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A New Semester Brings New faces to the Hill New Coffee

First-year students get acclimated to McDaniel through orientation programs House stirs

buzz on campus

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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 Horneff, assisted students with their transition to McDaniel.

Ask any first-year student his 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, be it Mike Green's "Happy Hour" free time, or another Orientation program.

But, ask the parent of a freshman his 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 carried 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 Whiteford Hall. I didn't know the College does all that!"

While that may not have been an actual response from a parent, many remarked on the important role of the Resident Assistants, Peer Mentors, and members of ROTC who assisted with unloading cars during check-in. These students ensured a smooth beginning to Freshmen Orientation 2003, and worked hard to make the entire experience enjoyable.



Members of ROTC and the Peer Mentor program line up to assist a family unload their car outside of Rouzer Hall during check in on August 21st.

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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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McDaniel College: The Name Change One Year Later

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Do you like going to McDaniel, or would you rather go to Western Maryland? The old name still resonates on this campus, and over a year later it's relevant to ask is McDaniel College really better than Western Maryland?

When Western Maryland College officially became McDaniel College on July 1, 2002 school officials envisioned a more prosperous future and that the misconceptions about this small liberal arts college would be shed. According to President Dr. Joan Develin Coley, students were less likely to apply because of the perception that the college was a state school and confusion over the location.

"The [name change] process couldn't be going any better," said Coley. "We have a five year strategic plan and the college is going to be stronger."

This five-year strategic plan that is already in progress calls for a minor amount of growth in the student population. The ideal number would fall somewhere in between 1,750 and 1,900, and enrollment increased for this semester

with 455 first year students and 70 transfer students.

The school also had hoped that the name change would help to attract a higher quality pool of students. The intent behind the change was to find students who were looking for a small liberal arts college; something the name Western Maryland did not portray according to Coley. It also didn't hurt to move up in the alphabet.

"We were very happy to be part of the 'M's during college fairs," said Dean of Admissions Marty O'Connell. "We never got sent to an auxiliary gym or other far out location where students never found us."

So far this has worked. A record number of students applied to the college last year with an average GPA of 3.45, and an average SAT of 1100. More applicants applied from private high schools and from greater distances like Seattle, Los Angeles, and Nashville, according to O'Connell.

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McDaniel College students are literally waking up to the smell of coffee nowadays. Located in the pub, a new coffee shop has both surprised and delighted many students.

Adorned with new carpet, fluffy red and tan chairs and delicate tables, the coffee shop smells of "Seattle's Best" brand coffee. Compared to the old condition of the pub, the lighter atmosphere shows a drastic contrast to the pub area that returning students had grown to expect.

"I don't miss the dark, sticky seats and poor lighting at all," said Senior Julia Keene describing the old condition of the pub. "Yeah for quality couches and excellent coffee! Now I can really start my day (or night) right!"

Formally equipped with wooden benches and tables with many carvings from years of student abuse, the old pub area has been completely renovated.

"Enjoy the clean feeling of the coffee house as opposed to the nasty feeling of the old seats," Senior Jenn Parry commented.

Not all students believe the change in atmosphere is positive. Sophomore Allison Smith believes that the old pub had more personality than the new, modern coffee shop.

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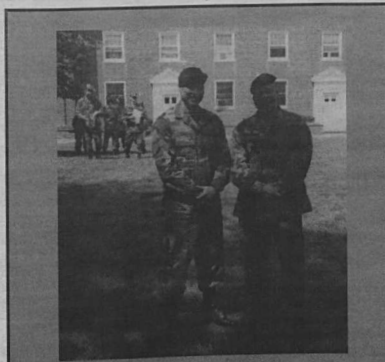
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Pictured above are the two new members of cadet at McDaniel, Lt. Colonel James Knott and Master Sergeant Jose Flores. See Page 3 for article on recent ROTC ceremony.

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"I miss the old pub. Sitting in the back with friends late at night and working on homework or just hanging out is not the same," Smith explained. "I miss the closeness of the booths and the history that was carved into the tables."

Senior Brian Martineza is "100% satisfied" with the new pub area. As SGA president, Martineza brought the coffee house idea to Dean Sayre as well as the all college counsel at the conclusion of last year after discussing the idea with his former vice president.

"The student government paid \$6,000 for the decorating of the coffee house," Martineza explained. "The college paid for the renovations, including removing the fireplace." According to Martineza, it has been rumored that tuition fees were increased in order to pay for the construction of the new coffee house.

"The raise in tuition has nothing to do with coffee house," Martineza clarified.

"The comprehensive fee" listed on fall semester bills covers allocations for student organizations, new parking lots and the

construction of new academic facilities.

The pub area was to be renovated; the SGA decided to put \$6,000 into the furnishings. Martineza believes this is money well spent.

"The coffee house is becoming very popular," he explained. "It has really come into its own."

Rob Murray, food service's employee who can be found operating the coffee house frequently witnesses it's growing popularity.

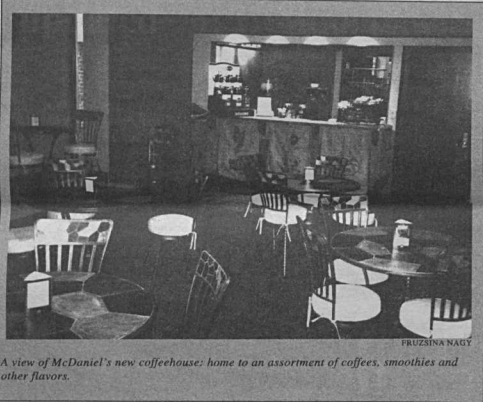
"I think that the success of this place is a mix," Murray explained. "It is very popular for the students but the faculty and staff enjoy it as well."

Senior Andrea Santoriello enjoys Murray's work.

"He is someone who cares about [the coffee shop]," Santoriello explained. "He wants to make people happy."

Along with the kindness of Murray, Santoriello described the coffee house as "a mix," Murray explained. "It is very popular for the students but the faculty and staff enjoy it as well."

"This place radiates a pleasant atmosphere, the lights work now," Murray concluded smiling. "It is a really, just nice place."



A view of McDaniel's new coffeehouse: home to an assortment of coffees, smoothies and other flavors.

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Main Street during "Discover Downtown: A Walking Tour with Dean Horneff."

Orientation programs not only require the dedication of volunteers, but interest from the new students as well. Each and every event of Orientation weekend was highly attended, something Dean Horneff attributes to the devotion of the peer mentors. "I was really impressed by the peer mentors energy and dedication in encouraging new student participation," said Horneff.

Those who participated in Orientation seemed to realize its purpose. Each year, many new students happen to meet some of their best friends through Orientation events and interaction within their first-year seminar groups. Devin Keeny, a freshman, attests to the benefits of the first-year program. "I met some of my good friends through Orientation, and the programs made me feel involved and part of the McDaniel family right from my first weekend on campus," said Keeny.

One program that was especially well received this year was Saturday night's "Choice and Challenge," a trip to the nearby

Four Seasons Sports Complex. From 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm, students participated in sports like miniature golf, swimming, volleyball, basketball, indoor soccer and lacrosse, and rock climbing while and others mingled over snacks and music by McDaniel's own, Honey Dewmont. "It was a chance for students to break away from their mentor groups and meet more people," said Dean Horneff. "I was surprised by how eager they were to do so."

Senior peer mentor Lyndsay Delp agreed with the value of "Choice and Challenge." "At Four Seasons" there was a lot to do, everyone seemed to be meeting new people, and overall it was a nice way for everyone to sum up the events of the weekend; everyone was smiling and having a great time. Even my mentees who hesitated going later admitted they were glad they went."

Orientation is designed to help new students cope with the pressures they will inevitably face. It strives to introduce new students to the campus, help them deal with adjustment, and encourages them to pursue campus involvement while achieving a sense of the McDaniel College community. But most of all, Orientation is about having fun, which many new students will agree they had.

Dining Services get updated

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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, the 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 Albright.

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 Toni 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 input and opinions on what they see and what they like and don't like," Smith commented. Any student with questions or who is interested in getting involved can contact Cameron Smith at ext. 2732 or at CSmith@McDaniel.edu.

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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 also 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.

"Free of mistaken first impressions, McDaniel College can be recognized for its close-knit community, the personal attention and leadership opportunities afforded to its students, and for professors whose first priority is teaching," said Muller. "This was the main theme of our campaign."

However, many of these values were associated with Western Maryland College, and this caused the original emotional reaction from many students and alumni according to Coley.

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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 mil-

lion in the 2002 fiscal year. Only 300 of 18,000 alumni solicited said they would not donate to the college because of the name change.

Director of Alumni Relations Robin Brenton 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 in fact becoming accustomed to the change. Sophomore Rachel 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."

As a result of the name change, the administration had to send new diplomas for the school. Through 2005 students have the option of receiving either a Western Maryland or McDaniel college diploma. Last spring the majority of the seniors requested a Western Maryland diploma, according to registrar Jan Kiphart. On the surface this shows support for the old moniker. However, students have the option of requesting a commemorative McDaniel diploma after they graduate. Students just prefer to have both, according to Sayre.

Along with the goal of creating the McDaniel College brand name, the school decided to immortalize the name Western Maryland College. Alumni Hall was renamed Western Maryland College Alumni Hall to preserve this important part of the school's history. This decision was made in conjunction with alumni who felt it was most appropriate to give this name to Alumni Hall according to Coley.

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."

CAMPUS SAFETY NEWS

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8/10/03: Air conditioner stored in clubroom over the summer in Blanch Ward Hall was found to be missing in the first week of August.

8/15/03: 9:30pm, Two alarms sounded at the New Lewis basement elevator pit. Three problems were found in the system.

8/16/03: 8:40pm, Unknown suspect(s) removed warning pylon from the cross walk on Main St.

8/16/03: 10:24pm, Dead crow found outside Harrison House. Properly disposed of after checking with local authorities.

8/17/03: 5:15pm, Student told DoCS dispatcher that he was an RA to get a free parking pass. The student was not an RA.

8/20/03: While inspecting fire extinguishers in PA 185 with Fireline, an extinguisher was found to be discharged. It was reported, refilled and put back at this time.

8/22/03: 8:00pm, Table umbrella broken and fencing detached from rear golf cart yard.

8/23/03: 1:42am, Students documented for underage possession of alcohol, possession of alcohol in a dry drum, possessing hard alcohol in a multi-liter container, participating in drinking games, and a noise violation.

8/24/03: 12:03am, DoCS responded to Blanche Ward Hall in reference to noise complaint and alcohol citations.

8/24/03: 12:03am, An alumnus documented for dishonesty, use of instruments of identification with the intent to defraud, intentional obstruction, harassment and intimidation of a college employee, verbal abuse, violation of published rules governing College residence halls, obscene conduct, and failure to comply with the directions of residence hall staff.

8/24/03: 12:15am, Underage possession of alcohol and failure to comply with a college official citation from Blanch Ward Hall.

8/24/03: 2:06am, Three non-students, and one student documented for underage possession of alcohol in Whiteford Hall. One juvenile received a criminal alcohol citation from Westminster City Police Department.

8/24/03: 11:49pm, Small mulch fire as a result of lit cigarette being left in the flower garden just outside the doorway of Eaton Hall.

8/25/03: 12:15am, Cheese Salsa was put on the door of a room in ANW Hall and was found on the floor in front of the door.

8/25/03: 1:27am, Westminster City Police Dept. called Campus Safety to assist with student identification in underage alcohol possession.

8/25/03: 8:50pm, Male student reported that someone assaulted and tried to rob him on golf course. The student was jogging alone at night.

8/26/03: 1:16am, Student documented for public urination outside Rouzer Hall. The student was under Proscriptions of Conduct article #14 for lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct or expression on College-owned or controlled property.

8/26/03: 1:16am, Students in Rouzer Hall were found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and were documented under Proscriptions of Conduct article #8 for the possession, use, sale, or distribution of controlled substances.

8/26/03: 2:05am, College vehicle was hit by a personally owned vehicle that was backing up from the loading dock in Rouzer parking lot.

8/26/03: 4:15am, Student's vehicle damaged by a falling tree branch in Winslow Lot.

8/26/03: 10:39pm, Student documented for possession of hard alcohol and possession of a multi-liter container in North Village.

8/27/03: 1:03am, Student documented for underage drinking, dishonesty, and unauthorized entry in Whiteford Hall.

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8/28/03: 12:23am, Student documented for underage possession of alcohol, possession of alcohol in a dry drum, participating in drinking games, and a quiet hours violation in Rouzer Hall.

8/28/03: 8:00pm, Spoiler on the rear of a VW Bug broken off on Historic Drive.

8/31/03: 12:50am, Student cited for alcohol violation outside Garden Apartments.

8/31/03: 12:58am, Student documented for failure to comply to Proscriptions on Conduct #15, abusing, disrespecting, or harassing College officials in proper performance of their duties.

9/1/03: 12:33am, Student given State citation for underage possession of alcohol in McDaniel Hall.

9/3/03: 12:02am, Student documented for underage possession of alcohol, possession of alcohol in a dry drum, and a noise violation in Rouzer Hall.

9/3/03: 12:15am, Student documented in Rouzer Hall for possession of multi-liter containers, underage possession and consumption of alcohol, and possession of

alcohol in a dry drum.

9/3/03: 10:46pm, Student documented in Rouzer Hall for underage possession of alcohol and possession of alcohol in a dry drum.

9/4/03: 12:22am, Students documented for underage possession of alcohol, possession of alcohol in a dry drum, possession of hard alcohol, possession of multi-liter container, and a quiet hours violation in Whiteford Hall. Students also documented for fire code violation of more than seven people in a double room.

9/4/03: 12:40am, Students documented for underage possession of alcohol, possession of alcohol in a dry drum, possession of hard alcohol, possession of multi-liter container, and a quiet hours violation in Whiteford Hall. One student and two non-students were cited by city police for underage possession of alcohol. One student was documented for destruction of college property.

9/4/03: 1:07am, Student documented for disorderly conduct, public intoxication, and underage consumption of alcohol in the Garden Apartments parking lot. The student received a criminal alcohol citation from Westminster City Police.

9/4/03: 4:30am, Vandalism was done to both second floor bathrooms in ANW and food products were smeared on a residents room.

ROTC Awards High Honors

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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 recognized summer achievements in many different fields.

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

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

The Advanced Cadet 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 these 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 complet-



PHOTO COURTESY OF BETH HORNEFF, DEAN OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS
A McDaniel Student attempts rappelling, just one activity sponsored by ROTC during Freshmen Orientation.

ing Mountain Warfare school in Vermont, and Cadet Thomas Kalar completing Airborne School at Fort Benning, GA, from July 6-27.

He explained that "it was the best hands on experience I've had."

Several awards for ROTC scholarships were also recognized Thursday.

The McDaniel College Reserve Officer Train-

ing Corps (originally of Western Maryland College) was established in 1919 and was one of the first in the U.S. Sergeant 1st Class Clark explained that there is one active General in the U.S. army from McDaniel college, three cadets 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.

This year also marks a change in the ROTC program at McDaniel with the addition of two new instructors, Master Sergeant Jose Flores and Lt. James Kraft.

The ROTC class is open to any interested freshman. Freshman Cadet Jimmy Dell says he got involved with ROTC because he's always been interested in the military, and he noted that he "liked how everyone formed in unity."

Freshman Cadet Ryan Newman explained that he became interested in the army because, "I've had a family history since the War of 1812."

The awards ceremony concluded by organizing the cadet corps into platoons.

Some activities for this fall include paintball, field training exercises, rappelling and a land navigation leadership reaction course.

Student attacked on golfcourse

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A student was attacked on the evening of August 26 while going for a run around the golf course at around 9 p.m.

In a memo to the college community, Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster reported that the attacker "brandished some sort of bladed weapon" and then demanded money from the student.

The attack was reported to Campus Safety after the victim struggled with the attacker and fled the scene.

According to several sources who have spoken with the alleged victim, the student was able to subdue his would be mugger to the point of possibly breaking the attackers arm.

The student also sustained minor injuries.

The attacker was de-

scribed as a "white college aged male of thin to medium build who was wearing dark pants and a long sleeve gray jersey," according to Webster's memo.

The investigation is still ongoing and according to campus safety officials there have been no updates to the case.

The victim did not return phone calls requesting an interview for this story, and Campus Safety was unable to release any information due to confidentiality agreements.

Webster urged students in his memo to report any suspicious activity to Campus Safety, which he defined as anything that makes you feel uncomfortable.

He also advised students to never resist an attack because losing 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-identification.

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 ironically 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, absorb the meaning of the text, and spit it out like stomach sitting alcohol older than the author himself.

An English major has the right to have read it and still call it a piece of shit.

An English major is encouraged to be outspoken, whether in class or in paper form. An English major can discuss controversial issues such as homosexuality, incest, radical feminism, Nazism and rape.

Sooner or later, the English major will take it outside of the classroom.

The English major will isolate her or himself by doing so, and will most likely feel

limited by boundaries placed by those that feel uncomfortable discussing these issues.

An upper level English class will allow educated minds to discuss penises, say the *word* if done contextually, and eventually ask a question: why does this literature make me a better writer?

This was a question that caused me a great deal of anguish as a student. While I loved literature, I felt that it wasn't helping me to become a better writer.

Technically, regularly assigned papers were improving my skills and increasing my interest in the works, but creatively, I wondered how it benefited me.

Only after college did I realize that others often were surprised or took offense at my writing because I could openly discuss such issues.

Because the English major can digest complex concepts, this naturally leads to the self-analysis stage.

This hit me Sophomore year of college, during which I was taking an American Literature course with Dr. Mangan.

I saw myself in every tragic heroine of the nineteenth century and embarked on a period of self analysis and female empowerment.

Without that, I don't feel as if I could have ever landed a job in a field managed almost entirely by men or discovered my future area of academic concentration.

If that means being the second most screwed up class of student after Psychology majors, then so be it. I know more about myself.

This is the English major pride. Swift manipulation of language that allows one to curse like a sailor.

English majors are probably some of the most alcohol-oriented, sailor-mouthed people I know (after the Music, Theater and

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Honor Code: Insult to injury. Here are your rights as a McDaniel Student

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I arrived to McDaniel one year ago like most students, eager to start, or, as in my case, recommence a liberal arts education. That is, of course, as defined by the First Principles of the College, to “think critically about, respond creatively to, and form sensitive, intelligent decisions concerning the world and its future.”

You have to love that cliched-rhetoric private institutions of higher learner have no shame in flouting, as is the case with McDaniel. As an example of this sort of hypocrisy, I take issue with the “Honor Code.”

Upon arriving here as a transfer student, the administration required that I, as well as all students I assume, sign a statement affirming, to the affect, that I was aware of and would respect the aforementioned “Code.” This was reasonable enough, as I have signed similar statements at other institutions, and, of course, I have no intention of cheating, plagiarizing, or helping others cheat.

Soon after though, I sat through a student presentation/explanation of the “Honor Code” and its importance on this campus. And shortly after that, I discovered that the “Honor Code” is pasted to every classroom wall on campus.

I couldn't help but reminisce of my days in high school, standing up every morning, a little blasé and fully dispassionate, pledging my allegiance for the two-thousand-one-hundred and fifty-third time to a colorful piece of cloth pasted on the wall, wholly absent of the harsh repercussions that are inherent in the “Honor Code.” I wondered if the administrators would expect me to stand every morning to reaffirm my allegiance to the “Code.”

Well, I was wrong; though, one year older and a Peer Mentor, I did have to stand before a large group of impressionable freshmen and recite the “Honor Pledge” along side my fellow Peer Mentors, dressed alike and all.

Today I dressed myself, and I'm here to say that there are plenty of reasonable people who wander from the herd. I am one; I hate the “Honor Code” and all its implications.

To be sure, I have no respect for cheating or passing off another's work as your own. Though, I do have the utmost respect for the notions of justice, ideals, and protections that this great Country's Constitution ensures to those accused citizens. Granted, I will be the first to admit that, initially, my objection to the “Honor Code” was a bout of self-righteousness; it simply bothered me, perhaps for all the wrong reasons. That was, however, until I read the College's “Honor Code” policies, a dizzying display of unjust kangaroo-court proceedings.

The Honor System: Examples of Honor System Infractions gives an incomplete list of infractions. Infractions range from the blatant (i.e. I.A.4, “Leaving the testing area to obtain answers.”) to the vague (i.e. I.C.2, “...leaving a paper in another's plain view.”). Yet, the list given in the Student Handbook “is not meant to be all-inclusive.”

In other words, McDaniel's administration reserves the right to arbitrarily enforce sanctions on behaviors not proscribed in the

Student Handbook, a scary thought. Who knows, maybe I have inadvertently breached the “Honor Code.” With this clause, how could I be sure?

What is more disturbing, once a student is alleged in violation of the Honor Code or any academic violation, whether arbitrary or outlined, he or she can look forward to an unreasonable uphill battle against proceedings purposely aimed at denying the accused a balanced hearing. I.I.B.1. in the Disciplinary Hearing Procedures of the Student Handbook states, “the faculty member responsible for the course is expected to investigate thoroughly the alleged violation prior to the hearing.”

The plaintiff in the case is granted investigation rights, not an impartial third party (except “when the case requires it, the Dean of the Faculty” gathers an investigation team (I.I.B.2.)). [Note: the handbook fails to specify what conditions would warrant a third party investigation.]

Keep in mind, the Handbook specifies no time restraints on the investigation, which, since the plaintiff is the one gathering evidence, is essentially an unlimited time period for the prosecutor to prepare his or her case. Inevitably, the question arises, “how much time is the defendant allotted to prepare his or her case?”

Section 1. of the Procedural Due Process clause of the Student Handbook states, “The student [defendant] will be informed, in writing, of the allegations with sufficient particularity, and in sufficient time, to ensure opportunity to prepare for the hearing. Forty-eight hours is considered sufficient time [sic].”

Does anyone else realize that this is contemptible? The Administration gives an unspecified amount of time for the prosecution to prepare a case and then has the audacity to define “sufficient” as forty-eight hours with regards to preparing an adequate defense.

I can say, without much fear of being wrong, that even a well-educated and trained attorney with a staff of experienced associates could not be reasonably expected to prepare an adequate defense in a matter of two weeks, let alone two days. I find it unconscionable that McDaniel would expect an undergraduate student to be able to sufficiently prepare a case in forty-eight hours. I characterize this as nothing more than a mockery of our Country's great notions of justice.

In the 1930's, during the Jim Crow era of segregation, the United States Supreme Court, in regards to the state of Alabama's prosecution of the “Scottsboro Boys,” established that a defendant “stripped of his right to have sufficient time to advise with counsel and prepare his defense” was a violation of our civilized Constitutional standards of equality and decency. It's an abhorrent thought that McDaniel's Administrators would not act differently than Alabama did in the thirties.

In another instance of the administration's undermining of the basic features of justice, V.A. of the Honor and Conduct Board, addresses impartiality. “Members of the Board will disqualify themselves in a particular case if they are unable to maintain impartiality.” The college fails

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to grant an opportunity for the accused to disqualify any members of the board he/she feels may be biased as a result of some sort of prior encounter.

Though, as it stands, with the 48 hour notification prior to the hearing, the daunting task of checking board members' impartiality would be impossible.

In the summary of Disciplinary Hearing Procedures, the handbook states that "every attempt is made, however, consistent with educational goals, to provide fairness to an accused student and to protect him/her from unfair imposition of serious penalties."

With respect to "provide fairness to an accused student," the college should immediately implement a clause that guarantees the accused rights to review and disqualify any partial members of the board, who are ultimately respon-

sible for judging and sentencing the accused.

This is especially important on a campus as small and intimate as McDaniel.

McDaniel inevitably prides itself on its standards of academic achievement.

Undeniably, academic achievement is defined by the progress and accomplishments of the student-body.

As is, the disciplinary policy, specifically the non-academic disciplinary procedures, is in insult and potential injury to all students on campus.

Something must be done to prevent a gross miscarriage of justice (if one has not already taken place).

It is essential that the college adopt certain clauses within their disciplinary procedures in order "to protect [a student] from unfair imposition of serious penalties."

McDaniel Alum expresses views on the English Major

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Art people, of course).

Why then, do we creative types enjoy swearing?

Possibly for the same reason that talented painters enjoy abstract art... everyone else finds it vulgar, but aren't they totally entitled to do it, so long as they can paint well in most styles that came before?

One that does this might be construed as a slacker.

A writer that produces her or his best material five minutes before the hour of it being due might also be called this, yet before you apply this accusation to the English major, beware!

True slackerdom is a learned process.

The English major enters slackerdom because s/he realizes that s/he can get away with more than passing grades because they read the now-required material for fun, or in high school.

The English major also makes great use of background knowledge and non-sequiturs, thus developing the ever so prized communicative skills required in both business and academia.

A true slacker will employ the use of technology at the last minute and will know already where his or her needed section of Hoover library rests.

However, a true English major will come to a crossroads.

When there, he or she may or may not meet a Music major willing to sell a soul to the devil for further talent.

And at that very moment, when Dante Alighieri may or may not appear in the minds of the creative,

you will make the decision, not your guide.

Do I want to complete my paper thoroughly at the last minute, or do I wish to merely do an adequate job?

And by the time you graduate, and you have your senior seminar paper in your hands, it will be as a child to you.

You'll always think of it as perfect and encouraging to your own spirit, but mostly because by then, you will have spent the perfect amount of time fostering it.

Then you will know how four years of literature have made you a better writer.

You will know how to cope, when you need a drink and when to abstain, and when the throes of passion flow out of your life and onto a page.

You'll learn that it's not a faucet mechanism, but something more atypical, like Jerry Maguire's "mission statement." Three in the morning writing is always best and least sane.

Some people will call this snobish pride, but it's really just a sense of identity.

And you're good enough, you deserve it.

I was friendly, but no one even said hello back.

For once, no one said "I've never heard of McDaniel College," or "so Western Maryland College isn't in Western Maryland?"

-Tara DellaFranzia, McDaniel College Alummi

McDaniel alum encounters 'Real World' challenges after graduation: McDaniel Alum gives the perspective of life after College

The real 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.

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.

It was a proofreading position, and as one whose career goal is to go into publishing, I figured it would be a good start.

I took time out of senior week to stay in Philadelphia and secure the job before my graduation.

The opportunity was nice. It was hourly, but competitive. 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 own. 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, 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 sympathetically 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 irked 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 degree, 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 was 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 Olde 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 were the only enjoyable things 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, can vouch for that.

I seem to pan out.

But I guess all I really learned in college is that trying your best is truly the best you can do, and that 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 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 lets you fend for yourself.

As I lurch within sight of Independence Hall, it isn't easy to 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 DellaFranzia, McDaniel College Alummi

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Patience Please... McDaniel student expresses the need for more patience at Hoover Library

It's the place you enter when you need a reserve for your English class.

It's the building you visit when you're not sure how you're going to write that paper on gene splicing.

It's the quiet atmosphere you seek when trying to study for that upcoming accounting exam.

I'm talking about Hoover Library.

This semester, some of you new students, and returning students, may have noticed a few changes in the library.

Over the summer, Hoover, the Carroll County Public Library and Carroll Community College converted to a new, shared automation system (this supports all the technical operations of these libraries).

Both Hoover's online catalog and library web page (<http://hoover.mcdaniel.edu>) feature a brand-new look and feel to them.

It may take some time for you to get acquainted with the functions of the catalog or the arrangement of the web site, but please be patient.

If your searches are unsuccessful and you're ready to throw in the towel, see Access Services librarian Jane Sharpe or reference librarians Sally Jones and James Hill (who, by the way, arrived at his new job here this summer).

They will be most happy to help you

navigate your way online.

While you were on vacation, the Hoover staff also spent the summer familiarizing themselves with the operations of this new automation system.

Nowhere in the library was this more evident than in the Circulation department.

Access Services librarian Jane Sharpe read manuals, attended workshops, and conducted in-house experiments to prepare for daily check-in and check-out procedures on the system.

Of course, nothing in life is ever 100% foolproof.

While Hoover's automation system is new, it does contain several idiosyncrasies.

If you've used the library this past week, and have tried to check out reserves or other materials, you may have discovered that your library barcode on your ID card is invalid, and thus will not work in this new system.

You may have had to wait for a few minutes as student workers completed a manual "paper-and-pencil" check-out so that you could read that reserve reading for class.

You may have even been alerted that a "block" appears on your library account for an overdue book you returned last spring.

As a circulation assistant at Hoover, I know that many students have experienced such inconveniences this past week.

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 try to 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 functional 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) alumni.

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 be starting soon 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, references, and writing samples to send in response to vacant reporting positions I had found on various Internet job listings and web sites.

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, activities assistant, bank teller, teacher's 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 changed from positive to negative, as I 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 Masters 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 say 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 vacancy.

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 had become positive again a few days later. The one who hated her original job found a new one, one that she absolutely loved. As a side note, she too walked in one day and got the job that same day.

Another friend's Master program was on hold for now, but with her new government job, she had found a way to fund her upcoming studies.

