries for money surpasses his individual earnings. The teams playing one another than the NFL is much better to see a player go to the players.

That money should rightfully go to the players. Most fans would agree that they’re not getting paid, believes sophomore Mike Taneyhill.

“We love being out there and practicing. This lack of desire to play has caused some disenfranchised fans to turn their love of football to other venues,” he says.

“I probably prefer college football because there’s still so much hype,” says freshman Steve Hoffman.

“You don’t have to deal with all the social issues. It seems like the athletes are trying harder because there’s more on the line: not everyone makes it to the NFL.”

Every college player out there is trying their best to secure a spot on an NFL team, and their drive to succeed is reflected by the intensity of the game. Once those players reach the NFL, their only drive is to make more money.

Because of this, the game often suffers.

“In college football, there’s more emotion from the players because they’re not getting paid,” believes sophomore Mike Taneyhill.

“They’re just playing.”

College football games are more about the teams playing one another than the individual players trying to showcase themselves.

Many of the professional football games get caught up in so much hype that the winning team becomes insignificant.

To the NFL’s benefit, college football is played on Saturday while NFL football is on Sunday.

Additionally, the multi-million-dollar players might find themselves competing for airtime with college students looking for a break.

This dilemma is outwardly expressed by the inconsistent performance of teams.

Take the Baltimore Ravens for instance.

In January of 2001, the Ravens won the Super Bowl with a team so far over the salary cap that it had to be disjointed the following year.

In order for a team to be good, it has to bite the bullet and run over the salary cap for one year, but the following year it must return to mediocrity.

The main problem is that while the teams have an overall salary cap, the player’s salaries are still skyrocketing.

The players keep asking for more, but the teams can only pay so much.

No one can say that the players don’t deserve the money they’re making.

The NFL makes billions off of television contracts, merchandise, and ticket sales.

That money should rightfully go to the players.

Most fans would agree that it is much better to see a player getting the money rather than some executive.

But when a player’s desire for money surpasses his desire to play, there is a definite problem.

This lack of desire to play has caused some disenfranchised fans to turn their love of football to other venues.

Women’s Fall Soccer Preview Builds
Success, Promises Versatility

Joe Palkovic
Staff Writer

“Versatility” is the key word for Coach Scott Swanson when describing his 3.0 women’s soccer team this season.

Led by two of the Centennial Conference’s most talented senior midfielders, Niki Lepson and Kristin Monae, the Green Terror women hope to make 2003 their breakout season.

Winning their way to the top of the Centennial Conference, though, is easier said than done.

Last season’s 12-8-1 women’s team was merely second fiddle to teams like Johns Hopkins (Centennial Conference Champions), Muhlenberg, and Gettysburg.

Although still successful enough for a postseason berth in the ECAC playoffs.

Looking to build on that success, Coach Swanson sees this season as an excellent chance to take the next step.

“Playing as a team and having some consistency early,” he says, “will be key for the team all season long. They have always been able to create scoring chances.

The question is whether or not they can capitalize on those chances.”

So far, they have done so, outscoring their first three opponents 13-1, including a big 2-1 victory over Catholic University on Saturday, September 6th.

Particularly impressive to Coach Swanson is freshman goalkeeper Michelle Mullen.

By filling a void left by two departing keepers last season, she has already shown herself to be the real deal.

She began her season with two shut-outs.

As for the versatility of the team, it is provided by a fast, fit and skilled midfielder, a tough defense, and an explosive group of forwards.

The team can play whatever type of game they need to, says Swanson, including a slow, ball-control type game, or a quick, run and shoot type game.

With all these necessary tools put into action, the Green Terror Women’s Soccer Team could be on its way to a very successful season.

The Women play at home against Villa Julie on Saturday, September 13th at 11am.

They begin their Conference play the following Saturday at home against Muhlenberg.
Football Team has New Faces, Same Old Determination

Terry Keating
Staff Writer

As the 2003 football season gets underway, the opposition has plenty to fear from the Green Terror. With the new name comes a new lineup of McDaniel College athletes, and while many of them are no strangers to the team, open positions left by last season's seniors are being filled and improvement is expected across the board.

“We've been very successful at replacing last season's seniors,” comments head coach Tim Keating. Both he and the defensive coordinator, Brad Fordyce, agree that the Terror defense remains a strong point, commenting on the overall competence of the defensive squad.

Players like Rob Wingfield (DB) and Omar Philip (LB), both of whom were All-Centennial First Team picks last year, are expected to keep opposing offensive gains to a minimum.

On the offensive side of McDaniel football, Keating commented on the exceptional quality of the line.

Seniors Todd Williams (OL) and Drew Reinecker (OL), All-Centennial Second Team and All-Centennial Honorable Mention respectively, will be key in providing senior Jason Hartman (FB), an All-Centennial Second Team pick, with plenty of room to maneuver as he employs his explosive rushing style.

Former McDaniel star quarterback Jamie "Bizz" Harris has been working hard with junior Eli Eyo, the team's current starting QB, who will be frequently connecting with sophomores wide receivers Jamie Unger and Kyle Myers.

“Once in which the team has concentrated is special teams. High hopes have been placed on junior kicker Nate Getchell and the rest of the kicking squad who have been drilled time and time again in practice.

While the Terror is shaping up to be especially terrifying this year, top competitors Bridgewater, Muhlenberg, and John Hopkins are not easily intimidated. A repeat of last year's 9-2 record will be worked towards and hopefully surpassed, but a season like last is not achieved without hard work and dedication. "I want to be cautiously optimistic," comments coach Keating. "If we come out of the box strong, it'll be a successful year!"

Let's all be ready for a strong season, start to finish.

Field Hockey Team Reloads for Fierce 2003 Season

Taryn Callahan
Staff Writer

This year's Green Terror field hockey team has a lot to meet up to after last year's spectacular performance.

The team was conference champions and made it to the second round of the Division III NCAA playoffs.

However, this year they are trying to go all the way to the NCAA finals, said freshman Stephanie Capps. Stephanie also stated that the girls are following this motto to keep them motivated throughout the season, Our goal is to go above and beyond. Hopefully, with Stephanie's presence and the eleven other freshmen who are beginning their field hockey career here at McDaniel, they will help the team achieve their goal.

The team is head coached by Mindy McCord. This is her 5th season with the field hockey and team and has been improving her winning record every year.

McCord is assisted by Muffie Bliss. Bliss is returning for her second season with the Green Terror. She is looking forward to the season and thinks the girls will do very well, "We have a squad that works very hard and each player is very talented. We have a lot of players, which sometimes can be an issue, but each player has talent and a willingness to play and support the team no matter what role they might play."

Heather Carter Vorderbruggen is a 2000 graduate from Mary Washington College and she is starting her first season with the field hockey group.

She has been coaching the Green Terror lacrosse team for two seasons.

Heather holds records for career saves at Mary Washington in both field hockey and lacrosse.

Along with terrific coaching, the Green Terror field hockey team will be led by senior captains Becky Arnold, Kim Campionelli, and Jen Fegley.

With superior knowledge and experience of the game that these leaders possess, the team is sure to have a successful season.

The girls hosted their first season game here at McDaniel on Saturday, August 30 at 1:00 pm. They were able to pull off a first-game victory defeating Wittenberg University 3-0.

The defense played outstanding and was held together by junior Heather Roberts, Jen Fegley, and sophomore Lindsay Rick.

The Green Terror's defense held Wittenberg to zero shots and allowed goalkeeper Becky Arnold to record her first win and shut-out.

The game could not have been won without tremendous offensive play.

The first goal was scored by sophomore Laura Baggaley with the assist coming from junior Clara Holllingsworth.

Sophomores Melanie Thompson and senior Kristin Talarovich added the second and third goals for extra insurance for the win. The team started off the season strong and is pleased with their performance.

The Green Terror's second game was also a home game on Tuesday, September 2. They faced Goucher College and blew them away with a 10-0 victory. Kim Campionelli led the Terror's scoring with four goals and recording one assist off of freshman Sarah LeBaron goal.

Seven different players scored for McDaniel and the team went on shut Goucher by an impressive 49-0.

By Kim scoring the four goals and adding on with an assist, she is now leading McDaniel field hockey in the career points category. Now, she is only short five goals from being the leader in the goals scored category as well.

The Green Terror field hockey team has begun the season with a 3-0 record and hopes to extend their winning streak in their next game which is Saturday, September 6 at 1:00 pm.

The team will be playing their first away game versus Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania.
Construction Delays Have Some McDaniel Students Calling The Best Western Hotel “Home”

CHRISTIANNA D. RAGBY
Staff Writer

Apartment living is undoubtedly the best set-up for any college student willing to shell out the extra cash for the added comfort.

For many McDaniel students who choose to stay on campus, the Garden Apartments and the North Village Apartments are ideal—at least for those student fortunate enough at room draw last Spring, to pick the right number.

But, for those students who drew North Village Apartment 189, the current living situation is not so ideal.

At the beginning of the 2003-2004 school year, 22 McDaniel students, mostly all seniors, found themselves unpacking their bags at the Best Western Hotel. These students were notified that they would be living at the hotel for at least a month, through a letter that was sent out in July by Dean Philip Sayre.

In the letter, the move-in time indicated for students living in the Best Western was Sunday, August 24th at noon. Several students like Sammantha Abrams, who is a senior at the college, showed up at noon on Sunday only to find out that her room was not ready. Abrams said that she was told that the rooms would not be ready for move-in until 3 p.m.

Abrams says, “I was already very upset when I found out that my apartment was not ready. It didn’t help that I had to wait around to move my stuff into a hotel.” Dean Sayre says that he doesn’t understand the miscommunication between the Best Western Hotel staff and the college. He says, “I have no idea. We were told the rooms would be ready at noon on Sunday. I am really sorry there was a foul-up and students had to wait around.”

Several students like seniors, Stephanie Smith and Natasha Coleman, were “shocked and devastated” when they initially found out this summer that their apartment would not be complete by the start of the school year. Senior Tia Lawrence also recalls her emotions. She says, “I was disappointed, upset, and pissed.”

Residence Life Coordinator Erica Bowman says that the main reason that students were not able to move into the apartments at the start of the school year is because of all the rain that the area had received this summer. She says, “I feel strongly that the rain was the reason for the hold up in the construction of the apartment. I believe that the contractors couldn’t get the footing down.”

Residence Life Director Elizabeth Towle agrees. Towle says, “I originally heard the information from Dean Sayre that because of all the rain that the apartments would probably not be done.”

Towle says that after a few days of confirming information, the administration started to let students know that they would have to move into the Best Western hotel. Abrams, Smith, Coleman, and Lawrence, all agree that the most inconvenient aspect of living in the Best Western is driving to school everyday and having to find a parking spot on campus. Coleman says, “I’m ready to go, I’m tired of driving to classes.” Abrams agrees. She adds, “I don’t think that the college is taking advantage of seniors that want to be apart of the campus community.”

There were some accommodations made by the college, for the students living in the Best Western Hotel.

Students had 25 meals added to their meal plan, campus safety is providing a shuttle service for students who wish to call 15 minutes prior to their destination to and from campus, a dial up internet service is available in each students individual room, and moving help from the Best Western to the North Village, although personnel is not yet confirmed, will be provided.

As of September 17, 2003, the twenty-two students living in the Best Western have received notification by Bowman, that on September 22, the college is anticipating the arrival of the furniture for North Village apartment 189. Also, if all goes as planned and construction can continue as scheduled, students can begin moving into the North Village on September 26.

Activities Fair Highlights

Student Organizations

Looking for something to do on campus? Here are some options...

BETH MCCLANE
Staff Writer

The Activities Fair is an annual event held to acquaint students with the plethora of activities available at McDaniel College. This year’s fair was a huge success with a large turnout of interested students.

The fair was held in the Forum at 12:30 on Tuesday, September 9 and was sponsored by the College Activities Office. Activities Director Mitchell Alexander mentioned that the Activities Fair is a spotlight on different organizations at the College. Cotton candy and other snacks were provided free for students.

The McDaniel Greek community had many representatives at the fair, including members of Phi Alpha Mu, Alpha Sigma Phi, Alpha Nu Omega, and Phi Delta Theta. Alpha Gamma Tau exhibited plans for their upcoming Beef ‘n Beer, while other fraternities and sororities advertised for recruitment.

Religion on the Hill: Supported by Students, Faculty?

BRIAN PATTERSON
Co-Commentary Editor

Some students go to college and many go out for a sports team. Others pledge a fraternity or sorority. For some the focus is on school work. But for a few students, religion defines their college experience.

McDaniel College has an undergraduate population around 1,700 students, and according to the Office of Academic Affairs, the majority of students are affiliated with an organized religion. However, only about 9 percent of these students are active members of a religious group on campus.

Religious organizations at the school include InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Catholic Campus Ministries, the Jewish Student Union, and the Bahai’i Club. Of these four, IVCF and CCM are the most active, while the JSU has recently seen a decline in membership and activity. A major concern of student leaders in IVCF and CCM is a lack of support from the school administration.

“In my experience, administrative support has been very low,” said Mark Wheeler, a Junior and president of CCM. “With the exception of one faculty advisor, most of our support comes from St. John’s Catholic Church in Westminster. ...see RELIGION continued on page 2

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The English Major Itself Undergoes Revision

BRIAN PATTERSON
Co-Commentary Editor

The English department announced new requirements for students who will be majoring in the subject. The new major will give students more freedom to choose the types of classes they take, and at the same time focus more on developing writing skills. The English Department announced new requirements for students who will be majoring in the subject.

On Tuesday September 9 the department met with many of the English majors in order to explain the new requirements. Current requirements have the option of either completing the old major or fulfilling the new requirements. Anyone who becomes an English major in the future will, of course, have to complete the new major.

Students will now be required to take a general introduction course and one extra 3000 level class. The categories of classes for the major have been decreased to allow students to take four electives. A new category requires students to take a class "that examines a historically underrepresented group," according to the new departmental outlines.

The reason for the changes is that English majors, "should know everything," said department chair Dr. Leroy Panek jokingly.

"I am Loved" buttons, the Domestic Violence Rally, and Neighbors in Need. They also plan to adopt a family in Westminster for Christmas or Thanksgiving.

Also present were the service organizations Best Buddies International, Circle K, HYPE (Harnessing Youth's Positive Energy), and STAY (Students Teaching About Youth's).

Other student organizations also have a big lineup this year. CAPBoard, a "student sponsored organization," is affiliated with the University of Maryland. Alpha Phi Omega, a national service sorority, and Alpha Phi Omega, a national co-ed service fraternity were also present.

Newly formed service clubs present at the fair include Warmth for Society, that knits and crochet blankets for premature babies, or anyone who needs a helping hand and the Eating Disorder Awareness Club, a confidential club offering information on eating disorders to anyone. Hero's Helping Hopkins is also a new club, looking to raise money and volunteers to buy toys, clothes, etc., and visit children at the Hopkins children's center.

The Social Work Club has plans for their upcoming year, including the distribution of...
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Compliance

Non-student was given a trespass warning at 5:40am, Joggger reported that while in Blair Stadium on the track she was approached twice by a unknown white male. She left the track and reported the incident.

12:00am, Disorderly conduct and fighting between students and non-students.

12:02am, Non-student was seen assaulting student. Non-student extremely non-compliant. Non-student was given a trespass warning and escorted off campus.

1:20am, Non-student was arrested for trespassing, after being warned.

9/7/03: 1:26am, Students documented for underage possession of alcohol, possession of hard alcohol, possession of multi-liter containers, failure to comply, participation in drinking games, and also a quiet hours violation.

9/9/03: 12:15pm, Two students seen carrying a brown paper bag with bottle of hard alcohol inside.

9/10/03: 1:15am, Two students seen drinking from opened containers of beer. Beer poured out and students documented.

9/13/03: 1:24am, Two students heard yelling and screaming at each other. Male and female separated and interviewed.

9/15/03: 1:24am, Student was observed consuming alcohol in public. Documented for underage consumption/possession of alcohol in a public area.

9/16/03: 1:39pm, Student cited by Westminster Police for underage possession of alcohol at an off campus location.

9/18/03: 10:53pm, Student seen carrying a plastic cup and has it on the ground when he saw the DoCS vehicle. When approached, it was confirmed that there was beer in the cup and he was underage.

9/19/03: 12:00am, Disorderly conduct and fighting between students and non-students.

9/20/03: 12:06am, Non-student was seen assaulting student. Non-student extremely non-compliant. Non-student was given a trespass warning and escorted off campus.

9/20/03: 1:20am, Non-student was arrested for trespassing, after being warned.

9/10/03: 12:15pm, Student lost wallet in 4th floor Coaster Hall. When he went to look for it, RA had found it and gave it back. $235.00 was missing.

9/9/03: 8:39pm, Students documented for possession of hard liquor in a multi-liter container and underage possession of alcohol.

9/8/03: 9:16pm, Students documented for underage possession of alcohol, possession of hard liquor, and possession of multi-liter containers.

9/7/03: 1:29am, Student documented for underage possession of alcohol, possession of hard alcohol, dishonest, and a quiet hours violation.

9/9/03: 8:29pm, Student documented for dishonesty, providing false information, intentional obstruction of college activities, and disrespecting/failure to comply with directions of college officials.

9/8/03: 11:00pm, Fire extinguisher taken from a dorm. Extinguisher replaced by DoCS.

9/10/03: 12:01am, Missing fire extinguisher from the 2nd floor was replaced. It is unknown who took the extinguisher.

9/10/03: 7:40pm, Student found in possession of two knives. Knives were confiscated.

9/11/03: 9:50am, Two students posing as "campus security" asked victim if they could look in his room. Victim allowed entry and the students looking in the refrigerator and left. Incident under investigation.

9/11/03: 10:05pm, Fourth degree burglary to a student's dorm room, no suspects known.

9/12/03: 12:49am, Student documented for disrespecting and harassing college officials in proper performance of their duties.

9/12/03: 2:08am, Student documented for underage possession of alcohol, possession of alcohol in a dry dorm, and possession of hard alcohol.

9/14/03: 1:20am, Student documented for violation of the College Alcohol Policy, underage alcohol possession, and violation of published rules governing residence halls.

9/14/03: 2:47am, Student documented for violation of college alcohol policy including underage possession.

9/15/03: 8:51am, Fire extinguisher found partially dispensed in Rouzer basement. Student charged for violation.

9/12/03: Fire extinguisher found missing from Rouzer basement laundry room. Replaced at this time.

9/13/03: Exit sign broken apart in back hall BWH.

9/10/03: A portrait was found missing from the display area in Eldredge hall near the lobby.

9/13/03: 10:19pm, Two students and one non-student documented for throwing ice cubes at a sculpture. Non-students asked to leave campus.

9/13/03: 11:29pm, Student documented for failure to comply in including disrespecting and harassing college officials in proper performance of their duties.

9/14/03: 12:08am, Student documented for underage possession of alcohol, possession of alcohol in a dry dorm, and possession of hard alcohol.

9/15/03: 12:58am, Students caught vandalizing an off campus property.

9/17/03: 12:24am, Student documented for possession of multi-liter containers, failure to comply with directions of DoCS, violation of rules governing college residence halls, noise violation, and intentional obstruction.

The Photography club and WMC-TV Channel 26 were also present. The Photography Club was present, and students can contact the department for more information.

The Campus Activities Office is getting started with a T-shirt sale to save the rainforests and are working to recycle ink cartridges on campus and are planting trees in November.

The Non-Traditional Student Network gives new students the opportunity to connect with traditional students and use their experiences. Then plan on having speakers come to meetings and other helpful events throughout the year. The Muster Student Association is having a meeting Tuesday October 7 at 12 noon, where parking safety will be mainly discussed.

For more information on any of these clubs, or other college activities, contact the Campus Activities Office.

The International News Corner

INFORMATION COMPiled FROM BBB.COM BY FRUZSINA NAGY
Photographer

According to BBC News, Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh was stabbed several times in a Stockholm department store on September 10. She died in hospital the next morning. September 11, after prolonged surgery.

Swedish police apprehended a suspect in a suburban restaurant in Stockholm. The police have stressed the man is not their only suspect. Police have been pressured to find the culprit and had put out a nationwide alert to find the assassin.

Ms. Lindh's murder shocked a country used to seeing its leading politicians travel without bodyguards. The 46-year-old foreign minister was known for her great negotiating skills and for her support of the European Union (EU).

Her personality stood out from the EU foreign ministers by being unconventional—one once quoted Bob Dylan in a speech to the United Nation. She also called U.S. President George W. Bush "the Lone Ranger" for going to war in Iraq.

The murder of Lindh happened only days before the Sweden-euro referendum, in which Lindh played a leading role for the euro. The vote was held as scheduled, with voters rejecting membership of the currency by 56% to 44%.

International leaders gathered for an official memorial service in Stockholm, before she was buried in a private funeral.

*The next International Club meeting will be held on Wednesday at 7pm. in Ensor Lounge*
What’s the Deal with Freshmen Fashion?

I’ve seen it every year. By now it’s become as expected upon returning to the Hill as room check forms or Choices. I was willing to let the silk cargo pants go, I said nothing about the stilettos, or the wool tailored Mazers in late August. I didn’t mention the cell phones attached to the belts or the sequined mini skirts. But when I saw the flameco skirt and matching thumb cymbals in Giar, I knew the issue had to be confronted.

Why do freshman girls get so dressed up?

In their defense, I will say that many don’t carry the behavior on past November. When temperatures begin to drop and they finally realize that hooded sweatshirts are basically the unspoken uniform here, the sequins tend to head back into the closet. But why bother at all with the glitz, the glamour, the strappy shoes, in the first place? I have contemplated several theories.

Many of the girls are simply trying to make a good impression. On their professors, on their room and dormmates, but mostly on the guys, guys, guys. With so many new males at their fingertips, there’s never been a better time to look better. Please don’t clean up for this oblivious audience. Have you noticed that they never dress up for you?

Another often debated theory is that many of these girls see coming to college as going to be dressed for it. Freshmen girls may also have parents who see coming to college as a reason to buy their children a new wardrobe; the mother or father doesn’t think of the Hill.

Hill.” Need advice on your relationship? Is your friendship about break? We can help you, if you’re too shy to go to the Smith House about money! Go to Abercrombie, Gap, Old Navy, or even Salvation Army.

Trust me, you’ll fit in even better, and more importantly, there will come a time in the next four years when you will need your parents money even more than you needed that leather black micro mini from Dolce&Gabbana.

These theories and the issues they address don’t apply to all freshman girls of course, and those of you who it does apply to know who you are.

I don’t intend this as a malicious attack or a mocking of your merit status here on the Hill.

I just want you to be comfortable and to realize that this is college! No one cares what you are wearing.

Except maybe the other freshman girls. And even so, it’s only because they are wondering where you ever found thumb cymbals.

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Alcohol Drugs & Zero Tolerance

BRAD GROOVER Staff Writer

When I first heard the news about McDaniel’s drug and alcohol problem, my first thought was “Wow, I’m embarrassed for my fellow students.” Yet, upon further reflection, I’m not sure this should be the case.

I’ve come up with two conclusions we can reach from these events. The first is that there are unusual drug and alcohol problems on this campus, which result in the increase of regulations, the decrease of tolerance, the increase of corrective action, and, consequently, the threatening of student autonomy.

Next, there is my conclusion, which lies at the heart of the college’s policies. It’s possible the irregular amount of arrests stem from the overregulation and overcorrection of student behavior.

According to the Baltimore Sun, there have been an “unusual and a lot of arrests [concerning alcohol and drugs]” and that these people are “causing disorderly conduct and inappropriate behavior.” All right then, I suppose we have thrown the notion of “innocent until proven guilty” right out the window.

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Sex? Need Advice?

Join us in our new column “Sex on the Hill.” Need advice on your relationship? Is your friendship about break? We can help you. If you’re too shy to go to the Smith House about sex problems, or sex advice, we’ll go there for you! Join us through every issue in the Features section as we unravel “Sex on the Hill.”

Just send your questions to our mailbox or our email addresses: Andrea= Box 943, or abluangell@yahoo.com; LaRhonda= Box 1422, or lab004@mcdaniel.edu.

Walter Zalis sounds off about why parking at McDaniel College is nerve-racking.

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Welcome to Jack Daniel’s College

Jamie Fallows reacts to the college’s party-school reputation

Have you ever seen that movie Animal House? If you haven’t, don’t worry. It’s in the library. As many of you have heard, the college is known as a party zone. The Baltimore Sun published an article on September 10 about the twenty-four drug and alcohol arrests made within the first two weeks of school. Some are calling McDaniel College “the Number 1 party school in Maryland.” I have even heard some people refer to the school as “Jack Daniel’s College.”

Let’s get to saying it. I’m not saying that we’re inebriated or have a blast with it every day. Let’s be serious about this. I’m not going to lie. I’m going to tell you what I know and if you don’t like it, I don’t really care. I do know that McDaniel College has a reputation for being a party school and I’m not going to fight it. I’m going to accept it and make the best of it.

We have two choices here: We can either show them what we’re really made of, or we can just do what they expect of us.

So what do we do now? Campus Safety say that patrols should be increased to prevent student drug and alcohol abuse. My grandmother, an alumni, says that the college and Westminster community should enforce tougher punishments on those who participate in these activities.

A list of people see that this college is more than a giant keg party and want to do everything in their power to save the school from a bad reputation.

Well, I say live up to that reputation!

Let’s start by setting a bonfire on the second level field to celebrate the new name change, then throw Bud Light on it to put it out before Campus Safety shows up! No, wait, that would be a waste of beer... let’s use all the cold-free beer to extinguish the blaze!

Let’s all go outside and scream our lungs out until the wee hours of the morning, disturbing our neighbors!

Do they really expect to sleep in a college town like this?

And while we’re bothering our neighbors, let’s urinate on their lawns and defecate in their children’s sandbox boxes!

Let’s smoke lots in our dorm rooms and see how long it takes to set off the smoke alarms!

Let’s leave trash all over town, including cardboard boxes, pack containers, bottle caps, empty plastic bags, broken glass, and discarded food containers from our midnight munchie attacks!

Great Start for The Phoenix’s Fall Semester

The Phoenix Staff

The first two issues of the Phoenix this semester have been the best due to our young and energetic staff.

At the beginning if each semester, the newspaper usually tends to start out slow and then tends to pick up momentum. What I have seen thus far has been outstanding.

The freshmen members of the Phoenix have shown great dedication even though this is their first year in college.

The amount of time and effort needed to complete the newspaper is no easy task.

For example, many of the editors have spent countless hours during layout weekend, and many have stayed until the early morning hours putting their finishing touches on their articles and layout spreads.

I hope that this energetic bunch of crackerjack journalists will be able to maintain their levels of interest in The Phoenix for the rest of the year.

If the first two issues are any indicators, look for great new material in future issues of the Phoenix.

Parking Continued...
Poetry Corner

GOODNIGHT LOVER

Cold fingers moving over soft cotton
The fabric tickling the senses
Ridges sewn in a single caress
Lines of age, hardship and living
Slipping over closed eyelids
Gentle as a fire fly’s touch.

A warm and loving kiss
Pressed against a relaxed cheek
Arms circling his sleeping lover
Her heartbeat pulsing next to his
He lays his head against the pillow
Drawing her content form
In his warm embrace
Kissing his love goodnight.

GREEN EYES

What are we going to do with you,
Green Eyes?
Time after time you’ve made a fool of yourself.
You know what I’m talking about:
sacrificing your Saturday nights,
sitting by the phone,
weary masterpiece make-up
and cute little matching bra and pantie sets—
all for them,
all for nothing.

Once again, you got your hopes up:
Maybe this time;
it will be different,
he will respect me,
there will be romance,
I won’t get hurt—
maybe this time it will be true love.

Why do you always make these mistakes
and then let them haunt you?

Why are you sitting on the bathroom counter,
gazing into your own eyes in the mirror,
talking to yourself?

Come on, Green Eyes, snap out of it!

~by Carrie Councill

WANTED:

Thoughts, feelings, and opinions about moments in life.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT POETRY TO THE PHOENIX, SEND IT TO JAMIE FALLOWS, BOX 1190.

Freshman Beware

Welcome to Arrestville, Maryland
Freshmen beware—you have not signed
yourself up for four years of higher education
at a school similar to those seen in “Animal House,” “Road Trip,” or “Old School.”

I remember my naive freshman mentality,
filled with expectations of wild parties,
boozes, good friends, and good laughs.

If you really want to experience these things,
you’d better do it quietly, for Westminster police are always on the prowl.

Recently, college officials revealed that 18 student arrests have occurred during the
first two weeks of classes.

On September 10th, the numbers made
front page headlines in the Carroll County section of The Baltimore Sun.

The number of violations and arrests for this year are startling, but they’re nothing new.

I could rattling off at least 25 of my friends who have received violations in the past, and
I have to include myself on the list. Sometime I feel that McDaniel College should
save students from a shock, and declare the healthy program a graduate requirement.

The fact is, police are everywhere. Campus safety is now considered a must.

I know what you’re thinking, young freshmen. “Why? What’s the deal?”
The answer is right in front of your face. It’s all around you.

It has swallowed you up. I’m talking about the Westminster.

Westminster is not necessarily a bad little town. In fact, there are areas that are downright peaceful and quaint. However, in my opinion, McDaniel College is located in the most dangerous area of Westminster.

The college continuously reminds students to be considerate of the neighboring residents of the school. However, I think it’s about time for the college to ask the community to consider the importance of a safe environment for students striving for higher education.

Was the college not even fazed when a student was stabbed last semester on Pennsylvania Avenue?

Why are the students getting arrested and given violations when there is drug use just a few footsteps away from the college? (And we all know I’m not talking about marijuana.)

We go to school in a somewhat shady area of town.

That’s too black and white for my liking.

If the school wants to avoid another sticky situation similar to this recent episode, the police and community need to ease up on students. We are not the outrageous, wild student body portrayed on the front page of The Baltimore Sun.

We are a confined campus struggling to find our niche in an unpleasing area of town.

