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Senior Holly Armacost, representing the Christian Fellowship, helps the freshmen guys move into Rouzer.



The transition to college life starts at Whiteford.



Sophomore Jason Stambaugh can handle anything, including a box of school supplies.

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Reports Indicate Enrollment Dip

BRIAN PATTERSON
CO EDITOR

Enrollment of new students at McDaniel College dipped by 20 percent this year after a record number of students came to the Hill last Fall.

Final enrollment numbers had not been released by the admissions office, but according to statistics released to *The Baltimore Sun*, 420 new students arrived at the college when orientation began on August 28.

"Based on our all of the historical data we had, it looked like we could expect another banner year," said President Joan Develin Coley. "Our application and acceptance numbers mirrored last year, which was the largest class in the history of the college, but our yield rate was lower."

The school uses many factors such as the number of prospective students, number of campus visitors, and the number of early applications received to project new

student enrollment.

"As the enrollment numbers are still changing for the fall semester, I cannot provide an actual comparison of this year's numbers to last year at this time," said Jill Morsberger, Associate Director of Admissions.

Numbers from last year were available in an August 2003 news article on the school's website. The article stated that last year the new class was made up of 455 first year students and 70 transfer students.

McDaniel is not the only school feeling the pinch when it comes to enrollment. Other institutions, including other Centennial Conference schools like Johns Hopkins, are also experiencing dips in enrollment.

According to a July 2 issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, which was quoted by both Coley and the admissions office, schools nationwide are having trouble accurately projecting enrollment because

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Student lives Shakespearean dream

SHELLY HORN
STAFF WRITER

McDaniel students pass bulletin boards every day. Some read what's posted on them, some don't.

When McDaniel senior Chava Roth, an English major, passed a bulletin last spring advertising a summer semester in Cambridge she said, "I have to do this!"

She enthusiastically presented the idea to her parents who not only encouraged her to enroll, but also helped her map out a European tour both before and after the semester.

Accompanied by her mother, Betty Roth, Chava flew into Dublin, Ireland. The two toured Scotland, England, and Ireland over the next couple weeks.

Though Chava admits that she "fell in love with both Cambridge and London," for reasons which she enumerates, she also lists Dublin as a personal favorite.

"I can't place why exactly," said Chava. "Dublin just has an undeniable spirit in the air, the people, the buildings, and the streets."

Two weeks later, Chava began her three-week semester studying Shakespeare at the University of Cambridge, one of the oldest universities in the world. She attended two intensive classes that she recalls as "fascinating."

"Both of my classes seem positively thrilling, and we have the most tempting lineup for our guest lecture

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Photo courtesy of Chava Roth

Senior Chava Roth takes some time to hang out with Don Quixote and Sancho Panza while visiting Madrid.

Lighter Fare

KATIE MARTIN AND BRIAN PATTERSON
CO EDITORS

The ink isn't dry on most of our add/drop forms, but the first issue of *The McDaniel Free Press* is out with light fare this week.

Today's paper offers only a glimpse of what is typically offered because we wanted the staff to be able to unpack a few boxes before we dumped assignments and deadlines in their laps.

The next issues will be back to the standard (awesome) eight to 12 pages of

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Falkner boards 'moving train'

KATIE MARTIN
CO EDITOR

McDaniel College recently hired a new Provost and Dean of Faculty. He is a former newspaper delivery boy and door-to-door encyclopedia salesman. He also used to work at a drive-in movie refreshment stand and as a paint vat cleaner.

Luckily, Dr. Thomas Falkner is thoroughly experienced and knowledgeable about higher education as well, according to President Joan Develin Coley, who offered Falkner a contract last March after an extended six

month search process.

"He...brings a wealth of ideas to the faculty and students of McDaniel," Coley said.

Falkner is formerly from Ohio, where he served as the Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs at the College of Wooster. He was quickly introduced to life at McDaniel when he moved into a college-owned rental house on West Main Street this summer.

"Being here is like trying to get on board a moving train," Falkner explained.

As a chief academic officer, Falkner works with various individuals and commit-

tees on a daily basis to fulfill his dedication to keeping academics central at McDaniel.

Falkner is involved with the curriculum review of general education requirements, and has already worked with faculty to develop a major in Environmental Policy and Science January 1, 2005.

Falkner is a "Renaissance man," Coley noted. He is interested in numerous areas, including Rock 'n' Roll. He has an addiction to the New York Times and enthusiasm for the classics, which he will share in the classroom.

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Roth spends summer in Cambridge

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series," Chava e-mailed to family and friends on her second day in classes.

She added in amazement that the Othello class was cancelled that day because the professor "had been invited to tea with the Queen at Buckingham Palace."

Even a simple walk from the dorm to city center takes on a magic of its own.

"It's so peaceful, nearly always devoid of people as a result of being closed to the general public," Chava explained.

"[It [the walk] starts out winding through a small wood,

then crosses a bridge and opens up to a vast green surrounded by the buildings of Kings College and dominated, of course, by the majestic Kings College chapel."

The Cambridge semester ended and Chava and her father, Bruce Roth, toured Barcelona and Madrid, Spain to cap off Chava's European summer.

Bruce enjoyed starting his days with a "café con leche" and Chava was enamored with Spain's "mercados," or markets, where incredibly fresh fruit and vegetables are sold.

She and her father experienced a cultural hiccup in



Roth spent three weeks studying at Kings College (above) reading Othello and other works by Shakespeare. She also found time to tour other sites all over Europe (left).



Photos courtesy of Chava Roth

Madrid as entire families went out to eat dinner at around 10:30 p.m. and the night life activities ran from about 11:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m.

"It's great fun once one gets used to it," Chava wrote

from Madrid.

After months spent ferrying across the Irish Sea, touring the Lake District hills and viewing statues in Madrid, Chava has no doubt she wants to return.

She hopes to return to Cambridge - that "truly magical place" - and ultimately, somewhere, be a college English professor.

New Provost is a 'Renaissance man'



Falkner Photo

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"I love to teach," said Falkner, whose class "Why was Socrates Tried?" was recently approved for Jan Term 2005. "I want to get to know McDaniel

Students as they need to be known - as students."

Falkner said he will encourage additional faculty members to teach students on campus and abroad during Jan Term.

Falkner also hopes to increase the number of students involved with McDaniel's Budapest campus, calling it the "jewel and crown" of study abroad opportunities.

Traveling is one of Falkner's own hobbies, and since 1980 he has taken students on summer study abroad trips. They often journey to Greece, which he calls

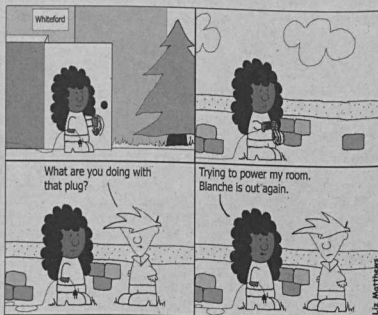
his own "spiritual homeland." On his wall hangs a print from the play "Medea" by Euripides, which Falkner saw performed in Athens.

While unable to travel abroad this summer, Falkner did attend a conference about promoting faculty and student research in late June with hundreds of other college administrators.

"Every day that goes by, I learn another reason to be happy that we hired Provost Falkner," Coley said.

Falkner replaced Dr. Samuel Case, who retired to pursue academic interests.

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"a growing number of students apply to college each year, and more of them submit applications to multiple institutions."

"This year, schools nationwide are having prob-

Enrollment Numbers by Year

| Year | 1st Year Students | Transfers | Total |
|------|-------------------|-----------|-------|
| 2003 | 455 | 70 | 525 |
| 2004 | 361 | 59 | 420 |

lems projecting enrollment," said Coley. "No one made a big mistake. Like many other colleges, and the Chronicle

article explains, our projection for enrollment did not bear out."

The admissions office is currently implementing new initiatives to be able to give a more accurate picture of expected enrollment in future years.

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2004 Presidential pick: Vote with your heart and head

ROB GOEKE
NEWS EDITOR

When one hates something with all the emotional intensity they can muster, the results benefit no one. I experienced the pit-

falls of this detrimental emotion with something meaningless. Over the past five years, I have loathed the Los Angeles Lakers with every fiber of my being. After growing up in the same city as the Bulls during their glorious run, to see an aloof malcontent compared to my childhood hero and the coach of that dynasty defect and go Hollywood was too much for me to tolerate.

So I watched their games religiously, praying they would lose. When they won championships, frustration overtook me.

But last year and this past summer, when they were beaten, I had a pit in my stomach, an emptiness. The object with which I had thrown so much hatred into was gone; I no longer had a foil.

Basketball is such an inconsequential thing. If I threw so much emotion into that, imagine the emotions involved in politics right now. Both sides

of the political spectrum have clear foils in preparation for the November election.

There were 500,000 people walking the streets of New York the day before the Republican National Convention replete with these emotions of anger.

Ideally, the political process should be accompanied with notions of citizenship, love for one's country and a measured, tolerant debate about what is best for the future of this nation.

For the 2004 election, and hopefully not for many more to come, anger and disgust are the guiding causes of debate. Bipartisanship and logic are far from either the Bush or Kerry campaign's rhetoric.

Walking the streets of Washington, D.C. this summer, one would hear the phrase "Would you like to help elect George Bush?" uttered by Democratic party volunteers on the streets. The words "Would you like to help elect Senator Kerry?" never was audible.

Then, at the Republican National Convention, the priority was not to lift up Bush's leadership, but to knock Kerry down.

"For more than 20 years, on every one of the great issues of freedom and security, John Kerry has been more wrong, more weak and more wobbly than any other national figure," said Senator

Zell Miller during his speech berating Kerry.

Especially for liberals, the hatred of the foil outweighs the love for the hero. But for both sides, the possibility of keeping someone out of office is enough to get them to vote for the alternative.

The summer of 2004 saw muckraking of historical proportions. Moveon.org and ACT spewing fire from one side and the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth coming from the other. The candidates themselves threw fuel on the fire, worrying more about the missteps of their opponent rather than their own accomplishments.

And with seven weeks until November, there is no end in sight. Citizens have a civic duty to vote for the candidate they want to be president, not against the one they do not want.

In George F. Will's estimation, American politics have become European-styled, with two homogeneous parties. If this is true, and with Iraq policy, it is, then it comes down to liking the candidate himself.

Each candidate has their benefits and problems, but voting for the man you like best instead of against the one you like least will lead to the most satisfactory result.

So vote with heart and head November 2nd. Vote for who you want to lead. Everyone will be better off.



60 Seconds

AURORA ROCKMAN
STAFF WRITER

What's the craziest thing you've ever done that was totally legal?



Skydiving. ~ Katie Chilson, sophomore

Jumped out of an airplane with eighty pounds of equipment at night, scared to death that I'd walk away from it and have to do it again. ~T.C. Kalar, senior



Got totally obliterated and dressed up like a ho. ~ Caitlin Burns, senior



Taking the Do Not Disturb signs off of hotel doors and hiding them in a baby carriage. ~ Eric Danforth, freshman



Two friends of mine and I had the idea to walk around Germany sixty or seventy miles only to drink a Coke and then walk back, without money, without I.D., without anything. ~ Benedikt Niesen, freshman



I had a rubber chicken in my boss' room. ~ Beth Coombs, Faculty/staff

First calm, then the storm

MELISSA GALLO
COMMENTARY EDITOR

If it wasn't obvious from the nervous smiles and nametags, the tearful parents and piles of duct tape boxes were a dead

giveaway: the Class of 2008 arrived August 26th, eager to begin year of studies, self-discovery, and sleeping at inappropriate times.

Before they could even open a textbook, though, McDaniel had another surprise for them: Orientation 2004.

The four day extravaganza of fun began with the new students moving in, assisted by a variety of upperclassmen. Various programs for students, siblings, and parents filled the rest of the afternoon, culminating in the traditional Introduction Convocation and President's Reception. Later that night, the freshman enjoyed a pizza party sponsored

by the ROTC and SGA.

Math, English, and foreign language testing kicked off Friday, followed by the first class most of the freshman would ever attend. A program, designed to assist first year students through this tumultuous time, preceded a video dance party.

Saturday allowed students a little more freedom, offering them many options in the morning, including the chance to venture into exciting Westminster. Many of the college sports teams scrimmaged that afternoon, which led into a picnic at the Caboose. That evening, following a presentation on sexual assault, the freshman enjoyed a visit to Four Seasons Sports Complex.

Sunday, acting as the calm before the storm of actual college life, included informational meetings about the honor code, computers on campus, tours of campus, and the honors program.

Of course, the highlight of orientation (and, for upperclassmen, the highlight of returning) came Sunday evening in the form of

Choices, which was as spectacular as ever.

While most students enjoyed the majority of orientation, there were a few complaints. Many agreed that it was too long, with too many activities jammed in.

"Especially on the first day, which was my last day with my family, I would have appreciated more time to just breathe," said freshman Rachel Oxman. She confessed to feeling overwhelmed, from both the lack of personal time and the number of things to attend.

However, all students seemed to especially enjoy Choices, Faces of America, Happy Hour, and the peer mentor groups. As the year progresses, many freshman will forget the heat, the commotion, and the occasional boredom of orientation, taking only with them the good moments: meeting new friends, learning the ins and outs of McDaniel, or being pelted with condoms at Choices.

The first surprise being the food.



Green Terror SPORTS

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'Back to Virginia!'

Football beats Bridgewater 14-11 in season opener

PAT O'TOOLE
SPORTS EDITOR

He knew what he had to do. This was his chance to secure a win for his team, a win that had been in the making since the clock ran down on the football team's final game last season. This was his opportunity to "Beat Bridgewater"; to bring truth to the slogan that had been so much a part of his team's motivation over the preceding months.

"Just catch it and hold onto it," he would later admit to thinking.

Even with the outcome of the game in the balance, junior linebacker Joe Giusti maintained enough focus to intercept the pass from Bridgewater quarterback Brandon Wakefield. As Giusti thundered down the field, ball in hand, there was a sudden realization of the goal that had for so long been instilled into and embraced by the members of the Green Terror football team. They had beat the team ranked 7th in the nation, 14-11.

"It'll take me a little while to digest... I'm kind of numb right now," head coach Tim Keating said immediately following the game.

Giusti's immaculate interception was a complete shock to those on the field and in the audience alike. With McDaniel leading by 3, Wakefield completed a 33-yard pass and was on McDaniel's 7 yard line with less than a minute remaining in the game.

It seemed Bridgewater could run a few quick plays and either find the end zone or tie

the game with a field goal. On first down, however, Wakefield dropped back and was immediately hit by junior defensive lineman Brett Rough. With no timeouts and little time, Wakefield threw the ball rather than accepting the sack.

As Giusti intercepted the ball and took off downfield, the agony was apparent on the faces of Bridgewater's bewildered players.

The victory over the Eagles was McDaniel's first since 1999. Despite playing in separate conferences, the two teams have formed a bitter rivalry as a result of heated games with close finishes.

In the first quarter, Bridgewater entered McDaniel's side of the field twice, venturing as far as the 33-yard line. However, the Terror defense thwarted all scoring attempts.

The theme of the Terror defense bending but rarely breaking was consistent throughout the afternoon. Bridgewater possessed the ball for a total of 34 minutes and 44 seconds, encroaching upon McDaniel's side of the field 7 times, and yet the Eagles ended the game with only a touchdown, a 2-pt. conversion and a field goal.

"They did a great job," defensive coordinator Brad Fordyce said. "The kids really won the game... It wasn't because of anything I did as a coach - it was the players."

Senior linebacker Chris



Photo courtesy of The Carroll County Times/Chris Ammann

Currence and sophomore defensive back Drew Abbamonte led the team with 14 and 12 tackles respectively. Junior linebacker Jay Scott had an interception and broke up another pass attempt in the game.

The defensive players proved that they could work well together and keep their heads even after giving up big plays.

"We're definitely gelling together," Scott said. "It's on love. 'D-Block.' That's what we are. We're a family - one cohesive unit."

In the second quarter, a long drive began at the Terror 18 and ended with a 22-yard pass from sophomore quarterback Brad Baer to junior receiver John Green for a touchdown.

At the beginning of the second half, sophomore Colin Nelson returned Bridgewater's kickoff 46 yards, and McDaniel started

its drive Eagles' 37-yard line. On the first play, Baer threw an accurate well-timed pass to junior receiver Jamie Unger for a touchdown, giving the Terror a 14-0 lead.

Bridgewater responded on the following possession by advancing to the McDaniel 22-yard line, but the defense held the Eagles to a field goal.

After a three-and-out for the Terror, Bridgewater took over again at its own 28, drove down the field, and scored on a 12-yard touchdown run by tailback Marcus Washington. A 2-pt. conversion made the score 14-11.

The teams exchanged possessions, breaking into each other's territory, but scored no additional points before Giusti secured McDaniel's victory.

The unsung hero of the game was Terror junior punter Corey Allen. Allen averaged 43.1 yards per punt,

including punts of 54 and 50 yards.

Brad Baer finished the game at 9 of 15 for 125 yards passing, with no interceptions. He also picked up a team-high net of 35 yards on the ground, often producing big runs when the team needed them most.

Junior running back Broderick Maybank picked up a net of 47 rushing yards, senior receiver Donnie White caught 3 passes for 32 yards, and Green ended with 2 receptions for 31 yards and a touchdown.

Celebrations are over, as the team will face Christopher Newport this Saturday, but the feeling of accomplishment will last for at least another year.

"It's definitely been a blessing to finally beat Bridgewater and get that monkey off of our backs," Scott said.

And now the goal has become to perpetuate this blessing as long as possible.

"It feels great, we just gotta build on it," Giusti said.



Photo courtesy of The Carroll County Times/Chris Ammann

Sports Round Up

Women's Soccer (1-1, 0-0)

9/3: 3-0 victory over Shepherd, 9/4: 0-1 OT loss to Eastern Mennonite

Field Hockey (2-0, 0-0)

9/1: 6-0 victory over Notre Dame, 9/4: 2-0 victory over Elizabethtown

Men's Soccer (2-1, 0-0)

9/1: 8-1 victory over Lancaster Bible, 9/4: 0-1 loss to Rutgers-Camden, 9/5: 4-0 victory over Rutgers-Newark

Volleyball (0-2, 0-0)

9/1: 0-3 loss to York, 9/4: 0-3 loss to Rowan

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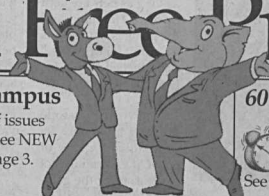
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Students 'buy in' on poker fever

LEON MACH
STAFF WRITER

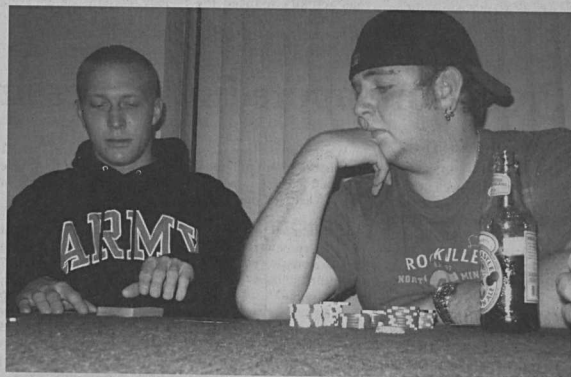
With television exposing the world to the high risk game of No Limit Texas Hold'em, the popularity of card games, especially poker, have become contagious; spreading with Michael Phelps-like speed.

Fortunately there is a readily available cure: consistent play. At least that is the logic behind senior football standouts Adam Dayton, Andy Lee, and Donnie White who house a card game multiple times a week at their North Village apartment.

A typical card contest in North Village 193, begins with its occupants sending a slew of text messages to possible players briefly expressing their interest in a game.

Before the five by ten oval table is even set up, eager students swarm the kitchen like seagulls to an unattended cup of french fries on the boardwalk.

The play poker chips clink together as they are distributed, creating a distinct sound that signals the start of play. Students wear sunglasses and hats pulled down low over their eyes to create the perfect artificial poker face.



BRIAN PATTERSON

Several McDaniel students check out the hands they were dealt in a poker game in a Garden Apartment.

Others do not go to such extremes, but one certainty is that when the cards are dealt, the smiles diminish and its time for business. This scene persists for hours and games have been known to go on until 6 a.m. before a big money winner is crowned.

"It's not a bad hobby that can earn you 150 bucks in a night, even if I lose \$20 dollars and get to play cards

for two hours, it is still a fun time hanging out with my friends," said Dayton, who enjoys the game so much that he spent an entire Sunday afternoon constructing a sleek black felt table comparable to the ones used by the Pros at the Horseshoe in Vegas.

How is it that poker, a game older than this college, is replacing various technology based leisure activities that were so prevalent at this

time last fall?

"The adrenaline associated with having money on the line while trying to be strategic and outsmart your opponents can't be compared to any video game," said White as he effortlessly shuffles a deck of red Pinnacle playing cards.

Students all over campus are putting down their joy-sticks, exiting their stuffy dorm

[See "Poker" on page 2]



Senior Mandy Gill donates a kidney.



A grandfatherly figure is one of two dozen life size character sculptures on display in Petersen Hall.



Sophomores Beth Meade and Melanie Socco invite you into their stylish, yet organized McDaniel crib.

Devoted English Professor tried for charges of DWI

KATIE MARTIN
CO-EDITOR

It is hard to imagine how a McDaniel professor facing a possible jail sentence for a DWI arrest last spring sees this time as a "season of blessing."

Dr. Robert Sapura, an English and Communications professor, was charged on the evening of May 24 with driving, or attempting to drive, a vehicle while impaired by alcohol. Sapora was also charged with negligent driving, according to Traffic System Citation Information acquired through the District Court of Maryland.

Sapura, 60, was scheduled to stand trial Wednesday, Sept. 22. He said he expected to serve some jail time.

According to prosecutor Edward Coyne, the Assistant

State's Attorney for District Court in Carroll County, drunk driving charges carry a maximum sentence of one year in jail for a first offense and up to three years for a second offense. Coyne would not provide specific information before the trial regarding the sentence Sapora faces.

In preparation for a brief hiatus from teaching, Sapora informed students of his possible absence on Tuesday, Sept. 21.

"Qualified colleagues in every subject have kindly agreed to fill in until I get back," Sapora said. "I'm just filled with joy that I'm sober and as sane as I'm going to get."

He regrets inconveniencing those who offered to

help, and hopes the judge suspends his sentence just "to minimize the wear and tear" on his family and friends. He said that he has stopped drinking since the arrest.

McDaniel College President, Joan Develin Coley, was unavailable for comment. English Department Chair Dr. LeRoy Panek, and other members of the English Department were also unavailable for comment.

On May 24, Sapora was returning home from downtown Westminster when his Chevy S10 pickup collided with what he described as a 4-ton dump truck hauling an excavation machine at the intersection of Route 97 South

[See "DWI Charges" on page 2]

Nothing mundane about Sapora's teaching style

ROB GOEKE
NEWS EDITOR

For years, on the first day of each semester, Dr. Robert Sapora has reenacted being born. He is animated, entertaining, and quick to relate the comic scene to the class he is teaching.

His unique teaching style has earned high praise from students since he joined McDaniel's faculty in 1971.

"He makes normally mundane topics interesting with his presentation in class. And he plays cool instruments," said sophomore Wes



SAPORA

Fraser, a student who has had Sapora in class for two consecutive semesters.

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Texas Hold'em a 'healthy outlet' for students



BRIAN PATTERSON

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rooms and joining the new poker community. There is at least one game every night on The Hill with buy ins ranging anywhere from Animal Crackers to fifty dollars.

"It's a healthy social outlet for students as long as bets are kept below a Hamilton and the game is not used as a conduit for drinking," said Mitchell Alexander, Director of College Activities.

"While some drinking invariably accompanies a game of poker, it is certainly not the reason for the gathering," said Nick Hall, a sophomore goalie on the men's soccer team. Hall contends that his recently acquired Hold'em addiction has actually reduced the amount of alcohol he consumes in an average week.

The poker fervor on

McDaniel's campus parallels pokers popularity nationwide. ESPN estimates that 50 to 80 million Americans now play poker. This soar in participants might have something to do with the famous sport network displaying a bottom line ticker that reads viewers 20 hours in advance of the Tuesday night World Series of Pokers main events.

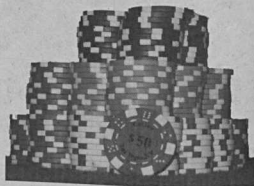
This televised event displays big name card sharks such as Chris MoneyMaker, Phil Hellmuth, and Doyle Brunson in the same room as celebrities Ben Affleck and Toby McGuire battling Wild West style for a cool \$5 million dollars.

Despite the game's un-

deniable popularity, it is not raising the eyebrows of everyone on campus. Dr. Philip Sayre, Dean of Student Affairs, has been around this campus long enough to see many card games rise in popularity and then disappear.

He said he thinks that the new Hold'em craze is a trend that will soon dissipate like Bridge in his college days.

Meanwhile, students are anteing in all over campus. Some are winning and others losing. Most are men, but some are women.



"I enjoy the game so much because on any given night I have just as good of a chance at winning as any guy," said senior Beth Rudolf.

"The game is an up and down rollercoaster of wins and losses" said White, "but the good nights just always seem to make up for the bad."

Professor Sapora finds 'blessing' in DWI charges

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and Route 32. He said his blood alcohol content was high.

"The only thing I remember after the collision was looking through the windshield, which was completely shattered," Sapora said. His vehicle was totaled.

After being flown out by helicopter, he spent the night in the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, suffering from lacerations and other injuries. The man driving the truck sustained no injuries, which was a "blessing," according to Sapora.

"By some great miracle I've never hurt anyone, physically, by drinking," Sapora said. "It could have been a Toyota with some 26-year-old mother and two kids in the back seat."

The accident is not the first alcohol-related incident on Sapora's record.

In February 2002, he failed sobriety tests after being stopped on North Center Street

in Westminster. He received probation before judgment and paid \$305 in fines according to District Court documents.

"That's my two crowning stupidities," Sapora said.

Sapora realized after the accident that he "could keep drinking and die or stop drinking." He chose to participate in several medical treatment and recovery programs to stay sober, with the support of his family and friends.

"They are all happy I don't drink now," Sapora said. He has been married for 37 years to his wife Carol, an

English professor at Villa Julie College, and they have two children, a son and a daughter.

"By some great miracle I've never hurt anyone, physically, by drinking," Sapora said.

"It could have been a Toyota with some 26-year-old mother and two kids in the back seat."

with big drinking problems are the least likely to take advice.

"So, try to be sane, try to face reality," he said. "If you run from reality all the time you might feel like you

are free, but you are trapped."

Sapora also said he just keeps thinking "thank heavens, you are sane Bob. And don't do it again." He said he does not need jail time to teach him the necessary lessons.

"But, I'm not resentful or bitter and I'm not going to whine or curse the cops and judge because it was me that did this," he said.

Sapora expressed one concern about his potential sentencing.

"See, I don't know how

many books you can take to jail," said Sapora, whose second floor office in Hill Hall is filled with 25 shelves of books.

Editor's Note: The Sept. 22 trial occurred two days after the McDaniel Free Press was submitted to the publisher and one day before it was distributed on campus. Therefore, the outcome of the trial was not known at the time of publication, but the trial has concluded at this time.

Sapora's performance peaks interest of pupils

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Sapora can recite the length of Beowulf in Old English. He often performs verses from Beowulf for his

classes on a small guitar-like instrument that is a recreation of an instrument that medieval bards used to perform ballads.

"He explains to students the kind of culture that [Old English literature] grew out of," said English professor Pamela Regis. "He's our resident expert in Old and Middle English."

Sapora currently teaches an English 1101 class, a class titled Beowulf to Mallory and a communications class called Fiction into Film.

"I'm happy that by some mysterious miracle, I've been able to get some teaching done. A bunch of my students have gone on to be published writers or work in film," said Sapora.

Campus Safety blotter

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| 9/3/04 | 12:45 a.m. | Alcohol | Possession Under 21 | Blanche Ward | Closed by PoC |
| 9/3/04 | 12:30 a.m. | Harassment | In person | Blanche Ward | Closed by Report |
| 9/4/04 | 1:54 a.m. | Alcohol | Open Container | Garden Apt. 1 | Closed by PoC |
| 9/4/04 | 2:53 a.m. | Alcohol | Possession Under 21 | Off Campus | Report Incomplete |
| 9/4/04 | 3:31 a.m. | Alcohol | Possession Under 21 | Historic Drive | Closed by Report |
| 9/4/04 | 11:30 p.m. | Alcohol | Possession Under 21 | North Village | Pending Court Outcome |
| 9/5/04 | 12:10 a.m. | Alcohol | Possession Under 21 | Rouzer | Closed by Report |
| 9/6/04 | 12:16 a.m. | Alcohol | Possession Under 21 | Garden Apt. 3 | Closed by Report |
| 9/6/04 | 12:04 p.m. | Disorderly Conduct | Disturbing the Peace | McDaniel Hall | Closed by Report |
| 9/9/04 | 11:37 p.m. | Assault | Hands/Feet | North Village | Report Incomplete |
| 9/5/04 | 12:00 p.m. | Vandalism | Vehicle | Historic Drive | Report Incomplete |
| 9/10/04 | 12:45 a.m. | Assault | Hands/Feet | Whiteford | Report Complete |
| 9/11/04 | 1:57 a.m. | Alcohol | Possession Under 21 | Whiteford | Closed by Report |
| 9/11/04 | 2:59 a.m. | Alcohol | Possession Under 21 | Rouzer | Report Complete |
| 9/11/04 | 11:45 p.m. | Alcohol | Possession Under 21 | Albert Norman Ward | Report Complete |
| 9/12/04 | 12:53 a.m. | Alcohol | Possession Under 21 | Rouzer | Pending Court Outcome |
| 9/12/04 | 1:53 a.m. | Alcohol | Open Container | Garden Apt. 1 | Closed by PoC |
| 9/12/04 | 1:00:00 a.m. | Tampering w/Fire Equipment | Vehicle | Rouzer | Inactive |
| 9/11/04 | 8:00 p.m. | Vandalism | Vehicle | Main Street | Open |
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Politics rev up on campus

News

BRIAN PATTERSON
CO-EDITOR

Did you know that there is an election coming up? On November 2 the country will be once again voting for its commander-in-chief, and a few campus leaders are trying to get the word out.

"It often happens when people who don't vote complain about different aspects of politics," said senior Christina Duval, president of the College Republicans. "We're going to get out and try get students to register."

Right now the College Republicans are the only established political student group on campus, but that doesn't mean that the Democrats are not spreading the word as well. Junior Brock Bolden is one of several students who works with the Carroll County Democrats,

an organization that is lobbying for Senator John Kerry.

"It bugs me that there are people two and three times my age deciding my future," said Bolden. "That's not cool."

Both groups will be holding events on campus to try to spark student involvement in the election. On September 30, the Carroll County Democrats will be sponsoring a viewing of the first presidential debate in the pub. A student discussion will follow the debate.

The College Republicans will be holding a mock presidential election, as they did last semester when Kerry won in a landslide.

"There is more involvement on campus now than in 2000, but it hasn't approached the level of 1992 [when Clinton was first

elected]," said Dr. Herb Smith, chair of the Political Science department.

Both Bolden and Duval want to fight the apathetic voter problem that they have seen on campus. However, they still want to see their candidate in the winner's circle when it's all said and done.

"People say that a good reason for voting for Kerry is that he is not Bush," said Bolden. "That's not a good reason. We need someone in the White House that is not worrying about war, but domestic issues."

Duval gave her reasons in support of Bush saying, "Bush is a man of character and durability. A man with a plan, and someone who will not change his opinion at the whim of the wind."

Party politics aside, both students know that their involvement in the election is about making a difference.

Wanna get laid? Go vote

Commentary

LIZZIE MUSAR
STAFF WRITER

There's an election coming up in a few weeks, this much we know. For



months, through primaries and town hall meetings, speeches and smear campaigns, the average, red-blooded American has to be residing under a rock to have missed the election fervor in the air.

Despite the hundreds of millions of dollars spent on candidate advertising, Rock the Vote, Vote or Die, and countless other drives to get out the vote, though, the sad fact is that most of us will stay in on Election Day and ignore or forget about our civic duty

to speak up.

One website may have found the solution to our low voter turnout - www.votergasm.com. Members take a pledge to only have sex with fellow voters and to abstain from sex completely if they themselves fail to vote. Filled with images of pretty people exercising their right to vote and (WARNING) cartoon voters graphically engaging in various sexual acts, votergasm.com may hold the key to Election 2004 - Will Voting Get You Laid?

Well, let's examine the average voter. There's a confident air to their walk. They know that they just played a major role in domestic and international politics. Contrast that with the defeated look of a non-voter, filled with self-loathing and cynicism, it's easy to see voting makes you

sexy.

A voter shows responsibility and a maturity that can be hard to find on your typical college campus. Instead of drunkenly stumbling around looking for a beer pong partner, the voter commands the attention of the room and exudes a undeniable sense of power.

Again, the voter is hot and makes an attractive partner. Finally, what's a better pick up line than, "Yeah, I'm so-and-so's campaign advisor, can I buy you a drink?" (voting is advising, right?). Your vote is clearly the key to sexual satisfaction.

Remember to always practice responsible voting. Vote sober, vote safely with appropriate ballot box protection, and always make sure Election Night activities are consensual.

If you think you need a little practice harnessing your inner voter sexiness before Nov. 2nd, the debates start Sept. 30th. Happy Voting!



Kerry and Bush gear up for battleground states

News

GEOFF PECKHAM
STAFF WRITER

With the election about a month and a half away, both parties are reallocating their resources towards the key battleground states.

As of now there are as few as ten states competitive enough for both candidates that they could go either way, which includes Wisconsin, Iowa, Wisconsin, Florida, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, West Virginia, and New Hampshire.

Since the Republican National Convention, President George W. Bush has had a lead in the national poll, giving him over fifty percent of the vote.

In the modern era of polling, no candidate has ever had more than fifty percent after Labor Day and lost the election. Many experts say, however, that it is still too early to call and to not bet that possibility in November.

Democratic candidate John Kerry isn't giving up, however. The race is very tight, and were the election to occur today, the solid states for Kerry would give him 199 electoral votes.

Bush would only have 180 votes, according to a recent showcase on the Electoral College in Newsweek Magazine. A candidate needs 270 votes out of the 538 to win. Out of the states sure to vote for John Kerry come November, Maryland is one of them.

While George W. Bush may have a lead in the polls in the United States, John Kerry has Bush 2-1 in nations around the world according to a poll taken by the Program on International Policy Attitudes (PIPA) of the University of Maryland.

The election is very close, and with the issues at hand, it will no doubt be an important one.

National Conventions nothing but pep rallies

GEOFF PECKHAM
STAFF WRITER

I wonder what it was like when the Democratic and Republican National Conventions weren't pep rallies to endorse their party, when senators didn't have theme music and bands weren't there to excite the crowd.



The original purpose of these conventions was to officially nominate someone to run for President in the election to come that following November. They were intended to be meetings for each party to discuss

and plan their candidacy for the upcoming election.

Now they are public extravaganzas, complete with pop songs and inspiring speeches to invoke patriotism and get your vote. Not many people follow politics enough to fully comprehend all the issues at hand, they just like hearing the loud music and looking at the bright colors.

Even the location of these conventions is becoming politically motivated. The Republican National Convention was held in New York a few weeks ago. Naturally the Democrats accused them of exploiting 9/11, having their convention so close to the third anniversary in the city where the towers fell. I don't believe that was their

Commentary

primary intention, but they had to have no doubt considered it in their planning.

These conventions are also turning into pre-game slug fests at press conferences, like two heavyweights talking trash about one another weeks before a big fight, naturally with TV cameras surrounding them to capture every word. Look at Zell Miller, the Democratic Senator who ranted on against John Kerry in such an angry manner it was almost humorous, if not a little scary.

Then there's good old Ahnuld, my favorite Austrian bodybuilder turned movie star turned politician, using references from his

movies to insult Democrats.

"One of my movies was called True Lies, and that's what the Democrats should have called their convention!" He even went as far to use the term "economic girlie-men." It seems Arnold's advice to the 1.3 million people who lost their jobs in the past year is to suck it up.

Not to say that all of it was uninspiring. Barack Obama's speech, which was back in July at the Democratic Convention, was just the opposite; putting emphasis the "audacity of hope" he had to become a senator for the state of Illinois.

After that it just sort of lagged on, from John Edward's mediocre speech to the end of the Convention

when John Kerry himself even did his best to attract the crowd using a little flair. "I'm John Kerry, and I'm reporting for duty!"

Nonetheless, the conventions have passed, and we have to wait four more years for the fun to begin again.

I recently ran into my old AP Government teacher from high school. He mentioned that Walter Cronkite hasn't watched a convention in a number of years. I found it interesting for a high profile journalist to avoid such events, but then I thought, 'good for him, he won't be swayed by the colorful balloons and inspiring pop music!'

But, then again, he's missing all the great musical entertainment.

Autism: Pride, frustration

LEA FIDDICK
STAFF WRITER

When you hear the word autism, what do you think of? You probably think about kids who stand in the corner of a room and don't utter a sound, or who make strange noises and are mentally challenged because they do not speak the way "normal people" do.

While this describes autism in the most extreme sense, there is a whole spectrum of autistic disorders that have only some of these symptoms. My name is Lea Fiddick, and I am a sophomore with Asperger's Syndrome, which is in the spectrum I just described.

As a student with autism, I learn differently than others do. I am not mentally challenged; I just process in-

formation in different ways. Sometimes, I have to ask a professor to repeat a point because it is hard for me to process the information I just heard and write it down simultaneously.

When a class gets to be boring, as they often do, I tend to daydream, and this gets in the way if I am asked a question. Also, it takes me longer to complete assignments; I have accommodations that allow me more time to do work. I still have to get it done on time, or I get a bad grade!

Having Asperger's and being a college student also takes a toll on my social life. Because I cannot read social cues very well, I have a hard time carrying on conversations or making eye contact. This makes it very hard to make friends. I am always reading a book so I can escape into my "dream world" whenever I feel like it. However, I shouldn't be doing this too much because if I make friends, I will not be lonely; and by doing that, I will gain

better social skills and become much more outgoing!

Like other people with Asperger's, I have traits different than those of other students. I have savant level abilities in English and history, but I am very poor in math, which is why I am taking a basic math course this semester. Also, people with Asperger's have limited interests. Mine are Star Wars and Japanese comics. I have learned not to talk about them too much, but I always share if someone is interested. I take meds to control my emotions; otherwise, I talk to myself and get overly emotional.

All in all, being autistic is a mixed blessing. I wish I were more social and better at math, but it has made me more aware of others who are disabled. I have learned a lot about myself over the years. To be honest, I would not trade being autistic for anything in the world, because this is just who I am. I happen to be autistic, and proud of it!

Turning Back the Pages

This feature takes a look at the back issues of *The Phoenix* and highlights student reporting since 1981. Compiled by Taylor Hebdon, '08

3 years ago this month...

Students and faculty of WMC responded to the terrorist attacks of September 11th. To help students cope with the incident, faculty set up a moment of silence and a ringing of the school bell. One student spoke of the event saying, "We felt that we were all helpless, but hearing the national anthem, the sound of the bells, and everyone sharing their feelings, it's very emotional. It brings tears to my eyes. I'm glad to be in a school like this. I had all of my friends around; we comforted each other."

And 18 years ago this month...

Dean Philip R. Sayre stated in a campus bulletin that alcoholic beverages were not permitted in freshman areas. Because the majority of freshmen are underage, Rouzer Hall and two floors of Whiteford Hall were deemed "dry." Students were asked what they thought of the dry floors and residence halls in the 60 seconds feature with a similar range of answers such as "It's pretty lame when they don't trust you before they've even met you. I hate it," and "The rule, in my opinion, is useless...Most other colleges don't make such a big issue. I think the dry dorm rule is really beat."

A robbery suspect was sought by campus safety in dormitories. The thief hit more than 15 rooms one Saturday morning and walked away with over \$500 in cash and checks. Students were alarmed because they were asleep when the thief entered their rooms.

Eight medals weigh more than media

SARAH BLACK
STAFF WRITER

Imagine you are Michael Phelps, the gifted 19-year-old



from Baltimore born with an amazing form and speed in the water. You have worked your butt off and sacrificed a lot of time throughout most of your life, training vigorously doing nothing but eating, sleeping, and drinking your sport.

But now all that hard work and sacrificed time has paid off. You are in Athens, Greece, you have made it to the Olympics, the pinnacle of sports.

Now imagine you are Phelps standing behind your starting block, ready to swim one of your 17 races, and your headphones are on, feeding you Eminem's music to get yourself pumped up.

You nonchalantly scan

everything in the sports complex: the cheering and jeering fans, the still water of the beautiful 50-meter pool, your opponents.

You hear the judge's whistle blow and you step up on the starting block. You are calm and you feel absolutely no pressure, except for the fact that the media has made you out to be this unparalleled swimmer who is all but invincible.

When Phelps lost his first race to Ian Thorpe, my heart went out to him.

Why? Because the media started bashing him.

They had made him out to be this immortal being that was unconquerable. So when Ian Thorpe cruised ahead of Phelps and beat him in the finals of the 200-meter freestyle, the media world seemed to come crashing down on Phelps, rubbing the loss in his face with negative article after negative article.

How do reporters have the right to do that to him when they are the ones responsible for creating all the

hype?

The media portrayed him to be this half man, half God creature who was going to take over the world of swimming.

In the months leading up to this year's Games in Athens, where was all the talk of Ian Thorpe that we saw and heard in the months leading up to the Sydney Games? It is not like Thorpe fell off the edge of the planet, or just dropped out of the swimming world.

So where was the mention of Thorpe? It is as if the media forgot that Thorpe was still around, and still as big a threat as he was in Sydney. However, Phelps admitted that Thorpe was his biggest rival.

The lack of gossip about powerhouse Ian Thorpe was a major blow to Phelps. The media made Phelps' losses to Thorpe seem bigger than they actually were. They made Phelps' failed attempt at beating Mark Spitz's Olympic medal record seem that much more a failure; like it was too far-fetched, too big for him to handle.

The media made these losses overshadow all the positive achievements of Phelps' career.

Let us review: he is a 12-time World Record holder, a 17-time American Record holder, a five-time World Champion and he had over 45 1st place finishes in 2003. He became the 1st American to qualify in six individual



Phelps spent the day meeting fans. He won eight medals at the Olympics in Athens.

SARAH BLACK

Olympic events at the 2004 Olympic trials; and he brought home eight medals from this year's Games. He has accomplished all of this, and he is only 19!

These accomplishments are what the media should have highlighted, not a loss to Thorpe.

When you take away the media, the fans, the medals, the swimsuit (don't you wish), what you will see is an average, down to earth 19-year-old college kid from Baltimore.

So down to earth that he came back to his hometown, Towson, on September 10th (and will be making more stops throughout the country) and signed autographs for two hours. He was very gracious (and very HOT).

Maybe the media

should have reported about how Phelps is not full of himself due to the media-unlike Gary Hall, Jr. Maybe the media should have reported about how Phelps is a classy guy, who gave up his spot on the 400-meter relay team to his deserving teammate, Ian Crocker.

Basically, the media focused too much on the negative aspects of Michael Phelps' career, and as a result, made itself seem like a green-eyed monster who wanted to knock him off his pedestal.

Fortunately, the media failed - Phelps continues to wow the crowds with his incredible agility in the pool. Whether he wins or loses, people enjoy seeing Michael Phelps swim because he is a beautiful swimmer and because they enjoy seeing him in that little Speedo.



SARAH BLACK

Fans and even a few McDaniel students wait in line in a Towson parking lot on September 10 to get a chance to meet Phelps.

Silent courage marks senior's kidney donation

ROB GOEKE
STAFF WRITER

Heroes have a stoic way about them. A silent courage rises up when the situation calls for it, and then these heroes often downplay their own extraordinary actions.

Senior Mandy Gill, 20, is one of those heroes.

On July 14th, Gill underwent a kidney transplant with her father, Tom, who struggled with diabetes to kidney failure) for years. Her family tried to find potential organ donors everywhere, but the choice eventually came down to Mandy and her sister, sophomore Ashley Gill.

Both sisters underwent tests to determine whether either of their blood types matched their father's.

Only Mandy's blood type was a match.

"I didn't really think

about losing a kidney," said Mandy. "I would still have another one. It wasn't like I was losing an arm."

In order to better understand a surgery of this magnitude, Mandy spoke to people around her to build herself up.

"I had to get to the point where I could talk about it and not break up about it. Physically, I was ok with it. It was just a little hospital time. But mentally, it was crazy," Mandy said. "Then, dealing

with the fact that my dad was having surgery on top of that was tough. But surrounding myself with supportive people was the most important thing."

Mandy is no stranger to sacrifice. As the former president of Alpha Phi Omega (APO), a co-ed service fraternity on campus, she knew and appreciated the value of sacrifice, of giving her time to help others.

"Mandy completely ran [APO] last year. She is an incredible leader," said junior Becky Ward, current president of APO.



GILL

"Being in APO, I always had that mentality of helping others and I knew I had a support group back on campus if I needed it," said Mandy.

It seemed easy for Mandy, but for her family, it was extremely difficult. For Ashley and her mother, the thought of two family members undergoing surgery at the same time was hard to comprehend.

"Knowing that both her and my dad were going into surgery at the same time was very hard on me and my mom because we were going back and forth from the hospital all the time," said Ashley. "While they were in surgery, my mom and I just had to sit there because it was out of our hands at that point."

The surgery went well. Her father's body accepted the kidney and her father is now in full recovery. Mandy herself stayed a single night at the hospital and is back to her gleeful self.

"I never thought about donating organs before this, even after I died, but now I would do it in a second. You think about how many lives you are changing and it's the best thing you can give," said Mandy.

"It's kind of cool because my friends say things like 'Wow, you are my hero.' But I try to explain to them that if they were in my position, they would do the same thing. I'm really not as special as everyone says," said Mandy.

Editors' Choice: "Don't Head Home Just Yet"

Freshmen: Tired of reading Virginia Woolf and Human Anatomy? Bored with the Real World re-runs all weekend? Do you find yourself routinely asking, "What is there to do for fun?"

No need to go home on weekends. Fun can be found at McDaniel and in Westminster, despite popular belief.



1. If sports are more your niche, go burn a few calories on one of McDaniel's intramural teams. Sophomore Kara Delenick fondly recalls it "it was such a fun thing to do with my friends. It was a chance for us to get together and enjoy our time." The fall sports being offered this year are 4-on-4 basketball, flag football, outdoor soccer, tennis and floor hockey. Golf is also available for those who don't play well with others. For more information and rosters call Jim Townsend at extension 2567 in the athletic office. See Photo.



2. Being in college can also mean being strapped for cash. If you aren't willing to dish out \$8 at the Town Mall theaters then take advantage of the free showing of Spiderman 2 in Decker Auditorium on October 1st. The show is brought to you by the CAPBoard and "begins at 9 with a reshew following the first," says Lindsay Lingerma, CAPBoard member. It's a great date idea, and did I mention it's FREE!

3. Further along Main St. you will find the Pour House. A quaint little coffee spot, the Pour House is "a great place to relax," according to Mike Harpster, Westminster resident. They offer great coffee and delicious food along with a welcoming crowd. If you want to relax and unwind stop by the Pour House at 233 East Main St. in downtown Westminster. Bring your McDaniel ID card to receive a special discount too! See Photo.



4. For you party animals, several sororities and fraternities bring the club scene right to your local dorm. Alpha Gamma Tau, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Sigma Sigma all have clubrooms on the ground floor of Blanche or ANW. This Halloween on the 30th Phi Sigma Sigma is having a clubroom that is open to everyone but remember to wear your costume. Just a reminder, "it's BYOB and make sure you have your ID" says sophomore Mary Abrams.

5. If you feel the need to escape campus for a few hours, take a walk down to the Carroll County Arts Council at the corner of Main St. and Pennsylvania Ave. Every Friday night, in October Alfred Hitchcock movies will be shown. For \$5 a movie you can enjoy one of the greatest suspense filmmakers of all time. For more details check out <http://ccpl.carr.org/arts/comingattractions.HTM>. See Photo.

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Now that you have an idea of the events on and around campus there should be no need to go home to Mom's nagging or your little brother's pestering this weekend, right?

Conference staff tote, haul, fetch with smiles

KATHARINE STRONG
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This summer, over 60,000 people visited McDaniel College. They watched their children graduate from high school, stayed for week-long lacrosse camps, or gaped at the Ravens in training.

Moving things along as each group of visitors rolled in and rolled out was a small contingent of students, young ambassadors for the college. These 14 students were members of the Conference Services Staff.

They worked long, unpredictable hours and wore

fluorescent yellow shirts. Their duties ranged from working at the information desk or the game room to coordinating 10 graduations.

They also had to be willing to fetch pillows and batteries for the temporary residents, haul tables, set up chairs and do it all with a smile.

And many members of the staff said they'd do it all again.

"My favorite memory of the summer was watching Fourth of July fireworks with the Theatre on the Hill staff,"

said Sophomore Matt Sprat.

His job with Conference Services brought new people to get to know and hang out with as well as a sense of independence, he added.

For the past sixteen years Mary Jo Colbert, the Director of Conference and Auxiliary Service, has carefully interviewed and hired the summer staff, knowing that sometimes these students "are the only people from McDaniel that parents meet as they are dropping their kids off for camp," she said.

Sometimes, Conference Services Staff's tasks were unexpected.

Junior Psychology/Sociology major Tiffany Mack recounted one surprising afternoon when she and other members of the staff moved misplaced port-a-potties across campus for the Raven's training camp.

"They didn't fit on our carts, so someone had to run alongside and hold [the port-a-potty] onto the golf cart while someone else drove," said Mack.

However, she noted

that working on campus this summer offered her the opportunity to work on a team and hone her communications skills.

Colbert is looking forward to her vacation following all of her work this summer, but she said she knows that next summer familiar faces will return.

"Some of the camps have been coming for fifteen years," Colbert said. "I've watched their families grow up, so I look forward to seeing them again, as well as bringing new camps onboard."

New Faculty



Deborah Vance



Steve Pearson



BoAnn Bowman



Karen Nuber

BoAnn Bohman, Education Dept.

"Master teacher would only begin to describe her expertise," states Dr. Louise Paquin of the Biology Department. The "master teacher" to whom she refers is Dr. BoAnn Bohman, 15-year adjunct professor and new graduate Education faculty member and Coordinator of the graduate program in Administration. "I love McDaniel," says Dr. Bohman. "The new faculty members receive such great support, both formally and informally." Would the teacher like an apple? Nah! This Hagerstown native's favorite food is Ben & Jerry's Cherry Garcia ice cream.

Dr. Peter Bradley, Philosophy Dept.

Dr. Peter Bradley, a Grand Rapids, Michigan native, chose McDaniel as his new home "to contribute to a college experience like the one I had at Antioch (Yellow Springs, OH). I wanted to be part of an institution that is committed to undergraduate education, community, and fostering independent, critical thinkers." This Philosophy prof's favorite book is *A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams. Dr. Bradley may, however, soon become an expert on children's books as his wife, Tara, is expecting their first child on New Year's Eve!

Dr. Deborah Vance, Communications Dept.

This chocolate-lover, born in Wilmette, Illinois, boasts a BA from Northwestern, a MA from Towson, and a Ph.D. from Howard. Though Dr. Vance has outgrown her childhood nickname "Clark Bar" (Clark is her maiden name), she admits that chocolate remains a favorite food. "I love everything about McDaniel - especially the students and my colleagues. I was also especially impressed by the huge bowl of chocolate in the Communication Department!"

Karen Nuber, Technical Services Librarian

With a BS from Marquette and an MA from the U of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Karen Nuber says that Hoover is why she chose McDaniel as her new home. "I really liked the library." This Wisconsin-born librarian claims Thai food as her favorite but admits that she has acquired a taste for a traditional Maryland dish since her arrival. "I've discovered crabcakes," she adds. What is this Technical Services Librarian's favorite book? "The Blind Assassin" by Margaret Atwood."

Steven Pearson, Art Department

This former body builder, now McDaniel Art professor, describes the college class which helped him to define the age groups with which he wanted to work. "I struggled with Methods of Teaching Art because I had to work with third graders. Between the booger picker, the girl who cried if I helped anyone but her, and the kid who would only cut out bra and underwear ads from newspaper fliers, I was worn out. It made me realize that I wanted to work with older students." What's the strangest thing that's happened to Dr. Pearson since his arrival at McDaniel? "I tried Scapple."

Dr. Christian dePee, History Department

McDaniel professor Dr. Susan Scott describes Dr. Christian dePee as a "superb scholar in many areas of Asian History." Dr. dePee was raised in Bergen, Noord-Holland, the Netherlands. Why did Dr. dePee choose McDaniel college as his new home? "I was impressed with the individuality and the mutual respect of the members of the History Department. I assure you that these are rare qualities."

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SUZANNE LESTER
STAFF WRITER

Stylish, organized, funky

Stylish, organized, funky, and relaxing are only a few key words to describe Beth Meade and Melanie Scocco's double abode in McDaniel dormitory. Both ladies chose to live a comfortable substance free life while at the same time having Sig Eps as floormates.

Both Beth and Melanie have created their own "walls of hunk," giving the female eyes a treat. Blue rope lights frame the door giving it an exotic look. An adorable, hand-drawn, basket of kittens hangs on the wall where previously a questionable Playgirl display resided. The "Beth fish," is a colorful cardboard fish that hangs from the ceiling giving the room an ocean-like feel.

When it came to the large appliances in the room, they put their creativity to the test. In-between both dressers resides a refrigerator, microwave, and television. This stackable option of organizing the room leaves a spacious common area where seating can be an option for viewing movies. The refrigerator contains mostly water and soy milk partly due to Beth's status of vegetarian. Another item in their fridge, that every young lady should have, is eye mask to use for puffy eyes.

The view from their two windows leads to a beautiful view of the back yard of McDaniel dormitory. They enjoy watching "Bert," the ground hog, rummage around the garden in the early hours of the morning. Both Beth and Melanie enjoy their humble home on top of the hill at McDaniel College.

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What's your favorite food that they serve in Glar?

Compiled by Aurora Rockman

The Character Sculpture of Cindy Parker-Katz

PATRICK BONADUCE
STAFF WRITER

The first thing you notice when you walk into the gallery is a young couple embracing in the corner, blissfully unaware of their surroundings. They're Punks—that much is self-evident. Black trenchcoats, outrageous hairstyles, and a plethora of piercings... yup, definitely punks. But you can still feel the tenderness and affection as they stand motionless in the corner, locked



in each other's arms, gazing intently into each other's eyes.

Motionless?

That's right. You've just been looking at "Punk Lovers," a meticulously-crafted, life-sized sculpture by Cindy Parker-Katz.

"Through My Eyes," a gallery exhibiting Parker-Katz's sculptures, is on display in the Rice Gallery in Peterson Hall through October 13. It's an eclectic exhibit featuring two dozen indi-

vidual character sculptures, from cheerful doctors and lawyers to docile old folks, from punks and bikers to kids and angels.

Some of the sculptures are life-size, while others are small enough to fit on a bookshelf. But every piece sports incredibly exhaustive details, down to the wrinkles around a father's smiling eyes and the tiniest buckles on a li'l tyke's shoes. And each piece is imbued with a sense of doll-like whimsy, a byproduct of the artist's inspiration.

How does Parker-Katz do it? She got her start at doll-making fourteen years ago, when her eye caught a figurine that resembled her daughter. At that time she worked with porcelain, but seven years ago, another inspiration struck: What if these dolls were life-sized?

Countless hours of intense research and training later, Parker-Katz arrived at the job she always wanted. Now she sculpts with polymer clays and either buys or sews clothing for her creations. Every piece receives the artist's undivided attention for at least a week, but the process is tremendously fulfilling.

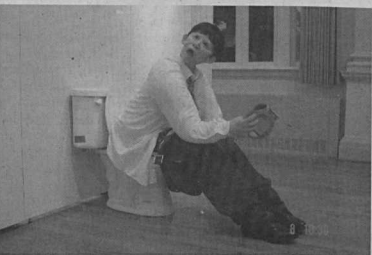
"I love it," Parker-Katz admits. "Every time I try to get away from it, I always come back to it."

And maybe it's that very same artistic devotion that keeps people coming back to Parker-Katz's galleries. Just be sure not to confuse that innocuous pair of punks in the corner with your fellow observers.



"Through My Eyes" features various life size sculptures by Cindy Parker-Katz.

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Martine Motard-Noar Professors with the Personal Touch

ELENA KURTZ
STAFF WRITER

In the eyes of French Professor Martine Motard-Noar, a student with a low grade point average who only wants to get a foreign language BLAR out of the way is as wonderful as an honors student who has a triple major in French, Spanish, and Political Science.

For the last sixteen years, the language department has been blessed and improved thanks to Madame Motard. In return, she enjoys the camaraderie and community atmosphere of the professors in the language department and other departments. The community of students and the small school atmosphere also keep Madame Motard at McDaniel College.



MOTARD-NOAR

new, something uncomfortable - like a new language. She likes to help them find their way.

"She is the best teacher I have ever had," said sophomore Kevin Dansler, a French major. "Even though she has a lot of students, she treats me as if I am her only student."

Although it is uncomfortable learning a new language, Madame Motard makes every class - whether it is an introduction class at an 1101 level or an advanced literature class - one that a student would not want to skip.

Her ideal student?

There are many kinds of great students, she explained. She said she likes curious students with different kinds of worldly experiences.

"The perfect student is a student who acts the way I used to," she said jokingly.

Full of energy and creativity, Madame Motard is passionate about teaching. The motive behind her zealous teaching is her belief in a greater cause. Madame Motard explains that when people are stripped away from all that is comfortable, in particular, their language, they start to question themselves.

They become vulnerable as they learn something

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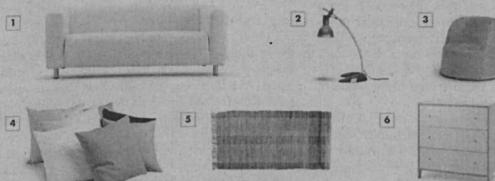
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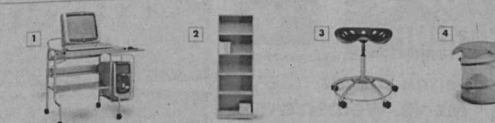
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From player to coach - a winning transition

EMILY COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

New to the staff, but not to the game here at McDaniel, two former football players return to the field as assistant coaches for the 2004 season.

Graduates Matt Wilchinski and Omar Phillip join fellow graduates and current assistant coaches Jamie Harris, Aaron Bartolain, and Ryan Hines to continue the player-to-coach pattern that has become a reputable trademark of the team.

A 2002 graduate from McDaniel, 24-year-old Matt Wilchinski has found his way back to the field where he started all four years of his college career at the linebacker position, now to coach the position that he played so well.

Two-time captain and the 2002 centennial defensive player of the year, Wilchinski is eager to pass his knowledge and skill on to the current players.

Wilchinski spent the past year at King's College in Pennsylvania, where he was introduced to some of the real challenges of coaching.

"He brought some fresh ideas back with him," said head coach Tim Keating.

Wilchinski admitted that getting away for a year really helped him make the transition from player to coach. He was

able to distance himself from the team just enough to reestablish a more professional relationship with the players and the staff when he returned.

"It is definitely a fine line," stated Wilchinski, when describing the relationship between himself and the players. But because

Wilchinski is able to separate the personal from the field, he is able to maintain authority as well as friendship with the players.

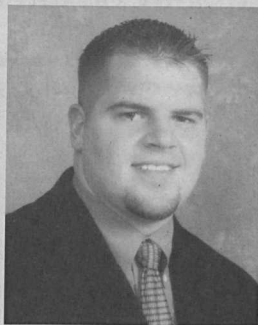
Team members say that they are glad to have Wilchinski back on board because there is a comfortable level of familiarity and respect due to his previous involvement and success with the team.

"He's an awesome coach" said senior Adam Dayton. "He really respects us and doesn't yell much, but when he does, we listen."

Ultimately, Wilchinski hopes to become the head coach of a Division I football team but recognizes his job here as a valuable stage in his coaching career.

"I'm in this business not only to learn and be successful, but to make an impact on people's lives," said Wilchinski.

The 2004 McDaniel College graduate Omar Phillip is fresh off the field and onto the sidelines to coach the offensive line this season. A former



New linebacker coach Matt Wilchinski

defensive lineman, Phillip has successfully tackled the challenge of coaching a position that was not his specialty as a player.

Although it appears to have been an effortless transition, Phillip admits that it was difficult because defense and offense demand completely different mentalities.

"Defense is all about attacking where offense is about trying to be patient" said Phillip.

Fortunately, Phillip "has a great mind for the game, which allows him to adapt to challenge," senior co-captain Andy Lee said.

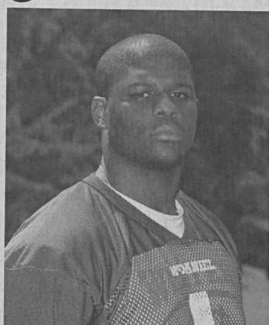
The offensive players value Phillip's insight and consider his experience on

defense to be an advantage.