For some of us, the trials and tribulations have ended. For some, it is only the beginning. I offer the above insight as a concerned alumna, one who thought she had it all figured out until trials and tribulations blocked her path.

Seniors, the safety net of college will soon fade away, as you too cross the threshold of graduation. It will be tempting to forego the job search until final exams have ended, but trust me, it is never too early to begin researching possible employers. Don't be afraid to enlist those professors and advisors you trust dearly, for they were once in your spot.

If you have a contact at a place you 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 a natural part of the human condition!

-Staci George is a 2003 alumna.

AIM a Growing College Trend

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It can be heard while walking down the hallways, hanging out in dorm rooms, and even sometimes while sleeping.

The incessant 'bing' 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.

"If I want to find out what is going on, I never call people, I just IM

them. It's cheaper than using the phone," explained senior Sarah Campbell. The growing use of instant messages ties into the general increase in human inactivity since the dawn of the Electronic Age.

Instead of walking over 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 attended 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.

"I use AIM every day, but it hasn't affected how much I use the phone," stated sophomore Warren Sims. Some students believe that using AIM for short conversations is ideal. Longer conversations may require a walk down the hall.

"You are on campus now and you can see the person you are talking to is within walking distance," said freshman Theresa Hess.

"AIM is useful for short conversations, not long ones."

In some very extreme cases, students may instant message their next-door neighbor or even their very roommate. This growing trend raises questions: Is AIM slowly replacing in-the-flesh discussion? In ten years could students solely rely upon Internet discussion?

In reality though, this is only a temporary activity for students away from home and instant messenger use is not symbolic of the beginning of the end of personal human contact. To many students, AIM's primary use is simply finding out

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

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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 partying 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 win the affections of his boss's daughter, Lisa Taylor (Tara Reid). Tom Stansfield (Kutcher) thinks he's going out to a 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 comedic tradition, anything and everything that 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 a "let's piss all over everything" guy who later gets buried alive in the backyard by Stansfield's friends.

Does any 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

blind-date. Why is this considered funny? Why was this put in the movie? He doesn't get the owl, but he comes back to his boss's house to discover Lisa is back from her party, and she helps him clean the house just in time for her father's phone call from the airport, saying he is ready for Stansfield to pick him up.

Ironically enough, Mr. Taylor wrecks his "picture-perfect, dust-free, dirt-free house" by driving Stansfield's car through it after O.J. flies into the car and starts attacking him. The owl comes back, but with the habit of drinking out of toilets— weird.

In the end, Stansfield and Taylor get together and Taylor's father realizes that he needs to pay more attention to his daughter after she admits to wishing she "was that stupid owl" when she was a little girl.

If this movie does well, it will only be because Ashton Kutcher is the object of affection for many hormonal-crazy girls. This movie was definitely a money-waster in addition to a waste of time. I advise you to go see "S.W.A.T." instead, that movie is funny, full of action, AND it stars Colin Farrell, always a plus.

Lack of Soap Creates Controversy Bubble

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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 Semhar Yohannes, senior, "we have been raised 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," protests Lauren Lichy, sophomore.

"You go to the bathroom, you're going to want to wash your hands."

For the past eleven years new and old students have had concerns about why there's no soap in the dorm bathrooms.

In reaction to these concerns student petitions have been distributed, surveys have been taken, trials have been run, and yes articles have been written.

Elizabeth Towle, Director of

Residence Life, responds to student concerns by giving the students other options.

She states "When the issue is raised we encourage students to bring concerns to the Student Government Association, we want them to use the SGA as a vehicle."

The Building Services Department, in particular, is not idly standing by while students complain about this issue.

Since 1992 Melvin Whelan, Building Services Coordinator, has taken annual surveys concerning the cost of providing soap and paper towels in all the dorms.

In 1992 this feat would have cost the college around \$18,000 per year. By the year 2000 that figure rose to \$24,000 per year.

Another factor that is holding Whelan and other college officials back from putting soap in the dorms is what the students would do with the soap if they had it.

In 2001 Building Services ran

an experiment and put soap and paper towels on all floors in ANW, Rouser, and Whiteford. The results were highly revealing.

The residents of ANW and Rouser both lost their privileges due to vandalism.

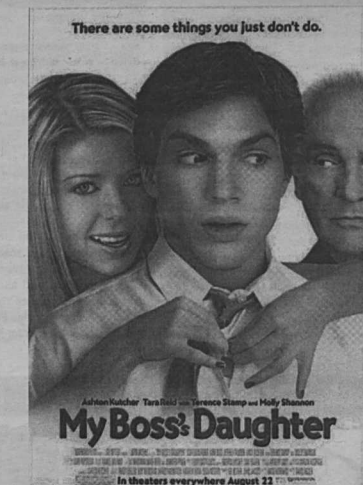
Soap was found squirted on the floor and mirrors, the dispensers were stepped on and broken, and the paper towels were stuffed down the toilets.

Towle comments on this incident, "That experience is why the college at this time does not provide soap or paper towels."

In reaction to these incidences the privilege was taken away from the residents of Rouser and ANW but there is still to this day soap provided to the students living on any floor in Whiteford.

In addition to the on-campus survey Whelan also investigated near by colleges.

Among the colleges involved were Allegheny, Dickinson, Franklin Marshal, Gettysburg,



Hood, Ursinus, Washington, and Muhlenberg.

The survey revealed that only Muhlenberg provided soap to their residents.

So McDaniel's policy is not unlike a lot of other colleges.

Are McDaniel students predestined to contract germs and diseases and suffer forever? No. There are other options.

Residents Life encourages floors and apartments to work together to provide soap for their own residents.

As for incoming freshmen, in the green guidance booklet distributed to all incoming freshmen is a list of what they should bring.

One of the items on that list is soap.

Sophomores Think Like Freshmen Again

Four McDaniel sophomores reflect on their freshmen years.

JAIME FALLOWS
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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 taste 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 freshman years.

Four sophomores, Hanif Ahmad, Eleanor Eaton, Kelly Tawes, and Nathan Klunk, 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.

Hanif 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 liked orientation, however, Kelly Tawes felt "half and half" about it. The communication major and member of the golf team says, "Some of the activities were good, but [orientation] was just too drawn out."

Nathan Klunk 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." Klunk 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 here 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 Klunk felt overwhelmed by their first week in the classrooms.

"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.

Klunk says that starting classes was "really rough. I didn't know what college classes would be like, or how the professors would run them.

I didn't know anything about college 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 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'd 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 having your 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 Klunk.

Kelly Tawes 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



Poetry Corner

"God's bowling," Grandma Edie used to say.

"I Smell a Storm"

I walk out the door and a breeze hits me—
I smell a storm coming.
It's hard to explain,
But the air smells like the taste of a metal spoon.

I can feel it coming, too.
The static courses through my veins, my muscles my fingertips.
There's that first rumble of thunder in the distance—

Big, fat raindrops begin falling around me

Just before the neon blue lightning flashes,
Lighting up my soul.
God got a strike.

Time to go inside, turn off all the lights,
And sit alone,
In the dark,
Keeping score.

—Jamie Fallows

Freshmen Recount Crazy Campus Occurrences

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FEATURES EDITOR

Whether it is 3:00 a.m. when a breakfast craving hits, finding a stranger's shoes sitting beside the bed or even watching someone run into a wall without even flinching, everyone establishes memories that will never be forgotten.

This year's new freshman class is becoming acclimated to the campus more and more each day. Along with their growing sense of the advanced academic atmosphere, first year students are also learning that college life can prove to be crazy at times.

Jessica Seldman, a first year honors student from Upstate New York, is relieved to be finished with orientation.

"I thought that the point of freshman orientation was for us to meet other freshmen, it didn't really work. It was annoying to have everything scheduled, I wanted some time to settle in," Seldman explained.

Rachel Button, a commuter first year student from Westminster, believes that the orientation was not suited for commuter students.

"There were these long spaces between each event for me," Button explained. "The honor code presentation was also awful, they kept going off onto tangents."

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

Freshman Melissa Galloway admitted to having some reservations.

"I was nervous that I would get some crazy professor or there would be some really difficult questions that I could not answer," Galloway 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 Galloway, "I feel like I am trying the hang of things now. I have a set schedule now."

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

"Six friends and I walked to Denny's at like, 3:00 a.m. Someone just said 'DENNY'S' and we decided to go, I had no idea where it was and the walk back was so long, it seemed to take forever," Seldman said smiling. "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 between our two 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 ratio 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 Seldman 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," Seldman said pausing to laugh, "AND THEN wanders around looking for his dorm, is a great place to me!"

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Heads and Threads Caters to Students

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Advertising Manager

October of 2001, D.C. native Taylor 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 tourney 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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What is the most noticeable change to the McDaniel campus this semester?



Lauren Scott, senior
"The Coffee Shop, so now you can get smoothies with only 110 calories. Although that's a good thing, they are three dollars."



Semhar Yohannes, senior
"Food Services as a whole have made substantial changes. Between the new Pub, the smaller portions given in Glar, and the new placements of condiments there have been many unwelcome changes."



Kathy Yi, senior
"I didn't expect the Pub to be different. It feels like your going into another little bubble."



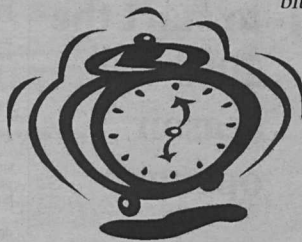
Nicole Worrel, junior
"The New parking lot is awesome, and I love the Coffee Shop, try the Twister, it's the best."



Liz Matthews, sophomore
"The new windowsills in Blanch."



Kristen Clark, sophomore
"The new parking lot has a call box and a blue light for safety, s really nice."



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Physical Fitness Provided with Limited Resources and Less Equipment

WALTER ZALIS
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 topper 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 work-outs 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 age of certain machines is starting to come through 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

now 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 raving, 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 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 SHAFFER
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 Champi-

ons. Sophomore Kyle Poore explained that fans should expect to see "better soccer players" this season.

He added that everyone on the team is close and gets along, adding to the overall chemistry that the team lacked last season.

Poore personally is excited for this year because for the first time in two years he's remained healthy.

His body came around just in time for a team that is ready to be competitive in their respective conference.

If the team expects to regain status as a conference power, they have to perform well against some top ranked teams.

They will certainly be tested by (top ranked) Johns Hopkins University, who had a record of 9-0 in the regular season and 17-3 at the end of the season.

Gettysburg, the third ranked team in the coaches' poll in 2002, has a new coach and many new freshmen who are ready to be in the running for conference champions as well.

McDaniel's first game was on August 29th, against Maryland Bible College.

The Green Terror won handily, 8-0. Their next game is September 10th when they will face the defending Division III National Champion Messiah College.

Sports Trivia Questions

Who is the all-time leading NFL rusher and receiver?
Who was the only rookie Quarterback to start the 2003 season opener?

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.

So what possibly caused him to miss so much of camp? Injury? A mental breakdown?

A death in the family?

No. Contract negotiations.

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 for 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 players holding out for more money than they will ever need is putting the team owners in a tight spot.

Because of the salary cap, which says that each team is only allowed to spend a set value on player salaries, many teams are forced to give up the highly-paid players after a few seasons.

This dilemma is outwardly ex-

pressed 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 disenchanted fans to turn their love of football to other venues.

"I probably prefer college football because there's a little less 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.

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

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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 Cristine Mayne, 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 oppo-

nents 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 midfield, 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 1 p.m.

They begin their Conference play the following Saturday at home against Muhlenberg.

Upcoming Home Sporting Events:

Women's Soccer- vs. Villa Julie, 9/13 @ 1pm

Men's Soccer- vs. Messiah, 9/10 @ 4pm

Field Hockey- vs. Lynchburg, 9/13 @ 2pm

Green Terror X.C. Challenge, 9/13

Football- vs. Christopher Newport, 9/13 @ 1pm

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Football Team has New Faces, Same Old Determination

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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 year'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, com-

menting 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 picks 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 "Boo" Harris has been working hard with junior Efi Eyo, the team's current starting QB, who will be frequently connecting with sophomore wide receivers Jamie Unger and Kyle Myers.

One area in which the team has concentrated is special teams.

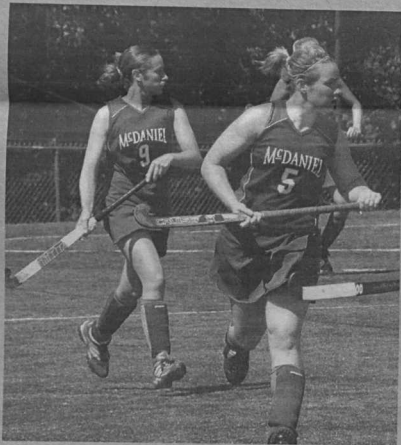
High hopes have been placed on junior kicker Nate Getchell and the rest of the kicking squad who have been drilled time and

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



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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 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 Camponelli, and Jen Pegley.

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 Pegley, and sophomore Lindsay Ricks.

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 Baggeley with the assist coming from junior Clara Hollingsworth.

Sophomore 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 by them with a 10-0 victory. Kim Camponelli led the Terror's scoring with four goals and recording one assist off of junior Sarah LeBaron's goal.

Seven different players scored for McDaniel and the team out shot 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 2-0 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.

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Construction Delays Have Some McDaniel Students Calling The Best Western Hotel "Home"

CHRISTIANNA D. BAGBY
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 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 Samantha 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.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MCDANIEL COLLEGE WEBSITE
Hurricane Isabel blew through McDaniel last week, cancelling classes Thursday afternoon and Friday. Gusty winds and heavy rains caused damage on campus grounds, as pictured above.

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 class." 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 min-

utes 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.

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 schoolwork. But for a few students, religion defines their college experience.

McDaniel College has an undergraduate population around 1700 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 member of CCM. "With the exception of one faculty advisor, most of our support comes from St. John's" Catholic Church in Westminster.

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Activities Fair Highlights Student Organizations

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

BETH MCLANE
Staff Writer

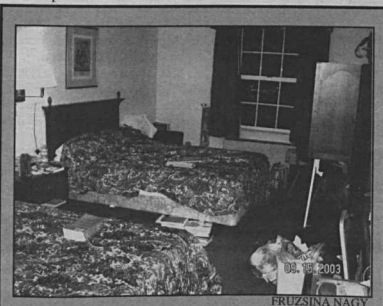
The Activities Fair is an annual event held to acquaint students with the plethora of activities available at McDaniel College. This year's fair was a huge success with a large turnout of interested students.

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

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FRUZSINA NAGY
A look at one of the Best Western hotel rooms, where 22 seniors are currently living while waiting to move into their new home at the North Village apartments.

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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.

On Tuesday September 9 the department met with many of the English majors in order to explain the new requirements. Current majors 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.

After the Dr. Panek and other professors finished outlining the new major most students did not feel the changes would have that great deal of an impact on them as students. The only complaint by some upperclassmen was that they would not be here when the new writing courses will be offered next fall. The courses include, Writing in Digital Environments, Writing in Professional Contexts, and Writing in Law and Policy.

These courses will be part of the new writing minor that will debut next fall and will be taught by two new professors to McDaniel. Kathryn Dobson and Julia Jasken. Dobson is an associate professor of English and received her Ph. D in English from the University of Maryland, while Jasken is a professor of English and is currently pursuing her Ph. D at Michigan Technological University.

The new writing courses were developed to focus on specific areas of writing that students will encounter when the graduate, according to Dobson. For example, Writing in Professional contexts will focus on writing in the work place. The courses still need to be approved by the school, and that is why they will not be offered until next fall.

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Wheeler criticizes the college for not having a school official in charge of religious life. It would help to promote religious diversity on campus, and ensure that religion is not overlooked by the administration, according to Wheeler.

"I would like to see a campus minister in charge of organizing religious activities," said the Rev. Brian Nolan, associate pastor at St. John's Catholic Church, who also does campus ministry work at McDaniel. Nolan is thankful for current help from the administration, but would like to see the organizations gain more support from the college.

However, McDaniel previously had a coordinator of religious life. The Rev. Mark

"Religion should be a part of the college's mission, to develop the mind, body, and soul," said Nolan"

Lancaster worked at the school from 1991 to 2001. One of his roles was to act as a resource for students on an individual basis, helping them with religious struggles. He also helped campus religious organizations to plan events. His position was only part time, as he was also the director of the annual fund for some of that time.

staff workers for support. Members of IVCF also think a coordinator of religious life would benefit the campus community.

The college does not, however, try to inhibit religious groups in any way. "We try to include in our advertising that students have the option of joining a religious group... however we emphasize it as a choice not a requirement," said Philip Sayre, dean of Student Affairs.

According to Sayre, the decision to abolish the position of coordinator of religious life was a result of several factors. One was that Intervarsity Christian Fellowship assigned Josh Foster to campus ministry. This occurred at the same time Lancaster left the college. Foster works full time and is able to do more than someone who would be employed part time by the college, according to Sayre.

Sayre said another reason for not replacing Lancaster is the size of McDaniel. Larger schools are able to hire specific people for specific groups, but a smaller school is not able to do that, according to Sayre.

"By looking for resources outside of the college organizations are better able to meet their individual needs," said Sayre. "Who would we hire for that position? A United Methodist minister would not be able to meet the [spiritual] needs of all the students."

Sayre gives these reasons even though the school was far smaller when Lancaster was hired and was somehow able to retain him for 10 years.

However, one Centennial Conference school that has a campus chaplain is Muhlenberg College. Muhlenberg has 2100 students and 20 percent are involved in three major religious organizations that cater to

ecumenical Christians, Roman Catholic, and Jewish students, according to Muhlenberg college chaplain Peter Bredlau.

Even though the campus is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the college is open to all views and beliefs, Bredlau says. Religious events at Muhlenberg include a campus-wide worship session every Sunday at 1 p.m. and Advent Candlelight Carol worship services every fall that draw over 400 students.

"I like to say that religion is in the air at Muhlenberg," said Bredlau. "Religious life is integrated into the college life...we offer religious opportunities, but never pressure anyone to participate."

Muhlenberg may be the standard but it is not the norm. Other colleges with student populations similar to McDaniel, like Gettysburg, York, and Ursinus, do not focus as much on campus ministry as Muhlenberg does. Each of these schools has a similar number of active religious organizations, with religious activity on campus that mirrors McDaniel.

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This focus on religion or the soul is not part of McDaniel's mission statement, but it is the policy of the college to welcome all kinds of religious groups, according to Sayre.

...Activities Fair

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and rush activities, such as open smokers.

Some greeks advertised plans for upcoming service activities. Phi Sigma Sigma revealed plans for Alcohol Awareness Week, including lighting luminaries on Oct. 8. They plan to volunteer at soup kitchens and at the Lineboro Fire Hall on Halloween. They are also participating in a Rock-a-Thon to benefit the National Kidney foundation. Phi Mu plans to participate in National Philanthropy Day, and is organizing a Dance-a-thon.

Both Gamma Sigma Sigma, 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 crochets 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

"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 America's Youth).

Other student organizations also have a big year lined up. CAPBoard, a "student governed organization that coordinates social, cultural, and educational opportunities for the college community," already coordinated Fall Fest, and is planning a Haunted Hayride in October.

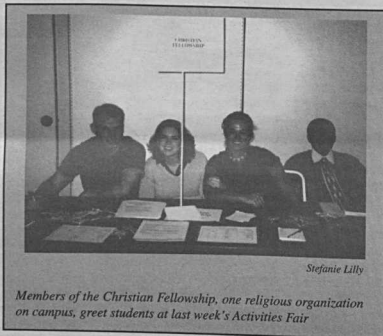
The SGA plans to hold freshman elections within two weeks and noted that any organization that wishes to have funds allocated needs to get their application from College Activities. Anyone who wants to help with homecoming can contact Felicia Donelson at x8036.

The Multicultural Student Association was present, and plans to hold the annual "Taste of Islam" dinner, in celebration of the beginning of Ramadan. The Black Student Union has a Step Show and a Fashion Show planned for this year. Allies, a gay, lesbian, and bisexual support group at McDaniel, plans to hold a Diversity Day.

The Asian Community Coalition, and Eye to Eye, a deaf awareness club, were also present and looking for new members. The Spanish, French, and German Clubs also have packed schedules this year, including eating cultural foods, and enjoying other aspects of the respective cultures.

The Alumni Leadership Program for Seniors was present, explaining that through this program the top graduates from the school answer questions for inquiring seniors. The Student Alumni Council was there to connect current students with the alumni of the college, and to educate students on opportunities after college.

The Maryland Student Legislature will be holding a mock general assembly debate at the state house in Annapolis. You can earn 2 political Science credits from participating. The Stock and Finance Club will be



Members of the Christian Fellowship, one religious organization on campus, greet students at last week's Activities Fair

Lancaster's position had its origins in the time period when the college was affiliated with the Methodist Church. In the early 1970s Western Maryland College relinquished this affiliation after settling a lawsuit dealing with the separation of church and state. But even after the lawsuit, the position of coordinator of religious life remained.

For the first six years of Lancaster's tenure a weekly non-denominational Sunday service was held in Little Baker Chapel. Another event was the Service of Lights; a two-and-a-half-hour event held every December in Big Baker that included all religious groups. He also recruited people to start Catholic Campus Ministries, which still exists today and is Lancaster's only legacy left on campus. However, when he left to pursue other career opportunities his position was not filled.

"I don't know the reasons why the college did not fill my position," said Lancaster, who still lives in Westminster. "It is good for any college to have somebody who is a neutral religious figure... the school felt resources that were used to fund my position could be used in more beneficial ways."

CCM is not the only group that has to depend on outside sources for organizational and spiritual guidance. Intervarsity Christian Fellowship does not have a faculty adviser and depends on two independently financed



Stefanie Lilly

The Activities Fair was held in the Forum last week to inform students about various organizations on campus.

Campus Safety Blotter

August 31 - September 19, 2003

8/31/03: 7:00pm, Stolen book bag recovered at North Village. No suspect information

9/2/03: 5:40am, Jogger 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.

9/4/03: 4:00am, Student called and hung up on DoCS. Check of his welfare produced suspicious activity. Student requested counseling help of DoCS. Smith House counselor contacted.

9/5/03: 12:13am, Student seen carrying a brown paper bag with bottle of hard alcohol inside.

9/6/03: 1:15am, Two students seen drinking from opened containers of beer. Beer poured out and students documented.

9/6/03: 1:24am, Two students heard yelling and screaming at each other. Male and female separated and interviewed.

9/6/03: 1:24am, Student was observed consuming alcohol in public. Documented for underage consumption/possession of alcohol and possession in a public area.

9/6/03: 1:39am, Student cited by Westminster Police for underage possession of alcohol at an off campus location.

9/6/03: 10:53pm, Student seen carrying a plastic cup and he placed 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.

9/7/03: 12:00am, Disorderly conduct and fighting between students and non-students.

9/7/03: 12:06am, Non-student was seen assaulting student. Non-student extremely non-compliant. Non-student was given a trespass warning and escorted off campus.

9/7/03: 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.

9/7/03: 2:11am, Students involved in a physical altercation.

9/7/03: 12:15pm, Student lost wallet on 4th floor Rouzer Hall. When he went to 1 look for it, RA had found it and gave it back. \$235.00 was missing.

9/8/03: 8:59pm, 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.

9/9/03: 1:29am, Student documented for underage possession of alcohol, possession of hard alcohol, dishonesty, 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.

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

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News Editor



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 looked the in the refrigerator and left. Incident under investigation.

9/11/03: 10:00pm, Fourth degree burglary to a student's dorm room, no suspects known.

9/12/03: 12:40am, Student documented for disrespecting and harassing college officials

9/12/03: 12:49am, Student documented for underage possession of alcohol, open container in a public area, and dishonesty.

9/12/03: 2:02am, Students documented for underage possession of alcohol, possession of alcohol in

a dry dorm, quiet hours violation, and failure to comply.

9/12/03: 8:51am, Fire extinguisher found partially dispensed in Rouzer Hall. Student charged for violation.

9/13/03, Fire extinguisher found missing from Rouzer basement laundry room. Replaced at this time.

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

9/13/03, A portrait was found missing from the display area in Elderidge 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 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.

9/14/03: 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.

9/14/03: 11:42pm, Student documented for failure to comply with the requests of an RA and a noise violation.

9/15/03: 1:03am, Student documented for violation of the College Alcohol Policy and violation of rules governing residence halls.

9/16/03: 2:06pm, Unknown suspect discharged a fire extinguisher. The fire extinguisher did not need to be replaced as it was still charged.

9/16/03: 6:07pm, Fire alarm sounding from students cooking. Building evacuated and checked. No damages.

9/17/03: 2:32am, Students documented for possession and use of controlled substance or drug paraphernalia on college property and for violation of rules governing residence halls and noise violation. WCPD contacted and 3 students were arrested.

9/18/03: 1:22am, Students 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.

9/18/03: 10:40pm, Student found to be very intoxicated. She was sent to the hospital for alcohol overdose and criminally charged with underage possession/consumption of alcohol.

9/19/03: 12:58am, Students caught vandalizing an off campus property. Westminster City Police Department was contacted and are handling the incident. Students documented for violation of municipal, state, or federal laws.

9/19/03: 2:30am, Student harassing another student in person and by phone. All involved agreed to make statements. Harasser also document for verbal abuse of a residence live official.

playing a fantasy stock game, and have various guest speakers.

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

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

The Non-Traditional Student Network gives non-trad 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 Commuter Student Association is having a meeting Tuesday October 7 at 12 noon, where parking safety will mainly be discussed.

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

The International News Corner

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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 sup-

port of the European Union (EU).

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

The murder of Lindh happened only days before Sweden's 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 42%.

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

[The Phoenix and the International Club will be sponsoring an International Corner that will highlight international news of interest to students as well as upcoming International Club information. Please call x3850 with any questions or information].

***The next International Club meeting will be held on Wednesdays at 7p.m. 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 slippers, or the wool tailored blazers in late August. I didn't mention the cell phones attached to the belts or the sequenced midriffs.

But when I saw the flamenco skirt and matching thumb cymbals in Glar, 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 out into the "real world," and they want to be dressed for it.

They think business casual, suit jackets, tights, pumps, a more "professional" look. Trust me, freshman ladies, the real world is

what happens after your four years here.

This establishment expects nothing more from you than deodorant and a clean tee-shirt, and even those regulations don't apply to eight a.m. classes.

Freshman girls may also have parents who see coming to college as a reason to buy their children a new wardrobe; the mother of all back to school shopping sprees.

Since mom and dad are buying, freshman go for the most expensive stuff, and they want to show it off when they get here. Makes sense.

But honestly, freshman, save your 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 doesn'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 novice 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.

~Andrea Santoriello is a senior English major.

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 would 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 regulation, 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.

Unfortunately, the administration, campus security, and the Westminster Police have decided to follow the "drug-war" con-

sciousness and police-state attitude that has so pervaded this country. Westminster Police and the DoCS are teaming up to form "party patrols."

It doesn't take a genius to realize if you increase the amount of patrol then you increase the amount of arrests. And, of course, the increase in the amount of arrests inevitably results in an increase of patrol.

The only trouble with this whole picture is: these aren't criminals we're talking about; they're just college students trying to have a good time! However, according to college spokeswoman Joyce Mueller, "First year students often test the policy and the college, the way they test their parents. But, if you test, you are in trouble."

I see all sorts of marketing potential for this. It could be a new motto for the college: McDaniel College, the institution of zero tolerance. Come here and obey, because "if you test, you are in trouble."

Hey, I have an idea! There are two parts; so pay attention. You might not like it administrators, but LAY OFF! The second part is to provide more education on alcohol and drugs. This is a place of higher education right, so why don't we educate instead of castigate?

For Everything There Is a Reason

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

The parking situation at McDaniel can be problematic, but surely there is a reason behind it. Last semester, I spoke to members of the school such as Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster, Senior Supervisor of Campus Safety Marlon Collins, Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre, and Vice President of Administration and Finance Dr. Ethan Seidel about the subject.

Using information from an article I wrote last semester that was never published, I would now like to share my findings with the student body. It may be a little out of date, but here it goes.

Of course, last semester a parking problem was more immediate because the Harrison House Lot was not as complete as it is now. Many students I spoke to were receiving tickets that they felt were unjust. Personally I sometimes agree that some students deserve a ticket for where they parked.

There are even some incidents where students do deserve to be towed. Webster told me a story of a student who received 11 tickets before she was towed. When you receive that much of a warning and do nothing about it, then it is your own stupidity. I also realize some officers, like Marlon Collins, are just doing their jobs.

He said last semester that he understood the problems with parking, but said, "It is an idea of situation vs. policy. I have to do my job, or else chaos will occur in the lots."

In my interview with Webster, some things that were said did not make sense to me. He had admitted that the handing out of tickets "was not very consistent."

Asked what the main reason was for this, he said, "Within the department of Campus

Safety, parking tickets are a low priority."

They must have been at least a little bit higher of a priority last year. Take a look at these numbers. In the 1998-1999 school year, 1,319 tickets were given out. However, the next school year it leaped to 2,940 tickets. This past academic year, about 2,600 tickets were handed out as of March, so there was most of the second half to go.