~Robbie Saville is a senior English major.
“Knowing that there is something better at the end of the line.”
- Brian Reneaum, sophomore

“Inner drive to be the best I can be in everything.”
- Efi Eyo, junior

“The satisfaction I get at the end motivates me, from having felt like I accomplished something. Sometimes its only a smile on someone’s face for doing something nice for them, that warm fuzzy feeling.”
- Sarah Tracey, sophomore

“The preparation for what parents calls the real world.”
- Mike Groft, sophomore

“First and foremost the driving force is my parents, they have done such an amazing job. Since I was five I wanted to be a pediatrician, so the need to go to Medical school has also been a driving force to make me succeed. Finally being involved in Phi Mu has motivated me academically but also just to be a better person.”
- Jess Zimmerman, junior

“I am motivated to get up every morning because of the prospect of a new day.”
- Marcia Robusto, sophomore

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**Restaurant Review**

**Liberatore’s Ristorante: A Fine Italian Feast**

ROBBIE SAVILLE
Staff Writer

Mom and pops visiting this weekend? Want to make sure you get yourself a meal that will help flush some Glar out of your system? Do they have a Platinum Plus card? Answer "yes" to all three of these questions and I’ve got the perfect suggestion—Liberatore’s Ristorante.

Liberatore’s is a family owned restaurant that is relatively new to the Westminster area. However, it is an appreciated addition to the dining community.

Guests are given thorough service by attentive servers. Not only do servers skillfully tend to their tables, but busers are always scoping for unfilled water glasses and plates to clear from the table.

Liberatore’s owner came to my table twice to make sure that I didn’t need anything and everything tasted fine. Unfortunately, such consideration comes with a price. Liberatore’s is slightly costly.

Got 29 dollars to blow on a Seafood Lover’s dish? Try the Frutti Di Mare, a blend of lobster, shrimp, scallops, clams, and mussels in a chunky tomato broth, with mushrooms and bell peppers, served over linguini.

For 16 dollars, I got a salad, my choice of New York Strip or Prime Rib, garlic mashed potatoes, garlic bread, and a slice of coconut cake.

Everything was delicious, particularly the Prime Rib and garlic potatoes.

When dining at Liberatore’s, the Crab Bruschetta is a must. It may not look like much, but you won’t feel anything like it at any Olive Garden I’ve been to.

Also, try the cream of crab soup. It costs around 5 dollars, but mom and dad won’t mind splurging a little for their starving college student, will they?

You know you’re about to shell out some bucks when you walk into a “ristorante” instead of a “restaurant.”

After all, Liberatore’s is fine Italian dining.

I’m not a restaurant connoisseur, but I know quality food when I taste it.

Liberatore’s has all the essential elements an efficient dining location should have: attentive, quality service, a clean, pleasant atmosphere, and most of all, interesting and delicious dishes that surpass their asking price.

Believe me, at Liberatore’s, you get your bang for your buck.

**Liberatore’s Ristorante**
(410) 876-2121

140 Village Shopping Center
Westminster, MD 21157

**Matchstick Men Lights up the Big Screen**

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Staff Writer

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In this role for the bad guy flick, Nicholas Cage’s character, Roy, is a slick con artist, who is freakishly neat and who has a huge fear of dirt.

Roy is as sly as a fox when it comes to conning, but if he is nervous, his funny eye twitch (which looks like a spastic wink) will give it all away. Roy has everything perfect.

He does the same exact things at the same exact time, everyday and then suddenly his daughter walks into his life, and moves into his home after getting into a fight with the mother (whom Roy has not talked to or seen in years, thus he was unaware of there being a child but was aware of the possibility).

Alison Lohman, a new face on the big screen, stars as Roy’s fourteen-year-old daughter Angela, who is a beautiful, naive kid who wants to learn her father’s trade and take part in one of this scams.

Seeing the perfect opportunity and seeing the perfect use for her, he agrees, much to the dismay of his partner, Frank (played by Sam Rockwell; You’ve seen him as the villain in Charlie’s Angels), who thinks she will get in the way.

Roy watches his daughter play an act on their prey, and is shocked to see that she is as good as he is, and he grows attached to his little girl.

Suddenly, in an unexpected turn of events, the scam goes bad, and Roy, Frank, and Angela find themselves running for their lives.

In a whirlwind of twists and turns, Roy realizes the bigger picture — HE was being conned.

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BAILEY FANNIN
Staff Writer

The roof of Big Baker is barren and ridged. It’s missing something that it had had for years and years before.

It is missing its cross; it’s identification as the religious center of Western Maryland College.

It has been 36 years since the campus of Western Maryland College has been affiliated with a religion. Before 1974 our official affiliation was with the United Methodist Church.

All of our presidents were Methodists and 3/4 of our Board of Trustees consisted of Methodist ministers until the 1960’s.

In 1972 the ACLU brought a lawsuit on a number of religiously affiliated schools, including Western Maryland College, Loyola, and College of Notre Dame of Maryland.

These colleges were being sued for not upholding the separation of church and state as well as from their religious affiliation with a religion.

Pre-1974 our official affiliation was with the United Methodist Church.

In 1974 the ACLU decided that, from a financial standpoint, officially breaking from the Methodist church was the best course of action.

According to Lightner most students did not realize the fact that we had broken from the church, even at the time.

There was no out rage, no rioting of students or faculty. Aside from “nit picky alterations”, as Lightner described the changes, the main change on campus was the removal of all the crosses.

The absence of the crosses is not the only physical reminder that the new McDaniel College is not affiliated with a religion.

Stop for a moment to compare the seal of Western Maryland College to the new McDaniel College seal.

There is a minor change between the two.

A hand holding a lit torch is removed, while only the rays of light that the torch once bore remains.

The hand in the WMC seal resembled the hand of God shining down his rays of light on to the books of Plato (liberal arts), the Bible (religion), and Francis Bacon (science) all the aspects that Western Maryland College prided itself on.

Now all that remains are rays of light from an indeterminate source, expunging the relevance of the light.

But what if we had never broken away from the church?

How would that have affected student’s enrollment into McDaniel College?

How do students feel about life with out the cross?

One surveyed student reports that they like the fact that McDaniel College is not affiliated with a religion.

Jesus Christ, and our students to continue being able to practice their personal faiths.

Another student believes that the non-affiliated atmosphere “creates a more open learning environment” and gives students the opportunity to grow in their own personal faiths.

On the other side of the spectrum some students are not as positive about the break for the Methodist Church.

“We used to be a Methodist college” one surveyed student, Jason Cashen, wrote, “but we broke ties because of a law suit, before it was even settled.

It’s quite disrespectful to God, Jesus Christ, and our students to break ties because we made one person upset.”

Although most of the surveyed students liked the fact that McDaniel was not affiliated with a religion, most supported having vigils for the war victims.

Nick D’Agostino wrote, in response to the question of whether or not the vigils for the war victims were appropriate for a non-affiliated school, “As a non-affiliated school we should be open to all religious gatherings, no matter what religion.”

So was the break from the Methodist Church for the best? Who knows? Would the campus of McDaniel College have a different sensation if the break had never occurred?

Of course. Now McDaniel College has more religious freedom, more tolerance and more of a rounded religious atmosphere.

This draws students into a Liberal Arts school where they can receive a quality education and have the freedom to practice whatever religion they want.

Where Did all the Crosses Go?:
Big Baker Loses a Piece of its Symbolism
Women’s Golf Steadily Improving
Tournament win bodes well for future

LINDSAY GRAHAM
Staff Writer

After five years of existence, the McDaniel Women’s Golf team has been getting better every year, according to Head Coach Mike Diehl. The 2003 Fall season is apparently no exception.

"It was actually very exciting to get this year started because of the new people that were coming in," coach Diehl explains. He will have three new players in Christine Malkiewicz, Lindsay Graham and Bryn Strauss, to join returning juniors Kelly Cramp and Garnett Pumphrey and sophomore Brittany Bowen and Kelly Tawes.

It looks and sounds like the Green Terror are in for a good season with the number one and two players, in Cramp and Pumphrey, gaining experience.

They are also acting as coach Diehl’s assistant coaches who can assist the freshmen with things that are both golf related and non-golf related.

Right now the team has a few minor weaknesses that can be overcome quickly. One of the key weaknesses that is currently affecting the team is a back injury to Bowen. Because of this back injury she is not able to play in tournaments or go to any practice. Coach Diehl is unsure of when she will be able to return playing but so far her absence from tournaments has not hurt the team but getting Bowen back healthy will only make the Terror stronger.

Those Damn Yankees
Why I hate them...and why you should

RYAN BROD
Sports Editor

Please tell me I’m not the only one who hates the New York Yankees.

There has not been a more dominant team in all of professional sports over the last century than the Bronx Bombers.

They have won an unrivaled 26 World Series Championships, four since 1996.

The Yankee pinstripes are known around the world, and the team has one of the largest fan-bases of any sport franchise.

This being said, let me present to you the reasons why they are (especially in my opinion) easy to hate.

First of all, George Steinbrenner, one of the most arrogant, cocky, and shameless men on the planet, is the Yankees majority owner.

Steinbrenner has helped transform baseball on the planet, is the Yankees majority owner. His relationship with management has always been suspect and he is quick to talk negatively about his players.

Why then, does his team continue to succeed? Simple. Steinbrenner and the Yankees have the money to land baseball’s most prized free agents, many of which come to New York as aging veterans with hopes of getting a World Series ring.

Steinbrenner, who has a fiery temper and impenetrable shell of arrogance with the media, can be seen watching the Yankees in his press box.

When the Yankees are struggling, it’s amusing to watch Steinbrenner talk to himself, squirming in his seat.

It was rumored that current Yankee manager Joe Torre’s job was in jeopardy this season. Apparently Steinbrenner was fed up with the lack of recent Championships, which the Yankees have not won since 2000. I find this hilarious.

Take, for example, the Boston Red Sox, who’s last Championship came in 1918. According to my math skills, that’s 85 years. Steinbrenner needs to be put on some sort of tranquilizer.

Secondly, the Yankees fans are just as spoiled as good ole’ Mr. Steinbrenner. During home games at the Stadium, many of the 70,000 seats are filled.

When the beloved Yankees are winning or playing well, the fan noise can be deafening.

But when the Yankees are losing (shockingly), you could be sitting in the upper deck and hear a pin drop on home plate.

It’s strangely intriguing how the cocky and spoiled nature of the organization can rub off on its fans.

For me, the real fan is the Devil Rays season ticket holder, who shows up to every game to cheer on his team, disregarding that they don’t have a snowball’s chance in hell of making the playoffs.

Thirdly, through it all, the Yankees always win. There is nothing more frustrating than watching the big-market, cocky organizations beat up on the competition year after year.

Last years World Series, while not receiving high television ratings in comparison with other years, was extremely refreshing solely because the Yankees were not involved.

Maybe I just love to hate the team that always wins, or maybe the New York Yankees deserve the hatred on a much higher level.

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Roger Clemens and the Yankees continue to be one of the greatest franchises in the history of team sports.
Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett has found himself abandoned by his team.

NCAA Football Blame Game

PAT O'TOOLE
Assistant Sports Editor

The scene used to be widespread: a college football player messes up and his school and coaches do their best to cover up the situation. The organizations used to put the players before themselves. But something has changed with the new millennium. Oh yeah, college football players are still messing up. Big time. But in a day and age when the media and NCAA officials are so quick to point the finger, organizations and coaches are starting a new trend: you mess up, we don’t even know you.

That’s the position Ohio State took with runningback Maurice Clarett after he allegedly falsified a police report, claiming that he had lost over $10,000 in items when his car was broken into.

No one can say that this wasn’t a stupid mistake, but is it worthy of tarnishing an undoubtedly pro-student athlete? After all, Clarett is a big part of Ohio State’s National Title run. He set Ohio State freshman records with 1,237 rushing yards and 18 touchdowns. He scored the game-winning touchdown in the Buckeyes’ 31-24 overtime win over the highly favored Miami Hurricanes at the Fiesta Bowl. And at the first sign of trouble in his personal life, his team suspended him from the entire 2003 football season. After all of his success and leadership, Ohio State is as loyal to Clarett as they are to a homeless man on the corner. No, wait, they might actually offer the hobo some assistance.

So what caused the Buckeyes to turn their back on their star? As outrageous as it seems, Ohio State’s glory was Maurice Clarett’s downfall. The same National Title the Buckeyes won their National Title, the university is worried that the title may be in jeopardy. By suspending Clarett from the 2003 season, Ohio State is hoping that the NCAA will not take any actions against the organization as a whole. What they are forgetting is that the National Title system is run by the BCS, not the NCAA, and therefore the NCAA could have no authority over the title.

Instead of backing Clarett up, Ohio State has decided to let him take the fall on his own to save their own skins. But who can fully blame the organization and its coaches? As of late, the media has reported every negative detail it can get its hands on. One can only imagine the negative publicity that would be associated with the team taking Clarett’s side. They don’t even want to risk the blame being put on them.

If the head coach had stood up for his player, he would have risked an all-out inquiry into his personal life: does he gamble, does he go to strip clubs, does he drink? Ohio State coach Jim Tressel had no intentions of risking his neck for one of his players. Loyalty? He’d rather wait until next season to pick up a new hot high school recruit than worry about tainted goods.

Football Team Loses Another Close Battle

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Staff Writer

The stands were lined with umbrellas while the rain poured on Saturday afternoon. The McDaniel Green Terror took on the Christopher Newport Captains.

Despite a rocky start, the Terror opened the third quarter with a full head of steam. Scoring the only touchdown for the Terror was Dave Posin, who turned a fourth and three charge into a 30-yard run to put points on the board. The attempt at the extra point was no good, veering off to the left of the uprights. Nate Grochell, McDaniel’s place kicker, broke a school-record streak of 31 successful extra point attempts with the miss.

Wet field conditions may have played a part in the miss. With the score 6-0 heading into the fourth quarter, the Captains tied the game with a 65-yard drive in 14 plays, while running 6:20 off the clock. Scoring the touchdown for the Captains was Thomas Thornton, giving the Captains the lead with a successful extra point by Jason Brookie.

Ten minutes remained in the game for the Terror offense to try and regain the lead. The Terror offense was unsuccessful in scoring again, but the defense held the Captains scoreless for the rest of the game. In the loss, McDaniel quarterback Orion Canine completed nearly 70% of his passes for a total of 109 yards. Omar Phillips lead the defense with eleven tackles, including one sack.

Although the Green Terror’s record is now 0-2, they have lost both games by a combined four points.

The Green Terror defense swarms to the Christopher Newport ball-carrier during the team’s hardfought battle.

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The football field goal post was damaged from Hurricane Isabel’s strong winds.
Cross Country Teams Start on Right Foot

ROB GOEKE
Staff Writer

It looks optimistic for the McDaniel Cross Country teams.

Though a very simple statement, it describes the mood of both the men's and women's squads.

A strong recruiting class on both sides should forecast a bright future for the teams. But much can be accomplished this year. The women's side has had two consecutive years of strong additions to the team.

"Of our top ten runners, nine are freshmen and sophomores," said Head Cross Country Coach Doug Renner.

This has made the team very young. But the team has run without inexperience thus far, winning at the Anne Arundel Invitational and placing second at McDaniel's own Green Terror XC Challenge in consecutive weeks.

Sophomore Natasha Young took first place at Anne Arundel while the team finished first. At the second meet, freshman Lianne Price finished first on the team and eighth overall.

Senior Jennifer Pullen also finished in the top twenty in both meets. These strong showings prove that the team is taking steps in the right direction.

"We have improved since last year. The team is progressing," said Sophomore Kristen Aversa.

Though the team has much potential, its real strength may be its depth.

"It is hard to pick one standout runner [for the women's team]. On any given day, any of our top seven runners could finish first," said Coach Renner.

The concept of "packs" plays an important role in Cross Country.

The team's best runners often run close together throughout most of the race and then kick into their highest gear when they near the finish line.

The top seven finisher's places for each team are added together and whatever team has team lowest score wins.

Therefore, a close pack will aid a team in garnering a low score.

The women's team depth makes for a very close pack. This will aid them as the season progresses.

During the 1999 season, the women's team won the Centennial Conference with the help of All-American runner Jill Krebs. However, with the depth the team has, this squad could improve upon the 1999 team's accomplishments.

"This team is better depth-wise than the 1999 team. Right now, the challenge is to get the team to believe that they can take the next step," said Coach Renner.

The team has much work to do in building towards the Conference meet as well as the NCAA regional, but the team members feel like they can improve.

"We would like to win the conference or be in the top three," said Young.

The men's team outlook is equally positive.

After some injuries last season, the team is looking to improve as well as keep healthy.

Led by Seniors John Regan, Calvin Woodward and Sophomore Paul Hugus, the squad is looking to finish higher than fifth in the conference, which was their previous best.

Finishing first at Anne Arundel and third at the Green Terror XC Challenge, the team is off to a solid start.

"We are taking it one race at a time and we are trying to improve each week," said Coach Renner.

Like the women, the men's team has received contributions from their younger members. Hugus won the first meet and finished second at the following one.

Freshman Ben Brown finished sixth overall and second on the team at Anne Arundel. Freshman Matt Reuse, Regan and Woodward all placed in the top twenty at Anne Arundel.

"We have strong team chemistry and we are off to a good start," said Woodward.

Hugus, coming off a successful freshman year, has only improved since then.

"Thus far, Paul has not been beaten by a non-Division I runner," said Coach Renner. The mix of experience and youth will only help the team as the season progresses.

As long as the team can keep its runners healthy enough for meets, a conference finish above fifth place is not out of the question.

"When we run with all of our guys on the course, we can improve on last year's results," said Hugus.

Overall both the men and women of McDaniel Cross Country look to work hard and have a triumphant season.

Coach Renner added, "My assistant [Tory Smith] and I have particularly enjoyed coaching these groups of student athletes. It will be a fun season for both groups."

Despite Losses, Men's Soccer Still has High Spirits

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After falling to Messiah College 7-0 on September 10th, 2003, the Men's soccer team still seems to have their heads on straight.

Directly after the game there were many disappointed players.

But according to Coach Ryan Defibaugh, the frustrated spirits did not last long.

The team knew there were other games to play.

Messiah is one of the best teams that the Green Terror Soccer will face this season, as they are the defending champions of their respective conference.

"Obviously the team was distraught after the game, but we looked at it [the game] as we did positives," said Defibaugh.

Beating Crusaders 4-1 on September 17 helped to raise the teams' spirits.

The soccer team's first conference game was Saturday, September 20th, which the Terrornon, 1-0, over Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Defibaugh made it clear that there will be strong competition in the Centennial Conference. The team will need to bring a high level of play in every remaining game.

"The best way to learn is to lose and see our mistakes," said Defibaugh.

Having lost to Messiah has helped the team see their mistakes and grow.

The team is young and will need time to feel each other out and build team chemistry.

Defibaugh explained that it is still early in the season and with the new players everyone is still trying to play as a unit on the field.

"We are a young team...we are going to have these bumps in the season," said Defibaugh.

Although the squad has lost three games thus far in the young season, the coach and players respectively all have high goals.

Defibaugh commented, "I am expecting a lot from our team."
Families Weekend Draws A Crowd To The Hill

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Parents, siblings, and other family members of McDaniel students were invited to campus this past weekend for various events during our annual Families Weekend. Activities began on Friday night with CAPBoard's presentation of hypnotist and mind reader, Chuck Milligan.

"He was very entertaining. I wish they had events like that more often," said sophomore Lindsey Schwartz. Guests were also encouraged to check out the Pub and Coffeehouse, as both were kept open until 1 a.m.

On Saturday, tailgaters lined the hill around Bair Stadium and fans packed the sidelines and bleachers of the field hockey and soccer fields, as many parents chose to spend their weekend attending Green Terror sporting events. The football team was the only McDaniel team to capture a win at home, topping Ursinus 24-20. However, after a close and exciting game, the field hockey team fell to Ursinus 2-1 in sudden death overtime. Muhlenberg College and Franklin and Marshall also topped the men's and women's soccer teams, respectively.

Other activities held Saturday morning included a presentation by Dean Liz Towle on living options, an exhibit in the library on the life of William Roberts McDaniel, and another presentation on internships, January Term, and Study-abroad programs.

A reception was held for parents of first-year students to meet the professors and peer mentors of the first-year seminar program. "I got to meet two parents," said Business professor Susan Milstein. "I think it (the reception) always goes well; it's nice for the parents to meet the professors and vice versa."

However, Milstein added that the attendance at the event could have been better if activities had been better coordinated, for there were a number of other activities and sporting events that were occurring at the same time.

"I happen to absolutely adore the day, which began at 7:30 a.m. and consisted of "Combat Lane" drill towards the end of the day, which began at 7:30 a.m. and ended around 5:00 p.m. "Combat Lane" is a drill intended to simulate a combat patrol in which juniors are given the chance to command squad-level groups in the field for their first time while seniors observe and analyze their performances. The twenty-person squads of cadets were pitted against two "op-for" (short for "opposing force") operatives who ambushed them as they cautiously advanced through the wooded areas around the golf course. Though not completely balanced, the mock fighting was valuable field experience for everyone involved.

The next weekend, the cadets were shipped out to Fort Indiantown Gap to participate in Vest Days at the Carroll County Farm Museum. Families Weekend Activities wrapped up on Sunday with the Ninth Annual Families Weekend Golf Tournament.

For The Green Terror Battalion, There Will Be No Rest

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For the past few weeks, ROTC cadets in the Green Terror Battalion have been going through rigorous military training, both on campus and at Fort Indiantown Gap. On Saturday, September 20, the cadets trained in military maneuvers on the baseball fields and around the 6th hole of the golf course.

Senior Cadet Mark Denis explained that the freshmen and sophomores were given a "crash course on everything," from weapon assembly to movement formations. They were expected to employ these skills serving as squad members during the "Combat Lane" drill towards the end of the day, which began at 7:30 a.m. and continued on page 2...see TRAINING,

The Hidden Role of SASS

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The basement of Winslow Hall is home to a small group of learning specialists who head the Student Academic Support Services Center. According to the center's director Kevin Selby, the mission of the Student Academic Support Services (SASS), "is to help students with disabilities by providing reasonable accommodations."

"The SASS has a very high rate of success in helping students," Selby stated. Long lines in the waiting room and phones that rang off the hook demonstrated the accuracy of his statement.

Some of the services that SASS provides include note-takers, alternative locations for exams, and soundproof studying rooms.

According to Selby, the greatest challenge for the center is "working with a high number of students with a very small staff." This has become more of a challenge each year as the number of students enrolled with SASS increases and the staff size remains the same. There are only a handful of full-time employees who run SASS, and they are faced with the difficult task of advising hundreds of students.

Another challenge discussed by Selby included how to handle the diverse characteristics of the student body. "Each student who comes here is a unique individual...see SASS, continued on page 2..."
Green Terror
Battalion
Travels To
Fort Indian
Town Gap

CHRISTIANNA D. BAGBY
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On Friday, September 28, the McDaniel College R.O.T.C. Green Terror Battalion conducted their annual battalion field training exercise at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA.

The weekend was a three-day training event geared to give cadets hands-on type training in the real world of a military environment. The training consisted of daytime and nighttime land navigation courses, obstacle course, and a field leadership reaction course.

During the event, freshmen, sophomores and junior cadets were placed into leader ship positions and evaluated on their performance as leaders by senior cadets. LTC James Kraft, the Green Terror’s Battalion Commander, comments, “leadership is not easy. It requires discipline, physical and moral courage, confidence, and competence. All training at Fort Indiantown Gap was designed to develop these requisites.”

Junior cadet, Michelle Levesque, says that she learned a lot from completing both land navigation courses. She says, “teamwork is key to success in this training.”

The Battalion’s Training Non-Commissioned Officer, SFC Rodney Clark, stresses the importance of the “actual experience as the actual physical challenge” that the cadets experience at Fort Indiantown Gap. Clark says, “the actual experience of the hands-on training is really important, especially for the freshmen cadets.”

Freshman cadet, Michael Prush, says, “Without a doubt, the most important thing that I learned from the training at Fort Indiantown Gap was teamwork, and realize that I am about to join one of the biggest teams in the world, the United States Army.”

Kraft’s one piece of advice to all cadets who conducted the training was to “strive for excellence in all that you do and, as a leader, demand it of others.”

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and must be treated that way,” he said. This is especially important because SASS deals with students of every race, gender, class, and ability.

Selby also discussed the role of SASS for students in their post-McDaniel lives saying, “the center’s services help to instill lifelong habits of self-discipline, personal advocacy, and organization.” The programs are designed so that when a student reaches the end of his/her college career, he/she will be independent and ready to tackle the challenges of the real world.

Still Too Early To Tell If Recruiting Efforts For R.O.T.C. Have Been Significantly Affected In The Aftermath Of The 9/11 Attacks And The War On Terrorism

CHRISTIANNA D. BAGBY Staff Writer

There is no doubt that the attacks of 9/11 and the war on terrorism fuel many mixed emotions. The events of that day are etched into the minds and memories of just about every American because its tragedies resulted in the loss of millions of innocent lives in our country.

No, America has declared war on terrorism, some may wonder how the military is ultimately affected in light of our country’s current mission.

For McDaniel College R.O.T.C. Battalion Commander, LTC James Kraft, is concerned, “it is still a bit too early to tell how the continuing war on terrorism is affecting our recruiting efforts.”

Kraft continues, “Those who feel a sense of calling to wear the uniform of a soldier and leader in the United States Army will likely not be dissuaded to enter our cadet ranks as a result of our Army’s continuing mission.

After all, our Army exists to fight and win our nation’s wars and had done just that for 228 years - never failing the American people.”

2LT Greg Elko, the current Gold Bar Recipient for the college and former McDaniel College cadet, agrees: “I really, seriously could not tell you if recruiting has been affected or not.

As of today, I know that the Army, as a whole, is meeting our goal and then some when it comes to commissioning officers.

We are actually over commissioning officers every year. R.O.T.C. has done a good job of filling the ranks of the Army with quality lieutenants.”

Elko says that although right now the Green Terror Battalion has a numerous amount of freshmen cadets enrolled into the R.O.T.C. class, there are no freshmen cadets contracted into the program as of yet.

Despite this fact, Elko says that 8 of those cadets have 3-5 years of active senior leadership positions lined up for them next year, if they choose to take it.

He also says that the program currently has enrolled 14 contracted senior cadets, 7 contracted junior cadets, and 12 contracted senior cadets. The twelve senior cadets will commission in the Spring. Elko says, “The program’s mission is to commission 9 officers every year.”

Elko was in his junior year at McDaniel when the 9/11 attacks occurred. Elko reminisces about his thoughts and his initial reactions to the attacks.

He says, “As a cadet at the time of the attacks, I know that my career path had always been to be in the Army. I had always just had an interest in it... my thoughts about joining the Army as an officer really didn’t change in the aftermath of 9/11 and the war.”

Elko describes his initial reaction as “a little bit angry.” He says, “It made me curious as to why someone would be filled with so much hatred that they would want to attack America.”

He also notes, “But more than that, I wanted to know what we could do as a nation to change some of the negative perceptions that some cultures and some religions have of America.”

Many cadets feel similarly. Sophomore cadet, Robert Hegmann, who is not a contracted Army R.O.T.C. cadet due to the fact that he is already enlisted as a Lance Corporal in the United States Marine Corps, admits that he is only enrolled into the program to “pick up some extra credits.”

Despite this fact, Hegmann says, “Initially after the attacks, I was very angry... I was willing to drop everything in order to go help.”

Junior cadet Michelle Levesque says that her decision to join R.O.T.C. was not affected by 9/11 or the war on terrorism because she had made her decision prior to the attacks.

When asked to comment on her initial reactions of the attacks, Levesque says, “I don’t know. I had very mixed emotions of shock and anger.”

One person who clearly feels very strongly about his desire to become an Army officer is freshman cadet Michael Prush.

Prush says, “The scholarship money was not a factor for me. I joined R.O.T.C. mainly because I have seen many family members and friends who have joined the military and have gained experience and discipline that way. Watching them has inspired me to want to be in the military as an officer.”

Prush says that he plans to take the experience he gains as a military officer and apply it into civilian job markets.

Prush also had very strong emotions about the 9/11 attacks and the war on terrorism. He says, “Being a resident of New York, I was very angry.”

He continues, “Eventually I realized that I had to get over that aggressive feeling and turn it into something positive. I decided that I wanted to be a part of the biggest and baddest team in the world, the United States Army.

But to do that, I realized that I would have to set my aggression aside in order to be a competent leader as well as a professional in this career field.”

Prush comments, “As an officer, I think that being a professional and learning to keep your emotions in tact is key to doing what you have to do in order to succeed at your mission.”

Prush is planning to contract officially into the R.O.T.C. program next year.

As for recruiting efforts, Kraft and Elko say that although it is still too early to tell, they believe that the 9/11 attacks and the war on terrorism will ultimately have a positive affect on R.O.T.C.

Kraft says that, despite what happens, there will eventually be some type of effect. He says, “Certainly, any major current events involving the Armed Forces of the United States, broadcasted to Americans everywhere, will impact recruiting efforts positively or negatively.”

Kraft says he is fully aware that “some students, who are simply drawn to R.O.T.C. out of a sense of curiosity or an opportunity to get some scholarship dollars to attend college, may begin to shy away from R.O.T.C. as the realities of the war on terrorism continue.”

In light of this fact, Kraft says, “I am confident that we will continue to attract extraordinary talent - as we offer the best leadership career in the world and an opportunity to serve in, arguably, the best Army in history.”
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training before the ride back to campus. "They did great and it was good training," commented Lt. Elko, who accompanied the 45 ROTC students to Fort Indiantown Gap.

The main objective behind these training days, referred to as "lab days," is to prepare the cadets for the National Advanced Leadership Course. Junior ROTC program participants in NALC over 32 days at Ft. Lewis in Washington with hundreds of others from around the nation.

They are tested in day and night land navigation, weapons qualification, water survival, and NBC (Nuclear Biological Chemical) warfare to name a few of the countless drills over their month-long stay.

The next lab day ROTC students can look forward to will be October 31st, when they will invade the pool for a combat water survival course.

A new civilian administration in Guinea-Bissau has been sworn in, two weeks after the army seized power in a bloodless coup.

According to BBC.com, Guinea-Bissau is one of the poorest countries in the world. Its population is 1.5 million people, and most of them survive on 50 cents a day.