"He brings defensive knowledge to the offensive side of the ball by helping us better understand defensive techniques and schemes," senior co-captain Brad Stewart said.

At first, Coach Keating was concerned about bringing Phillip back so soon because of his closeness in age to the players and to the game. "But he is exceptional," said Keating. "I knew he would be successful."

As far as coaching former teammates and current friends on the team, Phillip and players have adjusted and even benefited from the reunion.



New offensive line coach Omar Phillip

"I can be a coach and a friend at the same time," Phillip said.

Because so many of his former teammates respected Phillip as a player, that same respect has carried on after becoming their coach.

"It is a great experience to be around familiar players and coaches," said Phillip.

Phillip plans to eventually coach on the high school level because he wants to help shape young players and prepare them for college football.

"We were skeptical, at first, about these two coaching us after so recently playing with us, but it has only improved the team. They're doing a great job and so are we," Andy Lee said.

Do you ever find yourself with no way of filling that awkward time between dinner and Monday night football? If so, come out to a Free Press meeting and find out how you can put your love of sports to good use. Every Monday night, Hill Hall room 104. Call Pat at x8178 with questions.

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Hugus starts running streak

STEVE FURST
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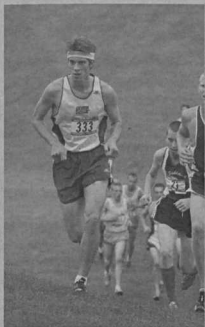
Taking first place in the Green Terror Challenge on September 11, Paul Hugus has managed three first-place finishes in the first three races of this season. With a time of 26:31 for the 8K race, he finished only four seconds over his personal record, and nearly a minute ahead of the second-place finisher. In the first race of the season, the Gettysburg Invitational (5K), he ran a 16:29, almost a full ten seconds better than what he ran at this race last year. These accomplishments, however, are only the tip of the iceberg.

Paul's goals for this year are lofty, but by no means unattainable. With the York and Allegheny Invationals coming up, he hopes to extend his win streak to at least five in a row. The York Invitational is not expected to have any threatening competition, and his goals are simply to take the win and help pace Matt Rouse, the number two team runner, to a good finishing time.

The Allegheny Invitational should give Paul some more serious competition,

and he is "really looking forward to that."

With his top-ten finish at Regionals and appearance at Nationals last year, his long-term goals for this season are simply to improve upon what he has already accomplished. He plans to fin



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Paul Hugus has won his first 3 races of the season to lead the men's cross country team.

ish All-Conference (finishing in the top 7) and qualify for Nationals again. His hopes for Nationals are a bit more intimidating, however, surpassing even Coach Renner's

expectations for him.

"I'd like to see him finish All-American, which is top 35," Renner said. Paul has set more ambitious goals for himself, but I'd like to see All-American."

Paul's "more ambitious goals" include finishing in the top ten at Nationals.

When asked how he plans to accomplish this, Paul said simply, "The goal to running fast at the end of the season is to keep my mileage up with long runs on Sundays and hard workouts on Mondays and Wednesdays. If you work hard on Monday and Wednesday, Saturday [race day] will take care of itself."

With the foundation for his success already laid and a solid set of goals for the season, there seems to be no stopping Paul Hugus. He will certainly be giving the other teams a serious run for their money, and there is nothing left but to watch his performance and keep tallying the win column.



INDIRA GONZALEZ

Junior Todd Knepper uses some fancy footwork in last week's game against Goucher.

Great expectations for men's soccer

MIKE SEFF
STAFF WRITER

After going 15-6-1 last season, the McDaniel men's soccer team has high expectations for the 2004 season. They retained all but one starter from last year's squad, including reigning Centennial Conference Player of the Year Thomas Kane. Kane, a senior forward from Calvert Hall, is among a number of talented players to keep an eye on this season. That list includes junior goalkeeper Andy Wu, freshman forward Bill Druckenmiller, and senior midfielder Leon Mach.

"We're very excited about this upcoming year with the return of 10 starters, including five All-Conference players," assistant coach Ryan Defibaugh said. "We're

more mature and experienced from last year, so I think that's another positive aspect."

That enthusiasm is seen in the players as well. "We definitely feel we have a strong team this year. We know the expectations are high, but this is a more experienced team than last year's, and there is a definite sense of excitement among the players and coaches," sophomore goalkeeper Nick Hall said.

Head coach John Plevyak returns for his 11th season as head coach of the Green Terror, a year after leading the team to the semifinals of the Centennial Conference tournament. The Terror also made it to the finals of the ECAC tournament before losing to Johns Hopkins.

Already through five games this season, the team is 3-2 and coming off a 3-0 home win over Goucher.

Turf gets Rave(n) review

SHELLY HORN
STAFF WRITER

Baltimore Ravens Head Coach Brian Billick stated in a March 2004 interview, "We're putting Momentum turf in at our new indoor facility, and we're putting in at our training camp - that's how much we love this surface!"

The Ravens and McDaniel shared the cost of the new Sportex Momentum Turf field installed over the summer.

Momentum Turf successfully debuted for the Ravens last season at M&T where Jamal Lewis rushed for an unheard of 295 yards on 30 carries last September. The coaches and the players were elated with its performance all season.

This football season will

be McDaniel's first with Momentum turf, the latest innovation in synthetic grass. Touted as "the closest thing to natural grass," it's a far cry from Astroturf, the synthetic grass that was popular during the 70's and 80's, infamous for inducing carpet burns. Momentum, produced by Ontario-based Sportex, is a premiere sand and rubber infield surface, designed to maximize player speed and performance.

Sportex advertises that the surface is safer and more consistent than natural grass, but also offers the traction and bounce of a grass field.

"You want three things from your field: safety, a consistent surface that allows these great athletes to compete at the highest level, and

durability," said Ravens' coach, Brian Billick, in an interview last March.

"We tested the Momentum turf and we believe it's the best possible field for the Ravens," he added.

At Sportex, President Mark Nicholls said he's pleased—but not surprised—at the level of performance the field has provided to the Ravens.

"We're proud of this product, and we have tremendous confidence in it," Nicholls stated in a press release.

On the hill, McDaniel Football is putting the turf to the test. Coaches anticipate fewer injuries and enjoy the consistency. Ravens' camp visitors and returning McDaniel students marveled at the beauty of the new field.

"It's awesome," said 14-year old Westminster resident Taylor Metcalfe. "[It] looks just like a pro stadium."

Aesthetics are great, but the true test is performance.

"There are many factors in a football game," states sophomore middle linebacker Matt Gingrich. "Eliminating the worry of natural obstacles allows you to better focus on what's most important—your opponent."

Mean and Green

Athletes giving Terror a whole new meaning

Broderick Maybank
Football



Junior runningback Broderick Maybank has been a solid force for the Terror football team in all 3 games this season. On 52 carries, Maybank has gained a total of 350 yards. In his most recent effort, Maybank burned the Catholic University Cardinals with 164 yards on 25 carries.

Maybank won't take all of the credit for his accomplishments, however.

"I owe it to the offensive line," Maybank said. "Without them, the holes wouldn't open up." And Maybank isn't content with this level of success. He sees room for improvement where others would just try to hold onto the moment.

"The offense is coming together slowly but surely," Maybank said.

If that's slowly, then the rest of the season should be interesting. Rush on, Broderick. Rush on.

Jamie Nash
Field Hockey



Sophomore field hockey player Jamie Nash isn't a goalie. In fact, she had never played the position before in her life. But with only a half hour of practice before the team's game against Notre Dame, Nash stepped in for goalie Nicole Cahill and backed Kelly Hawthorne, both of whom were out due to injury.

Even out of her element, Nash performed in a stellar fashion. She recorded 2 shutouts in many games, helping the team begin its run of victories which is currently at 4.

Nash credits her success to both the training she received from her coach and from Cahill and the outstanding play of the rest of the defense.

"Our defense was unstoppable," she said. Cahill is healthy again, which means that Nash has returned to wing. As successful as she was at goalie, Nash isn't exactly saddened by her return to her original position.

"It was a lot of fun, but I'm definitely more comfortable there," Nash said.



A close-up view of the new turf that adorns the main football field.

BRIAN PATTERSON

Volleyball ready to take on Centennial

PATRICK O'TOOLE
SPORTS EDITOR

In most sports, the objective is simple: score more points than the other team before time expires. The score may go back and forth; teams may have their ups and downs. In the end, all that really matters is who's on top when the clock indicates that the game is over.

But that's in most sports. As far as team sports are concerned, volleyball is of a special breed. The Terror volleyball team is experiencing difficulties this season as a result of volleyball's atypical characteristics. In this game, there is no clock or cumulative score. The first team to win 3 games is the overall victor, so scoring a lot of points early on means nothing unless the trend is continued in the following games.

In the individual games that make up a total match, a close score goes down as either a win or a loss. Because of this, the final tally might not reflect the battles that ensued during every game.

The volleyball team may be 3-6 on the year, but that record does no justice to the level of skill this team possesses.

In the score column, their losses are comprised of matches that were won by as few as 2 points. The team has never been completely blown out in the individual games, and it has

only scored less than 20 points 7 times in 29 games this season. When considering that it takes just 30 points for a win, that statistic tells more about the team's abilities than any other.

When the matches are so close, what makes the difference in the end? What's the deciding factor in whether a game is a close loss or a close win?

"Having confidence that we can win," head coach Carole Molloy said. "I think that the ability is there, it's just a matter of letting it happen."

According to Molloy, small individual errors late in the game have caused quite a few of the losses. With 7 freshmen and only one senior on a roster of 14 players, individual errors are entirely acceptable if not expected.

The lone senior, team captain Carrie Sniffen, has been playing exceptionally well this season. As of September 13, Sniffen was leading the team with 45 kills, 22 total blocks, and 65 digs.

"I think she's a good motivator in that fashion and supportive of her teammates," Molloy said of Sniffen.

Sniffen is very confident about the team's ability to come together and start to win more matches.

"We are still kind of a new team," she said. "We

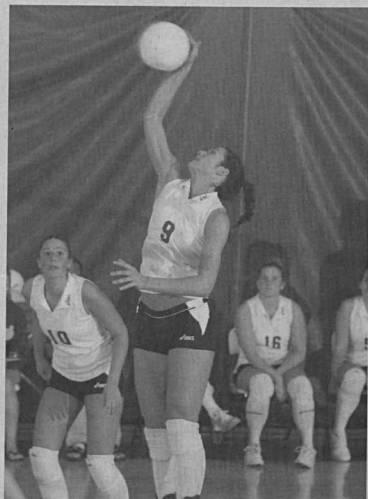
had a slow start to the season... but we're now coming together as a team."

Also standing out for the Terror are junior Krista Eiser and freshman D.D. Lehr. Eiser has accumulated 26 kills and 64 digs while Lehr has amassed 57 digs.

Over the weekend, the Terror traveled to Frostburg State University to participate in the Asics Maryland Division III tournament. In opening round action on Friday, McDaniel soundly defeated Hood College with a 3-1 decision. The team went on to defeat St. Mary's 3-0 before falling to Washington College, 1-3.

Despite losing the match against Washington College, the Terror made a statement that will most certainly be heard by their future opponents. Two of the three losses for the Terror were decided by less than 5 points, meaning that they came very close to beating the now 10-4 Washington College team whose only loss in the tournament came against tournament champion Frostburg State University.

The team's first official Centennial Conference match will be against Swarthmore at McDaniel on Saturday, September 25 at noon. Washington College should be a top competitor in the conference, so the events of the tournament should certainly bode



Senior Carrie Sniffen has been a standout competitor and leader for the volleyball team.

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well for the Terror.

"It's just a matter of continuing to work hard and pushing one another in practice," Molloy said.

With that strategy, the team is convinced that the limits to its success are endless.

"We should be winning in 3 games from here on out,"

Sniffen said.

Confident, dedicated, and on a mission to make it to the playoffs, these ladies are ready for their Centennial Conference opponents. Those teams that are simply glancing at McDaniel's record and hoping for an easy game are in for a big surprise.

Teamwork, Nash give field hockey stellar 4-0 start

BETH MCLANE
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Out on the most remote playing field at McDaniel, the women's field hockey team has been faced with some tough challenges.

Opponents have come and gone, each one defeated and often shutout. The late summer weather has canceled games, but perhaps the toughest challenge this season came as unpredictably as the weather. One week before game one, the team was left with no goalie.

Even that didn't set them back.

Original goalie Nicole Cahill was injured in preseason, so freshman Kelli Hawthorne stepped up. Unfortunately, Hawthorne also became injured before the season began,



DAVE SINCLAIR

Senior Kristin Ramey is once again leading the field hockey team to success.

straining her MCL. Now it was sophomore Jamie Nash's turn in goal. With no prior goalie experience, Nash trained for a week, dressed the day before the first game, and had a shut out the next day.

Nash followed that performance with another shut out. "She had fun in the cage and trusted the people in front of her," said Head Coach Muffie Bliss.

"It was different playing goal. I am used to being up front and scoring," said Nash.

Though she was nervous at first, "all my fear just melted away," Nash added. "It was so much fun. I knew I had the support of my coaches and team."

With strong wins over Notre Dame, Elizabethtown, Roanoke and Frostburg, the team has had a great start to its season. The Green Terror out-shot Roanoke 33-2, came away with a 2-1 win, and later defeated Frostburg 2-0.

In last week's STX/NFHCA Coaches Poll the Green Terror were ranked

No. 12 among the Nation's Division III schools, according to the McDaniel College website.

Coach Bliss attributes this success to playing as a team, and great leadership. Senior Captain Sarah LeBarron, Carol Ann Bianco, and Colleen Nugent.

"We have a lethal front line," Coach Bliss also mentioned. What makes it so lethal? Jamie Nash, Dani Unflatt, Kristin Ramey, Caitlin Potter, and Steph Capps. "They have a special ability to know where they are, and they interchange well." Combined with the ability to score, the offensive line is a big factor in the team's victories.

Nicole Cahill was able to return to goal after the first two games, and the team continued their winning streak. Nash felt that the time she spent in goal bettered her game. "I talk more one the field, and I'm more aggressive," she said. "I'm so glad I did it."

While making it to NCAAAs and having post season play is their ultimate goal, the team's current success is all in preparation for their Conference play. "We take our conference rivals seriously," Coach Bliss added.

The team's eye is on the Conference championship, and Coach Bliss has faith in them. "If you have the desire, you can achieve anything you want," she said. The women's field hockey team certainly has the desire, and combined with their genuine talent, it seems nothing will stand in their way.

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Tailgaters 'drive-in' for Homecoming

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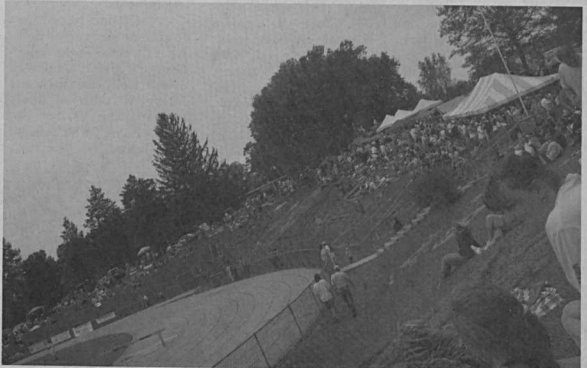
For the fans, it's about cheering on the team and tailgating at the stadium. This tradition of gathering friends and family around a grill or picnic table, feasting on hamburgers and sausage while waiting for the first kick-off, is part of the lure and excitement of the game.

"Tailgating at the game is a totally social event," said Joyce Muller, associate vice president of communications and marketing at McDaniel. Muller is also a seasoned tailgater who has attended many home games.

Approximately 520 vehicles entered Bair Stadium for the Homecoming game on Saturday, according to Jason Fratto, whose fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi, worked the gate with campus safety.

"There was a steady stream of cars," Fratto said.

Muller credits the drive-in style of the stadium



BRIAN PATTERSON

Approximately 520 cars entered Bair Stadium for the Homecoming game last Saturday to tailgate and enjoy the perfect football weather on the Hill.

as conducive to tailgating. The bowl shape of Bair Stadium allows fans to park their vehicles close to the edge of the field.

"At most colleges, you

have to park outside the gates" to tailgate, Muller said. Referring to the circa 1920 photo (on the McDaniel College tailgating site) of the early automobiles perched on

the edges of the field, she said tailgating has a long history at the college.

On game day, fans arrive early to park their vehicles [See "Homecoming" on page 3]

Memorial planned for construction worker

ROB GOEKE
NEWS EDITOR

The college has tentative plans to construct a memorial in honor of a construction worker who was killed this summer while working on the new building that will house Graduate and Professional Studies, Psychology, Education, and Student Aca-

demic Support Services.

James Grove, 42, placed bricks all over McDaniel - from Lewis Hall to North Village, to the remodeled Arch. For more than five years, he worked on various construction projects on campus until a fatal accident killed him August 6, 2004.

Grove was an employee of Henry Lewis Contractors

and Tim Pierce Masonry Sub-contractors.

"James was such a likable guy," said Henry Lewis, President of Henry Lewis Contractors, the main contractor working on the new academic building. "He was a craftsman who enjoyed and took pride in his work. His death emotionally affected the other workers."

The college has tentative plans to construct a memorial in honor of Grove inside the new building. Plans for the memorial have not been finalized, since the new building is not scheduled to open until late spring of 2005.

"We have envisioned some kind of memorial [for James]," said Ethan Seidel, Vice [See "Memorial" on page 3]

Sapora awaits trial, students react to his absence

JACQUILINE PUNDT
STAFF WRITER

It could be months before an English and Communication professor finds out if he has to serve jail time for driving under the influence (DUI) and driving while intoxicated (DWI) charges. However, tenured professor Bob Sapora will not come back to teach three courses he began teaching this Fall Semester, according to college administrators.

On Wednesday, September 22, Sapora and his attorney An-

drew Stone appeared in Carroll County District Court and requested that Judge Marc Rasinsky allow Sapora to have a jury trial.

The request was granted, and a jury trial will most likely take place later this year or early next year if Sapora does not reach a plea agreement before hand, Stone said.

While Stone could not comment about the specifics of Sapora's case, he said that the benefit of a jury trial "affords the defendant time to

prepare the case. It is easier to sway one person on the jury to say not guilty."

Sgt. James DeWees with the Maryland State Police also explained that "most defendants reach a plea agreement before the jury trial ever takes place."

Sapora was charged on the evening of May 24 with driving, or attempting to drive, a vehicle while impaired by alcohol. He was also charged with negligent driving, according to Traffic System Citation Information

available at the Carroll County District Court.

In February 2002, Sapora failed sobriety tests after he was stopped on North Center Street in Westminster. He received probation before judgement and paid \$305 in fines, according to District Court documents.

Students in Sapora's classes were both surprised and shocked to hear about the charges Sapora faces.

"A lot of people do it [drinking and driving] and never get caught and then

someone like [Dr. Sapora] gets the short end of the stick," said sophomore Brandon Finnigan, student in Sapora's Fiction into Film class.

Finnigan also said that when Sapora told his class the news, he accepted responsibility for his actions. Many students' comments revealed their hope-for-the-best mentality. "I really believe that Dr. Sapora is a great teacher. I use the word teacher and not professor intentionally because he really

[See "Await trial" on page 2]

Alumni journalists speak to freshman students

TAYLOR HEBDEN
LEON MACH
STAFF WRITERS

Journalism in the 21st Century is no ordinary freshman seminar. The class doesn't just talk about successful reporters, they meet them.

Each Thursday different journalists are invited to the class and interviewed by the students. The class isn't getting the cut and dry story of what it takes to become a journalist, they are getting the real story. The long hours, difficult schedule, the first job, the tough criticism.

Journalism professor Terry Dalton has been bringing in guest speakers since he first offered the class in 2000.

"The course is about connecting student journalists with professional journalists," said Dalton. "The guest speakers expose students to the positive side of journalism."

Recently, three McDaniel alumni came in to talk about their careers in journalism. Katie Champion of the *Mt. Airy Gazette*, Staci George of the *Gettysburg Times*, and Tammie Slater of *The View*, are all reporters with very different stories to tell.

George is in charge of the fire and police articles, and is on call at all times, day or night. When a death or fire happens at 2 a.m., she is expected to get there, interview the witnesses and those close to the victims.

One morning George arrived at the scene of a horrific motorcycle accident where she saw blood marks on a truck and a body in the road covered with a sheet. The job can be very draining, physically and emotionally, she admits, but it's also gratifying to see your work being read and affecting others.

All three women work for small papers, but that does not mean their work is easy. Champion for instance, is in responsible for eight to ten articles per week.

Every guest speaker receives their share of negative criticism from readers, but when that happens, they know their writing is reaching people. Both Slater and Champion share this feeling of gratification when others read their work.

These recent graduates all agree that McDaniel played a pivotal role in preparing them for their careers as journalists.

"McDaniel helped me to pursue my career and what I wanted to do," said George. "A sign language course I took helped me in an interview with a deaf woman. The variety of classes I took (at McDaniel) really helped."

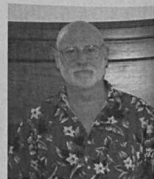


SARAH BLACK
Katie Champion (*Mt. Airy Gazette*), Staci George (*Gettysburg Times*), and Tammie Slater (*The View*) shared their experiences in a freshman seminar class.

They felt that it was easier to get internships in their field because of McDaniel's small classes and close relationships with professors.

"You'll never get that treatment at The University of Maryland," said Champion.

These internships led to good career offers soon after graduation. The liberal arts program also helped to broaden their skills. Other guests have included Mike Preston of *The Baltimore Sun*, Jamie Kelly of *The Westminster Advocate*, and David Simon of *The Carroll County Times*.



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Sapora awaits trial

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teaches students... If the school decides to suspend him or something along those lines, they are doing a great disservice to the students who will miss out on the opportunity to have him teach their class," said senior Emily Routh, former student of Sapora.

Senior Will Epps said, "It is unfortunate for both Dr. Sapora and the college but he must also take responsibility for his actions. If he needs help, I truly hope he gets it."

Walter Zalis, another Fiction Into Film student added, "I felt bad for him" and "it makes me want to know more."

Sapora's classes this semester included English Composition, Fiction Into Film and Beowulf to Mallory. The classes are being taught by Dr. Robert Kachur, Jonathan Slade, and Dr. Del Palmer respectively.

"Dr. Sapora's situation is a personnel matter, and as a matter of policy the administration never comments on personnel matters," President Joan Develin Coley explained via email. "This is a protection for all of our employees."

Attempts to contact Dr. Sapora were unsuccessful. His attorney explained he had "advised his client to not answer questions concerning this matter."

The lighter side of the campus blotter

LEON MACH
STAFF WRITER

Editor's Note: Many students remember the old Campus Safety Blotter which included a short description of incidents in addition to the date, time and location. The McDaniel Free Press will now run a commentary in addition to the blotter to provide a more in-depth, humorous account of what's going on around campus.

My name is Leon Mach and I am no stranger to the judicial policies here at McDaniel. I can't really blame myself though. I mean, who would have thought that urinating out of the fourth floor window of McDaniel Hall would be considered "lewd and indecent" conduct? Since enrolling here

at the college in August of 2001, I have been known to occupy various administration buildings as well as the Carroll County Courthouse for choosing alcohol as an extracurricular activity.

Now, as a 21 year old senior anticipating graduation, I have matured and I am ready to put my under aged drinking days behind me. Perhaps it's part of my therapy, or just an assignment for my Newspaper Practicum class, but I will be writing this column to go beyond the minimal verbiage found in the Campus Safety Blotter. This column will essentially highlight wacky incidence of campus chaos. Who knows, maybe if I write about other peoples mishaps

I will be less likely to commit any more of my own.

"Higher education does not confirm intelligence" said Mike Webster, Director of Campus Safety. Which brings me to the first incident worth noting. He is identified as the "Midnight Waker." This guy was written up at 11:28 pm on a Saturday night for possessing alcohol under age. I just can't feel sorry for this guy. This is McDaniel College, where everyone carrying a backpack on Saturday night appears suspicious, let alone someone waxing his car at midnight. At least his car was shiny for his hot date with the Residence Life Staff.

This next incident is my personal favorite. This ex-

student was written up for disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace for shouting obscenities and exposing himself to a campus Safety officer. Now that is a story on its own, but the timing is what I find most intriguing. This intoxicated subject committed this violation at 12:06 pm on a Monday afternoon: everyone knows that's way too early for the moon to be visible. Being drunk by noon is no easy task. Don't get me wrong I've been there when tailgating for a concert or big football game, but a Monday afternoon in a dormitory hardly seems appropriate. Who am I to judge anyway? It was five o'clock somewhere (or something like that).

Campus Safety blotter

| Occurred on | Date | Subcategory | Type | Building Name | Incident Status |
|-------------|------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 9/17/04 | 11:42 p.m. | Tampering with Fire Extinguisher | Property | Whiteford | Closed |
| 9/18/04 | unknown | Vandalism | Property | Whiteford | Inactive |
| 9/19/04 | 1:25 a.m. | DWI | | Historic Drive | Pending Court Outcome |
| 9/19/04 | 3:40 a.m. | Alcohol Possession | Under 21 | McDaniel Hall | Closed by Report |
| 9/19/04 | 5:05 a.m. | Drug Violation | Paraphernalia | Daniel McLea | Pending Court Outcome |
| 9/23/04 | 4:30 p.m. | Harassment | Computer | Whiteford | Report Complete |
| 9/25/04 | 1:35 a.m. | Alcohol Possession | Under 21 | Blanche Ward | Closed by Report |
| 9/25/04 | 1:45 a.m. | Trespass | | Blanche Ward | Closed by Report |
| 9/25/04 | 7:32 p.m. | Alcohol Possession | Under 21 | Rouzer | Closed by Report |
| 9/25/04 | 11:25 p.m. | Alcohol Possession | Under 21 | Bair Stadium | Closed by Report |
| 9/26/04 | 12:08 a.m. | Alcohol | Open Container | Blanche Ward | Closed by Report |
| 9/26/04 | 2:23 a.m. | Alcohol Possession | Under 21 | Garden Apt. 3 | Pending Court Outcome |
| 9/30/04 | 11:00 p.m. | Tampering with Fire Extinguisher | | Blanche Ward | Report Complete |
| 10/1/04 | 9:31 p.m. | Alcohol Possession | Under 21 | Rouzer | Closed by Report |
| 10/1/04 | 9:41 p.m. | Alcohol Possession | Under 21 | Rouzer | Closed by Report |
| 10/1/04 | 11:30 p.m. | Vandalism | Structure | Blanche Ward | Inactive |
| 10/2/04 | 12:34 a.m. | Assault | Hands/Facet | Garden Apt. 1 | Open |
| 10/2/04 | 11:40 p.m. | Disorderly Conduct | Disturbing | Off Campus | Closed by Report |
| 10/2/04 | 1:30 a.m. | Vandalism | Property | Decker | Inactive |
| 10/2/04 | 10:30 p.m. | Theft | From Building | North Village | Open |
| 10/3/04 | 2:00 a.m. | Alcohol Possession | Under 21 | Blanche Ward | Closed by Report |
| 9/1/04 | unknown | Theft | From Motor Vehicle | Harrison Lot | Report Complete |
| 10/4/04 | 4:00 p.m. | Theft | Motor Vehicle Parts | Rouzer Lot | Open |
| 10/8/04 | 12:31 a.m. | Alcohol Possession | Under 21 | Rouzer Hall | Report Complete |

Tailgaters celebrate football victory at Homecoming

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around the field, set up their tents, folding chairs and tables, and fire up the grill. Once in position, they can view the whole game right from their tailgate spot.

"What I like about tailgating is that I can entertain my friends without needing to clean my home," Muller said.

Tailgating can be a simple or elaborate affair. The food can range from potato salad and sandwiches to pork chops and steak cooked on the grill.

"I remember a few years ago, a family next to our party actually roasted a whole suckling pig," Muller said.

"Tailgating removes you from stadium seating and breaks you into more personal groups," said junior Jonathan Fitzgerald who, with his fraternity Alpha Sigma Phi, plans tailgate parties that regularly feed around 30 people.

For the homecoming game on Saturday, Oct. 9, Fitzgerald and his fraternity

members plan to prepare hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill. They'll also bring picnic salads and "lots of Coke," he said.

"We'll probably set up around 8 a.m.," Fitzgerald said.

This early set up time is essential. At McDaniel games, tailgaters can only choose their positions on a first-come basis. For games like homecoming, coveted spots go quickly.

For the members of Alpha Sigma Phi, their designated area is located a short distance from the Western Maryland caboose. For the Mullers, their usual spot is at the high point of the field, beneath a sprawling tree to the right of the grandstand.

"My husband will probably be here at 6 a.m.," Muller said, to wait for the opening of the stadium at 9 a.m.



SUZANNE LESTER

Members of the Phi Delta fraternity operate a booth on the Hill during the football game.

But the Green Terror athletes won't be the only ones in competition. At each home game this season, tailgaters will engage in friendly rivalry to be selected tailgater of the game. The college will award the winner with a prize package of sausage from Giulianova's Grocery and Deli in

Westminster, according to the Sports Information department.

The combination of great food, spectacular weather and the company of friends, alumni, faculty, staff and students makes the tailgating atmosphere as festive as a county fair.



BRIAN PATTERSON

Memorial to be created for construction worker

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President for Administration and Finance at McDaniel. "It is in the discussion stage between his immediate employers and the College."

Since Grove was a mason who worked exclusively with bricklaying, the memorial will be made out of brick, according to Seidel.

Grove's connection to the college was not limited to his construction work at various sites on campus. He also lived next door to Henry Reiff, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, in Westminster for the past 13 years.

"He loved working at the college," said Reiff. "Whenever I saw him he would tell me about the progress of various projects. I could always tell he was proud of his work."

Reiff said they were good neighbors in the sense that they helped each other out.

Since Grove's death, Dean

Reiff and his family have made an effort to help his widow, Pat and their two children adjust to life now.

"I go over to their house and check on them and say hello. I didn't usually do that before James died," Reiff said. "I feel a spiritual connection with [the Grove family] now."

He feels his family's relationship with the Groves has grown much closer and he tries to aid them whenever possible.

"We don't often realize that for people working on these buildings, one small mistake could lead to death," said Reiff. "Death is a reminder of how much we take for granted."

In addition to working construction, Grove was an avid gardener. When Reiff looks over into the backyard, where Grove's fishing gear still sits, he expects to see

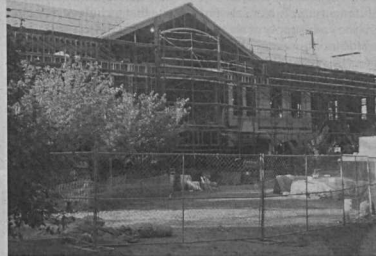


Construction continues on the new academic building next to ANW. It is scheduled to be completed by next fall.

Grove working there.

"James would often stop by his parent's house to work on their garden," Reiff said. "When he left, he would always clip off a rose to bring home for his wife."

Often, after a hard day of bricklaying, James would relax in his backyard and pop open a fresh can of Busch



KATIE MARTIN

beer. On the four week anniversary of his death, Reiff put a 30 pack of Busch in a cooler, brought it to the construction site and asked the other workers to have a beer in Grove's honor.

"It put Jim back in people's consciousness," said Reiff.

Grove was killed when

a concrete saw jammed in concrete, kicked back unexpectedly and hit him in the neck, according to Westminster City Police reports. The Maryland Occupational Safety and Health office is conducting an investigation of the incident, but records of the investigation were not made available to the Free Press in time for publication.

Taskforce looks to revamp college curriculum

JESSE FELDMAN
STAFF WRITER

Like many other institutions, McDaniel College steps back every so often to evaluate its methods and goals. This year, administrators have formed a Curriculum Review Taskforce to review and possibly revamp the college's curriculum including the Honors Program, Jan Term, and The First Year Seminar.

"It is time," Dr. Donna Evergates, the committee chair says.

Discussion at the meetings will center around whether the current curriculum, the first year seminar for example, really meets its goals and how. Other discussion topics include the math proficiency

requirement, the EPE requirement, and BLARs.

Committee members include Dr. Mary Bendel Simso, English; Dr. Jeff Marx, Physics; Dr. Linda Eschman, Math/Computer Science; Dr. Volker C. Franke, Political Science; Dr. Mark Hadley, Philosophy/Religious Studies; Dr. Roxanna Harlow, Sociology; Dr. Dave Herlocker, Chemistry; Dr. Maggie McDevitt, Psychology; Dr. Sherri Hughes, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs; Dr. Tom Falkner, Provost.

Student representatives from the junior and senior class will soon be selected by Dr. Phil Sayre, vice president and dean of student affairs.

According to Dr. Evergates, curriculum committee members are review-

ing faculty and staff's assessments of the strengths and weaknesses of the current curriculum. However, the taskforce will not actually change any specific departmental course loads.

This curriculum review is the first comprehensive review in nearly three decades, Evergates noted.

The meetings are closed and all discussions are confidential, but a general report is released to faculty members not on the committee.

Student representatives, selected by Sayre, will not have voting capacity, but their input in discussions will be welcomed, Evergates explained.

"Obviously, it is very important to look at what student experiences have been

with BLARs and the curriculum," Sayre said.

As of last week, only one student application for the committee had been received by Sayre. Although "disappointed" at the apparent lack of interest, Sayre still expressed his high hopes for the taskforce, saying, "It's a very important thing, because they are looking at everything."

The committee has been researching all year. They have looked at records from Academic Affairs and the Registrar's Office, as well as student transcripts. Last semester they reviewed faculty surveys and discussions. Many faculty members also attended education-gear conferences.

A student survey will

probably take place later in the semester as well, Evergates said.

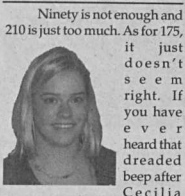
The committee sees this year as a prime time for a curriculum review because of the recent addition of many members to the college's faculty. The discussions and surveys were seen as a good way to involve new faculty and Falkner more closely with the college community.

Sometime around January, the committee will create and present 2 or 3 models to the faculty. The models could be anything from conservative to radical, with a final model being created based on their feedback by spring semester.

The final result could be anything, because as Dr. Evergates said, "Where we will go... we just don't know."

No happy meal plan available

SARAH BLACK
STAFF WRITER



Ninety is not enough and 210 is just too much. As for 175, it just doesn't seem right. If you have ever heard that dreaded beep after Cecilia swipes your card, you know what I'm talking about.

I for one, have been caught more than once hearing that familiar beep from the card machine.

Whenever I hear that beep, my heart stops for a split second because the thought of being denied my one true love (food) run through my head.

Maybe you never heard that beep because you have an abundant supply of meals. But maybe your supply of meals is a little too abundant? Has anyone else realized that there is no perfect choice for the right amount of meals?

I am one of those people who need to eat every meal in order to make it through the

day. But why doesn't the school offer a meal plan that allows you to eat every meal provided?

The current meal plan options are frustrating to me. They seem contradictory. How is the school going to provide all these meals for us, then deny some of them to us?

Then on the other side, where is the perfect meal plan for those students who don't eat every meal, and need something in between, let's say 175 and 210? Or between 90 and 175? Where are the options?

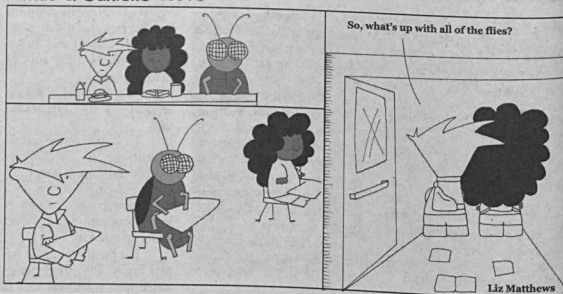
McDaniel should provide a meal plan that fits most everyone's needs, with more than three or four choices for the school's 1700 students.

I propose a meal plan that includes every meal offered, one for two meals a day, one for one meal per day, one that includes every meal only offered on the weekdays, and any other combination of meal plans that I did not mention.

No two students are the same, we are all unique—so why doesn't McDaniel Meal Plan treat us that way?

COMMENTARY

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DORM FAILURES

ROUZER HALL



WHITEFORD HALL



ANY FRAT HOUSE



Patrick Bonaduce

Shame on those who discard Sapora's talents so swiftly

SHELLY HORN
STAFF WRITER



"I can't believe that I was sitting in class listening to a drunk!" "Yeah, I know. We actually took notes in that class!"

I overheard these comments in Decker, not too far from the information desk. Two female students had just read the articles in the McDaniel Free Press about Dr. Robert Sapora, his impending trial, and battles with alcoholism.

I have never taken any of Dr. Sapora's classes, nor have I met him. However, their words both nauseated and infuriated me. My only consolation was to think that this was an isolated case of ignorance, and I quickly attributed the comments to immaturity. I learned, however, over the next couple days, that I was wrong.

Two days a week, I work in the Writing Center. We recently created appointment reminder cards. The back of the card displays an original and insightful quote about writing, attributed to Dr. Sapora.

During this "hype," I was informed by a colleague some faculty and staff thought it best that we use a permanent marker to blacken

Dr. Sapora's name from the back of the card. I refused.

At home that evening, a common chore put the entire scenario into perspective. I took out the trash, distributing the bagged trash into one can, and recyclable materials into a separate bin. That's when it occurred to me. There are two types of people in the world; those who recycle and those who don't.

"It is my sincere hope that the McDaniel 'family' and 'community' act with a spirit of support and compassion for a family member battling a disease."

I thought about the various comments I had heard throughout the week. Students were willing to throw away everything learned from Dr. Sapora, after reading that he is an alcoholic. Some faculty members and staff are willing to allow his words to stand on a reminder card, but not his name.

These people display what I call a "disposable mindset." Things, and oftentimes people, are discarded at the end of their apparent usefulness.

In my first semester at McDaniel, I met administrators and faculty who used phrases like "our community on the Hill" and "fam-

ily" and "support." With regard to this issue, I have seen none of the above. Some students have asked administrators and faculty members about Dr. Sapora's status only to be stonewalled with generic slogans like "he won't be returning any time soon," issued through an uncomfortable smirk.

Recycling, in short, means that we separate items, so that something of value can be used in another form. Those who recycle see the potential benefits in making something new from what others may throw out.

In this instance, it means that, regardless of the outcome, we refrain from discarding all things associated with Dr. Sapora and take the time to separate his work from his personal life.

He's touted as a great teacher, colleague, and friend to many on campus. On these characteristics we should reflect with gratitude.

As for Dr. Sapora's personal problems, it is my sincere hope that the McDaniel "family" and "community" act with a spirit of support and compassion for a family member battling a disease. I also hope that the administration and faculty open the lines of communication for concerned students.

It is said that the most important college lessons aren't learned from textbooks. Certainly none are learned from silence.

Turning Back the Pages

Back in 1993, students knew McDaniel College as Western Maryland College, a college named for Western Maryland Railway.

In an article entitled "Western Maryland College May Lose Its Name" by Lori Shupe, first signs of discussing a new name for the college were brought to the table. The article spoke of a special committee being formed during the late 1980's to evaluate the college's name. The committee did not mention any ideas for actual names, but decided that the issue should be evaluated.

Robert Chambers, president of the college in 1993, very much supported the idea of giving Western Maryland College a new identity. He even commented

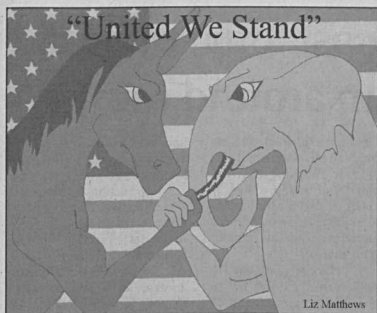
that if the college were given a hundred-million dollars, it would likely be named after the donor. Chambers also felt that the 14,000 alumni at that time would support for a name change.

On the other side of the spectrum, others were in strong opposition of a possible name change. One of the alumni was quoted saying, "I have no children and no family to leave my estate to, and I don't intend to leave anything to a college I didn't attend." A random poll of 20 students yielded that 75 percent were against a name change in 1993.

Source(s): Shupe, Lori. "Western Maryland College May Lose Its Name." *Phoenix*, 22 Jan. 1993, Volume IX, Number 7: 1



This photo, taken from an early 1900's "Aloha" yearbook shows the McDaniel campus in its early days. The building on the far left was known as "old main." Its bell tower sits in memorial square.



Liz Matthews

I'm not Bush, and I'm not Kerry

Advertising gives narrow view of candidates

GEOFF PECKHAM
STAFF WRITER

I'd go out on a limb and say about ninety percent of the United States population



knows who they're going to vote for President on November 2nd. Strictly guessing, I

would say roughly about forty-five percent will vote for Bush, the other forty-five percent will vote for Kerry. The polls don't deny this.

So it's not that difficult to assume then that the remaining ten percent will decide who our next President will be. Shouldn't the advertisements both parties release be aimed at that ten percent? If I were in charge of either George W. Bush's or John Kerry's campaign, I'd make sure all ads were diverted to the citizens who plan on voting, but aren't sure for who yet. Oddly enough, this is not the case in modern politics.

The problem with political advertising is that the ads are aimed at the voters who have already made up their minds. Neither party is focusing on the undecided voters. Instead of saying "you should vote for this candidate because..." They're saying "You've made the right decision. Now go out and persuade your neighbor." Word of mouth might work for the movie business, but not politics.

More and more candidates are trying to persuade you not to vote for them, but rather against the other guy. This negative advertising has been used for years, and while it has been effective, this election is too close to rely on trashing talking your opponents.

Before the 1980s, candidates would use image and is-

sue advertising to win votes, and save the negative ads for towards the end of the election. Now, all I see is negative advertising.

Many of the ads aren't even official ones for the either candidate. The Swift Vote Veterans for Truth have been running ads questioning John Kerry's years in Vietnam. The same strategy was used against John McCain, a former POW, in 2000, which helped Bush secure his party's nomination.

I won't question the validity of their claims, but the portion of voters who are undecided probably aren't focusing on John Kerry's military career. What I believe it comes down to is people are mad at George W. Bush for how he handled Iraq, but they aren't sure John Kerry could do a better job, largely because he hasn't taken a definite stance on many of the issues. That's right, he's a flip-flopper. Questioning John Kerry's career in Vietnam will have a minimal effect, if any effect at all.

The same goes for George W. Bush. If a citizen is already convinced of Bush's shortcomings, questioning his service in the Texas Air National Guard is just reinforcing those notions, not establishing new ones in the minds of the voters who haven't decided to vote for.

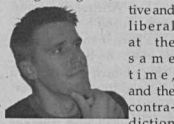
These candidates need to enforce their images better, not tarnish each others. If you're not ardently against either of these candidates by now, especially after all the negative advertising that's been going on, you probably won't be. So what difference would it make by seeing another advertisement saying John Kerry is unfit for command, if you don't think so already? These candidates need to get more creative, and they've got very little time left to do so.

I'm Geoff Peckham and I approved this article.

Blurred ideologies breed dichotomy and tolerance

ROB GOECKE
NEWS EDITOR

America is at the same time growing more conservative and liberal at the same time, and the contradiction



of the last statement is just as confusing as reality.

What is occurring is a dichotomy between popular culture and politics. In the race for the White House, the incumbent has made no effort to go to the left on any of his policies and ideas. Traditional social policies coupled with a stark, good versus evil view of the world has led to a very right-minded administration.

At the same time, the Democratic challenger has not provided a clear ideological difference from his opponent. During the presidential primaries, John Kerry was close to Howard Dean in the ideas he espoused. Yet once Kerry was faced with George Bush, he did not stay to the left, but went back toward the center to appeal to the magi-

cal swing voters.

Thus, on November 2, voters have a choice between an extremely conservative choice and a moderately conservative one.

Logic would suggest that for this sort of political environment to exist, social values would become more conservative to correspond. The opposite is the case.

If anything, social values are becoming more and more liberal. Whatever your views on gay rights and abortion, the fact that these ideas have become mainstream shows a more progressive society, which is not necessarily wrong.

Problems begin when this more forward thinking philosophy clashes with the more traditional political philosophy. In essence, America now has two sides against each other: the broadminded left and the conventional right. That is the reason for the bitter political and ideological divide that exists today. When it comes to social issues, people are unable to accept concessions.

But compromise will have to be made in order for America to advance. In the

position America holds in the world, its citizens cannot be in a bitter societal struggle. America needs to be an example to the world, not a nation that's at war with itself and isolated from the world as Thomas Friedman said in a New York Times column October 3.

Abraham Lincoln said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." At the time he uttered that, slavery was the issue dividing the nation, quite literally.

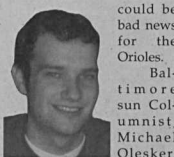
Thankfully, society has progressed light years since then. But in many ways, we are divided quite bitterly. The ability to work together with those on the other side of the political and moral spectrum is the only way to solution.

Congress needs to do so, but so does the average citizen. If you have a view, make sure it is well informed. If you're pro-choice, try and understand where pro-lifers are coming from. If you're with President Bush on banning gay marriage, do not view homosexuals with hate or ignorance. America can be more liberal and conservative at the same time, as long as tolerance exists on both sides.

Senators please: D.C. baseball will hurt Baltimore on and off the field

BRIAN PATTERSON
CO EDITOR

The Expos are moving to D.C. and it looks like this could be bad news for the Orioles.



Baltimore will ultimately suffer on and off the field.

"In Baltimore, we shudder at the thought because...with baseball in Washington, the estimated 25 percent of Oriole Park attendance from the D.C. suburbs figures to drop drastically," Olesker wrote back in late September.

The logic goes like this: The Orioles lose the revenue generated from D.C. fans along with the value of the broadcast rights. As a result, they will not be able to increase their payroll and sign players to compete with the Yankees and Red Sox. Even with the compensation owner Peter Angelos will receive from Major League Baseball, local restaurants

and other attractions at the Inner Harbor will lose business.

Oh well, at least I've got a team to root for now.

The Expos were dying in Montreal and the only place that made sense was Washington. Locations like Las Vegas, Portland, Puerto Rico, and Tampa Bay could never support a major league franchise.

It's been 33 years since baseball was played in the nation's capital and now

compete if they had some pitching or this was the year they wouldn't finish fourth. I was always envious because I wanted a team to be delusional about, and now there is one to go along with the Redskins and Wizards.

Of course I haven't been waiting the entire 33 years for a team, but my dad has been a loyal Senators fan for the length of the hiatus.

"I had given up hope of ever seeing this day, but of course it ain't over till it's over," he said on the day the announcement was made. He even remembers the Senators final home game in 1971 when they lead 7-5 against the hated Yankees with two outs in the top of the ninth. The fans stormed the field; the ump's called the game and awarded the Yankees a 9-0 forfeit victory.

Now if you're wondering what this has to do with McDaniel College, well it really doesn't have much to do with it at all. As co editor in chief I stress to writers not to write articles that have nothing to do with the school. Then again as co editor in chief I can write what I want to.

At least that joke I made about Tampa Bay was kind of funny.



Frank Howard lead the American league in Home Runs in 1968 and 1970. Will Totty Batista do the same in 2005?

seems to be a good time to bring it back, even if I am going to have to root for Tony Batista, Brad Wilkerson, and Tony Armas.

I've heard a lot of delusional Orioles fans on campus talk about how they could

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FEATURES

Guided ghost tour suggests spirits roam around campus

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Beverly Litsinger talks to ghosts. When she senses an energy is near her, she introduces herself and tells them she means no harm. She explains to them that they are dead, and they can move on if they follow the light. There, she tells them, they will find their loved ones.

Ms. Litsinger, a Randallstown resident and the founder of the Maryland Ghosts and Spirits Association, is a professional ghost tour guide.

Recently, she toured McDaniel's campus and discovered that many energies roamed here. Spirits are present in Elderidge, outside of Rouzer, in DMC, in the Quad, in Little Baker and in the theater, she said.

A ghost is simply an energy replaying itself,

Litsinger explained. This replay can be a battle or a suicide or anything that the spirit wants you to see. A spirit is also a real human who died. These can appear anywhere and can interact with anyone.

"[People] don't have to believe me. I don't try to change their minds," Litsinger said, adding that she who started a ghost investigation web site four years ago and now has thousands of members. "This is what I do. I believe there is something better out there."

Ghosts and spirits can reveal themselves in four forms: ectoplasm, vortex, formal orb, and full body. The full body is when the ghost or spirit is in its full human figure. All of the forms can be seen on film from a 35mm camera, Litsinger said.

Using a device called an Electro Magnetic Field Detector (EMF) Litsinger picks up electronic fields over various frequencies and distances.

In other words, if she stands outside in front of Rouzer Hall, she can detect a ghost or a spirit on the top floor and pinpoint its position.

The EMF has a scale from one to

10 on the top and a button on the side that Litsinger pushes to take readings. If the presence is really strong, according to Litsinger, the dial will go off on its own.

Most of the ghosts Litsinger has encountered

have been harmless; some have even helped people. But ghost hunting can be tough, she said.

According to Litsinger, something has to make a ghost want to reveal itself, or even make its presence known. Sometimes that requires a specific season or month. Appearances are also linked to whether or not the ghosts want company.

While visiting McDaniel College, Litsinger detoured into Baker Memorial Chapel. Here her EMF detector went off by itself. When she tried to take a picture of the spirit, the new batteries in her camera died.

"Some don't want to be seen," Litsinger said, shrugging



Beverly Litsinger uses an Electro Magnetic Field Detector (EMF) to find ghosts on campus, including in the Quad, Elderidge, outside of Rouzer, in DMC, in Little Baker and in the theater.

as she puts new batteries into her camera. "It's up to them entirely. It's not my choice."

Litsinger's web site suggests that there are 11 recorded hauntings in Carroll County, not including McDaniel College.

Litsinger said the most common places are schools, churches, and cemeteries.

"Sometimes people see it and they don't know," Litsinger said. It could be a spot on a picture, a face in a window, or a streak of orange light.

Other places Litsinger has encountered spirits or ghosts include Gettysburg, the Avonlea Bed and Breakfast, Fells Point, and Loyola College.

In addition to her ghost web site, Litsinger takes association members on free tours looking for ghosts and teaches workshops at Prince George College.



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Students spend semester not quite lost at sea

KELLY RAMPMEYER
STAFF WRITER

While most of us spent our summer being beach bums, two McDaniel College students took the opportunity to explore the world.

Jennifer Dumpert, a senior social work major, and Kara Kunst, a senior psychology major with an elementary education minor, took advantage of the Semester at Sea program. The two hopped aboard the 'Explorer' for a two and a half month journey that took them to many different parts of the world.

On June 17, they boarded the ship in Alaska along with 300 other students. From there, they journeyed to Russia, Korea, Shanghai, Beijing, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Taiwan, and finally Japan.

"Experience of a lifetime

does not fully explain my summer with Semester at Sea," said Dumpert. "Words can't be used to clarify my feelings of meeting a Hiroshima survivor, climbing the Great Wall, and visiting the Hanoi Hilton of Vietnam where so many American veterans were held."

Simply being aboard the ship was a multi-cultural experience. "There were students, staff, and crew from at least 20 different countries around the world. It was very interesting to learn about America through other people's eyes," Dumpert explains.

On board, the students studied a wide range of classes, including a "core" class, which was a basic global perspectives course. In addition to the mandatory class, students could choose from many courses ranging

from anthropology of food to animal behavior.

While traveling between ports the students kept busy. They spent their free time getting to know each other through social gatherings, games, pub nights, and other activities; but nothing could compare to the time they spent in port, Dumpert and Kunst said.

"It really was an awesome experience," said Kunst. "I got to see a lot of beautiful places and I became close with a lot of students and faculty from all over the world."

While the boat was docked at any of its number of stops, students were free to roam about the country and do what they wanted.

Dumpert and Kunst are now back on the Hill for their senior year, and they



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Jennifer Dumpert and Kara Kunst enjoy scenic Alaska aboard the 'Explorer' during Semester at Sea

said they would "absolutely" recommend the Semester at Sea experience to anybody.

"It's the type of experience you need to have for yourself which is why I en-

courage everyone to get out and travel as much as possible," said Dumpert.

Semester at Sea programs are still being offered, for more information look online.

McD CRIBS

"Home Away From Home"

SUZANNE LESTER
STAFF WRITER



Andrea Spahn and Lee Oliver are two busy freshman athletes with an amazingly spacious room, which is rare on the McDaniel campus. Most people assume that the living standards, in dorms, improve with seniority. This is a myth that unfortunately is told to all prospective students. The other two dormitories residing on top of the hill have even smaller rooms than the freshman female dormitory, Whiteford. These two young ladies are extremely lucky to have one of the larger rooms in Whiteford.

The door to their room is decorated with pictures and welcoming signs, as well as a wipe board for any messages needed to be left.

Andrea is biology major who enjoyed dressing her com-

puter in a blue boa. Lee is an Art and Political Science major who is a huge fan of Christina Aguilera. Both ladies keep a fairly tidy room, with little to no clutter. Framed picture collages, of friends and family, adorn the normally white boring walls. Each girl has a comfortable chair to rest a tired aching athletic body. This is key to relaxing considering both girls participate in sports in the winter and the summer. Andrea plays both field hockey and lacrosse, while Lee is busy running track and lacrosse. The chairs are arranged in direct correlation with a TV and DVD.

The largest eye catcher in the room was a painting of wonder woman, by Andrea

Spahn. This reflected both the talent and the feeling of woman empowerment in the room. I'm sure this set the tone for two lovely ladies who are aggressive in both the classroom and on the field.

Since clothes play a large role in a woman's life and esteem, both ladies were ingenious to bring extra drawer space. This allowed them two stuff both closets and all ready provider dressers, while leaving some excess space.

Their beds are bunked which leaves room for a large movie party with friends. Overall this large room at McDaniel college, epitomizes the typical "home away from home" definition.

Professors with the Personal Touch Dr. Robert Kachur

STACEY SHAFFER
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Robert Kachur has spent seven years with the English Department helping students understand literature, composition, horror and The Apocalypse. On Sundays, he takes a break from massacres and nuclear holocaust and teaches Sunday school at a local church.

"I like interacting with students in classrooms," he explains. "I like seeing students learn how to make connections between ideas in literature and their lives," Kachur said.

Kachur grew up in Hagerstown, Maryland, and received his undergraduate degree at the University of Virginia, and his Ph.D. in the University of Wisconsin.

He graduated with a major in 19th Century British Literature and a minor in Composition Studies. He then spent the next sixteen years moving around the country. He eventually moved to McDaniel because he wanted to work at a school for the liberal arts that was close to where he grew up.

Kachur teaches Horror Fiction, English Composi-

tion, Apocalypse in Fiction & Film, and British Literature from the 18th & 19th Centuries.

"Dr. Kachur is a knowledgeable, passionate educator," said his teaching assistant, Kathleen Miller, a recent graduate. "His commitment to engaged teaching and his warmth and humor make him an incredible asset to the college."

He currently lives in Uniontown with his wife, Susan, and his two daughters Helen, 12, and Adelaide, 9. They also have a five-year-old golden retriever named "Golden," who was taught to sit in the professor's lap, despite the dog's large size.

Kachur's hobbies include weightlifting, helping out at his church, and gardening (both flowers and vegetables). Though he likes TV, he said he rarely has time for it.

"I like the fact that he's conversational and the class is interactive," said Jenni Evans, a junior.

Kachur is also interested in politics.

He describes himself as a "fervent" Democrat and says that one of his goals in life is "to disabuse people of the view that Orthodox Christians should be associated with the Republican Party."



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A view from the skies above Westminster and the fleet of planes that can take students there. Story and photos by Beth McLane



Imagine pure freedom. Imagine leaving the world and its troubles, far behind for a while.

Just you and the sky and the airplane, noted Glen Johnson, a trumpet teacher at McDaniel College.

Westair Aviation Corporation, located at the Carroll County Airport in Westminster, offers flight lessons to those who are ready for take off.

Johnson is four hours away from receiving his private pilot's license through the flight school. His father had always wanted to fly, and Johnson shared the dream. Soon, Johnson will be able to fly his 66-year-old father anywhere he wants to go.

Flight lessons have been offered at Carroll County Regional Airport since the 1950's, back when it was a grass strip, said Chief Flight Instructor Don Peckenpugh.

Things have changed quite a bit since then, and now lessons are taught in a Diamond Eclipse two-seat, single engine propeller plane. It's

kind of like a sports car, Peckenpugh explained.

Along with some older planes, the Eclipse completes the fleet of training planes that take students to the skies.

Peckenpugh has been in the business for 24 years, after being inspired from watching airplanes overhead in the army.

"It [flying] was something I always wanted to do and something I wanted to make a career out of," Peckenpugh said.

The flight school draws people from all walks of life, and some are even interested in a career in flying. Most students, though, are taking lessons just for the pure pleasure of flying.

Pat Freeman, a graduate of the flight program, was faced with a unique problem before flying.

"I am afraid of heights," Freeman said, but that didn't keep him grounded for long. "The airplane surrounded me and I wore a seat belt so there was no chance that I

was going to fall out of the airplane," he said.

He continued taking lessons and received his flight certificate a year later.

Receiving the license is not an easy task.

"One cannot rush flight training," Freeman said. "It's possible to finish flight training at around 40 hours of flight (the FAA minimum requirement), but many fly 50 to 70 hours before they take their practical exam."

Peckenpugh noted that most students average 55 hours of training before receiving their license.

Johnson found that the only downside to flight lessons was the price. "It gets really expensive," he said. But the experience was worth it to him. "Now I look at things differently," he explained.

After a stressful day at work, Johnson finds refuge in the skies. "It's just relaxing," he said. "You leave stress behind."

Peckenpugh also feels that he benefits from teaching.

"It's very rewarding, especially when a student receives their license," he said. "It's a hard license to obtain."

The small airport outside of Westminster has a comfortable, welcoming atmosphere. But, just like the rest of the nation, Carroll County Regional Airport was affected by September 11th, 2001. A fence was put up around the airfield, security was increased and the flight schools saw a decline in enrollment, according to Peckenpugh.

The program has experienced a comeback since then as more and more people discover the beauty of flight.

Freeman, who began flying in 2003, remembers his first lesson vividly.

"I couldn't believe how far we could see," he remarked. "It was a clear day and I could see the Chesapeake Bay to the East, the Appalachians to the West and could even see Three Mile Island in Harrisburg."

For more information on flight lessons, check out www.keepmefflying.com. There you can find prices and contact information.

Also, www.studentpilot.com/interact/forum is an online forum which involves students, instructors and seasoned pilots.

"You can post questions, get answers fast and everyone is polite," Freeman said. You can also learn about his experience by checking out his web site, 97vette.com/~pat/aviation.

Freeman, Johnson and Peckenpugh have all experienced flight in different forms, yet it has affected them all in similar ways. Whether teaching, learning, or flying solo, each expresses good sentiments for the program.

"I had so much opportunity to fly to places, experience new things and do it all on my own," Freeman said.

Through the flight school at Carroll County Regional airport, the sky is no longer the limit.



60 Seconds

What's your favorite part of Homecoming?

Compiled by Aurora Rockman



The party at night. ~ Carrie Sniften, senior



Winning the football game, and then partying "responsibly." ~ Corey Allen, junior



The girls. ~ Andy Lee, senior



Partying. ~ Will Epps, senior



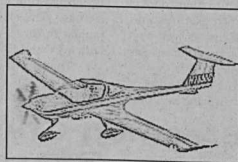
Dominating the football game, of course. ~ Rob Jones, sophomore



Halftime at the game, because I get to perform and show my school spirit. ~ Ashley Brown, junior

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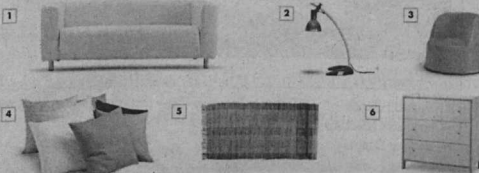
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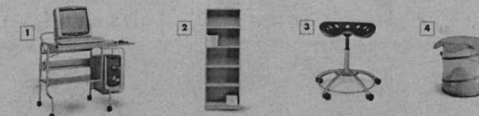
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No love for National Player's Romeo and Juliet

JON TETER
STAFF WRITER

Shakespeare never dies. Or at least his work seems to live forever. *Romeo and Juliet* has been performed many times, made into many movies, and interpreted as many, if not more, times than any play in history. The legacy of Shakespeare continued on September 18 at McDaniel College. The National Players 56th Annual Tour, which features *Romeo and Juliet* as you may never have seen before, rolled into Alumni Hall for an eight o'clock performance. It was slated to be a modern version using Shakespeare's own words. Let me tell you first hand, it was quite a disappointment.

Laced with innuendo and gesture, this production never ceased to make the audience laugh. The entire first half of the show tended to look more like *"The Taming of the Shrew"* rather than the classic romantic tragedy. Over the top antics and superficial nonsensical staging detracted from the words and meaning of the play. It was difficult to understand the actors at times because of the overdone movements. Director Lenny Leibowitz staged a level-laden performance on a set made of only risers. Fred Via's ramp-like set made it impossible for scenes to be staged in specific places. Interior scenes looked much like exterior scenes throughout the play. Even with a good imagination, it still looked like the actors were crawling over these risers, no matter what the scene.