So why the huge leap in numbers between the school years 1998-1999 and 1999-2000? Webster says the jump came because the department was fully staffed with ten officers during that year, thus allowing more enforcement.

Those officers must have been busy! They must have been dedicated to handing out tickets if such a jump was made due to their addition, even though Webster called tickets a low priority. These two had quite the impact with their arrival.

Personally, I believe that the jump came from too many cars, and not enough spaces, and not a clear enough policy as to what "grass spots" are legal, and which are not. After all, each freshman class seems to get larger, but our parking situation remained and still basically is the same.

Webster also described the parking situation as difficult, saying it was like "trying to herd cats." This was pretty good reason why it was so difficult however. There is a question about how many spaces there are on campus, and how many permits are given out each year, and how they correlate.

According to Mike Webster, there were about 1000 defined spaces on campus last semester. However, that did not include stadium grass parking, which Webster claimed could accommodate several hun-

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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.

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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—you're in it.

As many of you have heard by now, *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."

Some people are shocked and appalled by these statistics, while others aren't surprised at all.

"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 and Westminster Police say that patrols should be increased to curtail student drug and alcohol use. My grandmother, an alumna, says that the college and Westminster community should enforce tougher punishments on those who participate in these activities.

A lot 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 we live up to that reputation!

Let's start by setting a bonfire on the football 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 that alcohol-free beer to extinguish the blaze!

Let's all go outside and scream annoyingly 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 sand boxes!

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

Let's leave trash all over town—I'm talking cardboard 12-pack containers, bottle caps, empty plastic bags, broken glass, and discarded food containers from our midnight-munchie attacks!

Let's go streaking!
Let's vomit in the showers!

Men, use the Ladies' room to relieve yourselves. It doesn't matter if you miss this is the number 1 party school in Maryland!

Let's all get so drunk that we don't realize who the person we're talking to is, but decide to have sex with them anyway!

Girls, let's go to parties and get so intoxicated that we lose consciousness and get raped.

While we're at it—let's all forget to use condoms and spread sexually transmitted diseases!

Let's all get in our cars and go driving under the influence! Maybe we'll get lucky and get a trip to the hospital!

Let's all experiment with new drugs and laugh at each other while our brain cells die.

Let's... oh... wait, man... I forgot what I was going to say...

Hopefully you've realized by now that I'M KIDDING! This is sarcasm, people! PLEASE DO NOT DO THESE THINGS! (My deep apologies to the Department of Campus Safety is anyone actually took me seriously!)

You see, everything that I listed above is what people think happens at a party school. 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.

One thing you should know about me is that I'm "straight-edge." I don't drink or do drugs of any kind. I never have and probably never will, and there's a reason for this.

You see, aside from the physical effects of drinking and doing drugs, my integrity is at stake.

I don't want people thinking of me the way that the community views McDaniel.

I acknowledge that those of you that drink or use drugs have your reasons.

The most frequent reason that I've come across thus far is boredom. Granted, there isn't much to do in Westminster, but do we really have to resort to such a lifestyle?

There has to be something else to do!

I'm sitting here with a copy of *The Sun* in my lap, and I'm reading that article for the hundredth time.

There's this one quote that sticks out the most: Westminster police Capt. Randy F. Barnes remarked, "It is a real shame because McDaniel is an excellent school."

I couldn't have said it better myself.

~Jamie Fallows is a sophomore Studio Art major

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

dred vehicles.

The actual number of permits given out was actually higher than 1000, but Webster says those statistics are misleading. "The number of permits is not a direct correlation to the number of autos parking as almost all employees, and most commuter and grad students, have multiple cars registered," he says.

I don't know about you, but I only have one car registered.

Not only that, but everyone I talked to only has one car registered at the school.

I'm sorry, but in no way, shape, or form do I believe that the only reason there are more permits than spaces is because most people have multiple cars registered.

I'd also like to see several hundred vehicles actually fit onto the stadium grass.

Now, when someone does register to park, they receive a pamphlet that explains the rules of parking on campus. Many students (including myself) feel some aspects of the ticket policy are unfair.

As for Webster's view on the ticket policy, he called it "overly fair." He is not alone in his view, as both Sayre and Seidel agreed with him. In regard to the rule of towing cars after eight tickets, Sayre said, "I think that it is fair, but perhaps too liberal."

Some people have suggested we should tow after just four or five tickets.

Seidel said many students receive tickets due to their own laziness.

"Students get tickets because they park where it is convenient... There are other spaces; they simply aren't close enough to classes to satisfy students."

And they just can't get away

with it."

Many students I spoke to did partially agree with those points of view, but there are some rules that do not totally make sense. Webster said, "To park legally, students must park in a marked spot or on the grass along the stadium."

After consulting the parking rules that come with a decal, there is no mention of legal places to park in the grass.

Without mention of such a rule, how can there be difference in grass spots all around the campus?

I received a ticket for parking in the grass on the second level of the parking lot near the gym, with the reasoning written on it, "not a space."

How can one possibly distinguish between legal grass spots when there is no rule set forth for grass spots?

I know I much rather see my \$25 from this ticket go somewhere else other than this magic pot that Webster claimed all the money from parking violations went to.

The appearance of a ticket also bothers me. The officers leave a number as a signature, not a name. Webster says this is done for reasons of speed. He claims that officers save time by writing a three-digit number instead of their entire last name.

I'm sorry, but if you're going to charge me my hard-earned money because I parked on a small piece of grass that was not deemed fit, you'd better tell me who you are. And what is this nonsense with it taking too long to write a last name? Is that hilarious to anyone else?

One last aspect of the ticket policy at McDaniel that drives me crazy is the appeal process.

The procedure for making an appeal is written on a sheet given to students with their parking decal.

An appeal must be made in writing and given to Campus Safety within 10 days in order to be reviewed by the student appeals board.

If this writing is not made within the time limit, then the ticket is stuck right on a student's tuition bill.

According to Webster, the appeals board consists of one graduate student, a commuter student, and a resident student.

These three review all the appeals, dozens a year, but without the presence of the student making the appeal.

When I receive a ticket out there in that big ol' real world, I get to have my side of the story heard, along with the officer.

Looks like justice is partially blind in this certain situation.

Webster says, "Usually the only appeals that are actually appealed are ones having to do with their decal not being seen by the officer, when it is in fact there." Generally, a small percentage of appeals actually succeed.

I find many of these policies, from the lack of specification in what grass spots are acceptable, to the entire appeals process to be unacceptable.

Just because we have not grown in parking as the school has grown in population, does not mean students should be penalized for silly reasons.

I have received three tickets, and quite honestly, I'm getting quite sick of seeing these \$25 charges pop up on my tuition bill. I know our situation is not as bad as a other schools, but these problems I think should still be addressed.

~Walter Zalis is a senior English major.

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GOODNIGHT LOVER

Cold fingers moving over soft cotton
The fabric tickling the senses
Ridges sewn into 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
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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,
wearing 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 bath-
room counter,
gazing into your own eyes in the
mirror,
talking to yourself?

Come on, Green Eyes, snap out of
it!

~by Jamie Fallows

Freshman Beware

Welcome to Arrestville, Maryland
Freshmen beware—you have not signed
yourself up for four years of higher educa-
tion at a school similar to those seen in "Ani-
mal House," "Road Trip," or "Old School."

I remember my naive freshman men-
tality, filled with expectations of wild parties,
booze, 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 rattle off at least 25 of my friends
who have received violations in the past, and
I have to include myself on the list. Some-
times I feel that McDaniel College should
save students from a shock, and declare the
Reality program a graduate requirement.

The fact is, police are everywhere. Cam-
pus safety is now considered ordained officers.

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
quiet. However, in my opinion, McDaniel
College is located in the most dangerous area
of Westminster.

Main Street, Pennsylvania Avenue, and
Union Street border the college. I have lived
off campus since my sophomore year, and
have daily, first-hand knowledge of the ac-
tivities that occur outside the perimeter of
our school.

The college continuously reminds stu-
dents to be considerate of the neighboring
residents of the school. However, I think
it's about time for the college to ask the com-
munity to consider the importance of a
healthy, safe environment for students striv-
ing 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
footsteps away from the college? (And we
all know I'm not talking about marijuana.)

We go to school in a somewhat shady
suburb of Baltimore. Unfortunately, I don't
always feel as though students are embraced
by the community, and continuously slap-
ping shackles on our feet will not make me
feel more welcome.

The school suffered the embarrassment
of negative press on September 10th, and I
don't think that it is entirely the fault of
McDaniel College students who drink alco-
hol.

That's too black and white for my lik-
ing. 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 cam-
pus struggling to find our niche in an un-
pleasant area of town.

~Robbie Saville is a senior
English major.



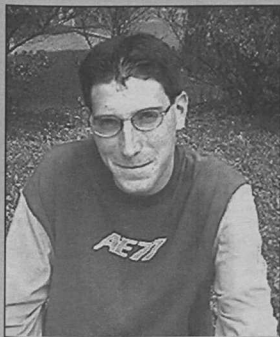
Fruzina Nagy

One of the many uprooted trees, here
outside Village Apt. 193, on-campus
during Hurricane Isabel.



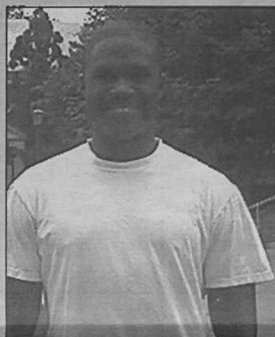
60 Seconds

What motivates you?



"Knowing that there is something better at the end of the line."

- **Brian Reneaum, sophomore**



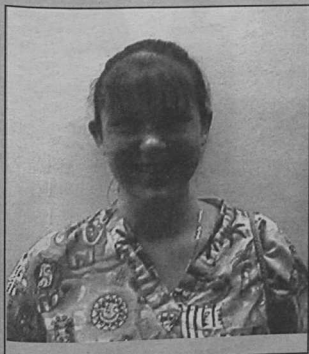
"Inner drive to be the best I can be in everything."

- **Efi Eyo, junior**



"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**



"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**



"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 scooping 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.

However, there is good news. Liberatore's extensive lunch buffet runs from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. for \$7.95 every Tuesday to Friday.

When I arrived at Liberatore's last Wednesday evening, I was delighted to learn that it was "Steak Night."



For 16 dollars, I got a salad, (try the house peppercorn), 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 don't feast on 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.

Matchstick Men Lights up the Big Screen

SARAH BLACK
 Staff Writer

Matchstick Men is full of laughs, and, despite being a movie about con artists, is actually heart-warming.

In this root for the bad guy flick, Nicolas 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 these 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.

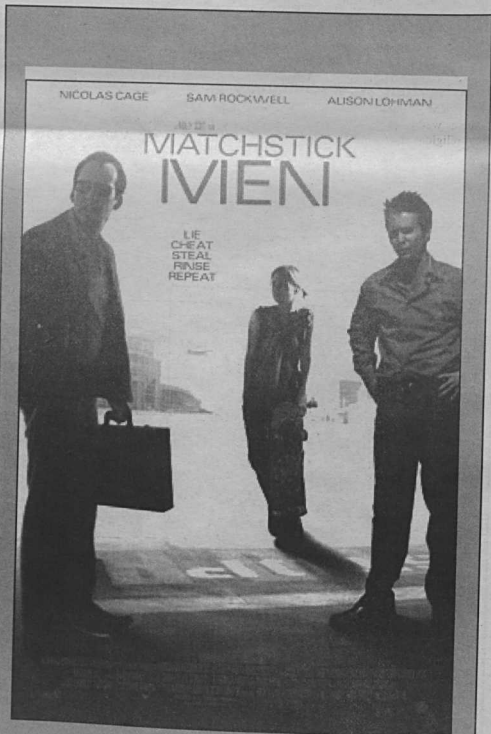
Suddenly, in an unexpected turn of events, the scam goes bad, and Roy, Frank, and Angela find themselves running for their lives.

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

The ending is so good and yet so twisted that I refuse to reveal it.

You will just have to go and see it for yourself.

The movie is definitely worth your money and worth your time.



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Where Did all the Crosses Go?: Big Baker Loses a Piece of its Symbolism

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. Pre-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 Methodists 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.

The ACLU claimed these colleges were getting money from the state as well as from their respective religions they were affiliated with.

James Lightner, a former math professor of McDaniel College, recalls that the Church from the beginning never really financially supported Western Maryland College.

The United Methodist Church, at the time, was not extremely wealthy, and could not financially support the college.

The college was trying to build Lewis Hall at the time and could not fund both the suit and the building.

Since losing a previous suit in 1962 for our religious affiliation, the president of WMC 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.

Bible (religion), and Francis Bacon (science) all the aspects that Western Maryland College prided its self 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 "because it allows people practice their beliefs more freely".

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 faith.

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."

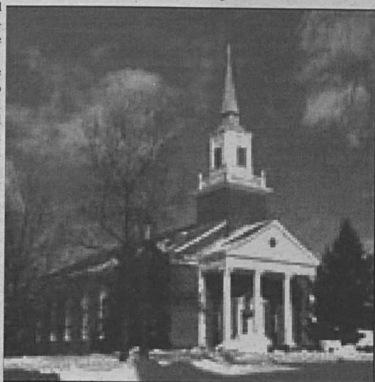
Although most of the surveyed students liked the fact that McDaniel was not affiliated with a religion, most supported having vigils for the war victims.

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



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

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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.

"I was actually very excited 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 Szesz, to join returning juniors Kelly Cramp and Garnett Pumphrey and sophomores Britany Bowen and Kelly Tawes.

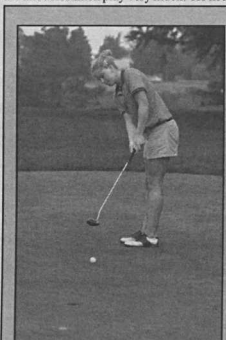
It looks and sounds like the Green Terror are in for a good season with the number one and two players, in Cramp and Pumphrey, gaining experience.

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 weakness's 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.

Another weakness that is currently affecting the team is that coach Diehl has not seen the three freshmen play very much. He needs



David Sinclair

Golfer Kelly Cramp follows through on her put.

to see them play in order to learn about them and fix some of their problems, whether they be minor or major. The fact that most of the

golf courses the team will be playing on are completely new to them may also hinder their game in some way.

The Terror made their way up to the Kurtzown Invitational on September 5 and all three freshmen made their college tournament debut.

Cramp won the tournament with an 83. Pumphrey came in third overall with an 88 and Coach Diehl believes that she still has more potential.

"Garnett has struggled the past couple of years, in which she was getting acclimated to college golf. I think she's gonna have a real good year and play up to her potential," says coach Diehl.

Overall, McDaniel finished third with a score of 376, which turned out to be the lowest the team has shot together at that golf course, says Diehl. Lehigh University would take the win, with a 351, followed by Kutztown University, with a 370, and Mount St. Mary's College coming in last, with a 388.

The three freshmen did not play as well as they would have liked, but Diehl says that he took in the "freshman factor" of it being their first tournament.

Coach Diehl was "pleasantly surprised" by the way his girls played at the Lehigh Invitational in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

The Terror won, behind Cramp and Malkiewicz, by two strokes over Mount St. Mary's. Cramp had shot a 77 at a course she had never seen and the same with

Malkiewicz shooting an 83.

Every player had played to their potential and many players rebounded on the back nine after having trouble on the front nine.

Even though coach Diehl is excited about the team's first win this year he still sees room for improvement.

He is taking it one tournament at a time and working with his team on the next tournament in Cortland, New York.

He wants his team to focus on Cortland and also St. Lawrence, which is known to have a very good team.

The win at the Lehigh Invitational is already out of the golfers' minds and they are thinking to next week when they play in the Cortland Invitational. Coach Diehl thinks that next year is the year that they can get into the national spot light.

But right now he is concentrating on the Cortland Invitational and a week later on the Mt. Holyoke Invitational which he says can give the Terror more of a national spot light if they do well in the tournament.

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Those Damn Yankees

Why I hate them...and why you should

RYAN BROS
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 from America's pastime to a large market entertainment organization.

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 Yanks 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 of Mr. Steinbrenner. During home games at the Stadium, many of the 70,000 seats are filled.

When the beloved Yanks 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.

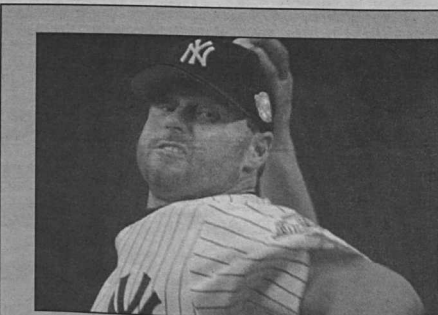
For me, the real fan is the Devil Rays season ticket holder, who shows up to every game to cheer on his team, disregarding that they don't have a snowballs chance in hell of making the playoffs.

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.

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 prolific future? After all, Clarett played a big part in Ohio State's National Title run. He set Ohio

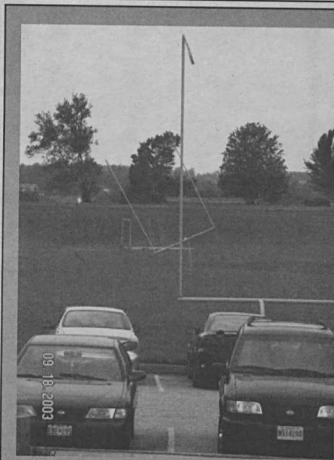
State freshman records with 1,237 rushing yards and 18 touchdowns. He scored the game-winning touchdown in the Buckeyes' 31-24 overtime win over the highly favored Miami Hurricanes at the Fiesta Bowl. And at the first sign of trouble in his personal life, his team suspends him from the entire 2003 football 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 that Clarett led the Buckeyes to is now the cause of their ferocity towards him. Because Clarett's offense occurred in 2002, before 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? What's loyalty? He'd rather wait until next season to pick up a new hot high school recruit than worry about tainted goods.



FRUZSINA NAGY

The football field goal post was damaged from Hurricane Isabel's strong winds.

Football Team Loses Another Close Battle

LYDIA
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 Getchell, 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

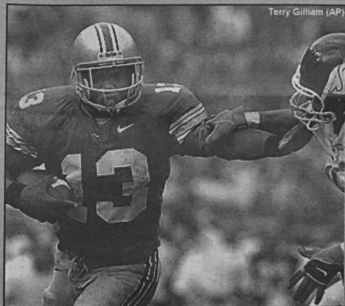
game for the Terror offense to try and regain the lead.

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.

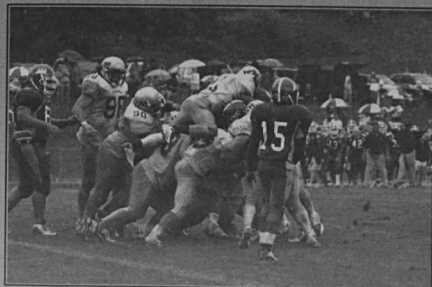
Omar Phillips lead the defense with eleven tackles, including one sack.

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



Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett has found himself abandoned by his team

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David Sinclair

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

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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 Coach Country Coach Doug Renner.

This has made the team very young.

But the team has run without inexperienced 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 finishers' 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 up 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 Rouse, 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 goes on.

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."

~Upcoming Sports Schedule~

Saturday, Sept. 27

Men's Soccer

vs. Marymount, 3:30 pm

Women's Soccer

vs. Bryn Mawr, 1:00 pm

Volleyball

vs. Messiah, Noon

Wednesday, Oct. 1

Men's Soccer

vs. Dickinson, 4:00 pm

Volleyball

vs. Susquehanna,

7:00 pm

Saturday, Oct. 4

Football

vs. Ursinus, 1:00 pm

Men's Soccer

vs. Muhlenburg,

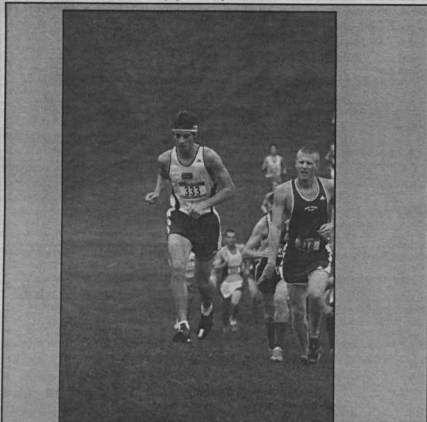
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Field Hockey

vs. Ursinus, 1:00 pm

Women's Soccer

vs. F & M, 11:00 am



DAVID SINCLAIR

Sophomore Paul Hugus has emerged as a leader for McDaniel's Cross Country Team.

Despite Losses, Men's Soccer Still has High Spirits

AMALIE SHAFFER
Staff Writer

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

The soccer team's first conference game was Saturday, September 20th, which the Terror won, 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 The Hidden

KATIE MARTIN
News Editor

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 the 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 my freshmen seminar students, and I would have loved to meet more of their parents," she said.

Organizations in the



A McDaniel ROTC member participates in one of many training drills. See related ROTC stories on page 2.

Westminster community also added to Saturday's Families Weekend activities. Parents and students were encouraged to check out the Farmer's Market in downtown Westminster, SERVE's Warehouse Sale in New Windsor, or the various activities during Fall Har-

vest Days at the Carroll County Farm Museum.

Families Weekend Activities wrapped up on Sunday with the Ninth Annual Families Weekend Golf Tournament.

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

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For The Green Terror Battalion, There Will Be No Rest

NATE STARUN
Staff Writer

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 field 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 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

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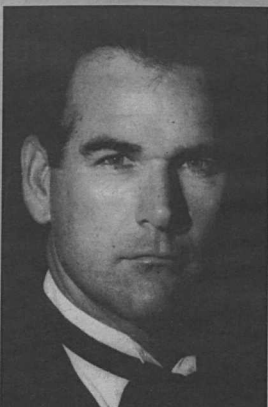


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Hypnotist and mind reader Chuck Milligan provided entertainment during Families Weekend, courtesy of CAPBoard.

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Green Terror Battalion Travels To Fort Indian Town Gap

CHRISTIANNA D. BAGBY
Staff Writer

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

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

During the event, freshmen, sophomore, and junior cadets were placed into leadership positions and evaluated on their performances 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 Indian Town Gap was designed to develop these qualities."

Junior cadet, Michelle Levesque, says that she learned a lot from completing both land navigation courses. She said, "I like the fact that senior cadets helped teach me some of the basic aspects of land navigation throughout my training on the courses."

SGT Letosha Joshua, the Battalion's Supply Sergeant, comments that "one learning tool" that she noticed that the cadets learned was "team building, especially on the field leadership reaction course." 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 and the actual physical challenge" that the cadets experience at Fort Indian Town 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 Indian Town 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."

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

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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 hearts and memories of just about every American because its tragedies resulted in the loss of millions of innocent lives in our country.

Now that America has declared war on terrorism, some may wonder how the military is ultimately affected in light of our country's current mission.

As far as 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 Recruiter 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-year advanced designee scholarships lined up for them next year, if they choose to take it.

He also says that the program currently has enrolled 14 contracted sophomore 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 knew 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 to see 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 said, "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 course in the world and an opportunity to serve in, arguably, the best Army in history."

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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 life-long 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.



McDaniel ROTC members participate in a training drill.

Campus Safety Blotter September 19 - October 2, 2003

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News Editor



9/19/03: 1:50 am, Second floor window broken in McDaniel Hall, possibly by a student (or students). Investigation ongoing.

9/19/03: 1:51 am, Students documented for possession of alcohol in a public area, underage possession, and failure to comply. Campus write-up only.

9/19/03: 2:00 am, Students documented for underage possession of alcohol, alcohol in a dry dorm, and a multi-liter container.

9/19/03: 11:15 pm, Underage student found in hallway of Garden Apartments with hard liquor.

9/20/03: 2:16 am, Several students involved in a physical fight; no arrests made. Sanctions pending.

9/20/03: 2:30 am, Racial slur written and a sexually explicit symbol drawn in a stairwell in Whiteford. Investigation ongoing.

9/20/03: 12:32 pm, Student reported being harassed and threatened. Investigation ongoing.

9/21/03: Student cited by Westminster PD for underage possession of alcohol and lewd conduct.

9/21/03: Racial epithet written on dorm room door. No suspects.

9/21/03: 12:05 am, Former student in possession of hard liquor. Was observed being disorderly and driving erratically. Asked DoCS to dispose of alcohol.

9/21/03: 1:16 am, Student documented for underage possession of alcohol, a multi-liter container, and a violation of rules governing residence halls (dry dorm).

9/21/03: 1:28 am, Student and non-

student involved in a minor vehicle

accident. No injuries, but Westminster PD notified because non-student driver had been drinking alcohol. Sobriety test given; driver passed. Both parties released without charges filed. Non-student received trespass warning.

9/21/03: 1:26 am, Students documented for underage possession of alcohol, hard liquor, and multi-liter containers, as well as failure to comply, participating in drinking games, and a quiet hours violation.

9/21/03: 3:57 am, Two non-students cited for underage possession of alcohol by Westminster PD.

9/21/03: 6:00 pm, Student's tire was slashed by unknown person(s).

9/21/03: 8:48 pm, Possible forced entry into a residential room for the purpose of vandalism.

9/21/03: 11:25 pm, Student assaulted by another student. Student transported to CCGH for possible alcohol poisoning.

9/22/03: 2:15 am, Student con-

tacted for clarification of a no-contact order given by Residence Life Staff.

9/23/03: 9:15 pm, Dining Hall employee being disorderly with supervisor. When asked for ID, employee became disorderly and non-compliant with DoCS. Employee tried to leave the scene before the investigation was complete, so he was restrained in order to gather information. Outcome pending Sodexo investigation.

9/24/03: 12:57 am, Student documented for underage possession of alcohol, hard liquor, a multi-liter container, and violation of rules governing college residence halls (dry dorm). Secondary to a roommate dispute.

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9/25/03: Telecommunications reported phone wires pulled from a panel on the third floor of Rouzer in the trash room. Phone lines damaged with no suspects listed at this time.

9/25/03: 10:50 pm, Student knocked over exterior trash can. Investigation identified student, who later made a confession to the damage.

9/26/03: 1:25 am, Student assaulted another student inside a residence hall. College disciplinary action taken.

9/26/03: 4:25 pm, False fire alarm in Whiteford Hall (pull station: first floor, back hall).

9/26/03: 8:01 pm, Vehicle belonging to a student restricted from campus was observed and cited. Student notified to remove vehicle at 8:15 p.m. Student observed in BWB and again warned at about 8:30 p.m. Again observed by RLC at 9:51 p.m.

9/26/03: 8:24 pm, Electrical fire occurred on the second floor of Blanche Ward Hall in a ceiling

light. Westminster Fire Department responded to clear the fire. Minor damage done to ceiling and light fixture.

9/26/03: 11:38 pm, Non-students documented for underage possession of alcohol. Students documented for Proscription of Conduct #12.

9/28/03: 12:21 am, Student documented for underage possession of alcohol.

9/28/03: 1:25 am, Student in possession of alcohol in a dry dorm. Campus write-up only.

9/28/03: 11:40 am, Student documented for Proscription of Conduct #7, unauthorized entry to use of College facilities, including buildings and grounds.

9/28/03: 9:00 am, Student receiving harassing phone calls from on campus and a message from off campus.

9/29/03: 9:10 am, Employee had money stolen from her office. Investigation ongoing.

9/29/03: 8:00 pm, Student being harassed via the computer and in person. Investigation to begin.

9/30/03: Parked car drifted into another parked car. No one was driving either car, and no damage was assessed.

10/1/03: 5:38 pm, Complaints advised that two suspicious subjects were seen in Whiteford Hall. Subjects were selling magazine subscriptions and asking for photographs of students. Investigation ongoing.

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more challenging and advanced training exercises. The Green Terror Battalion arrived on Friday and stayed in barracks dating back to World War II.

They rose early Saturday morning for a four-mile run and began training in obstacle courses, which emphasized leadership and teamwork.

Daylight land navigational training commenced later in the day where the cadets were dropped off in the woods with a map and a compass and were told to find their way out. The exercise was repeated in the middle of the night, adding obvious complications to the cadets' already difficult task.

Cadet Denis points out that a critical aspect of night navigational training is the senior tradition of thoroughly briefing the underclassmen in ghost stories before heading out.

The training on Sunday consisted of more obstacle course

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.

Juniors in the ROTC program participate 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 23rd, when they 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 Yalafa's announcement to cancel presidential elections for the fifth time. President Yalafa 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 Correia, the Chief of Armed Forces, led the coup and became president of the council. General Correia also appointed Henrique Rosa, a businessman, to take over as interim presi-

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Photographer



dent 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 quasi-parliamentary 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 Yalafa.

But the army refused to let President Yalafa 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 Yalafa was free to remain in Guinea-Bissau or to leave the country if he wished.

"The Real World"an International News Corner

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 wronged, too," you think.

Well, I do get wronged, but the differ-

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 would 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.

ernment 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?