The coup occurred on an early Sunday morning in the former Portuguese colony. It was a military response to former President Kumba Yala's announcement to cancel presidential elections for the fifth time. President Yala dissolved the government last November and postponed new elections four times since.

Since the coup, the junta has insisted that it has no intention of holding onto power.

General Verissimo Seabra Correa, the Chief of Armed Forces, led the coup and became president of the council. General Correa also appointed Henrique Rosa, a businessman, to take over as interim president and to head a transitional government. A new prime minister, Antonio Artur, was also appointed.

An agreement by the ruling military council and the political parties was signed to give way for parliamentary elections in six months and for presidential elections a year later. The new civil government was sworn in only after the agreement was signed.

Disputes between political parties previously delayed the agreement, but a last-minute deal led to all but one of them signing the document.

The National Transition Council, which brings together political representatives in a quasiparliamentary role until a general election, was also formally set in place.

Several African countries, as well as the United Nations, originally condemned the coup and called for the reinstatement of Former President Kumba Yala. But the army refused to let President Yala back in power and they believe that since the president has been removed, relief has been brought among many ordinary people.

Portugal condemned the coup and called on the army to allow long-delayed elections to go forward in its former colony.

The general said President Yala was free to remain in Guinea-Bissau or to leave the country if he wished.
Welcome to McDaniel College: Home of the Apathetic

I hear people whining everyday. There is not a class, a lunch, or a walk to Lewis that goes by that someone isn’t complaining about how they were in some way violated by the school.

You know I am right.

You hear it.

You do it.

Here is my problem with you all: you talk a big game about how everyone else is to blame, is wrong in how they do things and how if you were in charge how things would be different.

Guess what? You got no sympathy with me. “Why is that?” you ask.

“You are a student; you must get used to these things.”

Well, I do get wronged, but the difference between you and I is that I do something about it.

And realize. people, talking trash about Campus Safety, RAs and the Administration is not doing something.

What really troubbles me is how the very same offenders that warrant the campus’ reaction have the nerve to complain.

Did you ever realize that if people didn’t drink in public, they would not be harassed by Campus Safety for drinking in public?

How about if you didn’t park in nonspaces, Campus Safety would not issue you a $25 ticket?

How about if you didn’t have the stereo cranked up at 1:30 a.m., RAs would not bust you for a noise violation?

All of the things you complain about are your fault and could be prevented. So now you believe that I must be some closet kid, with no social life and is afraid of fun.

But another difference between you and I is that I am good at it.

If you know the rules you can use them in your favor.

Play within them and everyone is happy. It really is easy to know you cannot drink in public: not on campus, not in town, not at home, not anywhere public.

This is not a new rule, it is an old law. It is not hard to follow.

It is also easy to know that there are no parking spots on campus that are a 30-second walk from the building you need to go to.

There is a simple answer: walk 6 minutes across campus from ANW to Harrison Lot or from the Stadium to Lewis. La Di Da.

You expect me to walk for six whole minutes of my life? Forget it.

I will not. Realize that in life, there isn’t always going to be a close spot and that a 6-minute walk is a far cry from a 20-minute bus ride you would get at other campuses.

So you have heard my spiel from up on my soapbox and here’s why.

I will agree that some rules are meant to be broken or are flawed and should be changed.

I am not going to sit here and say that our school is perfect, but not only do you provoke the behavior you complain about, you don’t take an active role to change the policy and behaviors you hate so much.

You don’t go to the people with the connections to make changes. You don’t care enough.

You are too lazy or too tired or (God forbid) too busy.

But you have no problem running your mouth to friends and family, and some of you even bother to write to the paper with brainless insight and complaints.

Why don’t you go to the Student Government meetings?

There are people there who meet regularly with the people who you supposedly hate.

Your SGA representation has the power to make change, to answer questions, and make the school better for you because after all, that is the only person you care about.

Why don’t you be productive with your distaste for the school and make some changes so the future classes don’t have to put up with the same “injustices” you did?

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Our campus is riddled with apathy and it is time we put an end to it. The more people involved, the easier it is to get things done.

Your complaining isn’t getting you or your issues anywhere, so how could an hour here or there with the right organization or person be any more of a waste of time?

Wake up people! The real world is knocking on your door and it’s time you answered.

There are people there who meet regularly with the people who you supposedly hate.

Your SGA representation has the power to make change, to answer questions, and make the school better for you because after all, that is the only person you care about.

Why don’t you be productive with your distaste for the school and make some changes so the future classes don’t have to put up with the same “injustices” you did?

The point of this article is to tell you to quit making excuses, quit running your mouth without the facts, quit being lazy and quit being irresponsible.

Start taking action.

Start getting your questions answered by the people who know the real story.

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The Apathetic

-This article was submitted by a McDaniel College Student who wished to remain anonymous

Sex? Need Advice?

The Phoenix is currently looking for submissions for our new column “Sex on the Hill.” Need advice on your relationship? Is your friendship about to break? We can help you. Join us through every issue in the Features section as we unravel “Sex on the Hill.”

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**Democratic Disaster in the Running**

Good news to Republicans! It looks as if the Democratic party is moving away from their best running against itself than itself.

In a year where political dramas have become commonplace (I am looking at you California) the Democratic Presidential Nomination has become more of a battle royal.

With ten candidates currently in the running (Yes, even lightweights Dennis Kucinich and Carol Moseley Braun) the Democrats are killing themselves before they run against Lord Bush.

This whole situation, as a liberal (I am a proud Green Party member) has left me one wonder if we will ever get back into power.

It is not looking very good right now.

If I am stuck between voting for another Bush administration or the Reverend Al Sharpton I think I may just move to Canada.

Right now we have Dick Gephardt, who as head of the Democratic Party lost the majority in the Senate and then quit the job a day later. Joe Lieberman?

Was Al Gore’s running mate in 2000, which most Democrats would wish to forget about.

Then there is Howard Dean, who is the former Governor of Vermont.

Dean is hated by other Democrats because he thinks the United States should take a more neutral stance in the Middle Peace Process (but we CANT not support Israel.)

The list grows as folk such as Senators John Kerry (a veteran of the Vietnam War,) John Edwards (who I gave $2 to for announcing his intention to run John Stewart’s Daily Show) and Bob Graham all announce their bid for candidacy in the 2004 election.

There are ten people running for just a shot to become President of the United States.

Where is the leadership of the Democratic party leadership telling these puts they are only weakening the party?

Seriously, does Al Sharpton think he has any chance of winning when he is near the bottom in popularity.

Until writing this piece, I had never even heard Bob Kucinich and when I first saw his picture I thought it was my Uncle Bob. Apparently he is a real conservative, which would not go over well with Socialists like me in the next election.

Gephardt is a loser ad so is Lieberman for sending the party to where it is today.

In this humble writer’s opinion, the odds on favorite to win the nomination is retired General Wesley Clark.

As a political candidate, he has very little experience but his main strength is in foreign policy, which would give him strength against Bush’s bumbles in Afghanistan and Iraq.

With the war on terrorism and Iraq still going on, I think it would be best if we had a President who had some military experience and who would know what to do in the heat of the battle.

Our current President has made a huge mistake with starting the war in Iraq and I feel that the only way to fix this mess is by having someone with a clear exit strategy that works for all.

Who will win?

We will just have to wait and see. Hey I wonder if we can get Hillary to run too?

-Sean Maslin is a

**Field of Losers: The Democrats**

With a little over a year left before the 2004 Presidential Election, it is becoming increasingly clear that none of the Democratic Presidential candidates are able to defeat President Bush.

The challengers are mediocre at best and lack a proper vision for America. However, it is amazing to explore their various candidacies.

While most are wasting their time trying to obtain their party’s nomination, there are a few runnners.

As of last week retired four-star general Wesley Clark was leading all of his Democratic rivals in the polls. Clark’s entrance is rather peculiar given the fact that he has been a life long Republican and a supporter of President Bush until two days ago.

His top rival former Vermont Governor Howard Dean is a staunch leftist who supports gay marriage and state sponsored health care.

Unlike Clark, Dean has consistently spoken out against the war in Iraq. Instead of changing his position to what is most popular in a given week.

Massachusetts Senator John Kerry resembles Clark with regards to the fact he lacks any charisma and keeps changing his position with regards to the war in Iraq.

Joe Lieberman of Connecticut is a good candidate who would lose his battle for the nomination simply because he is a centrist who lacks luster at his party’s more radical candidates.

Class warior Richard Gephardt is constantly making a fool out himself. He travels around the country telling audiences that President Bush is “a miserable failure”, and continues to accept endorsements from corrupt labor unions.

North Carolina’s John Edwards may have the JFK look but he lacks any substance. He is a tort lawyer who makes his money by crippling businesses.

The final Senator in this race is Florida’s Bob Graham, a dull guy if there ever was one.

Graham had used his previous position as Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee to try and undermine the Bush Administration’s War on Terrorism and that is largely what his campaign message is all about.

Some of the lesser-known candidates include Congressman Dennis Kucinich of Ohio, former US Senator Carol Mosley Braun, and the notorious Reverend Al Sharpton.

These three candidates have not had much luck with regards to poll numbers or financial support.

They are even further from mainstream thought than the other seven candidates. However, they refuse to exit the race at any cost.

In conclusion, it is pretty obvious that the American people should just stick with President Bush.

This is not just because the alternatives are too horrible to contemplate, but because they have been proven to be a true leader. From Afghanistan to Iraq, the President has made the right decisions that will ultimately make us all safer.

-Bryan Renbaum is a sophomore political science major

**Sayre, Seidel, and Webster: Parking Policy needs Changes!**

Occasionally, I read an article that both impresses and bothers me. I felt this way about Walter Zalis’ commentary, “For Everything There is a Reason,” published in the last issue of the Phoenix.

I was impressed by Zalis’ thoroughness and analysis of the parking ticket situation on campus. I was disappointed by his report of the increase of parking tickets. I was disgusted by the administrators’ comments.

My article incident a number of questions.

Zalis reported that “about 2,600 tickets were handed out as of March” last year, almost an 160% increase from 1998-99.

Zalis suggests reasons for such a gross increase in tickets. I think the answer rests quite obviously in the numbers themselves.

Evaluating these statistics as modestly as possible, 2600 tickets last minute the value of $25 ticket results in the college grossing at least $65,000. [Note: This estimate does not take into account the money grossed from fees to register for classes nor the increased value of multiple tickets for one offender].

There’s your answer.

The college is piling tons of thousands of dollars out of student’s pockets in the name of profit.

“Listen up people, the administration wants parking violations, the more the better. That’s why their policy is so vague.”

You can be sure, the administration will disguise their motive. They’ll use deceptive rhetoric...

...They’ll exaggerate and perhaps lie, as I saw in Zalis’ article. They’ll claim the ticket policy is “overly fair” and “fair, and perhaps too liberal.”

They’ll try to displace blame on you: “Zalis said many students receive tickets due to their own laziiness.” Are you lazy?

Don’t buy into this deception. Say it’s bullshit. Director of Campus Safety, Mike Webster, stated, in the Phoenix, “To park legally, students must park in a marked spot or on the grass along the stadium.”

As Zalis pointed out, “After consulting the parking rules...there is no mention of legal places to park on the campus.”

Who knows the policy?

Ultimately, the end result of these tickets is profit for the college, at the expense of students. Now I ask you: what is more a effective measure to that end, a specific and clear policy or an unspecified unclear policy? Listen up people, the administration wants parking violations, the more the better. That’s why their policy is so vague.

Martin Collins said the problem “is an idea of situation vs. policy. I have to do my job, or else chaos will occur in the lots.”

What is the mean about deceptive rhetoric?

But I don’t blame the tool; I blame the tool handler. Let those responsible be blamed. You administer, Sayre, Seidel, or whoever else, we’re tired of your arcane policies. We want answers and changes. We’re sick of you fleecing our money. So address these concerns:

Mike Webster, please answer Zalis’ question: “How can one possibly distinguish between legal grass spots when there is no rule set forth for grass spots?”

Furthermore, why did you refer to a rule that does not exist?

Dean Sayre, please answer my questions: How can an undocumented and arbitrary policy be “fair, and perhaps too liberal” as you suggested? Don’t you feel, in the name of fairness, that students should have access to a documented parking policy?

Dr. Seidel, please answer my question: stated that “students get tickets because they park where it is convenient.” Do you feel the parking situation is inconvenient? If so, what steps are you taking to rectify this?

I also suggested that “There are other parking spaces; they simply aren’t close enough to students.”

Where are these “other spaces”?

Do you really believe that we, the students, are willing to risk a minimum $25 charge to park, or say, 50 yards closer to classes? If so, do you then believe you are foolish.

-Bradley Groover is a junior philosophy major
Poetry Corner

My Cavern

I was once a solid block of stone.
Now I feel the years of erosion washing me away.
Inside of me is a cavern that grows larger every day.
My heart used to be there.
I am empty inside.

When the feelings you have for someone aren't returned,
you feel abandoned, alone.

The Good Old Days

Whatever happened to the good old days when I lived without a care,
when all I needed was my steady growing imagination and some Play-Do,
when I could pick a dandelion for my mommy and say, "Happy Mother's Day", when school was as easy as my ABC's and nap time,
when love was sharing cookies and juice with little Stephen,
when I didn't have to worry about my future,
when every day was an adventure, when someone was always there to make my fears go away?

Whatever happened to the good old days when I was innocent, happy, and free?

-Jamie Fallow

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Tribute to Johnny Cash: A Rock N’ Roll Legend

When the name Johnny Cash is brought up there is only word to describe him: legend. But even legends are mortal. Cash’s mortality was shown on September 12th, 2003, when at the age of 71, he succumbed to diabetes.

Although Cash is no longer with us, his presence in the music world and our culture will never be forgotten. While Cash mainly was considered to be a country artist, his songs and his personality transcend musical boundaries. He was the first punk rocker, the first musician to go against the trend.

He has in the past few years been covering tunes from Nine Inch Nails’ ‘Hurt’ (which was nominated for four MTV music awards) to Soundgarden’s ‘Rusted Cage’. In the 1950’s while rockabilly was king, Cash was writing and singing about darker things than surfing.

With his baritone voice, he belted out the words, “I shot a man in Reno just to watch him die.” He was never a showman, never had a flashy style.

It was just him on the stage with a simple bass and guitar telling experiences about his life. That was the charm of Cash, what you saw is what you got and you know what he was saying was the truth.

And he never let anyone else tell him differently.

“Do what you do. You can’t let people delegate to you what you should do when it’s coming from way in here [taps heart]. I wouldn’t let anybody influence me into thinking I was doing the wrong thing by singing about death, hell and drugs. ‘Cause I’ve always done that. And I always will,” Cash told mtv.com in a interview shortly before his death.

Although Cash is mainly known for his work in the 1960’s and 1970’s, many students have been influenced by his music, in terms of rock musicians.

He is right up there with Elvis and The Beatles. “He has had an impact on music that it is very tragic that some of us are only learning all of that he has done after he dies,” says freshman Sebastian Williams.

“It feels like when you read his lyrics and listened to his music you feel like he is talking to you. If you are having problem it feels like he is going through the same things.”

Any time music speaks to you, you know it is good music,” says freshman Chris Hoover.

We all mourn the loss of Johnny Cash as a human being and as an artist. He has left an impact on all music like no other. The Man In Black’s spirit will always live on through his music and those that he influenced.

-Sean Maslin is a senior with a journalism minor.

Jet-setting: Budapest style

Budapest, which is the capital of Hungary, is a beautiful, historical city. It offers many picturesque places and monuments during the day, and plenty of bars, clubs and concerts every night of the week.

This city is also the host of the biggest and one of the most important music festivals of Europe: the Sziget (Island). It is a small island in the heart of Budapest that is packed for a week with more than 60 thousand people from all around the world.

Budapest is also known for its hot spa that became part of the culture during the 100 year reign of the Turkish empire. If you are in Budapest you cannot miss taking a walk on Margaret Island.

This green island, on the Danube River, divides the two historical towns Buda and Pest, that later became one.

Throughout the country visitors can find the rich Hungarian art and architecture which is faced with Romanesque, Gothic, Baroque and Art Nouveau influences.

The country has one of the finest folk traditions in Europe, producing excellent examples of embroidery, pottery, needle and wall paintings, and objects carved from wood or bone.

Because of low currency exchange rate Hungary is a bargain overall for Americans.

A cheap meal can cost anywhere from $2-5, a mid-range meal only $5-8 and a meal in one of the best restaurants can cost $8 and upwards, according to Lonely Planet.

Most known Hungarian dishes are: pálinka (wine), goulash (stew, and what everyone calls ‘goulash’) – gulyás (a thick beef soup), and húsz (spicy fish soup cooked with paprika, jokai báresy (bean soup), húdik gulyásleveles (cold fruit soup made from sour cherry) or palacinca (stuffed crepes).

Wine isn’t difficult to find, but the best ones come from Eger, the city of heavy strong red wine, and Tokaji, the home of sweet white wine.

The beer is also good and cheap ($1 a glass), and the brands (lítke) strong.

Hungary is affordable for foreign travelers.

According to Lonely Planet, if you stay in private rooms, eat at medium-priced restaurants and travel 2nd-class on trains, you might only spend about US $33 per day with out scrupling.

Oh and did I mention the drinking age is only 18? And of course no one check ID.
"THEY ARE SELLING WAR. WE'RE NOT BUYING IT" This is the title of one of the 12 articles that covered the door of 317 Hill Hall last semester. The door was screaming to tell a person that going to war with Iraq is wrong. Today the door is covered by 7 articles, talking about the downside of the war, and by Amnesty International stickers, as Abigail Landmimes.

This door is one of the many ways that Dr. Christianna Nichols Leathy, associate professor of political science and international studies and chair of the Cross-Cultural Studies Program, forces students to form an opinion. According to Yurendra Basnett, a 2003 graduate from Nepal, Leathy, in her Politics of Developing Areas course, was able to show him things that he saw before, but could not understand.

She put the pieces of the picture together Basnett said. Basnett added that she affected the way he looks at things. This change, however, did not only happen in the classroom. Basnett said he would sit in Leathy's office talking about current issues, or he would send her an e-mail with his views, and she would always respond.

Basnett especially appreciated that Leathy put the humanitarian side of her course first, and was always supportive and encouraging to international students. Viktoria Kollar, a 2003 graduate from Hungary noted that Leathy helped so many students by entering the class with full knowledge of the topic she was teaching, so that there was never a question Leathy couldn't answer.

Nuoman Tullu, a junior from Nepal, said that Leathy is a remarkable professor whose method is one of the best indicators of a good teacher.

Tullu said Leathy has a great ability to engage students in and outside class, and not only makes papers go, but also connects them with reality and forces them to form an opinion.

Every interviewed international student who contacted Leathy got full support and help from her, but her help is not limited to international students. 2003 graduate, Jessica Fitzergerald said Leathy provided help for her senior seminar project, and also to find graduate schools.

Fitzergerald said that Leathy was her way of getting through her last semester. Leathy would calm her down when she had three papers going on at the same time. Fitzergerald concluded that Leathy is the fastest recommendation letter writer she knows.

Leathy is certainly a person to make students conscious of the outside world. Volkert Franke, assistant professor in the political science department, recalls a specific case when Leathy's influence was visible. A student, who graduated a while ago, came to the school knowing little but having convergent ideas. The student was a registered Republican and entered Leathy's class.

However, reading an article on Critiques of Capitalism gave him a different perspective to form an opinion, and now this student is working for the Green Party.

Franke said that Leathy forces students to think for themselves and to form an opinion, which doesn't have to be the same as hers.

Leathy was born in Philadelphia and was raised in Indiana. She went to undergrad at American University in Washington D.C., then to Georgetown University for the Mastes and Ph.D. She taught there in the School of Foreign Service before coming to McDaniel College 18 years ago. She gained a worldwide perspective through traveling to the former USSR, Cuba, all over Europe and most of the Caribbean.

Leathy describes a good teacher as someone with the ability to engage and excite students and to get them to question and not to always accept things the way they are just because the teacher said so.

The responsibilities of a political science professor are to turn students on to citizenship, and to get them to care about what is going on in the world, so that they realize that it is related to them according to Leathy.

Leathy can recall many cases when the change in a student was obvious. There was one student from a privileged family in Peru who took the class Politics of Developing Areas.

As an assignment, this student wrote a huge paper on Peru, which started with a poem saying that the student had no idea about the problems back at home. Even though Leathy does an excellent job teaching students theories and linking them with events, she also gives them an opportunity to experience the real world of politics.

For 3 years Leathy has taken students to the Simulation of Model European Union where students can see inside a political organization. According to Leathy, the simulation is important because it helps American students see the world in a wider range.

Leathy has an enormous amount of faith in the simulation because this is the time when students come together collectively to counter hegemony. Also, it is a real working experience in regional international organizations.

Kollar was one of the Hungarian students who participated in the simulation. From the simulation Kollar has become familiar with the legal system and the working of the EU, which seems complicated in textbooks.

Another participant was Tullu, who said the simulation helps students to get to know how to be successful, shows why problems occur, and helps to explain what European politics look like.

Basnett, who won the prize of Best Commissioner at the simulation, said that Leathy had faith in him, and because of her encouragement, he was able to win the prize. Basnett said Leathy has been a constant source of knowledge in his process of intellectual transformation, and that he sees Leathy as an unsung heroine.

Leathy is not just a teacher to learn from and get guidance from, but also a person who puts emphasis on civil rights inside and outside her class.

For example, when she was married to an attorney she received three phone calls from students when they were at the police station. They called Leathy because they knew she was fighting for civil rights. She said that even though she is not a legal expert, she is willing to help students with anything. According to Leathy, one of her student once told her that the readings she assigns are depressing. Leathy said that Amnesty International is where she can be active. Thanks to Leathy, from the beginning of this summer AIDS is an official human rights issue within Amnesty International.

Leathy now is the country expert form Amnesty USA for Lusofone (Portuguese speaking) African countries, after having left numerous prestigious positions because of her son, Roan, who turned 5 in February.

Leathy now lives 25 minutes from Westminster in Glyndon on a horse farm, where she tries to spend all her free time with Roan.

She said she knows that these are the only years when they can spend time together and she does not want to miss it.

Even though Leathy is now less active in Amnesty International, she still persists in teaching she opens up minds, and through AI she takes part in reshaping the world into something better.

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Student Profile: Jake Michael Heralded as Top Cadet

BRIAN PATTERSON
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Imagine navigating through mountain terrain, including cliffs, several hundred feet off the ground in the dead of night. Sure the night vision goggles allow you to see better, but they also throw you off your depth perception by a foot or two. This was one of the experiences junior Jake Michael had while he attended the Mountain Warfare School at Urban Allen Drive and is run by the Vermont National Guard. The program stresses rock climbing, repelling, land navigation, and knowledge of rope systems all in a mountain setting.

The participants at the school had to pass 12 tests over the course of the program in order to graduate, and if you failed any one these tests you would be sent home. As a result, only 31 out of the 54 original students graduated. The make-up of the class at the training school was also mixed.

About a third was regular army, a third were army reserve or national guard, and a third were cadets. An average day at the school started at 5:30 in the morning with a fast paced road march and lasted until 11:00 at night. This created a stressful environment according to Michael, but it was also a great learning experience.

"It was great time... a lot of the things I learned apply here with ROTC and will apply when I am in the army," said Michael.

Currently, Michael's unit of choice when he graduates is the Military Police. Cadets that graduate at the top of their class usually get their first choice when it comes to unit assignments. Michael is working hard to achieve this goal. As a platoon Sargent he leads Physical Training several times a month and also takes charge of a platoon during lab days.

Another important part of any ROTC unit is Ranger Training... see MICHAEL, continued on page 9
McDaniel College Student Called To Duty To Combat the Wrath of Isabel

CHRISTIANNA D. BAGBY
Senior Writer

It is probably happened to you at least one time during your college career. You forget to turn off your cell phone, which seems to ring twice as long and twice as loud right as you are dazing off twenty minutes into that hour and a half lecture.

But for the many of us who has suffered numerous embarrassing moments from having our cell phones ringing during the middle of class, putting the cell on vibrate serves as a crucial option.

For McDaniel College junior Adam Hoffman, it is the only option. Hoffman finds it necessary to have his cell phone vibrate all times due to his very hectic and demanding schedule.

Hoffman, who is a full-time student at the college, some how, only manages a part-time job off campus, but also takes on the responsibilities of being a National Guard Reservist as well as a McDaniel College R.O.T.C. cadet.

Hoffman, who enlisted into the National Guard 3 years ago in Columbia South Carolina, while attending the University of South Carolina at Columbia, says, It is challenging trying to juggle, school, work, R.O.T.C. and the Guard, all at the same time.

It wasn't until recently that Hoffman's schedule got a little more challenging and a lot more hectic.

On Wednesday, September 17, while most of the McDaniel College community was either fighting off any rumors that Hurricane Isabel might pay Maryland a brief visit, others were stocking refrigerator doors in preparation for the probable storm.

Hoffman's unit, his Military Police unit, also known as the 290th MP Company, had been alerted and called to duty.

Hoffman immediately called his unit. They informed him that the 290th MP Company out of Parkville, MD, had been called to duty to perform a law enforcement mission. Hoffman admits, I kind of knew it was coming to me, it was just a matter of when.

Hoffman, because of his status as a cadet platoon leader in R.O.T.C., and his preparation to become a future officer in the United States Army, serves his National Guard unit as the 290th MP Company's officer in charge, also known as the O.I.C.

His main duties consisted of conducting pre-combat inspections on his troops, and making sure that they had all of the necessary equipment needed to carry out their mission.

Hoffman's unit, the 290th MP Company, was to instruct the Infantry unit on what they could and couldn't do, if situations following the wrath of Hurricane Isabel failed to landing and direst.

The 290th MP Company, who was also to serve as drivers, was originally wanted on the ground first, following their air insertion.

Unfortunately says Hoffman after all of the preparation and rehearsals, our mission got scrubbed at the last minute. He adds, It turns out that they didn't need you.

Hoffman says that part of the reason is because there were already so many different agencies throughout Maryland at the site.

Hoffman says, All day, all we heard were fire trucks and police sirens. I also saw all types of water rescues, mostly via boats and chopper. He mentions It was crazy, boats were tipped over, houses were flooded, and cars had water right up to their window.

Despite the fact that the 290th MP Company's mission during Hurricane Isabel was terminated, Hoffman says that he learned a lot.

He says, Absolutely, 100% the training in R.O.T.C. helped me prepare my unit for the storm.

Overall, this was just a hands on experience of what I learned so far in R.O.T.C. about leadership.

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Fashion Column: Coed Culture

REBECCA SELLETTI
Staff Writer

I thought it would be quite fitting for my first fashion related article in my fingers crossed (feature column), to deal with the look of McDaniel:

No, I am not talking about our prancing hillside, beautiful greenery or squirrels as far as the eye can see. The look I am referring to is that of the individual style of a McDaniel student.

First let me assure you that this article before it is read.

Let me make it quite clear that I am writing as a casual observer and not in NO WAY mean to exalt myself or depict myself as having a higher level of fashion consciousness than anyone else. And I also should add that there are always exceptions to the rule so this article may not even apply to you.

With that said and my conscious clear, there are a few general statements that could be made about the apparel of McDaniel Coeds:

For one thing it looks as if Abercrombie & Fitch threw up all over our campus.

Not to bad mouth Abercrombie. I myself think that they produce very cute and casual attire and have spent many an hour in The Fitch looking through their micro minis, relaxed fit jeans and of course the hot, shirtless boys on the wall. In fact, there is nothing wrong with looking like an Abercrombie ad.

However, it would be nice to see someone on this campus show up to class in something other than a logo tee, a faded pair of blue jeans, and flip flops.

And if you genuinely feel that Abercrombie's look is the one that best expresses you, there are cheaper versions of Abercrombieesque merchandise that look just as cute as the real thing and don't leave your wallet quite so light.

Now while the Abercrombie trend may be gender neutral, this trend tends to focus more specifically on our male population.

I am referring to the beat up, torn, stained, and sweary baseball caps that seem to grace the heads of almost every boy at this school.

It's one thing if you are supporting a team that you play on here or if you are just that much of a Michigan State fan that you can't part with the cap long enough for it to be washed, but you've got a problem.

...see Fashion, continued on page 9

Congratulations to the New Members of Phi Kappa Sigma

Zach Ambrose
Ken Bertkau
Matt Bollinger
Jeff "Stevie J" Cabiness
Adam Mallonee
Curtis Rogers
Jimmy Watson

"Carroll's Best - 5 YEARS!!"
FASHION, continued from page 8.

For one thing boys, contrary to popular belief, putting on a baseball cap isn’t the equivalent of Superman’s invisible cape.

I know that it’s a shocker but people can still see your bloodshot eyes underneath the rim. Please, once a week, just try putting the hat aside and combing your hair. I know that you will lose precious minutes of sleep but it is well worth it. And not to beat a dead horse but if you cannot be parted with your hat at all then by all means at least throw it in the laundry. The underside of those hats smell funkier than a fat man's running shoes.

Speaking of hair accessories, girls the ribbons in the hair have got to go. Now, as I said about the funkified caps, if they are meant to support a team and promote spirit than I understand. But if you are a woman over 20 years old who is wearing a bow in your hair look more sophisticated and less like an ingenue.

I should add that I do believe our student body dresses well and in general are very nicely put together and that is something commendable. I just want to remind you too express yourself the best way you know how. Be that A & F or fishnet stockings. Always remember the slogan you will see plastered on numerous tweens T-shirts.

"People laugh at me because I am different. I laugh because the are all the same.”

MICHAEL, continued from page 7.

Challenge, which Michael called the “varsity sport of ROTC.”

In October, schools from around the Northeast will compete over a couple of days in exercises that include road marches, land navigation, rope bridges, and first aid. McDaniel has finished third and second over the past two years and will be looking to finish first this time around.

Michael participates in Ranger Challenge that relies on juniors for leadership.

Aside from ROTC, Michael is also on the wrestling team, a member of Alpha Sigma Phi, and an active member of the Christian Fellowship.

However, ROTC takes up a bulk of his time. As a result of the mountain warfare school, Michael is now certified in basic mountaineering.

"The coolest" part of the school for Michael was the rock climbing, but it was intense up on the cliffs at night.