Cuts were made to speed the show along. Leibowitz, however, seems to have cut the wrong scenes. Near the end of the play, a scene is missing where Friar Lawrence gives a letter to a young priest detailing his plan to Romeo in Mantua. This priest is supposed to arrive just after Romeo gets the news about Juliet's death from Benvolio. This is how the tragedy of Romeo's death is known by the audience, leaving it out left the audience totally confused.

Yet more distraction from the play was caused by the costuming. The modern look made for more surface comedy. On a T-shirt worn by Benvolio (Michael Innocenti) the slogan "Italian Stallion" was branded across his chest with a picture of a horse. This seemed to be a slap in the face of the audience, telling us that we couldn't figure out the character traits by ourselves. Colleen Scott tried to modernize the costumes in her design. Instead of bringing the show to modern times, she caused even more confusion with costumes that were not relevant or clever, but outlandish and beside the point.

This brings me to the actual acting. What could an actor do with staging and costuming this bad? The answer was play it up. Sexual gesture and innuendo were taken way over the top by most of the cast. The only respectable performance was that given by Ashly Fishell as Juliet. By keeping most of the

gesture down, she was able to create the essential mood for the character. Other members of the cast attempted to do this as well. Capulet and Lady Capulet (played by Lee Liebeskind and Leigh-Erin Balmer, respectively) did not stray too far into naughty land, but did crowd important lines with innuendo only to lose the

power in them.

I'm still not sure whether the inflated comic aspect was a result of direction, acting, or both, but it surely leaves the audience with the wrong impression. Although the first half of the play is written more comically than the second, it was very out of style in the manner it was presented. Props

that look like something from a household production (complete with Juliet attempting to stab herself with a butter knife) make a ridiculous mockery of the fight scenes. The liberal reduction and staging of the classic forced most of the major elements to be lost. Instead of a meaningful tragedy, we had a farcical circus.

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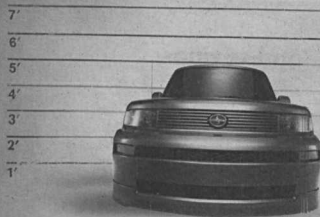


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Cramp, fall golf in full swing; teams fairing well

MIKE HABEGGER
STAFF WRITER

The men's and women's golf teams are off to a strong start in their fall season. The women's team, headed by Coach Mike Diehl, finished 2nd in a tournament at Kutztown, PA, and 3rd out of six teams at the Lehigh Fall Invitational. In both of these matches, McDaniel had medal winners.

This type of start to the season was expected, especially since the team has five returning starters, including Kelly Cramp, who competed individually at nationals last spring. Garnett Pumphrey is a four year starter who has embraced the system that Diehl has established for the team. Sophomore Kristina Malkiewicz finished 10th overall at Kutztown, and 15th at Lehigh against stiffer competition.

Cramp followed a first-place performance of 77 at Kutztown with another nice round of 80 at Lehigh, earning a third place finish amongst many division one recruits.

"We have the opportunity this year to be the second team selected for nationals," said Coach Diehl.

Methodist is likely to be the first team selected, as they are the defending national champs. "What we want to be able to do is beat [rivals] Mt. Holy Oak and Amherst in head to head competitions."

So far the women have finished ahead of Amherst and Mt. Holy Oak in both tournaments, a trend that must continue if they expect to make nationals. Only two teams from a region that stretches from Virginia into New York are selected to participate at the National Championships.

"It's all about numbers. The selection committee looks at the numbers to see who should go and who shouldn't," men's coach Scott Moyer said.

"But it's also about



DAVE SINCLAIR
Senior Kelly Cramp continues to dominate in the world of women's golf. She has postedpost 5 finishes in every match thus far, including two first place honors.

playing good competition," adds Coach Diehl, who feels that the committee will see that McDaniel has consistently outperformed rivals Amherst and Mt. Holy Oak.

The women's team figures to win another Centennial Conference Championship this spring, and face a

strong challenge to outperform last year's win of more than 70 strokes.

"The key here is that our players need to be up for that match. Just because you won last year by 70 shots or more doesn't mean anything. Golfers have bad days," Coach Diehl said.

The early results from the men's side are also very encouraging. The team finished 3rd out of 18 teams at the Wesley College Invitational, 13th out of 24 teams at the Williams Invitational, and 1st out of 15 teams at Hershey, where they shot an unprecedented 299, defeating perennial nationals' selection Susquehanna. At the Gettysburg Invitational on Tuesday, October 7th, McDaniel finished 5th with a tally of 336.

"Playing in these early tournaments helps to build confidence," says Coach Scott Moyer. "Not only have we defeated teams in our conference, but we have also played better than Division I and Division 2 schools."

Part of the process in the fall for men's golf is deciding what combination of players will yield the best results for the team. This year,

McDaniel brought in 3 freshmen, and has a "B" Team in which 5 of the team's 11 players participate regularly. One of the freshmen, Gerry Butler from Ocean Pines, has been impressive in the early competitions, signing for an 80 at Williams.

"We have started a senior [Brendan Zadrozy], two juniors [Tom Michaels, Steve Perrone], one sophomore [Carey Cherner] and one freshman [Butler]. The whole key is finding the right combination," Moyer said.

In the summer many of the players traveled all over the east coast to play in tournaments held in North Carolina and Florida. But this practice does not guarantee success. "To succeed, you need the talent to be there and also the luck, and the ability to perform in the clutch," says Moyer. He states that his goal, like the women's team's goal, is to win the conference championship, and be one of the three teams from the MAC selected to participate in the National Championship.

"What we would like to do is be the first men's and women's team sport to both win the Conference Championship the same year."

Women's soccer holding own

MEREDITH ADAMS
STAFF WRITER

The Women's soccer team has started out remarkably with a record of 6-5-1. While the girls have had some tough losses against conference teams such as Muhlenberg, Dickinson and Franklin and Marshall,

they only look to be getting stronger.

The team's head coach, Tom Gosselin, feels that even though the girls lost, they fought hard and played their best.

"I still feel like we dominated in all three of these games up until the end," he said. "I am very

proud of the way they played."

Senior Kim Lowry, who suffered an injury earlier in the season, is also very impressed with the way the girls have been playing.

"We have a strong veteran defense who have been playing together for three years," she said. "Our goalie, Sophomore Michelle Mullen, just recently set the record for most shutouts in a career, and our offense has been working hard all season and they continue to improve."

The girls have a lot of depth on their team which they feel helps them to work even harder than they normally would.

"All of the girls are great players. There is no way to pick out just one who is the best," Gosselin explains.

He uses the "us" concept to describe his team.

"There is no 'I'; they practice as one and they play as one. Each and every one of them comes motivated to play every day and they handle things in a very professional manner."

Although Coach Gosselin feels that the girls have not played their best game of the season yet, he has high hopes for the playoffs.

"I believe that we will eventually have our breakthrough and do well enough to dominate in the conference."



DAVE SINCLAIR

Senior Katie Kirley has played a large role in the success of the women's soccer team, contributing 4 goals and 3 assists so far this year.

Smith named new head softball coach

STEVE FURST
STAFF WRITER

With an appearance at Regionals and a 27-11 record last year, retiring coach George Dix has left a lot for newly hired Phil Smith to live up to. Coach Smith, however, is no stranger to the game and is certainly the man for the job. An All-Conference baseball player in his college years, a player for a year in the minors, and a coach since 1998, he has the experience to lead our already-accomplished team even further.

He has coached some intense travel and high school programs, with many players moving on to play for Division One schools. With that in mind, Coach Smith does not feel that adapting to the intercollegiate level is going to be a huge change. Still, his plans for the season and the future are no small order: he wants to win the conference and make another appearance at Regionals. In the future, he wants to develop the Terror softball team into a consistent Top 20 finisher, and eventually go to Nationals.

With such lofty goals, his coaching program has been developed accordingly and there is no doubt it will keep his team on the right

track. He has adapted a hitting program used by many of the Olympic and Division One groups, with an emphasis on breaking down the swing and giving the team more swings overall (approximately 150-200 swings per practice for each girl). Pitching, however, is going to be Coach Smith's main focus.

"Offense wins games, defense wins championships," he said.

With two returns from last year and one transfer coming in, the talent is certainly there. Smith considers himself an "aggressive" coach, with an emphasis on pushing the team to their limits and working on everything that can be worked on in practices, feeling a good coach needs to "control the controllables and everything else will fall into place."

So who are the players to watch this season? It is a young team. Although there is only one returning senior, standout Caitlin Burns, there are a couple of incoming freshmen in addition to returning players Mary Abrams, Megan Mitchell, and Abby Cannistraci that Smith wants to develop into top players. With a team full of talent and a clear set of goals, Coach Smith feels completely confident in his outlook for this season and the future, remarking "nobody steps on the field to lose."

Terror football Bullet-proof

PATRICK O'TOOLE
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a boisterous Homecoming on the Hill. Students and alumni alike had come out in droves hours before the game, doing what Terror fans do best: grilling, conversing, and drinking plenty of beverages from unmarked red cups. Entry fee collectors estimated that over 500 cars entered the bowl to get closer to the action.

All too often, the game itself can be lost in all of the activity surrounding it. Football seems to become solely the context for the party surrounding it rather than the main event.

But as sophomore quarterback Brad Baer began his 69-yard jaunt to paydirt on the opening play of the game, he made a definite statement to all of those attention-deficient fans: If you want to know what all this cheering is about, you might want to watch the game.

A score on the first play can be so uplifting for the benefiting team and so demeaning to the other that the rest of the game is immeasurably impacted. After Baer's run, the stage was set for the Terror's dominant 31-0 stampede over Gettysburg. By the end of the afternoon, the Terror would accumulate a new school record of 470 net yards on the ground, becoming 4-1 on the season, 2-0 in the Centennial Conference.

"It gives you confidence... When everything's going right, it's fun to play," Baer said of the first play's impact.

The play was not overly complicated, but the results showed that simplicity can often be a positive attribute. Baer ran an option to the left and immediately recognized and made use of a gaping hole in the Bullets' defense, at which point it was a footrace to the endzone.



Clockwise from top left: Brad Baer hands the ball off to Broderick Maybank as the offensive line holds its ground. The McDaniel defense takes a breather as it awaits the opportunity to return to the field. Defensive lineman Will Epps combines efforts with another McDaniel defender to obliterate the Gettysburg quarterback. Defensive coordinator Brad Fordyce converses with his players. PHOTOS BY SUZANNE LESTER.

"I think once Brad and Broderick and Meikos get to the second level, anything can happen; and thank God it did for a touchdown," head coach Tim Keating said. "It certainly excited me."

On McDaniel's ensuing possession, the Green Terror marched down the field to set up a 34-yard field goal by senior kicker Nate Getchell. The Terror made it 17-0 with 56 seconds remaining in the half on a 1-yard run by senior fullback Jason Hartman.

At the beginning of the second half, the Bullets went three-and-out before McDaniel junior running back Broderick Maybank broke a 59-yard run into the endzone on the team's first offensive play of the half. Sophomore running back Meikos Parker completed the scoring frenzy with a 5-yard run at the beginning of the fourth quarter.

The Terror defense kept Gettysburg's offense in its place for the entire game, posting McDaniel's second

shut-out of the season. The Bullets only managed 150 yards of total offense and were forced to punt 9 times by the end of the game. Leading McDaniel's defense was junior linebacker Ron Ringgold who amassed 7 total tackles, including 6 solo take-downs and a tackle-for-loss. The defensive line also kept consistent pressure on Gettysburg's young quarterback, giving the secondary the opportunity to intercept 3 passes on the day.

"They're a young group, they're just getting better every day," defensive coordinator Brad Fordyce said of his players.

Offensively, the success of the Terror rushing game was made possible by several key factors.

First of, McDaniel possessed multiple threats from the backfield. The four touchdowns on the day were scored by four separate players: Baer, Maybank, Hartman, and Parker. All four of those players also contributed to consistently moving the ball down the field. Baer totaled 166 yards, Maybank totaled 155, Parker carried for 63, and Hartman finished with 58.

Baer credited his prolific day on the ground to Maybank's dominating performances in the previous weeks.

"Because Broderick's been doing so well, people are trying to take that away and I think it's opening up holes in other spots," Baer said.

Maybank, on the other hand, pointed to Baer's early touchdown as the reason for his large accumulation of yardage.

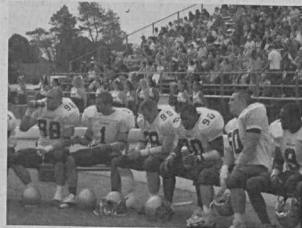
"The first drive I'm always kind of tense," Maybank said. "Little butterflies, trying to see what's going to happen...but when he broke that, that just relaxed me; Hartman too. We both said it. We came on the sideline and we were like, 'Alright, all the jitters are out. We can just go out and play our game and do what we have to do to win this football game.'"

Another reason for McDaniel's record-setting performance was the excellent play on the offensive line throughout the game.

There was nary an offensive down when the line lost the battle up front, as evidenced by the short-yardage success of the team. Hartman, the team's fullback, was never brought down for negative yardage.

"I think we're just coming together as a team; working together, gelling as a unit," offensive line coach Omar Phillip said. "We're working hard in practice...it's just showing from practice onto the game field."

The rushers themselves recognize that they would have nowhere to run if it weren't for the big guys in front of them.



"We feed off of each other," Maybank said of his relationship with the offensive line. "If they do their job and they see me hitting the holes when they make them... we're working together. That makes us a lot better."

McDaniel rarely passed in Saturday's game, but that in no way indicates that the team is offensively one-dimensional. The running game was working and gave the team a huge advantage. It allowed McDaniel to control the ball for almost 15 minutes longer than Gettysburg, a feat that is remarkable in and of itself. Baer still completed 7 passes for 77 yards on the day, and Coach Keating recognized that he could have passed even more if he had wanted to.

"We're going to throw the ball," Keating said. "We should have thrown it at the end because they kept blitzing and I didn't want to do it because I was afraid that we would score some more, and I don't need to do that."

This Saturday, the Terror will attempt to extend their Centennial Conference record to 3-0 at home against Dickinson. With the way things are going, the possibilities for this season are seemingly endless.

"I would have to say that we are in control of our own destiny. Let's do it right, and we can have a great year," Keating said.



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Tragedy inspires campus to give blood

PAT O'TOOLE
SPORTS EDITOR

Year after year, the American Red Cross demonstrates great effort in trying to personalize the blood donation experience. The group always releases a barrage of posters that depict a small child or a family thanking donors for saving them in their time of need. The concept is simple: if students can visualize a tangible way in which their blood will be used to save a life, they will find it all the more difficult to pass up the opportunity to donate.

But when the Red Cross came to campus last Wednesday, there was no need for an unknown face on a poster to compel students to roll up their sleeves. The desire to save a life had already found its way onto the Hill in a way that no ad campaign could ever equal.

Last Sunday night, Joey Morningstar was riding his motorcycle on Md. 140 when he was struck by a car which failed to yield the right-of-



Junior Megan Jeeves donates blood last week with the help of a Red Cross nurse.

SUZANNE LESTER

way as it was turning. He was taken to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center following the crash. At the time of publication, Joey was listed in critical

condition in the University of Maryland Medical Shock Trauma Unit.

Joey, a junior at McDaniel, is a member of the school's baseball team as well

as the Cadet First Sergeant for the ROTC Battalion.

"Joey is in our thoughts

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High BAC turns parties into 'nightmares'

LEON MACH
STAFF WRITER

Bottles of alcohol are opened just as often as schoolbooks at colleges and universities throughout the nation. The comedic portrayal of drinking in popular movies such as "Old School" and "Animal House" has contributed to alcohol be-

coming synonymous with campus life.

However, when consumed in dangerous quantities, drinking alcohol can have tragic consequences. Over consumption of alcohol has already claimed the lives of two college students in Colorado this September.

McDaniel College has

not been spared the alarming trend. Since November 2001, there have been 20 total incidents of alcohol poisoning, according to Campus Safety records.

Five students have been escorted to Carroll County General Hospital during this semester alone after overdosing on alcohol, and each of

these occurrences happened during a twelve day span.

According to Denver Post research, 16 college students have died of alcohol poisoning since 1997. Most cases could have been prevented if their friends would have gotten them help rather than putting

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Dip in enrollment results in budget cuts and adjustments

KATIE MARTIN
CO-EDITOR

An unexpected dip in this year's enrollment produced less revenue for McDaniel College, forcing college officials to make cuts and adjustments to the annual operating budget.

However, the cuts were "invisible changes" with little impact on students, faculty or academic programs, according to Ethan Seidel, vice president for administration and finance.

"We had a very good bud-

get and we've ended up with a good budget," Seidel explained to faculty members at their meeting in October, where he spoke to clarify any concerns about the extent of the cuts.

"The budget is strong but the budget is tight," President Joan Develin Coley said.

This year, the college's projected \$45 million annual operating budget was adjusted by about one percent, or \$466,000, according to

Seidel.

"These budget adjustments are in the range of a normal fluctuation," he said.

Revenue from undergraduate enrollment comprises approximately 75 percent of the annual operating budget. Money also comes from the state of Maryland, as well as the college's annual fund, endowment, summer conference programs and other miscellaneous sources.

"Unless you have a re-

ally huge endowment, you are going to be more dependent on student revenue," Seidel said, explaining that McDaniel is a tuition driven institution.

Therefore, predicting enrollment is a major aspect of the budget process, which begins each fall and continues throughout the year.

The new student projection for this year was 515, what would have been the largest class in the college's

history. However, there are currently only 419 new students enrolled.

"Early indicators such as prospects, early applications, campus visits, etc supported the budget goal," said Marty O'Connell, dean of admissions. "But historic trends for completed applications and yield did not hold and therefore the goal was not met."

It became apparent at the [See Budget continued on page 3]

Excessive alcohol consumption a dangerous trend

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them to sleep with a trashcan.

There is no universal blood alcohol content, or BAC, that defines alcohol poisoning. Height and weight, the time spent drinking, the rate of consumption and the amount of food and water consumed all contribute to the fact that each person responds differently to alcohol consumption.

Yet, alcohol is a substance that depresses nerves that control involuntary actions such as breathing, heart beat, and gag reflex. When ingested in dangerous quantities there are serious health risks.

Ask Cassandra Bender, a freshman who remembers little about one particular pre-party experience.

"I was pre-gaming for a party and I drank roughly eight shots of liquor, three to four apple pie shooters, and two to three beers in the span of an hour," said Bender.

She never made it to that party. Instead, she ended up in an ambulance with a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) of 2.1.

"The people at the hospital told me that I could have died," said Tim Tower, a former student who was also taken to the local hospital for alcohol poisoning last Fall.

Tower would like to share his nightmare as a warning to other students to be more cautious, but he can't remember much after slamming 100 proof Southern Comfort straight from the bottle. Luckily, his friends can.

"We found him laying face down on the grass speaking gibberish. I knew we needed to get him help because he was not responding to anything we said or did," said Michael Holt, a junior.

"Essentially alcohol poisoning kills by respiratory depression until breathing stops," explained Dr. Robert Wack, director of pediatrics at Carroll County Hospital Center. "To keep someone who has alcohol poisoning alive, you have to make sure that they don't stop breathing."

"Vomiting is the most obvious sign that someone is approaching unhealthy limits," Wack continued. "The best thing to do for a friend who hits the vomiting stage is to have them stop drinking alcohol and drink other things, like water."

One frightening aspect of alcohol poisoning, Wack said, is that when someone drinks strong alcohol quickly, they might bypass the vomiting stage and just pass out, which is one step closer to alcohol poisoning.

"The third stage - the one where you really need to keep an eye on someone is when they are unconscious," Wack said. "Is it time to take them into the hospital? If their breathing is slowing down, if they are breathing less than 12 times a minute, yes."

"Truthfully, if there is any doubt or concern, people should not hesitate to call 911 and preface the call by saying, 'I'm not sure if this is an emergency, but I need to



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY BRIAN PATTERSON

talk," he said.

"The high level of reported incidences is a good thing because students are getting their friends help instead of letting them sleep it off, which is most dangerous," said Mike Webster, Director of Campus Safety. "We mainly try to educate student

on the dangers of alcohol during orientation and Mike Green is the most effective part of our attempt."

"Every member of our Campus Safety Staff is at the very least trained to be a first responder in cases involving alcohol overdose," said Webster.

The lighter side of the campus blotter

LEON MACH
STAFF WRITER

(Editor's note: At a glance, the Campus Blotter doesn't reveal some of the more humorous to which Campus Safety officers have to respond. Leon Mach's commentary highlights some of the most unique calls. The column begs the question, "What was the student thinking?")

"It was a fairly uneventful Homecoming Weekend," said Mike Webster.

While a fairly uneventful weekend makes his job a good bit easier, it makes my assignment of writing this column extremely difficult....Not that

I'm saying to go out and get into more trouble; Campus Safety Citations come and go, but a great story lives on forever.

In that spirit, I'm sure those responsible for stealing the two Gators from behind PELC on Homecoming have a great story to tell. The late night, carefree, joyriding around campus, I can almost see the smiles on their faces as they recount the excitement to their friends.

However, the motor vehicles were recovered and for the first time in school history Campus Safety is collaborating with professor Dundes' Criminology Class to find the suspects. The sizes of the footprints left on the vehicles

have led campus authorities to believe that the suspects are males. The steering wheel has been dusted for fingerprints and Campus Safety is currently waiting for the results.

Well gentlemen, I hope that you were wearing gloves - actually, I just made all of this up to be amusing.

A disturbing the peace violation on October 2 also caught my attention. The party at this off-campus location was busted up by Campus Safety and the Westminster Police after neighbors complained about the noise.

The Campus Safety report indicates that stolen property from other colleges

was found. I hope that the culprits at least had stolen something from Muhlenberg, because I forgot a soccer cleat there once and it only seems fair.

I am baffled by an incident of larceny that occurred in the Rouzer Hall Parking Lot. The rear license plate was removed from the dining hall catering van.

Intrigued, I decided to take off my rear license plate and visit the local pawn shop. I soon discovered that my plate has the resale value of a used Vanilla Ice CD.

Hardly worth going to jail for theft, but then again I don't know your taste of music.

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| 10/15/04 1:00 a.m. | harassment | computer | No | Whiteford Hall | open |
| 10/13/04 11:30 a.m. | larceny motor vehicle parts | | Yes | North Village | open |
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News

Environmental action club pitches in to recycle

ROB GOEKE
NEWS EDITOR

Your can of soda is finished. The trash room is right down the hall. You go in, and see a multitude of colors. You want to recycle the can. Where does it go?

The Physical Plant as well as the Environmental Action Club are working together to increase recycling in the dorms and around campus.

"We want to make recycling easier for students. We want to make it more available," said Jen Wollenweber, faculty adviser to the Environmental Action Club.

According to Mel Whelan, the Building Services Coordinator at McDaniel, for eight years, a section at the beginning of the student handbook has listed the locations and ways students can recycle on campus. Located on page 13 of the handbook, a section titled "Recycling" describes the college's efforts to recycle paper and aluminum as well as mentioning the color of recycling cans in the residence halls.

During the first part of the fall semester, recycling has improved.

"The new generation of students, for whatever reason, is recycling more. We put the containers there and as long as the students do not spill soda or leave pizza boxes on top of them, it is recyclable," said Whelan.

One of the biggest problems for the recycling program is contamination of the recycling receptacles by students in the residence halls.

Students would often throw non-recyclable items in the recycling cans and maintenance workers would not sift through the cans of refuse. Thus, recyclable items would be sent to the landfills.

"The only reason that recyclables would get thrown away is if students contaminated the recycle bin by throwing in things that are not recyclable," said junior Becky Wilde, co-president of the Environmental Action Club. "This happens quite often and plays a major role in ruining the efforts of the many

conscientious students on our campus. Student awareness about recycling has to increase on campus so that a few students don't ruin the effort of many."

Wilde along with co-president Michelle Runalduie, a junior, has started a committee to increase student awareness of recycling on campus.

"The campus goes through so many bottles and papers that, after awhile, it starts to add up," said Runalduie.

General campus uncertainty about whether recycling actually still exists, and Wilde and the Environmental Action Club is doing all that they can to change this.

"Many students are skeptical about whether these items are actually being recycled and we hope to help rectify the situation, increase awareness, and thereby increase overall recycling on campus," said Wilde.

Whelan mentioned that McDaniel has economic incentive to get students to re-

cycle.

"Recycling saves the college money. The company takes away all recyclable items for free. Over the year, this saves McDaniel anywhere from \$1200 to \$1500," said Whelan.

The Environmental Action Club has also started efforts to begin recycling ink cartridges from computer printers. The organization plans to use this as a fund raiser. But much work needs to be done.

"We have not made much progress in that effort thus far," said Runalduie.

Action club at a glance

-STACEY SHAFER, STAFF WRITER

Camping, canoeing, hiking, and kayaking. These are some benefits of being a member of the Environmental Action Club. It's a group of students with concerns about the environment, and especially environmental issues on campus.

The club was started in 2002 and about 20 members meet every other Thursday. Dr. Jennie Wollenweber, an adjunct lecturer for the English Department, advises the club.

"We have a lot of momentum and will accomplish a lot this semester," said co-president junior Becky Wilde. Besides the recreational activities, the group is also involved in projects such as Adopt a Highway, tree planting, and trail restoration.

"I'm really excited about how much our club has grown," said co-president Michelle Runalduie, also a junior. "It's great that we can all have fun and make a difference together."

Last Friday, the group ventured to Pocomoke River State Forest and Park in Worcester County to camp and to participate in Frigate Night.

Students donate blood in honor of classmate

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and prayers at this time and we are hoping for the best," baseball coach Dave Seibert said in a statement.

"Joey Morningstar is one of the finest young men that I have ever met," Major Brian Feser, Battalion Commander of the ROTC, said in a written statement. "He is, without a

doubt, a young man with direction and vision who holds the world at his feet... We look forward to his complete recovery and return to the McDaniel community. Our prayers are with Joey and his family."

Joey's fellow Cadets view him in much the same light.

"He is always willing to do anything," Cadet Jacob Michael, Battalion Commander, said. "You want to say, as far as ROTC goes, that everybody is like that; but at the same time, everybody's not... He's going to be missed this semester."

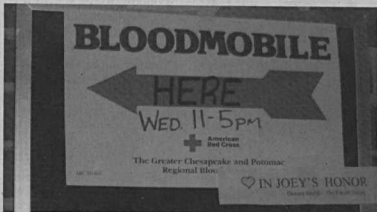
The blood drive had been planned prior to Joey's accident, but signs were posted on Wednesday which

read "In Joey's Honor" to encourage students to show their support for him by giving their own blood.

The Red Cross has a policy against earmarking donations for certain patients, but the goal of the drive came to be replenishing the blood supply for future patients.

"It gave McDaniel students the opportunity to do something after finding out that one of their own had been hurt," graduate student Katharine Strong said.

Workers were still drawing blood by 7:00 when the last scheduled appointments were at 4:30. According to Operations Supervisor Kevin Klunk, 81 pints of usable blood were accumulated



SUZANNE LESTER

Small signs were added to the Blood Drive reminders, informing students of Morningstar's situation.

by the end of the day, far surpassing the original goal of 70.

Of the 93 donors on Wednesday, 30 were taking the needle for the first time. Sophomore Kaitlin McLean had never given blood be-

fore, but she decided that this time was better than any to start.

"He had my blood type," she said. "I thought even though it won't go directly to him, it could still help."



MORNINGSTAR

Enrollment dip leads to 'invisible' budget cuts

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end of last year that enrollment might not be as high as expected, and in July each department chair received a letter requesting that spending be confined to essential items due to possible budget adjustments.

"We wanted to err on the side of not having a problem rather than coming to the end of the year and whoops we have a deficit," Seidel said.

The college made some cuts by reducing the amount budgeted for interest on loan debt and deferring filling some position requests.

Over \$100,000 for computer-related purchases was also cut, but the computers were still bought with surplus funds from last year before then end of the fiscal year in June.

The 24 academic departments and other offices including the Registrar and Student Academic Support Services were eventually also asked in a letter from Provost Thomas Falkner to contribute to cuts.

"I found it [making cuts] difficult, but I appreciated the fact that Tom Falkner didn't make two percent cuts across the board and hand us the results," said Dr. Julia Orza, education chair and graduate program coordinator.

"It would have been easier for him to make cuts that way, but it would have been heavy handed," Orza added. "He didn't even tell us how much to cut. He just said, 'See what you can do to

reduce your budget.'"

Orza said that she consulted with other departments, staff and faculty and reviewed past budgets before making any decisions. She made small cuts from several categories, including mailing, duplication and professional development membership.

"The cuts we made were very, very modest and will have no appreciable impact on what we do," said Dr. LeRoy Panek, English department chair.

Several budget categories were also reduced simply because of the fewer number of students.

"It's safe to say the grocery bill will be less than projected," Seidel said. Also, not as many part time faculty

were hired.

"In the first semester we had to eliminate several planned sections of ENG 1101 and some of the sections of that course were smaller than usual," said Panek. "This, however, was more of a blessing than a curse for both faculty and students."

Multiple causes for the low enrollment are still being researched, but Seidel surmised that the tuition increase was one factor.

"The price of a college education continues to be cited as the number one concern for students and parents," O'Connell said. "More than 80 percent of McDaniel students receive need or merit based aid, so we are sensitive to this issue."

O'Connell also explained that last year was unusual for college admissions nationwide.

"More students applied and to a larger number of colleges, more colleges placed students on wait-lists and a larger number of private colleges offered merit-based awards to attract students," O'Connell said. "The result of this activity made it very difficult to judge yield."

"It is of comfort that other private colleges faced similar shortfalls," she added. "It proves that the admissions is not a science and gives us new challenges as we enter this recruiting year."

According to Seidel, the process of creating a budget and projecting and ideal enrollment for next year will begin again in a few weeks.

POLITICS

Kerry is 'not Bush,' but that's not why I'm voting

JESSE FELDMAN
STAFF WRITER

I'm voting Kerry-Edwards. This is not simply because



they are not Bush-Cheney, Democrats, or because my parents are Democrats. Some of my best friends are voting Bush, and although I love them, I think they are idiots. But this isn't going to be about how Bush screwed up our country, if you want that read the *New York Times'* endorsement of Kerry. This is about why I'm voting John Kerry for President.

A big issue for me is the appointment of the next Supreme Court justice. Chances are the next life-long appointment will take place during the next four years. I feel that Kerry will appoint a judge who will best interpret the constitution and laws without a religiously conservative bias. Basically, he will not appoint a pro-life judge. For the record, pro-choice does not mean an endorsement of abortion, it simply means that a woman's right to choose remains her own.

Next, I support Kerry's positions on homosexual marriage. While still upholding the sanctity of marriage as a religious institution between a man and a woman, he favors equal rights for partners. I would have a hard time telling any same-

sex couple that they don't deserve the same legal protections that any heterosexual couple receives.

Also, John Kerry would let the Patriot Act expire. I'm not really in favor of living in a totalitarian state, and somehow the threat of the president being able to spy on me in a public library and arrest me with no warrant doesn't make me feel safer.

And until I'm really rich, I can't support giving the wealthiest members of society a tax break. Kerry plans to repeal the tax cuts for the upper classes and increase the child tax credit for working parents.

He also plans to support the economy by backing small businesses, rather than by protecting big business. In any case, the man's wife is a billionaire, he won't be needing

any lobbyist bribes.... Cough-Halliburtoncough.

As for war, there is a reason no other nation wants to support us in our Iraq efforts. Frankly, our "coalition of the willing" is downright pathetic. Of course no president is ever going to put other countries' opinions above the safety of his/her own people (it's a bad reelection strategy), but this does not mean that we should blatantly disregard the United Nations. Not such a good example for the children.

Oh by the way, a military survey found the suicide rate among GI's 35 percent higher in Iraq than in troops worldwide.

Perhaps this is because, as journalist Mark Shields wrote in April, "as of last month, no fewer than 44,500

American soldiers who had fulfilled their contractual obligations, completed their enlistments and made plans to return to civilian life or retirement were frozen — by an arbitrary "stop-loss" order — on active duty."

I don't support a back door draft. I think we were misled into war with no exit strategy and with corporate interests in mind. And I don't support our president. I do however support our troops, and feel that John Kerry would be a better commander-in-chief.

This is the first presidential election in which I am able to vote, and I believe I am best serving my country by voting for John Kerry.

Educate yourself, and vote.

Hail to the Redskins and to the chief

JACQUELINE PUNDT
STAFF WRITER

According to a recent Newsweek for kids (yes, I read



Newsweek for kids), and Dr. McIntyre, history shows that if the Washington Redskins win their game the Sunday prior to the Presidential election, then the incumbent party will remain in office for another term. Although I am an avid fan of another NFL team, go Eagles, my attention will be turned towards the Redskins/Packers game on October 31. If the correlation holds true, I will be cheering for LaVar Arrington and the Skins.

Being a Bush supporter

isn't always easy, but then again being a fan of a candidate that resembles Seabiscuit can be difficult as well. Bush has been criticized about everything from the economy, to the war in Iraq, to education policies. No President goes through a term without having a few "bumps" along the way.

I am not here to dispel nor discuss those mishaps, but rather explain my support for the current President.

It must be noted that while Bush is Pro-Life, he does not seek to completely overturn the *Roe v. Wade* decision. He respects the Supreme Court's ruling and women's rights, but does not support partial birth abortions or any abortion taking place after the first trimester. As a woman, this stance is important to my personal life, simply because my right to choose is still respected,

while the life of an unborn fetus is valued as well.

Many educators in the public school systems will argue that the "No Child Left Behind" program set up by the Bush Administration is neither feasible nor beneficial to our children. This act requires our teachers to invest more time and effort in those students deemed delinquent. In the end, it forces our educational system to step up to a higher level of learning and holds them accountable for the students who drift to the wayside. I ask just one question of you, if and when you have children, would you want them to be ignored?

September 11, 2001 was a day that changed the face of our nation as a whole. After that fateful day, a group of terrorists that had previously been ignored by the general public forced the United States to swallow its enormous pride

in the realization that we were no longer safe in our own backyards. In search of justice, we proudly followed the bold leadership of our new President into Afghanistan.

Following our invasion of Afghanistan, President Bush made the most controversial decision of his presidency and invaded Iraq in March of 2003. In search of weapons of mass destruction, our troops courageously marched into Baghdad and took hold of the country. Many argue that this move was egotistical and self-filling for George Bush. I argue that it was an offensive move that his predecessors may have been too scared to make. Saddam Hussein posed a threat to his country, our country and the human race in general. That threat has since been disabled and we are now working to rebuild



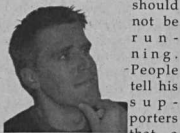
I am confident that our current president will bring stability to Iraq while protecting our nation's security. I also believe that our current president will support the nation's children, economy and faith in humanity the best he can. So in return I pledge my support to George Bush, and the Redskins!

Senior Kacey Barnes contributed to this commentary.

Seatbelts, airbags, freedom of information - elect Nader

ROB GOEKE
NEWS EDITOR

He stands humbled, beaten. They say that he should



not be running. People tell his supporters that a vote for him is a vote in the trash. He is Ralph Nader. He is the man who should be president. A man who's fought for the people all his life and is running because he loves the nation. He is not of this age. He doesn't have the stature of the liberal or the appeal of the conservative. God didn't make him to be in front of a television camera. God

made him to speak to all and for all.

They say that money talks, and for the two front-runners it does. Want to know how loudly? Approximately \$338 million is in George Bush's coffers; \$310 million for Kerry (taken from opencrets.org). So this presidential race isn't about electing the current president, it's about dead presidents. A lot of them. And the people providing the bulk of the more than \$650 million aren't your next-door neighbor or the person that checks your groceries at Safeway, but the rich, the well off, the corporations. Now, there is nothing wrong with them giving a lot of money. The problem is the political parties let these donations talk

for them. The corporations influence policies too much. Those with money silence those without.

But Ralph stands alone. Columnists like David Brooks think America exists in the suburbs, the housing developments with a front yard, picket fence and a gas grill bought at Home Depot. That's a lie. America is the Dominican immigrant living in the Andrew Jackson Projects in South Bronx, the West Virginian living on a hill unable to get to Wal-Mart to get some food, the farmer in Nebraska hemorrhaging his life savings trying to harvest his crop, the kid in Compton who can't wear blue without getting beat up. Ask yourself: does J.K. or G.W.B. care about any of these people? If you answer with an

honest soul, you will say no. Because they care about the people with the most green. How can one care for those with the least problems while ignoring those with the worst?

Seatbelts, airbags, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Freedom of Information Act and a myriad of other consumer-advocacy organizations are either directly or indirectly in existence because of Nader. But that is not why he should be president. Forget the spin, the lies, the hatred that is spewed on the pages you read and the box that you see and hear. Fight through it and realize he sings for you, America. The torch was passed Ralph is the beacon. We must follow the way.

The haters of the man are liberal. They say that he brought the pestilence of Bush and may do so again. They say he helped defeat Al Gore in 2000 and he could do the same in 2004. That belief is preposterous. Listen to the man: "In 2000, exit polls showed that 21% or 25% of my vote would have gone to Bush, 38% or 41% to Gore, and the rest would not have voted," said the savior on his own web site. The haters say he takes votes away from only Democrats. Funny, they forgot about those that would have voted for the Republican. Then there are the new voices that came. New perspective. New opinions. More views. America now has no gray, only black and white. Ralph is the savior.

He is the gray of America. Remember that November 2.

POLITICS

Both parties can Play Ball



**Democrats- 17
Republicans- 16**

At city park in Westminster Democrats and Republicans faced off in a bipartisan softball game to raise political awareness. The Democrats won the contest 17-16 with the help of four McDaniel students, Katie Hickey, Frank Ingellis, Ken Bertkau, and Suzanne Gilbert (Pictured below from left to right). Ingellis played catcher for the team (left) while Gilbert (above) and the rest of the students helped patrol the outfield. The students are all part of the Carroll County Democrats, a group that campaigns for Kerry in the county. *Compiled by Brian Patterson Co Editor*



Superfluous debates don't help the swing voter

MIKE HABEGER
STAFF WRITER

On the heels of the Presidential Debates, students will cast their votes with the impressions left by those debates fresh in their minds. Most of these students have already made up their minds about who they will vote for, apparently rendering the debates superfluous. But are they?

I watched the first debate amongst Kerry supporters in the Pub. What did I find? Except for a few lonely Bush supporters, all who attended strongly believed that Kerry

had stomped Bush.

Shortly after the debate, I came back to my room and read a message I received on AIM from my Bush-supporting friend proclaiming the end of the race, that Bush had undoubtedly won.

Objective college students may be asking themselves, What is the significance of these perceptions, and how do they influence, reflect and determine the outcome of an election?

After the final debate last Wednesday, I learned much more. I watched the debates in the common room with an equal representation of Bush and Kerry supporters, as well as the undecided contingent. While the polls following the debate had Bush and Kerry dead-locked, the potential voters in the room I was sitting had much more radical opinions of how the debate went.

On the one hand, there was the view that Bush had once again shown that he loved his country more, and was more personable. There was the opposing view that Kerry did well because he used facts, statistics, and formulaic rhetoric to criticize the Bush administration, whereas Bush gave vague answers that played to emotions, not to the intellectual self. The undecided party was just that, undecided.

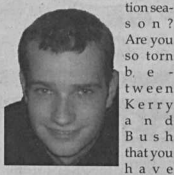
What the Bush-supporters took away from the debate was that Bush was a very nice guy, and Kerry was a pessimistic lecturer. They also assumed that the American public would buy into Bush's personality more because the public is too "dumb" and uninformed.

If this is your view of the American political system, then how can you be sure that the candidate you

Voting is for chumps

BRIAN PATTERSON
CO EDITOR

Are you having trouble picking a candidate this election season?



Are you so torn between Kerry and Bush that you have thought about resorting to Nader? Well, there is an obvious solution that is staring you in the face; just don't vote.

Maybe you think Bush is an idiot, or that Kerry is a liar, and maybe you just can't see the difference between the two.

You watched the debates, but they didn't help any.

They both agreed that Saddam Hussein was a threat, but were vague about how to end the conflict. They both want to hunt down and stop terrorism, but how?

They talked about creating jobs and tax policies, but economics is too hard to understand.

Kerry believes that "America's best days are ahead of us..." [and] that the future belongs to freedom, not to fear." Bush said he "won't change [his] core values." Hmm, that didn't help much.

You ask your friends what they think, but all you get is blind political rhetoric. They suggest you go see

Fahrenheit 9/11, and that will shed some light on your political quagmire. You see it, and all it does is make you realize that Michael Moore is just as much of an idiot as Bush.

So you ask your professors about the candidates, but they turn out to be more liberal than your friends are.

Then just for fun you look up past election results in Maryland, and it turns out the state has gone with the Democrat in the last three elections. Gore won in Maryland decisively back in 2000 and there's no reason to think anyone has changed their mind about Bush during the last four years.

Ultimately the process of becoming an informed voter is too confusing, so why bother? If you're not informed, then there's no reason to vote.

In a recent interview with *Rolling Stone*, pop culture luminary Matt Stone, co-creator of *South Park* and *Team America: World Police*, said, "If you don't know what you're talking about, there's no shame in not voting... They say if you don't vote, you can't bitch. But you can bitch all you want. This is America."

There you have it. Leave the voting to your friends, professors, the political science majors, Michael Moore, and P. Diddy. On election night just sit back and let the drama unfold.

Don't vote, complain about the political process, and wait until there's an election with a clear favorite to cast your vote. Actually if there's a clear favorite your vote wouldn't make a difference anyhow, so there still isn't any reason to think your vote will make a difference.

plan to vote for actually deserves to be there? Does he deserve to be the president because he was able to fool the most people? Do we want to elect a great spell-binder?

The trend of differing perceptions perpetuates itself throughout campus, and depending on who the undecided student-voter's friends are, his/her opinion can be created. An undecided individual who stands at the hands of resolute Bush supporters is likely to side with their friends on the matter of who won the debates. The same is true for Kerry supporters.

The point is that most student-voters turn a deaf ear and blind eye towards the debates. If the deafness and blindness was not applied to the entire debate, it most certainly was employed for what the "other" candidate articulated.

In announcing "winners" and by arguing over these declarations, we have infringed on undecided voter's rights. When it comes to crunch time and they have to make a decision, are they voting on their own opinion or the opinion that was created inside them by outside forces? The obscenely differing views from both sides do not aid the decision making process for these voters, perhaps even rendering them unenthused to vote at all.

This phenomenon of unthinking display through people's perceptions of the recent presidential debates reflects a trend in America. All citizens who believe themselves informed are becoming so divided in their thinking that it is hard to separate fact from fiction. Radicals from both sides have stopped listening to the other side, and even worse, have begun to stop listening to their own side.

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Online registration nears

STAFF REPORT

The college's first shot at online registration for all students is days away, and administrators say they are doing everything they can to ensure that the process runs smoothly.

There's a hotline number for help (ext. 2264) from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. throughout registration, which begins Nov. 1. Administrators will also man a Help Desk in Ensor Lounge during the registration process.

Online registration had a smooth trial run with Jan registration, but Nov. 1 marks the first time online registration is available for all students.

Navigating online registration should be as simple as point and click, said Diane Morris, associate registrar, if

students have three things: their user name, a password, and a ticket signed by their advisors confirming that they have met.

Once students meet with their advisors, they take the signed tickets to the Registrar's Office where they will be "cleared for online registration," Morris said.

If students miss any of these steps – user name, password, signed ticket from advisor and clearance from the registrar's office – any attempts to register online will fail.

Popular classes will still fill on the first day, and folks will have to go to the Registrar's Office to be placed on a waiting list. However, online registration should be a welcome relief, Morris said.

"The best part of new process is that it eliminate

lines," Morris explained. "Students can register in their dorm rooms, from a lab, from home, anywhere – as long as they log in at their appointed time or anytime after the appointed time."

Appointed times are assigned based on each student's cumulative number of earned credits.

Special registrations like audits, courses that need instructor permission, credit/fail options, independent studies and internships will not be accepted via web registration.

"A few students will still be filling out paperwork at the Registrar's Office," Morris said. "Right now, we're just focusing on getting the word out about what students need to have in hand before they try to register online: username, password, and ticket signed by advisors submitted to our office."

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Turning Back the Pages



Taken from an early 1900's "Aloha" yearbook, this photo shows Yingling Science Hall. This building has since been demolished and replaced with Lewis Recitation Hall/Lewis Hall of Science. By Staff Writer Kenny Ditto

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FEATURES

Got Milk? Judging cows earns Downey honors

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Freshman Wade Downey knows cows. Names like Ayrshire, Holstein, Brown Swiss, Jersey, and Guernsey are all in his repertoire. He knows the difference between a cow and a heifer, and he can tell you why one cow's milking ability is better than another's.

Downey's expertise is the result of the ten years he has been involved in a 4-H program for Dairy Cow judging. Downey has moved from local contests to being judged at a national level.

"You get to see other farms, see different operations, because people are so different throughout the state," said Downey. "You drive 70 miles from Washington County to Carroll County where people do things differently with their farms."

A Willamsport, Maryland native, Downey recently journeyed to Madison, Wisconsin with the Maryland state team for the World Dairy Expo International Show. Along with his three teammates and 31 other states teams, Downey was judged on how he evaluated cows, and his skills earned top honors.

"What I really liked about this year was that I went out to the national conference and placed seventh," Downey said. "That was kinda like a culmination of the past ten years of all the work that I have put into it every summer going to the practices... It shows how much your hard work

How Are Dairy Cows Judged?

The Frame – the skeleton parts of the cow not including the feet and legs.

The Dairy Character – her milking ability as seen in her physical characteristics.

The Body Capacity – the volumetric measurements of the cow.

The Feet and Legs – steep angle and deep heel with legs wide apart and squarely placed.

Udder – this is the most heavily weighted characteristic. Judges consider the height of the udder.

has paid off."

During a typical cow judging competition, there are two sections: the contest for scoring and the reasons. In the contest for scoring, there are five classes of cows and five classes of heifers – cows that have not had calves yet.

Each member of the team has 12 minutes to put the cows in the correct order based on five characteristics—Frame, Dairy Character, Body Capacity, Feet and Legs, and Udder. Each class has four animals.

"There are a lot of terms you have to know, it does take a lot of practice. It has taken me 10 years to get down

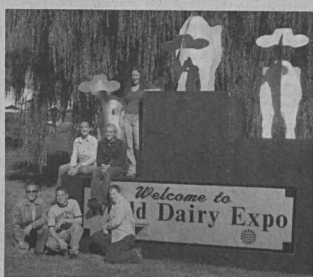
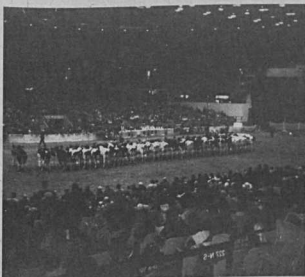
all the terms," Downey explains.

Downey says the Reason portion of the judging, which calls for team members to defend why they put cows the order they did, teaches him a lot of helpful skills and lessons.

"You definitely learn a tremendous amount of public speaking skills...you learn responsibility, having to go to practice and everything...other than that I guess you just learn basic life skills."

As a child, Downey remembers tagging along with his older brother, when he went to practices for the 4-H team.

"It's just like playing a sport, there's a commitment that you have to make," Downey says about his practicing during summers. "It is a lot of work...but that's also one thing I like about it."



Wade Downey practices at a farm before attending the World Dairy Expo (center). Cows are lined up inside the main area (left) and competitors are outside the event. Photos courtesy of Wade Downey.

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FEATURES

What does your digital identity say about you?

SHELLY HORN
STAFF WRITER

From "Anglshyningbrite" to "Gosisdead" and everything in between, McDaniel students display their nicknames, likes, dislikes, hobbies, and majors in their choice of e-mail address and screen name.

Many McDaniel students, for practical reasons, simply choose to use their first name or some variation. One student encountered unusual problems using her name.

Senior Nataka Palijczuk set up an e-mail address using her nickname, Talya, but had to change the spelling after receiving SPAM from Eastern European porn websites as well as e-mail offers for marriage.

"People e-mailed me and asked if I was a mail-order bride. The unwanted SPAM and mail has stopped since I

changed the spelling to Talia," Palijczuk said.

Some students choose to use names that say a little more about themselves.

Freshman E.J. Paterline uses the screen name Donnie323, referring to Niddodan's loinclothed jungle boy.

"He's my favorite character from the Wild Thornberrys," Paterline explained.

Other students use the names of their favorite comic book, movie, or anime characters.

Freshman Camara Kadete goes by screen name C-dizzle. "C-dizzle is a nickname given to me by

my friends back in my hometown, Cambridge, Massachusetts. We used to freestyle together."

Many McDaniel students identify themselves online by their major. Biopnet7 is an English major, Biology minor. PoliPsyche is a Political Science/Psychology dual major and EPestudnt is an Exercise Science major.

Maggie625, or Senior Psychology major Karisma Schwartzbeck, explains the background of her unique name: "I talked

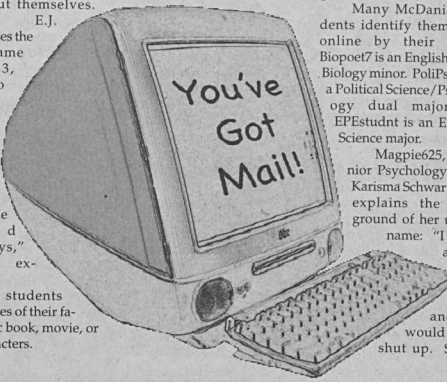
at a very young age and I would never shut up. So my

Mom nicknamed me Maggie after the Maggie bird, known for its loud cackling call. I still use the name because I still talk a lot and never shut up."

Senior Kathryn Lessels uses ChattyKatty as she too enjoys the gift of gab. Other McDaniel chatterboxes use tkittklk, and gabbymouth.

Three McDaniel students, who asked to remain nameless, identify themselves online by the perils of their weekend partying. Yakattack5, shtfacedagn and puknyawn use e-mail addresses for personal contacts but also have generic screen names for other purposes.

Many students reported having three or four screen names that reflect their diverse interests and hobbies but freshman Bridget Kerr adds, "Checking all of the e-mail boxes can sometimes be a pain!"



Biology professor's passion for all things rural leads to unique purchase of farm... and sheep

MICHAEL VYSKOCIL
STAFF WRITER

On Pa. 94, just west of Hanover, is a fenced-in pasture not unlike many throughout Adams County, except for one thing. It's not full of horses or cattle—it's full of sheep.

The flock of docile, fluffy, cotton-ball beauties belongs to Dr. Ralene Mitschler, assistant professor of biology at McDaniel College, and her husband Dr. Randall Morrison, also an assistant professor of biology at McDaniel.

Mitschler said she's always had a love of farms. This passion for all things rural intensified when she took interest in the crafts of knitting, weaving and spinning wool.

After seeing a weaving demonstration at the Maryland Wool Festival, Mitschler took advantage of a spinning and weaving class held on campus this summer during Common Ground on the Hill to learn this time-tested art.

Just when she was really getting tied up in her work, she encountered a humble 10.3-acre turn-of-the-century dairy farm for sale just outside Hanover, Pa., called Chicory Lane Farm.

The place charmed Mitschler and Morrison so much that they spoke to the owners, Dave and Katrina Oberholtzer Lefever, about the property.

In July, the property (which was selling for \$279,000) went under contract, and in August, both Mitschler and Morrison became the proud new owners of Chicory Lane Farm. But the two got more than just a farmhouse, barn and land; they also inherited the owner's flock of sheep.

"It was just a coincidence

to run into this flock of sheep," Mitschler said.

Now that she has a fine flock, she hopes to expand it to "create a hand-spinners flock," she said, so that she can experience the shearing to spinning process.

Grazing in the pasture, the sheep, a breed called Jacob sheep, are unlike more familiar breeds of sheep. The Lefevers are members of the Jacob Sheep Conservancy and the Jacob Sheep Breeder's Association, two institutions dedicated to the preservation of this rare breed.

Jacobs sheep are a primitive breed. Their name derives from the biblical story of the black-spotted sheep of Jacob, according to information provided by Lefever on her website, www.chicoryjacob.com.

These black-spotted sheep are one of the few breeds that grow horns; some can grow two to three sets of horns.

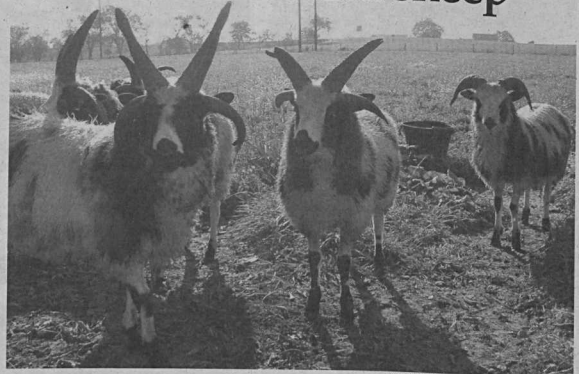
Their wool is lower in lanolin than other breeds, making them a natural source for hand-spun wool, according to Mitschler.

Their wool also has an added benefit - it doesn't shrink as much as other types when wet.

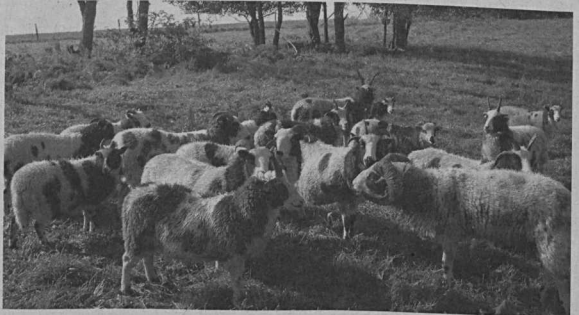
And unlike other livestock, sheep tend to be more self-sufficient, Mitschler said.

"These sheep are entirely grass-fed," she said. Mitschler prefers this diet to other grain-based diets.

"By grass-feeding, it avoids the issue of whether or not the [feed] product contains any animal meal. It's biologically healthier," she



Ralene Mitschler's ram Dandy (with curved horns) is one of the many Jacob sheep she owns (below). Another group of young rams looks on as well.



said. Sheep are usually fairly even-tempered animals. "I think they have lots of personality," she said. "They're just very alert, like wondering 'hmm, how tightly is this fence constructed?'"

The couple has some plans for the farm. Morrison

hopes to build a greenhouse for his Madagascar chameleons and Mitschler hopes to experiment with growing flowers and vegetables in the gardens.

"We actually would like to make the place sort of a working combo biology/geology lab," she said. "The soil

here is different in composition because of [the proximity to] the nearby limestone quarry, so a range of biology and geology topics could be studied."

In the meantime, however, Mitschler will still have sheep to tend and wool to weave.

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FEATURES

Once in a lifetime experience 'On Golden Pond'

JON TETER
STAFF WRITER

Meeting award-winning actors and playwrights is almost certainly a "once in a lifetime" experience. Chatting with them about their careers and feelings is an occasion even more rare.

Students from McDaniel College, however, were given this opportunity on October 13. Under the guidance of Professor Ira Domser and Dr. Charles Neal, students from The Hill went to the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC to see "On Golden Pond," starring the illustrious James Earl Jones, most noted as the voice of Darth Vader in Star Wars and of Mufasa in Disney's The Lion King, and theatre sensation Leslie Uggams.

Ernest Thompson, whose father was a professor of Education here at McDaniel, when it was still Western Maryland, wrote the play. The college president, Dr. Joan Develin Coley, also attended the great evening of theatre.

"On Golden Pond" focuses on the lives of Norman and Ethel Thayer (James Earl Jones and Leslie Uggams). The story begins with Norman, a retired English professor from the University of Pennsylvania, and his wife traveling to their summer retreat in Maine for their forty-eighth summer.

Norman will celebrate his 80th birthday, which he thinks will be the last celebration at the retreat.

Norman and Ethel engage in hilarious conversations and stories of life together. Later in the summer, they have a surprise visit from their

daughter, Chelsea (Linda Powell), whom they have not seen in almost eight years.

To the Thayers' added surprise, Chelsea brings her new boyfriend, Bill Ray (Peter Francis James), and his thirteen-year-old son, Billy Ray Jr. (Alexander Mitchell). Near the middle of the summer, Ethel asks Norman if they could let Billy stay with them for a month while

becomes the main element, without giving away the ending. After the long summer, Norman and Ethel then say a fond farewell to their "Golden Pond."

The play is laced with sarcastic humor and great punch lines, especially from the character of Norman. His very dry sense of humor allows for many humorous scenes between him and his

The play was not without its humor either. Touching moments were dangled in front of you and then snatched away with a quick return to humor.

After the play, the group of students and faculty were treated to a meeting with the playwright in the Eisenhower Theatre's greenroom. While talking with Mr. Thompson, a few

aspiring theatre students and helped answer any questions drifting in the minds of the group.

"A phenomenal performance by the amazing and legendary James Earl Jones," said freshman Dane Weber.

"It was funny, great to see, great to watch. And it was good to see the actors after the play and get their thoughts," said freshman Benedikt Nielsen.

Ernest Thompson, however, was not done with McDaniel yet.

Thursday morning, Mr. Thompson drove to Westminster to speak to the Theatre Appreciation and Acting: The Creative Process classes.

Thompson offered a first hand look at the theatre profession and the work it involves.

His knowledge of the "ins and outs" of both theater and screen genres gave the students a wide variety of insight. Thompson has worked with the Fondas, Katharine Hepburn, and Julie Andrews and even starred in his own shows.

The entire experience was an amazing one; a once in a lifetime chance to chat with some of the biggest stars in theatre.

"I think the off campus visits to the cultural centers in our community are a valuable experience. This one was unique for the fact that we actually met the actors," Ira Domser said about the DC trip.

"I thought 'On Golden Pond' was not only an amazing experience but also a touching one. And I really appreciate being able to experience it," said freshman Alex DeJohn.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JON TETER
McDaniel students, President Joan Develin Coley, Professor Ira Domser and Dr. Charles Neal visit the Kennedy Center where they met playwright and McDaniel alum Ernest Thompson and the star of his play James Earl Jones.

Chelsea and Bill have some time to themselves.

Norman agrees but is not too fond of the boy.

During that month, we see the relationship build between Norman and Billy. When Chelsea returns, she has another surprise for her parents. As the play winds down, the relationship between father and daughter

wife. Jones and Uggams bring these characters to life. Their portrayal of the older couple makes the audience feel a connection to the "grandparents."

"The acting of Jones and Uggams was so understated that you thought you were in their living room, enjoying coffee," sophomore Katie Chambers said.

"surprise" guests showed up in the form of James Earl Jones, Leslie Uggams, and Peter Francis James.

Peter Francis James offered this humorous advice about his co-star Uggams: "To be Leslie Uggams you have to work your ass off and have balls THIS big," using a wide arm gesture. The stars gave terrific advice to

McD CRIBS

'Girly and cozy'

Dorm more like an apartment

STACEY SHAFFER
STAFF WRITER

For most college students, freshman year is the first opportunity for living alone. For many of them, life in a cramped dorm room is not what they expected. The small room can look and feel like a jail.

That is not the case, however, for Kelly Hawthorne and Morgan Busch.

Their room looks less like a dorm room and more like an apartment. There is a small refrigerator, a microwave, a computer for each of them, and a medium-sized TV set complete with a DVD player.

The first thing that can be seen when entering is the happy birthday sign that is pasted over the window above the air conditioning unit, and the half-eaten sheet cake, which is a remnant of Kelly's 19th birthday on Sept. 12.

On the floor are two bright red bean bag chairs and a large dark rug with spirals. The comforters on the bunk beds are white with black flowers on them, and they are covered with stuffed animals and decorative black and white pillows. Draped over the beds are a string of small bright lights, making the room look festive all year.

The walls and shelves are covered with posters and photos of girlfriends, boyfriends, and family members along with pictures of their accomplishments. Busch, 18, from Baltimore is a cheerleader, and Hawthorne, now 19, from New Jersey plays field hockey.

"My home away from home," Hawthorne explains, getting a box of snacks from her stash in the space above her closet. "It's girly and cozy. I love it."

Hawthorne explains that she and her roommate spent a lot of time decorating and getting things to match. Considering all the time and effort they spent getting their room ready, they may have a hard time leaving it when the semester ends.



SPORTS

Volleyball becoming cohesive

MEREDITH ADAMS
STAFF WRITER

With some recent wins added to the season, the Women's Volleyball team currently stands with an overall record of 7-14, 3-5 in the conference. Many of the girls feel that they are doing a lot better playing as a team this year, and Coach Carole Molloy feels that

the excellent teamwork is partially due to their many strong players and leaders including Carrie Sniffen, Krista Eiser, Jamie Bodden and D.D. Lehr. Captain and Co-Captain Sniffen and Eiser have been excellent starters and leaders since their freshman year. Although Eiser suffered an injury last season, she has been anxious and motivated

to play this season. Freshman D.D. Lehr has also contributed a lot to the team and is a solid athlete. Coach Molloy feels that setter Jamie Bodden is strong in her position as well.