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

Start taking action. Start getting your questions answered by the people who know the real story. Start voicing your opinions proactively. Start doing something.

ence 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 tweaks me is how the very same offenders that warrant the campus's 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 non-spaces, 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.

Nope.

Wrong again.

I drink.

I party.

I have lots of fun.

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 Gov-

the people who know the real story.

Start voicing your opinions proactively.

Start doing something.

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.

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

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Democratic Disaster in the Running

Good news to Republicans! It looks as if the Democratic party is more worried about running against itself than you.

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 light-weights 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 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 kudos 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 putzes 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 Iraq war 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

HAVE AN OPINION? WANT TO MAKE A RETALIATION AGAINST A COMMENTARY? WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR? IF SO, SUBMIT ALL INQUIRIES TO JAMIE FALLOWS OR BRIAN PATTERSON, CO-COMMENTARY EDITORS. DROP OFF ALL SUBMISSIONS IN THE PHOENIX BOX AT THE INFORMATION DESK IN DECKER.

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 going to be able to defeat President Bush. The ten challengers are mediocre at best and lack a proper vision for America. However, it is amusing to explore their various candidacies.

While most of them are wasting their time trying to obtain their party's nomination, there are a few frontrunners. 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 ten 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 guy who will lose his battle for the nomination simply because he is a centrist who lashes out at his party's more radical candidates.

Class warrior Richard Gephardt is constantly making a fool out of 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 Illinois 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 he has 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 disgusted by his report of the increase of parking tickets. I was disgusted by the administrators' comments.

His article incited a number of questions.

Zalis reported that "about 2,600 tickets were handed out as of March" last year, almost an 100% 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 year at the minimum 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 for registered cars nor the increased value of multiple tickets for one offender.] There's your answer. The college is pilfering tens 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 ticketing policy is "overly fair" and "fair, and perhaps too lib-

eral." They'll try to displace blame on you: "Seidel said many students receive tickets due to their own laziness." Are you lazy?

Don't buy into this deception. I 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 grass." Does Webster know 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 a more effective means to that end, a specific and clear policy or an unspecified and unclear policy? Listen up people, the administration wants parking violations, the more the better. That's why their policy is so vague.

Marlin 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." CHAOS! See what I mean about deceptive rhetoric?

But I don't blame the tool; I blame the tool-handler. Let those responsible be blamed. You administrators, Sayre, Seidel, or whoever else, we're tired of your arcane policies. We want answers and changes. We're sick of you pilfering 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 questions: You 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?

You also suggested that "There are other [parking] spaces; they simply aren't close enough to satisfy students." Where are these "other spaces"?

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

-Bradley Groover is a junior philosophy major

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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.



-Jamie Fallows

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 steadily growing
imagination and some Play-Doh,
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 fu-
ture,
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?

-All poetry was submitted by Jamie Fallows

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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 recent past been covering tunes from Nine Inch Nail's 'Hurt' (which was nominated for four MTV music awards) to Soundgarden's 'Rusted Cage.'

In the 1950s 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 an interview shortly before his death.

Although Cash is mainly known for his work in the 1960s and 1970s, 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 of all 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 Howard.

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

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 cas 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 *Stiger* (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 laced 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, ceiling 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-\$4, or a mid-range meal only \$4-\$8 and a meal at one of the best restaurants can cost \$8 and upwards, according to Lonely Planet.

Most known Hungarian dishes are: *gulyás* (stew), and what everyone calls 'goulash' abroad; *gulyás* (a thick beef soup); and *húsos* (spicy fish soup cooked with paprika, *tokaji borslevél* (bean soup), *hideg gyümölcsleves* (cold fruit soup made from sour cherry) or *palacsinta* (stuffed crepes).

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

The beer is also good and cheap (\$1 a glass), and the brandy (*likör*) 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, one might only spend about US\$25 a day with out scrimping.

Oh and did I mention the drinking age is only 18? And of course no one checks ID.

-Fruzsina Nagy is a senior with a journalism minor.

Dr. Christianna Leahy - Vast Knowledge of Politics Intrigues Students

FRUZZINA NAGY
Senior Writer

"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, like Abolish Landmines.

This door is one of the many ways that Dr. Christianna Nichols Leahy, 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, Leahy, 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 Leahy'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 Leahy put the humanitarian side of education first, and was always supportive and encouraging to international students.

Viktoria Kollar, a 2003 graduate from Hungary noted that Leahy helped so many students by entering the class with full knowledge of the topic she was teaching, so that there was never a question Leahy could't answer.

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

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

Every interviewed international student who contacted Leahy got full support and help from her, but her help is not limited to international students. 2003 graduate, Jessica Fitzgerald said

Leahy provided help for her senior seminar project, and also to find graduate schools.

Fitzgerald said that Leahy was her way of getting through her last semester, because Leahy would calm her down when she had three papers going on at the same time.

Fitzgerald concluded that Leahy is the fastest recommendation letter writer she knows.

Leahy is certainly a person to make students conscious of the outside world. Volker Frank, assistant professor in the political science department, recalled a specific case when Leahy's influence was visual.

A student, who graduated a while ago, came to the school knowing little but having conservative ideas. The student was a registered Republican and entered Leahy's class.

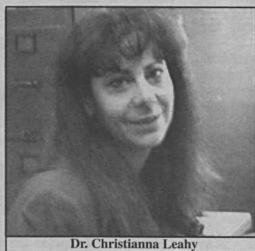
However, reading an article on Critiques of Capitalism gave him a different perspective to form an opinion, and now this student is working for the Green Party.

Frank said that Leahy forces students to think for themselves and to form an opinion, which does have to be the same as hers.

Leahy 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 Masters and Ph.D.

She taught there in the School of Foreign Service before coming to McDaniel College 18 years ago. She gained a worldwide perspec-



Dr. Christianna Leahy

tive through traveling to the former USSR, Cuba, all over Europe and most of the Caribbean.

Leahy 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 Leahy.

Leahy 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 Leahy 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 Leahy has taken student to the Simulation of Model European Union where students can see inside a political organization.

According to Leahy, the simulation is important because it helps American students see the world in a wider range.

Leahy 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 organization.

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 Leahy had faith in him, and because of her encouragement, he was able to win the prize.

Basnett said Leahy has been a constant source of knowledge in his process of intellectual transformation, and that he sees Leahy as an unsung heroine.

Leahy 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 Leahy 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 Leahy, one of her student once told her that the readings she assigns are depressing. Leahy said that Amnesty International is where she can be active.

Thanks to Leahy, from the beginning of this summer AIDS is an official human rights issue within Amnesty International.

Leahy now is the country expert from Amnesty USA for Lucefone (Portuguese speaking) African countries, after having led numerous prestige positions because of her son, Roan, who turned 5 in February.

Leahy 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 Leahy is now less active in Amnesty International, she still feels that by teaching she opens up minds, and through AI she takes part in reshaping the world into something better.

Student Profile: Jake Michael Heralded as Top Cadet

BRIAN PATTERSON
Co-Commentary Editor



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 off your depth perception by a foot or two.

This was just one of the experiences junior Jake Michael had while he attended the Mountain Warfare School at Ethan Allen Firing Range for 15 days this past summer. ROTC cadets have the option to go to various training schools during the summer break, and when a slot became available for the mountain warfare school, Michael jumped at the opportunity.

"This was a unique

opportunity," said Michael. "My first choice was for air assault school, but a chance to get this type of training is rare, even in this regular army."

Cadets are selected for these slots by being a top member of their class, and this is based on high physical training scores and good grades.

This intense camp is located in the mountains of Vermont and is run by the Vermont National Guard. The program stresses rock climbing, rappelling, 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 33 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 a 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

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McDaniel College Student Called To Duty To Combat the Wrath of Isabel

CHRISTIANNA D. BAGBY
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It probably happened to you at least one time during your college career. You forgot 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 have suffered numerous embarrassing moments from having our cell phones ring 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 on vibrate at all times due to his very hectic and demanding schedule.

Hoffman, who is a full-time student at the college, some how, not 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 in 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 with milk and bread in preparation for the probable storm.

Hoffman's plans, like others that day, took on a twist of its own.

While sitting in his Political Institutions class, he felt his phone vibrate." Hoffman says, "I only answer my phone during class if the number that comes up is work, or the Guard." The number that appeared on his phone was his work.

After quickly getting up and leaving class to check his voice mail, Hoffman called his work to find out the situation." Hoffman's boss had called to inform him that the National Guard had called looking for him, and

that 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's 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 found themselves in Eastern Baltimore, Bowles Quarters. Their mission was to be an advisor to an Infantry 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 eluted to looting and rioting. 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 windows."

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."



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 sprawling hillsides, 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 ass a disclaimer to this article before it is read.

Let me make it quite clear that I am writing as a casual observer and 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 ass that there are always exceptions to the rule so this article may not even apply to you.

With that said and my conscious clean, there are a few general statements that could be made about the apparel of McDaniel College 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. Hell, I wish I could pull the look off.

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 Abercrombiesque 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 next trend tends to focus more specifically on our male population.

I am referring to the beat up, torn, stained, and sweaty 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 but 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, than you've got a problem.

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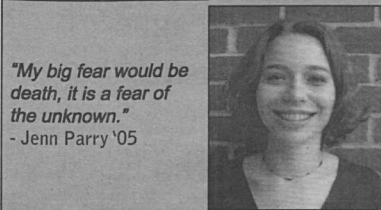


What are you scared of?



"I am scared of life after college because I feel I am not ready for it."

- Rachel Taylor '04



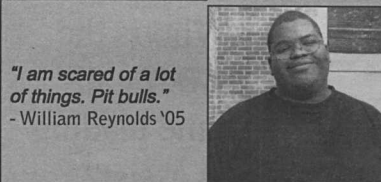
"My big fear would be death, it is a fear of the unknown."

- Jenn Parry '05



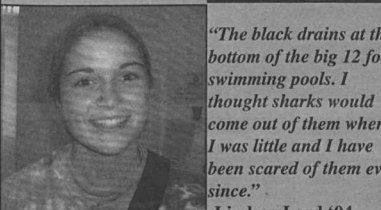
"I have learned to trust in God, so I don't fear anything or anyone because I know everything is in the Lord's control."

- Kennedra Tucker '05



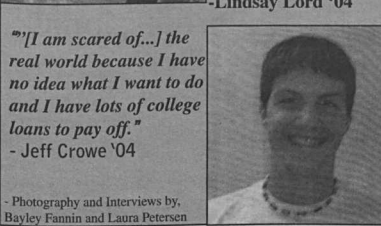
"I am scared of a lot of things. Pit bulls."

- William Reynolds '05



"The black drains at the bottom of the big 12 foot swimming pools. I thought sharks would come out of them when I was little and I have been scared of them ever since."

-Lindsay Lord '04



"[I am scared of...] the real world because I have no idea what I want to do and I have lots of college loans to pay off."

- Jeff Crowe '04

- Photography and Interviews by, Bayley Fannin and Laura Petersen

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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

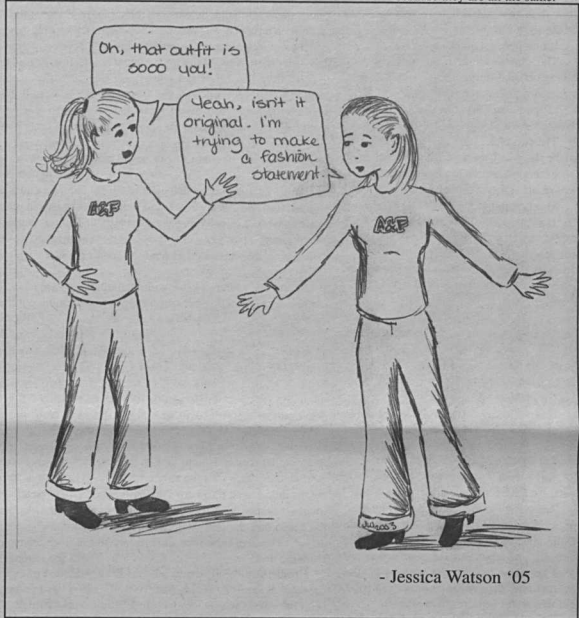
your hair. I know that you will lose precious minutes of sleep but it is well worth it. And not to beat a dead horse but if you cannot be parted with your hat at all than by all means at least throw it in the laundry. The underside of those hats smell funkier than a fat man's running shoes.

Speaking of hair accessories, girls the ribbons in the hair have got to go. Now, as I said about the funkkified 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 ingénue.

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 T-shirts.

"People laugh at me because I am different. I laugh because they are all the same."



- Jessica Watson '05

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?

The Better Fan- McDaniel's Own P.T.I.

Walter Zalis and Ryan Brod discuss the NFL's undefeated

RYAN BROD
Sports Editor &
WALTER ZALIS
Senior Writer

If you are one of the many people who religiously watch Sportscenter and an actual 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.

So, with that introduction, let's jump into topic #1: Undefeated and Defeated NFL Teams.

After week four's completion, six teams still remain without a loss on their record: the Minnesota Vikings, the Carolina Panthers, the Seattle Seahawks, the Indianapolis Colts, the Denver Broncos, and the Kansas City Chiefs.

This collection of teams is one I doubt anyone picked to go undefeated after week four.

But which of these are for real, and which are just a lucky bunch of guys looking to do what the Chargers have done in years past?

Zalis: The Panthers need a solid quarterback. They are currently going with Jake Delhomme, who obviously has yet to prove himself, and I bet half the people that just read his name has no idea who he is. The defense and Stephen Davis have been solid, but that won't last the entire season.

Brod: I really like the Panthers. Last year, after a 3-0 start, they failed to make the playoffs. Although Delhomme is a no-name at quarterback, I wouldn't be surprised if they made the playoffs this year. He could be the Tom Brady of two years ago; a relatively unheard of QB that rises to the occasion.

Also, Davis is hard to stop at running back. Their ability to run the ball takes some pressure off of the defense and they seem to grind out wins.

Zalis: The Colts always seem to start out receiver I am willing to bet anyone knows the year like this. Peyton Manning just had about on the Chiefs isn't even known for his breakout performance... against the Saints, receiving ability, but more for his return ability. The Saints suck. Their defense is deplorable. Dante Hall is amazing for a kick return. Their performance was an embarrassment, but he only has 56 actual receiving yards. One of the worst defensive performances I of course, let's not forget what is the Chief's have ever seen. Now, Manning is a talent but offense, Priest Holmes. He cannot carry this I don't trust him. He's not consistent. Heentire offense on his back the whole season. couldn't even rack up a single touchdown. He is already hurting, and soon he is not against the lowly Browns in week 1. Plus going to able to handle all the touches his with Edgerrin James being the injury prone team expects him to take.

player he is (not too mention how overrated **Brod:** With an ailing Priest Holmes and they is), Manning is going to run out of op-no big-time wide out, the Chief's best of fensive option is their tight end...and when

Brod: I can't argue with that. The Col's your tight end is your best option, you're not inconsistency in December and January going to win many games. This being said, scares me. As explosive as their offense can if Holmes can get (and remain) healthy, his be, Manning's passing seems to become er-shear ability to run the ball will make them rat late in the season and he seems to force very offensively dangerous. I think he can lots of throws in tight situations. Also...have and will carry the entire offense right into they even won a playoff game with Manning's postseason. This guy is for real and he at Q.B.? They need to prove consistency over will tough out the injury.

an entire football season before I give them **Zalis:** I believe the Vikings and the Seahawks have the best chance of succeeding.

Zalis: The Broncos have been looking. They have the needed ingredients to play really good. However, running back Clinton like a championship team. Daunte Portis is injured, missing week 4. He's their Culpepper, Randy Moss, Moe Williams and main offensive tool. No longer do they have revamped defense have had the Vikings that stand out receiver, with several player easily defeating opponents thus far this season carrying the lead. And Jake Plummer is also son. Michael Bennett is also on his way back overrated. In two of his four victories, the to play. Even in Culpepper's absence, Gus losing quarterback actually led in passing. Frerotte has over 450 yards passing, with five And in his victory over the struggling Raid-TD's as opposed to a single interception.

ers, he didn't even throw for 200 yards. The **Brod:** I haven't had a chance to see toughest teams the Broncos have met waste the Seahawks play yet, so I'll refrain from the Lions and the Bengals, and when they taking a guess on them. But like I said ear do meet a team of substance, undefeated willier. I've been very surprised and impressed be in the past.

Brod: Does it really matter who the Bron-Atlanta, I think the Panthers are the odds-on cos have at starting running back? favorites to win the NFC South division.

Over the last six seasons they have had Terrell **Big Finish:** The Seahawks have the in-Davis, Olandis Gary, Mike Anderson and ingredients too, in Shaun Alexander, Darrel Portis all run for over 1000 yards. Now that Jackson, an improved defense and the awe-Portis is hurt, they'll just stick Mike Anderson some play of Matt Hasselbeck who already son in and keep on churning out yards. The has seven TD's to his credit and only one Broncos play the Chiefs this week: you will intercept, even with a bye week.

be able to tell a lot from that game alone. The problem with these teams however

Zalis: Speaking of the Chiefs, they have yet to be challenged by a looked good and they've picked up some nice Miami, a Tampa Bay, or a Tennessee. After victories over the Steelers and the Ravens they play one of the real contenders, we'll But Trent Green is no superstar quarterback. find out if they have what it takes.

He has more interceptions than he does

Sports Trivia

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 in assist?

Who has won the most major titles in professional golf?

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Terror Tennis Gets off To A Great Start

BAYLEY FANNIN
Staff Writer

It was an exciting end to the Terror Tennis's preseason on Friday. With new coaches for both the Women (Sonya Fox) and Men (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: freshmen Katie McLean and junior Sharon Desperak losing number one doubles 8-3, junior Emily Puls and sophomore Danielle

Magid winning 8-9 with a tie-breaker 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 Johnes lost to sophomore Sharon Desperak won 6-0, 6-1 at number 2 singles, sophomore Katie McLean lost number 3 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, junior Cara Millar played number 6 singles in a 3 set match winning 7-6 tie breaker, 2-6, 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 line up for the men consisted of: Senior Scott Mahony and freshmen Bill Ross winning 8-3 at number 1 doubles, sophomore Aaron Taylor and freshmen Brian Kastner winning 8-2 at number 2 doubles.

The singles line up consisted of: Senior Scott Mahony winning 6-0, 6-1 at number 1 singles, sophomore Aaron Taylor 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, freshmen

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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Read more about the Rush Limbaugh controversy on the next page

Terror Football begins hot conference streak

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Staff Writer

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 Szymanek 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

tight Muhlenberg defense hampered rushing gains, but the ground attack was not abandoned as a result.

Baer ended the game with 50 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 Muhlenberg, 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 play 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. Maybank's lone score was a result of a 57 yard scamper.

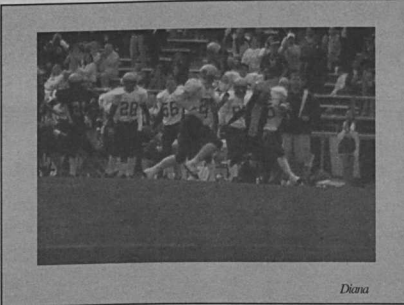
After a heads-up play by McDaniel punter Corey Allen that resulted in a safety rather than a touchdown for the Bears, the McDaniel held the Bears scoreless for the rest of the game.

McDaniel is now 2-2 overall

but 2-0 in Centennial Conference play.

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



Diana

first time, had a strong game. Baer completed 12-23 passes and scrambled for a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

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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 fair as the season progresses. This first statement, said by Women 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 challenge for me this year will be fitting all the pieces together," said Coach Martin.

And this is the 'pleasant dilemma' Martin has. Her team can adapt and thrive in any type of game, be it a slow down, grind it out contest or a fast paced, finesse one.

The team also has the ability to dominate the rebounding facet of the game, as well as the outside shooting portion.

This versatility will aid them.

In preparation for the season, the team has been working out by themselves.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays nights, one might have a difficult time getting into the gym. It is always being utilized by the women's team.

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."

Answers from Sports Trivia:

Nicklaus

4. Jack

Stockton

3. John

Navroilova

2. Martina

Ryan

1. Nolan

Rush Limbaugh's "folly": What did we expect?

PAT O'TOOLE
Assistant Sports Editor

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 "Sun-

day 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 unfounded 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 is 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 I can say with confidence that he never imagined his remarks would be scandalized to these 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]



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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 50th and 100th were tallied and the smoke had cleared, McDaniel was the sole absentee from the Centennial Conference.

Criteria for judging the schools included highest graduation rate, lowest acceptance rate, faculty resources, and highest proportion of classes under 20 students. Peer assessment from 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, Vice President for Institutional Advancement. According to the most recent issue of *McDaniel College's* "The Hill" magazine,

issue is "US News & World Report's" best seller each year. Robert J. Morse and Samuel Flanigan report that "combined with college visits, interviews, and your own intuition, the rankings can be a powerful tool in the college admissions process."

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 Develin Coley.

In order for McDaniel College to be included on the list, the school's endowment must increase substantially 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 asset growth rate has increased 183.32%—making McDaniel's growth in endowment the largest in the Centennial Conference.

Despite this improvement, McDaniel remains at the bottom of the endowment pile. "Our endowment has grown very well. The problem is we started from such a small amount," reports Kief.

Kief believes that in previous

years, the college focused on nurturing other aspects of the college community. "In the past 20, 30, and even 40 years, the college focused on other things, including diversity and improving academics," says Kief. "Now we obviously realize that we need to be very, very serious about raising endowment."

A lack of alumni giving which has been another factor in McDaniel's

absence from "US News & World Report's" list. Asked if she believed that alumni are more reluctant to give financial gifts to the college due to the name change, President Coley replied, "alumni giving never was that good." O'Connell also admitted that it was a possibility that alumni have "used the name change as an excuse not

to give money."

However, Coley believes that McDaniel's modest budget does not prevent students from receiving access to more advanced learning tools and equipment. "We have fantastic equipment," says Coley. "Sure, everyone wishes we had more bells and whistles, but what makes education good is the interaction between professors and students."

Kief suggests that the college is not concerned with making the "US News & World Report" ranking. "The reason we need to build our endowment is not so we can be ranked, but to provide an even better education for our students," he says. "As we increase our endowment, we will provide a better education [for the students] and have better chances of rank."

O'Connell shares Kief's sentiments, stating that the college should focus on providing the best education possible for McDaniel's students, rather than being recognized in the poll. "It should never be stated as a single goal to be in 'US News & World Report,'" says O'Connell. "We need to be the best

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Videogame Tournament Unconventionally Showcases Student Talent

Nick Schneider
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On October 1st, Allies, the gay, straight, bisexual, transgender, and transsexual alliance, held a video game 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 play 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 Alascala 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 Lutrey 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 many problems and it was apparent from the cheers that everyone in attendance enjoyed the experi-

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 insinuated 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 Benfer of the Westminster Police Department, there was only one arrest and five citations that night.

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BETH MCLANE

Campus Safety Blotter

October 2 - 19, 2003

compiled by **Kate Morris**
NEWS EDITOR



10/2/03, 8:47 pm: While checking a student's welfare in Elderice Hall, CDS paraphernalia was located in a dorm room. WPD issued a student a criminal citation.

10/3/03, 3:00 pm: Victim reported his rear license plate stolen from his parked vehicle in the Whiteford lot. No suspect info.

10/3/03, 4:06 pm: Two non-students soliciting in Blanche Ward Hall. Trespassing notices issued; subjects escorted off campus.

10/4/03, 1:00 am: Derogatory statement written on a dry erase board on a residential door.

10/4/03, 1:05 am: Unknown suspect discharged fire extinguisher in Rouzer Hall.

10/4/03, 10:12 pm: Student found intoxicated and vomiting in stairwell of building. Charged with underage possession and consumption of alcohol. Campus write-up only. Student was very compliant and cooperative.

10/4/03, 10:30 pm: Student found in possession of hard alcohol on campus.

10/4/03, 11:00 pm: Fire extinguisher discharged in Rouzer Hall.

10/5/03, 1:03 am: Alumni charged by DoCS for violation of prescription on conduct in regard to possession of hard alcohol at BSU clubroom event.

10/5/03, 1:03 am: Student found in possession of alcohol at a non-alcoholic party.

10/5/03, 1:14 am: Several students documented for failure to comply, quiet hours, and over capacity.

10/5/03, 2:16 am: False fire alarm pulled in Garden Apartments.

10/5/03, 2:30 am: Student assaulted by another student. Parents transported victim to hospital. Student documented for verbal and physical abuse, and violations of municipal, state or federal laws. Criminal charges are pending, filed by victim.

10/6/03, 9:30 pm: Responded to report of a possible CDS violation in Whiteford. Two students and two non-students located in a room. One student arrested for CDS and cited for alcohol violation. Others charged with alcohol citations and will be charged with CDS violation.

10/6/03, 11:00 pm: Victims stated they received annoying and harassing phone calls from another student.

10/8/03, 7:03 pm: Unknown person(s) pulled fire alarm in the back hallway on the first floor of Whiteford Hall. No signs of smoke.

10/10/03, 12:31 am: Student observed by Campus Safety throwing rocks at a building window. Student documented for defacing college property and failure to comply with direction of Campus Safety including abusing, disrespecting, or harassing college officials in proper performance of

10/10/03, 12:48 am: Student cited by DoCS at the gazebo for underage possession of alcohol and documented for failure to comply.

10/10/03, 2:20 am: Two students documented for dishon-

esty.

10/10/03, 11:21 pm: Student observed in Blanche Ward Hall though previously advised by Residence Life not to enter any buildings. Student escorted off campus.

10/12/03, 12:42 pm: Student documented for underage alcohol possession in a dry dorm.

10/12/03, 1:23 am: Student documented for violation of College alcohol policy, unauthorized use of keys, and for violation of rules governing residence halls.

10/12/03, 2:28 am: Suspicious person (a non-student) reported in Garden Apartments. Search was conducted and a knife was confiscated. Criminal charges to be filed by DoCS for carrying a concealed deadly weapon, trespassing, and obstructing/hindering.

10/12/03, 3:59 am: Fire alarm sounded in Lewis Recitation Hall and Eaton Hall.

10/13/03, 3:28 am: Student documented for

violation of College alcohol policy, drinking games, underage possession of alcohol, and rules governing residence halls (dry dorm and quiet hours). Campus write up.

10/15/03, 7:22 pm: Hard alcohol found in Whiteford dorm room. On-campus violation only.

10/15/03, 8:00 pm: Victim stated that his vehicle was damaged by an unknown suspect while parked in the PELC lot.

10/17/03, 12:26 am: Students in violation of College alcohol policy, documented for underage alcohol possession in a dry dorm, and quiet hours violation.

10/17/03, 4:26 am: Subject backed his vehicle into a fence on the golf course parking lot. Information gathered on subject.

10/18/03, 1:35 am: Student that is not allowed on campus during certain hours was seen during those hours in ANW. Same student also documented for possession of hard alcohol on campus.

10/18/03, 9:29 pm: Student documented for underage alcohol possession near Whiteford.

10/18/03, 10:32 pm: Student documented for underage alcohol possession in a dry dorm.

10/19/03, 2:59 am: Non-student seen urinating outside a residence hall. He ran inside where he was found and issued a criminal alcohol citation by DoCS. age alcohol possession, violation of a residence hall policy. Three non-students were issued criminal alcohol citations by DoCS for underage alcohol possession.

"The Real World"

...an International News Corner

Information compiled from BBC.com
Fruzsina Nagy
STAFF WRITER

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 by the Japanese during their 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 rotting 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 secure the area after the story broke.

The government said the story is only "speculation". Chief Secretary Joshua Kalinose said the troops have been sent to New Ireland to keep the area calm and to train soldiers for a tour of duty to the Solomon Islands. New Ireland Governor Ian Ling-Stuckey said that if the gold does exist, a greedy past leader would have taken it already.

While the government may not believe the existence of the gold, locals are excited to find the treasure. Some prominent New

Irelanders previously tried to form a company to find the gold, but were without success.

To some, it seems the locals, as well as the government, is interested in the gold. In Kalili, a village where one of the military-police camps is based, villagers say the military has digging tools and refuses to talk to people interested in the gold.

But locals are also being defensive, according to Ling-Stuckey. Local people have threatened to kick out the army and outsiders. They are reported to be angry at non-New Ireland residents for trying to "grab the mountain-top riches" away. One local building contractor has informed BBC that villagers applied for a court order to keep all outsiders from entering the land.

Ling-Stuckey has asked the government to make an official statement on the issue, saying he is worried that people will invade his office, expecting the bullion to be distributed among the province.

It is not the first time that a rumor about a 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 aids, 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.



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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, according 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. "To have four 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 veteran Sun staff writer Mary Gail Hare, was subsequently picked up and broadcast by local news stations the same day, includ-

ing WBAL Channel 11 and WJZ Channel 13. WJZ's story began with a similar charge that, "As the fall semester begins, a Carroll County college is having an unusual problem with underage drinking and drug use."

Even though the numbers of students in trouble for alcohol or drug use are not significantly different, measures are being taken to make sure individuals are obeying the law, as emphasized by Webster.