"You definitely made sure you were clipped in up there, especially when you had to switch lines,” said Michael.

"Those are real mountains in Vermont, they make the ones around here look like hills... it was really rewarding to make it to the top of the cliffs.”

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Next weeks question: How heavily do you rely on the media for guidance?"
If you are one of the many people who religiously watch Sportscenter and can actually name at least two of its commentators, then you probably have seen or heard of the show Pardon the Interruption. If not, here’s a quick summary:

The show is simply a set with two men facing off on different subjects in the whole wide world of sports. Topics can vary from the NFL to the Women’s World Cup.

The two men argue for the entire length of the show with set time limits on each topic of discussion, which are topics most prevalent in the sports world at the time.

This column of the Phoenix will be similar to the premise of the show, except for the fact it’s on paper and Ryan Brod and I have never appeared on ESPN.

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Who is the all-time leader in strikeouts in Major League history?

Who has won the most grand slam tennis titles in history?

Who is the NBA’s all-time leading assist leader?

Who has won the most major titles in professional golf?
Terror Tennis Gets off To A Great Start

BAYLEY PANINN
Staff Writer

It was an exciting end to the Terror Tennis's preseason on Friday. With new coaches for both the Men (Sonya Fox) and Women (Kevin Klunk), the McDaniel tennis teams drove the hour trip to Hood College for their first and only preseason match on Friday the 26th.

The women played Hood College's team while the Men played Shenandoah College.

Although neither of these schools are in our conference, so tennis will not play them in the spring, the experience of not only having the new freshmen play college level tennis but also getting used to the new coaches and their styles of coaching during a match could not have been gained any other way.

The McDaniel men met the Shenandoah College team at a park around the corner from Hood College and began playing at 3pm on Friday while the women's doubles began playing at 2pm after a short introduction by the President of Hood College.

The line up and scores for women's doubles consisted of: freshman Katie McLean and junior Sharon Desperak losing number one doubles 8-3, junior Emily Puls and sophomore Danielle Magid winning 8-9 with a tiebreaker score of 1-7 at number 2 doubles, sophomore Melanie Gamarra and junior Darcie Hartwick winning 8-3 in number 3 doubles.

Singles Players walked on the court just as the evening breeze began at about 4pm.

The singles line up consisted of: sophomore Zelia Johns lost at number one singles in a tight, junior Sharon Desperak was defeated 6-0,6-1 at number two singles, sophomore Katie McLean lost number three singles with a score of 6-1,7-5, freshmen Ashley Baker won 6-1,6-2, in the number 4 seat, junior Bayley Fannin played number 5 singles and won with a score of 6-0,6-2.

Quite possibly the most exciting match of the afternoon was Cara Millar's.

In a 21/2-hour singles match that ended at 6:30, this match was the longest of the day.

Both players got coaching from their respective coaches throughout the match and used tactics to win. Although McDaniel stepped up to an ultimate victory in the first and third set both contenders played an exceptional match.

Although the match score meant an ultimate loss for McDaniel Women, the team did not leave with an ounce of shame. Compared to the Terror Tennis record for the past two years (only winning one match, mostly by forfeits) this loss is really an indication of future victories.

“We look strong this year, I am really happy with our new girls,” said Daniell Magid after the match.

Coach Kevin Klunk played 2 doubles, 4 singles, and 2 exhibition matches.

The singles line up consisted of: Senior Scott Mahony winning 6-0,6-1 at number 1 singles, sophomore Aaron Taylor and freshmen Brian Kastner winning 8-2 at number 2 doubles.

The second line up consisted of: Senior Scott Mahony winning 6-0,7-5 at number 2 singles, freshmen Brian Kastner playing number 3 singles winning 6-0,6-1, senior Craig Johnson playing number 4 singles winning 6-2,6-2, freshman Brian Phillips played an exhibition match and won 6-4, fresmen.

Justin Strong also played an exhibition match and lost 6-4.

For the men the scores speak for themselves. With Coach Klunk's fresh new coaching tactics the men are surely on to a prosperous season.

Coach Klunk commented after the victorious match, “Today both Men and Women took the first steps to returning winning ways to the Green Terror.”

The Rush Limbaugh Story: Opinion or Racism?!

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Upcoming Home Sporting Events

* Oct. 9th- 4:30pm, Field Hockey vs. Bryn Mawr
* Oct. 14th- 4:00pm, W. Soccer vs. Messiah
* Oct. 15th- 3:30pm, M. Soccer vs. Villa Julie
* Oct. 17th- 3:00pm, Volleyball, Green Terror Invitational

Terror Football begins hot conference streak

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The Green Terror football team left Muhlenberg on September 17 having played their first conference game and winning 22-9.

A strong performance on behalf of the defensive squad aided greatly in the first Terror victory of the season. “Defensively, we played very well,” commented head coach Tim Keating.

The Terror defense forced two fumbles, recovering both. In addition, Joe Szymonak and Rob Roch had an interception each.

Certainly, one of the highlights of the game was the safety by Brett Rough on the first play of Muhlenberg's drive which began on their own two yard line due to an exceptional Terror punt by Cory Allen. Offensively, freshman Brad Baer, starting as quarterback for his first time, had a strong game. Baer compiled 12-23 passes and scrambled for a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

A tight Muhlenberg defense hampered rushing gains, but the ground attack was not abandoned as a result.

Baer ended the game with 30 rushing yards.

While the blocked field goal attempt in the fourth quarter was a setback, the unit had drilled for that situation in practice and responded well.

“Things went how I expected,” stated Keating concerning the overall success of the offensive squad. Keating added that several kinks in the special teams unit would be ironed out in the next week's practices.

Due to their strong team performance against Muhlenburg, the Terror had no major problem area to work on for the upcoming game against Ursinus. Instead, they simply fine-tuned the game they already played so well.

The team's fine-tuning paid off, as shown in their 24-20 victory over Ursinus on October 4th.

Although Quarterback Brad Baer finished the game with a meager 34 yards passing, he and Broderick Maybank combined for 219 rushing yards.

Baer finished the game with two rushing touchdowns, one of 11 yards and one of 67. Maybanks lone score was a result of a 57 yard scamper.

After a head's up play by McDaniel punter Corey Allen that resulted in a safety rather than a touchdown for the Bears, the McDaniel held the Bears scoreless for the rest of the game.

McDaniel is now 2-0 overall but 2-0 in Centennial Conference play.
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Women's Basketball Preview: “We have a pleasant dilemma”

ROB GOEKE
Staff Writer

Often, when a team is about to begin a season, the coach has their concerns and doubts about how the team will fare as the season progresses. This first statement, said by Women’s Basketball’s Coach Becky Martin, shows that none of these usual trepidations exist for the coach.

Coming off consecutive 22-win seasons (22-7 in 2001-2002, 22-9 in 2002-2003), a Centennial Conference championship in the 2001-2002 season, and a championship game appearance last season, recent history would indicate that Martin has little reason to be worried.

However, she still has a few apprehensions, but they are the type of problems a coach likes to have: a lot of depth and a rich mix of youth and experience.

“We recruited a lot of freshmen because of the mass exodus of seniors last year. Our present freshmen class is very talented,” said Coach Martin.

Five seniors left the team last year. At last count, eleven freshmen are attempting to replace them. It appears that these graduates are being replaced with not just quantity, but also quality.

“We have a young team. It will take some time to get everyone on the same page, but the first-year students are learning relatively quickly,” said Junior Kelly Cramp.

Though the influx of freshmen will affect the team, the upperclassmen’s presence will aid in the younger players’ development as well as keeping the team steady and successful.

Cramp has been a solid starter since her arrival at McDaniel. Junior Jacqueline Pundt received significant minutes last year.

Kasey Barnes and Brooke Weimer, each juniors, will vie for starting spots.

“All of these players are capable of seeing quality playing time and will help the team to be successful,” said Martin.

The team’s lone senior, Toby McIntire, has been a consistent contributor [at point guard] the past three seasons, and Martin anticipates much of the same this season.

“This season is her final opportunity. She wants to go out on top and she will do everything in her capabilities to help the team win the conference,” said Martin.

Sophomore Kristy Costa will also aid the team both on the floor and in the locker room.

“Kristy saw quite a bit of playing time last year. I am looking for her to step up now that she is an upperclassman,” said Coach Martin.

Just as the mix of experience and youth is beneficial to the squad, so are two other strategic groupings: speed and height and the availability of an inside-outside game.

The women’s basketball team at McDaniel is like a predictable drumbeat. At first glance, with so many members of the team gone, the team seems like it should lose its rhythm.

However, the combined force of the freshmen and upperclassmen can act together to keep the team and tradition of women’s basketball at McDaniel intact.

Martin added, “We have a sharp learning curve, but with hard work, the team will learn how to play together.”

Rush Limbaugh’s “folly”: What did we expect?

PAT O’TOOLE
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Opinion: n. A belief or conclusion held with confidence but not substantiated by positive knowledge or proof.

Sometimes it seems like the American people need to take a closer look at the above word and its definition. An opinion cannot be right or wrong. It is not fact, nor is it claimed to be so. It is nothing more than one person’s belief.

Why, then, does someone simply giving his or her opinion warrant such negative press? Maybe because it touches on such a sore subject that it’s difficult to even discuss. Maybe it’s not “Politically Correct.”

So, in the eyes of the press, the simplest solution is to just scrutinize the person who had the gall to bring up such a controversial topic. To me, this is nothing more than a cop out.

Rush Limbaugh, the quintessential conservative radio show host, quit his job last Thursday at ESPN’s pregame show “Sunday NFL Countdown.” The move came amid controversy over comments he made regarding Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb. Limbaugh said that McNabb’s poor performance of late is no surprise, that he was never any good in the first place. He went on to say that the sports media exaggerated McNabb’s abilities because they wanted to see a black quarterback succeed.

The flurry of negative publicity that followed Limbaugh’s comments was, in my opinion, utterly ridiculous. Not only were there reporters insinuating Limbaugh’s stupidity and racism, but the media also began looking into his personal life. For example, headlines expressed un-founded claims of Limbaugh’s addiction to painkillers.

Limbaugh’s comments may have been inaccurate. After all, McNabb has three solid seasons under his belt. He passed for over 3000 yards in both 2000 and 2001, and would have done so for a third straight year had he not been injured in 2002. Yes, he is struggling this season, but to say that he was never good might be a stretch.

But Limbaugh, just like every other football fan, is entitled to his own opinion. And so what if he expressed it on national television?

That’s why ESPN hired him in the first place, isn’t it? Did they expect him to just sit there and nod his head? I think not. He is known to create a stir and he lived up to his reputation.

There are a lot of opinionated people in the world, but not all of them have a chance to air their views in front of millions of people. Well, not many people would want to. One can only imagine the headlines if everyone’s thoughts were nationally televised. I know I wouldn’t want to be in that position. Limbaugh made the choice of stating his mind and, probably, thought he knew the consequences that would follow thereafter.

He knew there would be some controversy, but he can say with confidence that he never imagined his remarks would be scrutinized to such proportions.

Why can’t we all just get along? Limbaugh made a comment; he stated his opinion. Okay, so now it’s someone else’s turn.

That’s the civilized way to do it. To me, ignoring an issue shows some kind of guilty conscience.

If Limbaugh’s speculations are untrue, then someone should be willing to sit down with him and publicly discuss the topic. I would like to think that we still live in a world where we can talk about issues without fear of retribution.

[Note: commentator’s phone number and address withheld]
McDaniel Excluded From List of Top Colleges

"US News and World Report" article includes every other Centennial Conference school

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McDaniel College was the only school in the Centennial Conference to be excluded from "US News & World Report"'s annual list of top liberal arts colleges in the nation, published this September. Swarthmore, Haverford, Bryn Mawr, Franklin and Marshall, Dickinson, and Gettysburg all placed in the top 50. The rest of the Centennial Conference colleges, with the exception of McDaniel, ranked between the 50th and 100th spots. Once the percentages were tallied and the smoke had cleared, McDaniel was the sole absence from the Centennial Conference.

Criteria for judging the schools included highest graduation rate, lowest student to faculty ratio, faculty salaries, and highest proportion of classes under 20 students. Peer assessment by institutions across the nation held the greatest weight with 25 percent of the total ranking. "The biggest flaw [in the rankings] is having 25 percent based on other people's opinion of us," says Marty O’Connell, Dean of Admissions. "It's all a big popularity contest.

Financial resources and alumni giving are also key factors in the yearly ranking. "There is a direct correlation between how schools rank in this comparison and their endowment," says Rich Kief. "We need to triple our endowment in the next decade," says Coley. In order for McDaniel College to be included on the list, the school's endowment must increase significantly in the coming years. 

Therefore, some college officials are somewhat agitated by McDaniel's omission from the "US News & World Report" article. "We're better than a lot of those schools. Anything in print that doesn't accurately reflect the education and atmosphere we provide [at McDaniel College] is a concern," says President Joan Devlin Coley.

In order for McDaniel College to be included on the list, the school's endowment must increase significantly in the coming years. "We need to triple our endowment in the next decade," says Coley. In fact, the President says that reaching an endowment goal of $100 million is "a huge priority." McDaniel finished last year with an endowment of $56 million—the highest it's ever been. In fact, from 1993 to 2002, the endowment 

Videogame Tournament Unconventionally Showcases Student Talent

On October 1st, Allies, the gay, straight, bisexual, transgender, and transsexual alliance, held a videogame tournament in hopes of raising money for other activities. Originally the cost to play was $3, but that idea was dropped as everyone who was there (20 students in all) opted to pay for free. The prize, which was to be 10% of the total admission, had to be forfeited. The night saw a bit of a rough start, as one of the room's projectors was not working. The proposed two-game tournament was cut to just one game at a time, but this did not stop Allies from coming through with the two games as promised.

The first game tournament began at 10:15 p.m. and continued for 45 minutes before the winner was declared. It was an all out battle on the classic Tekken Tag Tournament, commonly known as TTT, for the PS2 system. Out of the 14 people who participated, Tony Alcalsa was the winner.

Following TTT, Allies brought out the real star of the show, the recently released Soul Calibur II. While audience attendance remained the same, only 8 players participated in the tournament. This tournament was less involved, but the challenge level for the participants had increased. Brian Latrey was declared the victor after winning two of three matches.

Following the tournament a free play was held for all in attendance to try their hand at Soul Calibur II. Overall the night went without any major problems and it was uneventful from the cheers that everyone in attendance enjoyed the experience.

Baltimore Sun article Sensationalizes Alcohol Problem

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A news article printed in the Baltimore Sun Carroll County edition on September 10, 2003 instigated that there was a notable problem with alcohol and drug use on campus, due to the number of arrests of McDaniel students in the first two weeks of school.

"It is unusual and a lot of arrests," Westminster Police Captain Randy F. Barnes was quoted as saying in the Baltimore Sun's article. "I have been here a long time and never experienced anything like this. It is a real shame because McDaniel is an excellent school." This negative portrayal caught the attention of students and others on campus, including Campus Safety, who when interviewed, claimed the article was sensationalized.

"That report was misleading," said Mike Webster, the director of Campus Safety. For example, one incident cited in the article occurred on Saturday, September 6, where five arrests were supposedly made at an off-campus house for underage drinking. But, according to Corporal Benter of the Westminster Police Department, there was only one arrest and five citations that night.

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There were also discrepancies in the article between city police saying there were 24 arrests and college officials saying there were only 18 student arrests. Also, regarding to the article there had been 18 McDaniel students arrested, but as mentioned by campus officials, there were only five.

The article emphasizes that the citations and arrests that have happened so far have occurred at unusually high numbers. However, according to Campus Safety, the statistics are not any higher or lower than in previous years. “Fifteen alcohol citations are no better or worse than the past,” said Webster. “It’s not the number of drug arrests in the first week is unusual, but to still only have four is not unusual.”

Webster admits he would like to think that the article in the Baltimore Sun was a simple mistake. But, mistake or not, the story shed negative attention on McDaniel, partly because the story, originally covered by Sun staff writer Mary Gail Hare, was subsequently picked up and broadcast by local news stations the same day, including WBAL Channel 11 and WIZX Channel 13.

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we can by our own standards. In striving for excellence, we may move up.”

The Real World

...an International News Corner

Information compiled from BBC.com

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Gold fever has reached Papua New Guinea. According to BBC, the government of Papua New Guinea is searching New Ireland province for up to 10 tons of gold. The gold had been mined and processed during the Japanese occupation of the island in World War II. According to rumors, the plane carrying the gold crashed into a mountain in New Ireland and the inhabitants piled it up in a mountain cave.

In the beginning of October, a man reported that he had found rotten crates of bullion in the mountains. The gold is said to be worth an estimated $375 million. The government decided to send defense forces, police, and helicopters to confirm and search for the gold stash has circulated around the country.

There have been claims before that gold can be found in the bottom of a bay from an American plane that sank a submarine carrying a huge stack of gold. Whether the treasure actually exists remains to be seen, but Papua New Guinea relies heavily on foreign aid, so $375 million could be very useful to the state.

When a team of journalists tried to investigate the story in one of the villages, they were sent away under military escort and told to leave New Ireland in 24-hours.
COMMENTARY

Arnold and Asteroids and Bears... Oh My!

Our first question this week comes from a concerned reader who asks, "Now that Arnold has been elected governor of California, what happens next?"

Well first off, Arnold is going to be taking a huge pay cut. For "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" he took in $30 million, the next four years, as he did over the past four, he's giving up $119.3 million in income. After the general public, we have to be upset that we'll be missing out on Arnold at the box office over the next few years. Since 1999, he has starred in cinematic classics that include "End of Days," "The 6th Day," "Collateral Damage," and the aforementioned "Terminator 3." I know I'm going to miss him.

This also impacts Arnold because now he finds himself in a position to move up on the list of most influential Austrians. I still think he is behind Adolf Hitler (he's not the man Austria wants to be known for), but he did have a large impact on the 20th century, but Arnold gets the nod in front of Sigmund Freud now that he is governor; plus Arnold can bench more.

As for the results of the election, it couldn't have worked out any better for Arnold. He was able to survive attacks on his character that has�ed complaints regarding sexual harassment from several women, and still win the election in a landslide. He took 49 percent of the vote, while his closest competitor received only 32 percent.

After the victory celebration dies down Arnold is going to realize that he has a huge mess on his hands. The voters had good reason to vote Gray Davis out of office. California is in the midst of a huge economic recession that is a result of the collapse of the dot-com industry and the state's energy crisis. Davis had trouble handling the politically mixed state legislature, and therefore had problems passing his balanced budgets.

When Davis managed to get his initiatives passed they did little to put a dent in the state's $8 billion deficit. He did put a dent in the governor's popularity. The most unpopular of these was the tripling of the vehicle license fee, more commonly known as the car tax.

The point here is that Arnold has taken on an incredibly difficult job. It will not be an easy task to rectify the problems of his predecessor. If it was, the book was 897,158 signatures to recall Davis, and Arnold has six months to prove himself before someone will have the chance to divine the same.

Our next question comes from another reader who asks, Should I be concerned about asteroids hitting the Earth?

The answer is yes, but not for another decade. Several weeks ago British astronomers discovered an asteroid that has a chance of hitting the earth in 2014.

If this asteroid does make contact with our planet the impact would be devastating. It would unleash a force of 350,000 megatons, roughly eight million times more powerful than the atomic bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima in 1945.

While this should raise some concern among the general public, I have a simple solution to this problem. We can just use all the weapons of mass destruction found in Iraq to knock the asteroid off course before it ever gets close.

Our next question comes from a reader who wants to know, How ironic was the death of Timothy Treadwell?

For those of you who don't know Timothy Treadwell, he was the founder of an organization called Grizzly People, a group devoted to the protection of grizzly bears and their natural habitats. He co-authored the book "Among Grizzlies: Living With Wild Bears in Alaska," and had traveled around the country to lecture on bears and their environment. He had also appeared as a guest on the "Late Show with David Letterman."

Two weeks ago this advocate of grizzly bear protection, along with a companion, was mauled and killed by several ungrateful bears in a remote part of Alaska's Katmai National Park and Preserve.

It is hard to know the reasons for why the bears acted as they did, but it is possible the bears would have restrained themselves if they had been informed of Treadwell's politics. Park rangers at the site where the bodies were recovered killed two bears described as "aggressive." Treadwell did not carry a gun with him on his expeditions in grizzly bear habitats because he believed if he was going to be attacked by a bear, then that's what was going to happen.

This incident coincides with the approval of a black bear hunt in Western Maryland next fall. The hunt will target about 30 animals that will be identified as nuisance bears by the Department of Natural Resources. Hunting permits will be given out to applicants by lottery and farmers will be allowed to shoot crop-damaging bears.

Wildlife advocates, in the mold of Treadwell, have promised to fight the hunt in the state legislature calling it an unjustified "trophy hunt." Personally, I think that in light of the Treadwell mauling, wildlife advocates would be in favor of these safety measures to prevent more people from becoming one with the bears.

As Joseph Campbell and Rush Limbaugh point out, a bear is going to do what a bear does, and that means an occasional mauling. You can be a staunch advocate of bear rights or firmly opposed to the protection of bear habitats, either way the bears couldn't care less.

-Brian Patterson is a junior history major.

Attention North Village: Contractors Here to Stay

"All I have to say is my front yard is hay." These were the exact words spoken by my roommate, Nicole Prush, when we were walking to class one morning.

What Nicole was referring to is the very unique landscaping design that encompasses the North Village apartments.

Nicole's comment about the hay, which is placed very neatly beside each stairway outside of the North Village apartments, really made me think. It made me wonder, "What in the hell is going on here?"

The contractors are here to stay! They like it here!

Even more skeptically, I thought, "Why do these contractors still here?"

Being a part of the last group of 22 McDaniel College students to move into the last North Village apartment, I came to this conclusion: The contractors are here to stay! They like it here!

I mean let's think about it for a second. They have been working in the North Village for about a year now, and the apartments themselves are complete and beautiful. Seriously, they are the type of apartments that someone who just got out of college would love to live in.

The nearly flawless wooden interior design of the furniture and fixtures inside and outside of the apartment itself is near genius. Don't get me wrong, I am grateful that my apartment is so nice. I love where I live, my apartment is gorgeous, but I'm just curious to the reasons why the college chose to spend so much money in making the apartments themselves so nice when students don't even have a place to park their cars outside of them.

Personally, I think that the contractors decided that if the school was willing to pay the right amount of cash, that they were going to design and create a community on that McDaniel College campus that they could personally call home house, the mailboxes in front of every North Village apartment building. Just kidding! Not true.

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As your government will shoot first and legislate later.
Jet-Setting: City of Prague

The Czech Republic is admired by Austria, Germany, Poland and the Slovak Republic, and this puts it between Western and Eastern Europe.

According to Lonely Planet, Prague is a capital city packed with things to do for tourists. The city’s prime attraction is its physical face. The city center is a haphazard museum of 900 years worth of architecture - Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, 19th-century revivals of all of them, and Art Nouveau - amazingly undisturbed by the 20th century.

This historical core of the city - Hradcany (the Castle District) and Malo Strana (the Small Quarter) west of the river, Stare Mesto (the Old Town) and Vaclavske Namesti (Wenceslas Square) to the east, and Charles Bridge in between - covers about 3 sq km and is pedestrian-friendly, so you needn’t go at break-neck speed to discover its most famous attractions.

You’ll have to travel further a little further to visit Nove Mesto (New Town), with its shops, museum, and theatres, Vysehrad, where medieval Prague was born, and the towns of Holeovice, Smichov, Troja and Vinohrady. At least a dozen medieval churches and castles are only a day trip away.

A must-visit list is its entertainment: music from classical to modern jazz and rock; opera and ballet; avant-garde theatre; excellent museums; and dozens of art galleries. Prague’s greatest distraction, however, is that it is now one of Europe’s most popular tourist destinations and is choked with summer crowds.

You will find the most affordable accommodations in Nove Mesto and Smichov. The central district is full of places to eat, but you’ll get much more for your crown in Nove Mesto than Stare Mesto. If it’s postcard-picture views you’re after, the Moravian Karst is a beautiful, heavily-wooded hilly area north of Brno, carved with canyons and honeycombed with some 400 caves, created by the underground Punkva River.

At Punkvni, groups of 75 people are admitted to the caves every 20 minutes. You walk 1 km through the deepest caves, admiring the stalactites and stalagmites, ending up at the foot of the Macecha Abyss. There you board a small boat for a 400-metre ride through the Punkva River out of the cave.

Other caves to be visited in this area include Katerinska, Balcarova, and Sloupsko-Souvsky. Traces of prehistoric human civilization have been found in these caves.

Costs in Prague especially, but also in the Bohemian spas, are higher than elsewhere, though things are still fairly cheap for Western tourists. The big exception is accommodation in Prague, for which tourist prices are in line with those across Western Europe.

By staying at cheap hostels and campsites, sticking to self-catering, pub grub, and standing up cafeterias, you might get away with US $15 per person per day in the summer.

In a private house or better hostel, with meals at cheap restaurants and using public transport, you can get by on US $20 to $25. To share a clean double room with bath in a mid-range hotel or pension and eat not too bad a meal or Western meals, plan on at least US $30 to $40.

May, June and September are the prime visiting months, with April and October as chillier and sometimes wetter alternatives.

Centers like Prague, Brno, and the mountain resorts cater to visitors all year round.

Elsewhere, from October or November until March or April, most castles, museums and other tourist attractions, and some associated accommodations and transports, close down.

However, for Easter and Christmas/New Year, many bottom and mid-range hotels drop their prices by a third or more outside the summer season.

So what are you doing this New Year’s Eve? How about going to Prague?

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Poli-Sci majors can’t Predict the future President

Come to think of it, neither can Doctorates, Shock Jocks, Talking Heads, or most Fortunetellers for that matter.

The PRIMARY elections are still months away, it’s a little early to be throwing in the towel, or announcing victory, for an entire political party. I have to wonder if everyone was asleep four years ago. George W. Bush didn’t win by a landslide....come to think of it there’s still a debate as to whether or not he lost. I’m not mentioning this to argue his legitimacy—or illegitimacy— as president, but to point out that a year before an election is a little early to be predicting its results or looking at the people to choose their lawmakers for the next term.

While it seems that politics has evolved into a spectator sport, complete with analysis with crossover to predictions. There is far more at stake in an election than winning or loosing.

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In other good news for movies, while not new, both the original Alien, and Scarface with Al Pacino are going to be re-released.

Both are classics and if you have never seen them on a big screen, not necessarily in the theatre, go and pay 8 dollars to see them.

More and more it seems that Hollywood is losing it's foster and originality, often times reinventing in obvious twists, as seen in Matchstick Men, or downright stupid or put head humor, as seen in both Scary Movie's.

On the note of Scary Movie, the third is to be released soon and surprisingly enough has a PG-13 rating.

This means only one thing, the humor has cleaned up, but the comedy will remain.

Furthermore this is a marketing genius, the core audience for these movies tends to be teenagers, and most of them aren't 17.

However, as a movie goer you may find you have to deal with obnoxious 13-16 year olds.

It still looks like the same parody of all the horror movies to come out over the past two years, this movie has going for it is that it's a family film.

This means when you see and know you will, you'll be sitting in front of or behind a family with a bunch of wispy or just plain annoying kids.

They'll laugh at all the stupid sight gags, like they did in the adaptation of The Grinch, but to top it off their parents will laugh at the so-called "adult" humor which

...will more than likely involve jokes about the kids mother and possibly some drug references.

Save yourself 8 dollars now and don't bother.

Then moving to worse for bad holiday movies you have Elf. Will Ferrell is hilarious, but this movie will not be, in any definition of the word, hilarious.

Let's not forget to mention the type casting of Will Ferrell as a closeted homosexual, which seems to be the only thing he ever plays anymore, or the fact that this movie will only make you want to hate him afterwards.

The whole movie plays out like a Rudolph story except this time it's the stupid dentist Hermie's side.

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R.E.M. at the Patriot Center: Rock Veterans Play New Tracks, Popular Hits, and Old Rarities

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even took requests from the audience. Lead singer Michael Stipe listened to audience members as they shouted out requests, and even played a few of the suggestions. They didn't play everything the crowd wanted through; a request for "Shiny Happy People" was not granted by Stipe who said, "No, I hate that song."

This was just one of the aspects of the Michael Stipe listener and fan friendly. Stipe was very chatty throughout the concert and explained the meaning behind several of the songs. Stipe described his new song "Bad Day" as a commentary on the current administration, but when he struggled to adequately explain it lead guitarist Peter Buck

cheered even louder for this sentiment.

These views surfaced again later in the concert when Stipe introduced another new song "Finding Stray." He said it was written "in New York after the last presidential election and before the blackout." It's hard to say what he meant by that, but it's safe to assume it wasn't supposed to be flattering.

R.E.M., and Stipe in particular, are never scared to share their political views and they were even more forthcoming at a concert so close to the Nation's Capital. The red neon sign above the stage read "L-U-V," but there was none of that for the George W. Stipe also sent out some shout-outs to a few influential musicians like Johnny Cash and his departed pal Kurt Cobain.

Performing at the Patriot Center was small but significant return to the bands roots. The last time they played at the venue was in 1987 with the 10,000 Maniacs as openers.

Another treat for the enthusiastic crowd of over 10,000 was when bassist Mike Mills sang lead vocals on one of their early tracks, "Rockville."

The band played a marathon set that lasted roughly two hours and five minutes, and included a six-tastic year for movies and with the movies still to be released in 2004, it can only get better, but not all is good let it be said now.

First the good, you have two powerhouse movies being released a month a part from each other.

November 5th Matrix: Revolutions, the third and final installment in the Matrix trilogy will be released.

The trailers are out in the theatres and on tv now, but for those who just can't wait go on the internet there are about 200 fan sites with the trailer linked there, or you can try www.wwhatismatrix.com.

After viewing the trailer, and not being a huge fan of the trilogy, it is safe to say that after the bomb of Reloaded, Revolutions promises to answer all the questions and hopefully fill those plot holes from Reloaded.

In the hope of not spoiling anything I will simply leave it to all of you to see the trailer for yourself. Then after a month in the theatres Revolutions will sink into oblivion as the third and final installment of the Lord of The Rings trilogy.