Right now, Coach Molloy thinks that her team is right where they need to be.

"I had hoped to stay in the top five in the conference throughout the season and right now we stand at number five," she said. "I am very happy about that."

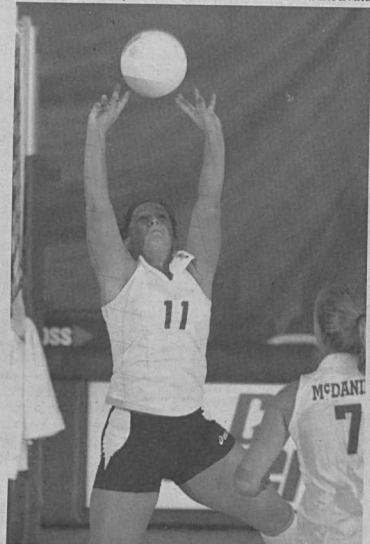
The girls showed tremendous strength and skill during their wins against conference teams like Swarthmore and Washington College. Coach Molloy feels that those were the games where the girls really showed unity, confidence and ability to play.

Many of the girls would agree that their team unity is improving as the season continues, but they would still like to see more communication on the court and stronger play throughout the entire game.

"We need to learn each other's habits and needs on the court in order to play well together. We still continue to improve in that area."

Coach Molloy agrees.

"They are taking baby steps towards being a better team," she said. "Hopefully they will start taking giant steps and finish the season off strong."



Sophomore setter Jamie Bodden demonstrates her area of expertise during one of the team's matches.

DAVE SINCLAIR

Mean and Green

Athletes giving Terror a whole new meaning

JAMIE BODDEN
VOLLEYBALL



As a setter for the volleyball team, sophomore Jamie Bodden doesn't receive much attention when she has an outstanding game. She puts her teammates in a position to score points in much the same way a point guard does. But Bodden received the recognition she deserved when she was named to the All-Tournament team after the 23rd Annual Green Terror Invitational which was held on the Hill October 15-16. She leads her team with 539 assists this season, averaging 7.38 per game.

ANDREW WU
MEN'S SOCCER



Juniour goalkeeper Andrew Wu is one of the most apparent reasons why the men's soccer team is 8-5-3 overall and 4-1-2 in the Centennial Conference. Wu has recorded 4 shutouts this season, including a 0-0 nail-biter against Swarthmore this past Saturday. He has a total of 59 saves so far and has only allowed 16 goals in as many games. Wu's endurance is also something to be admired. He has played for an astounding 1,036 minutes and 34 seconds this season. That's over 17 hours of maintaining vigilance while waiting for opposing players to make an attempt on his goal.

CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE STANDINGS

(as of October 25)

VOLLEYBALL

1. Gettysburg 9-0 22-4
2. F&M 7-1 18-9
3. Johns Hopkins 7-2 13-9
8. McDaniel 3-5 7-14

FOOTBALL

1. McDaniel 3-0 5-1
2. Muhlenberg 3-1 6-1
3. Johns Hopkins 2-2 5-2

MEN'S SOCCER

1. Johns Hopkins 7-0 14-0
2. McDaniel 4-1-2 8-5-3
3. F&M 4-2-1 9-3-2

WOMEN'S SOCCER

1. Gettysburg 8-1 11-3-2
2. Haverford 6-0-2 13-1-2
3. Muhlenberg 6-2-1 10-4-1
7. McDaniel 3-5-1 8-7-1

FIELD HOCKEY

1. Ursinus 9-0 15-1
2. Gettysburg 7-2 10-4
3. F&M 6-2 13-3
6. McDaniel 4-4 9-5

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SPORTS

Football fanatics find solace on Sundays

EMILY COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

For hardcore football fanatics who are all about the game but not so much about the pain, intramural flag football teams have been meeting every Sunday since mid-September, where a total of ten teams play highly organized and competitive games throughout the entire day.

"It gets us away from the school work for a little while," says Phil D'Adamo, about the games on Sunday afternoons. "It is something fun to do. We are serious and want to win, but we always have fun with it."

D'Adamo plays on the Alpha Sig team, who lost a close game to the Phi Deltis on Sunday.

Although flag football does not involve tackling, it can get very physical. With names like The Violators, Skulls, and Pirates, the teams can't help but get down and dirty sometimes.

"It does get pretty brutal out there, I'm not gonna lie," admits D'Adamo, as he holds up a pair of torn athletic shorts to prove his point.

For the most part, clothing is the only thing that suffers from injuries during a game. One of the biggest perks of flag football is that it is just as intense as tackle football, but not quite as painful.

All of the recognized fraternities on campus, as well as a few independent teams, participate in flag football. A wide variety of athletes come out to play, but they all share a com-



SUZANNE LESTER

Action begins as the ball is snapped in a quarter-finals match between the Alpha Sigs and the Phi Deltis this past Sunday. The Phi Deltis would go on to win the game, which was decided in the closing seconds of regulation.

mon interest in football as well as some level of experience.

The players enjoy the somewhat friendly competition of the game because it is more laid back and less dangerous than the football they are used to, but it is still highly athletic.

"It keeps finely tuned athletes like myself playing," says Joe Figola, who plays on the Betes team. Many of the guys who play spring sports keep in shape by playing flag football in the fall.

Jim Townsend, the Men's lacrosse coach and the intramural director, is the one who makes flag football and all of the intramural sports possible here at McDaniel.

He is the man behind the scenes, who posts the fliers, holds the meetings, and makes all of the schedules. Once all of the business is taken care of and the teams are ready to go, his work study students become time keepers, referees, and score keepers for the games.

The games continue until early November, ending with a much anticipated championship game between the two teams who hold the best records.

After playing each team

in their league, and making it through the semi-finals and the quarter-finals, the team who wins the championship game not only wins the respect from other teams, but intramural champion t-shirts as well.

These two elements alone are enough to fuel the competition until the bitter end.

The Bachelor and the Bete teams both take the games very seriously, and have developed "a rivalry as fierce as they come," accord-

ing to Tyler Reese, who plays for the Bachelors.

Because there are so many friends between the two fraternities, the competition is much more intense, as well as the back slapping at the end of each game.

"It's fun to go up against your friends," says Jersey, who plays for the Betes.

The one rule that seems to have priority over all the others is to leave everything on the field. This way, friendships do not get in the way of a good game of football.

"There are no friends on the field," admits senior Rob Weaver, who plays for the Betes. Complete enemies on the field can be seen laughing and joking with each other as soon the game is over.

"The on-field competition does not really effect friendships off the field," says D'Adamo.

"Intramurals have definitely grown, and I would like to see them continue to grow," says Townsend.

Townsend is already gearing up for the winter session of intramurals. Floor hockey and basketball will begin shortly after flag football and other fall intramural sports end.

Football team remains stellar

PATRICK O'TOOLE
SPORTS EDITOR

The McDaniel football team continues to steamroll its way through the season. At 5-1 overall and 3-0 in the Centennial Conference, the team is sitting atop its conference and is ranked 22nd in the nation by d3football.com.

Throughout its six games, the team has posted 164 points while only allowing 39. Additionally, the team has accumulated 2,250 total offensive yards thus far while only giving up 125.

The legs of running back Broderick Maybank are responsible for a large portion of that yardage total. He has amassed 790 yards, averaging 6.7 yards per carry and 125.7 yards per game.

The team had a bye-week this past weekend. The previous weekend the men soundly defeated visiting conference opponent Dickinson, 20-0.

During that game, and for the second week in a row, the team set a school record. Brad Baer completed a 98-yard touchdown pass to Jamie Unger, a new record for both longest pass reception from scrimmage and longest play from scrimmage that had remained intact for 21 and 51 years respectively.

For their next game, the Terror will face a tough Franklin & Marshall team this Saturday on the road.

The contest against the Diplomats will provide a good test for McDaniel as far as the conference is concerned. F&M is the only team to have beaten Muhlenberg, the second-place team in the conference. A good showing on Saturday will undoubtedly prove definitive proof that Coach Keating's team means business.

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Men's soccer looking to make playoff run

BETH MCLANE
STAFF WRITER

The men's soccer team has faced this season with one unified goal in mind: getting to the Conference playoffs, and winning. Already ranked second in the Centennial Conference, the team has been through some tough times, but is ready to take the future head on.

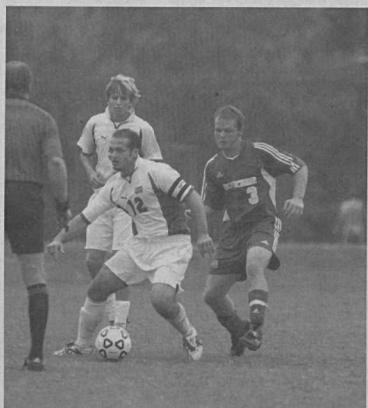
For some inspiration, they first looked to the past.

On Homecoming, along with a strong win against Ursinus, men's soccer learned the real meaning of the word "team." Thirteen members of the 1959 men's team met with current players, showing what a team can truly accomplish.

Assistant Coach Ryan Defibaugh thought it was a good experience for the current team.

"The 1959 team had stayed friends through all the years," he said, "and the meeting showed that a team is more than just the game itself."

With the bond of the older teammates a strong inspiration,



DAVE SINCLAIR

Senior Trevor Brown deftly advances the ball in a match earlier this season.

men's soccer is ready to make history of its own.

Their already tumultuous season has left the Terror with a 8-5-3 record, but the playoff goal is still in mind for

every teammate because the team has maintained a 4-1-2 record in the conference. Key players suffered injuries early in the season, including last year's Player of the Year Tho-

mas Kane, and the challenge was one of many to overcome.

The injuries came as a mixed blessing, though.

"A lot of guys got the opportunity to step up and play," according to Defibaugh.

Todd Knepper stepped up and put in key goals, which helped with the team's many wins. Other players to watch for include Freshmen Peter Gaitens and Bill Druckenmiller.

Defibaugh feels the game against Muhlenburg was a turning point in the season.

"We finally came together and showed a little bit of heart," he said.

Junior Brian Sanmartino still feels that the team is not hitting its potential in Conference play. But, like the rest of the team, he is confident that goal of playoff victory can be accomplished.

Senior Captain Trevor Brown is determined to "help this team win the con-

ference championships, and make sure the team stays on track."

With three returning captains and all but one of a returning starting lineup, Brown would like to see the playoffs won through leadership.

By staying with the prevailing attitude and keeping the goal in mind, Defibaugh feels that the success the team desires will be in reach. When faced with difficulty, the team "picks each other up," he said. "There is a team chemistry there."

The team has the desire to achieve something great, and the trials of the season seem to finally have been worked through.

"We're looking forward to the playoffs and winning the championship in the end," said freshman Brian Druckenmiller.

The visiting 1959 team served as an example for what can happen through teamwork.

Druckenmiller was impressed with the experience.

"It was pretty cool," he said. "Maybe we'll be doing that in 20 years."

Young team, early training fuel swim team

SARAH BLACK
STAFF WRITER

Despite the onset of swimmer's ear and other possible injuries, the Swimming Terror are starting out strong and are preparing for competition.

Head Coach of the Green Terror Swim Team Kim

Easterday, said her team is very young this year.

"There's more excitement on the team this year because we're a young team, and that's one of our strongest assets," she said.

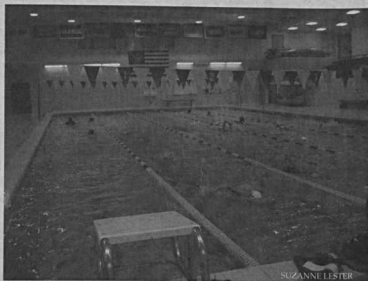
Probably the biggest story for the swim team so far is the injury of one of their top swimmers. Men's captain se-

nior Nick Grigsby tore his ACL while playing intramural football and is currently going through treatment for his injury.

"Right now he's in a strengthening stage: conditioning and physical therapy," explained Easterday. "Hopefully, the therapy strengthens everything and his surgery can take place after the season."

In spite of this downfall, the swim team still has a lot of potential and abilities will improve, according to the women's co-captain, junior Brooke Bennet. Bennet also expressed that she is excited for the competition season because "it really ups the team morale and the adrenaline and excitement really hits you and gets everyone involved."

You may have seen the swimmers running around on campus earlier this semester. This was some of their early training to prepare for their upcoming season. Easterday stated that she thinks "the running and early training really gets everyone excited for the season and it



SUZANNE LESTER

The swim team practices at Harlow Pool, an activity that McDaniel swimmers spend much of their college careers participating in.

brings everyone a little closer."

When asked what the affect of losing top swimmers like Melanie Pulley and Dan Pickett has on her team this year, Easterday answered by conceding that every year is difficult because you lose people, and "it's weird in the beginning, because you expect to see them there, but you don't."

To get over this, she said that the team will follow the examples set by those swimmers. "We'll miss their

leadership, but we'll move on."

As for threats and rivals for the Terror this year, it's too early to determine who the toughest fights will be against. Easterday pointed out that they "don't know what the other teams have yet," but we can surely count on F&M being the top conference team.

Easterday showed that she is confident in her team this year, stating, "We want to focus on team cohesiveness. The team record will be as good as it can be."



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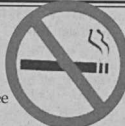
Sophomore Greg Mihalek works on his backstroke during practice.

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Students 'demand action,' offer solutions

ROB GOEKE
STAFF WRITER

The forum was replete with everything: sound, movement, people. It was a setting for discussion, thought and realization. People representing all creeds, races and views were in attendance.

Organized by a myriad of religious and minority and social groups on campus, the Demand for Action Forum, held October 25, included discussion about cultural conflicts on campus.

Attendees also hoped to make the administration at McDaniel aware that marginalized groups are not always being treated well on campus. Ultimately, the group tried to form long term solutions to these problems.

"Look around you, everyone, this is the face of America: diversity," said Mark Hadley, a professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies, at the beginning of the discussion.

Hadley, along with Spanish Professor Amy McNichols and Philosophy

and Religious Studies professor Vera Jacoby acted as leaders of the discussion.

"It is easy to have the impression of a happy little campus," said Political Science Professor Debora Johnson-Ross during the forum. "We all need to realize it is not."

Senior Krystal Allen, president of Black Student Union, along with junior Karina Havrilla, president of Hispanic Latino Alliance, and Graduate Assistant to the Multicultural Services

helped to organize the forum.

"I was thinking about previous forums that had been offered and they usually just talked about what was wrong on campus," said Allen. "I wanted to create a forum that was more solution based."

The forum's primary purpose was to motivate the administration to act towards change.

Many administration employees attended, including Provost Thomas Falkner, Associate Dean of the First Year Pro-

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Journalist inspires audience

KATIE MARTIN
CO-EDITOR

A broadcast journalist used to covering the news suddenly found himself in the news after speaking out against company decisions.

"I didn't want to be the story," said Jon Leiberman, former Washington bureau chief for Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc when he recently addressed McDaniel students, faculty and community members packed into the lecture hall in Hill.

Leiberman was fired by Sinclair and escorted to his car after arriving to work on Oct. 18. He had violated company policy by speaking to a Baltimore Sun reporter about the company's decision to air

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McDaniel student takes advantage of study abroad opportunities

Junior Rachel Bryant (right) has spent the fall semester studying abroad in Spain. She is pictured here on a boat tour with friends off the southern coast of Portugal.

Passport to discovery-Rose Falkner calls McDaniel home

JACQUELINE PUNDT
STAFF WRITER

From Mt. Holy, New Jersey to Greece to Westminster, Rose Falkner has been there and almost everywhere in between. The current director of the Study Abroad program at McDaniel "loves to travel" and has "really enjoyed meeting the students" in her first year at her current position.

Before being hired this August as the Director of Study Abroad, Falkner was the asso-

ciate director of the Writing Center at The College of Wooster in Ohio. She had also held many teaching positions in both high school and college.

She grew up in Mt. Holy, New Jersey and received her undergraduate degree in Greek and Latin from the College of Notre Dame in Maryland and her masters in Reading Specialization from Kent State.

While teaching is her background, Falkner prefers

to travel. She spent time in China, Greece, a few hours in Hong Kong and has recently visited students at McDaniel Budapest.

Aristotle once said that travel is the best education, and Falkner believes him. Since obtaining her current position here at McDaniel, she has been busy trying to boost enrollment in the Study Abroad programs.

"Students are not limited to Budapest and the programs are as varied as the in-

dividuals," Falkner said.

Anyone who has questions about the different areas of study available should just drop by her office in the basement of Baker Memorial Chapel and check out the hundreds of pamphlets and magazines that are neatly organized on the shelves.

Anything that students ever wanted to know about the countries is ready for discovery in Falkner's office. Not many students know about the opportunities offered here at

McDaniel and Rose Falkner plans to change that.

"The best reason to study abroad is because it allows for personal growth" and is a "chance to experience a different culture" said Falkner.

One glance at her passport reveals that she's walking the walk as well as talking the talk.

For more information: Log onto the Study Abroad web site (www.mcdaniel.edu/studyabroad) and start a "life changing experience."

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gram Barb Horneff, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Henry Reiff, Dean of Admissions Martha O'Connell and numerous other faculty and staff members.

"You almost don't believe the power you have to change things [on campus]," said Falkner during the forum. "We both want and need to respond to the desires everyone is expressing."

Near the forum's conclusion, O'Connell announced that she would mention the concerns expressed at the forum to President Joan Coley.

Coley invited Hadley and McNichols to bring up these issues in a faculty meeting that occurred November 2. The issues were also discussed in a meeting on November 5

and will be the main discussion topic at the Dec. faculty meeting.

"I indicated that the minutes from the [Demand for Action Forum] were on the intranet and asked faculty to read those minutes in preparation for the December faculty meeting," said Coley. "Many faculty members were upset because the notice came so late that most could not attend or react [to the Forum]."

Coley said she understands the problems expressed by the marginalized groups on campus and she intends to act.

"I have many very specific ideas about what the community can do to improve on these situations, but the point is not for the presi-

dent to come up with solutions," said Coley. "It is for faculty and students to recognize that there are problems and work together to build the kind of community we want to have here. We will never be perfect. We can always be better than we are."

Hadley, Jacoby and McNichols began the forum by reading anonymously submitted stories of discrimination students had experienced on and off campus.

One told of a sign placed in a bathroom in McDaniel during a Black Student Union Club Room that said BSU members could not use it. While it was easy to jump to conclusions about such stories, the students who spoke asked for consideration and understanding.

"This is a sensitive issue and we need to gain understanding and take some other things into consideration," said sophomore Kim Spears.

Others considered the possibility of the sign being connected to the resident's belief that partying by BSU members could disrupt the bathroom. Students also pleaded that whoever put up the sign should have gone to the BSU before placing it.

"Don't jump to conclusions. Don't see it as a race card, just talk to the group first," said Allen.

Some students mentioned the vast amount of activities and programs offered by the school and the often sparse attendance at these events.

"People always complain about how expensive this school is," said junior Diego De Los Rios. "If you notice how many activities are offered by the school, you would realize you are getting your money's worth."

The number of people in attendance showed changed is possible, organizers concluded.

"This was one of the best turnouts we have had," said Lopez Gonzalez. However, one of the forum's problems was that since there were so many issues that could have been discussed, some were left out. But progress was still made."

"I'd like to see all students educating themselves about the issues underrepresented students face every day," said McNichols.

Journalist in the spotlight tells his side of story

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a controversial news program based on the documentary Stolen Honor: Wounds That Never Heal, just weeks before the election.

Sinclair executives planned for their 62 stations across the U. S. broadcast the program which included "viscious allegations" against democratic presidential nominee, Senator John Kerry, according to Leiberman.

Leiberman protested during a staff meeting that airing the program as "news" would hurt the company's cre-

dentials. Company executives didn't address his concerns and he felt ethical principles were being violated, so he spoke out.

"You will be faced with ethical dilemmas everyday in the newsroom and sometimes you will have to take a stand," Leiberman told the McDaniel audience. "By the way, check with your wife and family before."

Leiberman said the decision was not easy. He tried various routes to voice related concerns, including requesting three times in the

last eight months to be released from his contract.

"I believe that what Jon did was one of the most courageous and heroic acts by a journalist that I have come across in a long time," said journalism professor Terry Dalton, who arranged Leiberman's visit. "He knew that a program scheduled to be aired by his employer was deeply flawed and resembled political propaganda far more than journalism."

Leiberman said Sinclair offers no distinction between news and opinion.

It was backwards for Leiberman to be in the spotlight of the media.

"They sought me out and boy did they find me and all of my family," he said. "It puts it in perspective, that was me."

Leiberman will not seek legal action against Sinclair and is currently looking for another job.

Following the controversy, Sinclair aired A POW Story: Politics, Pressure and the Media, what they called a "special news event," on Oct. 22 on 40 of their stations.

All viewpoints were included, according to their website.

WBFF Fox 45 and WNUV WB54 in Baltimore are two Sinclair stations which broadcast the program.

The event was not Leiberman's first appearance at McDaniel. He gave a keynote speech at the Society for Collegiate Journalist's annual College Press Day in April 2003, and has also spoken to several journalism classes.

"Students need to know that the profession still has its heroes and its strong role models," said Dalton.

The lighter side of the campus safety blotter

LEON MACH
STAFF WRITER

(Editor's note: At a glance the Campus Blotter doesn't reveal some of the inane reports to which Campus Safety Officers have to respond. Leon Mach's commentary highlights some of the most unique calls.)

I have to begin this column by placing The Department of Campus Safety on my list of suspects. The crime, attempted murder.

That is no typo; I have reason to believe that the Campus

Safety officers on duty on the night of October 31 conspired to commit vehicular manslaughter on an innocent deer.

Luckily the deer survived this collision on Main Street.

"The deer attempted to commit suicide in front of our patrol car," said Mike Webster, Director of Campus Safety.

The report confirms his sentiment in stating "a deer jumped in front of Mobile I, impacting the grill and causing minor damages to it."

During my investigation into this matter I found that

Campus Safety did a good job of covering its tracks. Conveniently, there were no witnesses at the scene of the crime and while I have seen Bambi, I unfortunately cannot speak deer to gather his statement.

The driver was also unavailable for comment.

Well, I guess the culprits got away with it this time, but I urge students to contact The McDaniel College Free Press if they witness anything suspicious involving our campus police and animals.

In a separate incident oc-

curing of October 24, blood was found in the hallway and elevator of Decker Center.

"It was so much blood we were glad that we did not find a student dying of hypovolemic shock," said Webster. While I do believe in his sincerity and concern for the student body, I am not ruling out the possibility that he may be covering up for a previous act of animal cruelty.

During the Halloween season, several spirited male students were caught breaking into a storage room on

the fourth floor of Elderdice on a ghost hunt.

I can't really judge these guys because I am not the type to go out and look for ghost, but was it really worth a burglary and damaged property charge?

When I think of felonious burglary, call me crazy, but I think of some sort of monetary reward for the act. All you guys had to gain was several nights worth of bad dreams, but hey, whatever winds your clocks.

I doubt that anyone who read this column in the past is actually reading it again, but the notorious license plate thief celebrated his or her one-week anniversary by stealing another tag on October 15.

I can't help but think that the unidentified burglar committed this act as a personal attack against me for writing about it in the last paper because I'm fairly confident that Vanilla Ice only put out one CD.

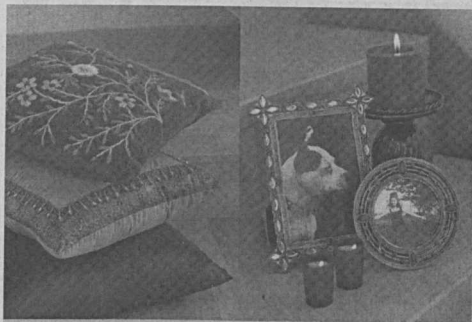
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You may even be able to find one with your name on it.

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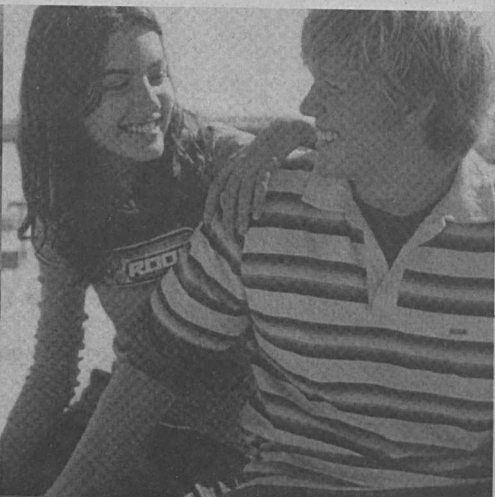
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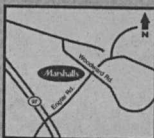
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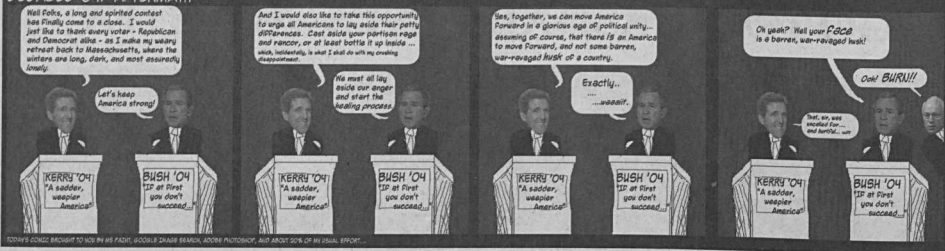
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Excuse me Mr. President,
I have a few questions

ROB GOECKE
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Here are some questions I would ask George W.

Bush as he begins his second term. For what ever ideology you fall into, these are all questions we, as Americans, should consider:

Is the betterment of the Republican Party more important to you than the betterment of America?

Since the GOP increased its control in Congress, what motivation do you have to try to work together with Democrats?

Under what circumstances would you go against the will of the Republican party and support a Democratic cause?

Polls suggest that you would have lost to Senator Kerry if the whole world could have voted. Why?

What can you do to improve America's image worldwide? Why does America have so much influence in the world? How do you plan to use it in your second term?

At what point does the good of the United States outweigh the good for the world? At what point does the good of the world outweigh the good of the United States?

You show your religious faith often. How much do you let this influence your decisions? If your faith does have an influence, is this right?

One of the stated goals of the Republican Party is to begin drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Have you considered the long term consequences of this policy?

Has your motivation to capture Osama Bin Ladin lessened since September 11, 2001?

There are rumors that John Ashcroft and Colin Powell may step down from your cabinet. How do you plan to fill their vacancies? What will your cabinet look like during your second term?

What would it take for you to go to war with Iran or North Korea?

Robert Mugabe has run an oppressive dictatorship in Zimbabwe. How will you deal with him?

With Yasser Arafat's health worsening, how will your Middle East policy change in the near future?

AIDS has the potential to orphan an entire generation of children in Africa. What are you planning to do in response?

Do you still feel connected to the American people?

You defended the war in Iraq because you said you did what was right, no matter how popular. Isn't the role of a representative government to correspond to the wills of the people it governs?

The Iraq war was waged with a neoconservative philosophy and its result is still very much in doubt. What does this say about the neoconservative tenets of foreign policy?

You are loyal to those who have supported you and worked for you. But at what point does good sense outweigh loyalty?

Since its passage, the No Child Left Behind Act has been under funded. Will you make any attempt to reallocate the budget to fix this?

You ran a deficit early in your term because of the recession. Now that the economy is growing, does your spending plan change?

The baby boomers will begin to retire during your second term. Can your Social Security plan help them immediately?

During the third debate with John Kerry, you were asked if you believe homosexuality was a choice. You responded, "I don't know." How does this influence your policies on gay rights issues?

In all your decisions, will you remember that only 51% of the electorate supported you? How often will you consider the other 49%?

And finally: When you make decisions during your second term, will you think the 55 million people that voted against you, the 59 million people that voted for you or the roughly 300 million people living in America?

Which of these three is most important to you?

Do you have an opinion related to campus life?

Do you have concerns about something going on in the world?

If so, send a letter to the editor to the *McDaniel Free Press* at freepress@mcdaniel.edu.

COMMENTARY

Election observations from a pebble watcher

HERB SMITH
POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR

I'm a pebble watcher, a psephologist by trade and inclination. The Athenian Greek citizen dropped a colored pebble or psephos into the 4th century B.C. equivalent of a ballot box, hence the term psephology, the study of elections. Come autumn, every second year in the United States, psephologists are in their element.

This fall was no exception as President George W. Bush dropped over three million pebbles or a really, really big rock on the head of Democratic challenger John F. Kerry. Actually, the election was relatively close with the President taking 51% of the popular vote to Kerry's 48% and Ralph Nader whose purist ranks totaled a scant 1%.

However, in American electoral politics like American business or American sports, winning validates virtually everything. I doubt President Bush will govern with any mind to the more than 55.5 million citizens who thought he didn't deserve a second term.

You're either with him or against him and if you're against him, you're probably a Massachusetts liberal. Incidentally, historic Massachusetts liberals include John and Sam Adams, Paul Revere, and John Hancock but that was a long, long time ago...

And considering the 18th Century, Bush was fortunate indeed that the archaic Electoral College worked this time, giving him 286 votes to Kerry's 252.

A switch of less than 70,000 votes in Ohio would have elected Kerry, but this was not an election with much appreciation for irony.

I doubt that Bush will expend any political capital reforming the Electoral College system because it has certainly treated him better than Yale.

While we're exporting democracy to Iraq and Afghanistan, we're keeping the Electoral College at home where it can continue to overrepresent states like Montana and Idaho and underrepresent the voting populations of California and New York.

Kerry carried nineteen states, the entire Northeast, four in the upper Midwest, and the entire Pacific Coast. When one examines state rankings for say, per capita personal income, an interesting relationship emerges. Of the top ten states, only one, Colorado, voted for Bush. All the rest (Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Maryland, New Hampshire, California, Minnesota, and Illinois) went solidly for the Democratic ticket.

Conversely, the poorest states, led by who else, Mississippi, followed by West Virginia, New Mexico, Arkansas, Montana, Louisiana, Utah, Alabama, Oklahoma, Idaho, and South Carolina opted for Bush.

To give you some idea of the income gap that exists in this country, the per capita income for the number one state, Connecticut was

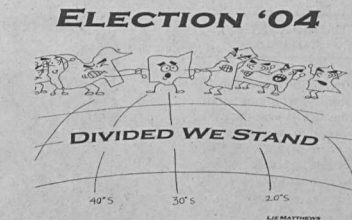
\$40,870 in 2000. For Mississippi, it was \$20,856. Obviously, many red state voters hadn't heard that Republicans favor the wealthy and Democrats champion the poor. In 2004 it wasn't "the economy, stupid!" that drove most voting decisions. According to election day exit polls, President Bush benefited from voters who felt either values or terrorism were the most important issues.

Bush's advantage over Kerry on fighting the war on terror is curious given their backgrounds. While Kerry actually served in combat with Silver and Bronze Stars in Vietnam, Bush protected the Lone Star State from the Vietcong. His duty with the Texas Air National Guard was surely a product of wealth and privilege, but amongst Bush voters that wasn't a problem.

What good is wealth if you can't have privileges?

Anyway, Bush never questioned the Vietnam War. He thought it was a pretty good idea as long as he didn't have to go there to fight. The same undoubtedly holds true for Iraq.

Values voters, predominantly evangelical Christians, were mobilized by a four year program developed by Karl Rove, Bush's top political advisor and master of what James Carville calls "the Republican attack machine." Rove contacted hundreds of fundamentalist churches, urging them to launch a political crusade on behalf of the



White House. Clearly it succeeded.

While national voter turnout was substantially higher compared to the 2000 election, it set records in many Bible Belt states. Voters who reported that values mattered most, almost a quarter of the electorate, went overwhelmingly for Bush. The President's support here was 80% and that provided most of his popular vote majority.

The critical question, of course, is what these voters mean by values. To them, abortion is murder and gay marriage anathema. They view the secular world with dismay and see moral decline everywhere. Thomas Frank, author of *What's the Matter with Kansas?* (a book every Democrat should read), describes their mindset well. "When two female rock stars exchange a lascivious kiss on national TV, Kansas goes haywire. Kansas screams for the heads of the liberal elite. Kansas comes running to the polling place. And Kansas cuts those rock stars' taxes."

For the evangelicals who flocked to the polls on November 2, they will probably be reminded that politics is a game where innocence is inevitably corrupted and the sole passage way from ignorance is to complete disillusionment. If Bush delivers on the Christian right agenda, the Republicans will lose moderate voters in droves. President Ronald Reagan practiced the same kind of politics and gave the evangelicals soul stirring rhetoric and little else.

I expect Bush will follow the same strategy. If he doesn't, then he's even dumber than Michael Moore portrays him.

Well, those are some psephological thoughts on the election that was. In any democratic election, there are winners and losers. For my Republican friends, I'll just remind you of an old Chinese saying that "the mandate of heaven is not forever." Enjoy this time while it lasts. And for my fellow Democrats, we would do well to remember Winston Churchill's advice: "In victory, magnanimity...in defeat, defiance!"

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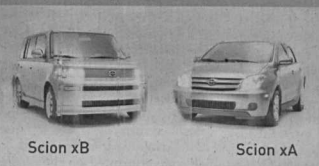
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COMMENTARY

Ditch the cigarettes and start with the smokeout

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STAFF WRITER

"I can't breathe." Those were the last words of Sarah Townshend, a 31-year-old who died from emphysema brought on by years of smoking. She died gasping for air, leaving her child to wonder why.

For college students, 31 is about a decade away. Are you playing Russian Roulette with your life by smoking?

The Great American Smokeout will be coming to McDaniel College on November 18. The McDaniel Communication Department and the Carroll County Cigarette Restitution Program are sponsoring the event that gives the real deal on how smoking and chewing tobacco affect you.

What's the Smokeout about? On November 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of Englar Dining Hall, information and prizes will help you or

a loved one get the facts about quitting.

"Smokeout" means that every participant stops smoking for one day. We'll give you a CO2 Monitor test to measure the levels of carbon dioxide in your lungs. The next day, you'll come back to see how your levels have changed. Even if you don't smoke, but are exposed to secondhand smoke, you may be very interested to find out what's in your lungs.

If quitting seems overwhelming and expensive, McDaniel's Health Center can help you get there. Joan Lusby of the Health Center is enthused about the progress made so far on campus, but wants to raise more awareness about the cessation program.

"We helped several students quit last year. We have wonderful monetary and medical resources to help students quit, but they largely go

unused," said Lusby.

Assistance comes in the forms of counseling, Nicorette gum, patches, and lozenges.

To follow up on the Great American Smokeout, Kevin S. Ferentz, M.D., the Residency Director of the University of Maryland's Department of Family Medicine, will come to McDaniel and shed light on college smoking. The event will take place on November 22 at 7:30

p.m. Instead of receiving payment for his appearance, Dr. Ferentz wants McDaniel to fund a charity.

The donation will be made to the Rosenbloom Prescription Fund, dedicated to Dennis Rosenbloom, a pharmacist at the Westminster Rexall Pharmacy who recently passed away. Mr. Rosenbloom was dedicated to helping the local needy quit smoking. The fund, in coordination with Shepard's Staff, will help the less fortunate fill prescriptions.

More people die each year in the United States from smoking-related diseases than from alcohol, crack, heroin, murder, suicide, car accidents and AIDS combined. And yet it's the most preventable cause of illness and disease in the United States today.

Let the Smokeout be the reason you get your life in order before it's too late. If your heart is in the right place, we'll be there for you Nov. 18.



The Great
American
Smokeout
Nov. 18, 2004

Turning Back the Pages

KENNY DITTO
STAFF WRITER

In a 1993 Phoenix newspaper article entitled "New I.D. does it all: Just carry 'The Card,'" staff writer Lisa T. Hill reported on the introduction of the current I.D. card system at McDaniel College (formerly Western Maryland College). This new card had a bright future for McDaniel College. A slight variation of the card noted is still in use today.

Before the present day All Card was introduced, McDaniel College students carried a "Valadine I.D. Card." The Valadine I.D. card system had limited use on campus and eventually became outdated. When students returned to college in the fall of 1993, a new I.D. card was introduced.

The card, presently known as the All Card, allowed for much more flexibility. The new card also eliminated the need for carrying cash and credit cards around campus. The card could be used from everything from dining hall admission to the campus bookstore, even campus copiers and vending machines.

Barry Bosley headed the project of introducing the All Card to the campus. He first saw a similar card being used at Gettysburg College and realized the potential that it held for McDaniel College. The original

idea of introducing the card at McDaniel was widely supported by the faculty.

The new system, however, did not go without some glitches. One of the main issues with the new card was adapting it for use in the library. To resolve the issue, a barcode sticker was affixed to the back of the card.

Mr. Harold D. Neikirk, director of Hoover Library in 1993, said, "Some of the new cards would not work properly because the checking digit on the bar codes was not calculated correctly."

Currently, the library bar code is printed on the front of the All Card. Some newer cards that were more recently issued are having a similar problem in Hoover

Library, as was the case in 1993.

An unsettling aspect of this new card was its ability to gather information. As to be expected, a report could be run to track the usage of the card. These reports contained data including dates and times a card were used, and even the location that a transaction occurred. Administration could also use the system, in the case of an emergency, to track down a student by determining the last location that the card was used.

Sources: Hill, Lisa T. "New I.D. card does it all: Just carry 'The Card.'" *Phoenix* 23 Sept. 1993, Volume X, Number 2: 1.



Featured in a 1931 Aloha Yearbook, this photo shows Hill Hall when it was known simply as "Science Hall." The name was later changed to "Memorial Hall" and eventually "Hill Hall."

It's over, and I'm moving to Canada

BRIAN PATTERSON
CO EDITOR

The election is over, and it seems to me that politics is



fully.

Both sides, democrats and republicans, felt that their candidate was the clear choice and could not see any reasons why people would vote for the other party.

Personally I don't lean far to the left, or even far to right, and I never felt too strongly about either candidate. The thing that struck me as the oddest part of the election was the course of action most of the country had settled upon in the event of a Kerry defeat, or a Bush defeat.

The solution, "I'm moving to Canada."

"You know what, if Bush wins I'm just moving to Canada," one of my liberal friends said to me on election day.

A little later on a few of my conservative friends shared this sentiment with a "If Kerry wins, we're just packing it up and heading up to Canada."

This was the only thing that I can think of that both

liberals and conservatives alike could agree on. They expect the worst, so the may as well wait it out somewhere else.

There was plenty to disagree on this election season including which candidate could bolster the economy, who do we want selecting Supreme Court judges, what to do about same sex unions, the whole abortion debate, Bush as evil, and Kerry as a manipulative liar.

I say we should just throw aside these differences and just focus our newfound love of Canada.

What's not to like? French is a fun language, Molson is a good beer, and they've got Hockey. Heck those are good enough reasons to move up north even with out the political debate.

(But if you don't speak French, hate Molson, and didn't even realize the NHL was on strike then maybe you should stop reading now.)

In a comprehensive survey of a few people I know I found that most of the found Canada as suitable alternative to the United States. And if you're considering the move, you won't have to worry about being alone. Right now there are between 600,000 and one million Americans living and working in Canada, and there's still plenty of room left in Alberta.

So instead of fighting with a Kerry supporter or wishing death upon that person that voted for Bush, just strike up a conversation about Canada, eh?

FEATURES

Bryant becomes 'worldly and adventurous' in Spain

RACHEL BRYANT
STAFF WRITER

While the rest of my friends were packing up their cars and excitedly heading back to The Hill for the fall semester, I was boarding a 7 hour flight to Spain, where I would be living and studying for the next 3 and half months. I had always thought studying abroad was something "other students" did - the more worldly or adventurous ones - certainly not me.

I was happy at McDaniel, have never been much of a traveler, don't care for airplanes, and usually I'm not much of a risk-taker, so needless to say, I wasn't exactly anticipating my journey with a great deal of enthusiasm. I was leaving my family, friends, school, and everything familiar and would be forced into a new culture and way of life. That frightened me.

After having taken only one year of Spanish, I was nervous about being expected to speak a language I hardly knew. What had I gotten myself into?

As the departure day approached I knew there was no backing out, and that I would have to say goodbye to my family and friends and hope for the best. On August 28th I arrived in Madrid. After surviving the zoo of an airport, I met my director, who spoke quickly and with a Spanish lisp, so I didn't understand a word. Over the next few days, I toured Madrid with 30 other American students who hail from all parts of the US, even Alaska. We saw famous museums, churches, and palaces, as well as the beautiful city of Toledo.

After a few days, we left Madrid for the city of Granada, which is located in southern Spain in a region called Andalusia. Almost as soon as I stepped off the bus, I was embraced and welcomed by my Spanish "mom," Matilde. She



didn't speak any English, which made me realize pretty quickly that I would have no choice but to learn the language. Like everyone else in the city, my señora lives in an apartment complex, which she shares with her 14 year old daughter, Alba. I didn't have any problems settling in and was made to feel very comfortable in my new home.

Over the next few weeks, I explored the city and started classes as I adjusted to my new way of life. Aside from being greeted by "buenos dias," each day, there are other changes in my daily life.

Breakfast is no longer the big meal of the day; rather, it is the smallest meal and normally consists of toast and olive oil with coffee. For a breakfast lover like me, that was a tough transition to make. Lunch is served at about 3 in the afternoon and is often followed by the siesta.

During the siesta time, all of the stores in town close down for about 3 hours, so you really have no choice but to rest. At first, I had trouble relaxing because I was so used to the busy pace of college life in the U.S. and felt like I always needed to be doing something "productive" but, luckily, I soon adjusted to that Spanish cus-

tom. After spending the late afternoon wandering around, I return home for dinner at about 9:30 or 10 p.m., and, believe it or not, that is considered early.

Spaniards are very social people, and night life here is a clear reflection of that. People don't really start going out until about midnight, and until about 2 or 3 a.m., the bars and clubs are pretty empty. Oftentimes, the clubs ("discotecas") don't close until about 7 a.m. You can see why we have siesta time built into the day here.

One of the discotecas located in the village of Sacromonte is actually inside of a cave. Another popular social activity for college students is to buy your own drinks and socialize in the plazas around the city. It's neat to have the experience of being a college student in a city as opposed to a small town, but I have to admit, I'm not sure I could keep up with this pace for too long - it really tires you out after a while.

Since I have been in Spain I have been privileged to see some amazing and beautiful places. I have traveled throughout the south of Spain and have been welcomed by the hospitality and friendliness of its people. I have experienced the blend



Bryant visited the Cathedral in Granada, built for Isabella and Ferdinand (top left) as well as La Alhambra, Moorish palace that overlooks Granada (top right). She was also with friends at Salema, a beach in southern Portugal.

COURTESY OF RACHEL BRYANT

of Spanish and Arabic cultures in Granada through the architecture, music, dancing, and food. I have been to beaches along the Costa del Sol, a coastal region in Spain located along the Mediterranean Sea. I have traveled to Portugal and seen ancient fortresses and the coastal cities and stunning beaches there. I have hiked in the mountains of Spain and have traveled through small pueblo villages. I have seen and felt the passion and enthusiasm of this country by attending a professional soccer game.

For someone who never had an interest in traveling, much less studying abroad, this experience has been a bit overwhelming, but it has helped me make some im-

portant realizations about myself and my life. I've adjusted to a new culture and lifestyle, a new family, new friends, a new school, and to speaking a different language. I've come to appreciate my family and friends at home more than I ever have before. I understand the importance of taking time to breathe and enjoy, instead of rushing through each day. I have come to realize how fortunate I am to be a part of the privilege and wealth of America. At times, I have felt lonely, isolated, out of place, frustrated, and misunderstood, and I imagine that readjusting to life in the states will be a challenge, but, the amazing experiences and opportunities I have had here have made it all worthwhile.



60 Seconds

What do you think the election results suggest to people outside America?

Compiled by Bayley Fannin, Features Editor



"The people of the U.S. are sticking to what was begun with the Bush administration and we want to finish what we started." Lee Anne Hagly, sophomore, English



"I think it says to them that we ignore some of the issues of our time and we are set on certain goals and are blindsided by other issues." Kristin Brennan, sophomore, Poly Sci.



"I think it's mixed, the people who are correlated with the U.S. are happy with the results, but the people who are not are not pleased. I think the terrorists that Bush is after are scared that he is in office." Charles Bewer, junior, Business.



"I think other countries will see us as scared, weak, and ignorant." Megan Sheely, senior, English.



"Viva Bush!!!" Tyler Stewart, senior, Business/Economics.



"That Americans are stupid. I think people abroad see us more as an empire than a democracy; more as a bully." Frank Totten, junior, Poly Sci.

FEATURES

Becky Eckard adjusts to life at Hoover with help of friends

MICHAEL VYSKOCIL
STAFF WRITER

Public speaking class can either be a class most students enjoy or hate. Inevitably, the class calls for that soul-searching speech during which students reveal some personal tidbit.

Some students can naturally talk about their accomplishments and achievements without even note cards to guide them.

Others, however, gasp at the task and wonder, "Have I even done anything worth mentioning?"

Such was the sentiment for Becky Eckard when she attended Howard County Community College.

"These younger students got up and said, 'I've done UNICEF, I've traveled to these places, I helped out with this cause,' and I remember saying [to myself], 'My life is very boring, and I'm so sheltered,' she said.

Yet this college staff member has nothing to be bored about in her new position as assistant to the director at Hoover Library.

From replenishing the paper supply in the public copiers and taking minutes at meetings, to documenting room res-

ervations and maintaining the budget, Eckard says that libraries "are nice places to work."

"I've always liked to read," she said. "I picked up the habit — if you can call it that — a long time ago. Even now I like reading to my kids."

Eckard, however, is no stranger to the McDaniel campus. Prior to becoming the assistant to the director in October, Eckard was the secretary for graduate and professional studies in the education department, where she worked with the curriculum and instruction programs and off-campus graduate programs.

When she heard about the position at Hoover Library, Eckard said the job "sounded interesting" and decided to apply. Within a few months, she received the offer and accepted.

Of course, transferring from one position to another can be an intimidating experience. Luckily for Eckard, Lois Szymanski, the former assistant to the director who left Hoover Library in early October to pursue a full-time writing career, stayed for a few weeks to guide her into the position.

"Lois did know a lot about the ins and outs of this position and she helped out a lot," she said.

When she's not behind her desk at Hoover Library, Eckard has four ways of staying busy at home — her four children Chris, Matt, Peyton and Erin.

From basketball to ballet, Eckard drives them back and forth from their practices and events. When she's at home, she likes to cook and bake for her family.

But keeping her family's schedule on track requires just as much commitment as keeping track of library director Michele Reid's schedule. "I'm learning a lot by just looking at the schedule and seeing the different committees Michele is on," she said.

Eckard said that she hopes her new position will help her become "more involved in the campus."

"It's a very pretty campus, and there's a lot of camaraderie among the students that I see," she said.

Eckard also credits the library staff for helping her adjust to life at the library. "The people here have just been so friendly," she said.

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Fireplace, superb sound system
make this ASL room home

STACEY SHAFFER
STAFF WRITER

When people think of dorm rooms, the last thing to come to mind is "fireplace." For Lindsay Martin, 21, and Jenna Hubble, 20, it is probably the thing they will remember most about their room.

The two friends live in the McDaniel House, which is often called the ASL House, since it is reserved mostly for people who are getting a minor in deaf studies. Jenna is hard-of-hearing, and there are a variety of objects in the room to fit her needs, such as the vibrating alarm clock, and the special telephone.

Unlike most students, who choose to have bunk beds, Lindsay and Jenna have loft beds in two different parts of the room. Under Jenna's loft bed is part of a full sized couch, and under Lindsay's are two dressers. There is a large, wooden wardrobe full of clothes, and two desks designed for com-

puters, complete with shelving. Much of the furniture was made by Jenna's father, who is a contractor.

What perhaps makes their room especially unique, besides the fireplace, is the walk-in closet, the ornate ceiling fan, and the hidden door behind Lindsay's loft bed.

The fireplace cannot be used, but the mantle is decorated with tiny lights and is the home of two blue-colored betas, Benny and Jimmy. The walk-in closet, instead of being used as a closet, actually contains a small table and mirror that they use as a make-up table. The hidden door behind the loft bed only leads to the next room, but they say it is useful if they lock themselves out.

"Our room is inviting and we love having people over because they feel comfortable here," Jenna explains. "It's bright."

The large TV set, DVD/VCR system, five disc DVS system, and numerous speakers add to that amazing comfort.

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FEATURES

Dreams, visions become *Tempest's* driving force

JON TETER
STAFF WRITER

"We are such stuff as dreams are made on," says Prospero in Act Four of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. Dreams and visions can be the driving force of a play. This was certainly the case in McDaniel College Theatre's production of *The Tempest*, which opened Oct. 28 on the mainstage of WMC Alumni Hall. Director Elizabeth van den Berg wanted to do something different with this production.

Originally wanting to set the production in "a futuristic, matrix-like" setting, van den Berg's plans changed after finding this style overdone.

"When I started out, I was trying to figure out a way to do the play that would emphasize the human element and the magical element," she said.

While teaching her Performance and Culture course last semester, she stumbled upon Ariane Mnouchkine of Theatre Du Soleil in Paris, who is known for setting Shakespeare plays in nonrealistic settings. After planning and research, van den Berg decided to go with Asian styles. Elaborate sets, lights, and costumes combined with the heavy movement stemming from Budo Taijitsu (a martial art closely re-

lated to Ninjitsu) offered many challenges; challenges, which were, for the most part, overcome perfectly.

The Tempest opens with what the title suggests, a tempest. In this storm, which Prospero (Max Julian Ham) conjured with the help of his spirit servant Ariel (Erin Shinholt), a group of prominent Italians, including the King of Naples, Alonzo (Chris de Rose), are shipwrecked and split into three groups around the island.

Prospero's daughter Miranda (Megan Simmons) questions why her father has raised the tempest. He responds in a lengthy mimed segment, which the other actors played as a flashback in the background, detailing the story of his exile from Milan and his being stripped of his rightful dukedom.

The audience learns that Prospero was once the duke of Milan. His brother Antonio (in this production his sister, played by LaShawn V. Eley) cajoles the King of Naples into resigning his dukedom and casting him adrift on a ship. While adrift with his infant daughter, their savior becomes an old friend Gonzalo (Jen Harrington) who gives them food and books for the jour-

ney. He lands on a magical island, which is inhabited by an evil witch named Sycorax and her malformed son Caliban (Lindsay T Stewart). Prospero defeats the witch with his magic and claims the monster son as his servant.

Back in the present, Prospero sends his servant Ariel to watch each group of Italians as they wonder about the island. He has purposely placed the king's son, Ferdinand (Andrew Pecoraro), alone as he wishes him to wed his daughter. By Ariel's power, Ferdinand stumbles on Prospero's cell and beholds the lovely Miranda, instantaneously falling in love. Prospero first has a test for Ferdinand's love. Hoping to prove himself worthy, Ferdinand is made Prospero's slave and must fetch wood for him in order to gain his blessing to take Miranda as wife.

Meanwhile, our Italians, King Alonzo, his brother Sebastian (Nick McCourt), Antonio, Gonzalo, and servants Adrian (Brian Engler) and Francisco (Amber Grimes) wander about the island in search of means to live. In this time, Sebastian and Antonio reveal their will to murder King Alonzo while he is sleeping and take the

throne of Naples. Luckily, Ariel wakes the King and company just before the dastardly duo strikes. Elsewhere on the island the King's drunken butler Stefano (Sarah Grosh) and the court jester Trinculo (Jessica Behar) meet with Caliban and together, with the help of a barrel of wine saved from the wreck, plan to overthrow Prospero and become lords of this island.

Finally, Ferdinand has "proven" himself worthy and Prospero gives him his blessing to marry Miranda. Under a spell from Ariel, the Italian party comes to Prospero's cell. After reconciling with his King and regaining his dukedom, Prospero announces the happy news of Ferdinand and Miranda to the group. The King is overjoyed that his son has not perished in the tempest. After the comical arrival and pardon of the three drunken mutineers, all retire to Prospero's cell to prepare for the journey back to Naples.

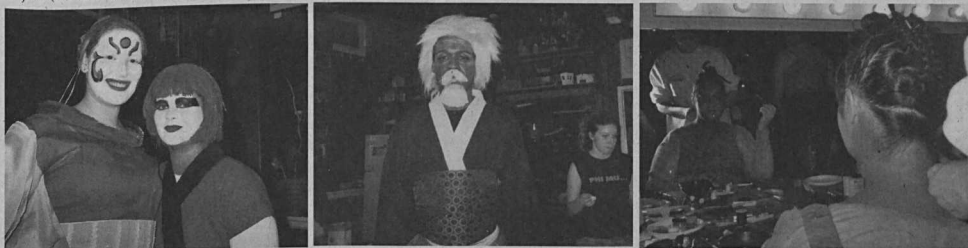
This production of *The Tempest* worked splendidly to create a unique view of the tempest. The elaborate sets, costumes, and makeup helped to create a magical setting which would entrance the audience right from the

beginning. Great acting by the leading actors and also by the ensemble of spirits conveyed the text fantastically, despite some inaudible segments due to the noise of the moving set. I thoroughly enjoyed watching the show, even after seeing it for my eighth time.

"I'm so thrilled with the way things worked out. I'm so thrilled; particularly I'm so proud of the movement work that everyone has done," said van den Berg. "Most of these students had little or no movement training at all, let alone in the style that we were doing. Everybody just jumped in with both feet. I'm also proud of the work they did with understanding the language."

Most college students perceive Shakespeare as dry, esoteric, inaccessible, and only something that you read, according to van den Berg. It was her hope to break down those preconceived notions in this production and show that Shakespeare does not have to be boring and bland. Judging from audience reaction I have heard the confirmation of that success.

"Immerse yourself in the magic of *The Tempest*," requests van den Berg in her notes to the audience. Magic is certainly what was created as the two hours traffic of Alumni stage.



Actors playing the roles of the Drum Spirits, Prospero and the shallow monster prepare costumes before *The Tempest* (from left to right). Photos courtesy of Franz Schneider.

Depp leaves audiences yearning for Neverland

SARAH BLACK
STAFF WRITER

Okay, it's official. I am in love with Johnny Depp. Not only is he exceptionally good-looking, but he is one of the finest actors in Hollywood. There's just something special about the way in which he brings his characters to life; he just grabs you by your shirt and pulls you in.

He did it with "Edward Scissorhands," "Secret Window," "Once Upon a Time in Mexico," "Pirates of the Caribbean," (and of course the rest of his films), and now he's done it with "Finding Neverland." No, this film is in no relation to M.J.'s Neverland—this is Peter Pan's Neverland.

Depp plays James Barrie, the real-life author of this children's classic. Set in 1904 London, this film follows

Barrie's magical journey in bringing Peter Pan to life. After a huge flop at the theater, Barrie is struggling to come back with a hit.

Then one day he meets Sylvia (Kate Winslet), a widow and mother of four young boys. Barrie spends many afternoons with Sylvia and her boys and quickly grows attached to them all.

Consequently, the boys become Barrie's muse for his next play. From meeting his inspirations to the night of the play's premiere at the Duke of York's Theatre, the movie illustrates Barrie's imagination and child-like spirit that helps him write his phenomenal play.

Directed by Marc Forster ("Monster's Ball" director), "Finding Neverland" is based upon the play "The Man Who Was Peter Pan" by

Allan Knee. This film is easily one of Johnny Depp's best performances and it will surely be one of the most memorable. Bringing his

own style and charisma to the screen (as always), Depp steals the show and has audiences yearning for their own, real Neverland.

"Finding Neverland," which also stars Julie Christie, Radha Mitchell ("Phone Booth"), and Dustin Hoffman, opens November 12th.

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SPORTS

Men's tennis ready for spring

WADE DOWNEY
STAFF WRITER

The McDaniel Men's Tennis team is looking forward to the upcoming year. After finishing last year 2-8, 1-7 (CC), the team believes that they can hammer out more wins and continue to strengthen the program.

During a recent interview, Brian Kastner, a sophomore member of the team, commented on the team's outlook.

"We definitely have a younger, smaller team," he said.

That they do. This year's squad consists of one returning senior, a junior, one sophomore and four freshmen. However, even with a fairly young team, Kastner has no doubts that it will be a successful year.

"We definitely have a chance," he said. "I don't think it is going to be any problem trying the conference record."

Last year, the team recorded its most conference victories since 1997. That victory came against Ursinus.

Much of the optimism and hope for this year's team stems from second year head coach, Kevin Klunk. Coach Klunk, a certified personal trainer, returned to his alma mater last year, bringing with him a winning tradition and wealth of knowledge of the game of tennis.

One of the main facets of Coach Klunk's success is his

strength and conditioning program that is used to train and prepare his players.

Klunk commented on

mented on this instability.

"Even when I played here we had head coaches that weren't there full time...I

believe that that has a lot to do with it...that there hasn't been a person that is here on campus," he said.

However, Klunk reinforced his commitment to the program, stating, "I can bring that stability, someone who is always here."

Coach Klunk remarked throughout the interview that the Centennial Conference is an extremely tough division.

Yet, Klunk believes that this year, "We will be a little

more competitive with the upper echelon teams."

Kastner also added that "Gettysburg and Ursinus are definitely beatable."

Coach Klunk made it clear, though, that the goal for his team during this rebuilding stage "...is to be competitive and pull out a match here and there."



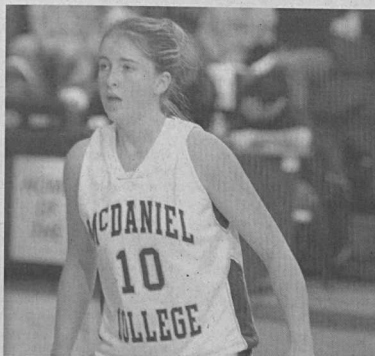
DAVE SINCLAIR

Junior Aaron Taylor, shown here in a match last season, will play a large role in helping the tennis team pick up the wins they so desire this season.

his program saying that, "It is a good building block...It works to get our team together, even in the off season when they aren't in practice."

Another main aspect that Coach Klunk brings to the tennis program is stability. Over the past ten years, the McDaniel tennis program has gone through four coaching changes.

Coach Klunk com-



DAVE SINCLAIR

Senior Kelly Cramp returns to the court after helping the Terror win the Centennial Conference Championship last season.

Women's hoops looking for repeat

MEREDITH ADAMS
STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball team is already anticipating another successful season. Coach Becky Martin is hoping for a repeat of last year's conference championship and of course to qualify for the NCAA. Many are wondering how the team will do without Toby McIntire, but Coach Martin is not too concerned.

"We have four seniors who are ready to step up and take the leadership positions," she said. "Although Toby was irreplaceable last season, this is a new season and the girls will learn to adjust without her."

The girls also have a new freshman this year, Robbin Gregg, who Coach Martin feels will give the team speed and help offensively.

"Her experience as a point guard on a state championship team last year will help her a lot this year," Coach Martin commented. "She has a lot of knowledge of how to win."

The girls have a lot of talent on their team this year. Aside from the four seniors, a lot can be expected from juniors Kristy Costa and Sara Franz. The sophomores should also show a lot of progress.

While Coach Martin is pleased with the team's overall knowledge and the improvement they have made so far, she still feels that they are not quite game ready.

"They need to be able to execute in order to be ready for their first game," she explained.

The girls' first game will take place during the Tip-off Tournament held at Catholic University on November 19th and 20th. Playing against two nationally ranked teams, the tournament looks to be very competitive. All of the girls are excited for the start of the season.

Sophomore Katy Powell exclaims, "This should be a really exciting season. We'll be looking forward to defending our conference championship."

Correction

In the previous issue of the Free Press, a quote from volleyball player Carrie Sniffen appeared without attribution.

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SPORTS

Men's basketball confident going into season

MIKE HABEGGER
STAFF WRITER

"This is going to be the best season since I've been here," junior Chris Rutland said.

"This will be the fastest team and the best defensive team that I've been on," echoed Sam Anstead, the oft-injured 5th year senior.

With statements like these, it is evident that the McDaniel Men's Basketball Team is more than ready to take on the Centennial Conference this season.

Attempting to turn around from a disappointing season, Head Coach Jay Dull is employing his philosophy of "overachievement" to the fullest. This concept is based on playing smart, working hard and emphasizing togetherness, he stated.

"If we can do those things, everything else will be taken care of," Dull said.

In order to improve, Dull has gathered together a group of players including seniors Sam Anstead and DJ. Hynes, juniors Chris Rutland, Mike DiPiero, Will Talesnick, and Bryant Dull, a good group of sophomores and a terrific fresh-



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Sophomore Kyle O'Connor became a productive part of the basketball team last season and will once again be a force on the court.

man rebounder in local Westminster product Chris Prior to help solidify an already tough defensive team.

Camara Kadete, a walk on from Boston, will join other walk-ons Marshall Greene, David Cremaldi, and Devin Walker from the

Carroll County Area. They figure to be factors as the season goes on.