Some efforts have been directed at first-year students, such as a mandatory meeting held with the Residence Life director Stephanie Cook and two Westminster City Police officers to ensure that everyone understands and complies with Maryland State laws, as well as McDaniel College rules. Measures are being aimed at all students through the collaboration of Westminster City Police and Campus Safety.

"We are doing joint patrols with a Westminster Police officer and a Campus Safety officer during weekends on the west end of the campus, and areas around the campus, and also drinking establishments downtown," said Corporal Benfer.

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We can by our own standards. In striving for excellence, we may move up."

Unfortunately, McDaniel's lack of recognition by "US News & World Report" has left many students and college officials questioning the quality of the school.

The college was excluded from a nationally published poll, and it is embarrassing. However, McDaniel is in the middle of drastic physical expansion, and Coley's strategic plan is being applauded, according to O'Connell. "It's an exciting time because things are all coming together" at

McDaniel—"there's a real sense of energy," O'Connell states.

Financial improvements at McDaniel are crucial to the college's chances of landing on the "US News & World Report" annual list. College officials declare that the strategic plan and a financial campaign will boost the assets and reputation of the school.

"This school will always be true to its mission, and that is to maintain a sense of community. Some schools end up losing what their roots are," says O'Connell. Maybe some day McDaniel College's roots will grow into a large enough tree that is worthy of recognition by a nationally published magazine.

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 biggest payday to date for any actor, and the current salary for the governor of California is a mere \$175,000. Assuming Arnold would have made four movies over the next four years, as he did over the past four, he's giving up \$119.3 million in income.

As for 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 he now finds himself in 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 included 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 legislator, and therefore had problems passing his balanced budget initiatives.

When Davis managed to get his initiatives passed they did little to put a dent in the state's \$8 billion deficit, but they 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. All it took was 897,158 signatures to recall Davis, and Arnold has six months to prove himself before someone will have the chance to do 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 even gets close.

Our last 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.

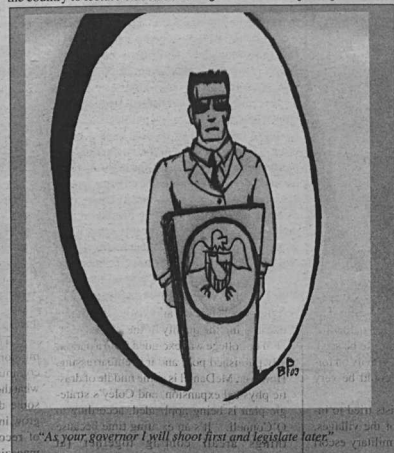
It is hard to know the reasons for why the bears acted as they did, but it is possible the bears would have restrained themselves if they had been informed of Treadwell's politics. Park rangers at the site where the bodies were recovered killed two bears described as "aggressive." Treadwell did not carry 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 would think that in light of the Treadwell mauling, wildlife advocates would be in favor of these safety measures as 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 in the hell are 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 on 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 the inside and outside layout 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 on 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 the McDaniel College campus that they could personally call home. Hence, the mailboxes in front of every North Village apartment building. Just kidding, but I'm sure

there will be shortly with the way things are going).

I notice that the contractors love their jobs here on campus. I came to this simple conclusion through pure observation.

I notice that the contractors love to whistle while they work, but who cares if it is at just about at every female who enters and leaves the apartments! (I have several roommates who can account for the occasional whistle.)

I also believe that they love their jobs here so much that they are now just going to take their sweet little time on the landscaping of the North Village.

They have even put in an abundance of different types of plants around the individual apartments, and I'm sure they will need watering from time to time.

(I really hope that the occasional parter who in his/her drunken state actually thinks that urine is an acceptable substitute for water, and does some damage to the little plants!)

The last conclusion that I arrived at during my deep thoughts about this subject was that the school probably had every intention of making the North Village apartments really nice, so they in turn, could attract more freshmen or just more students in general to the



McDaniel College campus.

The end result of the college's plan to make campus more attractive has been a resounding success.

That is, when the contractors ever decide to enroll as students, because I don't think that they are going anywhere anytime soon.

-Christianna D. Bagby is a senior English major

Jet-Setting: City of Prague

The Czech Republic is adjoined 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 Mala Strana (the Small Quarter) west of the river, Stare Mesto (the Old Town) and Vltavské Náměstí (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 farther to visit Nove Mesto (New Town), with its shops, museums, and theatres, Vysehrad, where mythical Prague was born, and the towns of Holešovice, Smichov, Troja and Vinohrady. At least a dozen medieval chateaux and castles are only a day trip away.

Also high on Prague's attraction list is its entertainment: music from classical to modern jazz and rock; opera and ballet;

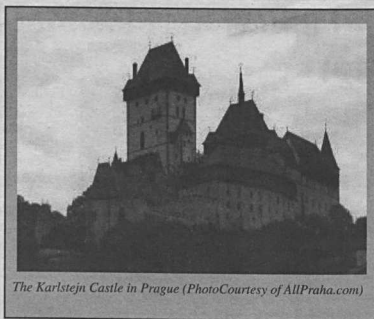
avant-garde theatre; excellent museums; and dozens of art galleries. Prague's greatest distraction, however, is that it is now one of Europe's most popular tourist destinations and is choked with summer crowds.

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 Punkevní, 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 Macocha Abyss. There you board a small boat for a 400-meter ride down the Punkva River out of the cave.

Other caves to be visited in this area include Kateřinska, Balcarka, and Sloupsko-Sosovské. Traces of prehistoric human civilization have been found in the caves.

Costs in Prague especially, but also in the Bohemian spas, are higher than elsewhere, though things are still fairly cheap for Western visitors. The big exception is accommodation in Prague, for which tourist prices are in line with those across Western Europe.



The Karlštejn Castle in Prague (Photo Courtesy of AllPrah.com)

By staying at cheap hostels and campsites, sticking to self-catering, pub grub, and stand-up cafeterias, you might get away with US \$15 per person per day in the summer.

In a private home or better hostel, with meals at cheap restaurants and using public transport, you can get by on \$20 to \$25. To share a clean double room with bath in a mid-range hotel or pension, and enjoy good local or Western meals, plan on at least \$30 to \$40. May, June and September are the prime visiting months, with April and October as chillier and sometimes cheaper 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?

~Fruszina Nagy is a senior with a Journalism minor.

Let's retrieve our Government!

I read the news, if nothing more, to check my sanity. If I come away feeling sick or a little depressed, then I know I'm still sane. Sometimes it's tough though. The Republicans constantly have the questioning reality.

Bush has cost the lives of hundreds of American soldiers and countless Iraqis to search for weapons of mass destruction. So far, he's spent \$300 million trying to find those weapons. He wants to spend \$600 million more. And he's found none. Yet, he claims that NOT finding the weapons justifies the war. So would the war have been unjustified if we'd found weapons? Damn, I'm still confused.

It seems to be undisputed now that Saddam has never had any ties with Al Qaeda. Finally, I think I got it. But it was a long, strange trip. Bush, in the same week, said: "There's no question that Saddam Hussein had Al Qaeda ties," and "We have no evidence that Saddam Hussein was involved with September 11." Back in September 2002, Bush said, "You can't distinguish between Al Qaeda and Saddam." Vice President Cheney has been equally unclear. As Molly Ivins of *The Sacramento Bee* pointed out, "Cheney had said it was 'pretty well confirmed' that Iraq and the September 11 hijackers had coordinated. But most recently he said 'I don't know' if Saddam was connected to September 11." No wonder 70% of Americans believe Saddam was involved with September 11.

American soldiers are losing their lives every day, but the war is supposed to be over. In fact, more soldiers have lost their lives since Bush declared the war's end than before. How can this be? Either the war isn't over or this is the peace from hell... you decide. It doesn't matter what you NAME it, people's lives are disappearing.

Moving on, Rush Limbaugh is a racist and a drug addict? One is indisputable. You guess which. Shit, that was easy.

Ok, so Arnold Schwarzenegger is the governor of a state he can't even pronounce. Apparently, it's been his lifelong dream, since he was a young lad in, um, Austria. What about that feigned energy crisis? Who cares? Arnold will save the day, right? Hey, he always does in the movies. He killed that alien predator and that liquid metal robot. Who could possibly doubt that he'll terminate California's deficit? They're all old jokes, I know. But I think his governorship is the greatest joke of all.

Ok, so the above is all real... unbelievable, but real. As once so aptly articulated by Bob Dylan, "You who philosophize disgrace and criticize all fears, take the rag away from your face, now ain't the time for your tears." The fact is Bush is a serious contender for the next election. \$200 million says so. From his pulpit, what is he running on? Let us take a look:

-The economy sucks. More than 2.5 million people have lost their jobs since Bush took office.

-He continues to launch an assault on overtime wages for the working class.

-Twice he's given tax-cuts to the rich. Meanwhile, we're spending millions on an unprovoked war with Iraq. Where do you think that money is coming from? Do you think the wealthy are risking their lives in Iraq? Our senators' sons? Our representatives' daughters? HA! Don't bet on it, Jack!

So we have a decision coming up with this next Presidential election. The Republicans have made the division between us and them. Let's show our voice and retrieve our government. It's ours, not theirs. They can't steal another election; we can't let them. Too many people have died, and too many people have lost their jobs. If Bush remains in office, "you who philosophize disgrace and criticize all fears, bury the rag deep in your face, now's the time for your tears."

~Bradley Groover is a junior Philosophy major.

Poli-Sci majors can't Predict the future President

Come to think of it neither can Doctorates, Shock Jocks, Talking Heads, or most Fortune-tellers 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 won. 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. ANYTHING can happen. Remember, there was a time when, now President, Bush was not considered a viable candidate.

A really odd double standard keeps resurfacing in our elections. The California Recall Ballot was considered a joke for having 153 candidates. Both Ross Perot and Ralph Nader have been accused of "stealing" votes from Bush and Gore.

It seems the USA is all about freedom of choice until that choice is a political one. Is having more than two choices such a bad thing? Everyone talks of the corruption of politicians, but the moment one not from the mainstream (This includes anyone from Mosely-Braun to Pat Buchanan) enters an election they're immediately dismissed as radicals or long shots. Does this mean I'm going to support the Buchanan campaign? No! I don't believe in the same politics as him so I'm not going to support or vote for him. But it doesn't make him an illegitimate candidate either. If we're going to claim that we have the right to choose who we want to represent us in government (After all we are a Republic) then why not have a wide variety of candidates?

Another thing I do not understand. Why is winning potential more important than a candidate's platform? Just because someone has a good chance to win doesn't mean

you should vote for him or her. The purpose of elections is not to win. It is a chance for people to choose their lawmakers for the next term office, simply because Arnold Schwarzenegger was chosen to be Governor doesn't mean that the citizens of California won or lost. They simply chose their Governor for the duration of this term. The same thing will happen at the national level. Voting doesn't put you on a "winning team" it decides who is going to be signing laws and affecting foreign policy for the next four years.

While it seems that politics has evolved into a spectator sport, complete with analyst's commentary and predictions. There is far more at stake in an election than winning or losing.

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Fall Into the Movie Theatre With *Lord of the Rings*

NICHOLAS SCHNEIDER
Staff Writer

This year has been a fantastic year for movies and with the movies still to be released in 2004, it can only get better, but not as 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 500 fan sites with the trailer linked there, or you can try www.whatismatrix.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 hopes 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 is released. *Return of The King* will simply blow your socks off.

If the quality of the first two movies are anything to be noted, and since this movie was made at the same time as the previous two, *Return of The King* will be everything it is supposed to be: just plain good.

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 luster and originality, often times resulting in obvious twists, as seen in *Matchstick Men*, or downright disgusting or stupid pot 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 this means you'll 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,



so if it's your thing have fun, if not just pass.

On to the bad and worse than that. First, an adaptation of Dr. Seuss' classic *The Cat in The Hat*, the only thing that this movie

has going for it is that it's a family film.

This means when you see and you know you will, you'll be sitting in front of or behind a family with a bunch of whiny 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

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will more than likely involve jokes of the kid's 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 Hermes' side.

This series of bad holiday movies is much like the rest that we have gotten lately. *The Grinch*,

The Santa Clause 2, and other's that are out there.

None seem to have the charm and the whimsy of the classics and that's just disappointing since these new holiday movies tend to do only one thing mass market the holiday's more than they already are.

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.

R.E.M. at the Patriot Center: Rock Veterans Play New Tracks, Popular Hits, and Old Rarities

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R.E.M., one of America's most influential rock bands, recently finished up a 28 city North American tour that found the band returning to their roots. They are not as commercially viable as they were in the early 1990s, so they took their act back to the college campuses where they first became an underground hit.

R.E.M. has been recording music together since the early 1980's and the set-list reflected the band's longevity and staying power. They played three new tracks ("Animal", "Bad Day", and "Final Straw"), popular hits ("Man on the Moon", "Losing My Religion", and "It's the End of the World as We Know It"), and old rarities ("Permanent Vacation", "Life and How to Live it", and "Rockville"). The band had roughly 25 years of material to work with, so they asked the fans to help them pick which songs to play.

This was R.E.M.'s first tour in four years and this time fans were able to request songs before the concert via email through the band's official website.

www.remhq.com. They even took requests from the audi-

ence. Lead singer Michael Stipe listened to audience members as they shouted out requests, and the band played a few of the suggestions. They didn't play everything the crowd wanted though; a request for "Shiny People" was not granted by Stipe who said, "No, I hate that song."

This was just one of the aspects of the show that made it user and fan friendly. Stipe was very chatty throughout the entire concert and explained the meaning behind several of the songs. Stipe described their new song "Bad Day" as a commentary on the current administration, but when he struggled to adequately explain it lead guitarist Peter Buck

helped him out. "Let's face it, George Bush is a

fucking asshole," Buck exclaimed to the audience. The crowd met this with loud applause, but Stipe took a moment to elaborate on 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 band's 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-

song encore that wrapped up with "It's the End of the World as We Know It."

In a strange, almost surreal moment, Stipe threw off his shirt because of an extremely annoying inner ear monitor. Maybe he felt at home at the Patriot Center or he wanted to foster a sense of familiarity the crowd. Whatever works.

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," one of the band's earliest songs. Berry quit R.E.M. in 1997 prior to the release of the album "Up", and had not played with the band until the Raleigh show.

Pete Yorn opened at the Patriot Center and was with the band for the last few stops of the tour. Yorn is best known for his 2001 hit "Life on a Chain", and he also played songs from his new album, "Day I Forgot".

No band like this will ever play at McDaniel College; we'd be lucky to get Yorn.

Main Set

1. Finest Worksong
2. Begin the Begin
3. Exhuming McCarthy
4. Drive
5. Animal
6. Fall on Me
7. Daysleeper
8. Bad Day
9. The One I Love
10. (Don't Go Back To) Rockville
11. Orange Crush
12. World Leader Pretend
13. I Believe
14. Losing My Religion
15. Find the River
16. She Just Wants to Be
17. Walk Unafraid
18. Man on the Moon

Encore

1. Life and How to Live It
2. Nightswimming
3. Final Straw
4. Imitation of Life
5. Permanent Vacation
6. End of the World

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Looking for a scary time? Want to occupy an otherwise blasé 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, corn walk and terror trail) are each only \$7 a pop.

While you may wish to make a night out 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 waiting in line at the entrance gate before each individual attraction.

Have no fear (no pun intended) the hoards of preteens 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

Spring Grove's Haunted Mill Thrills?

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 headache-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, as 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 freaks, then the mill 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, 2002 was supposed to be chapter five of Outkast's chronicle.

But when you hugged 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.

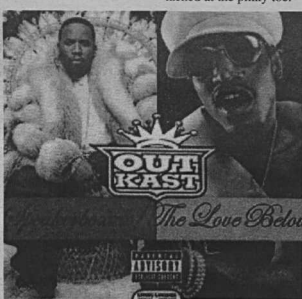
Why the wait? There had to be a reason. The hip-hop innovators that threw southern fried funk into the rap cauldron had to have something even more creative up their sleeves, right?

So you kept vigil.

Then, September 23 came. You ran to the record store and bought *Speakerboxxx/The Love Below*. Your eyes beamed and your grin gleamed. It was C.D.s. Double the music. Hope fulfilled, right?

This isn't your run of the mill double disc. Both "Dre and Big Boi" had recorded solo albums yet they released each together under their group name. Creative?

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 to the pinky toe.



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 albums.

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.

Andre dabbles in everything from spoken word ("Happy Valentine's Day") to crooning ("Prototype") to rapping ("Hey Ya!") to even a sped up remix of "My Favorite Things."

This disc has to grow on you. Its uniqueness may cause you to scoff it off the first time you listen to it, but after

awhile, it may be scratched up from over-use.

For the eclectic soul, there is nothing better 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.

"Ghetto Musick" has rapping to a techno beat, creating a rapid fire, pulse pounding song similar to "B.O.B." from chapter four of the story, *Stankonia*. "Bowtie" 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 Mays.

It is all a matter of perspective.

That being said, though 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 good as the previous four. 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 injuries have kept 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 seeing consistent playing time.

Freshman Jamie Borden 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 Fessler 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.

Earlier in the season, Sniffen set a new school record for digs in a game with 40 to highlight the team's win against Centennial Con-

ference opponent Muhlenburg.

Along with Muhlenburg, the team has taken wins against Villa Julie College (twice), Hood College, Goucher College, Hunter College, Washington College, and the College of Notre Dame.

On October 17th and 18th, the McDaniel volleyball team hosted its own tournament, conveniently dubbed the "Green Terror Volleyball Invitational."

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 Borden and Sarah Fessler. Borden set up 30 assists while Fessler accumulated 9 kills.

Defensively, Carrie Sniffen's 17 digs and Krista Eiser's two blocks led the team.

The team would go on to finish the invitational with losses to Widener University, Salisbury University, and Gallaudet University.

Highlighting the loss to Wid-

ener was Carrie Sniffen, who led the team with 11 kills, 16 digs, and two blocks.

Against Salisbury, Krista Eiser, Sarah Fessler, and Kellyanne Rose each had 8 kills.

In the team's final game, against Gallaudet, Sniffen's 11 kills and 22 digs led the team, while Jamie Borden racked up 29 set assists.

The team's losses are obviously not due to lack of effort.

"Our team is working hard," Coach Molloy said.

"We haven't always matched up player to player, but we go out playing to win and do what we do best against the opponent and try to take them out of their game."

With six matches remaining in the season, including four Centennial Conference games, the team definitely has time to turn things around.

"We have four conference matches to go, and we need to finish strong to put our team in a position to get into the championships," Coach Molloy said.

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Poor Managing the Real "Curse" in Boston

RYAN BROAD

Watching Aaron Boone's blast sail into the night left me stunned and overwhelmingly disappointed.

One hanging knuckleball from Tim Wakefield and the Red Sox were on vacation.

I felt horrible—like after my last high school basketball game and after I left my friends at home to come to college.

I tried to make sense of it, tried to put it all in perspective, tried telling myself it's just a game.

On top of it all, I knew the "Curse" would come back into discussion.

Yankees fans held Babe Ruth cutout faces high as the Yankees celebrated the pennant-clinching win.

If you're not familiar with the Curse of the Bambino, here's a short translation.

Basically, Babe Ruth's early years were spent with the Red Sox, who won the 1918 World Series with his help.

They proceeded to sell Ruth to New York for quite a sum of money (at the time).

Since then, the Red Sox have failed to win a World Series and have been subject to historic blunders in big game situations.

But after watching Boone's series-winning, walk-off homer end the Red Sox season, I realized that this game had nothing to do with a curse.

Babe Ruth was just an impartial spectator during this game, and the Red Sox demise was simply the result of horrendous man-

aging 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 few of Martinez's mistakes, hitting two solo home runs to cut the deficit to 4-2.

A David Ortiz (Sox DH) homer made the game 5-2 and I felt confident that the Sox were headed home to host game one of the World Series.

Pitching into the 8th inning, Martinez got into some trouble.

With lefty Hideki Matsui at the plate, Little decided to stick with the right-handed Martinez, rather than bringing in flame-throwing lefty Alan Embree (who was warmed and ready) out of the bullpen. On a 0-2 pitch, Matsui hit a RBI double down the right field line.

At this point, my heart 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 bloop hit to Jorge Posada, scoring two runs and tying the game.

I knew the Sox were in major trouble. I could not believe that the score was tied.

The wind was abruptly taken out of Boston's sails. All of New England became silent, while Yankee Stadium roared.

Yankees manager Joe Torre brought in closer Mariano Rivera, arguably one of the greatest closers in the history of postseason baseball, to replace Martinez.

The mindset of Torre seemed to be this: If I go with my closer, I give the impression that we are going to win in the bottom of this inning.

Rivera did not disappoint, taking pressure off of the Yankee lineup, which gained confidence knowing their stopper was on the hill.

In extra innings, Grady Little decided to bring in starting pitcher Tim Wakefield, a knuckleball specialist. Wakefield, whose delivery is slow and very easy to steal against, had won two games as a starter in the series.

For those unfamiliar with a knuckleball, it is pitched so that the ball rotates very little. The resistance (when the ball does not roll or spin) makes the ball "dance," making it very hard for hitters to make contact.

But when the ball does not dance, it is very easy to hit.

In the bottom of the 11th, the struggling Aaron Boone hammered an inside knuckleball into the bleachers and the Stadium erupted.

Series over, drive home safely. And the questions remain—why did Little leave in Martinez (who'd thrown 100+ pitches) with the season on the line and runners on base?

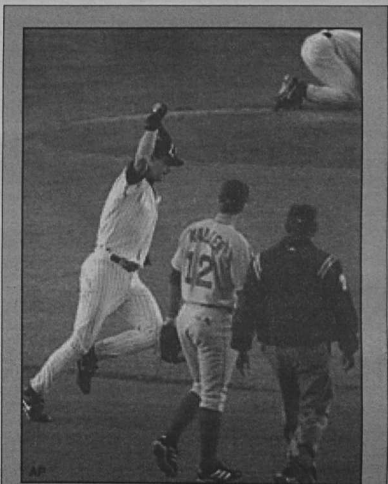
Why did he bring in Tim Wakefield, whose delivery begs runners to steal against him?

Why did Little leave Wakefield in during the 11th, considering he historically lets up more home runs than any other member of the Red Sox pitching staff?

I have no answers, other than the fact that Joe Torre out-managed Little and lead his squad to another

World Series appearance.

This devastating loss for all of Red Sox nation had nothing to do



Aaron Boone's (left) 11th inning home run ended the Red Sox season and left many unanswered questions about Grady Little's decision making.

with a ridiculous curse; simply, the poor decision making of Grady Little.

With all due respect, I think it's fair to say that the Red Sox were in a position to win the 2003 World Series if not for the Curse of the Bambino.

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The Better Fan- McDaniel's own PTI- Volume Two- World Series will be a letdown after historic league championships

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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 3-0 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 standing in the way of Moises Alou and a home-run ball for the loss.

I think it's more just to blame Alex Gonzalez and his error. For these incidents and the failure of the Cubs to advance after having a series lead, I have to say this curse had to do them in. Errors, fans catching homerun balls and the Marlins hitting off Kerry Wood with ease in game seven shows that the Cubs never had a chance. They were cursed from the start.

Brody: The fact that the Marlins and Cubs made it to the NLCS is great for baseball. I figured the Giants would be in the Series this year, considering they had a strong pitching staff and a solid lineup of run-producers. But I was pleasantly surprised with the underdog performances.

The NLCS did not disappoint: unless you're a Cubs fan. And don't give me that curse crap- the Cubs just choked. I feel for Kerry Wood, who had a rough outing but helped out the offense by blasting a Mark Redman into the stands. As much as I'd have liked to see the Cubs make the

series, the Marlins are a great story. Early in the season they fired their manager and hired 70+ year-old Jack McKeon who was at home playing golf. Now he's led a young but impressive pitching staff and a gritty offense into the World Series.

Zalis: The ALCS 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 the 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 try re-locating to Mexico or something. 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.

Brody: I agree that this was an absolutely amazing series- so much at stake and such bitter rivalries taking part. But if Martinez was hit after the 7th, the Sox would be in the series. He had thrown a lot of pitches and was obviously tired. He had no business pitching to Matsui, let alone Posada in those situations. Great 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 offense. His impressive defense, which had been suspect against Oakland, prolonged the final game of the ALCS.

Regarding the MVP of the series, how could you NOT give it 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 au-

tomatic. Rivera shut the door on the Sox and deserved the award.

Zalis: 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 Zimmer incident would have never occurred, and perhaps even that 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 shocking event would have taken place. In any case, the Yankees won.

Brody: Don Zimmer, at 72 and at least 250lbs. should never run across a baseball field to attack a player. 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 he did 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 grey area. No one is sure 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.

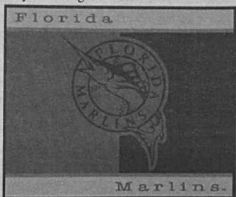
Brody: The ratings for this Series will be astronomically low. I mean, most Florida's fans are retired, elderly folks in Florida and they rarely stay up past 8 p.m. I'm sure the Yankee fanbase (including the gigantic bandwagon) will be watching the games, but not many other sports fans will care. I don't think the Marlins 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 Marlins 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 same excitement that the league championships offered. It's going to be a battle of a young, gritty franchise versus the baseball giants. If the Marlins 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 Marlins 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.



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The Marlins will have their work cut out for them when they take on the New York Yankees in the 2003 World Series.



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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 Alumna of the Year, Jackie Brown 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 yearbooks on display, as well as bookstore sale information and alumni information.

Some alumni gathered in various



JENN PARRY

During Homecoming, spectators on the Hill watch and celebrate the victory of the Green Terror football team.

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 Epsilon brothers and alumni also celebrated their 20th anniversary.

Numerous campus organizations participated in the homecom-

ing 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.

Homecoming was preceded by various "Spirit Week" activities, including the SGA showing of Bring It On on Monday, class com-

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JENN PARRY

The McDaniel cheerleading team performs for spectators during halftime at the Homecoming football game.

Construction plans for the Campus in the near (or not so near) future

Walter Zalis
Staff Writer

Note from the writer: Isn't it good 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 staff 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

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Campus Haz-Mat Scare a Big Stink

Jamie Fallows
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Some McDaniel student were in a state of panic when they heard the rumors that there was a hazardous materials incident on campus.

Luckily, it as 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 am 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 radioed for a second of-

ficer 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

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"Is The War On Drugs Our Domestic Vietnam?"

.... A Heated Debate

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News Editor

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 a 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 on 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 quick student polls. "It was visually appealing," said Sophomore Brent Pertusio.

O'Donnell followed with a clear cut discussion of 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 explained to the audience, "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 Moomau.

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 manage it [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 because our inner cities are dying." He paralleled 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 honest terms. 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 instead "controlled with proper education" on safety and proper use.

"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 heroine, oxycontin, 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 consent of the governed. If you want a change, fine, we have a process to do that, but don't fall prey to the idea that the government has taken away some right of yours."

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 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 Neal 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 was 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 where 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 is," commented Junior Julia 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 event in separate statements afterwards, illustrating at least one idea on which both could agree.



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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.

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courts into more parking spaces. Seidel says there are a couple reasons why this project to never began. One is that the project is linked also never began. Thus, 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 golfcourse, and a third near the Winslow building.

- A drastically different Gill 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 process has only just begun on this one," says Seidel. This is a project 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 timely fashion. The fact that money came in donation form also aids in its timeliness.

A big question in all of these changes is who will pay for all this work? It will cost millions of dollars to get the planned work done. Here is a small list of ballpark costs according to Seidel:

- New academic building: \$9 million
- Harrison Parking Lot, new athletic fields, 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.

Sayre said 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 is now called Hill Hall," said Seidel. Gifts are also left to the school in the form of wills from alumni, including the Eaton family.

Asked if any of the money from tuition goes to these buildings, Sayre said "oh no, no, it doesn't!" Instead, a sizeable portion of the money comes from fundraising, says Seidel. "The last campaign raised about \$41 million for the school."

Seidel says a lot of money comes from the bond market as well. "The College sold bonds last December to raise \$10 million in new funds for construction. The College had 'saved' another \$4 to \$5 million from gifts and budget surpluses over a number of years," he says.

With so many projects, a question needs to be asked on 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 complete. 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."

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Campus Safety Blotter

October 19 - November 9, 2003

compiled by Katie Martin
News Editor



10/19/03, 2:24 a.m. in Rouzer Hall: Campus officers issued state alcohol citations to 3 non-students.

10/19/03, 2:40 a.m. in North Village: Campus officers responded to a report of a past assault by one student upon another.

10/19/03, 2:59 a.m. in Albert Norman Ward Hall Quad: Campus officers observed a student publicly urinating, and the resulting investigation led to the student and three non-students being issued state citations for alcohol violations.

10/23/03, 10:01 a.m. in Harrison Lot: Officers discovered a forged parking permit, the student was cited for a policy violation.

10/23/03, 7:00 p.m. in North Village parking lot: Officers responded to reported attempted theft from motor vehicle. Officers discovered damage to the auto's weather stripping around window.