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In a strange, almost surreal moment, Stipe threw off his shirt because of an extremely annoying inner ear monitor. Maybe he fell at home at the Patriot Center or he wanted to foster a sense of familiarity. With the crowd.

The Patriot Center was the third to last stop on a North American tour that started in Vancouver and wrapped up in Atlanta. At the second to last show in Raleigh, NC, former drummer and founder of the group Bill Berry joined the band on stage to play drums on the track "Permanent Vacation."

Well that's the line-up for this season as far as big movies go, there are more out there and they'll be in the next issue but for now enjoy the movies that are out now.
Looking for a scary time? Want to occupy or otherwise blase Thursday night? Have $20 burning a hole in your pocket? Well, you’re in luck! The Haunted Mill is your best bet (that is if you’re looking for “commercialized terror”) and waiting for Mommy and Daddy to pick you up at the end of the night.

In other words, not to knock Spring Grove, PA’s #1 in the state fright fest, but unless you’re a minor, you might not be able to fully appreciate the attractions on Colonial Valley Road: “The Haunted Mill.” Let’s back up for a bit. Variety is one of The Haunted Mill’s appeals. You have five opportunities to be scared upon entry into the park. Among them are The Haunted Mill (one of the oldest, but probably the best attraction to be had at the park) the Terror Trail, Dark Zone(also an older ride), Creepy Corn Walk and Haunted Hay Ride. For $25, you can get the Complete Combo package and hit all five rides in one night, or $20 for four rides with the Large Combo Package or just $15 for two rides with a $5 off coupon.

To purchase individual tickets for each ride, particularly the three newest features (the hay ride, the walk and terror trail) are each only $7 a pop. While you may wish to make a night of it and get the “Complete Package,” you might want to arrive when the park opens at 6 p.m. to compensate for the 20-30 minutes spent walking in line at the entrance gate before each individual attraction.

Have no fear (no pun intended) the hoards of preteen surrounding you will be sure to provide entertainment for hours. Take a younger sibling to pass the time and fit in with the crowd. Upon our arrival at the mill (after 45 minutes of driving through East Bumble (down dark, narrow roads—the scariest part of the whole night’s adventure by the way), we came to the realization that two hours was barely enough time to cover the Small Combo Package. We also came to the conclusion that the disclaimers posted on the walls before entering the rides, specifically those warning pregnant women and people with heart problems, should have included a warning about the many cans of air that would be sprayed at you throughout the course of the night.

Call us crazy, but loud bursts of smoky air isn’t frightening, just head-ache-inducing and obnoxious.

Overall, the Terror Trail was enjoyable enough. Although it seemed that the workers got just as tired of seeing us as we were of seeing them, they were nearly nonexistent toward the end of our journey through the dirt trail in the woods.

If the Haunted Mill is a must for you scare freak, then the mall itself is a worthwhile investment, provided you enjoy claustrophobic winding mazes through pitch black, carpeted walls (yes, I said carpeted walls).

Overall, the night was enjoyable. Bring a large group and you’ll have some good laughs if nothing else, and may even get an employee or two to take a break from growling to pose for a picture. (See picture at left)

CD Review: Outkast

ROB GOEKE
Staff Writer

You got used to the consistency. Nothing wrong with admitting it. What, with a new album in 1994, another in 1996, a third in 1998 and a fourth in 2000, was supposed to be chapter five of Outkast’s chronicle. But when you haggled someone as the ball dropped on Times Square to begin 2003, it hit you. Act four of the saga was still on repeat.

Act five was nowhere to be found. Why the wait? There had to be a reason. The hip-hop innovators that threw Southern fed of their musical selves, with Andre using double disc is superior is like trying to define-

the main question lingered; can the two individuals match what the duo has already achieved? Overall, yes. Together or apart, it is still the same wonderful ambience. To tell the stylistic differences from each part of the release, one only needs to look at who is featured on the album.

On Big Boi’s Speakerboxxx, Jay-Z appears. On The Love Below, Andre collaborates with Norah Jones.

Their solo albums are an extension of their musical selves, with Andre using funk and rhythm while Big Boi is a rapper in the more traditional sense. This contrast creates two distinct experiences with each CD.

André dabbles in everything from spoken word (“Happy Valentine’s Day”) to rapping (“Prototype”) to rapping (“Hey Ya!”) to even a sped up remix of “My Favorite Things.”

This disc has to grow on you.

Yes, Unique! Absolutely. Outkast’s fans have learned to expect nothing less. Sure, they are still Outkast, but now, instead of being inseparable, they are now only attached at the pinky toe.

For the eclectic soul, there is nothing better or out now.

While Andre took an expansionary view of his music on this record, Big Boi chose to go the opposite way: going through hip-hop with a fine tooth comb and pulling out everything good he could find. Perhaps his greatest achievement is that he does not fall into the repetitive malaise that most hip-hop artists have fallen into presently. It can be argued that Big Boi experiments as much as Andre does, except he does so within the hip-hop style.

“B.O.B.” is considerably more chilled and laid back than the previous song, but still high quality. The Way You Move, the present single, is a cross between the two previous songs: it is funkified and laid back at the same time.

Later in the album, “Flip Flop Rock” and “Reset” close the album out strongly.

So trying to choose which half of the double disc is superior is like trying to definitively answer if Bird is better than Magic or Mantle is better than Mayes.

It is all a matter of perspective. While most fans had some separation anxiety when they saw both members of Outkast were putting out a solo album, this nervousness was wholly unfounded. It is a magnificent creation and almost as good as the previous four. In fact, it is a little better.

The only wish for Outkast’s fans is that they get back in the studio and get album number six going.
Women's Volleyball Plays Through Injuries

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The McDaniel College women's volleyball team has been playing hard this season, even if it isn’t showing up on the scoreboard. Plagued by injury, the team has had trouble finding the depth to win games.

The Green Terror are currently 8-20 overall and 2-4 in Centennial Conference play.

“Our season so far has been challenging in the fact that we’ve had to keep some players off the court for more than 3 weeks,” head coach Carole Molloy said.

As a result of the injuries, some freshmen have suddenly found themselves getting time on the court. Lindsey Kelly and Jill Hoffman, both freshmen, combined efforts to fill in for sophomore Krista Eiser when she went out due to injury.

All of the freshmen on the team are seeking consistent playing time.

Freshman Jamie Boddien has established her place on the team as setter and is leading the team in set assists, while Denise Grosso is helping the team by filling in wherever she is needed.

Sarah Festi has recently returned from injury and has taken her place as a steady contributor.

Several upperclassmen are providing a silver lining for the team’s season. One of the team’s co-captains, senior Marie Brennan, is described by Coach Molloy as being a “Defensive Specialist”, leading the team in hustle and positive play.

The other co-captain, senior outside hitter Kellyanne Rose, is currently the team’s offensive leader in both kills and service aces.

Both Rose and junior middle hitter Carrie Sniffen are playing extremely consistent volleyball on offense and defense alike.

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The team started out the invitational with a solid victory over the College of Notre Dame, handily defeating the Gators 3-0.

Leading the team on offense were freshmen Jamie Boddien and Sarah Fessler. Boddien set up 30 assists while Fessler accumulated 9 kills.

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The team would go on to finish the invitational with losses to Widener University, Salisbury University, and Gallaudet University.

Highlighting the loss to Widener was Carrie Sniffen, who led the team with 11 kills, 16 digs, and two blocks.

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agery by skipper Grady Little.

I think most knowledgeable baseball fans would agree.

The Sox held what seemed to be a substantial 4-0 lead with ace Pedro Martinez mowing through the Yankees order.

Jason Giambi capitalized on a mistake by the club’s penant-clinching win.

Tommy John surgery, I was about to explode out of my chest.

I could not understand why Little had given Martinez the ability to attempt to work himself out of a jam in such a crucial situation.

Martinez proceeded to let up a home run to Jorge Posada, scoring two runs and tying the game.

I knew the Sox were in major trouble. I cannot believe that the score was tied.

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It’s time for round two of the Phoenix’s own P.T.I. column. This time, attention must be switched from the NFL season to the M.L.B. playoff picture. As of October 17th, the World Series is set with the Yankees representing the American League and the Marlins representing the National League. Needless to say this has been a postseason to remember, for several incidents and uncommon match-ups. Let’s start with the NLCS.

Zalis: First off, who’d have ever thought the American public would be watching a heated series between the Chicago Cubs and the Florida Marlins in 2003? It was shocking enough to watch these underdogs make the playoffs, but even more shocking watching them knock off the Braves and the Giants. The Cubs had only one .300 hitter and he only had three homers and 38 RBI’s. That alone made this series worth watching.

The main headline in the NLCS of course was the so-called “Cubs Curse.” The Cubs have not won a World Series in nearly a century and haven’t even been a part of one for nearly 60 years. I’m not one to believe in superstition, but this curse just may have something to it. Game six had the Cubs two innings away from the World Series, with a 4-0 lead...and they blew it. Mark Prior was on the mound, one of the two aces Chicago has to offer and they could not pull it off. Many blame the fan up in the stands for these incidents and uncommon match-ups. Let’s start with the NLCS.

KRYAN BROD
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WALTER ZALIS
Senior Writer

Zalis: The NLCS was a soap opera of an athletic event. This is no surprise however, for the Red Sox/Yankees feud has been a long-lasting and bitter one.

This was one amazing series, every game coming down to final at-bats and closing pitches. Anyone could have won at any time. The final game seven even went to 11 innings before Aaron Boone’s walk-off homer. Many would like to argue that if Pedro were yanked in the 8th inning, that perhaps Sox could have pulled it off. It seems unlikely however, for much like the Cubs, the Red Sox are cursed.

I am usually one to never believe in superstition, but these clubs should really re-locating to Mexico or somewhere. If the water down there can’t break this, nothing can.

As far as MVP’s for this series, it is incredibly hard to choose. Mariano Rivera was selected, but I find that tough to agree with. For all four teams in these championship games all players did an even amount of work. There was no standout, the same amount of guys were doing their job and not doing their job. Manny Ramirez had a great series, but Nomar Garciaparra did not. It was a couple of series [the NL and ALCS] that came down to whether or not players did what they were paid to do.

Brod: I agree that this was an absolutely amazing series- so much at stake and such bitter rivals taking part. But if Martinez was pulled after the 7th, the Sox would be in the series. He had thrown a lot of pitches and was obviously tiring. He had no business pitching with Matsui, let alone Posada in those situations. Grady Little blew the game and there’s no way he’ll be back in Boston next year.

The Red Sox are not cursed, they’ve just yet to field a complete baseball team, managers and players alike. Manny Ramirez did hit the ball well in the ALCS, but failed get the big hit when it mattered most.

The Red Sox ALCS and postseason MVP was without question Todd Walker. He hit .370 and led the Sox offensively. His impressive defensive effort, which has been suspect against Oakland, prolonged the final game of the ALCS.

Regarding the MVP of the series, how could you NOT give to Mariano Rivera? He’s the best closer of our generation, especially in the postseason.

He had a rough start to the season, but in pressure games after September he is automatic. Rivera shut the door on the Sox and deserved the award.

Yanks: How about the first Pedro vs. Clemens in Game 3? How funny was it to watch Don Zimmer roll across the infield? (By the way, Pedro shouldn’t be blamed for stepping aside of a crazed old man with a head shaped like a balloon.) If anyone should be blamed for that incident, it should be Manny Ramirez.

Everyone knows he doesn’t have one of the best-kept tempers, and he really shouldn’t have mouthed off after Clemens pitched him inside.

He was pitching inside the entire game and without Ramirez causing the benches to clear, the Clemens incident would have never occurred, and perhaps no brawl in the Fenway bullpen would have been prevented. Jeff Nelson (who oddly enough is the son of a high ranking Maryland state trooper), reliever for the Yanks, ended up fighting a member of the Fenway grounds crew. Tension was building from the above occurrence, and without I doubt such a shocker event would have taken place. In any case, the Yankees won.

Brod: Don Zimmer, at 72 and at least 250lb’s, should never run across a baseball field to attack a pitcher. What the heck was he thinking? I know he was hit in the head as a player and ‘subsequently did not regain his full ability to play, but his actions were inexcusable. Pedro Martinez is a very fiery individual and he may have been out of line throwing at Garcia. But batted a good thing by tossing Zimmer aside, rather than knocking him out. I would have expected Zimmer to have the baseball savvy and experience to stay in his own damn dugout during a brawl. Ramirez did take the high pitch over the plate from Roger Clemens the wrong way. The pitch wasn’t even close to him.

This being said, it doesn’t surprise me that emotions were running so high. I think the incident was overplayed and blown out of proportion by the Fox Network and the media (what a shocker)

Tim McCarver, possibly the worst commentator ever, made false acquisitions towards Martinez and continued to press the subject when all baseball fans wanted was to focus back on the actual game rather than repeatedly relive the incident.

The incident in the bullpen had a lot of gray area. No one is to blame who attacked whom. I don’t blame Nelson for being upset at being taunted, but he had no right to kick the guy (unless he was attacked first).

Also, it’s absolutely ridiculous that Yankees officials said that such an incident would “never happen” at Yankee Stadium. You’ve got to be kidding me.

Zalis: Finally, about this World Series... SERIOUSLY! Who is going to watch the Yankees and Marlins? This, in my mind, was the worst-case scenario. Baseball is in such a fix right now with its fan base problems. I know Bud Selig (baseball’s commissioner) was praying for a Cubs/Red Sox series.

That would have been one for the ages, one that would have had viewers and maybe even some drama. The Marlins and Yankees will be void of any drama. I say Yankees in four. The Marlins luck can only last so long and against a franchise like the Yankees, this series is already over. It’s too bad that after such an exciting ALCS and NLCS, fans get treated to a World Series that will be forgettable.

Brod: The ratings for this Series will be astronomically low. I mean, most Marlin’s fans are retired, elderly folks in Florida and they rarely stay up past 8:30 pm. I’m sure the Yankee fans (including the gigantic bandwagon) will be watching the games, but not many other sports fans will care. I don’t think the Marlin’s stand a chance in this series.

Their speed on the basepath will be hampered by the excellent pick-off moves of the Yankee lefties and Posada’s accurate arm behind the plate.

The inexperience of the Marlin’s will show and I predict the Yankees will be hanging championship banner number 27, in five games.

Big Finish—Hopefully the World Series will bring some of the excitement that the league championships offered. It’s going to be a battle of a young, gritty franchise versus the baseball giants. If the Marlin’s are to stand any chance, they need to score early runs and get consistent work from their bullpen.

With home field advantage in the Yankees favor, the Marlin’s need to come out strong in the first two games or else they could be headed back to Florida in a hole they will not get out of.
Homecoming on the Hill:
Warm weather and Green Terror Football victory delights spectators
Preceding “Spirit Week” activities enjoyed by students

Katie Martin
News Editor

Abnormally warm weather greeting students, parents, friends, and alumni who arrived on the hill on Saturday November 1st for McDaniel’s annual homecoming festivities. “I enjoyed watching the game because it wasn’t freezing cold,” said Sophomore Katie Fulton. Scott S. Bair Stadium was opened at 9 a.m., with a $5 entrance fee for tailgaters. The victorious Green Terror football team delighted spectators with their 21-7 victory over Centennial Conference rivals, Franklin and Marshall College. The game began at 1:00 after a Ceremonial coin toss by President of the Alumni Association along with Alumna of the Year. Jackie Brown after a Ceremonial coin toss by Hering ‘51.

Hering was recognized by the Alumni Association along with several other individuals. Award winners were introduced during halftime, along with this year’s Homecoming Court and the James Brant Memorial Cup winner. The Pom and Cheerleading squads also performed for spectators.

The alumni hospitality tent was set up from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring a continental breakfast and snacks throughout the day. There were yard signs on display, as well as bookstore sale information and alumni information.

Some alumni gathered in various affinity reunions held for Home Economics majors, peer mentors, honors program members, Alpha Psi Omega members, and for several Greek organizations. By cooking two turkeys on the hill in the morning, hanging out at Johanson’s at night, and tailgating all day in between, Sigma Phi Epilson brothers and alumni also celebrated their 20th anniversary.

Numerous campus organizations participated in the homecoming parade that began the route down Main Street at noon. “It was hot outside, so people came to watch and I was proud to represent ROTC in the parade,” said sophomore Amy Grose.

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During Homecoming, spectators on the Hill watch and celebrate the victory of the Green Terror football team.

JENN PARRY

Construction plans for the Campus in the near (or not so near) future

Walter Zalis
Staff Writer

Note from the writer: Isn’t it great to have some more of this parking stress relieved thanks to that new lot where the tennis courts used to be? Or how pretty is that new building next to Hoover? Fits in quite nicely I believe? or at least it would, and should.

This past semester I had looked into what the McDaniel campus may look like in the near and not so near future. The article was written, but never submitted to the Phoenix. Looking over the article, there are still aspects of it that apply today, and more importantly, there were projects that were supposed to break ground over summer but never did. Upon speaking to Vice President of Administration and Finance Ethan Seidel recently, I was able to find some answers, evident in this updated article.

Last semester, the college was busy putting together plans that would reshape the school in many ways, bringing some buildings up-to-date and bringing new technology to others. The Master Site Plan Committee was put together in order to work with the master planners, the group who will be overseeing the construction on campus, according to Seidel.

Two plans were under development, both a long term and a short-term plan. The strategic plan covers what will happen to the campus in the next five years, while the campus plan covers what may happen in the next 10-15 years, according to Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre.

There were actually a few projects that were to get under way this summer. One of them was breaking ground for a new academic building next to Hoover Library on the stuff parking lot that currently sits there. Obviously, this has yet to be done.

Seidel explains the delay came because the state did not approve the three million dollar grant until the first week of October. Governor Ehrlich sent the letter himself. Since the grant has now come through, the process of physically building can begin.

“We immediately began the process of getting the project out to bid. We anticipate construction work starting before the end of the calendar year,” says Seidel.

Another project that was to be underway over the summer was the conversion of the existing tennis courts into CONSTRUCTION PLANS, continued on page 2.

Campus Haz-Mat Scare a Big Stink

Jamie Fallows
Co-Commentary Editor

Some McDaniel student were in a state of panic when they heard the rumors that there is a hazardous materials incident on campus. Luckily, it is a false alarm.

According to the head of the department of Campus Safety Mike Webster, a campus safety officer was patrolling Lewis Hall of Science at 12:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 28th when he smelled something musty. He checked several classrooms only to find that the odor was confined to the hallway. He then radioped for a second officer to come and verify the smell. Upon arrival, that officer suggested that the fire department be called.

“Lewis Hall is what we call a ‘special box,’” Webster explains. “There are so many substance in there that a leak, spill, or explosion would be very dangerous to the community.”

Several fire departments responded with six fire engines, four ambulances, and one Haz-Mat unit.

see HAZ-MAT STINK, continued on page 4.
"Is The War On Drugs Our Domestic Vietnam?"

..., A Heated Debate

Katie Martin

At the conclusion of 16 exchanges in 116 minutes of debate and discussion on the topic "Is the drug war our domestic Vietnam?" the 100 plus students filling McDaniel Lounge erupted in an standing ovation for debaters Eric Sterling and Delegate Anthony O'Donnell. "These two deserve it," encouraged debate mediator and McDaniel political science professor Dr. Herb Smith.

Sterling, the president of the Criminal Justice Policy Foundation, and O'Donnell, the republican minority whip in the Maryland House of Delegates, had met before during hearings in regard to medical marijuana legislation. They were brought together again by the departments of Political Science and Sociology for the Town Hall debate held Wednesday, October 29th.

After winning a quirky coin toss by McDaniel student Neal Page, Sterling chose to lead off the debate, exhibiting a fast paced powerpoint presentation that included flying statistics and vivid, student polls. "It was visually appealing," said Sophomore Brent Pertuso.

O'Donnell followed with a clear cut discussion on several myths associated with the war on drugs, including that it is a republican/democrat or a black/white issue, and that jails are overpopulated with drug offenders. He also discussed the "illusion of violence," "I don't have facts and figures but I have credibility because of my experience.

Neither debater quite finished their opening statement within the allowed time. "I wish there was more time in the beginning to present their sides because they had some good initial points," commented senior Kate Montano.

Once the series of four minute rebuttals began, Sterling offered ideas on control of the drug industry, rather than continuing to wage a war on drugs. "We are never going to have a drug free America but we can go after the drug agents [the drug problem]." he said. "Regulation is what we do with every other industry in our society.

Contrarily, O'Donnell argued "We should not only continue this war, but find the flaws and redouble our efforts so that our inner cities are dying." He parallelled the situation to the Civil War and the Cold War, saying in both cases the United States "stayed the course...and fought to win," as should be done with the current war on drugs.

Sterling called current drug related education a "Fraud," citing how the responsible use of drugs and the risks and/or benefits of drugs are never discussed in the classroom. Instead students in educational settings, as well as regular citizens, face "zero tolerance" laws that completely ban the use of drugs.

In addressing this, Sterling created a parallel to other dangerous and possibly unsafe items such as guns and matches that are not banned, but are "controlled with proper education" on safety and propriety. "You have to use your genitals safely," said Sterling, creating another comparison that drew quite a reaction from the crowd. "You can't just go out and use them with anyone, so of course you have to use drugs safely."

Several times O'Donnell criticized Sterling for minimizing the issue and appealing to the college audience by comparing the real issue of drugs like heroin, ecstasy and speed to less serious drugs like alcohol and marijuana. Sterling's initiative "heads down the road to permissiveness and contradicts educational efforts," he said.

In one exchange Sterling offered, "I have a radical proposal: You have the right to use drugs, grounded in the right you have to control your own body...your brain is not off limits to you, not by any law."

However, O'Donnell did not agree, commenting, "Our form of government is based on the rule of law and the concept of proper education" on safety and proper use. "You can't just go out and use them with anyone, so of course you have to use drugs safely."

In the later part of the debate, students were able to ask questions. Sterling addressed the principle of having an open drug market and how it would effect the health of the American public, a question to which O'Donnell said "gets to what is good for society as a whole...as there are much more broader implications than smoking and drinking.

Sterling was also asked by political science professor Dr. Charles Neif to provide statistics and comparative use data between different races, a topic with caused a stir among some audience members. "You could hear disgruntled voices as soon as the questions were asked...it needed to be addressed," said Junior Felicia Donelson.

O'Donnell faced questions on topics including what was wrong with providing kids information and entrusting them to make their own decisions regarding drug use, and drug money that drug money that now finances terrorism would go instead if the trade was regulated within the U.S.

"There was a great turnout and a lot of people did not get their questions answered, so that shows how interesting and controversial it was," commented Junior Julie Palmer.

At the conclusion of the debate, Sterling mentioned "the issue is not merely about whether we can smoke pot or not; but it is an issue with important economical, political, international, and environmental implications that has tremendous impact on the life and vitality of citizens. O'Donnell encouraged that students "never stop their critical thinking on this issue."

"Impassioned" was the way in which each speaker described the tense conversation in separate statements afterwards, illustrating at least one idea on which both could agree.

CONSTRUCTION PLANS, from page 1

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Eric Sterling of the Criminal Justice Policy Foundation faced off against Anthony O'Donnell of the Maryland House of Delegates in a recent debate at McDaniel.

courts into more parking spaces. Seidel says there are a couple reasons why this project never began. One is that the project is linked to the new academic building project, which also never began. That, the domino effect took place.

Seidel explains the further reasoning, "In order to build new tennis courts, it is necessary to go through a lengthy permit process. We're on the verge of getting the final approvals to proceed with the construction."

"Much like the academic building, this project could also begin in the weeks to come."

There was mention last semester of several projects that are on the long term construction plan for the school as well. These are some of those projects:

- Entrances into the college will be cut down to three; one at the arch, one at the golf course, and a third near the Winslow building.

- A drastically different Gift Center. A standard-sized pool may be attached, as well as a revamped fitness center, which could become two floors with a glass front offering a pleasant view of the campus. A juice bar may also be added.

- Since the summer projects were delayed, there is a possibility that these more lengthy projects could take longer as well. Seidel was able to offer the current stage for each of these plans. He says that plan ning has begun for designing the new fitness center.

- The next step would be to develop a budget and a timetable for construction. The plan has only just begun on this one," says Seidel. This is a process of less priority currently in the master plan.

Thanks to a gift from a trustee Cassie Kiddoo (class of '46), "construction on a very attractive and visible entrance near the Ward Arch on Main Street will begin," says Seidel. This project is more immediate and feasible; therefore work will begin in a more specified time.

They came in donation form also aids in its timelines. A big question in all of these changes is who will pay for all this work? It will cost to what amount of money the work is done. Here is a small list of ballpark costs according to Seidel:

- New academic building: $9 million
- Harrison Parking Lot: $10 million
- Storm management, golf course re design, new tennis courts, and new entrance: $1.5 million

Some of the money comes from grants like the three million dollar one for the new academic building. However, that still leaves six million dollars.

Seidel says last semester that the school also receives gifts from friends and alumni. "Marty Hill (trustee and chairperson) of the buildings and grounds committee gave a very generous gift to the school which went to what we now called Hill Hall," said Seidel. Gifts are also left to the school in the form of wills, including the Eaton family.

Asking if any of the money from tuition goes to these buildings, Seidel said "oh no, it doesn't." Instead, a sizeable portion of the money comes from fundraisers. Seidel, "the last campaign raised about $41 million for the school."

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With so many projects, a question needs to be asked if the school has its budget in line. According to Seidel, all the projects planned this year are on budget. He adds however, "Of course, several are in the bid stage, like the academic building, so we'll have a better sense of things when that is accomplished. I hope to know more on the academic building by mid-November."

Looking to the future, Seidel says, "We just received the final version of the Campus Master Plan from the planners. There are in fact a large number of future projects anticipated in this plan. Once copies of the plan have been printed, we will figure out a way to share the plan with the student body."

TWO ISSUE LEFT!!
NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOUR VOICE TO BE HEARD!
SUBMIT TO THE PHOENIX IN TIME FOR THANKSGIVING
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11/9/03, 4:00 a.m. in Whiteford Hall: An intoxicated student entered another student's room and assaulted two students therein. The student was identified and the violations of college regulations have been documented. No criminal charges have been filed.

Blanche Ward Hall: A student was cited for several policy violations including failure to comply and abuse of college personnel.

10/28/03, 6:20 p.m. in Rouzer Hall: A student reported his room was burglarized and electronic items valued at over $200 were stolen. The investigation is ongoing by both DoCS and Westminster Police.

10/28/03, 11:32 p.m. in Lewis Hall of Science: Officers on patrol observed an unusual odor and reported feeling ill. A potential hazardous material investigation was begun by the Westminster Fire Department which determined the report was unfounded.

10/29/03, 12:01 p.m. in Albert Norman Ward Hall: A student reported a card left on his auto soliciting for bus trip to the Baja Beach Club in Baltimore had damaged his auto by adhering to the glass.

10/29/03, 1:48 p.m. in Rouzer Hall: A student reported being the victim of a pattern of minor harassment by unknown persons.

10/30/03, 9:11 a.m. in Blanche Ward Hall: A student was discovered to be in possession of stolen college property. Student was documented for policy violation.

10/30/03, 10:45 p.m. in Whiteford Hall: A student reported being harassed by computer. An investigation was underway by DoCS.

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10/31/03, 1:08 p.m. in Whiteford Hall: DoCS responded to a minor motor vehicle crash involving only property damage.

11/01/03, 11:51 a.m. on campus roadway behind Whiteford Hall: Officers observed a student being carried by others. Investigation revealed the student to be suffering from an alcohol overdose. One student was transported to the hospital by ambulance and subsequently issued a state citation for underage possession of alcohol.

11/1/03, 12:07 a.m. on the campus roadway in the area of Garden Apartments parking lot: A female juvenile non-student was arrested by campus officers for disorderly conduct and alcohol violations. She was subsequently transported to the hospital who assumed custody.

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11/03/03, 1:15 a.m. along Historic Drive: Officers observed a student and non-student in possession of a stolen campus sign. The student was cited for the policy violation and the non-student was banned from campus.

11/1/03, 1:20 a.m. at 52 Pennsylvania Ave: Westminster Police requested DoCS assistance with a large party where several students were causing disturbances. One student was arrested by Westminster Police and 10 students were cited for alcohol offenses. One student at the house was transported to the hospital for alcohol overdose.

11/2/03, 2:36 a.m. in Albert Norman Ward Hall: DoCS officers responded to a report of a fight. Upon arrival no fight could be found, but officers did find two students suffering the effects of excessive alcohol use. Needs medical attention. The injured student was transported to the hospital by ambulance. No arrests were made; however, this investigation is ongoing by both Westminster Police and DoCS.

11/8/03, 4:41 p.m in Rouzer Hall: A student is cited a state citation for possession of drug paraphernalia by the Westminster Police.

11/8/03, 11:30 a.m. in Garden Apartments: A student reported theft of a personal flag.

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“Human Jukebox” John Rush performs at CAPBoard event

Featuring guitarist John Rush, as well as a large audience of students, the CAPBoard event was a great success. Rush played a variety of songs, from his own compositions to covers of popular hits.

News Editor

Donate food, toys, and other supplies to Circle K International's Humane Society Wish List Drive to aid the Carroll County Humane Society from November 3 until November 15th. Check out the wishbone display in Ensor Lounge to drop off supplies or for more information.

HAZ-MAT STINK, from page 1.

Crew (first responders specially trained to control haz-mat incidents) were called to a hazardous substance incident. They had to wear protective gear and clean up the spill.

Some Haz-Mat Tips compiled by Jamie Fallows

- If you smell something odd, leave immediately and call 911. Do NOT continue to smell it.
- Never touch, smell, or taste a hazard substance.
- If you get a hazardous substance on you, call 911 immediately and do NOT attempt to wash it off. Some substances react violently, and the runoff could worsen the situation.
- If you hear that something has happened, please DO NOT go to see what is going on. You could get contaminated.

Officers’ actions and the quick response of the fire department were praised by the community. One bad aspect of this job is that you never know what’s around the corner. When in doubt, safety first.” Webster advises.