The guard position is strong this year, which Coach Dull says dictates an up-tempo in-your-face style of play for the squad this season.

"If you play a defense based on emotion, then the intensity builds," Dull said. "Enthusiasm is contagious."

It seems that the bit about unity has already taken root with this year's team.

"This team is the most-together group of guys that I have been apart of," said Rutland, who has enjoyed a terrific preseason.

Coach Dull agrees that this year's team is more united than any he ever seen.

"We've had more good practices at the beginning of

this season than I could have ever imagined," Dull said. "[This year] we have a bunch of good guys who are willing to play within the system."

Sam Anstead also called the beginning practices the best he has seen during his time here.

"Vocal leaders have emerged, and there is a sincere togetherness in this team not found before," Dull explained.

Kyle O'Connor, the team's leading scorer is focused on making the playoffs, and has bought into Coach Dull's philosophy of overachievement.

"I try to overachieve everyday in practice," O'Connor said. "I feel that if everyone works as hard as I do, we can get some wins."

He adds that the team has lots of talent, and a drive to work hard to develop that talent into basketball knowledge.

Mike Dipiero, fondly referred to as "Mr. Steady," by teammates and coaches, believes that success is on the horizon for the team.

"We have a lot of guys back, who have enough talent to put it all together this

season," Dipiero said.

Dull ventures that the outcome of this season is still up in the air.

"The jury is still out on whether we can succeed and play well all season. Last year we played well sometimes, and played poorly sometimes," Dull said.

Last winter, McDaniel was able to defeat conference powers Ursinus and Johns Hopkins, but was unable to defeat lesser foes. Consistently, there have been two or three teams always contesting for the league title. This year, McDaniel hopes to battle with the fourth and fifth place teams in order to make the playoffs.

"There are unanswered questions all within our control," Dull said.

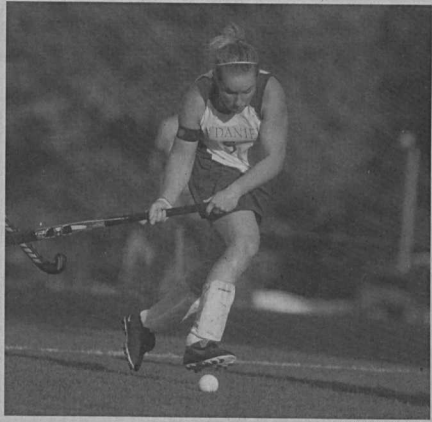
"We will have more wins this year than last year," Rutland guaranteed. "And we will play harder."

"I have high expectations for this season," Anstead said. "I really want to go out on a high note."

Anstead added a final charge to all students: "We need lots of people to come out and support the team. It's going to be exciting."



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Field hockey narrowly misses playoffs

AMALIE SHAFFER
STAFF WRITER

With Muhlenberg College's recent loss to Washington College, 1-0, the McDaniel College field hockey team ended its 2004 season. That particular game broke the three way tie between Washington College, Muhlenberg College and McDaniel College for the fifth seed in the Conference playoffs.

Sophomore Caitlin Potter, like many of her teammates, had felt that the team had a good chance of making it to the

Conference tournament.

"I think a lot of people underestimated us. Our record did not reflect how good we really are," she said.

Preseason goals of making conference tournament and to ultimately win the entire Centennial Conference reflected the team's high expectations and drive to be the best.

Even though the team did not make it to the playoffs, "[We] dominated almost every game we played," said Muffie Bliss, head coach for McDaniel's field hockey and

lacrosse teams.

The field hockey team ended the season with 10 wins and 6 losses, but within the conference it had a 5-5 record.

Although it had six losses, the team members played well together and gave their opposing teams stiff competition.

Some team members said the team was underestimated and not given enough credit for their close games, hard work, and refined skills.

For the three seniors, Kristen Ramey, Heather Rob-

erts, and Sarah LeBarron, the ending was abrupt. For the underclassmen, this end is just the beginning of the next season.

With high hopes for next year, LeBarron wishes the team the best of luck: "Stay healthy, make it to the tournament, and get another ring."

"There is no one else I would rather be in the field with," Potter said, in reference to Ramey, Roberts and LeBarron.

The team has good chemistry, Potter said. It has

a family type atmosphere.

LeBarron noted that the relationships with her teammates have been the best part of her college career.

The level of play at which the girls perform and the diverse personalities successfully blending together are what Bliss loves most about coaching this team of 21, she said.

"Even though there are standout players, what makes the team work is everyone," Bliss said.

Pictured above: are senior Kristen Ramey (left) and sophomore Caitlin Potter (right).

Green Terror SPORTS

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Martin's return pins tail on Mules

PATRICK O'TOOLE
SPORTS EDITOR

As Muhlenberg's punt team lined up with less than 3 minutes remaining in the game and the scoreboard reading 6-0 in their favor, the Mules were undoubtedly confident about their chances of clinching the Centennial Conference Championship. After all, their defense was ranked 1st in the country with only 171.5 yards allowed per game, and McDaniel had been struggling to put a drive together all afternoon.

There was the additional knowledge that no one had returned a punt for a touchdown against Muhlenberg since 1997, in which time the team had successfully halted hundreds of punt returns. It was second nature.

However, as the ball soared high into the sunny November sky, odds meant nothing to the Green Terror.

And as McDaniel sophomore Chris Martin scampered down the field 76 yards on his way to the endzone, all bets were off. The Terror went on to defeat the Mules and crush their hopes of an outright Conference title by a final score of 7-6.

"The second I caught the ball and looked up I saw the middle was wide open - just green," Martin said. "So I just turned on the jets and ran as hard as I could... We weren't going to be denied that."

Martin's miraculous touchdown brought hope to a McDaniel team that had fought

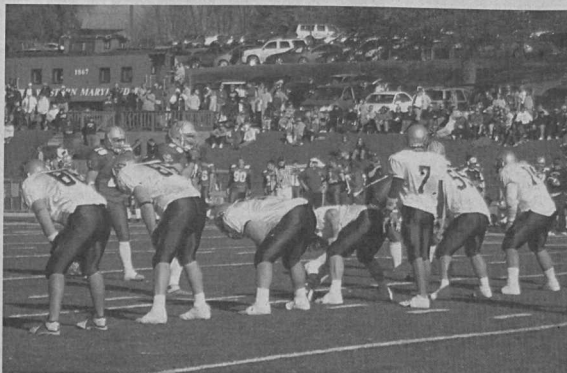
diligently the entire game but was unable to find the opportunity to put points on the board. It became apparent early on that simply grinding out yards was not going to be enough to put the Terror on top.

"We felt that we needed a big play," McDaniel head coach Tim Keating said.

Considering the importance of Saturday's game, the play that Keating's special teams gave him was bigger than the uninformed onlooker would have thought. The outcome of the battle on the Hill clinched at least a share of the Conference title for the Terror and gave them the opportunity to take the Championship outright next week against Johns Hopkins.

Early on in the game, both teams had trouble moving the ball down the field. In the first 22 minutes of the game, each team reached its opponent's side of the field only once and each came out empty-handed. Muhlenberg broke the scoring drought with a 21-yard field goal with 2:29 remaining in the first half.

In the third quarter, McDaniel sophomore Colin Nelson intercepted a pass and returned it to the Muhlenberg 34. The team was able to drive to the 25-yard line before turning the ball over on downs after an unsuccessful fourth-and-one attempt. Muhlenberg scored its final points of the day on a 37-yard field goal with 4:08 remaining in the fourth quarter. On the Mules' next drive,



SUZANNE LESTER

Sophomore quarterback Brad Baer surveys the field as his linemen get set during Saturday's game against Muhlenberg. Although the offense struggled to gain yards, it moved the ball at times and managed to avoid turning the ball over to the Mules' top-ranked defense.

the Terror defense forced a three-and-out and the punt that put Martin in position to make his return.

The touchdown, followed by senior Nate Getchell's extra point, put the Terror up 7-6. On the ensuing drive, Muhlenberg was able to drive from its own 35 all the way to the McDaniel 26. On third down and ten, the Mules were certainly in field goal range but opted to take one more shot at gaining the first down. Then, in a play reminiscent of his drive-stopping effort in the team's first game against Bridgewater, junior line-backer Joe Giusti broke past the left side of the Muhlenberg offensive line

and sacked the quarterback. The sack forced the Mules to make a 52-yard field goal attempt which fell well short of the posts. McDaniel took over the ball and ran the clock down to a few seconds before punting the ball and tackling the returner to end the game.

The team won despite being held to 105 yards of total offense. Muhlenberg demonstrated why they are the number one defense in the nation, forcing McDaniel to punt 14 times and ending junior running back Broderick Maybank's streak of reaching the 100-yard mark at 6 games.

"They're really good... the best I've seen in 13

years," Keating said.

But no amount of talent could stop a motivated team.

"We never stopped believing in each other," Giusti said. "Everyone on the team had faith that we were going to win."

At 1 p.m. this Saturday, the Terror will take on the Blue Jays of Johns Hopkins. A win will put the Conference title in sole possession of McDaniel.

"We don't want to share it," Martin said. "We want to win it again outright."

Couch Keating sees the opportunity to take the title as a driving force.

"I think the fact that we still can win it outright might be some motivation. I hope so, anyway," he said.

Men's soccer takes 2nd in conference tournament

After defeating Swarthmore 1-0 in an overtime match on Friday night, the Terror men's soccer team moved on to the Centennial Conference Championship finals against Johns Hopkins Saturday night. After a hard-fought battle, the Blue Jays came out victorious. The ball found its way into the McDaniel net with a group of players crowding the box at 75:04, which was enough to give Johns Hopkins a 1-0 win. McDaniel goalkeeper Andrew Wu registered four saves over the course of the game.

McDaniel played most of the game with an extra man due to a Hopkins red card at 26:30. The Terror put together runs toward the goal on several occasions, but the ball never seemed to roll McDaniel's way. The loss moves the team to 11-6-3 on the year. The Terror will now begin play in the Eastern College Athletic Conference tournament. (Bracket unavailable at time of publication)



Clockwise from left: A group of Terror fans looks on during Saturday's game; A McDaniel player fights for the ball during the final game of the Conference Championship (photo by Jess Dittman); The 2004 men's soccer team (courtesy of Sports Information).



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'Tis the season

Do you remember more holiday terrors or traditions? See story on page 6.



WMCR

Students can now peer through the once sticker-covered door. See story page 3.



The English Department's Jennie Wollenweber is a Professor with a Personal Touch. See story page 9.

INSIDE

Soldiers receive socks, food, and cheer

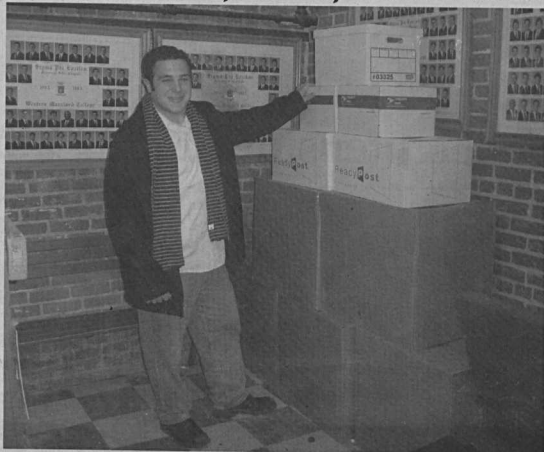
BETH MCCLANE
STAFF WRITER

Soon, a U.S. soldier in Iraq will sift through the granola bars, fruit breezes and cushioned socks within a travel-stained shoe box to find a handmade picture frame, inscribed with the letters $\Phi\S\S$.

Through Operation Shoe box, a nationwide effort to collect various necessary items for soldiers overseas, McDaniel College has made a strong effort to donate to the cause. Sigma Phi Epsilon and the Intergreek Council (IGC) sent 109 of these well-stocked shoe boxes to Iraq and Afghanistan, making life a little easier for some soldiers.

Brought to McDaniel campus by $\Sigma\Phi\epsilon$ Chris Derosé, who participated in the Operation in high school, the program received boxes from almost every Greek Organization on Campus, plus other various groups.

"I thought, 'Why not?,'" explained Derosé.



Chris Derosé stands next to boxes of supplies collected for soldiers through Operation Shoebox.

BETH MCCLANE

"This could apply to the school and help a lot of people."

To make the collection

drive happen, Sigma Phi Epsilon had inspiration close to their hearts.

"A lot of members have

family and friends there," said Steve Anderson, $\Sigma\Phi\epsilon$ President.

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Innocent students pay for Rouzer damages

ROB GOEKE
NEWS EDITOR

Freshman Ben Berkow is annoyed about a more college policy that is causing a lot of frustrations. It's the college's policy about common area damages.

Some students call it the "no one fesses up, everyone pays policy."

Others, like Rouzer resident Berkow, say it's just "frustrating" and "unfair."

Essentially the policy states that the college "ex-

pects resident students will take responsibility for damages to public areas in their living space...The college does not raise room rental for all students to pay for damages, but assesses those members of a living area (floor, suite, wing, hall) when responsible individual(s) cannot be determined."

Administrators contend that this approach is the best way to avoid raising fees for room rentals. Berkow and his peers disagree.

"Have never done anything stupid," he says. "The logic of the common area vandalism policy does not make any sense. [Students] are expected to police each other and that is absurd."

Students complain of being charged for damages they had no part in causing because the perpetrators do not confess.

"Whenever something breaks down, or is vandalized, the building is automatically charged if no one

comes forward and confesses," said freshman Sarah Cabassa, a resident of Whiteford Hall. "This means that innocent people in the residence halls, who had nothing to do with the incident, have to divide up and pay for the costs."

Currently, if vandalism occurs in common areas and no one claims responsibility, then the charges are split among residents living closest

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Donations lead to more space, resources for multicultural services

EMILY COMPTION
STAFF WRITER

Multicultural services received a warm hearted and much needed gift last May at its annual Multicultural Leaders Banquet. Edward E. Fox Jr, the founder and CEO of Central Security Investigations Agency, generously donated \$100,000 in hopes to continue the growing influence of multicultural services on the campus.

Fox could not have cho-

sen a better time to help.

"The gift was given to impact students, specifically students of color, to expose them to opportunities and positive experiences that they might not have had without such an extraordinary gift and —to help establish the office of Multicultural Services," said Zephia Bryant, director of Multicultural services.

After moving out of the one-room office on the third floor of Elderidge last Janu-

ary, Multicultural Services has relocated to a more spacious and accessible office on the ground level of Rouzer, next to The McDaniel Free Press office.

"This move has enabled Multicultural services to offer a more welcoming and comfortable place for students to gather to talk about concerns, to get information about scholarships, or just to relax," added Bryant. However, at the time of the move, the new office seemed

even larger because there was not enough furniture or equipment to fill all of the empty space.

"After the money came to the office, we have definitely gotten more furniture," said Faniska Lopez-Gonzalez, who works in the office as a full time graduate assistant after graduating last year. "It is really helping the office grow and improve."

The office will receive the money in increments of \$20,000 over the next five

years.

"This is a year of building," said Bryant, who is looking forward to the arrival of two new computers and a copy machine. "We need resources in order to help build a foundation."

The office has also been able to expand its library and start a contingency fund for those students who might need financial assistance.

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No one confesses, everyone pays policy questioned

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to the vandalism.

"It makes sense to split the fines among residents who live closest to the area the vandalism occurred in because it prevents [McDaniel] from adding these fines to the cost of tuition for all students," said Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre.

According to Residence Life Coordinator for First Year Students Rachel Spencer, malfunctioning elevators are one of the biggest vandalism problems.

"Often, residents will crowd into the Rouzer elevator and jump up and down," said Spencer. "This causes the safety on the elevator to turn on and it breaks down."

When this occurs, the floor on which the elevator breaks down is charged for damages. But to students, the difference between the elevator simply malfunctioning and breaking down because of vandalism is unclear.

"For one thing, when something breaks down, like elevators, the students are automatically to blame," said Cabassa. "Could it be that things break down once in a while and it has nothing to do with vandalism or mishaps?"

However, Spencer noted that when the elevator breaks, a repair man is called who is able to discern whether the problem was caused by machinery or by students' actions. When he determines the latter has oc-

curred, the residents of the floor in which the elevator broke down is charged.

Thus far, during the Fall 2004 semester, Rouzer has been billed \$1664.42 and Whiteford, \$282, according to numbers provided to Free Press by Spencer.

Currently, if the fines as a result of students' vandalism for the school year are less than \$10 for each student, then they are not charged. Resident Assistants post the current charges to each student in the dorms so residents of various dormitories are aware of how much they have been charged.

At this point, the \$10 barrier has been passed in Rouzer for residents and they will be billed.

Last year, Rouzer was billed \$449 in the Fall semester of 2003 and then \$3351 in the Spring of 2004. Whiteford was billed \$65.50 in the Fall and \$211.10 in the Spring, according to Sayre.

"The policy is a two way street," said Sayre. "The way fines are assessed are fair and reasonable. But the other way is that students must make attempts to keep vandalism to a minimum through some community self policing."

However, some students do not share Sayre's opinion.

"Responsible people do not want to deal with the irresponsible," said Berkow.

Spencer feels that students have not considered all

possibilities.

"I believe that if students took the time to independently calculate the real cost assessed to each individual student, they would not be angry," said Spencer. "Our policy is pretty liberal and the cost is split between everyone in the building. I would advise students who are concerned to speak to other students and view things with an open mind."

Though residents in Rouzer will be charged, Spencer has seen improvements recently.

"Everyone wants to live in a nice environment," said Spencer. "A lot of the problems have subsided in recent weeks."

The lighter side of the Campus Safety blotter

LEON MACH
STAFF WRITER

(Editor's Note: At a glance, the Campus Safety Blotter doesn't reveal some of the more reports to which officers have to respond. Mach's commentary highlights some of the most unique calls.)

It is exam time, papers are due, and students are stressed. While some deal with these pressures positively and work

hard to achieve, others feel overwhelmed and try to hit professors with their cars.

The Nov. 23 Campus Safety report reads: "Professor was crossing W. Main St. at crosswalk, when a student's vehicle traveling east bound increased in speed when approaching crosswalk, causing the professor to run to avoid getting hit."

I know that this sounds like a scene from some crazy James Bond movie, but it really did happen. Thankfully, no one was injured during this act of reckless driving, but it certainly poses a situation that needs to be addressed.

Trust me teachers, I want what you want and I was raised to believe that safety should always come

first. As a problem solver, I wish to pose a mutually beneficial solution to the crisis at hand that would prevent a repeat of such an occurrence.

I feel that professors could thwart this danger by awarding the entire student body A's for the semester. I don't know what my suggestion would do for the credibility of the school, but I can assure that if implemented,

teachers would no longer have to play dodge ball with automobiles. Since A's across the board will more than likely never happen; all I can really say is professors please look both ways before crossing.

Since I last wrote this column, two underage students were documented for urinating on the North Village Apts. As long as you gentlemen did not expose yourselves to anyone, I see no problem with urinating outdoors, frankly I encourage it. But couldn't you have gone on one of the older crappier buildings like Rouzer? I don't mean to sound like your mothers, but this school is actually trying to make some improvement and this is how you repay it? This is the reason we can't have nice things.

I feel obligated to end my final column of the semester on a serious note: Ladies in Whiteford, I know you need to pick up that new subscription to Cosmo, but for the love of god don't try to acquire it from some sketchy door to door salesmen. Some people make a living as doctors and lawyers, while others sell bogus magazine subscriptions to vulnerable freshmen girls.

"This is a recurring trend that happens roughly 10 times a year in Whiteford," said Mike Webster, Director of Campus Safety.

Ladies, you truly are beautiful and I know that it is not easy being a freshman in college. You have to worry about issues like; sexual predators, being away from home for the first time, and avoiding the infamous freshman 15 all while trying to pass your first semester at a new school.

I'm not judging these pressures, but don't forget to add this to your list of things to look out for. If anyone comes to your door selling things contact Campus Safety; for any other problems, feel free to give me a call.

Campus Safety blotter

| Occurred from Date | Subcategory | Type | Building Name | Incident Status |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 11/6/04 12:19 a.m. | alcohol possession | under 21 | Gill Lane | closed by report |
| 11/5/04 5:00 p.m. | theft | vehicle | Golf Course | inactive |
| 11/7/04 12:50 a.m. | deceit offense | public urination | North Village | closed by report |
| 11/7/04 2:24 a.m. | alcohol possession | under 21 | Garden Apartments | closed by report |
| 11/7/04 3:30 a.m. | alcohol possession | under 21 | Rouzer Hall | pending court outcome |
| 11/6/04 8:00 p.m. | vandalism | vehicle | Carroll House Lot | inactive |
| 11/7/04 12:00 a.m. | larceny | from buildings | Decker Center | inactive |
| 11/8/04 11:27 a.m. | burglary | entry without force | Rouzer Hall | closed by unfounded |
| 11/6/04 8:00 PM | vandalism | structure | McDaniel Hall | closed by report |
| 11/8/04 9:15 p.m. | vandalism | structure | McDaniel Hall | inactive |
| 11/7/04 7:30 PM | larceny | from motor vehicle | Harrison House Lot | open |
| 11/9/04 unknown | tampering with fire extinguishers | | Rouzer Hall | inactive |
| 11/10/04 9:59 PM | vandalism | property | Rouzer Hall | inactive |
| 11/12/04 4:17 a.m. | arson | personal prop. <\$500 | Rouzer Hall | inactive |
| 11/13/04 1:55 a.m. | assault | hands/feet | Penna Ave. Houses | closed by report |
| 11/14/04 1:48 a.m. | trespass | | Gunn Plaza | pending court outcome |
| 11/14/04 1:45 a.m. | threats | to college official | Gunn Plaza | closed by report |
| 11/14/04 2:10 a.m. | trespass | | Carroll House Lot | pending court outcome |
| 11/14/04 7:00 p.m. | vandalism | structure | Whiteford Hall | inactive |
| 11/17/04 11:40 p.m. | vandalism | structure | Blanche Ward Hall | closed by report |
| 11/18/04 1:16 a.m. | alcohol possession | under 21 | Garden Apartments | closed by report |
| 11/18/04 1:50 a.m. | disorderly conduct | disturbing the peace | Blanche Ward Hall | closed by report |
| 11/19/04 1:22 a.m. | alcohol possession | under 21 | Blanche Ward Hall | closed by report |
| 11/19/04 2:10 a.m. | assault | hands/feet | Rouzer Hall | report complete |
| 11/19/04 8:41 p.m. | alcohol possession | under 21 | Gunn Plaza | closed by report |
| 11/19/04 11:55 p.m. | alcohol possession | under 21 | Penna Ave. Houses | closed by report |
| 11/20/04 1:29 a.m. | alcohol | dwi/dui | Rouzer Lot | pending court outcome |
| 11/20/04 unknown | burglary | entry without force | Rouzer Hall | open |
| 11/13/04 12:01 a.m. | burglary | entry without force | Rouzer Hall | open |
| 11/21/04 12:53 a.m. | vandalism | property | ANW Hall | open |
| 11/21/04 1:30 a.m. | vandalism | | Blanche Ward Hall | pending court outcome |
| 11/21/04 1:28 a.m. | trespass | | Blanche Ward Hall | pending court outcome |
| 11/21/04 1:50 a.m. | disorderly conduct | drunk and disorderly | Blanche Ward Hall | closed by report |
| 11/21/04 2:10 a.m. | disorderly conduct | drunk and disorderly | Blanche Ward Hall | pending court outcome |
| 11/21/04 2:00 a.m. | assault | verbal | Blanche Ward Hall | closed by report |
| 11/13/04 10:00 a.m. | theft | from motor vehicle | Whiteford Lot | inactive |
| 11/21/04 4:20 p.m. | burglary | entry without force | Rouzer Hall | open |
| 11/18/04 1:40 p.m. | burglary | entry without force | North Village | closed by report |
| 11/30/04 unknown | vandalism | property | Rouzer | inactive |
| 11/8/04 unknown | theft | from buildings | Blanche Ward Hall | report complete |
| 11/30/04 6:00 p.m. | vandalism | property | Whiteford Hall | report complete |
| 12/2/04 12:35 a.m. | vandalism | | Blanche Ward Hall | report complete |

News

WMCR: Radio station back with a new rhythm

SARAH BLACK
STAFF WRITER

Maybe it's because students can now peer through the once ceiling-to-floor sticker-covered door.

Maybe it's because of the new attitudes.

Maybe it's because of the new equipment.

Whatever is causing this radio station comeback, it's happening—one sound wave at a time.

The big problems that the WMCR station had seem to be a thing of the past.

Last spring, the *McDaniel Free Press* ran a story about the struggling radio station, pointing out that the station was practically inactive, had no real budget, was getting no equipment upgrades, and had a lack of student interest.

Well it's safe to say that all that has been fixed.

"We've been getting good feedback from the school," said WMCR Vice-President Chris Derosé. "People think it's great."

In the college newspaper article from last March, Mitch Alexander, Director of College Activities, was quoted saying that the station was "shooting themselves in the foot because people walk by and see it's dark on the inside and think [the station] is inactive."

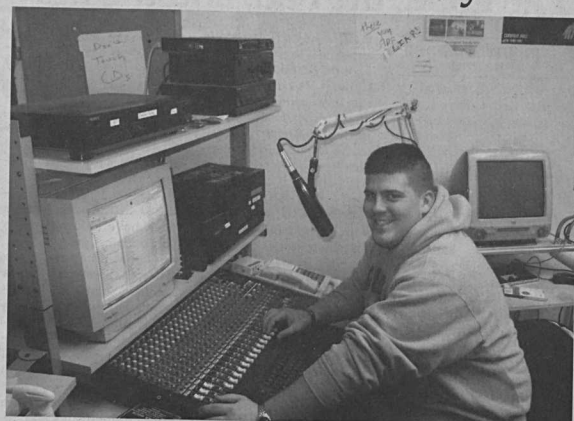
Derosé said one of the first things he did when he returned to campus was take down the stickers. "People really like the fact that they can see what's going on behind that door now."

In order for any organization to be successful, it needs a fair amount of people involved and for those people to care about the work they are doing. With both of those issues in check this year, WMCR has gotten a confidence-boost.

"We've got more DJ's this year," said Anthony Leonard, WMCR President. "We have about 15 shows now." In terms of having people who care about the station, Derosé felt confident in this, saying, "more people definitely care about the station's success this year."

It might be said that the delivery of new equipment to the station was like a kid getting a much-wanted birthday present. Derosé said that the station was "looking real shabby" and that the new equipment was badly needed. "We can do more now, and we can do bigger shows."

Both Leonard and Derosé agreed that crisper sounds and having bigger and better shows were key factors in bringing the station



Senior Andrew Lebo is one of the many DJs that broadcast over the airwaves of the reinvigorated campus radio station.

back to life.

There is a lot of work done behind-the-scenes that students don't know about, despite being able to see through that glass door. WMCR is working on getting back a DSL connection and web space, just as they did last year (but neither were used), but with a bigger goal in mind this year.

"Our main focus is to

broadcast McDaniel sports events over WMCR and on the web," said Leonard.

He also noted that because Dickinson has already mastered this feat, there has been some talk between the Dickinson radio station students and WMCR's students, so that this goal can be met by year's end.

WMCR is back in full swing, and ready to show

McDaniel what they have in store. Whether it's heavy metal or some classic jazz, or just some good old sports talk, they have it.

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BRIAN PATTERSON

Operation Shoebox provides comforts to soldiers

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He also explained that the fraternity is "ROTC strong, with a lot of Alumni over there."

Derosé began planning over summer 2004, and in late September sent a letter to all faculty, detailing the Operation. Through flyers in campus mail, signs around campus, and phone messages, Derosé was set on reaching as many people as possible.

The community responded generously, as RA's enlisted the help of their floors, the English and Sociology Departments made donations, and Greek Organizations donated at least five boxes per sorority or fraternity.

Derosé noted that approximately 75 percent of donations were made from Greek

Organizations.

Honors also contributed 11 boxes, and a local dentist even donated dental supplies such as toothpaste and floss.

"We got a lot of help from all the different students," Anderson said. He also noted that IGC paid the majority of the bill for postage, and that Arbutus Social Group made a donation of \$100 to the cause.

Phi Sigma Sigma, which placed the homemade picture frames in their 15 boxes (along with magazines and other enjoyments) went "above and beyond," said Derosé.

Christina Carbonetto, president of IGC and member of Phi Sigma Sigma, ex-

plained, "we really felt passionate about this." Like the Sig Eps, the Phi Sigs knew soldiers who were overseas and wanted to help as much as possible.

"We put 100 percent into everything we do... We wanted to make as many as we can," Carbonetto said. Costs for shipping the boxes turned out to be hundreds of dollars lower than expected, which was another blessing for the Operation.

"It's something everyone should care about," Anderson said. Derosé agreed, noting that "It's not what party you're for, it's not about how you feel about the war. You gotta be for the troops."

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Donation provides benefits to multicultural services

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Next year, Bryant hopes that the money will be able to have a more direct impact on the students through cultural outings, mentoring programs, and guest speakers.

One of the most important aspects of Multicultural services is their leadership programs. With this donation, students have already been given the opportunity to attend more

of these programs, which help build the leadership skills that are necessary to establish a strong multicultural presence on campus.

"...OMS [the Office of Multicultural Services] is using the donation to provide students with the opportunity to grow as leaders by

sponsoring us to attend leadership conferences," said

"The money has really helped because we are able to have more help in the office, which is definitely a blessing."
-Faniska Lopez-Gonzalez

Karina Havrilla, President of the Hispano-Latino Alliance.

Havrilla recently attended a conference at

American University.

The donation also helped to establish the Edward E. Fox Leadership Fellows Program, intended specifically for male students in order to inspire involvement where it has been lacking. The selected students will receive a full scholarship to the Carroll F.S. Hardy National Black Stu-

dent Leadership Development Conference in Arlington, Virginia, January 6-9, 2005.

Prior to the donation, the office only had enough money to hire one grad assistant, but now the office is staffed with a total of four grad assistants; two part-time and two full-time.

"The money has really helped because we are able to have more help in the office, which is definitely a blessing," added Lopez-Gonzalez.

COMMENTARY

The good, the bad, and the ugly of online registration

JESSE FELDMAN
STAFF WRITER

With all the buzz about computerized voting errors in the last election, it is little surprise that McDaniel's first all-out attempt at online registration had a few kinks.



When online registration

worked, it was a breeze... and when it didn't, well, in the words of sophomore Katie Bowen, "It sucked."

"For the initial web registration, overall, it has gone smoothly," and the technology was "relatively flawless," according to Registrar Jan Kiphart.

For most students, online registration was the piece of cake it was meant to be.

I had initial doubts about how well it would work, but after registering in about 13

minutes, I had no regrets about leaving the days of frantically checking the Class Closings list outside the forum days behind.

"I truly loved getting up in my pajamas and registering for class in ten minutes," confessed sophomore Katlyn Hood.

However, not everyone had as good an experience with registration, and happily, their stories are more fun.

Students registering on November 9 may have noticed that the system was down entirely. According to Kiphart, there was a big increase in traffic around 12:30 p.m., which slowed everything considerably, so the system was temporarily taken offline to fix the problem.

Everyone was registered manually in the office within 30 minutes, Kiphart noted.

Some students also received a "broken pipe" message. To those students, that message is unhelpful com-

puter server jargon for "too damn busy."

Many of the problems with registration occurred in the first week, with technological upgrades being performed on the system on the 9th. These repairs seemed to minimize students reporting error messages the next day, and Jan Kiphart seemed optimistic that the repairs may even have eliminated the "broken pipe" message.

First-time registering student, Freshman Maria Lathroum, "hated" online registration.

Lathroum was yet another victim of the deadly pre-reg demon, with the system not allowing registration when the right pre-requisites failed to show on the records.

Pre-requisites and co-requisites were "the most problematic part of the process for everyone," admitted Kiphart.

"In the past when there was a question about a pre-reg or co-reg the student and the data entry person would have

a conversation about the question and a decision was made. The computer isn't quite as flexible about those decisions," Kiphart added.

Students registering in the sciences and foreign languages seemed most vulnerable to this problem. Lucky for them, their classes seem to fill up fastest as well.

Junior Jackie Horton ran into difficulty when her transfer credits were not entered correctly into the system. She got the joy of hurrying over to the registrar's office at 8 a.m. in order to ensure she was not closed out of her rapidly filling classes.

Both Clara Bodnar and Katey Swift agreed almost simultaneously on one thing: when it didn't work, online registration was "time-consuming."

According to Kiphart, the registrar's office will be working hard to get all the correct information into the computers and to coordinate pre-requisites with departments for fall registration.

She explained that a faculty group created earlier in the year will continue to meet and focus on ways of improving online registration.

Some already suggested areas of improvement are "allowing advisers to 'clear' students electronically to eliminate the 'permission ticket'," change the registration times; making them longer and during the evening, adding the BLAR and pre-reg/co-reg information to the web schedule of classes, and making degree audits available on the Archway."

Most people I asked did agree that the idea of online registration was a good one in itself. People for whom registration worked did seem most inclined toward this belief, with one of the only prevalent issues being the loss of personal contact.

The loss of one-on-one contact is just an expected pitfall of technology though, with Katey Swift putting it best, saying, "It's [online registration] a good step because we're like in the 80's."

Democrats, liberals, and progressives. What's in a name?

ROB GOECKE
NEWS EDITOR

To say the Democratic Party is in decline is fact. To say



why is open to different interpretation.

In the month since the election, there have been countless explanations for why Republicans won so much. The main conclusion on that Democrats did something recently to hurt themselves. But, in reality, they lost this election long before November 2.

The English language is full of adjectives with varied connotations, some good, some bad, all creating a mood within the person hearing or reading these words. Culture creates these connotations and makes them become the popular label.

Juliet asked "What's in a name?" in reference to her relationship with Romeo. Plenty. And for Democrats, losing the name game is why they're losing ground now.

Think of the word liberal. What comes to mind? Given that the Republican marketing machine worked so well, the image of John Kerry sitting on a Cape Cod beach sipping red wine is most likely conjured. Probably "out of touch," "unpatriotic" and "socialist" flare across your mind like a flashbulb.

Now, think of the word progressive. Images of Gandhi and Martin Luther King ex-

plode in your mind. You imagine people working for the poor, helping the sick, trying to achieve equity and equality.

Let me tell you the Merriam-Webster definition of a couple of words to make my point. Progressive: making use of or interested in new ideas, findings, or opportunities. Liberal: of or constituting a political party advocating or associated with the principles of political liberalism.

Given the philosophy of the Democratic Party, they could be labeled either liberal or progressive. But, the former sounds good, beneficial. The latter, bland, boring and out of touch.

Naturally, which one are Democrats labeled as? Liberal. I can almost hear some talking head on Fox News screaming something derogatory about Democrats and using that term as justification for why they will ruin America.

Democrats lost the labeling war long ago. They are stuck with being called liberal and the horrid baggage that comes with it. If John Kerry could have labeled himself as a progressive, could it have had an impact? I think so. A label is what defines you.

On this campus, if you are a Greek, you are defined by your organization. Think of a time you were discussing a kid you knew with friends and you said, "Oh,

he's a Sig Ep," or "She's an Omega." If you are a member, you get all the benefits and all the baggage that comes with it.

In the political sphere, the connotation of "liberal," "conservative," "progressive" and "moderate" is what defines you in the minds of voters. If Democrats, as a whole, began to label themselves as progressives, the general public would view them in a better light because of the positive connotations that word has.

Progressivism, as a whole, is wonderful. Unfortunately, too few Democrats are worthy of being labeled as someone who always strives for the greater good.

But people from both left and right can be progressive. As long as you see something inherently wrong with society and you wish to change it, no matter the cost to your political career, then you are progressive. I view John McCain almost divinely because I feel he embodies all that I described. And he is Republican.

But, over time, a name defines who you are and then you become the embodiment of the name. Long ago, Republicans were labeled as conservative. Whether or not they fit this term was irrelevant. Now, they are conservative.

Maybe if Democrats are called progressive, they could change to fit the label.

Then again, what do I know? I'm a rationalist.

Capboard plans it, so why not go?

BRIAN PATTERSON
CO-EDITOR

Apathy. It can be defined as a lack of interest or concern, especially regarding matters of general importance or appeal. It's indifference.



Sorry, for the mundane lead, but apathy was the one word that kept popping up in my mind while I was at the winter semi-formal last Friday at Ravens stadium.

Was it apathy on the part of Capboard, who planned the event?

No, it was the general apathy of the students who found excuses not to go.

Maybe there was the transportation problem of getting down to the Inner Harbor.

(What about the bus that was provided?)

It was a little on the expensive side.

(Tickets were \$20 by the end of the week, and considering it cost around \$4,000 just for the room and food, that's not too bad of a deal.)

Winter formal is always bad, no one ever goes.

(Maybe that's just a self-fulfilling prophecy.)

Cash bar?

(Well actually that's a pretty good one. Maybe next time it could be an open bar.)

Personally, I had a great time, and I'm pretty sure the other 50 or so students who made the trip into Baltimore did too. However, it would have been a lot more fun with a few hundred more people.

I know it's beating a dead horse, but it seems that too many students do not take advantage of the recreational opportunities provided by the school. Whether it's an Eveo concert, or a senior party, or the first couple basketball games, the crowds always seem thin.

I'm not sure who is to blame, but I do know that the students involved in Capboard are not the guilty party.

I hear the mumoring from other students all the time. There's never anything to do on the weekends, or there's no where to go out in Westminster. I believe that Capboard hears the mumors and tries to do something about it.

If you check out their new screen name, capboard01, you'll get a list of all the upcoming events that they have planned. The semi-formal was on there, and so are the rest of the events for the semester. I'm sure there will be some on there for next semester too.

The capboard01 profile says that Capboard is an organization manned by fellow students who are looking to pump some life into McDaniel College. Well they have been holding up their end of the bargain by planning events that are fun, creative, and, for me at least, memorable. Maybe it's the rest of the campus got involved.

A Day in Rouzer



PATRICK BONAUCCE

My dog didn't eat my homework, but I have an excuse - College life from the perspective of a nontraditional student

SHELLY HORN
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"The dog ate my homework." This phrase, over time, has come to symbolize students' mounds of excuses for their unpreparedness for class, missing class, or their failure to turn in an assignment.

Professors use this phrase to describe the volumes of e-mails, notes, and desperate voice mail explanations they receive for why a student has missed class or an assignment.

It is common knowledge that, through unusual circumstances disrupt our lives on occasion, many excuses offered for missed assignments/classes are, well, just not true.

But what about those occasions when they ARE true? I must, at this point, tell you a little about myself.

I'm what McDaniel College politely labels a "Nontraditional Student" (over age 24). I am a full-time student, married, with three daughters, ages 14, 6, and 4.

Every day I am challenged to find a delicate balance between housework and homework, family and school.

My "the dog ate my homework" semester was this one, Fall 2004. This proverbial dog, however, busted down the front door, ate the homework, the textbooks, and the dining room table. Then he vomited on the floor.

The semester began innocently enough. The problems began, however, just before Fall Break.

While studying for a Spanish midterm, I was called from the preschool to pick up my daughter, who had spiked a 103° fever. This virus passed in a few days, and our routine returned to normal. My Spanish midterm exam grade, however, never recovered from the illness.

Just after break, a stomach virus swept through our home, plaguing each of us, on different days. In one week, I

washed bedding 6 times - children ages 6 and 4 don't usually make it to the bathroom - and I cleaned up barf from the car, two jackets, the dining room table, the carpet and our dog (who lies beneath the dining room table at dinner).

The following week my 20-year old car, affectionately named "The Gray Ghost," spit a belt onto the road on my way to school. Both the alternator and check engine lights came on, but it continued to run. I did make it to class that day, but the car wouldn't start and left me stranded the next morning.

I took Basketball as my EPE class this semester because I played in high school (20 years ago) and have always loved the game. I enjoyed the first few classes,

showing off a few 3-point range shots in shooting competitions. The full-court games that ensued, however, left me with extremely swollen and painful knees and ankles.

I take medication regularly for osteoarthritis, particularly in my lower extremities. I may still love basketball, but I found that it no longer loves me.

With 4 classes left to complete, I limp-jogged into the gym, waiving my doctor's note and knee braces at coach Jay Dull, who graciously allowed me to modify my workout.

With 7 weeks left in the semester, I lost a textbook. I tried to replace it at the bookstore, but the fall semester

texts had already been returned. I am completing the semester by borrowing classmates' books on days that they are not using them.

Just when it seemed that I would finally catch up to my syllabi, my two youngest daughters came down with an upper respiratory infection, marked by a relentless cough that kept us all up at night and kept them out of school.

You would think that, under these circumstances, a student would fail. However, as this semester comes to a close, I must acknowledge the people at McDaniel without whom successful completion of this semester would not have been possible.

Muchas gracias to Dr. Deveny who made conces-

sions to accommodate a schedule that overlapped Spanish lab time with my children's bath/bedtime.

Muchisimas gracias to Dr. McNichols, who expressed her desire to provide a "Mom-friendly environment" and relieved some of my stress with assignment rescheduling and words of encouragement.

Thanks to Lisa Breslin, who offered endless support, including babysitting and transportation, I'm grateful as well to Spanish classmate Samantha Heinzman who not only allowed me to borrow her textbook, but dropped it off at my house over the Thanksgiving holiday.

I learned that the only way to fight that oversized homework-hungry dog is to communicate and ask for help.

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COMMENTARY

Holidays filled with traditions.....and terrors

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FEATURES EDITOR

Whether you dropped the Thanksgiving turkey, or you spend your Christmas looking for a hidden pickle, holiday traditions - and holiday mishaps - are what make the upcoming season something to anticipate.

McDaniel students have had their fair share of both, so in celebration of those crazy holidays, let's break out the eggnog and curl up with some good memories. Take, for example, sophomore Kimberly Spears' experience on Thanksgiving.

"My great uncle came over," she said. "My uncle made this big meal, and he kept on eatin', and eatin' and eatin'."

The family became concerned when Kim's uncle started coughing, and then, "he threw up right in his plate. That was the fastest Thanksgiving ever," Kim explained.

Others, like Junior Jess Darchicourt, have holiday traditions they fondly remember.

"After having leftover turkey since Thanksgiving, we got so sick of it that we had lasagna on Christmas Eve, and hamburgers on Christmas," Jess said.

The family members also celebrate by sometimes having their favorite junk food on Christmas.

Sophomore Beth

Meade noted that on New Years, her family gets Chinese food: "That way we get some good stuff without having to worry about it," she explained.

Junior Joe Palkovic has a traditional meal on Thanksgiving, followed by a game of Trivial Pursuit. Another ongoing tradition for Joe occurs while watching football with his brother. "Every time [the team] gets a piece of the pie in the game, we go to the fridge and get a piece of pie," said Joe.

Senior Nick Venuto mentioned that his family has grasshopper pie - mint chocolate chip ice cream and Oreo crust - every Christmas.

But what holiday season would be complete without a little family drama?

"One Thanksgiving my two aunts had a fight and everyone left mad," said senior Karen Tull.

For Ryan Bromm, a re-occurring holiday mishap happens "the entire time from getting the tree and taking it back to the house." His grandfather, who is fond of explosives, is picky about everything from the placement of the tree to the order the decorations go on.

Sometimes families provide humorous stories without the drama.

Nathan Levine received the same two gifts from his grandparents on two different years - the movie "Iron Will" and Jeff Foxworthy's book "You Might Be a

Redneck If..."

Robby Bieschke's mom gets the family together to sprinkle "reindeer food" on the lawn every year.

Then there's the interesting phenomenon of the Christmas Pickle. Adrienne Dulaj's family hides a fake pickle in the tree, and whoever finds it gets the prize. Erin Wilson's family hides the pickle anywhere in the house, and whoever finds it gets an extra present.

"My sister has never found it," she said, giving the family a little more incentive to search.

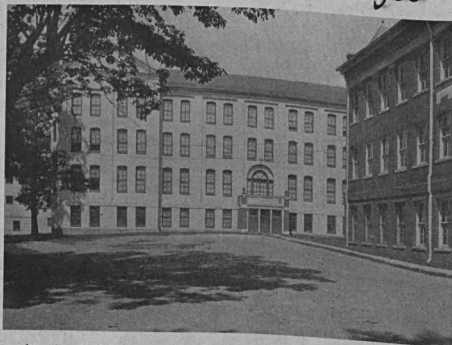
Emily Funk's huge family convenes on Ocean City each year for Thanksgiving. "We have fun on the beach," she said, adding that the tradition has been going on for 20 years.

Other students have had catastrophes worthy of the Holiday Hall of Infamy. Shante Williams once dropped the Thanksgiving turkey on the floor. "My uncle was really mad," she said. "But I didn't care because I don't eat turkey."

Andrea Mandato also had some disastrous holiday experiences: "Once, my little brother knocked over the Christmas tree with his walker," she said. "And my grandma once baked the turkey with a towel inside."

This Thanksgiving, be thankful that you didn't share these holiday horrors. As you celebrate the rest of the holiday season, be thankful for the happy memories you have and the many more you'll hopefully make. Cheers!

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Turning Back the Pages



Shown here in a 1929 Aloha Yearbook is Ward Hall. Ward Hall was part of the original "Old Main" complex. To the right in the photograph is Lewis Recitation Hall. Eaton Hall now stands in Memorial Square. By Kenny Ditto, Staff Writer.

FEATURES

Squirrels and rabbits on campus: Cute and cuddly, or diseased and destructive?

ROB GOEKE
NEWS EDITOR

When sophomore Pat Linz walks around the McDaniel Campus, he always carries some peanuts in his book bag as a snack. But they are never for him.

"I carry peanuts because I like to feed the squirrels," said Linz. "I think they are adorable."

For many McDaniel students, the squirrels, rabbits and other wildlife on campus are a source of merriment and the closeness these animals have with students is often a cause of fright as well as humor.

The Physical Plant, which maintains McDaniel's grounds, and the Maintenance department often encounter the squirrels directly.

"We know they are there and sometimes they cause us some problems," said Phil Boob, Director of Grounds and Special Events at McDaniel. According to Boob, squirrels will often create living spaces in trees on campus, creating large cavities and causing some damage.

"We occasionally will have a situation, especially in the [Pennsylvania] Avenue houses, where squirrels will burrow," said Boob. "We will have to call an outside company to fix the holes they create. They seem to like the warmth just as much as we humans do."

Squirrels can get into other kinds of trouble as well and sometimes cause problems for Boob and the Physical Plant workers.

"Occasionally, they will have a snack in the trash can and the employees who collect the trash will pull the trash out and a squirrel will jump at them," said Boob.

A similar event happened to sophomore Molly Bolek and

junior Rachel Bryant while walking on campus.

"I was walking to [Englar Dining Hall] with [Bryant] and a squirrel jumped out of the trash can," said Bolek. "It scared the living everything out of [Bryant] and I laughed."

For other students, it was rabbits that surprised them.

Junior Jesse Feldman told of a thrilling encounter she and sophomore Diana Burke experienced with an incensed bunny.

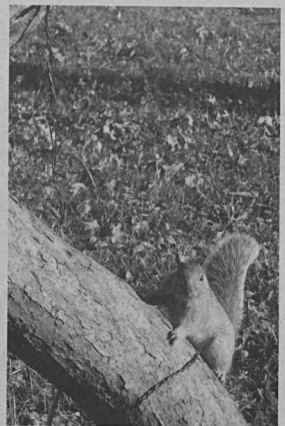
"[Burke] and I were walking back from the gravel parking lot [near the North Village Apartments] at one in the morning," said Feldman. "It was really scary because we heard a scream and a rabbit ran past us."

Others, like Linz, have had better experiences, especially since he began feeding squirrels peanuts.

"The squirrels stand on their hind legs and look at us when we have peanuts now," said Linz. "And once, we fed a squirrel in the rain that was stumbling and looked drunk. Well, he was either drunk or had rabies, but he walked slow and sloppy and we were afraid he would freak out, but instead he just walked slowly toward the peanut and ate it."

Linz's roommate, senior Kenton Camper, is not amused by his roommate's enthusiasm toward campus wildlife.

"I think [Linz] is crazy," said Camper. "If he keeps feeding those damn squirrels, they will soon start running up people's



PHOTOS BY BRIAN PATTERSON AND SARAH BLACK

Whether they are climbing walls or climbing trees, the numerous squirrels on campus provide amusement for students.

legs. They will start attacking people just to get their dirty claws on a peanut."

Since campus wildlife is often in close proximity to students, the possibility of some of the animals being infected with rabies is a concern. But according to Joan Lusby, Physician's Assistant-Certified at the Health Center in Smith House, squirrels and rabbits are a low risk for having rabies.

"The most problems [Smith House] have had in the past is when students try to feed the squirrels and then they scratch the people inadvertently," said Lusby. "Students then are at risk of these scratches having staff or strep infections."

Lusby sees problems with students who become

too comfortable with the squirrels and rabbits.

"I would advise students to enjoy the animals from a distance," said Lusby. "If you are too nice to the squirrels, they will become too trusting and someone could hurt them in the future."

Some students, like junior Terri Hamer, have their food taken away unwillingly.

"I was about to eat a Rice Krispie Treat I had in a Ziploc bag, when I accidentally dropped it," said Hamer. "All of the sudden, a squirrel scurried out and stole my bag with the Rice Krispie Treat in it. To top it off, it opened the bag and ate my snack."

Other students relate

tall tales about the creatures on campus.

Senior Ashley Hurley and her Gamma Sigma Sigma sorority sisters tell of a mysterious animal: "One of my friends last year swore she saw an animal that was half squirrel, half bunny," said Hurley. "She called it a bunquirrel."

Interaction with squirrels can also be part of an initiation.

Senior Nate Getchell remembers when his roommate, senior Mark Zebrowski, had to chase a squirrel during Peer Mentor training.

"[Zebrowski] had to try to catch a squirrel with a clothes basket," said Getchell. "But apparently, he just ran after the squirrel and threw the clothes basket around. It did not turn out well."

SIXTY



What is the worst thing that has ever happened to you on a holiday?

Compiled by Taylor Hebden

SECONDS



John Bennett

"When I was five-years old, someone threw an egg at me on Halloween."



Lindsay Fairchild

"At a Christmas Party, my brother drank what he thought to be non-alcoholic egg nog, and passed out on the living room floor."



Davon Morris

"When I was 8-years old, I was by myself on Christmas."



Chanan Delivuk

"When I was 9-years old, I was in the hospital for all of Thanksgiving Day with an unknown virus. The pumpkin pie in the hospital sucked!"



Aine Clarke

"One time on Halloween, my cousin came up to the window of my bedroom door with a real knife, and scared the crap out of me."

Families Weekend 2004



Baha'i creates blessings for Stacey Coverstone

BETH MCLANE
STAFF WRITER

"Boom!" is how Stacey Coverstone describes the moment she first found Baha'i. "It all made perfect sense," she said, "like a lightning bolt from the sky."

Twenty-three years later, the religion has affected her life in every way possible.

During her 10 years at McDaniel as the Theater, Music, Art and Art History Secretary, Coverstone has been dedicated to Baha'i on campus and in the community. The worldwide religion (with members in every country) has in excess of 5 million followers.

Coverstone advises the Baha'i club on campus, which is inactive this year. According to Coverstone, "there has always been at least one Baha'i [student] on campus, and even non-Baha'is in the club." For the first time since Coverstone arrived here, there are no active Baha'is at McDaniel.

Her long road to McDaniel began in Illinois, where Coverstone was raised in a Methodist family. Years later, when Coverstone met her future husband, Paul, she had never heard of Baha'i. He was an active individual in the religion, and six months after their marriage, the couple moved to

rural Virginia.

Coincidentally, there was already a Baha'i community of about 10 people in the relatively unpopulated area. Her husband was delighted, and the couple enjoyed potluck dinners with the rest of the Baha'i community.

Then, while home for a rare sick day, Coverstone plunged into a Baha'i religious text, and "all the answers were there." She read the entire book in one sitting, and decided to abandon her Methodist roots to become Baha'i.

She has not once regretted the decision.

Coverstone and her husband have moved 23 times in their 24-year marriage, often to places that have created unimaginable blessings. While on a pilgrimage to Haifa, Israel the couple met four people from the island of Guam.

"We were instant friends," Coverstone said, and the couple spontaneously decided to move to Guam. They went back to Virginia, sold their belongings and on June 7th, 1985, arrived on Guam with just their suitcases in their hands.

"We stayed for four or five years and built a house," said Coverstone, but the most

rewarding part of their stay on Guam was yet to come.

Through a doctor on the island, the couple learned of children who needed to be adopted. They soon adopted two daughters, now 18 and 16 years old. Coverstone feels this was the most significant way that Baha'i has changed her life.

The adoption of her daughters was not the only way Guam (and Baha'i) changed her life. When Coverstone landed on Guam, she had no job arranged. She was hired on her first interview at a law firm, and clicked with the first woman she met there. She was a local who was Catholic, and the two were immediate friends. As it turned out, Baha'i interested her, and she and her husband converted.

"They moved 5 minutes from our house [in Union Bridge, Md] and now have three children," Coverstone said.

Coverstone's mindset has changed as well. "I've become a much more open-minded person," she said. "Baha'i is not just a religion, it's a lifestyle."

Baha'i is the newest world religion, just 150 years old. It is an independent religion, which means it is not an

offshoot of any other faith. Tenets of the faith include the oneness of humanity, equality between men and women, and education for all children, Coverstone noted.

The college encourages the Baha'i program, according to Coverstone. "They are very supportive," she said. McDaniel lounge is used for the Baha'i club's annual Naw-Ruz (New Year's) party every March, which Coverstone helps with.

Coverstone is an asset to the campus in her secretarial work as well. After answering an ad in a local paper, she was employed by the college in 1994.

"She's great," said Susan Bloom, Art and Art History chair. "We're good friends as well."

"She's doing a tremendous job," according to Heshmat Badiee, a Baha'i who works in the Audio/Visual department in Hoover Library. "She makes the best effort in her work."

According to the teachings of Baha'i, "when performed in the spirit of service, work is equal to worshiping the creator," Badiee explained.

Her free time is consumed by Carroll County

Baha'i activities.

"We have a very active community," she said.

Thirty adults, children, and teens from all over the county join in spiritual interfaith nights and monthly talks, and participate in the Women's Fair and Common Ground on the Hill every summer.

She is also secretary of the nine-person Carroll County Baha'i administrative board.

Baha'i has also given her a platform to achieve her personal goals.

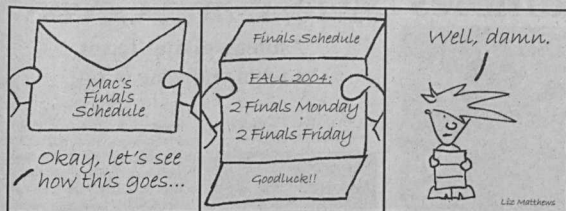
"I was able to fulfill a personal dream of writing two Baha'i children's books," Coverstone said. The books have been published in multiple languages, and cover Baha'i topics.

Baha'i has touched her life in many ways, and that "boom" Coverstone felt over two decades ago still resonates in her life today.



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Professors with the Personal Touch

Inspiring "tree huggers" for years Wollenweber brings passion for outdoors inside

SHELLY HORN
STAFF WRITER

If you can't find Jennie Wollenweber in a classroom, you may discover that this English professor has escaped the campus for one of many class field trips.

Those field trips often involve hiking, camping, kayaking and canoeing - all of which are her favorite hobbies. For the last four years, Wollenweber has found ways to bring her love of the outdoors into the classroom.

She has also helped her students focus on the environment, especially its decline. Her ability to bring the outdoors inside is linked to her teaching style, which leans on lots of experiential learning - or, learning by doing.

Wollenweber learned about this teaching technique through a semester-long environmental studies program based at the Thoreau Institute on the edge of Concord, Massachusetts. Here she practiced learning by doing.

Wollenweber recalls reading Thoreau's Maine Wonders and climbing the mountain he wrote about. Her class read *Silent Spring* and visited the home of Rachel Carson.

"It was the most amazing learning experience I ever had," says Wollenweber, "and on a small scale, I try to duplicate that experience when we go on



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHELLY HORN

Wollenweber rides a dolphin during last year's Jan Term in the Everglades.

Jan term trips. I believe that you have to make your passion your work."

It's not uncommon for Wollenweber's students who are studying literature to visit the area that inspired the great literary work. They also walk in the footsteps of the writer to gain a better appreciation for his/her motivation.

Students have visited Hawk Mountain Sanctuary in PA to have a "Thoreau experience" swam with dolphins in the Florida Keys and shared in Marjory Stoneman Douglas' Everglades experience. They may follow the California paths of the Beat poets of the 1950's and visit the old hippie towns in the San Francisco Bay area for the upcoming Jan term offering,

Coastal California.

Wollenweber is the faculty advisor for The Environmental Action Club which currently boasts over 20 members. She said she is thrilled with the students' dedication.

"The club's members aren't just interested in fun field trips, although we're planning plenty of those; members care about giving back - the service aspect of the club," she said.

Wollenweber has also taught at Villa Julie and Salisbury University, a school that already had a strong environmental program and a huge outdoor club.

Here at McDaniel, Wollenweber notes, "Students are just starting to catch the tree-hugger bug."

National Treasure shines at theaters

JON TETER
STAFF WRITER

"Who Wants to be a Treasure Hunter?" No, it might not be a hit game show on Prime-Time television but there seems to be an obsession with treasure hunting in the American mind. Popular movies such as *The Mummy*, its sequel *The Mummy Returns*, *Lara Croft: Tomb Raider*, and its sequel *Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life* have raked in millions at the box office while captivating the adventurer in us all. This Thanksgiving, Disney released its prima treasure hunt movie, *National Treasure*. And with it, everyone has caught the treasure hunter bug again.

The story is of Benjamin Franklin Gates whose family holds a position of trying to find and protect the treasure of the Knights Templar and the Free Masons, said to be the world's greatest treasure.

Ben is certain the founding fathers of the United States hid the treasure in the country and left clues to its location in important documents of the time, including the Declaration of Independence itself.

Following his leads, Ben and his "scaredy-cat" friend embark on a quest to find this treasure; a quest filled with peril, brain-busting riddles, and felonies galore.

A spectacular cast, headed by Nicholas Cage as Ben Franklin Gates, delivers a great performance. Since the part suits Cage perfectly, he does not have to act (a bonus for those of us who think he is one of the world's worst actors). The character of Gates seems to play itself through the nicely written script. In fact, the script is so well done that any major actor could have played any

part. In short, there was no need for a star vehicle.

Jon Turteltaub brings the story to life in his direction. Just the right blend of action, suspense, and plot create harmony throughout the movie. Cinematographically, the movie was what you would expect from a treasure-suspense movie: long swooping panoramas, quick snapshots, and suspenseful sequences. Action shots complete with the standard explosions and creaking old wooden bridges accentuated the stereotypical shooting of this genre.

What impressed me most was the extensive amount of research that went into the framework of the script. Many famous theories about the Knights Templar, the Free Masons, the Founding Fathers, and treasure conspiracies were pieced together to form a new storyline based on the old theories.

This comes at a crucial time when the attention of the people is focused on these theories, as shown by the popularity of Dan Brown's book, *The Da Vinci Code*, based on a similar Templar legend.

National Treasure might not become a national treasure in itself but it will give many people a chance to witness a first class treasure hunt movie and hopefully spawn some more interest in the mysteries of the Knights Templar and secret societies of the last millennium.

Editor's Note: If you have to choose between National Treasure and Alexander, please pick National Treasure.

Acting Rating: B
Cinematography Rating: A-
Script Rating: A
Score Rating: B
Visual Effects Rating: A-

Overall Rating: B+

Wireless network unplugs college

By early February McDaniel College students can pop open their laptops to check email around the campus. New wireless technology and hot spots are coming to the Hill.

Several favorite gathering places have been identified where students can connect their computer laptops to the campus network, other computer servers, and the Internet through a wireless network, without plugging into a network port. Wireless network access can be activated on most laptop computers by using built-in internal hardware or by

attaching an external wireless adapter card. Two wi-fi laptops will be available for student use in Hoover Library's hot-spot lounge.

A sub-committee of the campus Web Committee organized the project and proposed the hot-spot installations to include Decker College Pub (where coffee is always brewing), Ensor Lounge and the commuting student lounge, Hoover Library's "sky-box" reading area, and student lounges in McDaniel House and Whiteford Hall.

"This is a major step toward improving technology here," says Chris Slemple '05 and student-rep on the Wireless Sub-Committee. "I can be anywhere, not just the computer labs, to go online and do my research."

Several outside wi-fi areas will be added after the winter season. Funding to support this project was donated by a College alumnus as well as from the endowed technology fund.

Information provided by the Communications & Marketing Department.

Incredibles is a must see

KEVIN FLANAGAN
STAFF WRITER

Just go see this movie. In a single word, fine.

The Incredibles entertains from the start of the very first frame.

Writer/Director Brad Bird tells the story of a family of heroes forced into anonymity and their attempt to balance their family life with their super human powers while living the norm.