10/24/03, 2:17 a.m. in Rouzer Hall: Officers were called to a room where a student was ill due to alcohol overdose. The student was initially to be transported to the hospital by ambulance, but later became combative and was subsequently transported after an assault on DoCS officers. A state alcohol citation was subsequently issued and criminal charges were filed.

10/25/03, 1:52 a.m. in Whiteford Hall: Officers responded to an alcohol overdose. The student was transported to the hospital and a state alcohol citation was issued subsequently.

10/25/03, 2:28 a.m. in Gill Lot: Officers observed an intoxicated non-student drive his auto into a parked car. Westminster Police were called and the driver was arrested for multiple vehicle violations. He was subsequently barred from re-entry to campus.

10/26/03, 1:16 a.m. in area of Blanche Ward Hall: Three students arrested by campus officers for disorderly conduct, failure to obey a lawful command, and obstruction.

10/26/03, 1:20 a.m. in the area of

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 po-

Brief Summary of Campus Safety Incidents

- 20 students documented for violations of college alcohol policy (may include other violations).
- 4 students documented for violations of other various college policies such as: fire safety, failure to comply, room capacity, quiet hours, etc.
- 13 incidents of vandalism were investigated on campus. One student has been cited for policy violations in this offense.
- 5 fire alarms were responded to by DoCS (either accidental or malicious in nature).
- 14 medical calls were responded to by DoCS.

tential 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 Lot: 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 a.m. in Rouzer Hall: A student reported being the victim of a pattern of minor harassment by unknown persons.

10/30/03, 9:11 p.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 is underway by DoCS.

10/31/03, 12:15 a.m. in Blanche Ward Hall: A student reported a burglary. Later it was determined this incident was a practical joke and the matter was unfounded.

10/31/03, 1:08 p.m. in Whiteford Lot: DoCS responded to a minor motor vehicle crash involving only property damage.

10/31/03, 11:31 p.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. The 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.

11/1/03, 2:00 a.m., in Blanche Ward Hall: Officers were dispatched to a vandalism incident where racial slurs were scratched into the stairwell door.

11/2/03, 12:05 a.m. in Rouzer Parking Lot: Officers investigated 2 non-students for possible drug violations. No criminal actions were taken, but individuals were banned for the remainder of the night. At 1:07 a.m. these individuals were observed in the area of McDaniel

students suffering the effects of excessive alcohol use. Ambulances were called, but the students were allowed to refuse treatment.

11/2/03, 3:53 a.m. in area of Albert Norman Ward Hall: Officers investigated suspicious conditions that may have been a domestic violence case. The incident was later determined to be unfounded.

11/5/03, 7:00 p.m. in Whiteford Hall: Westminster Police conduct a search under a warrant of a student's room for drug violations. Evidence is found and the student is issued a state citation for the violation.

11/6/03, 2:46 a.m. in the area of Gill Gymnasium: DoCS officers respond to several reports of a fight and find a large crowd that scatters upon their arrival. Moments later a student reports a friend has been badly injured and needs medical attention. The injured student is transported to the hospital by ambulance. No arrests are 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 issued a state citation for possession of drug paraphernalia by the Westminster Police.

11/8/03, 1:15 p.m. in Garden Apartments: A student reported theft of a personal bag.

11/9/03, 4:30 p.m. in the McDaniel House: DoCS was informed of the need to check on a student's welfare by concerned students. Upon arrival student was attended to by appropriate personnel.

11/9/03, 2:11 a.m. on the roof of Englar Hall: DoCS extinguished a small fire that appeared to be accidental in nature.

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.

The Real World

...an International News Corner

Information compiled from BBC.com
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Staff Writer

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in his African tour. He has actions to develop fairer trade rules for developing nations.

Lula has spoken in South Africa, the last country of his African tour. He has urged "joint action" to promote developing countries' interests. Lula and South African President Thabo Mbeki has signed agreements on tax and on technological co-operation. Lula has also visited Namibia as well as former Portuguese colonies Angola, Sao Tome and Principe and Mozambique.

Lula was accompanied by 100 Brazilian businessmen and several government ministers on his African tour.

"We want to develop a strategic policy with the rest of Africa, with China, Russia, India and Mexico," Lula told a press conference in Pretoria. "This would guarantee that developing countries at the World Trade Organization (WTO) can negotiate equitable market access for their products," he added.

Lula has signed co-operation agreements in every country he visited, and agreed to help build pharmaceutical plants in Mozambique and Namibia to produce generic drugs to fight Aids.

Brazil's trade with Africa totals \$5bn

a year-just 5% of its imports and exports. Today Brazil's population is more than 76 million, from which 180 million are of African descent.

In Mozambique Lula said Brazil wanted to give back the "debt to Africa" by establishing a new policy of co-operation with the continent and contributing to its development.

Brazil imported African slaves till 1850 and abolished slavery only in 1888. "Brazilian society was built through the work, sweat and blood of Africans," Lula had noted.

President Mbeki has welcomed the Brazil's attempt to strengthen its relations with the continent.



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South African President Mbeki welcomed Brazilian President Lula's Africa initiative.

“Human Jukebox” John Rush performs at CAPBoard event

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News Editor

Featuring guitarist John Rush, as well as serving 50 cent beers to individuals 21 and over, CAPBoard drew 50 plus students to the pub for the first of three Thursday night music events. “It was a good turnout,” said CAPBoard member Alicia Feuillet. “I thought he was very good because he interacted with the group and played what people wanted to hear.”

“We went through a whole keg!” added CAPBoard member Julia Palmer.

Advertised as the “human jukebox,” Rush covers well over 100 different bands in addition to playing original music. He travels all over the United States playing about 200 shows a year at mainly colleges and bars.

Rush played from 9 p.m. until after 11, taking student requests and covering musicians including O.A.R., Pearl Jam, Tom Petty, Led Zeppelin, Neil Young, and the Goo Goo Dolls. He also played seven original songs from his cd “They Don’t Know My Name,” two of which will appear on the soundtrack for the movie Autumn and Everything After.

“I’m surprised he’s not signed by a record label, he’s got a really good guitar,” said sophomore Ryan Brod. Sophomore Liz Matthews confessed, “Honestly, I came here because I just wanted a break from homework, but he was good, I really liked him.”

Some students stayed and watched Rush for the whole night, evident from the empty cups lined up in front of them. Other students came in for food, but then wandered over and stuck around to hear the music.

“If you like the music tell someone, I’m trying to stop driving all over the country with people not knowing who I am,” Rush encouraged all in the audience. “I hope they remember me,” added Rush after the show. “It’s hard enough to get people to show up at college events, so when I come back a second time I hope to get more people show up.”

CAPBoard is also hoping more students show up to their next two second stage music events. “Piano Man” Paul Marturano will play next Thursday and a Karaoke Night will be held the following week.

Anyone interested in more information on John Rush can visit his website at www.johnrush.com.

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Humane Society Wish List Drive to aid the Carroll County Humane Society

from November 3 until November 15th

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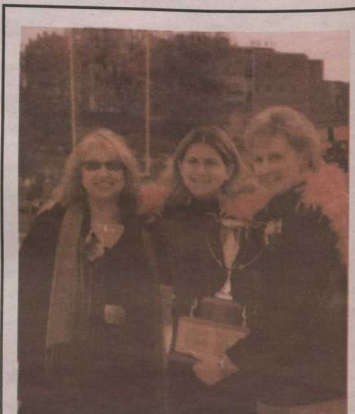
JENN PARRY

Spectators enjoy a beautiful afternoon on the Hill for Homecoming game.



JAMIE FALLOWS

McDaniel Senior and Phi Kappa Sigma member Jason Lowry is covered in pie filling after a fundraiser at the football game.



JENN PARRY

McDaniel College President Joan Coley presents the James Brant Memorial Cup to Phi Mu president Jill Thalheimer.

petition on Wednesday, and a talent show on Thursday. 40 students also participated in pumpkin painting with the Psychology Club.

CAPBoard also coordinated a Bus Trip to a Haunted Mill and Hayride in Spring Grove, PA. “For the \$10 cost I definitely got my money’s worth,” said Sophomore Toni Stambaugh. “They chased us with chainsaws and I was scared shitless.”

College sponsored parties were also held over the weekend beginning with Residence Life’s Monster Bash halloween party on Thursday, the homecoming bonfire rally and the SGA’s Dollar party on Friday, and the BSU’s Jammy Jam party on Saturday.

“Spirit Week was well received by the student body,” said SGA Vice President Felicia Donelson. “If it continues through the years at McDaniel it will catch on...and definitely be something that is as traditional, or even more than the football game.”

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Crew (first responders specially trained to control haz-mat incidents).

“The Haz-Mat Crew had no idea what they were walking into,” said Webster. “Anything could have been in Lewis Hall, and there are different procedures for different substances. It could have been a real mess.”

However, this potentially dangerous situation turned out to be the smell of dead, rotting crickets.

Yes, crickets.

“No one knows where they came from or why there were so many in one place,” Webster says. “There were just all these dead crickets!”

Even though the strange odor turned out to be a pest problem, Webster praises the

officers’ actions and the quick response of the fire department.

“One bad aspect of this job is that you never know what’s around the next corner. When in doubt, safety first,” Webster advises.

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 and unknown 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.
- If you ever become contaminated, stay put. If you move you could contaminate other people.
- If a hazardous substance is on fire, do NOT attempt to put out the fire. Evacuate immediately and call 911. The fumes could be poisonous, there could be an explosion and you could get contaminated. Let the fire department handle it.
- For your own safety and the safety of those around you, please cooperate with the fire and police department.

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...

"The media is not hyping things up, there really is a bad blood shortage... It's like milk. Blood needs to be thrown away after 45 days!" Blood Drive director Kim Curry explains.

After that, I underwent a short physical examination, which consisted mainly of questions. They also checked my temperature and pricked my finger to check my blood's iron content. Ouch.

I waited a little more before they put me in the dentist's chair, as I so lovingly called it, gave me a Sprite, and stuck 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 could tell just how much I HATE needles. 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 was a great turnout, with all kinds of people there. The staff was very safe, using personal protective equipment such as medical gloves, glasses, and masks. 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 behold! 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 go have cookies and juice. 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 some 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 expires. "It's like milk. Blood needs to be thrown away after 45 days!" Curry explains.

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 area that are 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: www.redcross.org.

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McDaniel' housing policy is culturally biased against heterosexuals.

It is simple to see, and something I think of every time I see two girls in Allie's t-shirts 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 deal with it.

But, it is the very fact that we have an active gay community on this campus that makes the housing policy here so culturally biased: homosexual couples are free to live together in double rooms, while heterosexual couples are not. This is a bias an obvious partiality that must not be allowed to continue.

I admit that I haven't conducted any research on the school's policy regarding this matter, if there even is one, but it is obvious to me that there is no way of preventing homosexual couples from living together in double rooms on campus.

First of all, Residence Life cannot require students to divulge their sexual preferences.

Secondly, even if there was some effort to prohibit homosexual 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 whether I agree or disagree with homosexual behavior. This is an article about equal rights. I see only two solutions:

1) The college must change its

Housing Policy Bias

By Krysti Durcholz

housing to all single rooms, prohibiting all couples from rooming together, or

2) The college must allow co-ed double rooms

Since the college would have to cut total enrollment in half in order to place all students in single rooms, number two is really the only feasible possibility.

Granted, parents would be outraged at their sons and daughters openly living with their heterosexual partners, but, looking at this from an equal rights perspective, can the college really require parental consent?

Do the gay couples on campus need to have their parents sign a notice say is ok for them to live with their partner? I don't think so.

Granted, co-ed double rooms would be a nightmare for Residence Life staff. Bickering couples would be lined up outside the Student Affairs Office every day, and RAs would become less like junior Campus Safety Officers and more like marriage counselors.

BUT, this is an obvious issue of equal rights, as clear as can be. If gay students are given the choice to live in double rooms with their partners, the same choice must be allowed to heterosexual students.

It is a matter of principle and a matter of ethics that I do think has really occurred to the heterosexual couples on campus. I mean, think about it. For a heterosexual couple to live together at all, both have to pick good enough numbers at room

draw to get into the same suite or they have 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 lined up in front of Student Affairs if 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 the most abundant type of housing on campus, and then viola they move in together in August.

Look at the poor freshmen. While freshman heterosexual couples can even live in the same building for their entire first year of school, freshman homosexual couples can live IN THE SAME ROOM!

You know, if we're going to take the cross off our church and relinquish all ties to Christianity, why be sentimental and hold on to the Christian morals that prevent heterosexual cohabitation?

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To Cheat or Not to Cheat? Is Sharing Truly Caring?

Joe Adelizzi
Staff Writer

We have all been there; sitting in a classroom the day of a test with not a clue of what any of the answers are.

Maybe you were out the night before, or just totally forgot you had a test the next day. But, what are you supposed to do? The honest and trustworthy 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 on a test while in high school. That's an amazing 84%. Lets be clear on what the definition of cheating is. Websites define cheating as the act of deceiving or swindling; deception; fraud

There are many different ways that students go about cheating: 76% said they had taken tests while using a cheat sheet of some sort.

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 wrist and put a bandage over it to keep it hidden.

Also, all 84% of students who had cheated in high school said that they would look over at a nearby test to either get or compare answers.

The most staggering of all the statistics is that 98% said that they would usually copy someone else's homework word for word. Meaning that students very rarely would do their own work, and rarely would they take pride in showing the teacher that they knew what they were supposed to of learned the night before.

However, only 44% said that they had even plagiarized while writing a paper. This number is sure to be increased in the near future with new websites containing already written papers popping up all over the internet.

The immediate question to ask yourself is, why has cheating be-

come so prevalent in the American society?

But when we look at what our society has turned into it is no wonder the youth of America have turned to the easy way out. We live in an age of high speed internet, instant pudding, and cell phones. Where patience is not rewarded but looked down upon. And immediate results are necessary for one to be successful.

Of course if one was caught cheating or plagiarizing at the college level he or she would be thrown out of school immediately. That is why 100% of the students surveyed said that they no longer cheat or plagiarize. But the damage has already been done. When we look back on our high school years later on in life, and pull an old test, what will we tell our kids?

After all how often have we actually gotten the grade that we deserved.

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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 regressed, 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 lone 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 somewhat separated themselves from the competition. Clark has used his former military involvement to garner support while Dean has relied on a grass roots internet based campaign to gain momentum. However, even their lead over the other candidates is paper thin.

The second factor helping Bush is the recent resurgence in the economy. 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 have had less 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 put 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 Dubya, there is potential for a million votes to be lost by the incumbent to his opponent.

These figures would be problematic even for a president with Clinton-like popularity. With Bush, who never won the popular vote in the first place, these numbers are even more foreboding.

Also, the Iraq occupation has fallen into a malaise. More soldiers have died in the occupation of Iraq than during the actual war to depose Saddam Hussein. As many as thirty-five small scale attacks are carried out against the international coalition each day.

With bombing of the UN's headquarters in Baghdad recently and the attack on an American Chinook helicopter on November 2nd which left 15 dead and 27 wounded (taken from CNN.com), it is clear that political unrest is still present in Iraq.

If more attacks like these are carried out and more Americans are killed, Bush could feel the detrimental political effects. Talking about the presidential election at this point is like a season preview for a sports team. It is not clear who will contribute, who will be a key player or a non-factor. And like most previews, there is a high probability that these predictions will turn out to be false. But in order to predict, one must have an idea of what is going to happen.

Bush does not have a single opponent yet and the situations with the economy and Iraq are in constant change. With so many possibilities and (at the time this article is published) roughly 355 days until the election, predictions are out of the question at this point.

~Rob Goeke is a freshmen at McDaniel College

A.N.S.W.E.R. Bashes Bush, but with Little Substance

by Bryan Renbaum

that the world could live in harmony once and for all.

Last Saturday a group known as A.N.S.W.E.R. (Act Now Stop War and Racism) gathered within the shadows of the Lincoln Memorial to protest the ongoing U.S. occupation of Iraq. Nearly a quarter of a million people showed up carrying signs expressing inflammatory messages.

Most of the speakers at the event consisted of student radicals, outspoken professional types, illegal aliens, and the Reverend Al Sharpton. There were a lot of people screaming obscenities about President Bush, Vice-President Cheney, Secretary Rumsfeld, and Attorney General John Ashcroft.

Although I wasn't there, it was clear from the television cameras that the audience resembled what former Vice-President Spiro Agnew once described as "an effete core of impudent snobs who characterize themselves as intellectuals." Plainly speaking the left was exercising extreme belligerence.

The speakers were extremely vocal on the subject of U.S. foreign policy. One man complained that both George Bush and Ariel Sharon are war criminals. He went on screaming the phrase "Free Palestine" and received applause by the audience. Other speakers whined saying that if we spent as much money on solving issues such as world poverty as opposed to bombing other nations,

The members of A.N.S.W.E.R. declined to mention that the United States has actually liberated a country and that most Iraqis want Americans to stay for at least another year. But there is simply no need to mention that.

The most amusing part of the rally was listening to the "Free Mumia" organization. For those of you who don't know, Mumia Abu Jamal is a professed believer of radical Islam who shot and killed a Philadelphia police officer in 1981. He was sentenced to death by the court, but is nevertheless still alive thanks to a mountain of appeals.

For some reason liberals have tried to make a martyr out of him, claiming that he is a victim of a system that is inherently racist. They even talked to Mumia via satellite live from death row. He proudly proclaimed himself as a victim, and the group continues to urge Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell to commute his death sentence.

In conclusion the hard core left got its fifteen minutes of fame. They got to bash the Bush Administration, its foreign and domestic policies, and even the fabric of America itself. However, no one with an ounce of common sense would take A.N.S.W.E.R.'s claims seriously.

Jet-Setting: Tunisia

by Fruzina Nagy

Tunisia is an African country by the Mediterranean Sea, and it is not a budget buster, especially for Western visitors. It's usually possible to get a clean room for about US\$5 per person, 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\$15 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\$5-30 and the top-end is from US\$30 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 Kroumirie Mountains around 'Ain Draham have enormous potential, but decent maps have yet to be drawn. More popular right now, camel trekking is best arranged out of Zaaferne, 12km (8mi) south-west of Douz, where you can arrange anything from an hour's ride to 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?



removing our forces now would be a huge mistake. Civil war will most certainly break out, and Hussein could even regain power. After all, pulling out early never works.

On a different note, a McDaniel College graduate student wants to know, what happened to the new academic building?

In the Winter/Spring issue of "The Hill" magazine, an article by Kim Asch outlined the plans for growth on this campus. The plan called for new entrances to the school, renovations to Gill Center, and a new academic building that "could break ground as early as this summer." Well the summer has come and gone, and there's no construction.

When I read the article I got excited. I even thought that some of the improvements would be completed before I graduated. However, with the North Village still not finished, it doesn't appear that any other improvements to the campus will be happening soon. The state is going to cut higher education funding, and with the smallest endowment of any school in the Centennial Conference, the master plan for campus growth may have to be abandoned.

The other aspect to the expansion is increasing the student population, which is well underway. This year's freshmen class is one of the largest in the school's history, but it doesn't look like the physical expansion will be able to keep up.

McDaniel received a black eye when it was the only Centennial Conference school left off "US News and World Report's" annual list of top 100 liberal arts colleges.

of the original 7th century structure. Its builders recycled 200 columns from the ruins of Roman Carthage for the central prayer hall.

The streets of the ville nouvelle are lined with old French buildings replete with wrought-iron railings and loured windows, lending it a very European feel that's heightened 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 rent-

The criteria schools were judged on included the lowest acceptance rate and the highest proportion of classes with fewer than 20 students. The school is letting more people in, but not improving the physical quality of the campus. There's a plan, but there's no sign of it being implemented.

Our final question comes from readers who asks, how many times could you get shot at point blank range and survive?

Lawyer Jerry Curry was gunned down inside of a Southern California on Friday October 31 by a client who was upset with a settlement he received as a result of Curry's work.

Curry ducked behind a tree to protect himself, but was still shot twice, in the arm and neck, at point blank range.

The gunman, 60-year-old William Strier, then pocketed his revolver and calmly walked away. Curry then stumbled out from behind the tree, threw his hands in the air and fell to the ground. Curry was injured, but survived the shooting and is in stable condition.

A film crew that was waiting outside the courthouse to photograph actor Robert Blake as he left a hearing in his murder trial caught this whole episode on tape.

After being released from the hospital Curry was "grateful to be alive."



Jerry Curry was just grateful to be alive after getting shot twice.

Hey, what do you call 1,000 lawyers at the bottom of the ocean?

A good start. (Or just insert your favorite lawyer joke here.)

~Brian Patterson is a junior History and Economics Major

als to be scarce and the markets and museums to teem with foreign visitors. Tunis' high temperatures top out around 3C (9F) and drop no lower than C (4F) and after all it makes it a great place to visit any time of the year. Just be aware on the market! If you dot 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 only count til ten in English!

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Is there a Bias in the Media? It doesn't matter

by Brad Groover

To reduce the argument to absurdity, because I think it warrants doing so, I compare the dispute to two friends quarrelling over a particular brand of pizza.

"I don't like it; the sauce is entirely too sweet," says the first.

"Wrong," replies the second. "The sauce is entirely too bitter." Both positions may be valid.

But, imagine if these two friends argued the point continuously. Each night, they ordered from the same pizza place. E Then, they presented examples of each other's positions.

Of course, this would never happen. Any two reasonable people would simply agree that the pizza tasted bad and then buy from another pizza place. See my comparison?

Rather then argue over moot points, I urge people from both conservative and liberal camps to seek additional media sources. Don't become stagnant within any one information outlet. If all you watch is Fox News, you're probably not getting the full story.

If all you read is The Independent, the same holds true. And if all you read is The Phoenix, bless your heart, but my God, please diversify yourself.

My high school Latin teacher, Mr. Peters, always insisted that "the masses are useless."

I suppose he's probably not the most convincing source. Nevertheless, his point is much in tune with the Platonic view of civilization (see Plato's Allegory of the Cave in the Republic).

Taking this for granted, the mass media is aimed at the mass public (hence the label, funny how things like that workout, huh?).

Now, can anyone deny that the mass public is more concerned with entertainment than "fair and balanced news" (of course, I add the quotes to safeguard myself from any looming lawsuit from Fox)?

For anyone who denies this fact, I would ask he/she to look at two instances in recent politics: the Monica Lewinsky scandal and the war against Iraq.

In the first, we had a media frenzy. The public couldn't get enough of seeing "Slick Willie" squirm and lie about where, well his Willie had been. The media rushed to satiate the public's base needs for sexual scandal, going as far to describe cigar insertions and the stains on a dress. Despite that fact, the country was doing great, both economically and diplomatically.

In the latter instance, we have a more somber and even depressing instance of Presidential abuse (I would go as far as to say misanthropy, but that's just my opinion). By all evidence, Bush lied in his State-of-the-Union Address concerning his motives for, in the words of Noam Chomsky, employing "the most awesome military force in human history...against a defenseless enemy..." Where are those "weapons of mass destruction," "chemical and biological weapons," and "nuclear weapons"?

Suddenly, we have a President making harsh mistakes that impact the greater good. Even so, the media scrutiny all but disappears. The economy sucks. The stock market is a joke. And, millions of Americans have lost their jobs (2.6 million the last time I checked). We're spending billions for this unprovoked war in Iraq. More Americans have lost their lives after the war was declared "over" than before.

Bush still managed, again, to push his tax cut for the rich through and he continues to push for legislation that would ultimately deprive millions of laborers time-and-a-half overtime pay.

Yet, somehow, the mass media shows little concern about the billions of American dollars spent fighting those illusive "weapons of mass destruction."

And yet, people still insist on debating whether the bias is conservative or liberal. Who cares? Get your information as an intelligent person would, from a number of perspectives.

Don't let some nebulous writer or news-anchor formulate your opinion. Gather all the facts and prepare your own decision.

~Bradley Groover is a Junior Philosophy Major



A change of major

by Bayley Fannin

For the past three years beginning in high school I have slept, lived, and breathed biology. I loved the knowledge, the passion, and the pure and utter excitement that it brought to my life. I loved the random facts and being able to understand the world around me in a deeper more concrete and intuitive way. It made me think about my own life and how I fit into the scheme of the universe.

But in my sophomore year the major took a toll on me that I did not expect. I began to question my path and the path I set out before myself after college. The work was no longer fun for me and the advanced classes became a burden. I began to write to fuel some of my frustrations and dreams 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 made me happy or because I could 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 June 2003 and I was working 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 talents it was something that has been a saving grace in times where little could bring me hope.

What I found in the pages I had written was that I had a talent. I sat there in awe staring at the words written and I realized that I not only had 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. Biology was a pass! I created it was not necessarily a natural gift, writing on the other hand was both.

I was absolutely thrilled that I finally found what was missing in my life but I was 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 choosing a major that could be done in two years.

I pondered over this for weeks in my own thoughts. Struggling with continuing the road already set before me I came to the conclusion that something needed to be done. This obsolete something turned out to be not only changing my major in my junior year, but change to a self-designed Professional Writing and Media Major in my junior year.

I am not ashamed that I left the Biology Department and followed in 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 situation. I 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 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 college is about exploration and with 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 Fannin 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 Durcholz

I would like to say that I am appalled at and ashamed of the not one, but TWO students who have made THE SAME gross oversight in their arguments about parking.

On their behalf, I would like to apologize to the Department of Campus Safety. Responsible students are well aware and may have even kept the memo regarding "Parking on campus" that Michael Webster, Director of Campus Safety, sent to the entire student body via campus mail during the first week of classes.

After reading the memo, I saved it in case I needed to use it in my defense if I got ticketed for parking in the grass around the stadium. I highlighted a portion of the memo, which is still pinned to my bulletin board.

After commenting on the changes to Harrison Lot, the memo states, "Additionally, parking is available on the grass around the Bair Stadium." This is a very clear, very specific change to the parking policy made at the beginning of the semester. Every student, including commuters, has a campus mail box, which means every student received this memo.

That's not to say that some students didn't just chuck it into the recycling slot with the onslaught of campus "junk-mail" they got the first week of school without even reading it, which it would seem is the case with the authors of the two previous parking articles.

The previous article(s) question the use of the term "chao" by a McDaniel official. To me "chao" is not "deceptive rhetoric," as junior philosophy major Bradley Groover implied in his article about parking.

According to Dictionary.com, chaos is "a disorderly mass; a jumble." I am sure I'm not the only person on campus who has experienced this chaos.

For example, we've gotten stuck several times trying to drive through the parking lot behind Whitford because cars have blocked the road by parking illegally on the end of the middle section of spots. There's a reason why the row of spots stops where it does.

This has been as late as 9:00pm, and I doubt that the drivers of the cars check Harrison Lot or the grass around Bair Stadium before parking illegally behind Whitford. I have no doubt that they were either headed for Whitford, Decker, Hill, or the Garden Apartments. If these assumptions are correct, this scenario supports the campus official "student laziness" take on the matter.

I am also sure that these drivers don't think twice before parking there, and if they do, it is only because there was worried about getting a ticket, not about blocking the road. Parking illegally is dangerous, and for this reason, I think the price of parking tickets is justified. Is it possible at all, just slightly possible, that the high cost of parking tickets is meant to discourage illegal parking?

Sadly, we're like dogs that keep running to the end of their leash. They get choked, but they just keep doing it over and over never learning that while it hurts, the leash is there to keep them from running into a busy street, is meant to keep them safe.

It is quite clear to me that if Campus

Safety didn't enforce the parking regulations, chaos a disorderly mass or jumble would undoubtedly be the result. Even with the threat of \$25 parking tickets, students still park in the dumbest, most dangerous, clearly obstructive places anywhere from the end of a row of spaces to the middle of the sidewalk.

I can't imagine what people would do if the threat of a parking ticket was eliminated. I dare say we'd have cars parked in the middle of Red Square.

In fact, sometimes I think that Campus Safety is too lenient. You know those cars that are actually, physically blocking the road? Campus Safety has the right to immediately have the car towed at the owner's expense, but do they? No.

Instead, they call the owner and ask them to move their car immediately. If the owner is not in their room, they do some sort of mysterious McDaniel College Secret Service business over the walkie-talkies and amazingly, almost always seem to find the owner. And guess what? Most of the time, the owner that comes and moves their car from an illegal space does not even get a ticket! That's how forgiving they are.

I do agree, however, that there are some flaws in the parking policy. I know for sure that there are quite a few spots on campus that are not considered "legal" spaces, but that are perfectly safe and non-destructive places to park.

For example, the small spot in the far corner of the Whitford Lot, where there's usually a Volkswagen Bug or motorcycle parked. Another example why in the world are those huge end spaces at the back of Gill/ in front North Village not spaces? MAYBEE if two Hum Vs happened to be driving around that parking lot at the same time, headed in opposite directions maybe then that much space would be needed at the ends of the rows.

And the North Village residents need all the spots they can get back there, I'm not lazy, but I certainly wouldn't enjoy walking from Harrison Lot to North Village, especially in the rain or snow. These spots the end spots behind Gill, and some end and corner spots all over campus are perfectly good spots that for no logical reason are not marked as legal spots. THIS is what needs to change.