The SGA’s Dollar party on Friday, and the Life’s Monster Bash halloween party on Saturday. "Spirit Week was well received by the student body," said SGA Vice President Felicia Donelson. "It will continue through the years at McDaniel and it will catch on... and definitely be something that is as traditional, or even more than the football game!"
I Saved a Life: I Gave Blood
by Jamie Fallows

There’s a small whole in my arm. I’m tired and dizzy. Generally, I feel like crap. But it’s all worth it I gave blood.

On Thursday, October 23, The American Red Cross held a blood drive in the Forum. After eating a nice lunch as I was instructed, I showed up to begin the very long, but worthwhile, process of blood donation.

First on my list of things to do: read. I had to read loads of material on the blood donation process, how to prepare for it, what to expect during and after donating, and any risks involved. I sighed in relief when I read that the most likely risk involved is a bruise at the gauge site and maybe passing out.

Then I waited... and waited. Some people sitting near me had already been there for an hour, so I knew I had some time to kill. If only I had something to do during that time...

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Blood Drive director Kim Curry exclaims.

After that, I underwent a short physical examination, which consisted mainly of questions. They also checked my temperature and prickled my fingers to check my body’s iron content. Ouch. I waited a little more before they put me in the dentist’s chair, as I lovingly called it, gave me a spritz, and made me Big Ouch.

Keep in mind that I have never done this before. It’s a little disturbing watching your blood fill a little plastic bag. I was a little uneasy at first, but the phlebotomists (the folks that took my blood) were very sweet and understanding to me. The technician that took my blood even held my hand because she knew I was nervous. Some of the other donors were also very sweet to me. Thanks, Ted!

So I looked around a bit, and I was impressed with what I saw. There were kids and adults, all kinds of people there. The staff was very safe, using personal protective equipment such as medical gloves, masks, etc. The area was kept clean and orderly, and every piece of medical equipment used was sterile and disposed of properly after use.

After a while, my arm started hurting. I looked down, and bang! A lovely rainbow bruise was coming through. Lovely. The technician took a look at the bag and realized that my blood just wasn’t flowing right. After she adjusted the catheter (ouch), it all came pouring out and I was five minutes away from being done.

When that wonderful time came, I turned into Super Wimp-whining, “Get it out of me PLEASE!” But I returned to my normal self when they told me to drink cool water. I even got two bags of Famous Amos because I was “such a trooper.” Outstanding.

I sat with Kim Curry, who was in charge of the blood drive, while I enjoyed my snack. This registered nurse has donated up to three gallons of blood in the eight or nine years that she has been involved with the American Red Cross. She says that they were expecting more than 100 people to show up and were hoping for more.

“The media is not hyping things up, there really IS a bad blood shortage,” Curry explains. “It can take up to 80 units to keep someone alive during a liver transplant, which is about everything that we’ve collected here today!”

The blood will go to one of the 88 area hospitals and possibly the military, should they need it.

There is one other problem with blood donation. Aside from the national shortage, blood gets thrown away after 45 days! Curry exclaims.

Curry also informs that the American Red Cross will return to McDaniel College on April 14, 2004. If you want to donate blood before then, there are several donation centers in the open-year-round.

In the “Chesapeake Area,” as Curry calls it, there are donation centers in Towson, White Marsh, Glen Burnie, Bel Air, and some in Frederick County. In the “Potomac Area,” there are centers in Rockville, Gaithersburg, Washington D.C., and Fairfax, VA.

So I still feel like crap, but after giving it some thought, it was definitely worth it. Curry told me that one unit of blood could save 2 or 4 lives. Imagine that.

For more information, go to the American Red Cross website: redcross.org.

-H guessing and to get into the same suite or have they to make it through the tough apartment selection process.

Even so, either the guy or the girl, or both, has to find a roommate of the same sex, and few people are willing to live in an apartment with a couple. For the same reason students would be fished up in front of Student Affairs for a co-ed double room policy was instituted.

Plus, even if heterosexual couples do make it through all the obstacles, officially, they are still not permitted to live in the same room.

On the other hand, all homosexual couples have to do is pick the best number between the two of them, choose a double room which is more in the amount of type of housing on campus, and then violate the college’s policy together in August.

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-Krysta Duralchol is a Senior Literature and Creative Writing Dual Major

To Cheat or Not to Cheat? Is Sharing Truly Caring?

Joe Adelizzi

We have been there; sitting in a classroom as the test with not a clue of what any of the answers are.

Maybe you won out the night before... or that totally forgot you had a test the next day. But hidden. And what are you supposed to do? The honest and trustworthly thing to do would be to take the F that you probably rightfully deserve and pick yourself up on the next test.

However, there is another possibility. Another road that could be taken. You could cheat.

Disturbingly enough cheating recently at the high school level has become the road most often chosen.

Of the 50 McDaniel College students that were surveyed 42 admitted to cheating during a test that could be taken. You could cheat.

One of my favorite professors at my college once said that he could not keep up with the students who were cheating.

Some students for example would even go as far as text messaging answers to each other on cell phones while taking the test. Others, would write formulas on their phones while taking the test. Others, would even go as far as text messaging answers to each other.

For the student that they knew what was expected of them, it was a different story.

The immediate question to ask ourselves is, What is the best number between the two of them, which is more in the amount of type of housing on campus, and then violate the college’s policy together in August.

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I should have considered the research on the school’s policy. A recent study showed that the housing policy here is culturally biased against heterosexual couples.

It is simple to see, and something that I think of every time I see two girls in a t-shirt walking down my hall together. Ok, this is a “liberal” arts school. We have an active gay community on campus. If you do like it, you just have to suck it up and get used to it.

But, it is the very fact that we have an active gay community on this campus that makes the housing policy cause so much problem. Most heterosexual couples are free to live together in double rooms, while heterosexual cohabits are not. This makes it an obvious partiality that must not be allowed to continue.

I am sorry that I haven’t contributed any research on the school’s policy, but I do know that the policy is one, it is obvious to me that there is no way of preventing heterosexual couples from living together in double rooms on campus.

And you don’t even have to be in a couple to live together in a double room. And, it is not required students to divulge their sexual preferences.

Secondly, even if there was some kind of partiality between heterosexual couples from living together in on-campus housing, there is no way for college staff to verify whether students have been honest in claiming not to be involved in relationships with their prospective roommates.

This is not an article about gay rights, or heterosexuals getting what they need in a double room. It is an article about equal rights. Here is one solution.

1) The college must change its housing policy.
With the Democratic Party Still Lacking a Popular Candidate, Bush Could Win 2005

by Rob Goeke

Never static, ever fluid, the race to win the 2004 presidential election is ever more difficult to predict due to recent events. Immediately following 9/11, it appeared certain that George Bush would reside at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue until early January, 2009. However, in the period following the attacks, the economy reengaged, 2.7 million Americans lost their steady employment, and Bush's approval rating steadily declined. These factors would normally spell inevitable doom for a President, but White House speechwriters are not quite ready to begin drafting a concession speech. There are three factors behind why Bush seems like he could survive the problems that have arisen during his presidency.

First, the Democratic Party does not have a clear opponent to the incumbent. At last count, nine politicians were vying for the party's nomination, and, if recent polls are accurate, no favorite exists. No candidate has been able to gain 20% of the support. Wesley Clark and Howard Dean have won half or separated themselves from the competition. Clark has used his former military involvement to garner support while Dean has relied on a grass roots internet strategy to garner support while trying to distance himself from the Iraq occupation. According to the latest issue of The Economist, America's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which indicates the market value of America's domestic industries, grew by 7.2% in the third quarter of the fiscal year. This was the highest growth since 1984.

However, these figures can be read in two ways. Since companies had been laying off workers for the previous two years, firms saw a decrease in variable costs, and were able to garner a profit more easily. Also, the low interest rate gave consumers incentive to borrow money. This, combined with the Bush-sponsored tax cut, gave Americans more disposable income to spend. They spent this income back into the economy, and as a result, the economy now has at least experienced growth for the short term.

The third reason that Bush still has a fighting chance is that he has more monetary resources available than candidates opposing him. Perhaps he has made mistakes, but Bush has the ability to pour in untold amounts of capital to overcome these errors. As the saying goes, money talks.

So after reading this, you must be convinced. Bush will overcome his difficulties and win the election handily, right?

Well, not quite. Unless the economy maintains this high rate of growth, which is unlikely, there will still be a significant number of voters that were gainfully employed in 2000 and will be out of work next November. Whether or not Bush's economic policy is directly responsible for this is up for debate, but usually the man in charge becomes the scapegoat, and Bush would suffer.

If half of these newly unemployed voters vote in 2004 and hold a grudge against Bush, there is potential for a million votes to be lost by the incumbent to his opponent.

A.N.S.W.E.R. Bashes Bush, but with Little Substance

by Bryan Renbaum

Last Saturday a group known as A.N.S.W.E.R. (Act Now Stop War End Racism) gathered within the shadows of the Lincoln Memorial to protest the ongoing U.S. occupation of Iraq. According to the latest issue of The Economist, America's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which indicates the market value of America's domestic

Jet-Setting: Tunisia

Tunisia is an African country by the Mediterranean Sea, and it is not a budget buster, especially for Western visitors. It's only possible to get a clean room for about US$5 per night, and main dishes in local restaurants are often in the US$4 range. If you're fighting to keep costs down, you can get by on around US$5 a day, but you'll have more fun with a budget of about US$25 and can live like royalty for upwards of US$40. The budget meals are between US$3-5, the mid-range US$5-10 and the top-end is US$12 and upwards.

Tunisia has a lot of activities to offer for tourists. Tunisia is just waking up to the possibility of trekking. The forest of the Ksoura Mountains around Ain Drahem have enormous potential, but decent maps have yet to be drawn. More popular right now, camel trekking is best arranged out of Douz, at 5km south-west of Douz, where you can arrange anything from an hour's ride to an eight-day oasis hop. If this hooks you on the desert's charms, dune skiing and land yachting can be arranged in certain areas. For those who just want to get a darker skin tone, Tunisia's best beaches are in the north around Ghar El-Melh, Tabarka, and Bizerte, much better than the crowded ones at the resorts.

The capital city is Tunis, which compared with most mega-cities elsewhere in the
Pulling Out Early Never Works...
Campus improvements and a lawyer gets shot
by Brian Patterson

Our first question this week comes from a concerned American citizen who asks, why are our armed forces still occupying Iraq?

President Bush declared major combat over in Iraq several months ago, yet last Sunday 16 U.S. soldiers were killed in an ambush February, when the navigator was attacked and shot down.

This was the highest number of casualties sustained in any one day since the official fighting ceased. Bush declared that the U.S. "will never run," and White House spokesman Trent Duffy vowed to take the fight to the enemy.

This war was never justified to begin with. Our soldiers are still occupying a country that was invaded without a substantial reason. After all, we still have not found any weapons of mass destruction.

Prior to the invasion Saddam Hussein ran his regime relatively smoothly. He had been in power since 1979 and in the last election he received 100 percent of the popular vote. His regime was not brutal, and the U.S. did not come close to that, and all he has managed to do is screw up the economy and give everybody a tax cut.

We'd all be better off if Hussein had been left in charge. There was that whole genocide of Iraqi Kurds in northern Iraq, and the Arabs in southern Iraq, but the last time I checked no American soldiers were needlessly killed in those episodes. Sure he used poison gas and executed Iranian prisoners back in the 1980s, but I still don't see any justification for this war.

Bush categorized this conflict under the large umbrella of the war on terror and had been sold the idea that was whole genocide of Iraqi Kurds in northern Iraq, and the Arabs in southern Iraq, but the last time I checked no American soldiers were needlessly killed in those episodes. Sure he used poison gas and executed Iranian prisoners back in the 1980s, but I still don't see any justification for this war.

Bush has yet to outline a plan for peace, but it should start with the withdrawal of American forces. The U.S. should then apologize to the rest of the world for interfering with their affairs, both in the past and in the present. (Aside from Hussein, this would include former world leaders such as Hitler, Mussolini, Noriega, and Milosovitch.) It really is a simple solution.

Seriously though, it appears that Bush did not have a clear and concise exit strategy for this war, but nowhere in the world, it looks more like a large country town. The city center is compact and easy to navigate, with almost everything important to travelers within the medina and the compact ville nouvelle.

The medina is the historical and cultural heart of modern Tunis and a great place to get a feel for life in the city. It was built during the 7th century, when it lost its status as Tus-Can Central when the French took over and raised their ville nouvelle around the turn of the 20th century. One of the oldest of the medina's sights, the Zitouna Mosque was rebuilt in the 9th century on the site of the original 7th century structure. Its builders recycled 200 columns from the ruins of Roman Carthage for the central prayer hall.

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The streets of the ville nouvelle are lined with old French buildings replete with wrought-iron railings and louvered windows, lending it a very European feel that's height- ened by a number of sidewalk cafes and patisseries.

Low season in Tunisia is from January to February, when hotel rates are down and the weather's cool and rainy. During the sweaty high season, from June to August, expect hotel rates to be up, car rental to be scarce and the markets and museums to teem with foreign visitors. Tunis' high temperatures top 110°F (45°C) and after all it makes it a great place to visit any time of the year. Just be aware on the market! If you do bargain, sellers might get really upset. So loose any snobby attitude in shopping, and just enjoy the cultural experience of bargaining with someone who can out count you ten in English!
A change of major
by Bayley Panini

For the past three years beginning in high school I have slept, lived, and breathed biology. I loved the knowledge, the passion, the challenge, and the immediate environment that brought to my life. I loved the random facts and being able to understand the world around me in a deeper and more concrete and intellectual manner. I’m not talking about my everyday life and how I fit into the scheme of the universe.

But in my sophomore year the major took on a whole new meaning. I began to question my path and the path I was to follow for myself after college. The work was no longer fun for me and the advanced classes became a burden. I began to write to find some of my frustrations and put them into a concise entity and realized that I was studying Biology for all the wrong reasons. I was studying it because I was good at it and not because it was something I was passionate about. I had come to see myself in the field for the rest of my life.

The idea to change my major hit me like a moment of divine clarity. It was the middle of April and the second day of Biology. I was doing a boring receptionist job that required no thought or activity on my behalf. I began to bring to work some short stories I had written. I had been writing on the side when I had the chance, or the inspiration, for as long as I can remember and although it was not the first thing I thought of when I thought of my major, I knew it was something that had been a saving grace in times where little could bring me hope.

What I found in the pages I had written was a link. As I stared at the words, I realized that only a talent for explanation but a love for it as well. I realized that my adoration of writing was different from my love for biology. I realized that there was something quite close to being a natural gift writing on the other hand was both.

I was absolutely thrilled that I finally found something that I wanted to do for the rest of my life-safe as a rising junior and taking on a new major meant not only choosing the correct major for there is no room for mistakes in ones junior year of college, but also the 10 step process of deciding to change my major that could be done in two years.

I pondered over this for weeks in my own thoughts. Struggling with continuing the road that already set me, or having the dream of being a professional writer, I concluded that something needed to be done.

This obstacle something turned out to be not only changing my major in my junior year, but also a self-designed Professional Writing and Media Major in my junior year.

I am not ashamed that I left the Biology Department and did not follow the footsteps of so many before me. I am more relieved that this epiphany came to me at a time when I could still do something to change my current condition and think that a lot of freshmen come into the college experience knowing, like I did, exactly what they want out of the major and subsequently have the next 10-15 years of their lives planned out to follow that field of study.

Although it is excellent to be mindful and prepared for the future, many of us may forget that the early years in college are not the time to think about what we want to do after graduation. Exploration may come shifts in previously conceived plans. Do not be afraid of these changes instead embrace them. It may be the last time you have the opportunity to do so.

—Bayley Panini is a junior

Professional Writing and Media Major

McDaniel’s parking problem and ticket policy revisited

A student responds to previous editorials and offers a different view

by Krysti Durchoz

I would like to weigh in on the topic of the parking regulations. I believe that they have created chaos on campus. They have created an unnecessary burden on students.

I have talked to many students who have received parking tickets and they have been frustrated by the process. They feel that they have not done anything wrong and are being punished unfairly. I have been told that some students have received tickets for parking in a legal spot, while others have not received tickets for parking in illegal spots.

I believe that the parking regulations are unfair and should be changed. I think that the parking permits should be sold for a cost that is reasonable, and that the ticketing process should be fair and consistent. I also believe that students should be allowed to appeal their parking tickets if they feel that they have been wronged.

I hope that the administration will take my concerns into consideration and make changes to the parking regulations that will be fair and just for all students.

—Krysti Durchoz is a senior

Literature and Creative Writing Dual Major
Residence Life Coordinator for Greek Organizations
Amanda Rose "absolutely loves Greek life"

Kelly Shaw
Staff Writer

When she’s not out catching some rays at the beach, cheering on or participating in sporting events, or spending time with her delightful 13-month-old niece, Amanda Rose is probably putting in a huge amount of work behind the scenes of Greek life at McDaniel College. Rose is the Residence Life Coordinator for Greek Organizations, but the White Marsh, Md. native was already part of the McDaniel community before that. She graduated from then-Western Maryland College with a degree in Exercise Science and Physical Education and began a graduate assistant job in January 1999 in the Residence Life department. Since then she has stepped up to RLC and also helped to fill someone else's shoes. When Betsy Chimock, former Assistant Director of College Activities, left McDaniel for a job at Indiana University of Pennsylvania this year, Rose took over some of her duties such as advising Panhellenic Council and helping with the recruitment period.

"Amanda's straightforward and honest style shows through with whatever she does. I hope that's how she's perceived," O'Chimock stated.

Mitchell Alexander, Director of College Activities, at first feared that students may not show her the respect she deserves. Along the same lines, he felt that students may see her as an ally for College Activities as opposed to Residence Life. Judging from her success as RLC, Rose has obviously overcome both of these obstacles.

As the Residence Life Coordinator, some of Rose's responsibilities include reporting maintenance problems, hearing judicial cases, dealing with residence life issues facing Greek organizations, taking care of student discipline problems, and working with the Resident Assistants.

Rose says the RAs bring out her fun side. Her interaction with the students as a whole is by far the aspect Rose enjoys most. She loves working in a college environment and feels privileged to know she is doing something for the students and helping them however she can. She considers herself easy to get along with and is described by Alexander as fun, fair, and approachable. These words fit perfectly, considering her favorite song is Taylor's "You've Got A Friend."

Rose is a former sister of Phi Mu and absolutely loves Greek life. She comments on the way it challenges people's comfort zones, inspires leadership, and inadvertently develops one's character." Even now as Residence Life Coordinator, Rose still has close connections with the Greeks. She coordinates Greek housing in the spring, and most of the sororities and fraternities live in the buildings that she supervises. She ensures their safety in the community and serves as a resource if they need something not already provided. She has grown to know many of them throughout her four years working here.

In the discipline area, one thing Rose does not like is disrespectful students. In difficult situations, most students are cooperative but there are a few that tend to blame Residence Life. Rose wishes students would take a step back and look at the situation rationally.

According to Christina Bandula, President of Phi Sigma Sigma, Amanda makes an unpleasant situation as pleasant as it can be. Bandula, who describes Rose as responsible and honest, admits that it is hard to make Greeks happy in following school policy, but when Rose has to talk to a student or group about something bad, she carries it out in a kind way.

It is easy for Rose to relate to college students in different situations because she has experienced both good and bad. The biggest mistake she ever made was during a semester in college when she allowed other things to take priority over academics, causing her to do poorly. Her father told her she was disappointed and that had a huge impact on her.

Rose's father, who has worked very hard to get what he has, is now her hard worker's role model. In addition to her father's motivation, Rose's self-confidence and self-trust are partially due to her high school field hockey coach. Those principles will be instilled in Rose forever. Her third role model is her 13-month-old niece. All I have to do is see her, and all my worries go away," says Rose.

McDaniel College to Rose is a family community and has developed that way because of students, faculty, and staff. Rose has certainly contributed to this environment through her work, interactions, and laid-back attitude. You've Got A Friend in Amanda Rose.

Texas Road House: Good Food Worth the Wait

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Greeted by the smell of steak and hot bread, one cannot help but notice the unusual decor while first entering Texas Road House. From rabbits sporting horns (referred to as "jackalopes") to the many images of Texas and Texas Road House carries Coca-Cola products, but for those who have reached the golden age of twenty-one, the option of ordering alcoholic beverages is there.

After the drinks were brought, it was decided between my friend and I to try a "cactus blossom" which I have always referred to as a blooming onion. Having tried the same type of fried onion and sauce at Outback Steak House, I thought that the Texas Road House version was somewhat inferior to Outback's blooming onion. The onion batter wasn't as flavored and the sauce was a bit too spicy.

Steak dinners that include two sides start at $7.99. I decided to order the steak for $7.99, a USDA choice sirloin. I also decided to order a salad and a baked potato as my side dishes. The salad was simply excellent. I hate, hate, hate salads that come from a lettuce mix or that have brown pieces of lettuce unsuccessfully hidden by the dressing. Texas Road House has a crisp green salad with very good ranch dressing.

At the last minute I decided to load my baked potato for one extra dollar. To have a potato "loaded" is to have sour cream, cheese, chives and bacon bits put on top of the potato. To have a sweet potato "loaded" is to have marshmallows and caramel sauce put on top. I am glad I had the potato loaded — it was that much tastier.

The steak of course was very, very good. I had the sirloin cooked medium-well. Of course, one can choose from five options: rare (about to crawl off the plate), medium rare (you will still have accumulated a puddle of red), medium (still too red for my taste), medium-well (just a bit pink), and well (as brown as a lump of dirt). The Texas Road House brand steak sauce was overpoweringly spicy — I stuck to trusty A1.

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**Movie Madness!!** When it's too cold to be outside, here is what to watch while chillin' inside!

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**Matrix Reloaded DVD Fails to load Worthwhile Extras**

The DVD for Reloaded however, does little to add to the Matrix universe.

On one hand, by now we have the standard addition of making of the movie extras, a standard which hardly adds to the movie, and we have the previews for the Animatrix. That is where this DVD is truly flawed. Previews for items that are already out and in fact have been out for a whole month before the product you have in your player are a waste of space. As well as the fact that they also have a making of The Animatrix on the disc, an extra on the Animatrix DVD itself.

This DVD also suffers from a lack of deleted scenes. For the uninhibited in the function of deleted scenes, deleted scenes are scenes that were cut for time or story purposes. Many times these scenes help to enhance the overall feel of the movie and make the overall experience more enjoyable.

What is truly concerning about this is that means the Waschowzski movie were necessary, like the ten minute dance number in the beginning.

The audio commentary also suffers from a lack of been there done that feel, it is similar to watching a making of but instead you see the final while the director and whoever else they get talks about the scene. The only film to a decent commentary on their side of the Kevin Smith New Jersey movies, if only for the fact that they don't really comment on the scene but rather discuss whatever comes into their minds.

Not all is bad and the only real reason that you would need to pop in that extra disc in your player is for the MTV MVA parody of Reloaded. If you have not seen this before I seriously suggest popping this into your player and seeing it, you'll enjoy the scene with Neo and the Oracle in the inner city park.

What this DVD could really use are a couple of more original and more interactive extras, hopefully they will be included in a special edition DVD however there is no news of this being released right now.

You have one of two options - either wait for the special edition or pick this DVD up now and just watch Reloaded in all its glory.

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**Scary Movie Three Lives up to McDuffie’s Expectations**

Scary Movie 3 lives up to the humor of its prequels through hilarious parodies of movies such as 8 mile, The Ring, and the Matrix. Along with the two remaining cast members of the original, two movies, Scary Movie 3 is filled with appearances such as Pamela Anderson, Simon Cowell from American Idol, Leslie Nielsen, Queen Latifah, and rappers Fat Joe and Ja Rule.

The plot of the movie involves a mysterious figure calling various people telling them that they will die in 7 days. There are some very entertaining moments in the movie involving a pseudo Michael Jackson and a very hilarious parody of the 8 mile battle rap segment. The movie appeals to all ages considering that every aspect of modern pop culture is integrated into the film.

Comparing it to the other 2 films, Scary Movie 3 is an improvement over the Jackluster Scary Movie 2, while not quite as good as the original Scary Movie. However, there were plenty of laughs while watching this movie. This movie is very funny and exciting to view—Overall on a scale from 1 to 10, Scary Movie 3 gets a solid 8.

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**Texas Road House**

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My friend ordered grilled salmon in lemon-pepper butter for $11.99. Upon trying the salmon, I was very impressed - it was delicious. Not a meat fan? Order the grilled salmon. In addition to fish and steak, ribs and barbecue chicken are also choices.

The only complaint I would make against the roadhouse is that they had interrogation-style lights above the tables. These lights loom in customer's faces and I almost whacked my head on it getting up to use the bathroom. Of course, there was the whiny kid behind me kicking the seat and looking at me like if I were an alien - of course that doesn't happen to most people, just me - that is just my lousy restaurant luck.

As for the men of McDanie College, I noticed that the majority of wait staff was comprised of young females enough said.

But Texas Road House is not just for single guys, it is a good first date restaurant: casual, good food, and good prices. Remember - first date restaurant - take her somewhere without the jackalopes for the one-year anniversary.

Overall, the food, service and atmosphere merit an eight out of ten.

For more information on locations and prices, go to www.texasroadhouse.com
Scarface: 20th Anniversary Edition
The must-own DVD of the Holiday

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This year marks the 20th anniversary of Scarface, the remake of the 1932 movie of the same title, starring Al Pacino. To honor Scarface’s anniversary, Universal Studios has re-released Scarface both as a home version and soon to be released in theatres.

The DVD digitally remasters the sound and the video to make the movie more watchable for those against the graininess of the original tapes. Even more so that the special features include: never before seen footage; a comparison of the original and the remake; behind the scenes footage detailing every aspect of the film, from the acting to the ‘R’ rating to the chainsaw scene; a look at how the actors created and portrayed their characters; and hilarious montages covering the different versions and the movie version.

For those uninitiated with Scarface, go and see this movie. Many consider its violence and drug references to be graphic and too much, however not seeing this movie is going to have you miss out on a contemporary classic. The characters are memorable, the story intriguing, the directing fantastic, there is not a single aspect wrong with this movie.

The acting is fantastic, and despite some wire-fu work, is incredibly believable. Unlike most action films, our heroine is not invulnerable to the cannon fodder that is thrown at them from the powers up high, but rather very much human and very vulnerable.

This movie is a tragedy, our hero is a tragic hero and everything is executed so perfectly.

Everything in this DVD helps bring the movie to another level. The behind the scenes extra clearly defines and explains how the film was made, no stone is left unturned. From battling to the rating by cutting down on the violence and the language to having to change settings and locations, this is the most in-depth making of the film to be seen.

The deleted scenes do little to add to the movie, but in some cases do go further into the characters. Nothing that special but still amazing to see deleted scenes from an already long movie.

The rebirth and acting sections again do little, but it fun, if not amusing, to see how a 1932 movie was turned into one of the most controversial movies of all time.

The acting part is little more than the actors explaining how they got into their roles and prepared for them. Nice to see and hear it really helps the viewer understand the characters more than they thought they did always a plus. The TV montage is just perfect, what better way to snuff at the censors than by insulting them on a DVD and showing how the film that you saw was ruined by them. Absolutely hilarious and absolutely dead on.

If you’re looking for a good rental, a fan of Al Pacino, or love movies, this is the movie to buy or rent. This is what DVD’s of classics should be an examination of the world that you haven’t seen, as well as an extension of that world. As Tony Montana would put it ‘nobody messes with Tony Montana.’

Tarantino New Flick Kill Bill Displays Revenge and Human Emotion in it’s “Rawest Form”

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When it comes to movies by Quentin Tarantino, there are expectations, fortunately for him and the audience. Kill Bill Vol. 1 delivers everything a movie is supposed to be and showcases Tarantino’s characters and how all of the soundtracks. The only warning to give is that this movie will shock you and make you cry. There are scenes in this movie that are so gory they had to be presented in black and white. There is a scene of buying comatose patients for sex; this movie goes far and beyond the R rating that it was given.

Kill Bill’s story revolves around The Bride a.k.a. Black Mamba, played by Uma Thurman, and her quest to kill Bill. Bill is the head of a group of assassins, known as the Deadly Viper Assassination Squad, who upon hearing of Black Mamba’s decision to leave attempts to kill her on her wedding day, only to fail in killing her target but not anyone else. From here on out the movie revolves around Black Mamba waking up from a coma, regaining her strength, and avenging her death and the deaths of her husband and child. One by one Black Mamba hunts down her victims, we only see her get two of them in this one so the movie definitely leaves you with something to look forward to. In interest of keeping away any secrets of the movie there will be no spoilers in this film, however you can assume that since there are two movies that Black Mamba is successful against her first two victims.

This movie shines particularly in two areas the soundtrack, and style of the film. Never has a soundtrack moved and set the setting of the scene as well as in Kill Bill, every single music selection was done on purpose and with reason. The score is just too good to describe, and thankfully keeps away from the heavy metal, and techno soundtrack of the Matrix movies. Hands down if you’re a fan of good movie music pick up the soundtrack and enjoy every moment of it. Now the photography and style of film for each scene as well plays out very importantly. There are no words to describe how well everything in this film gels together. Tarantino took everything that made movies as a kid so much fun and made them for us kids that grew up.

The action is fantastic, and despite some wire-fu work, is Tarantino backs it up with some high flying fast action, which is gorgeously done and again done in styles that very each time. The acting could have been better, but than again Reservoir Dogs, wasn’t as much on the acting scale either and is still fantastic.

This movie is sliding on the ticket sales, due in part to both Texas Chainsaw Massacre and Scary Movie 3. That is fine since more than likely Kill Bill will more than likely be nominated for an Oscar for photography or musical score, and those two will be thrown in the garbage like many of the comedy and horror movies that come out. Go out and see Kill Bill, but do not under any circumstance expect an inspirational movie that will uplift your soul.

Expect a movie that looks at revenge and shows human emotion in its rawest form.
From October 22 - 23, 2003, McDaniel College Theater presented the musical Working. The musical, which is based on the book by Studs Terkel, uses monologues and song to express the plight of the everyday blue-collar worker. The cast was made up of 26 players, most of whom attend McDaniel.

The musical focused on a variety of workers, ranging from waitresses to corporate executives. 18 songs reflected many of the characters opinions of their jobs and working in general. The play was adapted by Stephen Schwartz and Nina Faso. The songs were created by Craig Carnelia, Micki Grant, Mary Rodgers, Susan Birkenhead, Stephen Schwartz and James Taylor.