Their lives are however interrupted by a villain of Mr. Incredible's (voice: Craig T. Nelson) past that

sends the family on a mission to overcome the evil Syndrome (voice: Jason Lee) while tackling family issues.

Pixar wins the audience with their suspenseful action sequences and the classic amusing storyline, perhaps their best work to date.

Computer geeks will especially appreciate the amazing digital rendering and everyone will fall in love with the entertaining characters.

It is great family movie that everybody can enjoy.

Just go see this movie; it is well worth the \$8 dollars to see it on the big screen.

SPORTS

Men's basketball stumbles

WADE DOWNEY
STAFF WRITER

After a strong start in the opening game of the Clair Metcalf Memorial Classic, the McDaniel men's basketball team has struggled in the past four games. Currently the team stands at 0-2 in the Centennial Conference and 1-4 overall. Their lone victory came against Valley Forge Christian College in which they defeated the Patriots 87-48.

Following the victory against Valley Forge, the team has found itself in the midst of a four game losing streak, with losses coming against Salisbury, Franklin and Marshall, Villa Julie and most recently against Gettysburg. In these games, the Green Terror has lost by an average of 19.5 ppg and shot only 34.6% from the field.

During a recent interview with Head Coach Jay Dull, he noted that the team had a plan for success entering the season. He realizes that his players must perform better to master their plan for success, but Coach Dull ultimately takes responsibility for his team's performance.

"Our guys are not executing it the way it needs to be executed...and that falls on my shoulders," Dull said.

Throughout the beginning of this young season, there have been many factors that have plagued the team. The most notable factor has been



Sophomore guard Kyle O'Connor works his way around the defender.

the lack of offense that the Green Terror has been able to produce. In the first five games of the season, the team is shooting 38% from the field, 27% from beyond the three-point stripe and only 60% from the free-throw line. The failure to produce at the offensive side of the floor has been troublesome for McDaniel, causing the team to fall behind early and often throughout games. Coach Dull acknowledges the lack of offense and points out that one of the major factors is the lack of confidence that some of the players have in their own abilities.

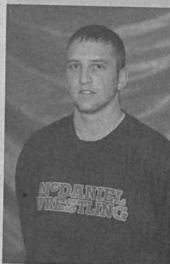
"The guys have to believe they can score and I'm not sure all of our guys believe in themselves as much as their teammates may even

believe in them," Dull said.

However, Coach Dull notes that the team runs a spread motion offense, and that the inability so far to spread the floor effectively has been another factor that has been damaging to the Terror on offense.

The Green Terror are now looking to press forward and hopefully end this current losing streak in their next game coming up on the road against Dickinson College on December 8th. Following their game against Dickinson, the team returns to McDaniel for a two game home stand versus St. Mary's College and Catholic University. Then, following Christmas, the team heads to Staten Island, NY to compete in the College of Staten Island Tournament.

Mean and Green

Athletes giving Terror
a whole new meaningDAN PATTERSON
WRESTLING

Senior wrestler Dan Patterson has been sensational thus far in the season. Last Sunday, Patterson recorded pins all the way to the finals at the Scranton Invitational, a non-team event. He took the 133-pound weight class with a 2-0 victory over a wrestler from The College of New Jersey in the finals.

Before Sunday, Patterson was 4-0 in his matches. In all three of the matches that he actually wrestled in (one was a forfeit), Patterson pinned his opponents in times of 1:56, 1:35, and 4:55.

Only time will tell whether or not anyone can actually compete with this Terror. So far, no one has even had a chance.

JACQUELINE PUNDT
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Senior forward Jacqueline Pundt is playing a large role in the early success of the women's basketball team. Pundt is leading the team in blocked shots (10), rebounds (42), and field goals (20). Her ten blocked shots give Pundt seven more than anyone else on the team. She also has a field goal percentage of .526, the highest for players with more than 20 attempts.

Pundt is third on the team in points with 45, averaging 9.0 points per game.

Looking at those stats, saying that the team would be lost without her is quite an understatement.

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Swim teams competitive even with dearth of swimmers

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STAFF WRITER

The men's and women's swim teams have high hopes for the rest of the season, after winning a close meet against Elizabethtown on November 30.

Sophomore Molly Ruane explained that the season started off a little shaky for both teams but after the close meet with Elizabethtown everyone is eager for the rest of the season. The men won 49-44 and the women won 56-39.

Head coach Kim Easterday said the team is very positive and working hard to improve individually and as a team. Qualifying for post-season competition seemed to be the main goal for the majority of the swimmers.

Ruane's main goal for the season was to, "make new swimmers feel welcomed and to rebuild the team because last year we lost a lot of wonderful people."

Freshman Alyssa Gagen admits to being nervous coming into the season but now is just concentrating on getting over rotator cuff tendonitis so she can swim with the team for the remainder of the season. Gagen commented on how

hard everyone on the team is working to get better. This is reflected in the women's winning record of 3-2.

The men will be pushing for individuals in the post-season. Sophomore Greg Mihalek explained that a lot of strong swimmers graduated last year, so this is a rebuilding year for them. He also praises the freshmen for coming onboard and working really hard.

"Freshman Chris [Reed] who came on is working really hard and is really stepping up when we need him," said Mihalek.

Reed placed first in the 200-yard individual medley, 100-yard backstroke and the 100-yard breaststroke in the close meet against Elizabethtown.

"It's not an issue of talent it's because there are not enough people," said Gagen. Due to the lack of swimmers, the men's team is doing less than perfect this year with a 2-3 record.

Top: The McDaniel swim team congregates before a meet to motivate one another.

Bottom: Sophomore swimmer Greg Mihalek flies through the water in the freestyle competition.



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Overcoming injuries part of game for McDaniel athletics

JASON KUHN
STAFF WRITER

A broken hand, 2 cases of stitches in the mouth, a head laceration, shin splints, stress fractures, quad/calf contusions, a broken finger, a "puncture" wound where the tissue was outside the skin, bone bruises, injured knee ligaments, an AC shoulder sprain, and a handful of hamstring, quadricep, hip flexor, and groin strains.

What do all of these injuries have in common? The McDaniel men's soccer team.

This may sound like a lot of injuries for a single team but according to Missy Lachman, the team's head trainer, it was a fairly normal year, with the exception of a few injuries.

"Many of the injuries are routine for soccer teams including the strains of the leg muscles and sprained ankles," Lachman said. "But things like broken arms and stress fractures are not nearly as common."

Injuries to players are not easy to prevent. They can happen at any time and have serious repercussions on both the team and the individual.

According to women's basketball coach Becky Martin, "Most injuries, and the most debilitating ones, occur in practices rather than in actual games. The best way to prevent injuries would be to not practice, but we can't do that."

Kelly Cramp, a senior basketball player and golfer, suffered a severe ankle sprain that forced her to sit out the first three weeks of the basketball season. Her injury did not occur in the course of a highly contested game. It happened in the pre-season - in warm-up drills.

"It was real tough not being able to be out there, but I knew I could take the time that I did to heal up for the rest of the year," Cramp said. "My team was really supportive of me. They knew I wouldn't be back overnight."

"Injuries are tough psychologically on players and the coaching staff," Martin said. "Things can pop up at any time and change the whole plan. They don't allow you to see how good your team is at full strength."

Trevor Brown, a two-year captain of the men's soccer team, said, "Losing players to injuries is always tough. They are so unexpected; they could occur at anytime." Brown suffered through his fair share of injuries this year, including a broken hand, stitches in his chin, and a stress fracture on his leg, with the first two coming on the same play.

When a player gets injured, the coach naturally worries about how severe the injury is and how long it will take for the athlete to be healthy.

But the coaches have to worry about other things, including who will replace the injured player if they are unable to play.

Ryan Defibaugh, the assistant coach on both the men's and women's soccer team, says that after the injury is diagnosed, the team must come together and someone has to step into that position.

"On both the men's and the women's team, we lost key seniors in important games. Luckily, someone always seemed ready to step up. Whether it was another senior or a freshman, we never really missed a beat," Defibaugh said.

Defibaugh cited a specific example on the men's team. Thomas Kane, the 2003 Centennial Conference Player of the Year, was sidelined the majority of the year with a stress fracture in his leg. The team, which finished in 3rd place in the conference in 2003, was looking forward to an even more impressive season in 2004 after graduating only one player. But instead of having a mediocre year because of Kane's injury, the team banded together and posted 7 consecutive shutouts (the 7th came in the conference semifinals) to close conference play and eventually lost in the conference finals in a tightly played game.

In addition to the obvious discomfort and bad feel-

ings over letting your team down, injuries have other negative consequences. Rehabilitation often has to be done to strengthen injured muscles and ligaments.

According to Lachman, "The average rehab session lasts about an hour. The overall duration - like a week or a couple of months - depends on the injury."

Lachman believes that some players are scared to report injuries because they are afraid of being forced to sit out. "We have discovered a new syndrome: its called sudden game-time recovery syndrome," Lachman jokes.

"The worst feeling in sports isn't knowing that you lost; it's that you know you can no longer help your team because of something you can't control," Brown said.

Brown believes that the extra time one dedicates to soccer can be a hardship on a student.

"When I'm done with practice, I'm usually exhausted. When I had to go in early for therapy, I tended to be more tired because of the strengthening exercises. And when you have to get in a whirlpool, soccer seems to take over your life," Brown said.

Sam Smith, a former two-sport standout in soccer and softball, is no longer able to play for her school. Because of knee injuries, she was

forced to the sidelines permanently.

"Not being able to play has been really hard on me. I have been playing sports my entire life and now I have no choice but to quit. I could play now but that would risk another, more serious injury that could jeopardize my health when I'm older," Smith said.

Martin, who led the Teror women's basketball team to a Centennial Conference Championship and a birth in the Sweet 16 (in the NCAA tournament), says that success has a lot to do with luck.

"I feel that success is a combination of talent, competitive drive, and being lucky enough to avoid injuries in key stretches," Martin said. "Championships really come down to who is healthy and standing at the end of the year."

Defibaugh shares the same beliefs.

"Success really depends on how well a team is able to overcome adversity, especially in the playoffs. The seniors are out there playing their hearts out just for the opportunity to play in one more game," Defibaugh said. "They have to play through some degree of pain to accomplish their goals."

As long as there are sports, there will be injuries in them. However, depending on the character of the team, injuries are not always an imposing obstacle.

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Women's basketball returns in style

MIKE HABEGGER
STAFF WRITER

The McDaniel College Women's team now has a record of 3-1 going into December, with solid wins against Swarthmore and Catholic. The win against Swarthmore was particularly impressive, with McDaniel outscoring the team 41-29 in the second half on their way to a 66-49 win. They followed up that win with a 75-30 shellacking of Washington College. Head Coach Becky Martin was impressed by the team's

performance.

"It was a nice road win, especially from a coach's perspective," said Martin. "We finally started to look like we are going to return to last year's form."

Last year, the team went 21-3, garnering acclaim from *The Washington Post's* Michael Wilbon, on their way to the conference championship and third round of the NCAA tournament.

At week's end, McDaniel was ranked number 21 in the nation.

"We are ecstatic to be ranked so highly," explained Martin. "However, there is no crystal ball for how the season might turn out, and we must do our best no matter how high we are ranked."

Nevertheless, the team is happy with its place in the standings entering the teeth of the conference schedule. They figure the competition to be fierce throughout the conference

schedule, the consequence of playing in a balanced league. The team faces Gettysburg again on Feb. 1st, in a late-season brawl that figures to be a decisive game in a fight for a playoff spot.

"All of the teams in our league can beat us if they play well," said Martin. "All it takes is for us to have an off night. We need to go out and assert ourselves every game."

The Terror will face conference foes Dickinson and Lebanon Valley on the road before facing contra-conference opponents Gwynedd Mercy and Susquehanna at home on the 11th and 30th. January will mark the beginning of a long stretch of inter-conference matchups that will define this team for the remainder of the season.

"Dickinson is a tough team, and LVC is no gimme either," added Martin. "Should we win? Yes, but there are no easy games in this schedule."

The team has gotten a significant contribution from every member, 1-15, throughout the first three games. Leading the Terror in scoring are Sara Franz (9.0), Kristy Costa (9.8), Jacqueline Pundt (10.8), and Kelly Cramp (8.5). This is the type of balanced attack that Coach Martin



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Sophomore guard Katy Powell (right) and senior forward Jacqueline Pundt work hard on defense to keep their opponents in check.

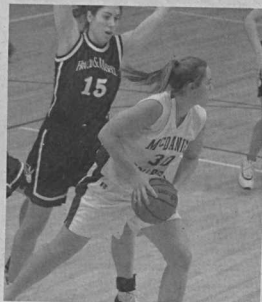
would like to continue to see throughout the season.

"We stress team play," explicated Martin. "We look for a good game where 5 or six players can score double figures."

The squad can be satisfied with the outcome so far, as coach Martin calls this year's preseason schedule the toughest she has ever

faced as head coach here at McDaniel. Last Tuesday's game was an indication of just how good this team can be.

"Last night, I saw the old fire and determination that guided us last year," said Martin. "There is an added pressure to want to return to last year's form, but it's not that easy."



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Sophomore forward Amy Watson scans the court looking for a teammate to relay the ball to.

Staying healthy is key for wrestling team

JACQUELINE PUNDT
STAFF WRITER

Riddled with bumps, bruises, wrestlers still expect big results by Jacqueline Pundt

Though the McDaniel Wrestling team may be riddled with bumps and bruises, head coach Sam Gardner expects big results from his warriors.

Gardner likened his team's practices to scenes from *Blackhawk Down* and said that at times "it's a bloodbath."

There have been four wrestlers with injuries while many others have sustained what senior Leon Checca calls "owies" which require one to miss a day or two of practice.

"It doesn't hurt us, [injuries] just set us back," says Checca.

The Green Terror finished 4th out of 11 teams in their own Sam Case Green Terror Duals on November 13, then opted out of the Navy Classic on November 20. They returned to

action last Sunday at Scranton, and will make a trip to Muhlenberg Dec. 9.

With junior transfer Tony Howard back from a shoulder injury, things seem to be on the up and up for McDaniel. Howard transferred from George Mason where he was a Division I national qualifier and was awarded the "Rookie of the Year" honor.

Prior to college, he was a four-time Maryland State Champion from Magruder High School and he seems to be McDaniel's shot for a National Championship. Howard's experience should help the Green Terror secure a top finish this weekend as well.

The Terror also expect to get key points from two-time NCAA qualifiers Dan Patterson and Drew Reinecker. Sykesville native Brian Hamper, returning from an injury, was also an

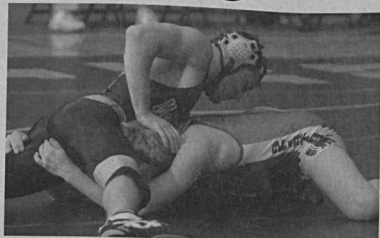
NCAA qualifier. Patterson, Reinecker and Hamper are all "key components to this year's success," according to Gardner.

So far in the season, Howard and Patterson are the definitive leaders of the team. Both wrestlers have recorded perfect records of 4-0 in their first matches, and will undoubtedly continue to perform at a high caliber.

"We have a decent nucleus of kids and we can do pretty well," says Gardner.

If they can get the injuries and minor bumps and bruises out of the way now, the Green Terror Wrestlers could be in contention for a Centennial Conference Championship come late February.

Top: Junior 125-pound wrestler Steve Colasunno looks for leverage in his match. Bottom: Graduate heavyweight wrestler Drew Reinecker works a move on his opponent.



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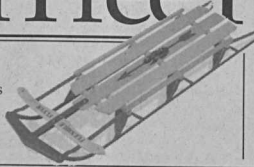


It's Oscar Time

Need help figuring out this year's Oscar race? See story on page 6.

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Horneff packs up boxes, memories

BECKY WILDE
STAFF WRITER

After 22 years at McDaniel College, Associate Dean of the First-Year Program Barbara Horneff will be packing her office in search of a new journey of learning, change and challenge.

February 8th will be her last workday before beginning a two week "vacation." Much of that vacation time will be spent working as a long-term substitute at Win-

ters Mill High School. Horneff will be back on campus for a reception in her honor on Monday, February 28, at 4:00 p.m. in Ensor Lounge.

She says that she looks forward to student, faculty, and administrative attendance in celebration of a wonderful career at McDaniel and an exciting ride for the future.

Horneff has been considering retirement for the past three years, and she con-

fesses that now feels like the time is right. Leaving now, rather than at the end of the semester, allows time for incoming students to develop a relationship with someone who will remain on campus, Horneff explains.

Rumors circulating campus since the beginning of the semester have left Dean Horneff bombarded with phone calls and emails, filled with sentiments of shock and sadness. Upon hearing her news, most people feel a

sense of loss for the college and for themselves.

"I am very sad to see her leave, but in a way that is selfish," said President Joan Develin Coley. "Barb wants to grow professionally at this stage of her career, and I am happy that she will get an opportunity that she wants."

"I will miss my peer mentors, my students, and most of all the everyday journey," Horneff says. However, she [See Horneff continued on page 2]

Semester at Sea has turbulent beginning

PAT O'TOOLE
CO-EDITOR

"...Semester at Sea is much more than another semester at school; it is a life-altering learning adventure," CEO John P. Tymitz wrote on the group's website.

Words such as these are normally taken with skepticism; but judging by the ongoing experience of two McDaniel students, Tymitz was not exaggerating in the least.

Junior Andrea Bock and sophomore Meghan Ambra got more than they expected from their Semester at Sea when gale force winds and 50 foot waves hit their ship as

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McDaniel students use Jan Term to travel the world

The 27 students and 2 professors that went to Belize from January 10-20 pose in front of the mask at the adequately-named Mask Temple in Lamanai, Belize. The temple was built by the Mayans, the indigenous population of Belize.

McDaniel English professor sentenced in DUI case

KATIE MARTIN
CO-EDITOR

A McDaniel professor was found guilty of driving under the influence by a Carroll County jury last week, and sentenced to serve some time in jail.

Robert W. Saporra, an English and Communications professor, will spend 10 days in the Carroll County Detention Center in Westminster beginning June 1, according to Circuit Court documents. Judge Thomas F. Stansfield suspended the

majority of his initial year-long sentence.

Saporra, 61, also faces three years probation and is required to pay a \$250 fine, attend alcohol-related group meetings, and abstain from using alcohol.

Saporra had no comment on the outcome of the trial.

The conviction was based on a charge that stemmed from an accident last May. According to previous interviews, Saporra said he

was returning home from Westminster when his Chevy S10 pickup collided with what he described as a 4-ton dump truck hauling an excavation machine at the intersection of Route 97 South and Route 32.

"I know that this has been a difficult time for Bob, and I am glad that the trial is behind him," said Joan Develin Coley, McDaniel's president. "He has been a professional colleague and

friend of mine for over three decades."

Saporra is not teaching any classes at the college this semester, according to Thomas M. Falkner, provost and dean of faculty.

"The College is aware that the legal situation has been resolved and appreciates that this has been a difficult time for him and his family," Falkner said.

The English class customarily taught by Saporra

during the spring semester, Approaches to the Study of Language, is being taught instead by Bill Spence, said LeRoy Panek, English Department chair.

This is not the first alcohol-related incident on Saporra's record. In February 2002, he failed sobriety tests after being stopped on North Center Street in Westminster. He received probation before judgment and paid \$305 in fines, according to District Court documents.

Horneff moves on with boxes and memories

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stresses the fact that she will return to campus for sporting events, plays, lectures and, of course, graduation.

Horneff hopes to leave behind a legacy of leadership and encourages all students to "face change and challenge with a can-do attitude."

Her leadership is reflected through the development of the First-Year Program and the Peer Mentor Program. Through these programs, Horneff hopes to have "empowered and inspired people to believe in themselves and give service to what they believe in."

This celebration of pride and service is reflected in her personal philosophy, passed down to her from her mother, years ago: "Always treat everyone as if they are the most important and best person in the whole entire world."

Senior Rusty Haak credits Horneff's ability to treat students as peers as "miraculously making people want to stay on campus when they have doubts about college life."

Theo Sebekos-Williams, sophomore, is one of those students.

"If it weren't for Dean Horneff, I wouldn't be here right now," Sebekos-Williams said. "She helped me stay here and put me into a leadership role on campus. She is irreplaceable."

Many people on this campus, past and present, have been touched personally by Dean Horneff's passion and commitment and will fondly recall their memories. As for the college as a whole, she has left an impact with "a model First-Year program that other colleges have copied," says Coley. This has touched all current students and will continue to reach out and impact all incoming students.

Dean Horneff's smiling face enthusiastically welcomed every student onto this campus, but she will no longer be in her cozy office with a rocking chair and the Wall of Fame. (If you are on that wall, don't worry! She has plans to recreate it at home.)



HORNEFF

Perhaps the following quote by George Bernard Shaw best epitomizes Dean Horneff: "I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as I live, it is my privilege, my privilege to do for it whatever I can."

"I have had a wonderful experience, a wonderful career...I belong to the community and I have a vision of change and challenge for my future," Horneff says.

"She has literally changed the lives of hundreds of students," President Coley

"We hit it off right away. She's my campus mom." Greg Wagner, sophomore

"I will always remember her 'go-to' attitude to encourage students, even if it means wearing an old WMC beanie."

Rusty Haak, senior

"She is a listening ear, a confidante to many. She is filled with passion and commitment." Ellen Gulya, senior

"Her personnel file is full of letters from students, some written long after they have left McDaniel, who want her to know what an important and positive influence she has been on their lives."

Provost Tom Falkner

"She is eternal, a visionary. She sees things beyond what they are." Theo Sebekos-Williams, sophomore

The lighter side of the Campus Safety blotter



JAMES GIBBS

A nutcracker was found on top of Ward Memorial Arch near Main Street.

JAMES GIBBS
STAFF WRITER

(Editor's Note: At a glance, the Campus Safety Blotter doesn't reveal some of the more reports to which officers have to respond. Gibb's commentary highlights some of the most unique calls.)

After a hard Fall semester, more than just the students and faculty wanted a change of scenery.

Anyone cruising along Main Street on Jan. 10 might have seen an unlikely visitor at the Ward Memorial Arch. Perhaps someone thought the Arch wasn't looking festive enough. Or perhaps someone wanted some unusual exercise.

How else could one explain a 4-ft high nutcracker perched atop the prominent Arch?

Campus Safety records for that day report the prop being taken from the Theater "and placed on Campus at a different location."

Campus Safety found the stoic prop staring at campus from atop Ward Memorial Arch.

Despite the cold, the nutcracker seemed to be enjoying the new view.

The prank got a few chuckles and raised eyebrows from Campus Safety, but no worries.

"It's just one of those weird things - college hijinks," said Mike Webster, Director of Campus Safety.

"[The pranksters] didn't really hide where they'd put it."

After snapping some memorable photos, the Nutcracker was returned to its natural habitat inside the Alumni Hall Theater.

The only thing as strange as the prank itself, was the time chosen to pull it off.

Now, I don't want to sound like I'm encouraging this kind of disruptive behavior, but couldn't they have picked a better time?

McDaniel (like most schools) isn't known for drawing crowds during winter break. The incident didn't get any resident response.

The pranksters will have to settle for the mention I'm giving them here. With some luck it might make headlines.

Aside from this incident, January saw only run-of-the-mill incidents.

Quite a few incidents involved discharged fire extinguishers.

Webster suspects that the calls concerning fire extinguishers more than likely involved alcohol.

"They definitely weren't sober," he said.

I know fire extinguishers are bright and shiny objects (drunkards love bright and shiny), but for the love of humanity, show some restraint.

Sober people sometimes need fire extinguishers, too.

Campus Safety blotter

| Occurred from Date | Subcategory | Type | Building Name | Incident Status |
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| 1/7/05 3:00 a.m. | tampering with fire extinguishers | | Rouzer Hall | inactive |
| 1/6/05 11:00 p.m. | vandalism | structure | Forlines | inactive |
| 1/15/05 11:12 p.m. | tampering with fire extinguishers | | Rouzer Hall | inactive |
| 1/22/05 2:45 a.m. | drug | violation | Harrison House Lot | pending court outcome |
| 1/22/05 4:11 a.m. | tampering with fire equipment, false alarm | | Rouzer Hall | inactive |
| 1/22/05 12:00 p.m. | vandalism | vehicle | Blanche Ward Hall | inactive |
| 1/24/05 6:50 p.m. | larceny | from buildings | Gill Center | open |
| 1/28/05 12:20 a.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | Whiteford Hall | closed by report |
| 1/28/05 11:08 p.m. | vandalism | property | ANW Hall | inactive |
| 1/28/05 11:58 p.m. | theft | from buildings | North Village | closed by report |
| 1/29/05 unknown | vandalism | property | Decker College Center | inactive |
| 1/29/05 12:00 p.m. | vandalism | property | Blanche Ward Hall | inactive |
| 1/29/05 3:44 p.m. | harrasment | in person | Hoover Library | inactive |
| 1/30/05 12:08 a.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | Rouzer Hall | pending court outcome |
| 2/1/05 1:03 p.m. | larceny | from buildings | North Village | open |
| 2/3/05 12:14 a.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | ANW Hall | report complete |

News

Cowdrey remembered for 'smile' and 'friendliness'

ROB COEKE
NEWS EDITOR

When Matt Cowdrey transferred from Lehigh University to McDaniel following his freshman year, he lived on the Hill for 111 days during the fall 2004 semester.

The men's lacrosse team, of which he was a member, held 16 practices while he was here.

He was present for 73 days of classes. Though, if you talk to some of his teachers, it was probably more like 55.

In such a short time, Cowdrey was still able to make a lasting impression on his friends, teachers and everyone who he got to know. But on January 17, he was killed in a canoe accident near his hometown on the Eastern Shore.

"I had just started to get to know him," said Jim Townsend, Men's Lacrosse coach. "I am just disappointed that I did not get the chance to get to know him better." Matt was one of Townsend's prized recruits.

"He was the best left handed pure shooter I had ever coached," said Townsend. The only opportunity Matt had to get to know the lacrosse team was during four weeks of pre-season practice this fall.

Everyone on the lacrosse team worked out, hung out and prepared for the season together, getting to know each other well, said senior Joe Figola, a lacrosse team member.

"He never had the opportunity to play here," said Figola. "Now we have to take our opportunity to show him that this season will not go to waste."

It has been difficult for all associated with the team to deal with.

"As a coach, you try to teach your players that it is life and things like this happen," said Townsend. "But it is hard to find a positive with this negative."

As a communications major, Matt's Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays began at the crack of dawn by college

standards, with an alarm clock ringing at 7:15 a.m. and a Spanish class 45 minutes later in Hill Hall.

"Matt exuded a positive attitude and participated frequently in class," said Aaron Sorkin, Spanish professor. "He often asked good questions I remember him with a constant smile on his face. He was some one with which you could have a peasant conversation."

But Matt could take a lengthy nap until his three o'clock class.

"He did not talk a lot in class, but when he did, he was always on target," said Terry Dalton, Media Ethics professor.

Cowdrey and junior John Floyd lived on the first floor of Rouzer Hall and made the best of it. They were not the best of friends but got along and enjoyed each other's company.

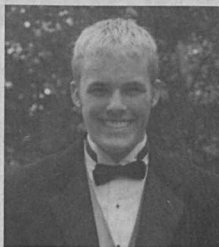
"He had a cool stereo system set up with his lap top," said Floyd. "He loved old school hip-hop like Tupac [Shakur] and [Notorious] B.I.G. So a lot of times, I would play video games and he would bang some beats and we would just chill."

But he had plans this semester to move into suite 301 in Daniel MacLea Hall, becoming the only male resident with five girls.

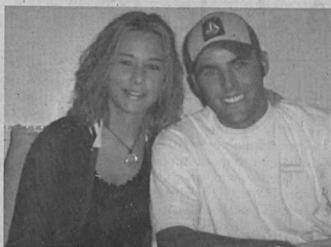
"We were excited to get to know him because all of us had hung out a lot," said sophomore Brooke Hollingsworth, a resident of suite 301. "He was open and friendly and charming and fun."

The sophomore girls all set rules about his girlfriends and qualifications for his buddies. They would only let him use the bathroom after he promised not to destroy it and the gossip he heard was never meant for male ears and was never to leave the suite.

"The rules we set up were funny," said sophomore



Many remember Cowdrey's smile, shown here in the company of friend and Suite 301 resident, sophomore Amy Ford.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF AMY FORD AND MATT COWDREY/COM

Jamie Bodden, another 301 resident. "But we were comfortable with him living here. All of us saw him as a big brother and a good friend. He always looked out for us."

The five suitmates, which included Bodden, Hollingsworth, Talia De Leon, Amy Ford and Lindsey Miller, presented an engraved silver bracelet to Matt's parents, Roy B. and Dael Ferris Cowdrey. It bears the insignia "McDaniel Lacrosse #24" on the outside and "Always in our hearts-Suite 301" on the inside. Each of the suitmates and Matt's mother now wear the bracelet.

His Tuesdays and Thursdays were more forgiving with a single Sociology class at 11:40.

"I got a kick out of Matt in class because you could joke around with him and he just had this laidback disposition about him," said Shannon Tinney, sociology professor. "[He was] a friendly face in the class to look out on as I gave lecture."

From all accounts, Matt had a relaxed attitude not only in class but in life. "The one thing that will always stick out for me was his smile," said sophomore Steve Hoffman, a member of the lacrosse team.

Transferring from Lehigh University, a school whose undergraduate population is roughly three times

the size of McDaniel's, Matt relished the chance to stick out in a small community.

"He liked to go out and enjoy himself," said sophomore Harvey Horsey. "You could always see him smiling because he loved to show off his really white teeth."

Horsey and Cowdrey both grew up in Easton, Md. and attended elementary, middle and high school together. Through basketball, football and lacrosse, they became close friends.

"Whether it was hunting, fishing or athletics, Matt always loved to have a good time," said Horsey.

During the upcoming lacrosse season, the team will wear stickers bearing #24, Matt's number, as a tribute.

"We will dedicate the season to him," said Townsend. "I just hope we can make him proud."

The men's lacrosse team also plans to frame Matt's jersey and present it to his parents at a home game during the 2005 season.

Townsend heavily recruited Matt, an attack man, out of McDonough High School, where Matt had transferred from Easton High School following his sophomore year, only to give up hope when Matt committed to Lehigh.

But, Townsend glimpsed an unexpected sight in Gill Center last March.

"Someone was wearing an Easton lacrosse jacket. I went to introduce myself and when he said he was Matt, I was surprised," said Townsend. "Most of the time when a player commits to another school, you tend to forget about him. But I was happy to see Matt again."

After keeping in touch with Townsend through the summer, Cowdrey committed to transfer to McDaniel in August 2004. Townsend's hopes were high for Matt in the coming season.

"I anticipated him being the leading goal scorer for the team," said Townsend. "He was the best out of our recruiting class."

On Friday, January 28, a meeting with Matt's parents took place at St Mark's United Methodist Church in Easton, Maryland. The men's lacrosse team organized a bus to drive to it. The day before, Dean of Student Affairs Phillip Sayre invited the rest of the campus, through a phone mail message, to ride the bus to the meeting. According to Sayre, the bus was "pretty much full" and many other students drove themselves to services either Friday or Saturday.

"We waited in the line to meet his parents for a long time," said Hollingsworth. "It was amazing to see how many lives that Matt touched." Hollingsworth noted that Matt's memorial service, held on Saturday, January 29, was standing room only.

Big Fish, Small Town Heart: Michael Dirda

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STAFF WRITER

"When I was a kid, I wanted to read every important book in the world." This childhood ambition proves fruitful in many ways for Michael Dirda, prize-winning Washington Post literary critic, now McDaniel College guest professor. A welcomed addition to the English Department, Dirda is teaching classes entitled "Love's Mysteries" and "Literary Journalism."

"I have to stay on my toes to keep up with these guys," Dirda said. "They have read their assigned readings and class discussion is lively and interesting."

A writer and senior editor for Washington Post Book World, Dirda received the Pulitzer Prize for Distinguished Criticism in 1993. He holds a B.A., with highest honors in English, from Oberlin College and an M.A. and Ph.D. in comparative literature from Cornell University.

Just what brings this "big fish" to the Hill?

"Three or four years ago, I spoke at the Holloway lecture and was well received. Then I met LeRoy Panek and Joan Coley," Dirda explains.

Dirda was once a visiting professor in the Honors College at the University of Central Florida.

"I really enjoyed teaching," he says. "LeRoy and Joan invited me to come teach here for one semester. If I like it and they like me, I'll continue."

Though some students may find his credentials a bit intimidating, Dirda quickly shares encouragement for successful as well as struggling students.

"I had a lot of trouble when I started at Oberlin College. I was a smart-alecky kid," Dirda recalls. "The first grade I ever received in an English class was a D+. Eventually, I got it together and graduated an English major with highest honors."

Some may wonder how a man like Dirda, who has

spent the last 25 years in the nation's capital, will enjoy the small town feel of Westminster.

"I'm delighted to be here," says Dirda. "The people have been really nice."

Perhaps Dirda's schedule provides a comfortable balance between big city and small town, his present and his past. This Ohio native of Russian/Slovak descent grew up in the working-class steel town of Lorain, Ohio. He now lives in Silver Spring, Maryland with his wife Marian and three sons, Christopher, Michael and Nathaniel.

Dirda spends Tuesday through Thursday of each

week at a house on campus at McDaniel, convenient for teaching. In addition to his responsibilities at the Post and McDaniel, Dirda currently has two book contracts and occasionally writes magazine pieces.

Bringing even more humane qualities to this literary Superman are his responses to questions about pet peeves and hobbies.

"My pet peeves are traffic jams, lines, or waiting of any kind," Dirda admits. "I've been known to abandon full grocery carts at the checkout if the lines are too long."

"My only hobby is day-dreaming."

A student journalist's image of Matt Cowdrey

ROB COEKE
NEWS EDITOR

In his far too limited time here at McDaniel, Matt Cowdrey and I never were introduced to each other. But in all my interviews for my tribute story to Matt, I now have some sense of what he was like and my heart wrenches at the fact I never got that chance.

For the people who knew Matt well, there is devastation. A light upon the world was lost on January 17. But what struck me while working on the story was the number of people with whom Matt was a mere acquaintance that were almost as devastated that they never will get the chance to better know the radiance of Matt Cowdrey.

It is possible that I am not the right person to write this piece because I never had personal contact with Matt. Yet in the process of writing my news article about Matt, I was over-

come with a sense of obligation to honor Matt. By some force I was given this role, and I feel this piece is the way I can best fulfill it.

Perhaps the best sense of Matt I received was when I talked to his roommate first semester, junior John Floyd. A couple of Matt's closest friends I had talked to noted that he and his roommate were not that close. When I tried to call John, I was worried I would open old wounds of roommate conflict and put Floyd in a difficult position. Yet, when Floyd answered the phone, I was relieved to hear a much different mood than I was forebodingly expecting. Floyd told me that, though he and Matt were not the closest of friends, they bonded over the types of music they both liked and got along just fine.

I am sure Matt had some flaws. No one is perfect.

"He lived his life with that smile, all of his life with that energy."

-William Sims Jr.

Yet, in the 15 or 20 people I talked to who knew Matt, I could not find any. He sounded like the ultimate jock playing sports of all sorts and living the life of a lacrosse star.

Yet, there is no doubt that Matt had a feminine sweetness under his rough, masculine exterior. And he would have been surrounded by femininity, being the only man among five women living in suite 301 in Daniel MacLean Hall during the spring semester.

Sophomore Jamie Bodden, who would have lived a lacrosse ball throw away from Matt was excited

at the chance to live with someone she called "a big brother." But like everyone else who knew Matt, the girls of 301 are regretful that they do not get the chance to better know their close friend.

Above all, Matt was a regular guy.

Professor Terry Dalton, who taught Matt first semester, mentioned that Matt's attendance was not always perfect. When I asked Floyd about some of his favorite stories about Matt, he hesitated for a moment and said, "Well I have plenty, but nothing that I think you can print."

There is a pattern that one notices when they talk to Matt's friends: the beauty of his smile. Sophomore Harvey Horsey said Matt "loved to show off his really white teeth." Sophomore Steve Hoffman noted that "The one thing that will always stick

out for me was his smile."

At mattcowdrey.com, a website set up in his honor by some of his friends from high school, a slideshow of pictures of Matt has been established. In nearly all of them, Matt's smile is blindingly beautiful. On the front of the page, next to a picture of Matt's pearly whites, is a quote from William Sims Jr.: "He lived his life with that smile, all of his life with that energy."

In New Orleans, a Cajun tradition exists where, when one dies, an ornate funeral procession occurs; loud music is played while the deceased's family and friends dance in the streets. This is done not to dishonor the departed, but to celebrate their life. For some reason, I think Matt would have liked that to have been done for him. With the loud music he loved, the fun he had and the people he knew, his life was a celebration.

Largest voter turnout since 1968 not as great as it seems

PAT O'TOOLE
CO EDITOR

On November 2, 2004, I showed that I cared about my country.



After patiently waiting through my 1:20 class, I jumped in my 1998 Ford Contour and made the 40-minute drive to Frederick. It was a test of will, one that would challenge me to the core of my being. On several occasions, I was forced to pass on the left. And don't even get me started on those "Left turn yield on green" stoplights.

There was a line when I got to the elementary school, and my name wasn't on the master list. I had to wait while the attendant consulted her supervisor to confirm that I could in fact cast my vote. I think it was the apostrophe in my name. The Irish never get a break.

I can vote now? Thank you. Do I need help with the computer? No, but I think that elderly man over there just tried to put his credit card in it.

After deciphering the complex system of "Touch Here to Vote for So-and-So", I quickly completed my ballot, accepted my "I Voted" sticker souvenir, and headed back to McDaniel with a newfound sense of purpose in this crazy world. I then remembered that Maryland was going to vote

Democratic no matter what I thought. Mediocrity would cement me back with open arms.

About 60% of my fellow eligible voters in this "land of opportunity" turned out to vote that day, the highest percentage since 1968. Chest bumps and high fives ensued.

Maybe our celebrations were a bit premature.

On Sunday, January 30, the citizens of Iraq participated in their first free election in 50 years. George W. Bush was just learning basic grammar skills 50 years ago. Hey...learning them and using them are two separate skills, so back off.

Despite their inexperience with the Democratic process, almost 60% of eligible Iraqi voters came out to vote in their election. And they had a lot more than stoplights and apostrophes to deal with.

There was the ever-present threat of bombings at the polling centers; the recognition that taking part in the democratic process could be martyrdom.

Even after voting, the Iraqis had to handle the fear of being spotted on the way out and possibly killed for their actions. The company that makes the "I Voted" stickers probably had a hard time meeting quotas.

What do the results of the Iraqi election say about us? We live in a place where we have always had the right to decide who is going to lead

us, for better or for worse. Has our comfort level induced apathy? I would say that it seems so. I cannot even begin to count the number of people who have confided in me that they do not vote because their vote "won't count anyways." Well what would happen if all of those people went out and voted? The world may never know.

Voting in our country could not be any easier.

We don't have to contend with any of the obstacles that the Iraqi people were faced with, and there are polling centers everywhere you look.

Voting has even taken on a sort of trendy reputation. Celebrities show their support for candidates and go on national television to promote voter turnout.

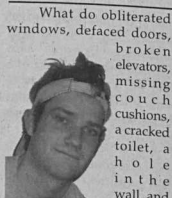
So maybe we only like to do things when we're not allowed to do them. After all, the allure of binge drinking seems to significantly decrease after that golden age of 21. Some studies have shown that the percentage of regular marijuana users is higher in the U.S. than in Amsterdam, where marijuana is legal.

With this in mind, perhaps we should make voting the "rebellious" thing to do. P. Diddy might want to consider making shirts that say "Vote and Die" in place of his "Vote or Die" shirts. The whole ad campaign could take on a new vibe.

Decision 2008: "You won't vote. Seriously. Don't."

Dorm dirtiness, a finable offense

BRIAN PATTERSON
SENIOR WRITER



What do obliterated windows, defaced doors, broken elevators, missing couch cushions, a cracked toilet, a hole in the wall, and a dilapidated chair have in common? Not a hard riddle, but we all know that when the year ends an itemized list like this can cost a pretty penny.

As a senior I am no stranger to the wonderful world of residence life fines. I've never had a sizable bill, and have always tried to stick to proper dormitory discipline with regards to school property. I've paid my fines, and that was fine by me. I thought I had a good sense of what I could be fined for, but now I can add smell to the list.

This may be self-incriminating, but when I returned from winter break my apartment mates and I received a note saying our apartment smelled. If the situation was not addressed, and fixed, we would be fined.

A quick search of the area yielded spoiled food and a bag of trash that were left behind in our haste to evacuate our apartment before ten on the first day of winter break.

Personal hygiene jokes aside, it seems a little unfair that students can be fined for smells in dorm rooms. This appears especially unjust considering that many of the dorms have developed their own pungent odors over the years.

I lived on the fourth floor of Rouzer my first year and the hallway smelled something fierce. Junior year I moved into the Garden Apartments and the carpet in the apartment was littered with cigarette burns and emitting a smell similar to that of the hallway in Rouzer.

Over the summer I worked on the Conference Service Staff for the college and part of my job was performing room checks. Going from door to door ended up like a twisted game of Russian Roulette. Left to their own resources the rooms were able to develop their own unique smell. Each empty building took on an odor of its own, and some were better than others. If the dorms on campus were a grade school class, Rouzer would be teased for being the stinky kid.

Of course the policy of fining students for this infraction raises several important questions. Who decides when an odor reaches a finable level? How are the fines determined: is it fixed fine or is it judged on a sliding smelliness scale?

What's my point? I haven't been financially compensated for my odor inconvenience. This needs to be a two way street. If someone gets a roommate freshman year that never learned how to do laundry, then the school owes that student a new room and some coin for their nasal anguish.

COMMENTARY

The Student Voicebox

McDaniel Students talking about issues that affect them

Putting 3.5 million to good use, a 24 hour library

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STAFF WRITER

Different people study in different ways. Some people can remember more information during the morning better, and some people are the complete opposite. So how is it that McDaniel College can limit the number of hours students can study in the quietest places on campus? A library is a great place to study, with its low tolerance for noise, ample space to spread out and get organized, a wealth of resources, and very few distractions.

As students, we have all been introduced to the college scene and have started to understand what time management really is. We always have to read the next chapter, or do three pages of exercises, or study for an upcoming test. There is always work to be done, but we are free to do that work or not. We abuse this freedom in some way. We might grab a bite to eat with our friends for lunch and not get back to our dorm until twelve o'clock that evening. This has happened, or will happen, to just about everyone and by the time we realize where the day

has gone, our plan to get all of our homework completed is ruined.

No one should have to go through trouble to get homework done before they go to sleep for the night. The college should allow students the access to the library when they need it, even if it is in the middle of the night.

If McDaniel College incorporated the technology of everyone's ALLCARD, and used it as a swipe-card entrance to enter the library at any hour, every student would have the ability to enter the library at his or her leisure, any time of the day, weekday or weekend. We would not need an "overnight computer pass," which only gives access to computers; all we would need is a little will power to get moving and our ALLCARD to unlock the library.

Moreover, the security of the library and its contents would not be an issue. Security devices are already installed to guard the entrance and exit so theft can be thwarted. In addition to the security measures, a few library assistants should be

present. For a few work-study students who are night owls, working in the library overnight would be a great way for them to make money and get homework done at the same time. These extra shifts would also provide more work study jobs to financially assist those students who need the help in paying tuition.

Part of every student's tuition goes into keeping an up-to-date library with the latest journals, periodicals, and texts for the use of everyone. Nevertheless, thousands of references are locked up, every night, preventing us from accessing them. The financing of the implementation and use of the ALLCARD swipe entrance is available with the recent donation of \$3.5 million to the library.

Having the library open twenty-four hours a day would greatly benefit countless students. Not everyone can study during the hours the library is currently open. Some students might be so involved as to not even have the chance to study at those times, but with the

swipe-card entrance, studying at two o'clock in the morning or seven thirty the morning of a big exam would be possible.

It could also save a student from missing a homework assignment which included material only found in the library. Students would not have to accept a zero as his or her grade because they honestly forgot about an assignment until they woke up the day it was due. The swipe-card entrance would also provide a "get out of jail free" card for the good student who might occasionally fall behind on his or her work for one night.

With its newly added feature, McDaniel would be able to boast about the addition of the swipe-card entrance. The card reader could keep track of the number of students entering the library and show McDaniel students' strong commitment to learning, or, with the lack of students entering the library, show that McDaniel students know the key to passing a test is a good night's sleep.

In either case, the swipe-card entrance would

confirm that McDaniel's administrators encourage students to study all day long. Not many colleges have libraries that can be accessed any time of the day, and having this simple, yet neat feature could possibly sway some prospective students to this side of the "which college" fence.

Having a college library open sixteen hours during weekdays and less during weekends is not necessarily hurting students scholastically, but having a library open twenty-four hours a day could only help. Twenty-four hour library access would simply give students a chance to do work when they feel most comfortable and a chance to step up from where they are.

This availability of resources is an important issue, and should be looked at seriously, as it could affect all McDaniel students, as well as prospective students caught between colleges. The installation of a swipe-card entrance to the library would definitely be a worthwhile investment, without "breaking the bank," and would provide students with a valuable academic tool that could be used at any time.

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Forget safety, I'm going sledding

AMALIE SCHAFFER
STAFF WRITER

There is no better way to spend a day when classes are canceled and there is snow on the ground than going sledding on the big hill. It is the most triumphant feeling to walk from the other side of campus to the sledding hill, sit down on the sled and then just regress to a time in childhood when nothing mattered.

(Well, nothing seemed to matter until you walked into your house with your wet clothes on only to be greeted by a mom concerned about clean floors. The same mom banished you to the front porch for the strip down).

Sledding on great hills 'or even getting soaking wet won't be happening as much this winter.

The fun on the hill at McDaniel has been restricted due to construction work on the golf course.

The drastic shift in scenarios (from sledding bliss to construction mess) is due to the College's new "winter sledding of the golf course

prohibited" policy which appeared on the web site during January Term.

"We are aware that both students and members of the community use the College's golf course for winter sports," the policy states.

"Unfortunately, continuing construction makes this activity particularly dangerous this season. Therefore, we ask our students and others to cooperate by refraining from sledding, snow boarding, skating, and skiing on the golf course this winter."

Despite the College's best efforts, many students have gone sledding and claim they will continue sledding throughout winter. I love sledding on the hill, but I was not a rebel like some of the students I talked to because I forgot my Michelin Man snow pants.

However, if I had those pants you better believe I would have been out there sledding.

The sledding hill is not only a historic place to sled for the College students but also for the community. There is so much space on the hill that I do not think there is any reason to say that the entire

hill is off limits.

Many of the students claimed they went near Harvey Stone Park. They were far away from the beloved construction site.

To keep people off the legendary sledding spot, the College needs a policy that has some punch. The little memo on the College's website states no consequence for failing to abide by the new rule.

One student even suggested that by the time campus safety gets to her, stops her from sledding and then gives her a nice little lecture she will have already had her fun. Recently, when she went sledding the first time, the only other sledders were a father and his son having good 'ol bonding time.

Let's be honest, if the administration really wanted students to stay off the hill, it would have made some type of consequence or at least had campus safety patrolling it like it was the Visitor Parking lot.

My suggestion is to edit the new rule and outline an area around the construction site where people can not sled. This way the puzzling construction site is safe and everyone can have legitimate fun.

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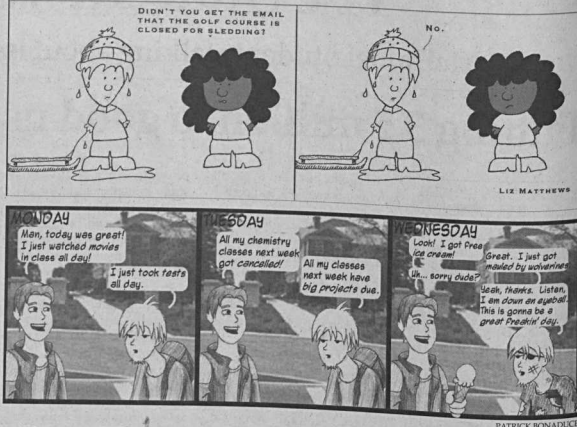
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Jon Teter's guide to the Oscars

It's that time of year again, when Hollywood converges on the Kodak Theatre: rolling out the famous (or infamous) red carpet, donning the finest (and most expensive) attire, and withstanding the barrage of camera flashes.

Yes, it is time for the Oscars. And the biggest night in show biz keeps getting bigger. This year's crop of films ranging from frightening terror films, to powerful religious pieces to hilarious comedies is no dull field. The nominations have been announced; the preparations have been made. Let the show begin.

The Academy Awards have a reputation similar to that of a Cadillac. They are the most coveted statuettes in the film and entertainment industry. Each year, the Academy surprises viewers as it carefully (maybe more like hopefully) chooses the best nominee to take home the unclothed statue. The 2005 nomination list has some surprising selections as well as some unexpected snubs. It is always interesting to see who the Academy feels deserves the award, but remember, our opinion doesn't count when it comes to awards.

First, let's start with the most surprising nominations. At the top of my list is actor Jamie Foxx. With nominations in both Supporting Actor (for *Collateral*) and Leading Actor (for *Ray*) categories, Jamie has, perhaps, the best chance of taking home at least one trophy. Foxx portrayed music legend Ray Charles beautifully, however his lackluster performance in

Collateral just didn't seem likely to have a chance.

The only real competition in the Supporting category is Morgan Freeman (*Million Dollar Baby*). Foxx's chances in the Leading category are good, but he will have to compete with an onslaught of talent. Others in the Leading Actor category include Leonardo DiCaprio (*The Aviator*), Don Cheadle (*Hotel Rwanda*), Johnny Depp (*Finding Neverland*), and, thankfully, Clint Eastwood (*Million Dollar Baby*).

Perhaps the best battle for an honor will be in the Best Animated Feature Film category. This group has pitted two colossal giants against each other: Disney's *The Incredibles* and DreamWorks' *Sintel 2*. The contest between the two animated blockbusters may actually come down to who votes for the third nominee, *Shrek 2*. *The Incredibles* is probably the front runner for the award and should join the likes of *Finding Nemo* and *The Lion King* in Disney's collection of hits.

On the other side, there are the ever-present snubs. *The Passion of the Christ*, despite its tremendous box office success, was snubbed for Best Picture. Of course this does not surprise me, since the controversy surrounding it has caused uproar in many communities. However,

based on the merit and quality of the film, it should have been nominated at the least.

Similarly, the touchy documentary *Fahrenheit 9/11* was not nominated in the Best Documentary category. It goes to show that political and social correctness still get in the way of evaluating a movie (or any performing arts piece) on its own merit and giving credit where credit is due. Even though I do not agree with Michael Moore's documentary, I still feel it should be recognized for being a well formulated piece of work.

My biggest disappointment this Oscar season has to be the absence of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera* in the Best Score category. Whether it was ineligible because of the previous stage version or it was just left out, I hate to see movie musicals snubbed in their own category.

Many think ALW's score is lackluster and repetitive, but it is just as good as any other movie up for score (and would have loved to see Webber and composer John Williams [*Harry Potter*] up for the same award). Phantom stays very true to the stage version, which is the highest grossing musical in history at well over 3.2 billion British pounds. It has beautiful orchestrations that even challenge those of Williams.

As always, I hope the best film wins.

Teter's Picks

Best Picture: *Million Dollar Baby*
Best Actor in a Leading Role: Johnny Depp (*Finding Neverland*)
Best Actress in a Leading Role: Annette Bening (*Being Julia*)
Best Actor in a Supporting Role: Jamie Foxx (*Collateral*)
Best Actress in a Supporting Role: Cate Blanchett (*The Aviator*)
Best Animated Feature Film: *The Incredibles*
Best Documentary Feature: *Super Size Me*
Best Film Editing: *The Aviator*
Best Makeup: Limony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events
Best Score: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
Best Song: "Learn to Be Lonely" The Phantom of the Opera
Best Sound Mixing: *The Aviator*
Best Visual Effects: *I, Robot*
Best Writing (Adapted Screenplay): *Million Dollar Baby*
Best Writing (Original Screenplay): *Hotel Rwanda*

FEATURES

Crude, rude, inspiring, even kind: T-Shirt slogans tell all about Greek life

JENNI EVANS
STAFF WRITER

"If Only We Could All Be So Lucky..." Chances are you're used to seeing slogans like this on sorority and fraternity rush t-shirts all the time, but have you ever wondered why slogans like this one - taken from a ΦΣΣ t-shirt - are chosen to represent our campus' Greek organizations?

Are they inside jokes, privy to members of each group? Or are they simply clever phrases without much "meaning" behind them?

Believe it or not, the majority of Greeks agree that the slogans aren't randomly picked out of a hat; each phrase is chosen with some degree of thought, even if only for its sheer comedic value. Greg Raeder, a member of ΣΦΕ, says that his fraternity's t-shirts are picked for one reason: to make people laugh.

"We just try to make shirts

that catch your eye and that are funny," Raeder said.

According to Sean Miller of ΦΔΘ, it's not just about being funny, but also about taking a walk on the more risqué side as well.

"My personal view is the more raunchy and attention-grabbing the slogan, the better the shirt," Miller explained.

However, there are those who prefer a slightly more introspective slogan. As Lee Stewart of ΔΣΦ so eloquently states, "[O]ur slogans represent the bond we have as brothers and the commitment we make to each other as fraternity men."

For some organizations, there's a simple way to achieve a happy medium: choose an eye-grabbing slogan that also encompasses a more "mature" side.

"On the surface, our quotes are witty and clever. However, there is more to them; we choose [slogans] that will represent us not only as a sorority, but as individuals as well," said Arpineh Mehrabi, a member of ΦΣΣ.

Kristen Pohl of ΦM is of the same opinion: "We [look] for something a little more witty and edgy, but still classy."

No matter what the catch phrase on the shirt may be, one thing is made abundantly clear; whether chosen for "fun" or for "depth," the slogans mean something to each organization on campus. So the next time you see a fraternity or sorority member wearing a shirt "advertising" their organization, just remember that in some way or another, the phrase is important to the group as a whole.

Alpha Gamma Tau: "Love Us, Hate Us, But You'll Never Forget Us"

Alpha Sigma Phi: "Because The Man Who Doesn't Spend Time With His Family Can Never Be a Real Man"

Phi Delta Theta: "Delts in Your Mouth, Not in Your Hand."

Phi Kappa Sigma: "I Want YOU To Rush Phi Kap."

Sigma Phi Epsilon: "I Pity The Fool Who Don't Rush SIGEP."

Alpha Nu Omega: "Damn Right, It's Better Than Yours."

Phi Alpha Mu: "Spend Your Days in a Purple Haze."

Phi Sigma Sigma: "If You Could Only Have Two Wishes, What Would The Other One Be?"

Professors with the Personal Touch

JOE GEIMAN
STAFF WRITER

With boots propped on a thick stack of electromagnetic notes, Dr. Jeff Marx's eyes gaze through a swim-pool blue aquarium. He says with arms crossed.

"If I wasn't in the scientific field, I'd enjoy doing manual work with my hands," the Assistant Professor of Physics remarks. Explaining why bubbles spiral to the surface or how to connect networks of plumbing are the questions that latch onto his brain.

While he never picked up a wrench in his boyhood days in Milburn, NJ, it was physics that satisfied Marx's curiosity in the machinery of the physical world.

He was a physics major at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute from start to finish, even returning there to earn his doctorate degree in physics education research. He deals with illuminating physics rather than deriving physics.

"With physics, you can explain so much with a few simple ideas, from the smallest scales to the most universal," he says.

Geological maps cover his office tables and Hubble snapshots of nebulae are pasted on the walls. A posted guide to the local bird population is fixed right next to the third-story window - a view overlooking the snow covered trees below. Marx is always looking through a broad lens at the world.

"I wish I could teach any-



MARX

thing - art, history, philosophy...the more topics I could teach, the better," he said.

Marx thrives off a college like McDaniel where liberal arts give him creative flexibility. He teaches a hiking class on Fridays, where he gets to slap on his backpack and trudge along three-hour hikes with students, pointing out geological features of the terrain along the way.

"He could have been an environmental consultant," Dr. Vasilis Pagonis, a fellow Associate Professor of Physics remarks. It seems like everyone has a different idea of what Marx could have been. They all might be right. But they were glad they were wrong.

Marx won the prestigious Ira G. Zepp Distinguished Teaching Award in 2004, given every other year to "recognize inspired classroom work and dedication to students." Yet, he has

only been at McDaniel College for five years.

He teaches some of the most difficult and complex courses on campus, such as Electricity and Magnetism, Thermodynamics, and Mathematical Physics. Walking past the pristine white classrooms of the third-floor physics department, you never hear the drone of lecture and frenzied scribbling of pencils. Instead, shouts and laughs, hard questions and thoughtful pauses fill the metallic void.

"He is so enthusiastic," said Natasha Borjesson, a senior physics major. "He is interested in us as learners. Marx understands that seated chalk talk cannot reach the current crop of students."

"You have to sneak in content," Marx explains. "It's a relationship, and the more work I can get out of my students, the better." His office door is always open. This is where student and teacher dig through the theories of Gauss while Bono blares from his speakers.

"He's a friend," Borjesson says.

Not only does Marx show dedication to his students, he devotes equal time to the interests of the school. He is an active member of five committees, from the Curriculum Task Force to a faculty technology committee. He is also teaching five classes this semester, including several brand new courses.

Here we go again

PAT O'TOOLE
CO EDITOR

Another new semester, and with it comes another volume of *The McDaniel Free Press*. One year ago, Co-Editors-in-Chief Brian Patterson and Katie Martin implemented myriad changes in the way that this newspaper is run. We would like to think that the overall quality of our newspaper has improved exponentially throughout the course of these changes, and that we are bettering this campus as a result of that improvement.

As is required of a student newspaper, the *Free Press* is undergoing changes once again this semester. Brian Patterson has chosen to relinquish his role as Co-Editor-in-Chief and will hopefully find some time to savor his last semester on campus. I have moved from Sports Editor to take his place as Katie's partner, and in doing so I am left with the task of trying to fill an enormous void. Brian's contributions to the success of this newspaper went beyond

the usual realm of student involvement. I look forward to working with Katie and I will do my best, but it is every successor's torment to be following in the footsteps of someone that set such high standards.

Much to my relief, Brian has taken over as Commentary Editor and is participating in the layout process. Rob Goekke is continuing as News Editor, Bayley Fannin is remaining as Features Editor, and Mike Habegger is taking over as Sports Editor. Additionally, Beth McLane is continuing her vital role in doing layout and Liz Matthews is onboard once again as Art Director.

We are working with an amazing staff, one that will make this transitory period as eventless as possible.

But we are always looking for more students interested in journalism to help us maintain our high standards of quality. If you have any desire to become involved in the *Free Press* in any aspect, come out to our next meeting on Tuesday at 7:00 in Hill Hall room 104.

Not to mention that he has a son who is almost one year old.

However, if all this stress on his has jaded the energetic professor, he hides it well.

"I like it all," he says with eyes narrowing, as if searching for a chink in his exuberance. Daily challenges seem to fuel him.

Marx's hobbies read like an old box from the attic stuffed with childhood

books: Geology, stars, juggling. His mother recently bought him juggle sticks so the clacking of the spinning wood could fill up his spare time.

It's no surprise that Marx would be a good at juggling. After all, this is what he does on a daily basis as he keeps an eye on all of his campus endeavors while constantly reaching for new challenges.

His eyes, however, never wander too far from the student.

FEATURES



A recent snowfall blankets the gazebo outside of Blanch and Hoover Library, while a lone student walks outside of Hill Hall. Photos by Katie Hickey.

Snow signals time for indoor and outdoor fun

ALYSE HOLLOMON
STAFF WRITER

In a town where the average snowfall for January and February is at least 14 inches and a daily high is considered 35 degrees, students must get used to the cold and the chance of being snowed in.

Harsh, snowy weather conditions are a common sight in Westminster during these winter months. So what do folks do when they're snowed in and can't get around easily?

Having a day off from class is a nice little vacation to

catch up on work or to catch up with friends.

"When we were snowed in last year and classes were cancelled, all my friends and I collected all our good movies in one person's room and just watched them one by one with lots of popcorn and hot chocolate," said sophomore, Allison Dower, a History major.

Professors also like when classes are cancelled. English lecturer Linda Morton takes the snow days to cozy up at home and catch up on her hobbies.

"I stay in. I cozy up to my gas logs; I knit or cross-stitch a little, which feels like a real luxury to me because I normally don't have time for my hobbies," Morton explained.

Sophomore Maggie Ross, a Communication major, enjoyed her classes and time sledding last year.

"Last year sledding was allowed on the golf course, and it was so much fun," Ross said. "There were so many people out there sledding on the hill at night and I really felt like that was something

unique to the college."

Other students don't feel like going out to bear the Westminster cold air, so they take fun snow activities and bring them inside.

Freshman Gavin Lutz, a Philosophy major, said, "A few of us wanted to go sledding but didn't want to go outside and put the effort into it so we decided to try sledding down the stairs instead. It didn't work out too well, but it passed the time."