I propose a simple, logical policy: tickets should be given only to cars that are

1) obstructing traffic (pedestrian or vehicular) or

2) damaging school property (this would include parking on the grass).

Why ticket that Bug harmlessly parked in the corner spot behind Whitford? Why ticket the desperate North Village resident parked in a perfectly harmless place? I thought the whole idea of the parking ticket was to punish those who cause harm or damage, or who create dangerous driving conditions for others.

If this is correct, then please tell me, what is the purpose of the parking ticket? If I am correct, then even if cars are not parked in technically "legal" spots, why ticket them if they are doing no harm? This however does leave the burden on students to park in proper spots.

If students choose wrong and their car is affecting traffic flow or harming college property, let them be ticketed, and hope that

they will learn to be more careful. If their car isn't affecting traffic or causing damage, then Campus Safety should let them alone. If Campus Safety doesn't agree with this policy, then perhaps a student board should be formed to work with Campus Safety in re-analyzing our current parking conditions, determining what spots should be considered legal, and remarking spots accordingly.

Somehow, adopting the above-mentioned policy just seems a lot easier than having to go through all the steps of forming a board and physically remarking the lots.

Is also sad but undeniably true that, if anything, to improve the safety of campus roads, some parking needs to be eliminated. I get nervous every time I drive behind ANW and the library during the day.

When the parallel spots are filled, which is every weekday and frequently on weekends when there are sporting events, the stretch of road that runs behind ANW and the library is reduced to the size of a one-way street, while still serving two-way traffic. Parking should not be allowed on a two-way road where, when spots are filled, people must drive up over a curb when passing a car on the opposite side of the road needs to come before convenience.

Is quite obvious to me that our parking problem does really lie in policy ambiguities, vengeful, unfair Campus Safety officers, or inattentive administrators. It lies simply in the fact that the student population has outgrown the campus parking capacity.

The college has admitted too many students. I am glad I am graduating in the spring and won't be around next fall when all the members of this years enormous freshman class bring their cars to campus. Yes, it is clearly stated in a memo sent to all students that parking is permitted on the grass around Bair Stadium, but you know what, for the money we pay to go to this school, we shouldn't have to park our cars in the grass.

They do even have to park in the grass at Carroll Community College, and we're a "private liberal arts college" that is supposed to be rapidly gaining prestige. The students at Yale or Harvard don't park their BMWs and Jaguars in the grass. We shouldn't have to get stuck in the mud when it rains. The condition of Harrison Lot last semester was a disgrace, and I at believe it was allowed to be in such a state for so long.

What we need is more parking, not clearer parking policies, and we need it fast. Is up to the administration to figure out where to put it, but in that case, it'll be at least a few years before a decision is made, and another few years before the decision is acted upon. Look how long it took them to finally pave Harrison Lot, and even then they decorated it with pretty little landscaped islands of trees that take up a few essential parking spots.

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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," Chimock states.

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 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 James 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 he 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 one of her biggest role models. 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 hard work, friendliness, 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 décor while first entering Texas Road House. From rabbits sporting horns (referred to as "jackalopes") to the many images of Texas and the buzzing neon beer signs, it is easily concluded that Texas Road House looks pretty hokey.

The wait for my friend and myself was a little under ten minutes, but this was on a Tuesday. We sat in the waiting area where one could eat peanuts and throw the shells on the floor. A

customer's time spent in the waiting room increases as the end of the week draws near and by Saturday an average wait time of twenty to thirty should be anticipated. Unfortunately, as stated on their phone recording, "due to the nature of [their] business, [they] cannot accept reservations." So there is no avoiding the wait time.

Is the food worth the wait? In a word, yes. Upon arrival, customers are greeted with more peanuts piled in a bucket on the table. The waitress then brings hot rolls and cinnamon butter as the very first item. 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

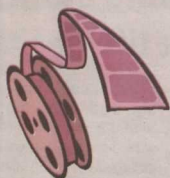
the steak for \$7.99, a USDA choice sirloin. I also decided to order a salad and a baked potato as my side dishes. The salad was simply excellent. I hate, hate, hate salads that come from a lettuce mix or that have brown pieces of lettuce unsuccessfully hidden by too many croutons. Texas Road House has 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 sweat 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 its too cold to be outside, here is what to watch while chillin' inside!

Matrix Reloaded DVD Fails to load Worthwhile Extras

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DVDs now have a stigma to them in which they should be chock full of extras so much, in fact, that your head should explode. They should act as extras while not taking away from the movie, but adding to the movie.

The DVD for Reloaded however, does little to add to the Matrix universe.

On one hand, by now we have the standard addition of the 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 uninitiated 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 Wachowszki movie were necessary, like the ten minute dance number in the beginning.

The audio commentary also suffers from a lack of being there done that feel, it is similar to watching a making of but instead you see the final while the director writer and whoever else they get talks about the scene. The only

films to have 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.

Scary Movie Three Lives up to McDuffie's Expectations

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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 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 in the film. Comparing to the other 2 films, Scary Movie 3 is an improvement over the lackluster 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

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 barbeque 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 as 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 McDaniel 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 men - first date restaurant - take her somewhere without 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 than 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

battling for the 'R' rating to the chainsaw scene; a look at how the actors created and portrayed their characters; and hilarious



For those uninitiated with *Scarface*, go and see this movie. Many consider its violence and drug references to graphic or 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.

On the one hand yes it's a drug lord movie, guy gets rich off drugs and loses his empire and we all learn the

wrong doing in being a drug lord. However dive deeper and you'll see a movie that seems right out of Shakespeare's mind. 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 know all of soundtracks. The only warning to give is that this movie will shock you and make you cringe. 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 his 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 so 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

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 much vulnerable. Also the scenes where super human qualities come through are extremely well done and entirely believable. As an elite assassin it is safe to assume that Black Mamba would have an uncanny amount of control over her body that does not exist to most humans. As stated earlier this movie is extremely gory, and if you have a squeamish stomach close your eyes during some of these fight scenes.

Not all is pretty however, but the blemishes are excusable. First is the plot moves slow, but whenever the plot moves slowly it seems

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 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.

“Working” works Out as the first Drama Production of the Year

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Staff Writer

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 benefited 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 ?it was 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. Every person 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.

How to Stay Fashionably Hot ... in The Cold

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Winter is just around the corner, which to many of us on this campus means: snow days, hot chocolate, fuzzy mittens and sledding 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 u a chance to sport some exceptionally bright and deep colors. Just because the ground is white and the sky is 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!



Fashionable Form Fitting Sweaters are not only warm but they will keep you looking hot.

Hoover Library hosts pre-game exhibit of sports memorabilia and sculpture

McDaniel College Announcement

When the football team takes on Johns Hopkins Saturday, Nov. 15, the Hoover

Library will offer more than the premier heated-viewing spot of the game.

Visitors to the library's pre-tailgate party from 9 to 11 a.m. will be treated to Green Terror athletes competing in games dating back to the 1930s, '40s, and '50s.

The historic films show students playing field hockey, lacrosse, golf, tennis, football, and archery - even sinking down the Hill after a snowstorm.

Pre-game visitors will enjoy coffee and donuts while watching the film clips, available only during Saturday's event.

The library's exhibit of sports memorabilia, photographs, and game programs will run through Dec. 5. One of the game programs from 1935 boasts a 15-cent price tag; a photo features former President Lowell S. Ensor playing with lion cubs.

Standing in the library's large, back window is a sculpture of a football tackle by Joe Brown, a boxer and renowned sculptor who died in 1985.

Note: The library is open from 8 a.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, and noon to midnight Sunday.

The Prankster: Head Women's Basketball Coach Becky Martin

Born, raised, and having continued residence in Westminster, she planned to coach and teach at a Carroll County High school.

Professional coaching was not a consideration.

As a member of the Green Terror basketball team, she became the first player to score 1,000 points and she still holds the records for season and career scoring averages.

She was also named league MVP as a senior.

How has she been so successful? The key is in her personality.

"I don't take myself too seriously," says Martin.

She tries her hardest not to get caught up in the formalities of being a coach.

A prankster at heart, 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 to have to take it," Martin says.

She feels that by reaching the players on a more personal level, as well as making practice fun and enjoyable, her players will give respect, hard work, and dedication in return.

Martin believes in having fun and enjoying practice, as long as the job gets done. While being close to her players elicits hard work, she concedes 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 hit you 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.

She also feels that McDaniel provides a quality education and is worth the money. As a full-time coach, spare time is a rare commodity for Martin. She values her spare time and elects to spend the time reading, watching TV or with friends and family.

She is also an avid golfer but admits she no longer can play sports competitively.

Martin is also a self-proclaimed prankster. One year, some of Martin's players decided to "decorate" her car while parked on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Knowing her girls were sensible, she recruited the help of a police officer friend for a little revenge.

Kristin Schwartzman, a close friend of Martin, said, "She had the police tell the girls of vandalism: broken windshields and other damages to several cars. The girls were shaking in their shoes."

The goal was to make the girls tattle on themselves; admit to decorating her car in order to deny any other vandalism.

The officer then left Martin with her team saying a course of action would be decided when he returned. The officer returned and opened his briefcase of "evidence." The evidence: toilet paper and peanut butter, the same materials used to "decorate" Martin's car.

For anyone who feels a prank may be appropriate this year, keep one thing in mind:

"Paybacks are hell," Martin added.

Golf teams close fall season, look ahead to spring

Lindsay Graham Sports Staff

It is hard to be a coach but it is especially hard to be McDaniel College's golf coaches.

Men's Head Coach Scott Moyer and Women's Head Coach Mike Diehl have always been at a disadvantage over other sports. It is a disadvantage that limits their productivity for the fall season.

The 2003 Fall Golf seasons have not been any different. This season coach Moyer had four new players, Matt Johnson, Ian Humphrey, Gary LaBreck and Carey Cherner, to join the returning nine upperclassmen.

It makes Moyer's job as a coach even tougher. He can only take five players to the tournaments, but he finds ways to get to see his all his players play at the tournament level.

The men's first tournament was on September 10, the Wesley Invitational, in Dover, Delaware. Moyer took his B-team, which

consisted of Tom Michaels, Ian Humphrey, Steve Perrone, Pat Hayes and Carey Cherner, and they placed tenth out of fourteen teams.

Coach Moyer wanted to see what his players could do in tournament play and help him narrow down the choices of players to take to the tournaments ahead.

Unlike coach Moyer's problem, coach Diehl does not have that problem. He only has seven players on his team and he knows who his number one and two players are going to be at every tournament.

But, like coach Moyer's other problem, Coach Diehl had three new players who he never saw before.

He had to see them play, see their swings and make changes and he had to do it quickly because their first tournament would be a week after they first met.

Coach Diehl was pleased with the way his team played this fall but he knows that each player can do better and play more consistently.

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 Diehl is trying to work on with his players, getting them to be more consistent from day to day.

The last tournament of the season for both the men's and women's teams was 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 Rammeyer's 156 and Joe Meier's 158.

The women's team was lead by Junior Garnett Pumphrey's 169 to a first place finish in the six team tournament.

Kelly Cramp had finished the two day tournament with a

172. Coach Diehl's prophecy of 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 Diehl, coach Moyer hopes his men will play better in the spring.



Freshman Christine Matkewitz follows through at the recent Mt. Holyoke Invitational in South Hadley, Pa.

Camponelli proves to be a tough competitor

Christianna Bagby
Sports Staff

The Green Terror women's field hockey team has done it again. For a second year in a row, the team has proved very successful in conference play, with a record of 14-5.

There is no doubt that a key player among the Terror, is its mid-field defensive back, senior captain Kim Camponelli.

Twenty-one-year-old Camponelli has been a starter for the women's field hockey team for all of her four years at McDaniel.

Camponelli, a biology major and French minor, is originally from New Castle, Delaware. There, she attended William Penn high school. Camponelli says that it was in the sixth grade when she noticed that she started to generate an interest in field hockey.

Like in years past, the women's field hockey team has faced many tough competitors within conference play. Both Camponelli and head coach Mindy McCord say that Salisbury, Skidmore, and Ursinus College have been their toughest opponents this season.

Despite this fact, Camponelli has managed to score 14 goals, and divvy out four assists on the season thus far.

Camponelli says, "The main reason our team has been able to be so successful this season is definitely because of great teamwork, and communication."

Coach McCord agrees. McCord also attributes the team's success to having returned every single starter, and having good talent through quality recruiting.

Coach McCord also has much to say about her team captain.

McCord comments, "as a person, Kim is

quiet at times, honest, and very coach able. Her athletic personality has come a long way over the last four years." McCord continues, "On the field, Kim is very competitive, hardworking, very fundamentally strong, and she has excellent field vision."

Camponelli 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 comes to a close, Camponelli says that she plans to attend 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.

She says, "After playing so long, I will definitely just miss playing the game." Camponelli continues, "Of course I'm going to miss my teammates, the girls, and going on away games."

As far as school goes, Camponelli says she will miss her friends the most.

She says, "I am definitely 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."

McCord's versatility adds flavor to athletics

By: Kim Lowry

Sports Staff

Teacher, aunt, sports 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 College and went on to obtain her Master's degree in Counselor's Education at Virginia Tech. A standout athlete at Lynchburg, McCord knows what it takes to be a successful player. 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

eventually became a regional All-American. More often than not, outstanding players struggle as coaches. However, McCord proved the exact opposite.

Positive high school and college athletic experiences, along with tremendous coaches, were McCord's driving forces in becoming a coach. She loves "watching young women mature and gain confidence in themselves as they grow into great adults."

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. McCord has a very loyal and competent staff in both sports.

Muffie Bliss, graduate student and Assistant Field Hockey and Lacrosse Coach, views McCord 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] respond better," says Bliss. Practicing what she preaches, McCord is involved in many activities besides coaching.



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

Nate Dawg Starun
Sports Staff

The Green Terror football team has given a great performance these past few weeks winning two consecutive games.

The team crushed Bethany 45-15 on Saturday. This win came just a week after McDaniel's huge 21-7 homecoming victory against conference competitor Franklin & Marshall.

Brad Baer shined in the homecoming game, rushing as well as passing. He made a huge contribution to the Terror's 410 total yards compared to F&M's mere 178.

While Nick Venuto and Jamie Unger received for good yardage on several occasions, the game was primarily won through an effective rushing strategy in which the performances of Baer, Broderick Maybank, and French Pope were pivotal.

Troy Mason and the Terror defense performed admirably, allowing only one touchdown. The lone touchdown resulted from an F&M drive which began in the red zone following an intercepted pass.

If the homecoming victory was big, the win against Bethany was huge.

Off campus, McCord enjoys various activities, including exercising, practicing martial arts, watching movies, and spending time with her family. Recently, McCord became involved with a multi-billion dollar cosmetic company, Mary Kay, Inc.

As an independent beauty consultant, McCord not only has the opportunity to one day own an infamous pink Cadillac, but to pursue a career where she could make millions of dollars.

Mary Kay's mission statement says they "will reach out to the heart and spirit of women, enabling personal growth and fulfillment for the women whose lives we touch." The resemblance between this mission statement and McCord's coaching philosophy is not a mere coincidence. Her pursuits in life share a common theme, enhancing the lives of the women around her. McCord's dedication and desire to achieve this philosophy has somewhat strained the relationship between herself and husband Paul McCord.

Though the first half ended in a 7-7 stalemate, Bethany's poor rush defense and the rushing proficiencies of McDaniel's Brad Baer, Meikos Parker, and Dalys Talley transformed the game to 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 a 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.

Last year, Paul McCord was faced with a tough decision. He was offered a job to work as a strength and conditioning and special teams coach with the NFL's Jacksonville (Fla.) Jaguars. The newly married couple had to make a decision - refuse an amazing career opportunity to physically stay together, or battle the distance to pursue a passion. The two went with their passions and currently live more than 800 miles apart. Despite this unforeseen event, the McCords have maintained a strong relationship while they continue their mutual coaching successes.

Mindy McCord has set a precedence as a coach at McDaniel, and not just for the women. Last year, she broke the record for the highest winning percentage, male or female.

With Paul in Florida, McCord must now make the important decision—stay away from her husband to continue coaching at McDaniel, or move to Florida and build more championship-caliber programs.

The Facts: The Kobe Bryant controversy

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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 became 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 con-

ference that was held on July 18 that he did engage in having sex



Kobe Bryant's NBA career is in serious jeopardy as he faces pending

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 pros-

ecutors have "presented a 'minimal amount of evidence' against Kobe Bryant, but enough for the NBA star to stand trial on a charge of sexually assaulting the 19-year-old resort worker."

ABCNEWS reports that Sheriff's Detective Doug Winters testified that the 19-year-old accuser "went to Bryant's room at the Lodge & Spa at Cordillera 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 "submision and force".

Despite this fact, the Judge also "chided prosecutors for offering conflicting information."

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 reports indicated 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 pretty much, you know, give it up. 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 Baghy
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After writing the above story, I found myself upset at the fact that this person, Kobe Bryant, whom I had 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 the 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 at 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 admittedly committed adultery. I think that that is a big problem in American society. We down played adultery the same way when President 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.

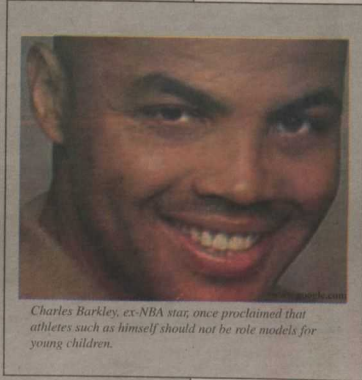
As for me, someone who has considered herself an athlete and a fan of sports for such a long time, I think that I have finally been able to arrive at a conclusion.

I believe that because of the fact that sports in general have become so political now-a-days, and have become an arena where unfortunately words like "loyalty" seem to take on a whole new meaning, that athletes should not be considered automatic role models of our society.

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.

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Freshman quarterback making big impression

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It is not supposed to be like this.

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.

Sure it has been a bumpy ride at times. But with two games remaining, the team that has been led 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 seems to 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.

In a sport like football, for a freshman to be so readily accepted by his teammates shows that he has leadership qualities.

For Baer, age is simply a number.

"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 Mariyama.

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.

Also, Baer has had to adjust to the quick-paced of college football.

"The biggest change between high school and college football is that 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.



Freshman quarterback Brad Baer is finding his place in the team's offense.

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.

"I meet with him [Keating] a lot. Because I feel comfortable around him, I can ask questions I might not be able to ask other coaches. I do not feel awkward around him" said Baer.

On the sidelines during the game against F&M, Baer was everywhere: barking encouragement to his teammates and putting them on the back and talking to coaches.

During that game he was everywhere on the field, too. But, since he is still young, his performance was far from perfect.

"He made some outstanding plays. He had some checks that were mature beyond his years. But he missed a couple throws he should have made. Overall, he got an A in some parts and far from that in others" said Keating.

But that is understandable. Baer's football skills are a work in progress, shifting between frustration mistakes and flashes of brilliance.

However, the types of plays he makes now should have McDaniel Football fans excited for the next four years.

He knows the expectations and feels the pressure, but when Baer steps out on to the football field, he becomes employee number 5, just trying to do his job and do whatever he needs to do so his team can win the ballgame.

Women's Soccer has great season, promising future

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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," Coach Swanson later said.

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

championship," he said.

Even the 13-7 record cannot efficiently reflect the team's prosperity this year.

The women went 9-1 in their first ten games, outscoring their opponents 36-7 during that streak. Over the course of the season, four of their seven losses were decided by two goals or less.

"I thought we did very well this year," Coach Swanson said. "We played with great consistency throughout the season."

The captains that led the Terror this year were senior Christine Mayne, senior Niki Lepson, and junior Lauren Toussaint.

According to Coach Swanson, each of the three captains contributed something different to make a great combination.

Coach Swanson was hesitant to name this year's exceptional players when questioned.

"To pick out a single player that was the reason for our success this year is tough because I feel like it was a real team effort all around," he stated.



Junior forward Katie Kirley led her team in goals this past season.

2004 season, Coach Swanson was quick to respond.

"Next year we will build on our success from this year with an even better understanding of what it takes to get to the cham-

He went on to note that every player on the roster contributed to the team's achievements, in one way or another. Whether it was consistently starting at a certain position or filling in wherever needed, each athlete played her part.

On the defensive end of the field, a new group of players quickly came together to form a cohesive unit. Although most of the players were not new to the team, the majority of them were new to their defensive positions.

Included in the newly formed defense was freshman goalkeeper Michelle Mullen. Starting at her position for each of the team's 20 games, Mullen accumulated a .797 save percentage and posted eight shutouts.

Offensively, junior forward Katie Kirley led the team with 10 goals, followed by senior midfielder Christine Mayne and junior forward Dawn Fletcher who each had 8 goals.

"We're happy with what we did this year but we feel like there's a lot more that we could have achieved," Coach Swanson concluded.

Look out for the McDaniel Women's Soccer team next year, because they're still hungry for more.

White House Correspondents Speak

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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, Tamara Lipper, and Jeff Zeleny.

"It doesn't take more than a decade to find success," said Terry Dalton, McDaniel Journalism Professor and panel moderator 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.

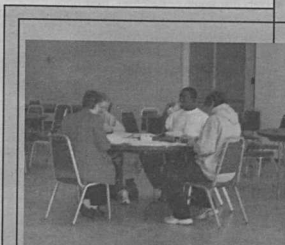
She previously rose in the ranks at ABC news to be a producer, before making the switch to

print journalism.

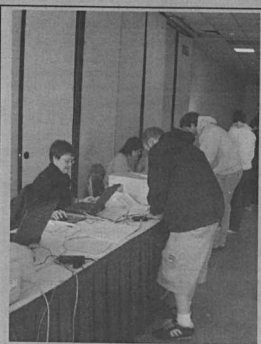
Zeleny is a national political correspondent for the Chicago Tribune and will also be covering the Bush-Cheney re-election effort.

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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ABOVE: Students line up at table in the Forum with Registrar's Office staff to select classes

LEFT: Students receive guidance while making last minute changes to their schedules

McDaniel Enrollment: ...the numbers continue to rise

Mark Swift
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 Plan Committee. This committee includes the President of the College, the Provost, ten administrative figures, six faculty members and two students.

Although the plan states what the school wants to achieve, it is only a guide. "The plan is based on the school's technology and budget, among other things," 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 deteriorate 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

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The crowd was pressed and packed. The tower of empty beer cups nearly reached the ceiling.

The masses reveled 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 a 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

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...a reader's thoughts regarding coverage of McDaniel's exclusion from U.S. News and World Report's "Top 100 Liberal Arts Colleges"

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Animals aided by Circle K

Katie Martin

News Editor

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 products were set up in Ensor Lounge from November 3rd to November 15th. Requested products included dog and cat food, treats, windex, detergent, towels, pet collars, bedding, and toys. Photographs and information on various dogs and cats at the Humane

Society that would be benefiting from dona-

tions were displayed as well.

"The drive was very very successful," said Sophomore Beth Appleton, a Circle K member. "We got a lot of student support, which we don't always get...and we filled up the whole back of a van, so that was good!" she added.

Circle K is currently organizing students who will be volunteering at the Humane Society, with duties that include walking and playing with the dogs and cats. A training program will be held at the Humane Society in December for anyone who is interested. More information and a downloadable application is available online at <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/cchspets.html>.



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Brandy, an energetic 7 month old female Sharpei/Boxer mix with the ability to climb and 8 foot fence and Tiger, a good natured litter trained 8 week old male kitten are just a 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 the 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. Most 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 plans, which would hold up to 132 students. There is also a possibility of building another dorm between Blanche and Whiteford that would be suite-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 substantial 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. 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, barring any delays in construction, McDaniel should be able to accommodate its new undergraduate population.

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Survey Provides Striking Results on Gay Studies

Samantha Hemler
Staff Writer

In working with the Allies (Gay/Straight/Bisexual/Questioning/Transgender group on McDaniel campus), I have discovered a whole new world.

The members are hospitable and loving, easy-going, and great people to be around.

I discussed with them the importance of visibility of homosexuals in the media, television and movies in particular.

The amount of visibility and the accuracy of the lifestyles of those on the shows are crucial for the homosexual community to become accepted as another group in society.

I have conducted a small survey, in which I polled the TV and movie viewing interests of thirty-five individuals, ages 17-21, twenty female and fifteen male, mostly

college students.

Of these students, thirty-three are straight, one is transsexual, and one is questioning his or her sexuality.

The results are quite shocking for students both on and off campus:

35 watch TV, 28 at night only, 1 morning only, 2 afternoons only, and 1 at both afternoon and night. 20 watch cartoons, 15 watch talk shows, 20 watch reality TV, 2 watch religious channels, 24 watch sports, and 6 watch educational TV.

29 watch shows that include topics or storylines including homosexuality.

22 watch Will & Grace, 13 watch Queer Eye for the Straight Guy, 3 watch Boy Meets Boy, 14 watch Sex In the City, 1 watches Queer As Folk.

35 have heard of Will & Grace, 33 Queer Eye, 19 Boy Meets Boy, 34 Sex In the City, 16 Queer As Folk.

30 have seen Will & Grace at least once, 18 Queer Eye, 8 Boy Meets Boy, 8 Sex In the City, 5 Queer As Folk.

35 watch movies, 2 only new movies, and 33 both old and new. 14 watch movies frequently, 20 not sometimes, and one did not answer.

7 watch many movies with aspects of homosexuality, 27 only few, and 1 none.

33 know homosexual people, 23 both male and female, 9 male only and 1 female only.

23 are friends with 10 male and female, 12 male only and one female only homosexual and one doesn't know.

28 agree with homosexuality and one didn't answer.

Through these answers, I was able to discern how good television and movies are portraying the homosexual community and if that image promotes a truthful image or

even just a positive image of the gay world.

If you would like a copy of the survey, to have or if you want to take it for free, my campus mailbox is 977.

I am also writing a research

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"The sheer opportunity to have front row seats at the movies is unbeatable," said Zeleny. "We have the ability to see history being made."

At the end of the debate, the audience questioned the panelists in regard to the ethical aspects of some journalists such as Jayson Blair, to the future of print journalism.

When asked what factors and circumstances enabled their success and rise, Greene quickly responded it was luck. "Finally after making

paper about the accuracy of the visibility of homosexuals in the media.

If you would like to look into it, the website is <http://student.mcdaniel.edu/~srh002/port/home.htm>.

enough coffee, which

I often spilled all over the bureau carrying it to people's desks, I got a job," he added, illustrating the hard work and determination necessary to break into the industry.

"It was interesting to have two Harvard alumni talking to us....I got the sense that they were well-rounded people and they had knowledge of the world outside of journalism," said Sophomore Ryan Brod.

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great to be missed.

Throughout the night, there was no shortage of laughs. It seemed that the songs chosen were done so as to invoke laughter.

From songs like "Fill Me Up Buttercup" to critically acclaimed songs like "MMMBo" and "I Will Survive" to songs oozing with machismo like "I Feel Like A Woman," the tunes matched the light-hearted nature of the event.

Inspired by the openness of the event and perhaps a little by the growing tower of empty beer cups, seniors Dan Waeger and Rob Weaver cast down their masculine shackles and decided to give "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" their own twist.

Each probably had puberty to blame for their inability to hit the high notes, but apparently the alcohol on this night had an effect on the audience's hearing, for each missed part was met with wild screams of approval.

Good reaction or not, Waeger would have been unfazed. He clearly shared in Cindy Lauper's playful spirit after he was finished with the performance.

"The fact is that I am a senior. I do not care what people think and like girls, I love to have fun" said

Waeger.

Though he and Weaver nearly brought down the Pub with the raucous applause they received, Waeger remained humble. "I would grade that performance as average. But I am definitely trying out for the next American Idol!" said Waeger.

The fun continued after that, with high brow songs like "Baby Got Back" being sung. Well, actually only the song's first line, in which Sir-Mix-A-Lot proclaims his admiration for large posteriors that cannot be disputed, was sung.

After that, frenzied dance engulfed the Pub, because no one remembers any other lines to that song anyway.

The Country Music genre made a respectable as well. Johnny Cash's endearing classic, "Burning Ring of Fire" was sung with all of the deep voiced wackiness of the original version. Weaver and another friend made an encore appearance, giving the crowd a stirring rendition of "Rocky Top" that delighted bumptins from here to the banks of the Mississippi. Thus, whether observing or participating, the good natured fun overflowed out of the Pub.

The Real World)

...an International News Corner

Compiled from BBC.com
Fruzina Nagy
Staff Writer

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.

Rumsfeld, while visiting US troops on the Korean border, said that Pyongyang spent money on weapons while people starved.

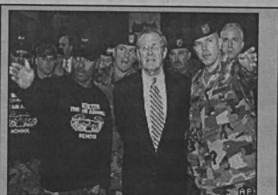
The US and its allies in the region are attempting to call new diplomatic talks with North Korea over its nuclear program.

The diplomatic talks can be expected around mid-December.