This was the first Drama production of the school year, and the play was directed by Elizabeth van den Berg. The performance was enhanced by a live orchestra.

The cast put on some amazing performances. To freshman just becoming involved with McDaniel Drama, the play was a great experience.

Freshman Shante Williams, who played Enid Dubois, telephone solicitor, stated I loved it. It was a really great opportunity to meet people in the theater department, and I made a lot of friends. Practices were long but it was worth it.

Upperclassmen also benefitted from the experience. Carolyn Ricks, who played a cleaning woman, noted that it was nice to do a show where nobody was a lead... that made us more of a family. She also mentioned that its neat to see how each character's lives connected onstage, even though it didn't seem like they did.

I really felt like it was such a great experience because it was such an ensemble show. Everyone in the cast was equally important and we really learned how to work together to put on a great show, stated Jenna Layman, who played a housewife.

The subject was one everybody could identify with, and the cast artfully displayed their musical and acting talents. From schoolteachers to stonemasons, ironworkers to interstate truckers, Working was a powerful lesson in the true nature of the work force.

Winter is just around the corner, which to many of us on this campus means; snow days, hot chocolate, fuzzy mittens and sledging down the golf course on a cafeteria tray. (Don't lie. We all do it!) Another thing that winter brings about is a huge shift in our wardrobes. Well, at least in the girls' wardrobes. Most guys here are pretty content with year round beach gear. I personally admire any guy who is willing to risk frostbite to prove his masculinity!

Unlike the boys, us girls tend to start to stock up on the bulkiest sweaters, the most heinous sweats, and boots that look like they've been lifted from a hobo. I'm going to be perfectly honest. I fit into every one of these categories so if you do, you are not alone.

"Just by wearing a figure flattering sweater, instead of the monstrously huge one left behind by an old flame, can make you look ten times more put together." However, I have come to realize that it is a common misconception that just because the thermometer drops we must transform into walking Eskimos. While staying warm is, of course, priority numero uno during cold & flu season, that doesn't mean girls can't rock a hot winter look.

For one thing, just because a sweater is 4 sizes too big, doesn't mean that it is providing you any more heat than a sweater that is appropriately fitted. Just by wearing a figure flattering sweater, instead of the monstrously huge one left behind by an old flame, can make you look ten times more put together.

One advantage of the winter season is that it gives us a chance to sport some exceptionally bright and deep colors. Just because the ground is white and the sky gray doesn't mean your wardrobe has to look the same. In fact there is no better time of year to break out the reds and greens (not together of course), than wintertime. The same goes for a solid golden-yellow, hearty green, or a deep blue persuasion. Many people don't realize that bright colors, if worn accordingly to your complexion, will accentuate the colors of your face and make you look that much more eye-catching.

At this time I am going to put to rest a huge question that has been plaguing our sex for generations. Is it socially acceptable to wear skirts in the winter? And the answer is YES! I know. Mind blowing isn't it? And it gets even better. We don't even have to risk our health anymore to wear the cute skirts. A huge fashion trend has reemerged, making it possible for us to show off those darling little mini's. I am of course referring to the comeback of knitted tights.

Knitted tights have come back with vengeance, creating a charming yet comfortable alternative to those sheer tights, which leave our legs purple and shivering.

If you are not into the tights but really, really want to show off your gams then go for knee high boots with your micro-mini. Contrary to popular belief, knee high boots are not trashy with a short skirt as long as they are paired with a conservative top. Either an Oxford shirt or sweater should balance out the sexiness occurring south of the equator.

By mixing these bits of clothing you can create a very smart and sophisticated mod look without losing your sex appeal. The last bit of advice I offer, applies to both the ladies and the gents. Whatever you choose to put on, be it a sexy skirt (not you boys) or oversized sweats, make sure you are at least clean. Cold weather is not an excuse to forgo shaving, showering or combing your hair.

With that said, stay warm, stay healthy, and look good doing it!
SPORTS

The Prankster: Head Women's Basketball Coach Becky Martin

What motivates a practical joke and what is it that separates the good practical jokes from the bad? According to Head Women's Basketball Coach Becky Martin, "The sweetness of a good prank is the element of surprise." You may be wondering if a prankster can be a good coach. Well, of course not. Rebecca Martin has quietly become one of the most successful coaches in McDaniel College history.

During her tenure as head coach, Martin has had five losing seasons, three of which came in her first three years. Since her rocky beginning, Martin has led her team to multiple playoff berths and conference championships. In the 1988-89 season, Martin was named MAC Southern Coach of the Year. Martin joined the McDaniel coaching staff as an assistant during her graduate studies in WMC.

During graduate school, she became a graduate assistant. As a graduate assistant, Martin taught skill classes in the Exercise Science and Physical Education department. She was also required to coach three sports: volleyball, basketball, and track. In return for her work, WMC paid for her graduate studies.

Prior to being a graduate student and assistant, Martin earned her undergraduate degree in Physical Education with a K-12 teaching certification.

The Prankster is the ultimate goal of a coach. Martin feels that her main job as a coach is to understand and reach 18-23-year-old women. "I want my players to give me 100%, I don't want anyone to have to take it," Martin says. She feels that by reaching the players on a personal level, as well as making practice fun and enjoyable, her players will give more than they were asked.

Martin believes in having fun and giving as much or as little as the job gets done. While being close to her players elicits hard work, she conceives the close-knit group makes decisions harder than they have to be. Naturally, the ultimate goal of every season is to win a championship. However, Martin does not believe in dwelling on the individual win/loss records of her team. "Success is relative," she says.

The ultimate goal for all these young women is to become not only the best basketball players they can but also the best people they can. She places so little focus on wins and losses, she could not definitively state her overall win/loss record.

That is not to say the losses do not matter; they do hurt. A competitor by nature, Martin admits that while the focus is not put on the number of losses, the games lost hurt her at the core.

According to Martin, her program is a direct reflection of her personality. She characterizes herself as "goofy." Therefore, she feels her players and the program are also goofy.

However, her basketball life is not all fun and games. Recruiting is an incredibly hard process. Annually, Martin must convince young ladies to come play at McDaniel. She must also convince parents to invest close to $100,000 for their daughters.

This sales pitch is made easier by Martin's belief in her program. She knows her program will not only help with basketball but also with life.

Junior Kelly Cramp is not only a player for Martin, but also an advisee. Cramp feels that Martin has helped her off the court as much, if not more, than on the court.

Martin also feels that the natural beauty and atmosphere of the campus help to "sell" McDaniel to new recruits. The personality of the campus helps. She believes the serene and peacefulness of McDaniel as well as a genuine concern for the welfare of students is what sells McDaniel.

The women's team was lead by Junior Gurnett Pumphrey having a good year at the beginning of the year, turned out to be true.

He hopes that she can continue to play well in the spring.

Like coach Diel, coach Moyer hopes his men will play better in the spring.

172. Coach Diel's prophecy of Pumphrey having a good year at the beginning of the year, turned out to be true.

On the other hand Moyer knows his team has the talent but they are always inconsistent. The men play a lot of two-day tournaments and the second day they are not as consistent as they were on the first day. This apparent issue is something Diel is trying to work on with his players, getting them to be more consistent from day to day.

The last tournament of the season was a big win for the men's and women's teams. The Ocean City Collegiate Classic.

Coach Moyer was pleased with the way his players played on the second day, when it was raining.

The men's team finished tenth out of fourteen teams with a score of 630 for the two day tournament. Behind Seniors Alden Rampmeyer's 156 and Joe Meier's 158.

The women's team was lead by Junior Gurnett Pumphrey's 169 to a first place finish in the six team tournament.

Kelly Cramp had finished the two day tournament with a
McCORD'S VERSATILITY ADDS FLAVOR TO ATHLETICS

By Kim Lowry

Teacher, aunt, sport psychologist, counselor, recruiter, friend, parent, consultant, wife, servant, motivator, and dictator. One would think this list represents a group of people; on the contrary, these are the titles of one person, Mindy McCord.

The Head Coach of the Field Hockey and Women's Lacrosse teams returned to her hometown in 1999 with a vision. She wanted to rebuild the then-weak lacrosse and field hockey programs of Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College) into not only conference champions, but national contenders.

These goals were more than attainable because she had done it before. McCord was successful in her first head-coaching job at Oberlin College at the age of 23. Despite her age and lack of experience, she led Oberlin to Conference titles in both sports and even received Coach of the Year honors in 1997.

McCord majored in Psychology at Lynchburg, but it was not until after her return to Oberlin that she obtained her Master's degree in Counselor's Education at Virginia Tech. A standout athlete at Lynchburg, McCord knows what it takes to be successful players. From the beginning, she displayed her tremendous talent as a field hockey and lacrosse player, earning "Rookie of the Year" honors in both sports. She matured to All-Conference in both sports and quietly at times, honest, and very coachable. Her athletic personality has come along a long way over the last four years," McCord continues, "On the field, Kim is very competitive, hardworking, very fundamentally strong, and she exhibits excellent field vision."

Curiously, McCord comments, "The last four years have been great. Originally when I got out of high school, I didn't even intend on playing. But today, she is definitely glad she changed her mind. She says, "The team has been getting better and better each year. Last year we were able to win conferences, this year we are hoping to do the same.

As her college and field hockey career come to a close, Camponelli says that she does not mind going on to graduate school, attempting a degree in environmental science. Right now she is looking at obtaining her graduate degree at Towson, UMBC, or College Park.

Camponelli says that she will miss both playing field hockey and being a student at McDaniel.

"I see myself going to miss my roommate, Andrea. We have been roommates for the past four years, and my experience here at college would not have been the same without her.

One of these young women, impact field hockey and lacrosse player Kristin Ramey, said, "Coach McCord is always looking to make herself inviting and the environment around her positive." Although she makes every attempt to keep her environment encouraging, she does not do this alone. McDaniel has a very loyal and competent staff in both sports.

Muffie Bliss, graduate student and Assistant Field Hockey and Lacrosse Coach, views McDaniel as not only her boss, but also her friend. Bliss firmly believes that the success of the field hockey team in particular can be mostly attributed to McCord, who spends countless hours recruiting the best players and trying to motivate and inspire the girls.

"She makes it known that field hockey should not be life; this, in turn, makes the players want to respond better," says Bliss. Practicing what she preaches, McDaniel is involved in many activities besides coaching.

Though the first half ended in a 7-7 stalemate, Bethany's poor rush defense and the rushing proficiencies of McDaniel's Brad Baer, Melkos Parker, and Paul Seidler transformed the game into a rout.

In the second half, McDaniel gained 38 points and allowed only 8 to seal the victory.

With the momentum from these two victories, McDaniel football is striving to win against Johns Hopkins this coming Saturday. With a record of 5-4, this next game will determine whether or not the Terror will compete in post season matchups.

McDaniel is currently 4-1 in the Centennial Conference, while Johns Hopkins possesses the same record. Whoever wins Saturday's matchup will share the Conference Championship with Muhlenberg.

Muhlenberg is 5-1 in the conference and has already clinched a portion of the Championship.

Incidentally, Muhlenberg's only loss in the conference came against McDaniel earlier in the season, while Johns Hopkins' gave up their only loss overall to Muhlenberg.

Senior field hockey player Kim Camponelli has helped her team succeed and is ready to move on to succeed on her own.

Football team goes into Johns Hopkins game on fire
The Facts: The Kobe Bryant controversy

Christianna Bagby
Sports Staff

From the moment he stepped foot into the NBA on November 3, 1996, at the tender age of 18, a media spotlight has shined brightly on Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant.

For the most part, media coverage of the NBA All-Star has proven favorable towards both his athletic abilities and his personality. It wasn’t until late June 2003 that Bryant’s cookie cutter image was forever changed and the spotlight surrounding the young superstar beamcd brighter than ever.

Bryant’s seemingly perfect image shattered after a 19-year-old Colorado woman accused the NBA star of rape this past summer.

According to ABCNEWS.com, The Colorado woman was employed at a hotel resort where Bryant stayed while he, at the time, was receiving rehab for his injured knee.

Bryant, now age 25, openly admitted to the media in a news conference that was held on July 18 that he did engage in having sex with his accuser, but that the sex was consensual. Bryant says that he does admit to adultery, but not rape.

The Associated Press reported on October 21, that Eagle County Judge Frederick Gannett said prosecutors have “presented a ‘minimal amount of evidence’ against Kobe Bryant, but enough for the NBA to start an trial on a charge of sexually assaulting the 19-year-old resort worker.”

ABCNEWS reports that Sheriff’s Detective Doug Winter testified that the 19-year-old accuser “went to Bryant’s room at the Lodge & Spa at Cordara shortly after checking him in.”

Winters continues, “The two chatted and began kissing. But a few minutes later, Bryant grabbed the woman by the throat, bent her over a chair and raped her, asking her several times not to tell anybody.”

Winters testifies that the woman said she told Bryant “no” at least twice, and he stopped only after she removed his hand off her neck.

It was also reported that Judge Gannett ruled that the evidence shown at a preliminary hearing, which consisted of photographs of the woman’s injuries and blood on her underwear indicated “submission and force.”

Despite this fact, the Judge also “chided prosecutors for offering conflicting informations.”

ABCNEWS also reports that Bryant’s attorneys have suggested that the Colorado woman’s injuries are a result of her sexual encounters with other men in the days prior to her June 30 encounter with the NBA All-Star.

Reports indicate that according to Judge Gannett, “only part of the evidence has been introduced so far. Other evidence that has yet to be presented in open court is the statement from the woman that she was raped.”

Judge Gannett has said that this evidence “could not be ignored.”

Kobe Bryant’s next court appearance will be on November 10 in a district court, where he will be advised of his rights, the charge, and the possible penalties.

Bryant will also be allowed to enter his plea. ABCNEWS reported that, “Unless Bryant waives his right to a speedy trial, the trial would be scheduled within six months of his plea.”

Kobe Bryant could face life in prison if convicted of the assault.

Bryant was interviewed recently at the Lakers’ El Segundo, California practice facility. He was asked how much anxiety he was feeling before Gannett’s ruling in the preliminary hearing.

Bryant reportedly replied, “Basketball, zero anxiety. Other stuff, a little anxiety. But now I just really have the right to say, ‘I’ve pretty much done all I can. Now I’ll let God carry me the rest of the way. I feel comfortable with that.”

But while Bryant claims that he is comfortable with sitting on the issue, the public may or may not prove to be so accepting or forgiving of Bryant’s new tarnished image.

Sounding Off: Should athletes be considered role models?

Christianna Bagby
Sports Staff

After writing the above story, I found myself upset at the fact that this person, Kobe Bryant, whom I have personally admired for years, had gotten himself into such a mess.

But then I thought to myself, ‘Do I really have the right to be disappointed in someone whom I don’t even know, just because I admire his talents as a professional basketball player and athlete?’

Now looking at the big picture, I realized that what I was pondering is the age-old question, should professional athletes, or athletes in general, be considered legitimate role models of society?

I’m not sure that anyone in particular has ever been able to answer or address this issue in a sufficient enough manner for me to accept or understand.

So before attempting to derive any final conclusions myself, I went out and asked a few McDaniel students their opinions about the Kobe Bryant sexual assault investigation, as well as their views on athletes being considered role models of the society.

I found a variety of different opinions addressing both issues.

Senior Allan Hoyt, whom himself is a varsity basketball starter on the Green Terror’s men’s basketball team, says, “I feel that athletes are and have to be role models, whether they like it or not.”

Hoyt also comments, “I personally don’t think that Kobe should be playing ball right now while the case is going on, but I’m sure that for him, playing does help his mental state (right now).”

Senior business major Erin Cullison had a bit of a different take on the issue.

Cullison says, "I feel like athletes are doing a job just like any other professional.”

Cullison does not necessarily believe that athletes should be considered role models just because they are fact athletes.

She continues, “Even though they are in a profession that automatically puts them in the spotlight—ultimately they are just trying to achieve a goal—that is the basis of their job.”

Cullison adds, “Despite that, I do understand the point’s people make about how athletes having to be role models for their audiences, but then you are getting into issues of movie stars and rock stars who need to be role models as well. If athletes were really taking on this position, players would have to be hired for their personality instead of their skill.”

Junior Andrew Bollard thinks that the whole Kobe Bryant situation is definitely a bad one.

Bollard says, “It’s really a shame what is going on with the Kobe situation right now, especially because Kobe was thought to be ‘the golden child.’

Bollard says, “Even though I don’t think that he raped that woman, I’m still upset that every- one down plays the fact that he admitted committed adultery. I think that that is a big problem in American society. We down played adultery the same way when Pres- ident Clinton did it.”

“Parents need to teach their children that athletes should not be looked at as role models,” Bollard says.

Bollard thinks that parents should in fact be the role models for their children.

As for me, someone who has considered herself an athlete and a fan of sports for such a long time, I think that I have finally been able to arrive at a conclusion.

I believe that because of the fact that sports in general have become so political now-a-days, and have become an area where unfortu-

nately words like “loyalty” seem to take on a whole new meaning, that athletes should not be considered automatic role models of our soci-

ty.

Although they are all admirable for their amazing talents, athletes’ personalities and character traits vary from athlete to athlete, just as they do in people who are considered non-athletes.

I do think that children need to look to their parents to be the ultimate role models to follow.

I think that once our society recognizes that, and fully accepts that, that both that the society and the sports arena in general will be better off.

Charles Barkley, ex-NBA star, once proclaimed that athletes such as himself should not be role models for young children.
Freshman quarterback making big impression

Rob Goek
Sports Staff

It is not supposed to be like this. The Green Terror football team is that freshman Brad Baer can get the job done.

Sure it has been a bumpy ride at times. But with two games remaining, the team that has been lead by Baer on offense is 4-4 overall and 4-1 in conference play. They are in position to potentially claim championship number seven.

"I am not comfortable with starting a freshman at quarterback. It was unfair to throw Brad into the fire like that, but he showed that he can grasp the game better than other freshmen," said Head Football Coach Tim Keating.

He had qualms about starting a freshman, just as one would expect a coach to have. But Baer has fallen in step with what Keating has asked of him thus far and is quickly getting used to being a college quarterback.

"With each game, the pressure is less and less as I get to know the guys on the team better. The upperclassmen have supported me the whole time but as they get to know me better that support grows," said Baer.

A team with six consecutive Centennial Conference championships does not start a freshman at quarterback unless there are special circumstances.

The special circumstance for the McDaniel football team is that freshman Brad Baer can get the job done.

"If you are a player, you are a player. As long as you get the job done, it does not matter what grade you are in," said sophomore starting Tight End Chris Matsuyama.

Just go to a game and you may understand. With about 1:35 left in the first quarter of the Franklin and Marshall game, Baer ran to the right side on an option and got wrapped up.

For a moment, it looked like the play would end in a sack. At the last second, he pitched the ball to the running back and he gained eight yards.

That and his 32 yard touchdown run later in the game are some of the plays Baer is capable of making.

"Baer has had to adjust to the quickened pace of college football.

"The biggest change between high school and college football is there is a lot more thinking involved. In high school, it was 'Go run the play.' Now it is 'Let's adjust the play so that we have the best chance of succeeding' said Baer.

His comfort level has been aided greatly because of his close relationship with Keating.

"I have known Brad since he was eight years old. I have seen him develop as an athlete. The raw ability is there," said Keating.

Since they know one another, the communication is good between coach and player.

"Baer can easily understand what Keating is asking of him in the game," said Keating.

Women's Soccer has great season, promising future

Pat O'Toole
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As the clock wound down on what turned out to be the Women's Soccer team's final game, it didn't really matter what the score was. The scoreboard read "Haverford 4, McDaniel 0," but Coach Scott Swanson was already looking toward the future.

"We have a fantastic opportunity next year because we have the potential of 20 out of 21 players returning," said Coach Swanson.

That fact bodes well for the team, considering that this year the Green Terror finished their season with an impressive 13-7 record. 5-5 in Centennial Conference play.

Whereas the majority of other schools will graduate their core starting players, McDaniel will be able to retain its experienced athletes.

Due to an exceptionally strong conference, the loss to Haverford kept the team out of the playoffs.

Yet Coach Swanson is happy with the undeniable success of his team, and knows that there is still more to be accomplished.

When asked to give an outlook on the
White House Correspondents Speak

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News Editor

Three White House correspondents were recently guests of a panel discussion of interest to McDaniel Journalism students regarding being "Under 30 and Covering the White House." Hill Hall Room 108 was overflowing with students to hear the success stories and ask questions of David Greene, Tamera Lippert, and Jeff Zeleny.

"It doesn't take more than a decade to find success," said Terry Dalton, McDaniel Journalism Professor and panel mediator in his introduction of the speakers.

Greene, 24, previously worked in the Baltimore Sun’s Carroll County bureau before moving to Washington where he now writes both news and features stories about President Bush, sometimes getting to travel overseas with him.

Lipper, works as a White House correspondent for NEWSWEEK magazine and will be covering President Bush on his 2004 campaign trail.

She previously rose in the ranks at ABC news to be a producer, before making the switch to print journalism.

Zeleny is a national political correspondent for the Chicago Tribune and will also be covering the Bush-Cheney re-election effort.

The three fielded questions in regard to their glamorous life working at the White House, the media's coverage of President Bush, and how age advantages or disadvantages their career.

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McDaniel Enrollment: ...the numbers continue to rise

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Staff Writer

It is often wondered why McDaniel's enrollment continues to grow while in the past two years students have had to live in the Best Western due to lack of housing? Increasing enrollment may not seem like the right thing to do, but the school has its goals and ideas mapped out in a strategic 5-year plan, which is developed by the aptly named Strategic Planning Committee. This committee includes the President of the College, the Provost, ten administrative figures, six faculty members and two students.

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'The plan states what the school wants to achieve, it is only a guide,' said Martha O'Connell, Dean of Admissions and member of the committee.

The goal is to increase enrollment from its current year opening number of 1,742 total undergraduates to a range of 1,750 to 1,900 by the 2008 school year. The committee chose this number because they wanted a modest change, nothing that would deterio rate the feel of a small college, while still remaining competitive with the other schools in the conference, according to Philip Sayre, Dean of Student Affairs. He also says the school wants to stay at a size that keeps the small family-like feeling but is not too small for diversity.

O'Connell agrees, saying "since the student population has reached to about 1,400, students have been saying that the campus feels more lively."

The enrollment projections are not just a simple calculation of adding the freshman class and subtracting the senior class. Rather they are based on graduation rates, and transfer and retention rates (percent of freshmen who start in the fall and return the following fall). The retention percentage has been in the low 80s since 1998, according to Jan Fazzari, the school’s Institutional Research Analyst. For the past two years the retention rate has been 83.2%.

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Karaoke Night: Always a Hit

Rob Goeke
Staff Writer

The crowd was pressed and packed. The tower of empty beer cups nearly reached the ceiling.

The masses revealed throughout the night, watching their peers make fools of themselves. And those that brought embarrassment upon themselves probably enjoyed more than those watching it.

Yes, Karaoke night had descended on McDaniel College. And for the many that chose to attend the Cap-board sponsored event on November 20th, it was clear that both Alicia Keys and Josh Kelley need not worry about any singing competition coming their way. But that mattered little to the spectators.

The focus of the night was a sort of contest to out-embarrass everyone, but all in good fun.

One could also say that the allure of a keg stocked full of frothy goodness for a mere fifty cents a cup provided a great deal of incentive for students both of and below drinking age to attend Karaoke Night. For those that no longer need fake IDs, they could drop a few (or many) with their friends. For those longing to see year twenty one finally come around, the potential to see the volatile and hilarious mix of beer and singing was too.

see KARAOKE NIGHT, continued on page 3.
Many thanks to Robbie Saville for his gutsy article on McDaniel College's omission from the top 100 liberal arts colleges in the U.S. News and World Report rankings. He discusses issues that are important to all of us.

In fairness, one might note that U.S. News and World Report did not suddenly drop McDaniel College from the list. The college has never ranked that high. For years the college was a fourth-tier institution. In the last several years it has been a third-tier one, and it still is. So progress has been made.

It is also hard to know precisely what to do with the rankings. One only expects the director of admissions to dismiss potentially damaging assessments. Her job requires it, just as one would expect a person selling a brand of cars that has received bad reviews from Consumer Reports to tell potential customers that the reviews didn't really matter.

But if the people at U.S. News and World Report have done their surveys properly, the peer assessment of the college's academic respectability—the lowest of any Centennial Conference school—is at least a fair indication of the social capital associated with a McDaniel College degree.

What kind of impact does that low social capital have on students as they search for jobs and seek admission to graduate and professional programs, on the college as it seeks to recruit new students and faculty, and on current faculty members as they seek to further their own careers? Clearly, it can't be good, but it is hard to judge just how bad it is.

I take it, however, that the real point of the article was not that McDaniel College needs to get itself ranked in the top 100 national liberal arts colleges by U.S. News and World Report. It was that the college could and should be doing a better job at higher education. For that reason I found the quote in the article from Chancellor Coley, if it is accurate, to be unfortunate.

This is not a task that can be addressed by better public relations, by getting the message out that McDaniel College is every bit as good—even better—than many of the schools in the list. Spinning may persuade some people, but it does not alter the reality on the ground, and that reality is that, despite presidential proclamations, we are not better than many of the top 100 schools.

A more beneficial approach, I think, would be to grapple seriously with the possibility that there may be good reasons why McDaniel College is the least academically respectable institution in the Centennial Conference.

The college should actively seek to identify what those reasons might be. We should pay less attention to how well we jump through bureaucratic hoops—our ability to write a self-study that meets the formal requirements of a Middle States review—and seek to identify what steps we could take to improve the academic respectability of the institution.

In doing so, we should be clear about our ultimate goals. We should not pursue academic respectability for its own sake. We should pursue it because doing so carries the promise of improving the life of the mind on the Hill.

It might turn out, as we explore why people don't respect us more, that we will decide that the outside assessments are wrong and that we are just fine the way we are. But we should also remember that human beings have a bias to overconfidence; they tend to think that they are better than they actually are.

It would be prudent, then, to consider seriously the possibility that administrators and faculty at other institutions are seeing something about us that we either do not see or do not have the courage to admit. Learning why McDaniel College does not garner respect on the Hill may help students to decide which institution is the best fit for them.

Gregory D. Alles
President, North American Association for the Study of Religion

Animals aided by Circle K

McDaniel students, whether pet owners, pet lovers, or those who do not like pets at all, were all recently encouraged to help out the Carroll County Humane Society by donating various items to Circle K's Wish List drive. A collection box and a display board with lists of needed items were set up in Ennor Lounge from November 3rd to November 15th. Requested products included dog and cat food, treats, washers, detergent, towels, pet collars, bedding, and toys. Photographs and information on various dogs and cats at the Humane Society would be benefiting from donations.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF CIRCLE K AND THE CARROLL COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

Brandy, an energetic 7 month old female Sharper/Borer mix with the ability to climb and 8 month old Tigger, a good natured litter trained male kitten are just two of the numerous animals helped by Circle K's drive for the Carroll County Humane Society.

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According to O'Connell, another problem with predicting enrollment is some students pay housing deposits at two or three schools so it gives them longer to decide where they want to go. This makes it tough to predict how many admitted students will actually enroll, but the numbers must be calculated and predicted as accurate as possible.

We don't want to have any empty beds, we have to try to be as close to capacity as possible without knowing how many students we are losing each year," said O'Connell. This year's number of freshmen admitted to McDaniel was 1767, but 523 actually enrolled, illustrating the difficulty in predicting the number.

To accommodate the increase in the number of students, the committee set other goals in the 5-year plan, such as increasing the number of dorms and apartments. The college guarantees four years of on-campus housing for all students and it plans to keep it that way. Even last year's students do not take advantage of this, however, because, as they become upperclassmen they tend to live off campus.

But maintaining the promise of housing, there are three to five more North Village apartments in the plan, which would hold up to 132 students. There is also a possibility of building another dorm between Blanche and Whiteford that would be a style like that of DMC, according to Sayre. This is in addition to the six North Village units built over the last two years, which house a total of 120 students.

During the construction of the first North Village apartments there were both expected and unexpected delays which, according to Elizabeth Towle, the Associate Dean of Student Affairs, is the reason about 60 students were housed in the Best Western since last year. Students were aware the North Village buildings would not be completed until the second semester, so they chose to live in the Best Western for the entire fall semester until their new apartments were complete. There was a shuttle service 24-hours a day to and from the college, although most students chose to drive themselves, according to Towle.

This year when classes began, more North Village apartments were supposed to be completed. However, the amount of rain during the spring and summer delayed construction. So some students were again forced to live in the Best Western for a month, but with the same accommodations as those from last year, according to Towle.

The Best Western was not as bad of an option for these students after all. They were given a lower room and board fee for the first six weeks of their stay there, only being charged the standard double room rate before paying their North Village room and board fee for the remainder of the year. Towle said each student probably saved about $300 to $400.

Although McDaniel has its 5-year plan and is moving toward its goal to increase enrollment, there may be alterations to the plan, so the strategic 5-year plan is not set in stone. O'Connell described it best saying, "we don't want a wish list...we are after more of a working document."

With all this in mind, the school seems to be well on its way to achieving its goal of a modest increase in enrollment by 2008.

With the construction of new buildings, barsng any delays in construction, McDaniel should be able to accommodate its new undergraduate population.
The Real World

Compiled from BBC.com
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According to BBC News, US Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has described North Korea as an "evil regime.

This comment will not affect an already existing tense relationship between North Korea and the US.

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**COMMENTARY**

How diverse is McDaniel College?

Rob Goeke comments on the admissions department's push to create a melting pot:

The admissions department as well as the administration is not content with the way things are, diversity-wise. They are acting to improve the situation. So in a sense, this is almost a lament that more diversity is not on campus.

**All I want for Christmas is World Peace and...**

A holiday wish list by Jamie Fallows:

Dear Santa,

I got a call from my mom awhile ago, asking me what I want for Christmas this year. I thought about all the material things. The new Korn CD, a couple DVDs, some art supplies, perhaps a pair of silver earrings, and maybe a gift certificate to Target would be nice.

And, if all else fails, money.