Some McDaniel students take snow as a reason to party. Freshman Joe

Barndt, a History and Economics double major, enjoys going "drunk sledding and playing snow football."

Freshman Lindsay Fairchild said she enjoys having a good old-fashioned party in her room where the only requirement is "to get dressed in all your snow gear."

Whether students are cozying up to a good movie, sledding in a hallway, or partying the best way they know how, it's guaranteed that McDaniel students know how to have fun when they get snowed in.

MC CRIBS

JILL STONE
STAFF WRITER

It's not exactly easy to find a place to go between classes if you are a commuter student. Since the library isn't always a very comfortable option, the commuter lounge is a cozy alternative.

Located next to GLAR, this communal, commuter McCrib is equipped with newly donated sofas and a computer, along with a new microwave, and entertainment system for the television.

The lounge is like a dorm away from home for the everyday commuter.

Jamie Ridgely, President of the Commuter Student Association, explained that over the January Term the commuter

lounge was given a makeover.

With new blue and white walls to brighten the room, the new sofas, tables, and computer give the lounge a more inviting appeal.

"Every four years [the lounge has] changed," explains Mitchell Alexander, advisor of the Commuter Student Association for thirteen years.

The back of the door is covered with flyers and advertisements for upcoming events at the college. There is also a calendar filled with college events for each day on top of the entertainment center. The couches line the wall, making it easy to relax and munch on the snacks pro-

vided, while watching TV between classes.

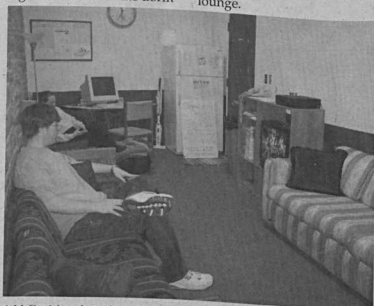
While it is important to be involved in the Commuter Student Association, Alexander stresses that "you don't have to be a member to use the lounge."

If there are any commuters interested in the Association, the group offers an open invitation to come and learn more about the exciting bake sales and other various fundraisers that the group takes part in. Association members also gather to discuss important issues regarding commuter students, and provide any helpful advice for the new commuter student adjusting to college life.

The Commuter Lounge is a comfortable way to spend

time between classes, and a way for commuter students to meet others living the college life outside of the dorm

room. The next commuters association meeting is Tuesday Feb. 15 at 11:40 a.m. in the lounge.



A McDaniel student tries out the newly donated sofas in the commuter lounge, located near Englar Dining Hall.

Snazzy makeover makes for a comfy commuter lounge

INTERESTED IN STUDYING ABROAD?

Two study abroad representatives will be visiting campus to talk with interested students and faculty about semester, year, and summer study abroad programs and internship opportunities around the world. Please stop by their Information Tables in ENGLAR between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on the following dates:

1) February 23: Cas Sowa from the Institute for Study Abroad-Butler University. Study abroad programs in England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Spain, Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Costa Rica, and Mexico.

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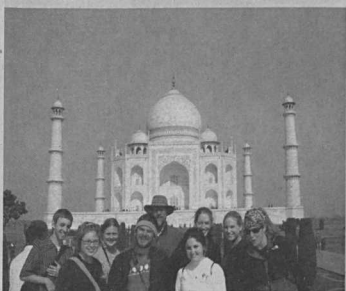
Please come to the Study Abroad Information Session on Thursday, February 10, at 7 p.m. in Lewis Hall of Science, Room 222—for all students interested in learning about the many study abroad opportunities available to McDaniel students.

There will also be an introductory Information Session on Tuesday, February 15, at 7 p.m. in Hill Hall, Room 017, for all students interested in the McDaniel College Budapest program for fall/spring semesters 2005-06. Come and meet students who have participated in the program recently.

For more information about study abroad opportunities and the application process, please visit the International Programs Office (BMC-room 103), or call x 3376 to schedule a meeting with Rose Falkner, Director of Study Abroad.

FEATURES

Big fish, big dreams – Jan Term offers escape



On a cold day in January it begins snowing just as class is beginning.

After three hours of watching the snow fall, the students emerge into the frozen landscape of McDaniel College. Shivering, they walk through the wind and snow contemplating the assignments they have just been given and the time limitations of the three week semester that is Jan-Term.

Across oceans and in worlds that seemed far away, many other McDaniel students opted for different Jan Term fates. They explored exotic locations like Las Vegas, San Francisco, Budapest, and Belize. These escapes were, in fact, learning experiences, but as the following vignettes reveal, one Jan Term away from this campus often yields a lifetime of memories.

—Compiled by Greg Sandruck



Spinning the money wheel for McDaniel College



As soon as we landed in Las Vegas you could feel the excitement in the group. As we walked through the airport we were greeted with our first slot machines and I remember many people stopping to play...even before picking up their luggage.

The city was on such a grander scale than I expected, and the various hotels are a lot bigger in person. Fittingly, we stayed at the foot of the largest building in Las Vegas (The Stratosphere).

The best memories come from nights in the different casinos. Everyone shared a similar experience at one particular table called the Money Wheel.

A man named Peter who was very energetic (singing/dancing) would chant "Let's go McDaniel College...win big for McDaniel College," as the wheel spun around. It created quite a crowd, and Peter became a favorite among the students on the trip.

This course was an amazing experience, and a trip to Las Vegas is the only way to truly experience consumption at its highest level. The classroom aspect of this course tied together the things we saw and experienced in Las Vegas.

The group of students, some who knew each other before the trip, and some who did not, all ended up bonding by the end of the trip. It's amazing that after most of us lost some money, we still had a great time and would not hesitate to go back.

This Las Vegas Jan Term not only taught us a lot about the sociology of gaming and consumption, but also gave us a look at the unique interactions among people in an urban area.

—Kyle Marotta

Culture is redefined in San Francisco

The Costal California Jan-term trip was an amazing experience. I got to see and do so many different things I would have otherwise never had the opportunity to do.

The majority of the trip was spent in San Francisco studying counterculture at its heart. This included such topics as the Beat writers of the 1950's, hippies, and environmentalist leaders like John Muir. This course, unlike any other, was not solely based on reading about such areas, but actually experiencing them.

We visited places like City Lights Bookstore where much controversy over publishing Allen Ginsberg's infamous poem "Howl" took place challenging the right to freedom of speech. We had drinks at places like the Vesuvio, a famous hang out joint of writers like Jack Kerouac. The city was full of cool, little coffee shops and bars rich in history including the Buena Vista, the first place to serve an Irish Coffee in America.

We went to places like China Town and Japan Town to further experience different cultures. We spent time in the Height-Asbury district,

still flourishing with hippies today, and got to see where the Grateful Dead lived. Music was a large element of the trip. We listened to Bob Dylan, Pete Seegar, The Grateful Dead, Arlo Guthrie,

seen. We went hiking and snow shoeing, seeing such wildlife as coyotes, a bobcat, and a ringtail.

At night, we sat around the fire reading poems by Gary Snyder.

These are just a few highlights of an awesome trip that allowed me to learn outside of the classroom. One aspect that made this experience so great was the people.

I did not know anyone when we left for California, but I came back with some good friends that I may have not otherwise met on campus. We were a pretty diverse group, but somehow we all meshed together well.

Jen Walker

Wollenweber was the professor for this course. She was the perfect leader for such a trip and a strong believer in learning through experience. She encouraged us to try new things and took the time to get to know each student on a more personal level.

Taking a traveling course over Jan-term was wonderful and I would recommend all students take advantage of the opportunity here at McDaniel to do so.

—Colleen Leary



The Doors, and some jazz and blues artists.

Parts of the course were spent outside of the city like going to Muir Woods and hiking to the top of Mt. Tamalpais, gaining a better appreciation for the preservation of such places. We watched the sun set at Muir Beach. We biked through Napa Valley, visiting vineyards and tasting wines.

Staying in Yosemite was one of the best parts of the trip. It was the most beautiful place I have ever

Students, professors live on "Belizean time"

Twenty-seven students, two professors and their wives all arrived at BWI at 6:15am on January 10th to escape the cold air of Maryland and instead get tan lines on the beaches of Belize for ten days.

We stayed on a small island called Ambergris Caye in the town of San Pedro, where the streets are filled with small shops and restaurants and locals driving along in their golf carts.

The locals simply have "Belizean time," where life is taken slowly, the view is enjoyed, and trivial matters do not interrupt the serenity of it all.

We stayed at a beautiful hotel called the Blue Tang, where our group took up all but two rooms and the beach was ten feet away.

Wet Willy's, the bar at the end of our dock, was a frequent stop for meals, occasional drinks, ladies' nights, and viper and scorpion shots.

During the days, we visited places like Hol Chan and Shark-Ray Alley, where we all got to swim with nurse sharks and rays within an arm's reach.

We took speedboat rides through the mangroves to other small islands such as Bomba and Caye Caulker, and saw many animals and plants on the way.

The Mayan Ruins at Lamanai were incredible, and even those with a fear of heights climbed to the tops of all the castles. On our last day we went cave tubing and saw the Belize zoo, where the jaguars, howler

monkeys, and exotic birds were the main attractions.

We also gave a little bit back to Belize by spending a day cleaning up a beach as well as giving school supplies to the local high school.

Our boys played the locals in basketball and the girls played softball, and we discovered anew the universal language of sports.

At night, our group explored the many bars and clubs of the island, such as Fido's with the live bands, the Hammock House, Big Daddy's, Jaguar's, and Krazy Kanok's.

Our group, although a mix of people from different groups who may have never talked to each other in any other setting, bonded in a way that can only happen in Belize.

—Melissa Magnuson



FEATURES

Wave rocks students spending the Semester at Sea

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they made their way through the North Pacific en route to Pusan, Korea.

On January 26, the ship reported that it had experienced a "temporary loss of engine control that has been since restored." At that time, a posting on the website was established in order to keep family and friends informed as to the ship's current situation.

When the weather conditions became severe enough to warrant a change in course, the ship was approximately 800 miles from the nearest port of call, located at Midway Island.

Consulting with the Coast Guard, however, the captain decided to steer toward Honolulu, Hawaii, where the MV Explorer arrived on January 31, five days after initially reporting problems.

The Semester at Sea vessel, the MV Explorer, is a state-of-the-art behemoth weighing in at 24,000 tons and measuring 590 feet in length.

The ship is taking 680 students on a journey to various countries around the world, all while providing an array of education opportunities for them onboard the ship.

The voyage, which began on January 18, was a difficult one from the start.

"As early as the 19th,

[Meghan] was describing the seas as 'tremendously rocky!', so much so that students were not allowed to go out on deck," Steve Ambra, father of Meghan Ambra, said via e-mail. "By the 21st she told us that seas were so rocky that her '60 lb. nightstand flipped over and slid all the way down to the cabin door.'"

As the waves became more intense, students were told to stay off of the deck and to wear life jackets.

As a precautionary measure, the Coast Guard sent aircrafts to monitor the ship and had other ships ready in preparation for rescue. Luckily, none of those measures were put to use.

Although the ship itself lost communication for the majority of the storm, technology enabled parents to stay in touch with their children.

"Meghan was able to call us via a satellite phone and, before the connection was lost, told us about the 50 foot waves hitting the ship, all of the students being moved out of their cabins to

gather in common areas, and putting their life vests on," Steve Ambra said. "She described how everyone slid from side to side of the ship as it rolled with the waves..."

Despite the adverse conditions, there were only minor injuries aboard the

"[Meghan] said you can't truly have an appreciation of the forces of nature until you are in the middle of the ocean, at night, with 50 foot waves,"

—Steve Ambra, (Meghan Ambra's father).

ship. The main concern for the program was the mental health of the students, and counselors were brought onboard in Honolulu to deal with that issue.

Andrea and Meghan have both maintained positive attitudes throughout their experience.

"Andrea was very mature and upbeat. She had survived," Claudia Bock, mother of Andrea Bock, said via e-mail after speaking with her daughter. "The mood was generally good [onboard the ship]."

"...Meghan remains positive and is looking forward to continuing the voyage," Steve Ambra said. "She is hoping that they will still be able to include Japan on the itinerary."

As of Saturday, the students were still awaiting the completion of an assessment of the ship's conditions.

Inspections revealed that the vessel is structurally sound, but electrical tests still needed to be administered.

In the meantime, the students were "forced" to spend time in Honolulu.

The concerned parents greatly appreciated the efforts of the Institute for Shipboard Education (ISE) in keeping them up-to-date.

"While we were clearly concerned, worried and on-edge, we welcomed the ISE e-mails and felt that ISE was keeping us informed," Steve

Ambra said.

"ISE reassured us that airplanes were shadowing the ship, the Coast Guard was sending ships and that the ship was not in any imminent danger."

From the college's perspective, the students are in very good hands.

"Semester at Sea has been in business for a long time," Rose Falkner, Director of the Study Abroad Program, said. "They have the situation under control."

The parents echo Falkner's trust in the ISE.

"I am most impressed with this program," Claudia Bock said. "This was not anticipated; however, it was an act of God. The crew and program have handled the whole situation with dignity, professionalism and concern."

It is still very early in the Semester at Sea voyage, and yet the program has already made good on its CEO's claim.

"[Meghan] said you can't truly have an appreciation of the forces of nature until you are in the middle of the ocean, at night, with 50 foot waves," Steve Ambra said. "She said that there is incredible bonding of students, faculty and staff and that as a 'voyage of discovery this is has been a true adventure!' She says she has lots of stories to share."

For a current update on the MV Explorer, visit:

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Backed by fired up fans and talent, Women's Basketball Eyes Championship

ANDY WU
STAFF WRITER

Approaching the playoffs, the girls' basketball team is looking forward to a possible Centennial Conference Championship repeat. To coach Becky Martin, the key to accomplishing such a feat is crystal clear.

Don't go for the repeat. Go for the 2004-2005 championship. Martin believes her players need to focus solely on this season rather than being drawn to the attractiveness of two straight rings.

Standing in the Terror's way are three teams who Martin believes are McDaniel's most dangerous competition. Gettysburg's physical presence, Hopkins' consistency, and Dickinson's victory over the Terror make these three teams the biggest threats to the Centennial basketball crown.

Recently, Gettysburg, Hopkins and Haverford have fallen victim to the Terror as the ladies continued a 15 game win streak heading into their match against Johns Hopkins on February 8.

Behind this streak and performances from conference

player of the week Kristy Costa, the Terror found themselves back in the national rankings.

Similarly to last season's success, Martin prefers not to dwell on the recognition. She views the ranking as a nice perk for the team's prestige but doesn't get caught up in it. She realizes that the team "could be #1 in the nation, but that wouldn't guarantee an NCAA Tournament bid." A conference championship would.

Helping the ladies in their effort is the team's "6th man." The girls basketball team enjoys some of the best fan support of any team on campus.

Martin recognizes the fans as an asset to the team and encourages students to join the frenzy. She believes the crowd intimidates opposing schools and psychologically inspires her players.

Growing up, she never had a chance to play before substantially loyal crowds and describes coaching in this new era as "a dream come true."



DAVE SINCLAIR



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Women's basketball players Katy Powell (left) and Jacq Pundt, shown here in file photos, together with the rest of the team, are currently in the midst of attempting to repeat their 2004 Centennial Conference Championship.

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| 1/5 F & M W 66-53 | 1/15 Muhlenberg W 87-59 | 2/1 Gettysburg W 74-66 |
| 1/8 Haverford W 96-47 | 1/20 Hopkins W 77-59 | 2/5 Haverford W 85-52 |

Florida training whips swimmers into shape

TAYLOR HEBDEN
STAFF WRITER

The hot sun glistens off the top of their shoulders as they glide through the water with speed and grace. Not a thought in their minds except getting back to the wall and dropping their current times.

While most of us were sitting on our butts this Jan term, the swim team was in Florida working their butts off.

The swim team goes on a winter training trip every year. This year they went to a facility near Orlando Florida and swam everyday in an olympic size swimming pool.

In Florida, the team practiced long and hard for hours at a time.

Sophomore Molly Bolek said that training in Florida was "very hard both mentally and physically, but we got through it together and got stronger."

The team still practices

everyday at McDaniel to get ready for the conference championships.

Junior Cassie Allen, sophomore Molly Ruane, and freshman Chris Reed have all been standouts for the team this season. Allen has not lost a breaststroke race all year. Ruane dropped more than 25 seconds from her time in the 1000 m free and Reed is currently the fastest 200 m breaststroker in the conference.

Bolek is ranked quite high in the conference and has dropped many of her times from last season, hitting some all time personal bests.

"I'm hoping to drop more time and make top eight at conference championships," Bolek said. Unfortunately, sophomore Mark Yankovic could not compete with the team this season due to knee surgery. But coach Kim Easterday said that Yankovic is their "biggest

cheerleader."

One swimmer who deserves a medal for determination is Nick Grigsby.

Grigsby tore his ACL playing flag football this fall, but has worked hard enough to swim again. Grigsby is now getting ready to challenge for a top spot in the 100 m breaststroke at the championships.

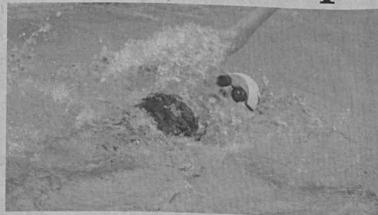
Every team has challenges over the season.

"The biggest challenge is keeping everyone's spirits up with such a small team," said Coach Easterday.

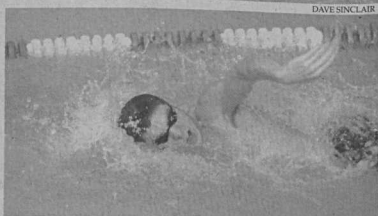
Since last year the team has graduated many swimmers and a number of incoming students who decided not to swim.

So how will the team do in the championships?

"If everyone gives their all and swims with their heart, they will be able to succeed," Bolek said.



DAVE SINCLAIR

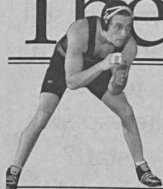


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McDaniel swimmers Brooke Bennett (top) and Nick Grigsby, shown here in file photos, have broken into the season after a training session held in Florida over the Winter break.

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Wrestling takes second at Conference Championship

Three members will compete at National Championship. See story on page 12.



Party fouls

No party is the same without them. See story on page 7.

The Communications Department's Deana Villani is a *Professor with a Personal Touch*. See story on page 7.

INSIDE

College launches wireless network

BY GREG SANDRUCK
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday, February 15, 2005 – Ensor Lounge – At 10:16:01 AM EST an e-mail made its way from one student's laptop to another. The message read, "Hey Nick, here is the first wireless e-mail message."

That e-mail served as the "ribbon cutting" of the new wireless network available at McDaniel College.

"Ladies and gentlemen we have lift-off, the message is there," said Dr. Joan Develin Coley, McDaniel's president, during a brief ceremony to celebrate the wireless connection.

The overall mood of the ceremony, which included cake, balloons and drawings for five free Memory Sticks, was one of light-hearted humor.

Coley's introductory remarks described the event as

"a major step in improving technology" at McDaniel. This is only the first step in a six month "task force, developing a blue print" for wireless access all over the college campus. Coley said that she hopes that in the summer she will "see students sitting with their little computers, doing whatever they do."

"What do they do?" she joked.

The wireless network, for now, is limited to Ensor

Lounge, the Pub and Coffee Shop, the Commuter Lounge, the Library "Sky-box," and the McDaniel House and Whiteford Hall Student Lounges. More locations including Memorial Square and the Sculpture Garden are planned for when warmer temperatures arrive.

"The college hopes to hear from students about the hot spots that are open and

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Take a look inside President Joan Coley's Decker Center office. Find out what's stashed in her desk drawers. Page 9.



McDaniel's ROTC program offers students the opportunity to go to college for free and have a secure job after graduation. Page 5.



Kyle O'Connor and the men's basketball team are making the best of a trying season. Page 12.

Students are "keepin' it real"

BRIAN PATTERSON
COMMENTARY EDITOR

Ever wondered how well our campus promotes unity? Did you ever notice the racial divide that exists in Glar? What about the perception that all African Americans play a sport?

These questions, and more, were addressed at the Keeping it Real Forum last Tuesday hosted by the Black Student Union. A crowd of about sixty students, faculty, and staff got together to share what was on their minds.

"The goal of the forum is to bring people together to talk about the racial and ethnic issues that affect their lives," said BSU president Ronnie Wooten, who moderated the event.

[See Keepin It Real continued on page 2]



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Vagina Monologues – Edgy production raises awareness

Professor Becky Carpenter and sophomore Teri Hamer play the roles of sex workers in "The Vagina Monologues," which were performed in Big Baker last Friday and Saturday nights. The performances were aimed at raising awareness and funds for anti-violence groups in the local community. Approximately \$4,000 were raised through ticket sales.

New plates in pub are part of pilot project

E.M. WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

This week, McDaniel College became the first college in the region to test a new product to replace Styrofoam. The new product is cornstarch-based and is produced by a company called Amylex.

"We purchased 5,000 plates and we'll use them in the Pub until they are gone," said Cameron Smith, the General

Manager of Food Services. "Then we'll do three to four days of surveying. We have 1,000 surveys for pub customers; if we got half of them completed and returned, the company would be ecstatic."

The plates are the standard manila colored, 9-inch plates with a ridge, so people might not notice a difference between the old and the new plates, Smith said. But in the long run, landfills will

"Styrofoam is such a huge waste," said freshman Dave Woodsome, who is a member of the environmental action club. "I'm glad that we are looking at an alternative so we don't have to dump a product that takes 5,000 years to decompose. This new material only takes 48 hours. It breaks down real quick."

Usually alternative products that are more envi-

ronmentally friendly cost as much as 35 percent more than standard Styrofoam, Smith said. But the Amylex product won't run that high.

It's too early to explore costs or to commit to the biodegradable, cornstarch-based product, he added. But lots of people are thrilled about the product's prospects.

Amylex is also targeting packing materials for major manufacturers as

well as food services.

The company's web site, www.amylex.com/product.html, claims its products have a "zero sum environmental impact."

These biodegradable materials "are produced from annually renewable, sustainable agricultural resources – starches and grain meals. These products are created naturally from

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Students talk "real" about race issues

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The forum revolved around anonymous questions, which were submitted before hand. These questions were read aloud, and then directly answered by a panel of six. The floor was then opened up for general discussion.

The panel consisted of students Dannette Villarreal, Neal Stokes, and Rachel Bryant, along with associate professor of sociology Lauren Dundes, assistant professor of religious studies Dr. Mark Hadley, and music professor and gospel choir director Eric Byrd.

So, why do black people always sit together in Glar?

Hadley was the first panel member to chime in on this question, which was met with a mixture of laughter and seriousness by the crowd.

"Why do all the white students sit together?" asked Hadley. "We're the norm and they're the other people who are not conforming."

And according to Hadley, this is a perception that is in need of a change.

What about the perception that all African American males are here just to play a sport?

"People do think that is true," said Stokes, who is a member of the football team, and cited personal experiences on how African Americans can be stereotyped just by how they look.

Do student organizations promote campus unity, or are we divided racially?

One organizational rep after another spoke up about what their club does to promote unity.

Phi Sigma Sigma holds club rooms that are open to the entire campus, the Hispanic Latino Alliance plans a salsa party each semester, and the Christian Fellowship is actively trying to discern racial reconciliation and also hosts an open mic coffee house. The Student Government and Allies are also open to all.

When the topic of African American music came up, there were several passionate responses from the panel and the crowd.

"Artists are creating a window that does not reflect the best parts of African American culture," said Byrd. "It is being watered down and bastardized... so now people think that is black culture."

The main concern for

people who were there was that a large portion of the campus missed out on what could have been an enlightening event. For the most part, the crowd consisted of students from the social science departments, and people who had attended the event before.

"It would have been nice to have students from each [academic] disciplines show up," said Wooten. "Overall, I was happy with how the forum went because it encouraged people to rethink stereotypes."

This was the fifth year the BSU has hosted the forum. They will also be hosting a Gospel Jubilee on February 26 and the Soul Food Dinner on February 27. They meet every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the BSU clubroom.

Want to take photos, write, or sell ads? Then join the newspaper staff? Come out to our meetings, every TUESDAY night at 7 p.m. in Hill Hall Room 104.

The lighter side of the Campus Safety blotter

JAMES GIBBS
STAFF WRITER

(Editor's Note: At a glance, the Campus Safety Blotter does not reveal some of the inane reports to which officers have to respond. Gibbs' commentary highlights some of the most unique calls).

McDaniel College has experienced some pretty fruity acts of vandalism within the last few weeks.

Campus safety records indicate multiple incidences of oranges (yes, oranges) being thrown through windows at Whiteford Hall. It's a repeat occurrence - five times since November, with three of them in February.

The acts "have resulted in several students being shocked," stated a Campus Safety memo sent on Valentine's Day, "but thankfully, nobody has been injured." The oranges, however, have been sorely bruised and rendered completely inedible.

"Several witnesses have come forward to help us to identify the person who has been doing this," states the memo.

Hopefully the culprit - who seems a few apples short of a bushel - will soon be found.

These incidents really strike me as odd. I can't even imagine the motivation be-

hind it. Venting frustration?

There are certainly more fruitful - and less destructive - ways of doing so. For example, it's a well known fact that beating on feather pillows can calm one down.

And it hardly seems like a protest or demonstration - "sticking it to the Man" with fruit is absurd.

I have to wonder though, since all these events have taken place at Whiteford, if it's just a desperate attempt to meet women? Now I'm no expert on the romantic arts, but at least I know that the way to a woman's heart isn't through her shattered window panes.

Even if you're not a poet and you never learned how to sing well, I'm sure that love can find a way.

Really. Just not with high-speed fruit.

Or maybe it was alcohol related. What with the eleven other documented incidents involving alcohol, it's at least a possibility.

"Alcohol is what we mainly deal with here," said Mike Webster, Director of Campus Safety. "Sometimes it's possession of alcohol, and then sometimes it's complaints about vandalism involving alcohol."

I like to keep away from social commentaries about my peers (after all, "those

who live in glass houses..."), but who enjoys reading "Students under age 21 in possession of alcohol," and "Student observed carrying an open container of alcohol," over and over?

I can only imagine the fun times had by Campus Safety.

All this brings to mind a quote from the old, late playwright Robert Benchley (1889-1945): "Drinking makes such fools of people, and people are such fools to begin with, that it's compounding a felony."

If you can't help your drinking habits, at least be around someone with a little more sobriety and common sense.

Pub plates are part of new project

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atmospheric carbon dioxide and water through photosynthesis; and they are quickly returned to carbon dioxide and water through composting or aqueous degradation," the site explains.

McDaniel's pilot plate program is a result of students' growing concern about the college's Styrofoam use, Smith's personal concern about the environment, and a partnership with the college's environmental action club.

"Considering how many cups and plates the pub blows through every night, it would be great if we could find a product that is gentler to the environment," said freshman and club member Ben Berkow. "It seems like this new product would be a better solution if not the best."

Campus Safety blotter

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| 2/04/05 12:05 a.m. | alcohol | public area (over 21) | Blanche Ward Hall | Closed by PoC |
| 2/04/05 11:59 p.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | Rouzer Lot | pending court outcome |
| 2/05/05 12:37 a.m. | alcohol | open container in public | North Village | closed by report |
| 2/05/05 6:00 p.m. | arson | personal prop. <\$500 | McDaniel Hall | inactive |
| 2/05/05 10:18 p.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | Blanche Ward Hall | closed by report |
| 2/06/05 2:28 a.m. | alcohol | drinking games over 21 | Penn. Ave. Houses | Closed by PoC |
| 2/04/05 9:00 p.m. | larceny | motor vehicle parts | Harrison Parking Lot | inactive |
| 2/07/05 5:39 p.m. | vandalism | property | Whiteford Hall | open |
| 2/09/05 4:35 p.m. | harrasment | in person | Decker College Center | closed by report |
| 2/10/05 6:00 p.m. | vandalism | structure | Whiteford Hall | open |
| 2/11/05 7:45 p.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | Rouzer Hall | closed by report |
| 2/12/05 12:31 a.m. | giving false information | structure | Harlow Pool | closed by report |
| 2/12/05 1:00 a.m. | vandalism | structure | Blanche Ward Hall | report incomplete |
| 2/12/05 11:44 p.m. | false alarm | structure | ANW Hall | report complete |
| 2/13/05 12:18 a.m. | vandalism | structure | Penn. Ave. Houses | inactive |
| 2/13/05 12:26 a.m. | alcohol | open container in public | North Village | closed by report |
| 2/13/05 12:59 a.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | Historic Drive | pending court outcome |
| 2/13/05 1:05 a.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | Historic Drive | closed by report |
| 2/13/05 1:20 a.m. | vandalism | structure | Whiteford Hall | open |
| 2/13/05 2:52 a.m. | vandalism | vehicle | Blanche Ward Hall Lot | open |
| 2/12/05 10:00 p.m. | crash | vehicle with vehicle | North Village Lot | inactive |
| 2/12/05 10:00 p.m. | vandalism | vehicle | Penn. Ave. Houses | report incomplete |
| 2/14/05 7:42 p.m. | false alarm | accidental | North Village | report complete |
| 2/16/05 9:30 p.m. | malicious mischief | | Historic Drive | report complete |
| 2/18/05 12:07 a.m. | alcohol public area (over 21) | | Rouzer Hall | report complete |

NEWS

"Academically deficient" students a concern

ROB GOEKE
NEWS EDITOR

More than fifteen percent of first-year students have a grade point average under 2.0 following the Fall Semester 2004. That statistic is the highest that it has been in a decade, Dean of the First Year Program Barb Horneff announced at a recent faculty meeting.

Approximately 59 of 358 first-year students, or 16.4 percent, have been declared Academically Deficient, according to statistics provided to the Free Press by the Academic Affairs office.

McDaniel's definition of "academically deficient" includes students with less than a 2.0 GPA. In turn, a 2.0 GPA is the minimum level needed to graduate from the college.

According to Horneff, four other first-year students were dismissed from McDaniel because of academics and two successfully appealed and were

accepted back.

"These statistics are higher than normal," said Henry Reiff, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. "But they can be misleading. We are concerned about this year's freshman class, but upperclassmen numbers have been consistent."

The first-year classes of 2002 and 2003 had rates of 10.2% deficiency and 13.0%, respectively.

Of the 1,579 undergraduates currently attending McDaniel College, 103, 6.5% of the student population, are considered Academically Deficient.

"Frankly, we expect fluctuations in these numbers," said Joan Coley, President of McDaniel College. "I am not sure that this is a statistically significant change from our norm."

School wide, the numbers are comparable to similar liberal arts schools.

According to Gail Ann Rickert, Dean of Academic Advising at Gettysburg College, roughly 6% of students there are deemed academically deficient by much of the same criteria that exists at McDaniel.

"Sometimes raw numbers do not give you the entire picture," said Rickert. "You always have to take a closer look."

The four levels of Academic Deficiency are outlined in page 29 of the Student Handbook.

The first level, Academic Warning, is when a student's GPA is lower than a 2.0, but not significantly. Students receive a letter in the mail notifying them of their status.

"The [Academic Warning] letter acts as a notification for students," said Reiff.

The second level is Academic Committee, where the student is required to meet

with an academic dean at least three times during the semester to keep track of the student's progress.

The third level, Academic Probation, includes contact between Academic Affairs and the student that indicates criteria a student needs to meet in order to prevent academic dismissal.

Finally, the fourth level, Academic Dismissal, is a clear minimum GPA a student must earn to stay at McDaniel.

The minimum level rises with each semester the student is at McDaniel, from .67 after the first semester to 1.8 after seven.

Reiff noted that flexibility and "a lot of gray" exists within the four levels.

"We try to take everything on a case by case basis," said Reiff. "If a student has consistently done well, then has a bad semester, it isn't right to just send them a note.

We try to do as much as we can. Also, if a student is showing a downward trend, we take a different look. We always attempt to get the best picture possible of a student."

After taking a year off after graduating from high school, freshman Thomas Quackenbush, who was placed on the Academic Deficiency list, had difficulty adjusting back to academic life.

"I was just really lazy and I never felt like doing work," said Quackenbush.

Various distractions and the adjusting to college life were all part of why the numbers have increased, Horneff suggested.

"Quite simply, students need to make the appropriate adjustments for success," said Horneff. "[First-year students] will truly enrich their college experience by actively participating in class and communicating with their professors outside the classroom."

College launches wireless network project

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where they would like to have additional wireless access," said Michelle Reid, chief information officer and director of Hoover Library.

Junior Nicklas Troxel, who received the first wireless e-mail, was also involved in testing the new wireless network. He described the wireless network as "very reliable."

Other students who signed up for the free Memory Stick drawing echoed Troxel's sentiments with shouts of "sweet" and "awesome."

Senior Chris Slem, one of two student members on the Wireless Sub-Committee, noted that this "technological advance for the institution" may help to bring in prospective stu-

dents, but most of all he said he is excited about "being able to sit outside rather than being stuck in the library all day."

Funding for this pilot program came from grants as well as a gift of approximately \$17,500 from Les and Lois Alperstein. Les Alperstein is president of Washington Analysis, LLC, and an alumnus from the class of 1963 Western Maryland/McDaniel College. Lois is a graduate of George Washington, and she has been an active member of the B'nai Israel Congregation since 1989.

"While all gifts to the College are important, this gift of the wireless project is unique in the impact it will

have on the entire campus community," Coley stated in a letter thanking the Alpersteins.

In order to connect to the wireless network Windows users must have an 802.11b or b/g wireless Ethernet card. Mac users must have an Airport card. Most newer laptops come with this equipment, so students should double check their computers before buying any new hardware, which will be available in the school bookstore soon.

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BRAD CHANDLER '03

Best buddies offer unique friendship

KELLY RAMPMEYER
STAFF WRITER

Sophomore Ashley Chandler and her roommate Sara Franz have more in common than their address.

They are both involved in the Best Buddy program here on campus, and share the same buddy.

"The program is about college students reaching out to the community by building special friendships with local mentally challenged teenagers," said Ashley. "We do activities where we can bond with the buddies, while actually helping them learn... some activities we did last semester included a movie night, a winter dance, playing board games, going to the game room, and participating in the hay maze."

Dr. Janet Medina is the

BEST BUDDIES®



program's advisor, and would like to see more students getting involved in such a wonderful program.

"I am very pleased that

there are students who are so motivated to give back to the community in such a special way," said Medina. "It takes a lot to work on developing

a relationship with a peer who may be 'different' in some ways than other peers a student may have—but the students who participate in Best Buddies can see the person, not the disability. Both Buddies benefit from the relationship."

Ashley got involved in the program through her older sister, Crystal Chandler, who is vice president of the organization here on campus.

"Anyone who is looking to gain a valuable friendship and gain new experiences can, with a peer buddy match," said Crystal.

College students are simply forming a friendship.

They are providing a source of companionship for a member of the community who is intellectually disabled and they in turn can gain a

close friend.

College buddies are asked to have at least weekly contact with their buddy through email, phone calls, letter writing or get-togethers.

There are also group activities once a month.

Both Chandler sisters agree that the program is a really wonderful experience.

"It feels great to be a part of the program. You learn so much about yourself and about the other person," said Crystal. "I have gained new experiences and knowledge that I will never forget and that I could never have learned with out the experience of participating in Best Buddies."

Anyone interested in getting involved with the program can contact Helene Ver Eecke at extension 8292 for more information.

COMMENTARY

Loss of internet exposes unhealthy dependence

PAT O'TOOLE
CO-EDITOR

Twice in the past two weeks, McDaniel college students have been incapacitated by the loss of one of their necessary resources.



Glar was still open. The power and cable were still functioning. The liquor stores were stocked and awaiting the nightly blitz. What more could we need?

As important as these resources may be, the Internet is the true lifeblood of the modern college student. Due to an error on the part of Sprint, the company that provides TI internet service to the college, students

were without internet access for what seemed like an eternity.

The problems caused by these outages were abundant.

AOL Instant Messenger was the first fatality. Students completely lost contact with everyone else on campus, and even had to resort to face-to-face or telephone conversations as means of communication. Dinner and party plans became very difficult to coordinate.

After being cut off from their online news resources, some students were undoubtedly left in the dark regarding events occurring in the rest of the world.

Even that early in the semester, many students were working on important research papers. I myself can acknowledge that I have become so reliant on the internet for research that I

would be grief-stricken to be left without online journal databases and the like. When the internet was down, the only option was to go to the library and manually sift through books to find information. This process can be very tedious, especially for us, the inexperienced products of the computer age.

The loss of the Internet also revealed the danger of having such an enormous amount of course material online. Many professors are just now getting fully accustomed to using Blackboard for their courses, and students' grades often depend on their use of Blackboard's features. Online quizzes are becoming more and more common, and some courses even require students to take their tests online.

Blackboard was still accessible because it is located on our local network, but the

only way of getting there was by using the exact URL, something that most students don't have memorized. Information Services conveniently sent everyone an e-mail with links to Blackboard and, ironically, to the college's e-mail server page. Unfortunately, those links were useless without the ability to access the e-mail login page in the first place.

With as much as we are paying for tuition, why shouldn't we have more of our course material based upon direct interaction with our professors? Online quizzes and such may be very convenient, but they all too often pose significant problems. Issues with the internet may cause headaches, but there are other concerns as well. For instance, any time there is an online quiz or test that is supposed to be "on the Honor Code," there is cer-

tainly at least one student who decides to cheat on the exam. This is detrimental to those of us who are honest because the professor may go on thinking that the exam is fair because the grades were high.

Online discussions are another area where I have serious concerns. Some classes conduct the majority of their discussions on the internet by way of the discussion boards. Class time becomes simply a time of lecture and brief interaction. How much can we really learn from the impersonal postings on a discussion board?

The Internet has many benefits, but our overemphasis on its use will inevitably harm us in the long run. Our campus is small—we don't need the same systems that large universities use. We may as well be an online college at the rate we are going.

Given its social impact—hip-hop needs to change

ROB GOECKE
NEWS EDITOR

There is a subtle difference between storytelling and glorification, and hip-hop needs to understand this disparity if it is to improve.



Stereotypical hip-hop is not the only problem.

Hip-hop is ubiquitous, touching all areas of culture. As a result, it has a large effect on the zeitgeist of society. With such a large influence comes responsibility.

Ever since the rise of Gangsta Rap in the late 1980's, a glorification of "thug" life has occurred. Before that, rap was a storytelling, a literary genre of music. Pockets of it still are, yet they are not in the mainstream.

Many complain that the violent images portrayed in some types of rap only hurt the ears of African-American youths. This is a grave problem. But it's only a part of the negative influence mainstream hip-hop can have. For many white children, their only contact with African-American culture is 50 Cent.

Like the comedian Chris Rock once said, "White kids learn European history up their ass."

Many schools teach very little ethnic history or culture. Most of what I learned about

African-American or Latino history I learned by reading on my own. I recall sitting in a class discussion in high school and Malcolm X's name came up. Numerous people in my class, which was mostly white, had never even heard of him. This appalled me.

At the recent Keeping it Real Forum, senior Arnette Quashie made some wonderful points about how racism is institutionalized in society today, and I could not agree more. The fact that I did not learn about the horrid history

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of minstrelsy until I came to McDaniel is not my fault. It's the fault of my school system not teaching me about the history of racism and stereotyping up.

So perhaps the problem is not with hip-hop, but with the school system in general. Because many students learn little of other cultures in school, the media and popular culture controls what they learn. The fact that hip-hop is the only outlet for many to learn about ethnic culture is a huge problem.

Hip-hop should have this responsibility, but only to a certain point. It is clear that people should learn enough

from their schools to be able to differentiate between truth and image. They are not, and stereotypes still reign in every corner of society.

The rut we are in has two culprits: anyone in the music industry who cares more about profiting off of their work than the social impact it has, and the educational system itself. I would make the claim that it is a form of institutionalized racism simply because white students often receive little or no knowledge about different cultures. Yet they receive so much information about their own.

As a result of this, people tend to take all of the messages purported in hip-hop as truth. This is extremely damaging. People will get a distorted view of minorities.

But hip-hop could still improve. Mainstream rappers often defend their craft by saying that they are merely describing their childhood and what life gave them. Yet, if one looks at the body of Mos Def or Talib Kweli's work and then compares it to Snoop Dogg, one can see how rappers can tell truth without lionizing.

I love hip-hop unconditionally and my only purpose is to improve it and the people who consume it. If hip-hop artists can understand the impact they have on their listeners, then improvements can be made.

Reasons to read subpar commentary

BRIAN PATTERSON
SENIOR WRITER

It occurred to me the other day that my qualifications



as a commentator or shoddy at best. Actually, it surprises me that people even bother to read my articles at all.

Maybe my columns are funny from time to time, but the Pulitzer committee still hasn't responded to that application I sent in. All over campus, students are shaping opinions that will stay with them for a lifetime. What on earth makes mine any more important than anyone else's?

Eventually, readers will look for substance in what I write, and my incredible wit, charm, and personality won't be able to hide my deficiencies. Sure, I had an internship at *The Baltimore Sun*, but that consisted of one too many visits to the farm museum.

Over and over again, I abuse my power as commentary editor and make my story the lead one. Most of the time, I just write something to fill a hole in the section.

Exactly what point am I trying to make here?

A good student journalist should ask himself, "What makes me qualified," and this will be my attempt to convince you, the reader, to continue to read my gibberish. Now, just

try to stick with me 'til the end, and I almost guarantee you'll even want to read this piece again.

Do I possess any special skills that preclude me from keeping my mouth shut and just reading the newspaper like a normal person would? I can curl my tongue, have tried to watch all the James Bond movies in a row and failed horribly, and am majoring in what are generally considered two of the most boring subjects on campus, history and economics.

(Mission accomplished. Well done.)

Emails. All of my fans send me emails with encouraging and thoughtful suggestions. Record may show that I have only had two such emails, but that's trivial. It's still proof that I'm doing something right. No one can take that away from me.

Generally speaking, I am an organized person, and rarely miss class. As a bonus, I watch movies regularly and know a lot about pop culture. No one complained too much when I ran the newspaper. And now that I've stepped aside, and let Pat take over, the complaints are at an all time low.

Truthfully, I try too hard to be funny. So maybe I should just come up with a crossword puzzle every week, instead of writing something that is amusing to, at most, two other people. However, I don't think I'll give up just yet. After all, I wouldn't want to just quit after I've spent all this time planting a hidden message in my masterpiece here.

Thank you for your time.

COMMENTARY

Can you hear me now?

McDaniel students talking about issues that affect them

Sex, drugs, weird roommates, students need advice

CHELSE Houser
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

We've all read pamphlets we were given in high school,



and magazine articles offering advice of how to handle situations, but many times we have over

looked them because none of the material applied to us. It would make sense if the college newspaper recognized some of these issues and offered suggestions of how to handle problems students face.

I think *The McDaniel Free Press* should open an advice column for students. Students could go back and forth and give suggestions, like a discussion board on Blackboard. If students do not feel comfortable talking to someone in person at Smith House, this could be an alternative for seeking advice. Students would have the option of anonymity to protect their identity. Much like a "Dear Abby" advice column,

students would write to the newspaper and have their questions answered by a knowledgeable campus source.

Students face problems that fall into three major categories: academic, social, and dorm life. For example, if a student is falling behind in their work and needs help with time management or waking up on time, they could write about their problem to the paper. Someone who has a suggestion would reply. It would be an effective way to solve problems not just for the individual, but also for anyone who reads the column.

For first year students, there are new personalities, behaviors, and situations we find ourselves in that we never had to deal with before. Pressure with sex, drugs and alcohol can be overwhelming, and having an advice column would be a great outlet for students to vent and to also get information from a knowledgeable and impartial source.

Having a relationship is a big issue many students

have trouble handling, whether it's on campus or long distance. What if two girls are into the same guy, and he leads them both on, is it time for a catfight?

Leaving old friends and making new ones can be a big adjustment. An advice column could offer suggestions on how to make the transition easier.

Problems with roommates occur all the time, but students do not know how to handle them at first. Learning how to communicate is among the best ways to get your point across, but communicating isn't always easy. What if your roommate has

an odor problem, or is messy and never cleans their side of the room. How would you approach them about it without insulting them?

What about the roommate that is always eating your food? Some roommates like to stay up late, listening to music, watching TV, or talking on their phone. Having guests over is a great way to study or hangout with friends, however, when these guests seem to make too much noise, are disruptive, and use your belongings, it's a major distraction.

An advice column for *The McDaniel Free Press* would be a way for students

to get advice about all of these roommate problems, and any others first year students may have.

Since it would be anonymous, students could ask personal questions without having to create an embarrassing situation with a parent, counselor, or a friend. It would create an open forum where students can discuss what is on their minds. I strongly suggest the newspaper consider having an advice column, for an easier adjustment and transition. If I were you, start sending in your letters now, before your problems get worse in the years ahead.

Did someone say "Free College?"

JESSE RINGGOLD
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Well it is now spring semester, 2005. As a current sophomore, the newness of your freshman year has worn away and you are left with the routine of college. You may finally be wondering, "What am I going to do after college?" You may also be wondering, "How on earth am I going to pay for this?" ROTC can answer both questions.

Housed in the squat front portion of Old Gill Gymnasium above the athletic offices, every year the ROTC department produces a small class of McDaniel graduates who have had their time at McDaniel College paid for by both the Army and the school, sometimes in entirety. Those same graduates also have the enduring question of what to do after college figured out as well. They are destined to serve as commissioned officers in the United States Army.

In addition to the leadership, honor and pride that

accompany that title are the great pay, benefits and privileges that come with the rank. Upperclassmen often lament that they did not get involved with ROTC. Faced with the prospect of repaying student loans, an uncertain job market, and intense competition for admission to the best graduate programs and in many cases possessing a genuine desire to protect their homes and country they leave without having ever known what might have been.

For current freshmen and sophomores, it may not be too late. For qualified students in good standing, scholarship money is available, money that can pay for the remainder of your tenure at McDaniel and provide the security of a high paying guaranteed job upon graduation. The rank of Second Lieutenant brings with it experience and responsibility unlike anything faced by a college graduate entering the civilian sector.

By enrolling in ROTC and attending the four week

leader's training course at Fort Knox, Kentucky during the summer between your sophomore and junior year you make up training missed during your freshman and sophomore years and are ready for the challenges that await you as a junior and senior.

It's not too late for graduate students either. Students who would like to have assistance in getting their graduate education paid for can also join ROTC and enjoy the same rewards as their undergraduate counterparts.

Dean Schmalz, a graduate student enrolled in the McDaniel ROTC program observes that there are few opportunities that allow a recent grad to lead and be responsible for many people and millions of dollars in equipment. Cadet Schmalz would recommend that other grads completing their degree consider the program as well.

Any Student interested in the opportunities available through ROTC should contact Lieutenant Colonel Mark Martin at 410-857-2727 or extension 2727.

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"Barb" Horneff's retirement leaves big shoes to fill

SARAH BLACK
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I've only spoken with her once, but that one time



will sorely miss her.

It was November of my freshman year, and I was the happiest kid on campus. I had been ready for college since my sophomore year of high school. Needless to say, three months into my first year of college, I was absolutely ecstatic. But one afternoon something just short of a panic attack crept up on me. While sifting through my Undergraduate Catalog, I came across the course requirements for my Communications major. Seeing the list (and remembering the some-

what lengthy listing of required courses for my Journalism minor), a question came to mind: "How on Earth am I supposed to fit all of these courses, and then some, in my four year schedule?"

The heavy breathing set in.

Seeing how nervous I was, Lisa Breslin pointed me in the direction of Barb (as I soon came to find out that is what she goes by), and I made an appointment with her as soon as possible.

I walked into her office and she sat me down. After I finished rambling about how I didn't know what the heck I was doing with my schedule, the first words out of her mouth were "Well, OK, here's what we're going to do."

She didn't even have to finish her sentence and I already felt calmer. Her soothing and reassuring tone made me feel like, "Well at least SHE knows how to handle this whole class schedule thing."

Long story short, she set me straight and from that day on she's been my hero because scheduling my classes is now a completely stress-free process.

I know what she did for me is her job, but what's not required of her is her motherly nature. I think that's what will be missed most, at least by the students.

Senior Wes Bedsworth first met Barb on a walk with Barb's tour of Westminster his freshman year.

"Her leaving is going to be a big loss for the college," Bedsworth said. "She's an extremely friendly woman who takes people under her wing."

That's what made her the perfect individual for the position of Associate Dean of the First Year Program. Some freshmen are lost and feel overwhelmed with college, and Barb is right there, when needed, to reassure the students with her calming demeanor.

"Whoever takes her position is going to have big shoes to fill," said Bedsworth.

He couldn't be more right.

Corrections, clarifications and letters

To: The Editor

From: Michele M. Reid, Chief Information Officer & Director of Hoover Library

Re: Johnathan Schultz's "Putting 3.5 million to good use, a 24 hour Library," opinion piece, Schultz should have called, verified "facts."

Had either Johnathan or his editor checked his facts with my office, it would have been quickly discerned that the recent \$3,500,000 Unger bequest to McDaniel College's Hoover Library of library materials.

Concerning Johnathan's call for twenty-four hour Library access, such access is rare on college campuses because it isn't cost effective. Hoover's Commons Area is already open for college twenty-four hours daily, and the Library is open over one hundred hours a week, longer at end of term. Additional hours would too rarely be used to justify their expense.

(More on "Dorm dirtiness, a finable defense." This submission clarifies some of the questions asked in that column, which appeared in the first issue.)

To: The Editor

From: Elizabeth S. Towle, Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

There really is not a set fine for a room that is not kept reasonably neat. The Student Hand-book, under the heading Housekeeping (p.49) reads "Residents are responsible for keeping their apartment reasonably neat and clean condition at all times." When it is determined that a room/ or their own to remedy the problem and a fine does not occur.

There have been unfortunate situations when neighbors report odorous rooms to residence life and we address the situation with the student and require cleaning be done by the House-keeping Department at the cost of the resident because of the degree of the problem.

We are also concerned about the cleanliness of rooms because of other issues... specifically bugs.

Send any inquiries about the commentary section to freepress@mcDaniel.edu

FEATURES

Party Fouls – for those who break party norms

TODD KNEPPER
STAFF WRITER

For freshman soccer player Brian Hartwyk, his fondest college weekend memory is socially equivalent to being issued a red card on the field.

Hartwyk was kicking back at the Garden Apartments with his buddies, drinking at a risky pace.

"I had a few too many," he said.

He forgets his actual intake that night but would much rather forget the aftermath of his heavy boozing. Without fair warning, Brian broke into a series of gross vomits which revealed fresh Pub parties.

Hartwyk's experience involves what many college students commonly call a "party foul."

The term "party foul" was originally coined from an earlier college generation who consid-

ered partying as somewhat of a sport.

Just like the game of life, there are unspoken norms on the party scene: do not pass out, do not get noticeably too drunk to function, and stay on your feet. Anyone who fails to abide by these simple guidelines has committed a dreaded party foul.

This phenomenon has proven to have the power to spice up or deaden a nighttime social scene.

McDaniel college students concur that the most common "fouls" are tumbling down stairs, spilling drinks, random vomiting, crummy or way too emotional toasts, and room-clearing stunts.

Most weekends, few parties pass without at least one party foul occurring.

Granted, some stair-

ways aren't adequately illuminated, and cafeteria food isn't easy to keep down; however, be honest.

We all have a clumsy bone and tend to make different decisions Thursday through Saturday.

For poor Brian Hartwyk, it couldn't have worked out worse.

"It was one of the higher ranking party fouls I had ever seen," said onlooker and party enthusiast Leon Mach.

Brian's reluctant words explain the misery that often accompanies party fouls.

"I felt the need to throw up midway through the party," he said. "The bad part is that I wasn't the only one looking for a trash can."

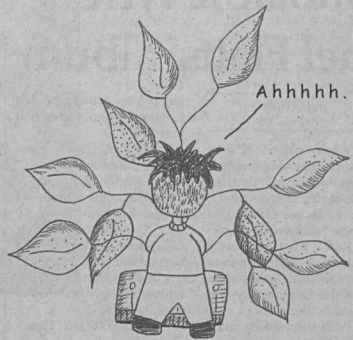
Hartwyk's buddy, Ben Dorfman, was also in pursuit. He continued to, according to Brian, "pro-

jectile vomit all down my neck and in my hair."

Dorfman concedes that his projectile was completely uncontrollable and unintentional.

Still – it was a party foul extraordinaire.

When asked what a party without party fouls would be, sophomore Jason Fratto said, "nonexistent."



LIZ MATTHEWS

Professors with the Personal Touch

CHANAN DELIVUK
STAFF WRITER

It isn't often that you hear 'about teachers who drive three hours to and from school just to teach their students. Equally so, it isn't often that you find a teacher who teaches at that same school because it was once the place she too was known as a student.

Former McDaniel student Deana Villani does just that.

Villani teaches Interpersonal Communications and TV Production here at McDaniel, every Thursday. She lives in Richmond, VA, but feels that driving here and back once a week is worth every minute.

"I love it here," states Villani, "and the Communications Department themselves...a wonderful group of people."

Villani said she loves everything about teaching, and what's more is the love she receives right back. Maybe it is her youth, or maybe just her outgoing personality, that enables her students to connect to her and truly appreci-

ate the things they learn in class.

"She keeps it real," says freshman, Genese Leach. "I can tell that I will learn in her class, and at the same time have fun."

Villani instills in her interpersonal communications class that communication is always happening. She uses two texts to get her point across.

"I love hearing people open up and talk about things that are usually hard," states Villani, "but they do it because the atmosphere that is created is so comfortable that it takes the 'hard' out of it."

TV Production is more of a "hands-on" type of class, as Villani explains, and students truly get a taste for what it takes to make actual commercials and interviews.

"There aren't any 're-dos' when it comes to clients and their commercials [in regards to TV Production]," she says, "It isn't all fun and games; it's work."



Deana Villani, professor of Interpersonal Communications and TV Production and alumni of the college, has a youthful, outgoing personality that helps her connect with her students.

For More, For Some, For Less

Get the best black blazer

(Editor's Note: Throughout the semester staff writers Chanan Delivuk and Taylor Hebden will offer fashion tips that include great bargains, or great styles that you can create on your own. Their column is called "For More, For Some, For Less," and they welcome your suggestions at freepress@mcDaniel.edu.)

Finally some fashion tips for all of you who love the clothes, but hate the cost. Because weather on the hill is somewhat unpredictable - you know, cold with a chance of wind or sun - we thought blazers would be the perfect item of clothing to shop, or scavenge, for.

The following places offer the perfect black blazer for more, for some, and for all you struggling students, for less.

Old Navy Blazer: by Old Navy (\$44.50)

It's easy to walk into an Old Navy and find exactly what you're looking for. All the clothing and accessories are arranged together. So if you hate racks, this is the place for you. If you have the cash, this blazer is a good buy. The name is well known, which means the quality of the blazer must be good. This stylish blazer is sure to last you many spring seasons to come.

Wal-Mart Blazer: by George (\$26.82)

If you are one of those people that would die being caught in a Wal Mart, then this blazer might not be for you. What most people don't realize is you can find great looking clothes at Wal Mart, at half the price of well known designers. So if you are low on bucks this month, you might want to think about putting your pride to the side.

Goodwill Blazer: by Christian Dior (\$2.95)

A Dior blazer at Goodwill! What are the odds? If you're lucky, you can find a steal like this one, but you have to be willing to look. Nothing comes easily at Goodwill. You might want to think of it as an adventure. Don't become discouraged if you haven't found something after an hour. Keep looking, you might be surprised what you find.



Music Musings

Quotable lyrics fuel Flatts' album

JILL STONE
STAFF WRITER

We all do it. We all hear lyrics from a moving song and rewrite them on a little sticky note and tape them to a desk. Everyone listens for it – that quotable “sticky-note song.”

Rascal Flatts delivers a couple of those sticky-note songs, epitomizing the definition of the “pop country music band.”

With the smooth tenor voice of Gary Levox and the back up by Joe Don Rooney and Jay DeMarcus, the harmonized trio includes a unique blend of down home southern accent and rich lyrics throughout their album, “Feels Like Today.”

“Feels Like Today” includes several sing-a-long hits that connect right to the listener's own experiences.

Track 5, titled, “Fast Cars and Freedom,” for example, is about a husband trying to convince his wife of her timelessness.

beauty, recounting all the memorable times they had together.

In turn, Track 6, titled “When the Sand Runs Out,” highlights the realization of living life to the fullest after the death of a friend.

The title track “Feels Like Today” is Track 4, and the popular rising hit, “Bless the Broken Road” holds listeners through the second track.

Track 7, titled “Here's To You,” is the group's elevating dedication to their devoted fans.

At around \$15, Rascal Flatts’ “Feels Like Today,” is worth the investment. Though it can be closely compared to delightful background music, a few touching and uplifting songs do shine through. These tunes encourage listeners to sing right along, or inspire them to write that memorable lyric on a sticky note and tape it to the desk.

FEATURES

Predictable “Racing Stripes” crosses the finish line last

LEA FIDDICK
STAFF WRITER

In almost every family film, you tend to get the occasional *Babe* wannabe: the talking animal, usually cute and furry, not to mention voiced by a female, who aspires to be something more. The latest hack at this is *Racing Stripes*, starring Frankie Muniz as a zebra who thinks it's a racehorse.

Of course, there has to be human drama, too.

Sadly, this human drama is the only thing the movie has going for it. Hayden Patteriere plays Channing, the spunky daughter of Nolan Walsh (expertly portrayed by Bruce Greenwood) raises Stripes af-

ter he is abandoned by a passing circus. Here is where the plot takes a turn: Channing needs to convince the conniving racetrack owner Clara Dalrymple

big name stars who play Stripes' animal friends, including Whoopi Goldberg, who are somewhat two-dimensional. There are also two crude flies, who have no place in a children's film.

Director Frederik Du Chau could have done much better given the material he had to work with. For example, he should have had more human drama between Clara and Nolan for an interesting possible relationship, and the animation could have been more finished for a smoother look.

If you have to see this movie, take your kid brother who will appreciate the jokes. If you don't, then rent *Babe*, the movie that started this genre, and you will be much happier if you did. See you at the movies!

Movie NIGHT

(Wendy Malick) that Stripes is fast enough so Stripes can race on her track.

Midway through this snoozer of a film, the movie falls apart. The rest of the story follows a predictable plot that is known halfway through the movie. It also does not help that there are

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Few know about secret stash in Coley's desk

Office offers history, charm, and comforts

ALYSE HOLLOMON
STAFF WRITER

President Joan Coley's office has unique statues. It has awards from the college, and even a panoramic picture from the 1800s. But what most students, and perhaps faculty members, don't know about is the stash in her desk drawer and under her desk. Contains: one pair of slippers, an exercise band, and a pair of three pound weights.

This week's McCribs feature takes you into Dr. Coley's office - its history looks like? Her office is in a very regal suite to the right of the Decker information desk. Her suite is surrounded by offices for her executive assistant, executive secretary, and her secretary.

"Lots of pastels, very bright, and open!" commented Susan Cullison, the executive secretary to President Coley when asked how to describe the President's office.

Students know who President Joan Coley is, but do you know what her office looks like? Her office is in a very regal suite to the right of the Decker information desk. Her suite is surrounded by offices for her executive assistant, executive secretary, and her secretary.

When you first enter the President's suites, you walk into the executive secretary's office. Susan Cullison resides in this office. After a flood in 1996, Susan got to put a lot of her ideas into what her office would look like. She explained, "The flood destroyed all the furniture because so much water was coming out of the ceiling."

Cullison wanted "rich, dark colors," in her office. This color scheme is full of rich blues, greens, and reds. This scheme makes her office, along with the suite look imperial to other offices on campus.

As far as furniture, Cullison wanted to use pieces from around campus that weren't being used anymore. For example, she has a breakfront from the Hoover Estate up against the right wall that is full of books and an antique tea set. She also has a pew and a stained glass window piece from Little Baker Chapel. Another unique piece that her office contains is a bench from 1867 that President Ward used



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in his office. The bench's plaque states, "Every student that ever attended Western Maryland College has occupied it." To say the least, her office contains a lot of history.

Once you leave the executive secretary's office, you take a right into President Coley's office. You walk in and any nerves you may have about meeting the President subside because her office puts you at ease.

As Cullison previously remarked, the President does have a pastel color scheme and several floral arrangements and plants to decorate her office. She feels that her choice of color and style make her office a "pleasant place to be with a lot of art and pictures of my family. It's open and airy!"

This atmosphere is essential to the President because she commented how she can't work with clutter around her. Instead of clutter she has oriental pieces of art, books and statues, and awards and memorabilia from the college.

An intriguing piece that President Coley has in her office is a panoramic picture of the college campus from 1893. It's on the far right wall of her office where a sitting area is set up for any meetings she may have with faculty or students. The picture shows how much the college has changed through the years and the President not only likes it but also feels when people sit by it for a meeting it serves as "a good conversation starter."

Another interesting fact about this suite is the enormous vault that is in the back room. "The vault has been here a long time. It contains the board minutes from all of the Board of Trustees meetings," stated Cullison.