50 years after the Korean War, the divide between the communist

North and capitalist South is now so big, that "the people in the North, repressed people to be sure, watch their children waste away, eat (tree) bark, as that evil regime spends huge sums on weapons. When you live and work as you do on the border between freedom and slavery, be-

tween democracy and communism, between prosperity and poverty...I am sure you have a clear sense of



FROM BBC.COM
Rumsfeld was visiting troops on the Korean border.



FROM BBC.COM
Map of North Korea and U.S. Bases in South Korea

Mr. Rumsfeld has visited Osan Air Base as part of a tour of US military bases in South Korea, and was impressed by the simulated battles he watched on a tactical training system at Camp Casey.

Diplomatic relations need to be solved, since North Korea broke the 1994 agreement on suspending the nuclear weapon program.

But in December 2002, it restarted its nuclear reactor at Yongbyon and forced two UN nuclear monitors to leave the country.

America's CIA says a separate, enriched uranium program could be producing "two or more" bombs each year.

North Korea has threatened the world with nuclear blackmail before in 1993.

That time, North Korea was pursued to suspend its nuclear program by negotiations which led to the 1994 agreement.

So this tense relationship leaves everyone worried that an unstable government driving to its fall is developing weapons of mass destruction.

We can only hope that diplomatic talks will again encourage North Korea to suspend its dangerous program.



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How diverse is McDaniel College?

Rob Goeke comments on the administrations plan to create a melting pot

It is all a matter of perspective, and for the most part, your view on this issue depends on where you grew up.

Racial and cultural diversity on campus. There it is.

Yes, you have your views on this, but do not flip the page yet.

Read this with an open mind. Have the facts to back up your view.

It is one of those constant issues that can always spark discussion, wherever you are on campus.

Sure you have your views about whether there is enough of it on campus or not, but is your view accurate? Because what you see may not tell you the entire story.

Ask Marty O'Connell, the Dean of Admissions, about this and she will give you a little history.

"Fifteen years ago [at WMC/McDaniel] American minorities made up three percent of the total student body. Now, they account for sixteen percent of the student population. This increase can be credited to an institution-wide effort," said O'Connell.

This is not about where you are from; this is about where you are at.

To go from three percent to 16 in this time frame is an accomplishment.

But, that a 16 percent does not look too gaudy when compared against the 84 percent that contrasts it.

However, McDaniel is a private, liberal arts college with a student body numbering less than two thousand.

When the 16 percent is judged with in-

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situations of a relative size, perhaps these figures are not as bad as it sounds.

"This percentage [of minority students] is high for an institution of our type," said O'Connell.

So, when looked at in proportional terms, 16 percent is all right.

But this does not mean the work is done. Not by any means.

Also, things are very far from perfect.

"We are not going to represent in any way, shape or form that things [with diversity] are where they need to be" said O'Connell.

When one hears or reads quotes like this that are said by members of the administration, one should try to hold back their chastisement.

It is clear that the administration is attempting to address and combat the problem.

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But this does not make everything okay and make the problems suddenly disappear.

Because white students still so greatly

outnumber students of color on campus, minority students who come from a diverse upbringing experience a great deal of culture shock when they arrive at McDaniel.

"For students who come from a predominantly minority background, this is a tough place for them to fit into.

We [the admissions department] want to make sure that these students are aware that," said O'Connell.

All right, stop. Go back a little bit and reread what O'Connell said before.

The percentage, like she said before is high for an institution of this type, but admissions, like most students, understand that there is still not enough diversity in McDaniel's student body.

Hopefully, this is the continuation of an even longer process in making McDaniel more and more diverse.

Don't get caught up in numbers, though.

It is all about the feel one gets walking around campus: looking around and seeing the types of faces.

If something strikes you as wrong dealing with this issue, speak up.

People in high places are listening.

And, that is all we as a student body can ask for.

The bottom line is that diversity enriches life's experience.

The more students are exposed to people of different cultures, races and backgrounds, the perspective one gains on the world.

The more there is, the better off everyone is.

-Rob Goeke is a first year student at McDaniel

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. At first, 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 a 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-ble.

(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 disclaimer. This is going to be a piece about my opinion on the career path of a local or state officer, such as the Sykesville police or the State Troopers. I am not speaking to city officers, detectives, agents or any special forces unit. These groups do have pressing and dangerous work. I am also not addressing the actual people that have the job of a 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 be taken care of for life, no risks. Basically, all you need to be able to do is drive a car, and do some push ups, and boom! You'll have a job that will pay you to do whatever you're told (like most 9-5 careers), except unlike many other 9-5's, an undesired 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 and playing the role of metemorph on state highways and back roads can be quite horrifying. An officer might accidentally get his foot run over, or a truck could completely bypass the station.

After conferring 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 paper-

work from writing tickets to feed the government. In fact, they'll tell you most tickets are given out simply because an officer is bored, and it isn't training outside. Ever been pulled over while it's raining? Why do your "job" when you could possibly become uncomfortable?

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 really don't have to. They don't even have to write you 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 interstates should be punished, not myself being pulled over on a three-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 no one should get a ticket, that's crazy. But on a three-lane interstate in the middle of the day? Isn't someone 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 of-

ficer strolls up to my window after pulling me to the side of the road and asks to me as if I had done something personally to him. They speak as if I was driving with the intent to toss him off.

Seriously! I know what I am doing out there on the road; I'm nearly 21 years of age and therefore have reflexes faster than any other age group. Pull over Granny for doing 40 in a 55! She can hardly see over the wheel and has the reflexes of a three-legged turtle! That is who is going to cause an accident. And once they do, they shouldn't be allowed back on the road, just like other bad drivers that cause accidents of any age. When I do bother or hurt someone with my driving, then you can do whatever you please to me Mr. Officer.

I love when I head into the courtroom after I do receive a ticket. What the hell does being kind and courteous have to do with me 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.

After this rant, I conclude with this: If the government wants money from me other than the taxes I already pay, just kindly tell me. Stop making my insurance rates go up with the unnecessary pullovers. I'd much rather throw out an extra \$50 a month than pay an extra \$300 every three months when my bill for insurance arrives. 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.

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—Gregory D. Alles is a Professor of Religious Studies and President of the North American Association for the Study of Religion

Proof of a Media Bias: War and the Ten Commandments

In recent years, many people have suggested that a certain bias exists within national media coverage. Some people say that it's on the left while others claim that it's on the right. It is a subject that almost everybody has an opinion on and has caused great controversy whenever it is discussed.

However, lately it has been hard to dispute the fact that much of the bias is coming from left-wing elites in their plush cosmopolitan offices around the country.

Over the past few months, editorial pages ranging from the New York Times to Washington Post have been busy with two specific tasks: undermining President Bush's ability to keep the peace in post-war Iraq, and defaming former Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore in his crusade to restore the Ten Commandments to its original public display.

Iraq, we are told, is a place where the U.S. should not have gotten involved. After all, the Bush administration lied to us about the existence of weapons of mass destruction and we are only there to protect big businesses like Halliburton. In addition to that American troops are making things worse by occupying a country whose people we know very little about.

At least that's what Maureen 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 Alabama declared that he would rather lose his job than 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 left-wing bias. Sadly 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

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 the 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 Fieldhouse in Baltimore. Godsmack has been touring for over 6 months now in promotion of their new album Faceless and the number one song "Realize", but they still threw a lot of songs from previous albums into their set. The band has great stage presence and when they started playing the 8,000 people jammed into the Fieldhouse went nuts.

However, if you're looking for rock innovators or some original-

band for you. If you like to chill out at concerts, then steer clear of Godsmack. But if you like to blow off steam and jump into the mosh pit, this is the concert for you.

One unique feature of the concert is a musical interlude in which the band acknowledged some of their primary influences through a melody of several classic rock hits. This included Aerosmith's "Walk This Way," Led Zeppelin's "Moby Dick," and Tom Sawyer's "Rush." During this interlude Erna also showed off his talents as drummer playing along with the band on a specialized rotating kit.

Normally, when Godsmack plays in outdoor venues an elaborate pyrotechnics display complements the music, but it is impossible to do this indoors in a small



arena. What they lacked in flair with the stage design, they made up with energy.

At one point Erna told everyone in the arena get up, and when a few stragglers didn't comply, the lead singer verbally abused them. "Get off your asses," Erna said to a few fans sitting down to his right. Erna also, encouraged the crowd to sing along during the 1998 release, "Whatever." The crowd yelled out "go away" as part of the refrain, and Erna egged on the crowd to "get louder."

This music is not political, and there really isn't a deeper meaning. Is all about having fun, and it is a mistake to take a band like Godsmack too seriously. This is exactly what the group of McDaniel College students were looking for when they made the trek to UMBC on a Sunday night.

In fact, several students had to

show the guys at UMBC a thing or two about regulating a mosh pit.

"Youse know hows we gets down," said junior Mark Wheeler.

The opening acts for the night were Adema and Silveride. Straight out of Philadelphia, Silveride was the first to play and they gave a performance that invoked about every rock cliché in the book. They weren't all that great, but they do have a record contract, which better than a lot of other bands.

Adema came out next and did a little better. Their style is similar to Godsmack and as a result they were better able to connect with the fans. Adema enjoyed some success with their self-titled debut album a few years ago with songs like "Freaking Out," and "Giving In," and they are currently promoting "Unstable" which was released in August.

Godsmack first burst onto the music with their 1998 self-titled album that was filled with high-octane tracks. They followed up with

"Awake," in 2000, and now their most recent album "Faceless." Some critics have blasted them for a lack of originality and others say all their songs sound the same. One reviewer even said that Erna was trying to sound too much like James Hetfield of Metallica. All I have to say to those critics is, go away.

I'd also like to point out that if Godsmack can play to 8,000 at UMBC there's no reason why McDaniel can't get a similar band to play over in Gill. There's a rumor that CAPboard may try to get Good Charlotte (not that they're similar to Godsmack or even that good) for the spring, but I doubt that'll happen. Last year there was no concert on campus, and with an allotment of \$15,000 to get a band it looks like will have to settle for another Dropkick Murphys.

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POETRY CORNER

A Melody of Tears

by Brooke Bennett

A tear falls to the ground
like a shooting star in the sky
Sparking a flow of emotions
onto a page once calls a
piece of poetry
Thoughts of fear appear
on the soggy piece
That what has not happened
Will soon come
The worst was once feared by one
Times change and now the one no
longer fears

The leaves will fall
The snow will come and go
Buds will appear once again
But nobody can plan the future

I saw the tears
Of your yet sheltered face
I say your hand
Trembling in their place
I heard your pain
And I heard your cry
He was the heir of a widow
Who could not now cry

Walking Out

by Jamie Fallows

Walking out of your
room, I noticed some
things:
I can see my feet
touching the floor but
I can't feel my steps.
My arms are swing-
ing but I can't feel
myself reaching for
the doorknob.
I look back at you and
all I see is a blur.

A million thoughts are running
through my mind,
yet I can't think of anything to say
to you except that I love you
and I'm sorry.

The Garden

by Bayley Fannin

He did leave you one thing
That you will always hold dear
A sketch of a garden
Both planted last year
Then he like his father
Drew his last breath
And he like his brother
Will finally rest



A Letter to the Campus

Black Lantern Processional of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

A ceremony dating back to the early years of American education will be enacted on the campus of McDaniel College on December 6, 2003 (time unknown). It is the Black Lantern Processional of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, born in the mid-1800s at Yale university. Members march in silence in dark robes, carrying a Diogenes Lantern (the lantern is named for the kind of light carried by the Greek philosopher Diogenes in his search for an honest man). The manner of the processional is passed down from the early days at Yale when members of the fraternity marched to various student residences to announce to candidates that they had been selected for membership. The new member was placed into the line of the march, and then taken to the Fraternity's room for his meeting.

The solemn ceremony is carried out today on campuses throughout America where Alpha Sigma Phi has chapters. It is used today as a memorial for deceased brothers, to commemorate the Fraternity's founding, and to welcome new members. The brotherhood wishes to stress that this fraternity ritual has no racial overtones and is not in any way related to any supremacist organization.

The Black Lantern Processional can be viewed on December 6, when members will march from ANW to the quad between ANW and Elderidge. Those watching are asked to respect the solemnity of the ceremony.

-Matt Cline, President Alpha Sigma Phi

Health Advisory for Young College Women

ERIN ROMANSKI
Co-Editor-in-Chief

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 1997 through 1999, 1 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.

With October behind us, the deemed "breast cancer awareness month," I find it to be even more imperative to encourage my female peers not to disregard the information on this all-too-common disease.

One month out of the year is hardly enough to fully identify the severity of a disease that has affected each of us in some way, whether directly or indirectly.

My hope is not to preach to the choir, but merely to spread a good dose of reality campus-wide.

It is rather disconcerting to see the efforts

of clubs on campus, such as the Women's Issues Group, go almost unnoticed in their attempts to provide information to the rest of us through informal weekly meetings.

Those little pink ribbons when worn throughout the month of October demonstrate not only a sense of community

are alive in America today.

Every year, research and development has given us reason to hope that a cure will be found someday.

Until then, the overwhelming amount of support has helped speed the recovery process along.

For more information on breast cancer, go to nationalbreastcancer.org.

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among women, but an acknowledgment of the disease itself.

I implore you, ladies, be committed to checking yourself on a monthly basis. Those 10 minutes are hardly time-consuming.

Over 2 million breast cancer survivors are alive in America today.

ing and can spare you quite a lot of misery down the road.

This is of course not meant to scare you, but simply to inform you of the risk that is out there.

When breast cancer is found early, the five-year survival rate is 96%.

Over 2 million breast cancer survivors

Lounge.

Basically, get involved and stay informed!

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Outgoing Co-Editor-in-chief Gives Final Thoughts on the Phoenix

LEROY MCDUFFIE
Co-Editor-in-Chief

When I first began with the Phoenix during my freshman year, I quickly became the News Editor. At first, I wasn't too sure if I was ready to become a section editor during my first semester at McDaniel. Journalism is something that I've had a passion for since I was in high school, and I believed that I would make a great editor for the newspaper.

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, and trying to complete layout on a computer that always seemed to crash at the wrong times.

But at the end of layout week-end, 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 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 have another successful year with the newspaper.

When I and Erin Romanick 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 was able to get the internet in the Phoenix office.

After dozens of issues, it's now time for me and Erin to move on and seek out other opportunities.

This newspaper has been the best thing that happened to me since I came here, and I'm extremely confident that the new editors will do a fantastic job giving the McDaniel community the best newspaper possible.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to all the Phoenix staff for your hard work, and I look forward to reading plenty more great issues in the future. Goodbye.

BAILEY FANNIN
Staff Writer

Contrary to many students' strong convictions that they would never set foot on their alma mater's campus after they walked across the stage, Taijwantie Claburn, class of 2000 Western Maryland College, did not follow this decree.

Known as Tia by friends and colleague, Claburn is currently studying at the Essex Towson Physician Assistant program out of Community College of Baltimore and has begun one of her nine required rotations in McDaniel's very own Health Care Center on October 16th.

As an intern she calls patience into the examination room, takes their vitals, inquires about their illness, and if necessary does a physical.

She then goes back to the Nurse Practitioner and explains the patients' symptoms and her opinion on a diagnosis.

Living just minutes away from McDaniel and knowing that an internship at her alma mater would satisfy one of her rotations, Claburn could not resist the familiarity of the people and atmosphere.

"I feel like I relate to this popu-

lation because these kids have the same illnesses and problems that I did. It makes the job more personal," Claburn reflects.

Graduating Phi Beta Kappa, highest honors, Claburn's dream was a direct Medical School track.

But by her junior and senior year of college the narrow road she was admirably pursuing changed.

She was burnt out by the intensity of the material and could not imagine attending another four years of school for a medical degree.

Claburn began researching other options open to her when Dr. Michel Brown, professor of Biology, suggested Physicians Assistant School.

"I think the science department here gave me such a strong foundation for where I needed to be. PA School just built on that grounding," Claburn reflects about her years at McDaniel.

Claburn has obtained a variety of information from a vast number of different spectrums of the Medical field.

This internship satisfied a community medicine rotation.

Her other rotations include medicine, family practice, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology,

and surgery, as well as one elective.

"One day you could be working in the ER and the next in Maternity. You don't have that kind of diversity being an MD," Claburn explains.

Physician Assistants are able to practice in all fifty states with the help of a Physician.

The premise of a PA emerged from the idea that some of the work a Physician does can be done by another health care professional who is equally competent, but who does not hold an MD.

Although PA's have been in existence for over 40 years, Claburn and her colleagues feel the pressure of being a part of a job that is not yet universally established.

"We are not as accepted as we should be in our community," Claburn remarks.

Eventually Claburn wants to take on a leadership role within a practice as an administrator, but until that time she deems traveling her biggest interest besides her work.

Claburn finished her rotation at McDaniel on November 20th.

She says she feels like she interacted well with the students and in turn they accepted her.

Tupac Resurrection Soundtrack Lives Up To its Title

CHRISTIANNA BAGBY
Senior Writer

Even from the grave, the very controversial rap artist, actor and poet, Tupac Shakur, in the release of his latest album *Tupac Resurrection* has once again managed to grace his listeners with his powerful words.

The album was created as a soundtrack to the newly released documentary, also entitled *Tupac Resurrection*. Both the movie and the album were produced by Tupac's mother, Afeni Shakur, as a tribute to the life and premature death of her son. According to both *The Hollywood Reporter* and *MTV* news, the main intentions in the actual creation of the documentary and the album were to let Tupac tell his own life story in his own words (through interviews and unfinished songs written by Tupac). The *Tupac Resurrection* soundtrack proves to accomplish exactly that.

But before one can truly appreciate the masterful artistry of this soundtrack, it is first imperative to know the complexity behind the man. The trials and tribulations that seemed to shadow Tupac's entire 25 years on this earth were no secret to those who followed his music, nor were they a surprise to Tupac himself. Tupac's life appeared to play out in the public eye as

though it actually was that of a movie script, that unfortunately ends in tragedy.

Tupac was a born rebel. According to the *Tupac* fan club website, Tupac was born, Lesane Parish Crooks, June 16, 1971 in Brooklyn, N.Y. It was his mother, Afeni, a then prominent Black Panther avocet and crack addict, who changed then, Lesane's name to Tupac Amar after an Incan Indian revolutionary, when he was a small child. The name *Tupac Amar* means *Shining Serpen*, where as *Shakur* means *Thankful To Go in Arabie*.

Tupac grew up moving from homeless shelter to homeless shelter. At age 15, he began to write lyrics and poetry about the tough life that he lived growing up in the ghetto, as well as expressing the strong political views embedded in his mothers influence.

From age 20, up until the time of his murder, on September 13, 1996, Tupac amazed the public with his stunning lyrics of both passion and compassion, while he lived a helter-skelter life style that erupted into an east-coast versus west-coast gangsta rap rivalry that is credited to the cause of his demise.

It was during this time, prior to his death, that the public watched Tupac get arrested eight times and sentenced to eight months in prison

after being convicted of sexual abuse. According to the fan club website, he also became the subject of two wrongful-death lawsuits.

In November 1994, Tupac was shot five times during a robbery where the robbers managed to grab \$40,000 worth of his jewelry. The public watched his recovery intensely as Tupac survived the near fatal gunshot wounds. It was then that Tupac created and released one of his most artistic and successful albums to date *Me Against the World*. At this point he had already experienced success with his albums *2Pacalypse Now* and *Strictly by My N.I.G.G.A.Z*.

Tupac went on to experience even more success with the release of his album *All Eyez on Me* which sold more than 5 million copies.

Tupac listeners fell in love with his music simply for the fact that—he spoke the words of living a truthful life his true experience of being an African American male growing up in the ghetto while living in american society, unlike some other rappers today, who dot actually live the experience that they rap about. Despite this fact, Tupac also managed to show compassion towards the African American female experience as well. He did this with his two hit singles *Brenda's Got a Bad, and Keep your head up*

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 *Juice*, *Gridlock*, and *Above the Rim*. He also had a leading role in the movie *Poetic Justice* starring opposite of Janet Jackson.

Despite all of his successes, unfortunately, it were 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 was the label that housed, also rap and hip-hop powerhouses, Sean (then *Puff*) *Powers* and the Notorious *B.I.G.* It 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 Notorious *B.I.G.*

The Washington Post reported *The 25-year-old rap star (Tupac)* was shot as he and *MarioSug Knight*, chairman of *Death Row Records*, *Shakus* label, were on their way to a nightclub about 11:15 p.m. after watching the

Mike Tyson-Bruce Seldon heavyweight title fight at the MGM Grand Hotel, police said. *Tupac* later died in the hospital of his gunshot wounds.

Today, the likes of *Tupac* have been compared to that *Elvis Presley*. His energy, spirit, and memory are still believed by many to live on through his music. *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 unfinished songs were re-mixed and finished by some of today's most popular and controversial artists in their own right.

Such artists that appear on the album are rappers *Eminem* and *50 Cent*. Both *Eminem* and *50 Cent* provide the record with its most masterful beats in the songs *One Day At A Time* (*Runni*) (which depicts the east-coast vs. west-coast rivalry, and actually features the Notorious *B.I.G.*), and *The Realist Killaz*. These songs, along with many others allow the *Tupac Resurrection* soundtrack must buy status.

A Taste of Japan Comes to Westminster

BAILEY FANNIN
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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

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

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.

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 entree an 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

the real cooking show begins.

Though this is not a typical food preparation, many of these chefs make an art of cooking food and usually have fun with the table by involving them in the preparation.

From making a musical chorus with the utensils! to throwing food around the table, it is truly more of a show than simply a meal.

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.

It is one of the only elegant restaurants in our vicinity with an atmosphere and a menu that could impress even the most ruthless critics.

Jet-Setting: Croatia

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Senior Writer

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 Roman 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 rockets 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 tile 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 biggest 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 215m (705ft) by 180m (590ft) 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\$4-8, a mid-range one around US\$8-20, 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 study on the Budapest campus, and take the six-hour car drive to the Adriatic sea.

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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."

-Britany 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. I feel clueless when they talk to me."

-Helene Var Eecke '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 Zorn '04

Drug and Alcohol Restrictions

KELLY FRIEDMAN
Staff Writer

Finally, what all teenagers wait 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 popu-

lar 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.

"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."

Michael Webster, Director of Campus Safety says he believes that drug abuse at the school has decreased since he began working at McDaniel College.

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 happen less often than it does now she says.

The night shift at the Campus Safety Department is the most

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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The Betterfan- McDaniel's Own PTI Column

By: Walter Zalis, *Sports Writer*
& Ryan Brod, *Sports Editor*

Sigh... the final issue of the semester. Looks like we gotta cover ground all the way till February with this edition of The Better Fan.

That means, we must answer the question... who is going to be Super Bowl champions come January??

Zalis: How about starting with some of the more disappointing teams in the NFL this year? The Buccaneers definitely qualify. The world champions that were expected to have an excellent chance at repeating are now a dismal 4-6. On paper, this is still a good team.

They have been playing well on both sides of the ball; they're just not converting when it counts.

Brad Johnson is having an excellent season thus far, with nearly 2500 passing yards. He also has 19 touchdown passes, the same as Colts QB Peyton Manning.

However, the running game has definitely slid. Not only that, but the defense has gotten cocky, and lost that swagger it had last season. Guys like John Lynch not being 100% may be a part of that.

This team has what it takes, it just needs to focus.

Brod: I like their move to get rid of Johnson, even though it was midseason and attracted a lot of media attention.

He was a real cancer to the team and I think the mentality in the locker room will

be greatly improved in his absence.

Their defense is not what it used to be and it's hard putting a finger on why they're playing so poorly.

I agree that Lynch is a real leader on the defensive side of the ball. When he's not 100%, the defense is going to suffer.

Zalis: Oakland is also having a horrible time. In my estimation, age has finally caught up to half its roster.

Before Gannon was injured, he wasn't even playing well.

Receivers Jerry Rice and Time Brown should both be thinking about the "R" word.

Add to that, the injury to Charlie Garner, eliminating therrunning game, and a defense that wasn't even that good last season, and you've got a last place team.

Brod: I have to disagree with the age factor. One season ago this team was a powerhouse, making it to the Super Bowl. The team is getting up their in age, but one season is not going to turn things around this much.

Their lack of success has to do with the vast amount of injuries the team has sustained.

Although Rice and Brown are old, they have superior experience and knowledge of the game, and their physical ability is still on par with many of the league's receivers

Zalis: My pick for best QB thus far this season has to be Steve McNair of the Titans. Look at his thrown touchdowns compared to his interceptions. 16 touchdowns vs. 4 int's.

That's the best in football. He can rush the ball too, for he has over 100 rushing yards for three more touchdowns. He is the heart of a team that has no running game, a team that has the potential to win it all this year... on his shoulders.

Brod: I have a hard time disagreeing with that. (Isn't the idea of this column to disagree on everything?)

Although my boy Tom Brady has things rolling up in New England, the consistency and versatility of McNair this year cannot go without mention.

Zalis: Speaking of picks, who is gonna win the super bowl?? If the season were to end today, the top seed in the NFC would be the Carolina Panthers, while the AFC would be represented by the Kansas City Chiefs.

However, these teams will not make it to the super bowl.

The Chiefs have the best record, but they also have the easiest schedule.

The super bowl will be won by an AFC team, the Titans, the Colts, or the Patriots. NFC contenders for the super bowl would be either the Eagles or the Rams, but they cannot win against the AFC's elite.

In the end, if Marvin Harrison returns healthy, the Colts may have what it takes to win it all.

Edgerrin James is back and healthy, Peyton Manning is having one hell of a season, and the defense has finally picked up the slack.

Brod: Like I've said before, I think the

Carolina Panthers are going to surprise people in the playoffs.

Stephen Davis is the truth (Washington should be kicking themselves for letting this guy go) and no defense has been able to keep him in check.

In the AFC, I like the Patriots, with their solid defense and experience under center. Brady has proven that he can win the big games under pressure, and their kicker is Mr. Clutch. I'll take the Pats in the Super Bowl, 24-21.

Zalis: BIG FINISH- To wrap it all up: Bonds and A-rod deserved the MVP awards (especially when A-rod has been deserving it). Lebron James is having a season that everyone expected him to have (but he'll be awesome in a few years), and yeah, sure, Bill Parcells did change the face of the Dallas Cowboys (but they won't go anywhere in the playoffs).

Brod: Yah, Bonds and A-Rod were the best players in their respective league.

The real question is where Rodriguez will be playing next season?

Peter Gammons reported their's a 50% chance that he could be in Boston, while other reports say he'll be playing for the Mets.

My guess?

I think A-Rod will be back in Texas, a star player for one of the worst teams in baseball.

I've been impressed with Lebron James' play, not that I expected anything worse.

But no matter how "awesome" he becomes, he's never going to win in Cleveland.

Davey Blake: The Unknown Coach on the Hill

Samuel J.M. Boardman
Staff Writer

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 champion, a wrestlingusa.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 at the Wrestling Hall of Fame's Honors Weekend each summer.

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 WMC, and was inducted into the Maryland Public Secondary School Athletic Association's Hall of Fame for Wrestling 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 what he is capable of and they know that he is just 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.

"That 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 that he is a good teacher, and that "Coaching just feels natural."

One of most surprising things about Blake was 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 proved to be a good community and I like the fact that Jamie Smith knows whom his athletes are as opposed to the AD's at most D-I 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 he has intricate 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 conduct individual workouts with all the wrestlers, and will work on technique.

Blake will also help Gardner and his other assistant, Dan Pfeiffer, out 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 a wrestler was when 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.

Fellow junior Harry Kettner had 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 is easier to talk to and listen to because he is a peer, rather than an elder.

Finally when asked how much it will help to have a coach who has wrestled for the college, Kettner said "tons 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 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?

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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 only the 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 215 runners with a 8k (5 mile) time of 26:26.1.

"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 the workouts and long-runs I did during the season."

Hugus, a Baltimore native and dual Mathematics/Econ Major, qualified for National's earlier this month with a 6th place finish in a field of 249 runners at the NCAA Midwest

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

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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."

teammates of Hugus notice and appreciate his work ethic and drive to accomplish personal goals.

Track team member Joe Palkovic, who trains with the cross-country team in practice, said that Hugus shows definite commitment to the sport.

"As far as practice goes, he is the type who says 'Let's do a hard workout' when its pouring and freezing outside and nobody else wants to do anything," said Palkovic.

And Hugus is quick to acknowledge the importance of his teammates, who he says push him to finish workouts and maintain a positive outlook.

Hugus admits that although his cross-country buddies organized an intramural basketball team (before Nationals), he had to ignore their "best persuasive efforts" so he could remain healthy.

When he's not in his 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.

Sports Trivia Answers:

1) Kansas City Chiefs

2) Manute Bol

3) The Detroit Pistons

4) Mark McGwire

5.) Georgetown

6) Green Bay (NFL) & Kansas City (AFL)

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 "Punkd." (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 so 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 reached 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 a 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 of 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, 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



AP Photo
Keyshawn Johnson was deactivated by the defending Super Bowl champs.

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.

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