But ya’ know, Santa, the more I thought about it, the more I realized that what I wanted for Christmas are all things the McDaniel College community could give to me. So here’s my wish list. Pass it on!

1) For the love of Goddess, I want a clean bathroom!!!
2) I want the heat to come on and stay on in my room!
3) I want my neighbors to actually shut up during quiet hours!
4) I want food that isn’t laxative!
5) I want the meal plan to work like those Cingular Roll-Over minutes... whatever I don’t use this year, I can use next year. (Man, that could save my parents a bundle!)

6) I want to see more “non-mainstream” religions represented on campus. I know that there are a lot of people out there who fall into the Pagan category—where are you? I want to see a Pagan Student Union on campus before I graduate (you have until 2006).

7) I want the Phi Sigs to do their little chant thing at a more convenient hour—perhaps when I’m not trying to sleep! (Nothing against the Phi Sigs... I just want to sleep!)

8) I want to see alcohol abuse on campus drop (and I know that you can do it!)

9) I want a reliable internet service! Say it with me: re-li-a-b-le.

(Remember, if all else fails, money.)

Thanks, Santa! See you next year! And hey— the cookies that we leave out for you do NOT include the cookies we keep in the jar in the kitchen. Those are mine!

—Jamie

PS: I know what you’re wondering. **“Wiccans don’t celebrate Christmas!” They don’t believe in Santa Claus!” Well, no, I don’t celebrate Christmas, but I see it as a great time of sharing, family, and friendships...and if people feel like giving me gifts, great.**

And as far as believing in you... if a total stranger wants to travel great lengths and squeeze himself down my chimney to give me any little thing my heart desires, well then, hell, I’m all for it!

**State Troopers: Our Lazy Friends**

Before I share this commentary, I believe it needs a disclaimer. This is going to be a piece about my opinion on police officers. I am not speaking to city officers, detectives, agents or any special forces unit. Those groups do have pressing and important work. I am also not addressing those that have the job of local or state cop, just the career itself. As aside note, my best friend is a state trooper.

Simply put, I believe such a career is a lazy one. Any and all movements or decisions are made by those few who are higher up on the law enforcement ladder, and the many at the bottom simply do as they’re told. You do what you’re asked, and you and your family will live taken care of, no risks. Basically, all you need to be able to do is drive a car, and do some up, and boom? You’ll have a job. Unfortunately, to do whatever you’re told (like most 9-Scarems, except unlike many other 9-5’s, this job will give you an undeserved respect.

Many readers may say to themselves, this guy’s an idiot! Officers put their lives on the line every time they put on their costume! I guess weighing trucks at the local weigh station are important, the role of metermaid on state highways and back roads can be quite terrifying. An officer might accidentally get hit by a run over, or a truck could completely bypass the accordion.

On the other hand, coordinating with my best friend, along with several other officers he works with, they’ll admit that their days are loaded with the boredom of weighing trucks, driving around aimlessly, and filling out paperwork from writing tickets to feel the government. In fact, they’ll tell you most tickets are given out simply because an officer is bored, and it isn’t raining outside. Ever been pulled over while it’s raining? Why do you think they did that? Do you know that simply a lot of people out there who fall into the 9-Scare category—where are you? I want to see a Pagan Student Union on campus before I graduate (you have until 2006).

There are stories about that hot girl with blessed body who got away with a warning after going 20mph over, and the short guy got a ticket for doing 54 in a 45.

In fact, any time an officer pulls you over, they’re thinking, “They don’t even have to write a ticket. It is all up to their discretion. That is probably why many of you have heard stories about that hot girl with blessed body who got away with a warning after going 20mph over, and the short guy got a ticket for doing 54 in a 45. My friends on the force will admit this. Only reckless driving on highways and interstate should be punished, not myself being belittled and threatened on another-lane interstate for doing 80 in a 65, in the fast lane. Now I understand a ticket if one is doing 65 on a back road through a neighborhood with kids playing outside. I’m not saying I wouldn’t see one, that’s pretty. But on a three-lane interstate in the middle of the day? I don’t believe in your neighborhood doing 65 down the streets you live on where your kids play! Go bother them! I feel that if I don’t bother you, don’t bother me. That’s why I hate it when an officer stalls up in my window after pulling me over and saying of the road and to me as if I had done something personally tonhim. They speak as if I was driving with the intent to kill them.

And this is all about the feel one gets walking into the courtroom after I rode a ticket. What the hell does being kind and courteous have to do with being innocent or guilty about speeding? Of course I’m kind. I know if I pretend to care and act like I’m sorry, I’ll have an easier time during the entire process. It all seems like a waste of time to me.

So in the end, I conclude with this: If the government wants money from me other than the taxes I already pay, just kindly tell me. Stop making minimum rates go up on the unnecessary patrols! I definitely throw out an extra $50 a mouth than pay an extra $300 every three months when my bill comes in. Then again, that would take away employment for guys who don’t want to think, for insurance arrivals.

—Walter Zalis is a senior English major.
McDaniel Needs to Earn Respect, Not Demand It

A McDaniel professor discusses the consequences of McDaniel being left out of the US News and World Report’s rankings.

Many thanks to Robin Salvato for his patsy article on McDaniel College’s omission from the top 100 national liberal arts colleges in the US News and World Report rankings. He raises issues that are important to all of us.

In fairness, one might note that US News and World Report did not suddenly drop McDaniel College from the list. The college has never ranked that high. For years the college was on the fringes of the institution. In the last several years it has been a third-tier one, and it still is. So progress has been made. It is also hard to know precisely what to do with the rankings. One only expects the director of admissions to dismiss potentially damaging assessments. Her job requires it, just as one would expect a person selling a brand of cars that has received bad reviews from Consumer Reports to tell potential customers that the reviews didn’t really matter.

But if the people at US News and World Report have done their assessments correctly, the ranking suggests an urgent need for the college to address the deficiencies of the college’s academic reality — the lowest of any Centennial conference school. At least that is the aura of the social capital associated with a McDaniel College degree.

What kind of impact does this have? First, if there are questions about the college’s ability, it may lead to a loss of students. They see that the college isn’t worth the money. It may also lead to poor faculty recruitment and retention.

It is not a situation that can be ignored. McDaniel College could do a better job at higher education.

This is not the real point of the article that was not that McDaniel College needs to get itself ranked in the top 100 national liberal arts colleges by US News and World Report. It was that the college could and should be doing a better job at higher education.

For that reason I found the quote in the article from President Coley disappointing.

A more beneficial approach, I think, would be to grapple seriously with the possibility that they are ten of the worst. I think the college needs to identify what is wrong and start fixing it.

-Gregory D. Alles is a Professor of Religious Studies and President of the North American Association for the Study of Religion

Godsmack and Adema Rock, but Will They Ever Play at Our School?

Brian Patterson reviews Godsmack and comments on McDaniel’s lack of a headliner.

Go away. Stay away. Far away. Keep away. Sully Erna from Godsmack may not be the most creative songwriter in the world, but the guys in his band know how to put on a rock show.

On Sunday November 16 the band played a set that lasted about an hour and 20 minutes at UMBC’s Fieldhouse in Baltimore. Godsmack has been touring for over 6 months now in promotion of their new album Faceless and is one of only a few bands whose albums hit the charts last year. They have sold over a million copies of their debut album and over six million copies of their second album. They sold over 60,000 tickets for their recent tour to the Fieldhouse in Baltimore. Godsmack has been loud for over 6 months now in promotion of their new album Faceless, but it is their gutsy article on McDaniel’s lack of a headliner that should be making people jump out of their seats in a plush cosmopolitan offices around the country.

Over the past few months, editors ranging from the New York Times to Rolling Stone have been busy with two specific tasks: undermining President Bush’s ability to keep the peace in post-war Iraq, and defining former Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore in his crusade to restore the Ten Commandments to its original public place.

Ireland, we are told, is a place where the U.S. should not have got involved. After all, the Bush administration never talked about the existence of weapons of mass destruction and we are only there to protect big businesses like Halliburton. In addition to that America is just plain worse by occupying a country whose people we know very little about.

At least that’s what Maurice Dowd and her liberal friends would have us believe as they sit in their skyscrapers a million miles away from the beliefs and values of the average American.

The situation with Judge Moore has hardly received different coverage. When the Alabamian declared that he would rather loose his job to remove the Ten Commandments from display outside the Alabama Supreme Court, he was immediately denounced as a “right-wing zealot” by much of the mainstream media. Nightly news broadcasts from stations such as ABC, CBS, and CNN have exercised their main focus on the Federal Appeals Court’s decision forcing Moore to move the monument, while downplaying the fact that he is appealing the decision to the U.S Supreme Court.

Behind the scenes, they are also going to great lengths to paint Moore as an unsophisticated, right wing, redneck. Ironically, this is all happening despite the fact that every poll shows that an overwhelming majority of Americans are against removing that religious monument.

In conclusion, these are only two of the recent issues in which the media demonstrates a considerable lack of fairness, but there are few stories about acts of heroism exhibited by U.S troops in Iraq that the media is willing to report, and if one wants to witness a positive depiction of Judge Moore he or she is limited to watching Hannity and Colmes or Scarborough Country.

-Bryan Renbaum is a sophomore political science major
Health Advisory for Young College Women

Among women in the United States, breast cancer is the most commonly occurring type of cancer. In fact, one study by the estimates that, based on cancer rates from 1993 through 1999, in 8 women in the United States will develop breast cancer during her lifetime.

This year alone, the estimates that breast cancer will strike 211,300 women in the United States. Nearly 40,000 of those cases will be fatal. These staggering statistics can be found, along with further information, on health.com. The importance of breast cancer awareness is more crucial than most young college-age women (18-22) believe it to be.

In my opinion, you, ladies, be committed to checking yourself on a monthly basis. Those 10 minutes are hardly time-consuming. The Black Lantern Processional can be viewed on December 6, when members will march from ANW to the quad between ANW and Eldredge. Those watching are asked to respect the solemnity of the ceremony.

If you are interested in learning more about McDaniel’s Women’s Issues Group, or would just like to discuss the aforementioned topic in an open forum, attend the weekly meetings Thursdays at 8 p.m. in Ensor Lounge. Basically, get involved and stay informed!

--Erin Romanski is a senior English major with minors in journalism and writing.
As usual, the job at times was stressful and difficult, but my dedication to the newspaper got me through all the tough times, and allowed me to experience another successful year with the newspaper.

When I and Erin Romaniuk took over as Co-Editors-in-Chief, more responsibility was given to us. Although we had our ups and downs, we turned into a solid team that was able to recruit the best staff possible, get better equipment and computers, and we even finally were able to get the internet into the Phoenix office.

As an intern she calls patience into the examination room, takes their vitals, inquires about their illness, and if necessary does a physical.

The work-load at first was a little too much—always having to stay on your writers to make sure that articles were finished on time, thinking of your own life story to write about that always seemed to clash at the wrong times.

But at the end of layout week, all the hard work I did paid off when I saw my first article in the Phoenix, and my name being published with the title News Editor attached.

In my second year with the Phoenix, I continued my job as the News Editor and then later switched to being the Sports Editor.

As a young man, Tupac himself, Tupac’s life appeared no secret to those who followed his music, nor were they a surprise to the fans of his album All Eyez on Me, which was the most successful album of his career. The Resurrection soundtrack was released in 1998.

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Throughout his career, Tupac successfully stretched his boundaries as an artist by also becoming an actor. He put the same passion into his acting roles, as he did in his music. Tupac brilliantly portrayed diverse characters in the movies Juicy, Gridlock, and Above the Rim. He also had a leading role in the movie A View to a Kill, which was the fifth 007 movie and starring opposite of Janet Jackson.

Despite all of his successes, unfortunately, it was the words that he spoke in his music, that ultimately proved to be this man's tragic flaw.

As a prominent member of west coast record label, Death Row Records, Tupac shared a common enemy with his fellow west coast artists. This enemy was that of the east coast record label, Bad Boy Records, which also housed, also rap and hip-hop pow- erhouses, Sean (thenPuff) Combs and the Notorious B.I.G. Was this east-coast versus west-coast mentality, which is believed to be the ultimate cause behind the still unsolved murders of both rap artists Tupac Shakur and the Notori- ous B.I.G.

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Mike Tyson-Brone Seldon heavyweight title fight at the MGM Grand Hotel, police said Tupac later died in the hospital of his gun- shot wounds.

Today, the tales of Tupac have been compared to that of Elvis Presley. His energy, spirit, and memory are still believed by many to have transcended beyond the grave. Tupac had written and recorded so many unreleased songs that several albums were released after his death, making him the most successful and best selling rap artist ever.

Tupac Resurrection the soundtrack, proves to not only to revive his memory, but it invites listeners into the heart of a man that was as complex and controversial as the life he lived. What makes this album so special is that most of the songs on the album are rappers Eminem and 50 Cent. Both Eminem and 50 Cent provide the record with its most successful single, "I Ain't Mad Atcha." One Day At A TimeRunni (which depicts the east-coast vs. west-coast rivalry, and actually feature! the Notorious B.I.G.), and The Realist Killzr. These songs, along with many others allow the Tupac Resurrection soundtrack to must buy status.
A Taste of Japan Comes to Westminster

BAILEY FANNIN
Staff Writer

Have you ever been to Japan? Well if you have not then this is your chance to at least eat their food and see a small window into their culture. Sakura, an authentic Japanese Steak and Seafood House and Sushi Bar, recently opened next in The Westminster Shopping Center and is one of the hottest places to eat in Westminster. But bring a short-sleeve shirt because they cook the food over an open fire right at the table.

The atmosphere inside and out is completely unlike the surrounding Americanized strip mall it is located in. The entrance has dark wood and white glass in the windows, which produces an interior that is dimly lit with lights only on the tables.

The huge dining room is decorated in a consistent dark wood paneling with panels of Japanese art. There are 10 seats at one table and usually multiple parties will be seated together. The waitress, wearing a colorful Geisha dress, comes to take the drink and entrée order then after a few minutes brings out the soup and salad.

The soup is a broth with mushrooms floating in it while the salad has a sweet ginger dressing.

The entrees range anywhere from $13.95 to $26.95 and include such selections as Shrimp, Chicken, Filet Mignon Steak, Lobster, Sesame Chicken, Hibachi Steak, or any combination of these. You can also order various types of Sushi with your meal.

The Chef comes to the table dressed in black and white with a black chefs hat pulling behind him a cart with all the ingredients needed to cook the meals for the table. Most of the Chefs are fluent in both English and Japanese, but all of them have Japanese origin contributing to the authentic environment.

First the chef warms the cooking area by breaking eggs and pouring oil on the metal surface and lighting the entire stove on fire. Then he cooks the rice (either brown with vegetables or white) and disperses them to the customers.

After verifying all of the entree orders the Chef comes to the table dressed in a traditional Japanese chef's outfit and begins the showmanship of the preparation which makes the whole dining experience come full circle.

Between the showmanship of the preparation and the quality goodness of the food, I would have to give Sakura as many thumbs up as is humanly possible.

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Want to dive into clear blue water? Or just want to hang around on a beach? Then Croatia is just for you. Croatia is full of attractions, festivals, activities and history.

According to Lonely Planet, Croatia’s history goes all the way back to 229 B.C., and since then, the country has been a part of the Roman Empire, and was under the Tatar invasion.

It had a fascist government under the German invasion until 1991, when it declared its independence from the Yugoslavian Federation. But it was in 2000 that Croatia’s new elected government had promised a more democratic country.

Croatia, prior to 1991, and today, is a tourist magnet because of its Adriatic shores in search of sun, cheap living, medieval atmosphere and is especially known for its naturalism.

The aura of medieval Croatia is reflected in the cities, with the medieval style buildings and streets of Rovinj and the recently restored Stari Grad in Dubrovnik.

Croatia, because of its history, is the home of some of Europe’s finest ruins, including the palace of Diocletian in Split.

The country hosts many festivals and carnivals throughout the year, such as the International Days of Jazz in Zagreb, and Dubrovnik’s Summer Festival, from July to August.

Zagreb has been the capital of Croatia since 1557, and although it was hit by earthquakes in 1995, the damage was not severe and recovery has been rapid.

Some of Zagreb’s attractions are the St Mark’s Church, with its colorful painted roof and sculptures by Ivan Mestrovic; the Natural History Museum, the Historical Museum of Croatia and the City Museum—housed in a former convent.

A city you must visit in Croatia is Split. It is the heart of the province of Dalmatia, and is the largest Croatian city on the Adriatic coast.

The city first appeared on maps in the 4th century, when Roman Emperor Diocletian had his retirement palace built there.

Because of this, one of the city’s greatest attractions is the Diocletian’s Palace, which is one of the most imposing Roman ruins in the world.

It is more a fortress than a palace, due to its walls, which were originally 215 m (705 ft) by 180 m (590 ft) and contained the imperial residence, temples and a mausoleum.

Today, you can still see the remains of the original palace, the fortress’s colonnaded square, the Temple of Jupiter and the remains of Diocletian’s mausoleum, now a cathedral.

Croatia is a great place for summer outdoor activities as well.

The long, rugged islands off Croatia’s coast make this a yachting paradise. There are plenty of deep channels and good steady winds. It’s also a great area for sea kayaking and diving.

There are excellent rock climbing and hiking opportunities all around the country.

So when it comes down to places to see and activities to do, Croatia has a lot to offer. And the country also has cheap living expenses. For example, a budget meal can be US$5-8, a mid-range one around US$20-80, and the classy restaurants offer food from US$20 and upwards.

So ask your parents for a great summer trip to Croatia, because the best time to visit the country is between May and September.

Or just stay on the Budapest campus, and take the six-hour car drive to the Adriatic sea. It is cheap and beautiful.

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How heavily do you rely on the media for guidance?

"All depends on what it is covering. If it is a special report then I usually pay attention. Usually it is a lot of nonsense and I don’t follow it."
- Brittany Bowen ’06

"I refuse to rely on the media because they have a preprogrammed propaganda to push through. When it comes to the war we will never know what really happened, it’s like Vietnam."
- Liz Manns ’06

"None at all. I never watch the news. All my Political Science friends read and watch the news and I don’t really get it. It feels useless when they talk to me."
- Helene Var Elleke ’05

"I read the paper a lot, but I form my own opinions. I get a lot of my opinions from professors and class."
- Mark Zebrowski ’05

"I get a lot of my views on the war more from my professors because the media is more one sided. They favor Democrats."
- Mellissa McDonald ’04

"Not very much. It is a good source of information but you can’t base your opinions on it, it’s always bias."
- Margie Zom ’04

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**FEATURES**

**Drug and Alcohol Restrictions**

**KELLY FRIEDMAN**

**Staff Writer**

Finally, what all teenagers want for is here! Freedom. Finally becoming adults, moving away from the restrictions and supervision of their parents, and taking their first taste of independence. When alcohol and drug use becomes a part of this new found freedom, this taste can become a bitter one. Students at McDaniel College express their feelings on drugs and alcohol and how they have become an influence in their lives since they have begun their journey through growing up.

Thanks to the Department of Campus Safety and the alcohol programs required during freshman orientation, students are more aware of the consequences of alcohol abuse. Amanda Rose, a Resident Life Coordinator, believes that a student entering college is an adult who is going to make their own decisions and learn in their own ways.

"I have noticed," Rose explains, "that a lot of people say the first year students are horrible this year. I think they are the same as any year but they are getting caught more. They are just not using common sense."

A freshman who wishes to remain anonymous admits that she did not drink before she came to McDaniel. "I used to be a ‘good girl’ in high school. Weight gain is especially popular among first year students. Beer contains empty calories that are not easily worked off. Liver damage and loss of brain cells are other harmful effects of drinking. I was wasted and I’m pretty sure she was drunk too." He explains that he brought her back to his room.

"The first thing alcohol impairs is your judgment," explains Meagan Morris, a junior who works in the Smith House.

"If you come to a Friday night and you have no idea how they got these injuries. I also see girls come in asking for the morning after pill. They don’t think to use protection when they are under the influence of alcohol."

Michael Webster, Director of Campus Safety says he believes that drug abuse at the school has decreased since he began working at McDaniel College.

"I see people all the time come in with injuries they got when they were drunk. They have no idea how they got these injuries. I also see girls come in asking for the morning after pill. They don’t think to use protection when they are under the influence of alcohol."

Amanda Rose says that she thinks more students are getting caught with drugs. She explains that since more people are aware of drugs, marijuana in particular, students will call and inform Campus Safety that they suspect drug and alcohol abuse. Amanda Rose says that she thinks more students are getting caught with drugs. She explains that since more people are aware of drugs, marijuana in particular, students will call and inform Campus Safety that they suspect the use of drugs to be occurring. This used to be a more common time for drugs and alcohol to be discovered. Bronson says that most citations are written on weekends when most underage drinking occurs. Three out of four underage students interviewed said they participate regularly in underage drinking.

"I just like to have a good time and sometimes things are more fun when I am drinking." Says another junior, "I mean, what’s the difference between when I am drinking now and three months from now when I turn 21?" Other students like this one say they do not think the age matters. They believe that drinking is drinking no matter how old you are.

Tamia Everett, a sophomore who does not drink says, "I can have fun without alcohol but I don’t mind when my friends drink. I believe it is a personal decision that everyone has the right to make on their own." Everett explains that she does not feel left out when she is at parties where her friends are drinking.

Talking to the fraternities and sororities is one of the new ways Campus Safety is trying to reduce the risks of drug and alcohol abuse. Though the Campus Safety Department and Residence Life do everything they can to prevent underage drinking and drug use, this problem continues to be up to the students to decide on their own.

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Davey Blake: The Unknown Coach on the Hill

Samuel J.M. Boardman
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When you think of McDaniel College Wrestling, you probably wouldn't have thought that one of their coaches is still a student— but actually he is.

Former Green Terror grappler Davey Blake is entering his first season as a Student- Assistant Coach on first-year coach Sam Gardner's staff.

Blake is currently a senior here at McDaniel, and will graduate in May with a BA in Exercise Science.

One word that describes Davey is discipline. He has been enrolled in college for six years, three years at Appalachian State University, in North Carolina, and three years at Western Maryland/McDaniel College.

At Kent County High School Davey was a 3-time state champ, a wrestling.com high school All-American his senior year, and finished his career with a 143-2 record.

He was also the Maryland recipient of the 1998 Dave Schultz High School Excellence Award, which is presented annually to a high school senior, and is based equally on outstanding wrestling success, scholastic achievement and citizenship or community service.

Winners are chosen at the state and regional levels with the national winner being named in the Wrestling Hall of Fame’s Honors Weekend each year.

In last year’s Wrestling Media Guide, former Green Terror Coach John Lowe said, "Davey may be the most talented wrestler I have ever coached." At McDaniel College Blake finished with a record of 12 wins and 2 losses in two injury-shortened seasons.

Blake became involved in wrestling at the age of 4, because both his father and uncle were wrestlers.

His father, Arthur was a standout wrestler and baseball player at NCAA in 1999, and the McDaniel College Athletic Hall of Fame for both sports in 2002.

When asked about the pros and cons of coaching, he said that the pros were that the wrestlers know he is capable of and they know that he is out to help them and gain their respect.

Blake said some of the cons are that it is tough to separate his friendship from the business of coaching.

"This will be extremely tough because I have lived with four of the guys on the team before," he said.

Asked what his thoughts were on getting into coaching he said, " Coaching is what I should be doing, I have been doing it for a while."

He feels as though he is a good teacher, and that "Coaching just feels natural."

One of the most surprising things about Blake is how happy he was transferring here from Appalachian State. For example, one may have thought that it would be tough to make the transition from the Division I level down to the Division III level.

"I have no regrets whatsoever; McDaniel has provided me with a good opportunity and I like the fact that Eric Smith knows whom his athletes are as opposed to the AD's at most D-1 schools."

Blake says that this years recruiting class is composed of "talented, hard working athletes, who should be easier to teach than just someone who is one-dimensional."

Wrestling coach Sam Gardner is thrilled to have Blake on his staff this winter.

For example, having a good coaching staff will make a head coach's job a whole lot easier.

Gardner said that having Davey on his staff will be great because "Davey is one of the most sound technical wrestlers that I have ever been around. For example, I can tell my wrestlers what I want done, and Davey can show it."

Gardner added that because Davey had to sit out part of last year due to injury and eligibility issues he can "see the sport from a different perspective, and be an intimate knowledge of the pitfall."

Some of Blake's responsibilities will be to coordinate on-campus recruiting for the Green Terror Wrestling program.

He will also assist Gardner and his other assistant, Dan Pillet, with decision making.

Finally Gardner said that Blake will be successful wherever he ends up as a coach, and that he is wonderful with kids.

Members of the Green Terror all have respect for Blake. For example, Blake's brother Mikey is a junior and says that throughout the years Davey has been very supportive, influential, but is overly demanding at times.

"My fondest memories of Davey as wrestler was that he won the Eastern Nationals as a Senior and jumped into Dad's arms."

Mikey said that Davey will be a Head Coach as soon as he graduates college.

Both him and his dad have nothing but good things to say about Davey.

He said that Davey was "strong in technique and weak in body physique."

Harry also said that Blake can motivate easier than someone else because he easier to talk to and listen to because he is a peer, rather than at the head.

Finally when asked how much it will help to have a coach who has wrestled for the college, Kettering said "toms because he has been through it all at his age and from a wrestler's standpoint."

Off the mat, Blake is a huge sports fan, and loves to play flag football, and watch both the NFL and the college game.

He is also a member of the Chi Delta Upsilon fraternity here on campus.

When he is not coaching or hanging out with his friends, Blake can be found working at College Square Liquors.

Finally, Blake just enjoys hanging out with his friends and having a good time.
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-Sports Trivia-

1.) Who was the first team to win a Super Bowl after losing one?

2.) Which ex-NBA star visited McDaniel College last year and is also the tallest player in the history of the NBA?

3.) Which NBA team is named after a car part?

4.) Who was the first baseball player to break Roger Maris’ home run record?

5.) What college basketball team did Philadelphia 76er’s star Allen Iverson play for?

6.) What two teams played in the first Super Bowl?
Hugus runs his way to Nationals

By: Ryan Brod
Sports Editor

Sunday mornings typically have a quiet, recovery-oriented atmosphere on campus. But on Sunday mornings during Cross-Country season, sophomore Paul Hugus was running on his own through Westminster, sometimes up to sixteen miles. His hard work and ability to focus on goals paid off.

Hugus became the only second male in school history to qualify for the NCAA national meet, held Saturday the 22nd in Hanover, Indiana.

Hugus finished a respective 74th out of 115 runners with a 2:36.1 time.

"Qualifying for the National’s was a goal that I set for myself at the end of the outdoor track season last year," confessed Hugus. "Qualifying is validation for all of the miles I put in during the summer and for all of the workouts and long runs I did during the season.

Hugus, a Baltimore native and dual Mathematics/Conestoga Major, qualified for National’s earlier this month with a 6th place finish in a field of 249 runners at the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Region Championship.

His time for the 8k (5 mile) race was 26:26, almost identical to the time he later posted at Nationals.

Success, though, has not come easy. Hugus, a runner throughout his high school years, has developed a serious work ethic. Over this past summer, Hugus trained primarily for distance running.

After his freshmen year at McDaniel, Hugus made small changes that helped his performance.

"The two changes that I would say really helped take me to the next level this year were my long runs and my mental focus.

Goals also played a big part in Hugus’ rise to the top of his sport.

"For me the joy of running is in setting goals, however small or large they may be, and then achieving them."

Hugus admits that although his cross country buddies organized an intramural basketball team (dear Nationals), he has to ignore their "best persuasive efforts" so he could remain healthy.

When he's not in running shoes, Hugus is probably hanging out in his "Running for Life" suite, listening to Zeppelin or watching college basketball.

But you can bet that next cross country season he will be back on the streets of Westminster, setting higher goals, and trying to return to Nationals as a representative of McDaniel College.

Throw me the damn... microphone?

Keyshawn Johnson’s exploits have finally caught up with him

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If you’re watching "Fox NFL Sunday" this weekend, you will probably be so lucky as to see Keyshawn Johnson offering up his opinions.

You may ask, “Wait, isn’t he supposed to be playing?” Don’t worry. Ashton Kutcher is not going to jump out and tell you that you’ve been "Punk’d." (at least let’s hope not)

Johnson, the self-promoting crybaby himself, is just taking up his new gig after being deactivated by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers last Tuesday.

Team officials said that Johnson had become "too disruptive" to the defending Super Bowl Champions. He was missing mandatory practices and not traveling with the team, but most detrimental of all were his outlandish statements on national television.

Some critics may view Johnson’s deactivation as Tampa Bay’s attempt to find a scapegoat for their disappointing 4-6 season. I wouldn’t say that he is the reason for their fall from fame, but he has definitely never helped the situation.

Keyshawn has never been a team player. He doesn’t really care how well his team is doing as long as he has the opportunity to put up some big numbers.

Yeah, he’s good. Real good. He has almost 8000 career receiving yards and over 600 receptions. He ranked the 600 mark faster than anyone other than his arch nemesis Marvin Harrison. Those certainly aren’t numbers to scoff at, and no one would deny that he is a valuable asset to the team. Well, as long as he can keep his mouth shut.

Earlier this season, Johnson had the nerve to tell his coaches, "Throw me the damn ball!" He made it clear that he thought the only way for the team to win was for him to carry the load. He didn’t want what was in the team’s best interest, he was only looking out for Keyshawn.

The Bucs made a landmark decision by deactivating Johnson. They sent out the message that football is not a sport for individuals; it is a sport of individuals playing as a team.

The organization went about getting rid of Johnson in the right manner, too. Some teams are too hasty with their decision and immediately release an unwanted player. The problem with this is that the team then has no stake to the player because their contract is void. Keyshawn Johnson is still getting paid, he just isn’t allowed to practice or play. That way, when the time comes for another team to sign him, the Tampa Bay will get compensation for the trade.

None of this is new for Keyshawn Johnson. He has always looked out for number one. But all of a sudden his exploits off the field aren’t worth his exceptional play on the field. It will be interesting to see what team is willing to pick him up in the 2004 season, and how long they can put up with his shenanigans. My bet is that if his attitude doesn’t change, he’s going to be the next Deion Sanders. Hmmm, I wonder if Keyshawn can play baseball.