The vault not only contains committee minutes, it also has the President's medallion that she wears for commencement ceremonies and college events, the college seal, and the clapper for the bell in front of Hoover library.

The President's suite is a very open and welcoming place on campus where her and her staff can make the needed decisions that benefit us and our education here at McDaniel.



"My boyfriend, instead of chocolate, he gave me a jar of pickled okra - which I LOVE."

Katie Hickey, junior
Biology/Education



"I went to dinner with my boyfriend at the time and the people working at the restaurant knew his ex-girlfriend and talked about that - and to add to the fun, I was sick and he dropped me off after dinner and went to a party a few houses away from me... sweet."

Brooke Hollingsworth,
sophomore



"When my boyfriend and I went to Venuti's in Frederick and almost missed our reservations because he got directions to a different restaurant when he forgot the name of the place."

Sarah Hale, junior
Sociology, Forensics



60 Seconds

COMPILED BY JESSE FELDMAN

QUESTION: What was your most memorable or your most unromantic Valentine's Day?



"I've never had a Valentine because I broke up with my boyfriend... twice...before Valentine's Day."

Kacey Barnes, senior
Political Science



"Two years ago my girlfriend at the time's parents gave us the house to ourselves for the night and we cooked a spaghetti dinner together, kind of like Lady and the Tramp - a nice candlelight dinner. We both dressed up for it; it was fun."

Wes Bedsworth,
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SPORTS

High competition feeds high excitement

BRANDON OTTO
STAFF WRITER

As the weather starts to warm up, the winter sport's season is quickly coming to an end. For the men's and women's indoor track teams only a few meets remain until Conference Championships. While competing in only a few scoring meets throughout the season, both teams have shown strong competition and hope to continue gaining momentum for the championships, nationals, and the outdoor season.

"This is the time of the year the team and coaching staff look forward to," said Coach Renner.

One of the things he is the most proud of is the program's commitment to training the athletes to compete the strongest in the most important events. Anyone can look at the school records and see that the athletes have been set in the late season, usually at the conference championship or the national meets.

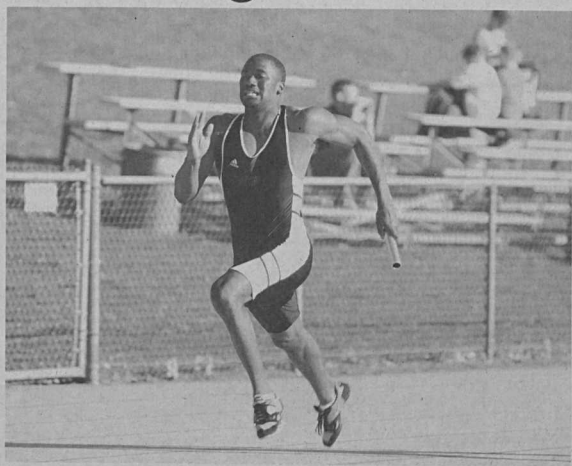
The men's team has shown exceptional strength at recent events. Junior Broderick Maybank has set new school records in three events, as well

as helping sophomore Colin Nelson, sophomore Scott Koleszar, and junior Stewart Johnson set a school record in the 4x200 meter relay on February 12, at the Susquehanna Invitational. Scott Koleszar also posted a new school record at the Invitational in the 200-meter dash. The women's team also showed well at the meet, coming in third in the 4x200 meter relay as well as placing fifth in the 4x400 meter relay.

Maybank has set school records in the 50 meter dash, long jump and triple jump this season, as well as qualifying for each of these events at the national level. Maybank has not only contributed on the track, but has also been a big part of the team's success in other ways. He helps to motivate the team and encourages everyone to perform better.

"He is like having an extra coach," said Coach Renner.

Maybank can be found offering advice to teammates ranging from using starting blocks to giving tips on the various events. Maybank, who has been with the team all three years, sets high stan-



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Junior Broderick Maybank, seen here in a file photo, is an inspirational athlete and leader on the indoor track team.

dards for himself that also transfer to his teammates.

With the championships and nationals right around the corner, the coach-

ing staff hopes both teams raise their competition and show success by setting personal records.

"We know [Maybank]

will come in for a good show," said Coach Renner, "but it's not a one man show either."

The eternal job: Recruiting DIII football players

MIKE HABEGGER
SPORTS EDITOR

The recruiting season began when the last snap was taken. Actually, the entire successful football season was a part of recruiting. Recruiting in the NCAA is increasingly difficult and pressure-filled, but is integral to the prolonged success of a program.

Offensive coordinator Ryan Hines, who left to coach at TJ High School in Frederick, MD, was intimately involved in recruiting in years past and will be missed. Although trying to stay positive about the situa-

tion, Coach Keating described that high school recruiting "went to hell."

Recruiting as a science is an ongoing process. Keating and his assistants start by calling high school coaches and making personal visits to schools.

"We go to every school in York and Lancaster (PA) counties, not to mention the numerous schools in Maryland," said Keating.

The job is constant and consumes every day of every week from the end of the season to nearly May 1st, two months after Division I schools end recruiting. Divi-

sion 3 schools also face the trying task of competition amongst themselves.

Financial Aid also becomes a major factor in recruiting, along with the "sizzle" that comes with a bigger school.

"At a Division 2 school like Millersville, or a state-funded school like Salisbury, a player is going to be able to get a partial football scholarship," said Keating. "We try to sell the positive aspects of a small school to the players."

They have been selling the case to high schoolers primarily from Westminster to Scranton, PA, from Delaware

to Philly.

He also added that there are many players who "miss the boat" and head off to have mediocre careers at larger schools with losing records. He expressed concern that some players who are lured to a place like Towson would have had a much better experience here at McDaniel, but their love for football is sometimes compromised by the want of glory.

"We try to recruit players who could go D1," said Keating. "For those guys it usually comes down to weighing academics with football."

Coach Keating enjoys

meeting the prospective players, and keeping up with high school head coaches, but is insistent that the job of recruiting is a seven-day-a-week occupation that becomes quite tedious around this time in February. He added that sometimes they have to maintain contact with a prospective player even if their deposit has been accepted at McDaniel.

"Because if we don't, Susquehanna is calling, Muhlenberg is calling, F&M is calling," said Keating. "It never ends."

Intramural basketball: It's as real as it gets

AMALIE SHAFFER
STAFF WRITER

With names like Team Steve, Jungle Taint, Carroll County Mix Tape Volume 3 and 4th Floor Ballaz, you would think this is a league of fun loving party boys who are looking for a good game of friendly basketball - but McDaniel College's intramural basketball league is much more than that.

"Nobody plays just for fun and exercise - we play to win," said Senior Steve Tomlinson a member of Team Steve.

The league is as competitive as the McDaniel Men's basketball team, perhaps even more. It is rough, call-your-own-foul, in-your-face pick-up basketball with a top prize of the legendary T-shirt.

"Winning the T-shirt is about bragging rights," said Senior Jeff Kacanich from Team Steve.

Intramural sports give Kacanich the chance to continue to play sports even though he can no longer play intercollegiate sports due to a knee injury.

Tomlinson said that the

competition is stiff and the games can get pretty intense. He admits there have been one or two fights, and there are always arguments.

"Anyone you get guys to play a sport competitively you're going to have fights," said Tomlinson.

According to Jim Townsend, the Men's Lacrosse team head coach and the organizer of the Intramural program, there is supposed to be an "A" league for more competitive players, which is non coed, and a "B" league for more recreational players, which is coed but

everyone that signed up to play wanted to play in the "A" league.

Townsend said there would be an all-women's league, but there are not enough players that want to play to have a separate league. For now there is an open gym held for women to show up and play.

There are 10 teams who go head-to-head for two 20-minute halves about two or three times a week, usually on Sundays, Wednesdays and/or Thursdays.

"It gives the students an outlet and different activities

to stay physically active," said Townsend.

Freshman Chris Hynes has played basketball since he was in fifth grade and enjoys the opportunity to continue playing. His team "The Shockers" currently has three wins and no losses.

Just like everyone else in the league, Hynes is playing for the intramural basketball league champion T-shirt.

A game schedule with dates and times can be found in the lobby of Gill on the bulletin board directly to the right inside the front door.

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Hines' departure cause for concern for football

MIKE HABEGGER
SPORTS EDITOR

Assistant Coach Ryan Hines' departure cast a dark light early on in a tough recruiting season for McDaniel Green Terror Football. Hines' departure came after playing under Head Coach Tim Keating, then taking a job as a graduate assistant. He was offered a full-time assistant position at McDaniel and became increasingly involved with the offensive attack. Aaron Bartolain, special teams coach, will replace Hines as offensive coordinator.

Citing disagreements about how the school has changed over the ten years that he was a part of Western Maryland/McDaniel College, Hines will coach at TJ High School in Frederick, MD.

His exodus to an assistant position at a large high school has had a tremendous effect on recruiting for next season.

"I wasn't as involved in recruiting as in the past, because I knew I was gonna be



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COACH RYAN HINES

leaving," said Hines. "We weren't very far along in the process (and) I made contacts with the players, but didn't develop a close relationship with any of them."

"He was a great recruiter, and (recruiting) has slowed down quite a bit," said Keating. "But our other guys have done a great job picking up the slack."

The inopportune tim-

ing of Hines' exit poses many problems for recruiting this spring, as McDaniel scours New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania and Maryland for players who will likely be accepted into the institution.

"It's not like it's the worst thing ever—it happened," said Keating. "And we need to move on."

Hines was concerned that the school was heading in a direction that he did not want to be a part of.

"The school is changing in ways that I am not in agreement with," said Hines. "Ever since the name change, there have been different influences at work there."

Keating alluded also to the change in attitude towards sports across the campus, hinting that President Coley and the new college bureaucracy might be in part responsible for the falling out of Hines and the football staff and the continued suffering of the men's basketball squad.

"(Before Coley was

President) I would go right to the president if I had a question," said Keating. "There really used to be an [unsaid] sense of pride about football here."

He commented no further on the issue.

Hines said that McDaniel just is not what it used to be, that McDaniel means something different from Western Maryland.

"The day I left was much different from that day

which I arrived on campus," said Hines. "There has been a definite change."

Graduate assistants Marquis Dwart, running backs coach, and Jamie "Boo" Harris, quarterback coach, are also expected to depart this spring.

"We desperately want to win, all of us here at McDaniel," said Keating.

If a program is truly a reflection of its coach, then the football squad will be able to easily pull through this setback.

Men's basketball struggles; finds hope in future

ANDY WU
STAFF WRITER

Wins and losses don't always provide an accurate assessment of a team's success. To truly understand the development of a program, it is necessary to examine the underlying achievements that can't be found on paper.

With that in mind, the men's basketball team remains optimistic despite their 5-18 record. Coach Jay Dull emphasizes the long-term goals and positive aspects of the program rather than the struggles of this season. He contends that "putting together a team for short term success is easy, the challenge is preparing to build a power for the long run."

It appears Dull is on his way to doing so. With young talent like sophomore leading scorer Kyle O'Conner, the future looks surprisingly

bright for this perennially troubled team.

According to another key starter, sophomore Jemar Daniel, seniors Sam Anstead and D.J. Hynes will be sorely missed, but the returning players will use "their positive characteristics in order to turn it around next year."

He also reminds fans that a great deal of maturation occurred this season among the young players. As such, with the vast majority of the team returning, he expects to see a striking improvement in the future level of play.

The terror displayed potential in its performances at home. In seeing that all of the team's victories have come at the Gill Center, it is clear that the young team lacks experience. Though having to contend with the verbal bombardments of opposing fans constantly, the Terror's domestic successes will most likely expand throughout the Centennial Conference next season.

Wrestling takes second in Conference Championship

CHANAN DELIVUK
STAFF WRITER

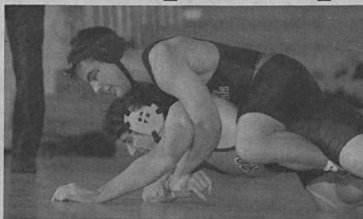
Shot, Lock and Key, Arm Bar, Near and Far Side Cradle, and Winsor.

These words may be of little or no importance to you. However, to wrestling senior Dan Patterson, these words translate into moves that could be the key to a pin and a win.

Before this past weekend, Patterson had an impressive 18-5 to lead McDaniel Wrestling into the conference championships. He believes that the way to win involves "wrestling smart" and "wrestling hard." Patterson has wrestled against the top wrestlers in the country and has excelled. His coach and teammates know that Patterson can be an All-American again; he has been All-American twice before.

"You learn to lead by example for your teammates," stated Patterson, "and when you do, they will look up to you."

Head Coach Sam Gardner could not be more



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Sophomore Mark Nakasone concentrates on a move in this file photo.

pleased with wrestlers like Patterson. Not only has the team met pre-season expectations, but has also attained an above .500 11-9 finish, a pleasant way to end the season.

From numerous injuries to the intense matches, the McDaniel Wrestling team has had its share of highs and lows. But for the most part, the team has pinned its way to the top.

Despite injuries, Gardner said, players "never gave up" and "continually struggled to try and win."

So, what's next for the McDaniel Wrestling team?

Gardner said he looked forward to the Centennial Conference Championship.

"There is more of a balance in the conference," Gardner said. "There are eight teams we have to get by, and Ursinus is one of our main competitors as two time defending champs."

McDaniel finished second to Ursinus last Saturday.

Patterson, Tony Howard, and Drew Reinecker each took first place, earning spots at the National Championship in March. Steve Colasuonno took second and Mark Nakasone, Mikey Blake and Steve Jennings took third.



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Coach Jay Dull consults with his players in this file photo.

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Baseball prepares to prove resiliency

After losing a host of seniors, the Terror are looking to push forward. See story on page 11.



The college car

Why it's so much more than a mode of transportation. See story on page 7.

Pledges deserve better. See commentary on page 4.

INSIDE

Phi Alpha Mu pledges say 'enough'

SHELLY HORN
STAFF WRITER

(Editor's note: The following comments and information were obtained from two or more McDaniel students who have de-pledged from the Phi Alphas in the last three years. Due to the sensitive nature of the information given, and at the request of the students, the quotes are not attributed.)

For years, students have heard stories about McDaniel College's Phi Alpha Mu sorority. The sorority web site boasts "Only the strong survive." Later, few pledges have survived initiation week. Over the last three semesters, the group has lost 10 out of 12 new pledges, including six women who de-pledged this semester, leav-

ing the group with no pledges.

The web site boasts, "Quality not Quantity."

A time honored code of silence that surrounds many groups within the Greek system kept the women who de-pledged Phi Alpha Mu over the years from coming forward. Until now.

Women who have de-

pledged over the years, in an effort to spare future students their misery, are confirming many of the rumors and sharing their nightmare.

That nightmare includes sleep deprivation, isolation from their friends (anyone who was not associated with the sorority) and verbal abuse. It in-

[See Pledges continued on page 3]

Too many pigs for biology department

BRIAN PATTERSON
COMMENTARY EDITOR

Biology students are currently dissecting fetal pigs in order to expand their anatomy knowledge and refine their surgical skills. The department restocks its shelves with new pigs for the spring lab session every January, but this year, the simple task of ordering yielded an unexpected surplus.

Six hundred pigs, instead of 60 were sent to Eaton Hall due to a discrepancy on an order form.

"It was a shock to see all those pigs," said Ms. MaryLee Schmall who teaches the lab portion of Biology 1112, the second semester Principles of Biology course.

The pigs, which make good dissection specimens because of their large size, are used primarily to study circulatory, digestive, and urogenital systems.

It was feared that students would have to use different, lesser quality specimens, because the entire order had to be returned to the distributor. Luckily, the 600 pigs were sent back quickly and the integrity of the speci-

mens used for the class was not compromised.

Crisis was averted as the pigs "were sent right back and the others were sent promptly," said Schmall.

There was also a concern that the gaff could have caused major problems with the Biology department's

budget. Quick action saved the day once again, and the pigs, which cost about 15 dollars a pop (20 for a high end model), did not cause any fiscal problems.

For students, the prospect of having 540 extra pigs would not be so bad.

"We have to use the

same pig over and over again for each lab, and it gets kind of gross," said sophomore Tefi Hamer. "Right now my pig is all wrinkly and pruny, so I wouldn't mind having another one."

The pigs, which are a by-product of the meat packing industry, had no comment.



McDaniel bypasses the snow day that the rest of the county and state took last week, leaving many students to wonder what it takes to get a snow day. Page 2.



The communications department's Jonathan Slade is a professor with a personal touch. Page 8.



This McDaniel Hall room is a game lover's paradise. You'll never want to go to class again. Page 9.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Women's basketball wins second straight Conference Championship

The team defeated Dickinson College 70-54 last weeks to win the Centennial Conference title for the second straight year.

Task force continues to review curriculum

BETH MCCLANE
LAYOUT EDITOR

It could be the First Year Seminar. It could be the Honors Program. It could be BLAR's. In fact, it could be anything associated with the curriculum at McDaniel, and a committee of faculty members is currently working on changing it for the better.

The Curriculum Review Task Force is continuing its efforts towards revamping and revising the curriculum at McDaniel, a task which has not been attempted for ten years.

The Task Force, which was formed in spring of 2003, has regular meetings and is made up of nine faculty members. While the faculty

has also requested input from student representatives, they have found that "no students had time to do it," according to Task Force Chair Donna Evergates.

Evergates also mentioned that the committee has established a "Strategic Plan" to follow when deciding on a new curriculum. It includes creating more focus on "glo-

balization" and "internationalism," and still "make it for students of the 21st century." Evergates said. The task force also wants to remain focused on liberal arts, and Evergates stated that the committee wants to make sure that "everything flows from the First Principles."

To begin the challenging process of reconstructing

an entire college curriculum, faculty members started researching in the fall of 2004. Evergates explained that they studied transcripts and reports that were associated with the curriculum, and conducted a student survey. Some faculty member attended a national conference on curriculum.

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Snow halts life around, but not on, this campus

ALYSE HOLLOMON
STAFF WRITER

While the rest of the county and the state adopted the "if-we-cancel-school-snow-will-come" policy last Monday, the McDaniel community trudged through the morning and waited. Faculty and staff wore jeans and snow boots and borrowed their spouses' trucks just in case. Students, who stayed up late on Sunday and still hadn't completed their work for class really hoped that snow would hit.

Students checked *weather.com* hourly and wondered, "When will it hit?" Virtually everyone around McDaniel College closed — Carroll, Frederick, and Howard county schools. But the mighty McDaniel campus rolled on.

As students woke up early Monday morning, the snow clouds had formed but nothing was on the ground. Then, later that morning, the snow hit. The snow was coming down pretty hard and was expected to last all day with an accumulation between 8-10 inches. As it picked up and began to cover the campus, evening classes and events, such as Barb Horne's farewell reception, were cancelled.



As the night went on, the snow picked up even more and the sidewalks and streets turned icy. Students kept dreaming of that elusive snow day.

They continued to check the website to see if classes were cancelled for Tuesday. But even in the eight inches of snow and on slick sidewalks, McDaniel students had to go to class.

So what does it take to get a day off for snow?

Dr. Thomas Falkner, Provost and Dean of Faculty is the man who makes the final decision as to whether or not to close McDaniel.

"I'll use all the information that's available at 5:00 or so in the morning; radio and TV reports, calls to the Col-

lege crew and others in the area, especially what other schools in the area are doing," Falkner explained.

And what may seem to be a lot of snow to us is not a lot to him. He said while making this decision, "I also have to adjust my sense of what constitutes serious winter weather. I lived 25 years near Buffalo, New York. We didn't take snow seriously until it was at least a couple of feet deep!"

Students weren't too happy about having a Dean who is so used to a lot of snow.

"I think it's ridiculous that the administration leaves the college open with winter weather advisories and reports of snow coming in the



A snowman stood at the top of the hill overlooking Whiteford and Blanche Ward Halls, reflecting how some students spent their "snow day" (top right). However, the college kept sidewalks clear and the snow quickly melted (top left). Photos by Jonathan Schultz.

afternoon," said Eric Fuller, a freshman Communications Major. "It's dangerous for commuting students and it's dangerous for professors who travel long distances to campus."

Meredith Adams, a sophomore Communications major, said that on Tuesday, "I didn't expect to have

school. The sidewalks were really icy and I almost fell a lot of times. We should have at least had a delay or something."

The chances of the college closing within the few weeks left of winter are slim to none.

It looks like students will just have to go out, buy some nice boots, and walk in bitter cold and snow to class.

The lighter side of the Campus Safety blotter

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STAFF WRITER

(Editor's Note: At a glance, the blotter doesn't reveal some of the more inane reports to which officers respond. Wu's commentary highlights some of the unique calls.)

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First oranges...now eggs. Campus be warned, it appears we have ourselves a produce bandit.

On February 17 and

Feb 18, an unknown assailant egged parked cars on campus. Chances are, this individual was thoroughly intoxicated, but that doesn't excuse his actions. It's just a

waste of eggs. If he would have stopped and thought about the situation, it could have ended up better for everyone.

You're drunk, you have

yourself a handful of eggs. Sure, you can throw them at innocently parked cars, maybe get an immature thrill. Or, you can head on back to your place and make yourself a drunken omelet. You get to eat simmering, delicious food; nobody has to deal with dried yolk covering their windshields. The choice is clear. You blew it, guy.

At least now we know a little something more about you, produce bandit. You lack a healthy rationale and you have the 5th grade mindset that people will think you are cool because you egged a couple cars. My guess is you're a filthy little freshman. I might even have a good idea of where your supply of ballistics comes from.

Just after midnight on February 19, the metal gate to Glar was forced open. Not a coincidence. I'm on to you bandit. It was a brilliant scheme, it's just too bad Daddy Wu came along and caught you out.

I realize that there's no substantial evidence that proves this was the bandit's doing. In that case, what was this kid thinking? If you're going to take the time and risk a breaking and entering charge in search of food, of all places, why would you choose Glar?

Personally, I get enough Glarbage during the day. If I'm hungry and dead set on burglary, I'm holding up Sheetz for a bag full of Schmickis. And some Sun Chips.

Campus Safety blotter

| Occurred from Date | Subcategory | Type | Building Name | Incident Status |
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| 2/18/05 12:12 a.m. | alcohol | restricted residence hall | Rouzer Hall | closed by POC |
| 2/16/05 9:45 p.m. | vandalism | vehicle | Historic Drive | inactive |
| 2/19/05 12:25 a.m. | vandalism | property | Decker College Center | inactive |
| 2/19/05 12:31 a.m. | vandalism | structure | Decker College Center | inactive |
| 2/19/05 2:09 a.m. | alcohol | hard alcohol in residence | Garden Apartments | closed by report |
| 2/19/05 3:31 a.m. | vandalism | structure | Penn. Ave. Houses | open |
| 2/19/05 10:41 p.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | Blanche Ward Hall | closed by report |
| 2/19/05 10:55 p.m. | vandalism | structure | Blanche Ward Hall | inactive |
| 2/20/05 12:15 a.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | Blanche Ward Hall | closed by report |
| 2/20/05 12:30 a.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | Blanche Ward Hall | closed by report |
| 2/20/05 1:15 a.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | Blanche Ward Hall | closed by report |
| 2/19/05 9:00 p.m. | crash | vehicle with vehicle | Historic Drive | inactive |
| 2/20/05 8:00 p.m. | suspicious condition | check welfare | ANW Hall | closed by report |
| 2/21/05 11:15 p.m. | theft | purse snatching | Decker College Center | closed by report |
| 2/24/05 6:58 p.m. | alcohol | restricted residence hall | Penn. Ave. Houses | closed by POC |
| 2/18/05 11:10 p.m. | vandalism | property | Decker College Center | closed by POC |
| 2/24/05 11:40 p.m. | false alarm | accidental | Penn. Ave. Houses | closed by report |
| 2/25/05 1:23 a.m. | tampering w/ fire extinguisher | structure | Rouzer Hall | inactive |
| 2/25/05 1:32 a.m. | vandalism | structure | Rouzer Hall | inactive |
| 2/25/05 1:41 a.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | Rouzer Hall | closed by report |
| 2/25/05 1:50 a.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | Rouzer Hall | closed by report |
| 2/26/05 1:12 a.m. | alcohol | open container in public | North Village | closed by report |
| 2/26/05 1:59 AM | assault | hands/feet | Blanche Ward Hall | open |
| 2/26/05 1:45 a.m. | vandalism | structure | Rouzer Hall | inactive |
| 2/26/05 3:00 a.m. | vandalism | property | Decker College Center | inactive |
| 2/27/05 12:58 a.m. | false alarm | accidental | Garden Apartments | report complete |
| 2/27/05 12:08 a.m. | residence halls | health/safety regulations | Rouzer Hall | report complete |
| 2/27/05 12:55 a.m. | vandalism | vehicle | Garden Apts. Pkg. lot | pending court outcome |
| 2/27/05 2:20 a.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | Rouzer Hall | closed by report |
| 2/27/05 2:37 a.m. | vandalism | structure | Rouzer Hall | pending court outcome |
| 3/1/05 1:21 p.m. | crash | vehicle | Historic Drive | closed by report |
| 3/3/05 12:01 a.m. | verbal abuse | campus telephone system | | report complete |
| 3/3/05 11:20 p.m. | student employee misconduct | | | closed by report |
| 3/5/05 9:00 p.m. | tampering w/ fire extinguisher | | Decker College Center Rouzer Hall | report complete |

Former pledges cite hazing, emotional strain

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cludes being forced to engage in drinking rituals, often to the point of becoming sick.

"I take this [hazing allegations] pretty seriously," said Amanda Rose, assistant director of college activities and advisor to the fraternity/sorority system. "Obviously, the quality of the information dictates how far we can go with something...When we get factual information, it is taken very seriously."

"Just as students hear rumors about what goes on in different fraternities and sororities' new member education periods, myself as well as other administrators on campus, we hear the same things," Rose added. "But they're rumors until someone's caught, or someone comes forward."

As of this article's publication, the women interviewed have not gone to Rose with a formal complaint. They say that they are not ready to speak out as individuals or put their name on the record—yet. Many of them live near current members and take classes with them. Since this semester's de-pledging, the tension has been tight enough, they said.

Four current members of the sorority, including the group's president and pledge mistress, were contacted via email and telephone but were unavailable for comment by press time.

Phi Alpha Mu has been documented for its pledging activities several times in past years. In 1994, the group was sanctioned after being found responsible for hazing activities. In the spring of 2000, Phi Alpha Mu was found to violate the college's policy disallowing alcohol in any aspect of the new member education process, specifically involving drinking rituals. There is also documentation in their college sorority file of raised concerns about negative new member practices.

McDaniel's hazing policy is in line with Maryland state law, although the college is more specific in its definition of hazing in that it incorporates psychological aspects, Rose explained. The college handbook states that "[h]azing is any action taken or situation created

It's almost impossible to put the feelings into words, but after the first night, you really feel like you can't quit, and you fear that quitting will be worse than what you're going through.

intentionally, whether on or off College premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule."

Phil Sayre, vice president and dean of student affairs, emphasized the importance of de-pledges coming forward to turn rumor into factual statements in order for the college to be able to enforce the policy.

"We try to get as much information as possible," Sayre commented. "Once we have credible information, we meet with the fraternity or sorority leadership. Then we put together a panel...and we try to pull together a balanced group of people to get a fair look at the situation."

Sayre added, "The panel establishes whether or not the colleges hazing rules were, in fact, violated and, if so, what sanctions will be imposed."

Former Pledges Break the Silence

Some of the Phi Alpha pledge requirements seem harmless. During the week, pledges must carry a backpack filled with various items, including candy and cigarettes, and must give these items to sisters on demand.

After bid night, a pledge may not drink alcohol, do drugs, wear perfume, deodorant, scented lotions or makeup. All pledges are required to address the Phi Alpha sisters as "Miss" and other pledges as "calf."

Other requirements, however, are undeniably physically dangerous and mentally harmful, women who have de-pledged over the last few years said.

"Hell week was the worst experience of my college career," comments a former Phi Alpha pledge. "It started on bid night, and only went downhill from there."

Bid night, according to former pledges, begins with

a car ride to a house off campus, during which all pledges must ride with their heads between their legs. After arriving, the drinking ritual begins.

"A pledge sister and I had to share and finish a handle of Jack Daniels in one hour," a former pledge remembered. "No chasers, just straight shots."

"I threw up a lot. I was really sick and felt awful for a couple days," a former pledge commented.

The first week also includes sleep deprivation.

"Pledges have to sleep in one room for the first few nights. The Phi Alpha sisters come into the room at all hours and wake you up by being loud and yelling at you. You get very little sleep on any given night."

On following nights, pledges are required to sleep on the floor in a room with a Phi Alpha sister.

During the day, it is forbidden for pledges to be alone. They must always be with another pledge or a sister. Specific communication rules also apply.

"Initially, pledges are not allowed to talk to any boys, and during hell week, pledges may not engage in conversation with anyone who is not a Phi Alpha," comments a former pledge. "And sisters are not allowed to talk directly to the pledges, unless it is to verbally abuse them."

Verbal abuse is described as a lot of yelling and continued and repeated comments to make the pledges feel worthless. "They kept telling us 'we have to break you down to build you back up,'" said a former pledge.

"It was really hard because most of this is very one-on-one. You can't talk to people outside the group and, within the group, you have people telling you all day that you're worthless and calling you a slut," the former pledge continued.

"It's hard to explain, but due to lack of sleep, frustration, isolation and physical and mental fatigue, you begin to believe all the demeaning things being said to you. No one should have to go through that for the sake of becoming a 'sister.'"

Dr. Erika Koch, professor of social psychology at McDaniel, offered a brief explanation about group mentality and hazing.

"It creates that sense of dissonance: I'm a good, reasonable, rational person. I don't let people tell me what to do, yet I'm doing all of these stupid things that I'm being told to do. Why is that? It must be because I really like this group," she said. "People can go through that justification."

Another former pledge added with frustration, "I know some people may not understand. They may wonder why I couldn't just walk away at the first sign of a problem."

"It's almost impossible to put the feelings into words," she continues, "but after the first night, you really feel like you can't quit, and you fear that quitting will be worse than what you're going through."

"They make you feel that they hold real power over you, especially since they know how frightened you are of them on bid night."

These former pledges, though, did choose, at different points of the pledge process, to walk away from the Phi Alpha and risk the anticipated repercussions.

"Please know that not all sisters are required to haze; only some. The others just watch and are not allowed to speak to the pledges, unless to insult them," states a former pledge. "But one night, I just came to my senses and had an awakening."

"I looked into the faces

of the ones doing the hazing and yelling demeaning things at me, and thought to myself: is this me next semester, or next year? Certainly I could never do this to another human being."

"Then I looked into the faces of the sisters who weren't hazing, but were standing by watching," she continues. "And I thought to myself: is this me next semester, or next year? Certainly I could never even stand by and watch someone do this to another human being. It was at this point that I realized I had no place in this sorority. I quit the next day."

Unfortunately, for some, the aftermath of quitting caused tremendous emotional distress. "I considered transferring to another school after quitting," said a former pledge. "Whenever the sisters passed me in the halls, they called me a bitch and told me they'd make my life here hell."

"It's typical for one or two pledges to drop out of any Greek organization due to time commitment, financial obligation, or personal differences," said Amanda Rose. "There has not been a drop like this one before, and yes, it raises concern."

"Have the utmost respect for anyone who has been part of an organization where they've had negative experiences and they're willing to come forward to talk about them because they do believe it needs to stop," Rose added. "It takes a strong person to remove yourself from a situation, but I believe it takes an even stronger person to be able to come forward and to want to do something about it."

In the meantime, Rose waits. And she and other administrators hope that anyone who has suffered will come forward on the record.

"We don't know enough about how to predict the personality factors involved in disobedience," Dr. Koch said. "As [psychologist Dr. Philip] Zimbardo says, 'We don't know enough about the heroes.' We don't know enough about the people who resist; what makes those people different from everyone else."

(Co-editor Pat O'Toole contributed to this report.)

Review of college curriculum will bring change

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According to Evergates, after researching, the task force began having working meetings with faculty to discuss various questions about curriculum. BLAR requirements were one of the ideas discussed. "We are looking at distribution requirements," and possibly discussing "moving away from the term 'BLAR's,'" explained

Evergates.

The process, though slow-moving, has been initiated and ideas were presented to a group of faculty members at a recent retreat. "There was a very mixed reaction," Evergates said.

Student meetings are expected to be held in late March or early April, which will examine the ideas that the Task Force is working

with.

The meetings will allow students to have input and information on the curriculum changes, but Evergates stressed that the college bylaws say it is the responsibility of the faculty to change the curriculum. "It is a faculty task," she stated.

The curriculum changes may take two years to complete, and Evergates

stated that "it won't effect students who are here now." But another concern of the Task Force is if the changes would be transferable to current students who may want to adopt the new curriculum while still attending McDaniel. To those students who may be unhappy with the current requirements, the committee's changes are worth examining.

Evergates and other members of the Curriculum Review Task Force will continue to work on the changes, including reviewing the choice of classes for students.

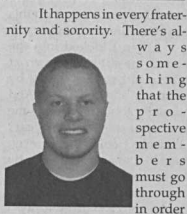
"We may want to put an emphasis on interdisciplinary courses," Evergates mentioned.

"Everything has to be examined," she said.

COMMENTARY

Fraternal bond does not require 'earning' letters

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It happens in every fraternity and sorority. There's always something that the prospective members must go through in order to join — a period of testing. But in many organizations, it's simply wearing a little pin over your heart, or a T-shirt proclaiming your desire to become a member of that group. It's getting together with your future brothers or sisters and making crafts. It's a requirement to assemble to study. It's learning about the organization

to which you will soon pledge your allegiance.

After hearing the rumors, and eventually the substantiated claims of hazing surrounding one sorority on our campus, I felt compelled to provide readers with reasons to not lose faith in the Greek community as a whole.

It is not my intent to further admonish any particular organizations, but rather to shed light on the alternative methods of initiation available to Greeks.

The concept of hazing is nothing new. Perhaps the most prevalent institution in which hazing is used (and widely accepted) is the military.

The belief is that hazing can be used to break a soldier down entirely — mentally and physically — at which point he or she will have to rely on the

soldiers and leaders around them to build them back up.

Theoretically, this process creates a bond that cannot be attained through any other measures.

In the military, soldiers need to be close enough that they will be willing to put their lives on the line for their comrades, and they have to trust that everyone around them will do the same.

Greek organizations, however, are not life or death situations. Fraternities and sororities are, by their very nature, meant to be social groups where lifelong friends can be made and one's morals can be further established.

To me, the whole principle of breaking individuals down in order to eventually build them back up seems to be very flawed.

Bonds can be formed

from mutual experiences and doing a variety of things. From simple tasks, socializing, and community service activities, pledges can become close without going through misery together.

Also, the group is communicating through hazing that the pledges they have are not good enough on their own, and that they need to be completely changed in order to be suitable members.

I would argue that the reason the pledges are at that stage in the first place is that there must have been something about them that warranted their initial acceptance into the fraternity or sorority.

There are many fraternities and sororities on this campus that require nothing more from their pledges than the qualifications listed at the beginning of this article. They

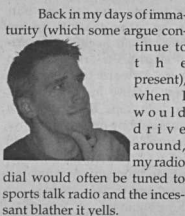
buy into the belief that their pledges are worthy individuals to begin with, and that the qualities that warranted their bid reception provide a foundation for making them even more outstanding individuals than they were in the first place.

There is no reason to break someone down if they were good from the start. Fraternities and sororities can provide guidelines by which one can choose to live his or her life, as well as brothers and sisters to hold them accountable to that.

The pledging process does not need to communicate, "What are you willing to do to earn these letters?" Rather, many of us believe that it can say, "When we give you these letters, this is what they can do for you."

Break stereotypes with maturity, tolerance, self-image

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NEWS EDITOR



Back in my days of immaturity (which some argue continue to the present), when I would drive around, my radio would often be tuned to sports talk radio and the incessant blather it yells.

One time, while listening to a call-in show, I noticed something. The topic was homosexuality in sports, and every time a caller would say something about tolerance or acceptance, he would preface

his remarks by noting his staunch heterosexuality.

This bothered me, but unfortunately, the stigma of one's sexual orientation being questioned is too much for most to handle. If society is to lose the bigotry that is everywhere, we all must make an effort to be more understanding in all situations and try to limit judging.

This is a microcosm for all of society and the problems we have with first impressions. Impressions are only the cover to the rich book that is inside. Too many times, people take too much stock in what is behind the cover.

But it seems that, especially at the college, the cover is all that matters. Friends

your Greek letters, sports jacket or any other identifier gets you grouped in with all the stereotypes, negative and positive, associated with the group. Even worse, the same often goes with the color of one's skin.

Also, the need to be more secure in one's self is present. If people weren't so concerned about the assumptions others make, then the fear of being stigmatized and ostracized would disappear.

People who are heterosexual often take questions about their sexual orientation with anger. This is because too many gain their self worth from what others think of them, and not what they think of themselves.

Mos Def once said "People get better when they start to understand that, they are valuable. They are not valuable because they got a whole lot of money or cause somebody thinks that they are sexy, but they are valuable because they have been created by God."

Your self worth is how you value and carry yourself, and how you treat everyone else around you. The better you treat people, from your best friend to the person you believe is the biggest loser, the better people will treat you.

I feel we need to make advancement as a whole society towards increased tolerance of homosexuality because with more of it, more

tolerance can exist all around.

This comes with people getting out of their comfort zones and making an attempt to get to know people that do not share their background. I willingly admit that I do not do this all of the time, but I like the fact that I try. That is what we all should strive for.

When one meets a person, they should be able to separate the binaries and cultural baggage from the actual person. The first thought that should flash across one's head is not that the person is "Black," "Asian" or "gay." It should be "human."

Sorry if I have been a little preachy, but I am just showing my conviction. Tolerance is always wonderful.

Drinking and writing: McDaniel, sports, and pop culture

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SENIOR WRITER

Is that headline right? I hope not.



The senior class set a record for donations to the alumni fund. The reward was that they get a cool pen, clip, bottle opener, plus getting to show up to the senior week crab feast a half hour early.

Apparently Jerry Springer is on at 12 midnight on Sundays.

The National's minor leaguers knocked around Orioles set up man BJ Ryan for a 9th inning rally in spring training action. Can you say Grapefruit League Champs?

I love the 90s, but not the 80s.

At first I didn't mind that the library stopped stamping the due date on the books. But I can't seem to hold onto the receipt. The due date is a vital piece of librarianship information. This is starting to get costly.

Are we getting sick of Green Day, or is American Idiot just that good?

As of now the Wizards are 22-9 at home, and I've gone to five home games.

What are the odds that they would lose all five? After a 13-point loss to the Warriors it looks like they're really good.

Wait, I don't think librarians is a word.

Have you seen the Surreal Life with Joanie Laurer (a.k.a. Chyna)? Yeah, me too.

Hold on, my roommate Mark has something to say: *Can you say Peter Angelos is crying himself to sleep tonight because his Orioles suffered another loss to the Washington D.C. franchise? It's definitely the first of many.*

The pub finished its test run of the new biodegradable plates that are supposed to replace styrofoam. How many of those plates do you think it

would take to stop a bullet?

I think we're getting to the point where Xbox live has to crack the "Top Ten Greatest Innovations in History" list.

I realize that Dr. Falkner is from near Buffalo, but could we get a snow day please? I'm sure in upstate New York they can handle a few inches of snow, but down here that is just not the case. Even though we have winter every year, there is a deep seeded fear of snow that exists in people from this area that needs to be factored in.

Do they award Pulitzer Prizes to student journalists?

I'm gonna need a job in a few weeks. Is this a market-

able skill?

Teri wants to know if I'm done writing this yet. I swear that I'm almost done, and that I am not stealing this idea from Bill Simmons. He writes his Ramblings while sober. I think. Plus he stole the idea from someone else too.

Does Glar really have to serve the same chicken tenders that are sold in the pub every day? Oh, and I had the chicken fajita fourth meal the other week for the first time. It was actually pretty good.

Well that should just about do it because this column is getting older than people yelling YEAH, WHAT, and OK! Thank you Dave Chapelle; it's cool and stuff.

COMMENTARY

Can you hear me now?

McDaniel students talking about issues that affect them

BSU dinner has great food and fun, but sad turnout

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With the last edition of *The McDaniel Free Press* offering numerous columns based on racial ignorance among students on campus, using the



"Keeping it Real" forum as proof, one would think that such events that are offered to increase cultural awareness would have a decent turnout.

Wrong. My boyfriend [who isn't even a student here] and I were two of too few Caucasians in the audience of the February 27 Soul Food Dinner and play put on by organizations that included the BSU and Multicultural Services.

The food was delicious—typical "soul" foods, including greens and fried chicken. The entertainment was equally pleasing, as well as educational. "1001 Black Inventions" was a short play highlighting significant inventions common in everyday life, invented by famous

and lesser-praised Africans and African Americans.

The information presented was important and significant, not only because it was Black History Month, but also because it is history. It is self-awareness at its best, for people of both African and non-African descent.

After all the controversial issues related to racism, stereotypes, and plain ignorance of diverse cultures found here on campus, I would have enjoyed seeing more people attend such a grand event.

Snow policy dumps on all commuters

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McDaniel College has a snow policy for inclement weather that is easily found on the McDaniel home page. However, nothing in the policy refers to commuters. The page shows a Liberal Leave policy applied to the faculty and staff at the college. In this policy it states, "It is the employee's responsibility to exercise judgment as to whether travel conditions are too hazardous to report to work. When in doubt, the employee should place safety first."

What's missing is any reference to students who commute. What about us? We should have the right to think of our safety too.

As a commuter student, I worry for my safety when driving to class on days when the road conditions could be better. Dr. Falkner, the Provost/Dean of Faculty is the man who makes the final decision as to whether or not to close McDaniel. So he is the best source for the answer to a few questions.

Why isn't there a policy for commuter students (like Liberal Leave)?

Dr. Falkner responded by acknowledging that the policies are meant for the commuters as well as faculty and staff. The policies are for anyone that has to drive to reach the college. He mentions also that he has "emphasized in all his letters that students should never drive

to campus any time they feel the road conditions are unsafe."

Dr. Falkner also acknowledged that it would not be fair to hold classes if twenty percent of students could not make it to class. This is just one of the things he takes into consideration when making the decision to close the college. He said that the hardest part of making the decision comes from the fact that he is usually warm and indoors at the time of the choice. He also pointed out that he lived near Buffalo New York for twenty five years and that people up there do not take snow seriously until there are a couple feet on the ground.

Now I see why McDaniel is always the last school in Carroll County (or in the state of Maryland) to close!

The last question that popped into my head as I was researching the snow policy was how do students stuck on campus eat?

So I got in touch with Cameron Smith, the general Manager of Food Services, to see what happens in Glar when it remains open in bad weather. Smith told me that the media closures do not matter much when it comes to feeding the residents. If an employee under his management calls and tells him they will not be able to make it to work because of the road conditions, it's no problem because he owns an S.U.V. Smith simply picks that employee (or several employees) up from their house and they proceed to work.

Due to his diligence, no student will be left without a meal on a snow day.

No love for Vagina Monologues; Twat's up with that?

TERI HAMER
COPY EDITOR

Our T-shirts say McDaniel Loves Vaginas, but



for some members of the administration, this is far from the truth. A few weeks ago, the women's issues group sponsored its 2nd annual production of "The Vagina Monologues." Attendees might have noticed a few changes from last year.

Let's start with advertising. Announcement of "The Vagina Monologues" was noticeably absent from "Hill Happenings."

"I sent the communication department a press release, and tried to contact the writer from Hill Happenings multiple times," said the show's producer, sophomore Jesse Feldman.

"News at McDaniel" not only chose to refuse to write a story on the charity production that sold out last year, but would not even include the dates and times of "The Vagina Monologues" performances in its upcoming events section.

Then there was the phone mail fiasco. The original message sent out advertising the performances was censored because Ernie Ogle and Dean Sayre took offense to a specific

word used in the play to describe the vagina. What word could have offended them to the point of refusing to send out a phone message?

Twat. That's right, Twat. Not Poonani, Vag, Taco, Coochi Snorcher or cunt, all also used in the message, compared to the offensiveness of Twat.

And of course, there was the issue of location. Many students asked why the Vagina Monologues were not held in the theatre this year. The answer is, who knows? It wasn't for lack of trying by the Women's Issues Group.

"The theater was preemptively booked by people who asked for it a few months after us," said Feldman.

But not everyone was un-supportive of this production. Many faculty members announced the play in their classes; some even offered extra credit to students whom attended.

"I saw this play last year and was very impressed with the acting and the message it sent. I think everyone who has a chance should go see it," Ralene Mitschler told her intro biology class.

Ernie Ogle agreed to send out a new, Twat-free, phone message advertising "The Vagina Monologues" the morning of the show. Numerous professors and students attended the production. The pink T-Shirts

with "McDaniel Loves Vaginas" were hanging from the front sold out on one day.

"The important thing was we raised over \$4,000 this year, all of which will go to the Carroll County Rape Crisis Center and the international V-Day Campaign, helping the women of Iraq," said the show's stage manager, junior Sarah Hale.

Overall "The Vagina Monologues" were a great success this year. All I ask is that when we produce this show next year, it would be nice to have a few less obstacles, and a little more support from the school for this charitable volunteer run production.

Twat's it.

Corrections, clarifications and letters

To: The McDaniel Free Press
From: Freshman Ryan Quillen
Subject: Campus entertainment or the lack thereof

McDaniel College suffers from a lack of entertainment for the students. Yes, there are theatre shows and stand up comics offered, but they are far and few in between. If McDaniel wants its student population to be happier on campus then they should offer more kinds of entertainment more frequently.

The college needs to book more big name events more often. Yes, a main stream band is booked for the college, but that only happens every two years. What's the problem with offering concerts like those to students every year? It would be something for the students to look forward to on a yearly basis. I feel the students are suffering from a lack of entertainment on campus, and the student population would only benefit from an increase.

If you would like to share your thoughts about issues that affect you as a McDaniel College student, send submissions for the commentary section to freepress@mcDaniel.edu.

FEATURES

Miles of memories make college car a best friend

TODD KNEPPER
STAFF WRITER

Parallel with diamonds to women and dogs to men, an old car can often be attributed as a college student's best friend. Because the truth is, no matter the age or condition, some cars will forever remain beautiful and loyal.

As a common situation, the "college car" process occurs like so: A high school student, right after receiving a license, gets his or her first vehicle already worn in and moderately old, then takes it off to college with intentions of purchasing something newer and nicer after graduating.

In this six to seven year period, he or she comes to a realization that they have strong emotional ties to their automobile. These emotions then turn into strong feelings which can hardly be expressed through washes, wax jobs, and details. Eventually, it becomes a loving relationship.

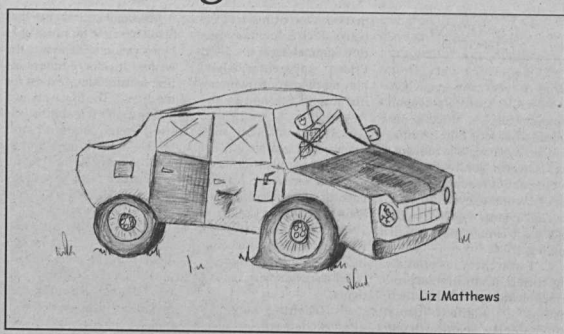
Seniors Ryan Nixon, Jacq Pundt, Andrew Lebo, and Aiyana Paterson-Zinkand, and sophomore Caitlin Potter, are all currently involved in this man/machine interaction.

"Despite its mileage (160,000+) and age," Nixon said of his '91 Mazda Navajo SUV, "she has been loyal and dependable since day one." His longest and most remarkable journey was a nine hour drive to Boston last summer.

Nixon explained that the Navajo has been by his side in such an interesting time of his life that it will be "truly hard to part ways."

As for Potter, when her 1985 Ford Bronco can no longer go, she is "leaving it in the front yard." Not just anyone can drive, as her friends call it, "Lady MacDiesel." There are certain circumstances. The car won't start unless it's in neutral. When parking, on a hill or not, she has to pull the emergency brake because the car will still drift away.

Jacq Pundt's 1992 Honda Accord has chalked up 250,000 miles of memories including three accidents and countless trips to Ocean City. Her baby "leaks when it rains and even after a wheel alignment, it still veers to the right."



Liz Matthews

Along with its mechanical deficiencies, the car's trunk contains a science mold project resembling the smell of a deceased cat.

Silly as it may sound to some, only those in this situation could truly understand. Here are a few guidelines that constitute the "college car" relationship: the car is relatively as old as the owner, it has a name or gender associated with it, the owner acts superstitiously before start-

ing it, or the car is rewarded after lengthy but successful journeys.

Lebo lovingly refers to his '86 Buick LeSabre as "The Tank." Although the automatic windows, mirrors, and seats that made the Buick "high class during its prime" have died off, it still gets him from point A to B. Without air conditioning since he has had ownership of "the tank," Lebo enjoys driving the most during the summer months.

With a skylight that opens and shuts while en route, and a duct taped front bumper, how could Aiyana Paterson-Zinkand not love her Audi? Aiyana explained that her 12 year old white wagon looks amazing with a good wash job when viewed from an exact angle.

Students make very close friends in college, but few relationships are more devoted than those of students who own older vehicles.

Enjoy Spring Break For More, For Some, For Less

CHANAN DELIVUK
TAYLOR HEBDEN
STAFF WRITERS

It's Spring Break time and for all of you who take this opportunity to get away from anything school/work related, here are a few options from fellow McDaniel students who are planning to break for more, for some, and, of course, for less.

For More: Trip To Florida

This spring break, freshman Lindsay Fairchild, is going all out. She is driving to Florida with two of her best friends for a week of fun in the sun. "Every year we stay in a beautiful beach house and just chill out for the whole week, it is so relaxing," said Fairchild. This vacation will put a dent in Lindsay's wallet, but she replied that the trip is "worth every penny."

For Some: A Day In Pittsburgh

If you don't have the cash to take an entire week's vacation, why not take a day trip? This spring break, junior Becka Shields is spending the day in Pittsburgh.

"There is a big St. Patrick's Day bash up there, so my friends and I are going," said Shields. Sounds like Shields knows where the party's at.

For Less: Hanging Out At Home

So you're completely broke? Don't sweat it. Relax and make a week-long date with your couch. Freshman Andrea Brewer spends every spring break at home. "Sitting at home, on my couch, watching TV for a week is heaven. My schedule during school is so hectic, I never get time to myself," said Brewer. Her break doesn't sound so bad after all.

Katsucon anime convention lures 7,000 interesting characters to Arlington, VA

LEA FIDDICK
STAFF WRITER

Last weekend, I had the pleasure of going to Katsucon, an anime convention in my hometown of Arlington, VA. For those of you who don't know what anime is, it is Japanese animation. Annually, in February, for the last 11 years, fans living in northern Virginia have gathered to celebrate their favorite pastime.

Approximately 7,000 people attended the three-day event which included a concert by Psycho Le Cemu, voice actors giving autographs, and 24 hour video rooms.

Most anime that you have heard of are shows like *Sailor Moon*, *Yu-Gi-Oh!*, and *Pokemon* to name a few. I also saw cosplayers (people who dress up as anime characters) of all ages from these shows. I myself also cosplayed as Nausicaä from director Hayao Miyazaki's *Nausicaä of the Valley of the Winds*, the only movie to ever gain recognition from the World Wildlife Foundation, but also his epic masterpiece!

You have probably never heard of this movie, but my favorite thing about anime conventions is that

you see anime you have never heard of or ever seen before.

Case in point, I saw an awesome show titled *Wild Cardz*: Card Knights which is about three girls who use cards as power and as weapons to protect the Card Kingdom. Sounds corny? It does at first, but the animation was quite good, and the show had a solid plotline, as well as enjoyable characters.



Lea Fiddick, cosplaying as Miyazaki's Nausicaä, holds four month old Autumn, one of the younger attendees at last weekend's Katsucon anime convention in Arlington, VA.

Sadly, it only consisted of two episodes, as well as a cliffhanger ending concerning my favorite of the heroines, Joe Diamond. However, the other highlight of the convention was the showing of the Studio Ghibli movie, *The Cat Returns*. In it, a clueless high school girl, Haru, rescues Prince Lune of the Cat Kingdom, and she has to return the favor of saving him by getting married! Thankfully, she gets help from the debonair Baron, the fat cat, Muta, and the crow, Toto. The movie was a treat for those who saw it.

However, the entire convention involves much more than just anime. There are voice actors giving away autographs, a game room with retro games as well as new ones, and an art show where you can bid on a piece of art, and take it home. (I won a lovely picture of an RPG priestess this way.)

Not to mention, there was a concert by an uber popular Japanese rock band, and a gigantic room filled with anime merchandise to fill everyone's wants and needs.

If you ask me, anime conventions are a blast to go to, and you don't have to know a lot or even anything about anime when you go. Just think of it as a mini-vacation from reality, and enjoy yourself.

FEATURES

Roll 'em – Slade brings film talents to campus

JENNI EVANS
STAFF WRITER

One of the very first things to catch your eye when you walk into Professor Jonathan Slade's office is his collection of four Emmys situated neatly on top of a file cabinet. However, don't expect him to brag about winning a number of daytime television's most coveted awards – a wide smile and short explanation are all you'll get.

"I won them for producing different children's programs on Maryland Public Television," Slade says nonchalantly, leaning back slightly in his chair. His laid-back attitude is definitely not one to be expected from a talented producer, writer, and director; this Assistant Professor of Communications is very down-to-earth, and is as content making jokes as he is discussing his accomplishments.

After graduating from Western Maryland College with a Bachelor's Degree in Communications and earning a Graduate Degree from the University of Southern California, Slade has worked with Maryland Public Television for 11 years as an associate producer of children's programming and documentaries.

"After grad school, you're overwhelmed with how hard it is [to make a film]," Slade re-

minds. One of his favorite books, Rick Schmidt's "Feature Filmmaking at Used-Car Prices," apparently helped him on his path to winning his aforementioned Emmy Awards.

However, Slade soon discovered a passion for teaching as well as filmmaking, and joined the Adjunct Faculty of Communication here at McDaniel College in 1995. He became an Assistant Professor of Communication in 2005, and loves every second he spends with his students.

"Teaching here is a gift," Slade says seriously. "99.9% of my students are really enthusiastic, and that's enjoyable to me. I discover [things] through my students just as they discover [things] through me."

Slade not only appreciates his students, but they appreciate him. April Gelwicks, a senior communications major, has taken many of his courses and raves about his personal as well as professional demeanor: "He makes me feel like there's no difference between students and professors, and he definitely motivates his students to be creative."

Between teaching a number of communication courses and working at MP,

it's difficult to imagine that Slade has time for much else. However, in 1998 he was the writer/director/editor of his first feature film, "Forest for the Trees." The film – about a young man's five-day bicycle trip through Western Maryland – earned him rave reviews from several local newspapers, and he is in the process of shooting a new film at the moment.

As for his "personal life" – "I teach! I have no personal life," he jokes – Slade and his wife recently purchased a house built in 1892, and are in the process of renovating it themselves. Dr. Robert Lemieux, Chair of the Communication department, recently brought his freshman seminar class to Slade's house for a visit. "We have no idea what we're doing, but we're lovin' it," he laughs.

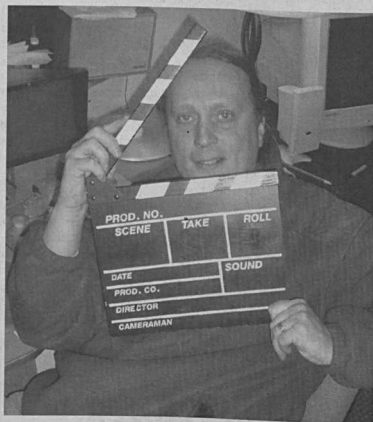
His easy-going nature is apparent not only in conversation, but in his office's atmosphere as well. A framed poster of "Apollo 13" and one of "Forest for the Trees" decorate his walls, as well as a haphazard collection of yellow post-it notes adorned with hastily scribbled notes. His bookshelf is crammed with copies of *The New Yorker* – his personal favorite – and *National Geographic* magazines, as well as a movie collection that would make a

Blockbuster enthusiast jealous.

Picking up a recent issue of *The New Yorker*, Slade looks thoughtfully at the black-and-white cover and comments that he enjoys

reading this particular magazine because it helps to "continue his education." Well, he can rest assured that he continues the education of his students here at McDaniel in a fun and relaxed manner.

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Jack Johnson's *Dreams* 'overwhelmingly chill'

TODD KNEPPER
STAFF WRITER

Jack Johnson's third album, *In Between Dreams*, makes you want to switch your red cup to the other hand, wrap your arm around whoever's closest, and dig your toes further into the sand. His mellow tone and simple acoustic guitar riffs extend the notion of "feel good island music."

Claims have been made that anyone can get down to at least one song by Jack; someone of any demographic, race, ethnicity, belief or social system, can enjoy and be influenced by his music.

He takes an anti-violence, anti-media, and anti-conformity stand through his jams, preaching optimism, healthy

relationships, and self-exploration. Jack is incredibly successful at expressing his feelings; however, he doesn't speak arrogantly or from a pedestal. For example, in "Never Know," he includes himself in saying that "It's shocking, but we're just moments, we're just moments, we're just humans." His melodies do not overpower or interrupt his lyrics. Jack Johnson is considered a great

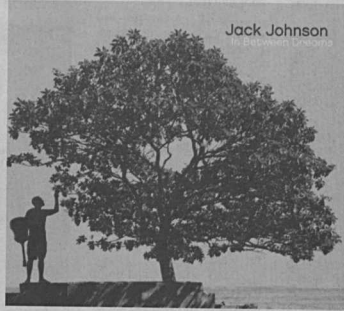
musician by many because he brings back the basics of life in an overwhelmingly chill manner.

In Between Dreams is a

soulful collection of stories and speeches, each track containing a certain amount of words to live by. In particular, "Good People" takes a stab at the "media monster." This song sheds light on people's ability to be led astray by what they watch, and questions the purpose of those who lead them astray, asking "where'd all the good people go?" "Banana Pancakes" is one of the catchier female-influenced

tracks on the album. It's a tale of a man trying to keep his lady from getting out of bed on a rainy morning and going to work. He puts priorities into perspective, singing, "When the whole world fits inside of your arms, do we really need to pay attention to the alarm?" The three minute snippets of ideas that Jack has broken into this album would sound just as good linked together in a medley. His concepts and insights clearly fit into his guitar's melodic mold.

Jack Johnson evokes combinations of feelings on this record that are nearly impossible to label. It's good, positive stuff. The only way to test the claims made by Jack's fans is to check out *In Between Dreams* for yourselves.



What's your favorite spring break memory?

Compiled by Taylor Hebden



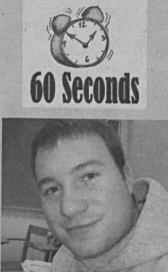
Caitlin Bradford
Freshman

"In 10th grade, I went to Hatteras North Carolina with my best friend. We got to hang out at the beach all week."



Latisha Buford
Freshman

"I went to the Bahama's with my friends last spring as a graduation present from my parents."



A.J. Schultz
Junior

"I went to New Jersey Beach last year. Even though it was cold and rainy, I still had fun."



Shanee Strotcher
Senior

"I went to Miami last year with some friends. The weather was so nice."



A.J. Lewis
Sophomore

"Last year, spring fling was so fun. Everyone was walking around acting crazy, it was great."

Trendy game room seems far from campus

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JENNI EVANS
STAFF WRITER

One glance inside the dorm room of juniors Gene Neddo, Dave Moffatt and Chris Simms, and you'll think you've been magically transported from McDaniel College to a trendy game room somewhere far away from campus.

Not only is this fourth floor McDaniel room one of the biggest on campus - "Obviously, the size is a bonus," says Dave nonchalantly - it's also what many would consider one of the most "luxurious."

Complete with a foosball table, a 27-inch TV with a 500-watt Sony surround sound system, and three game systems - Playstation 2, Gamecube, and X-Box - the roommates agree that it's an optimum "party

room."

"We have a nice, comfortable couch that seats the three of us, posters galore, and a whole lot of floor space to party in," Gene says enthusiastically. "What more could we want?"

Apparently, not much. Considering that along with spaciousness - somewhat due to the fact that Chris and Gene's beds are bunked, and Dave's is lofted - the guys have a collective total of about 90 DVDs and videos, as well as 24 videogames for the three game stations combined.

As if that weren't enough, they switched the standard light tubes in their ceiling lighting with a more college-crowd pleasing alternative: black lights.



This McDaniel room features a couch, a foosball table, a 27-inch TV with a 500-watt Sony surround sound system, and three game systems - Playstation 2, Gamecube, and X-Box.

Adding to the fun is what the guys call "The Quote Board," which is actually a sheet of white poster board taped to the wall; whenever someone in the

room says something funny - "Really funny, not just run-of-the-mill funny," Gene points out - the comment gets written on the board.

For example, one of the

less explicit comments reads as follows: "I love you like a fat kid loves diet and exercise." It's just one of the many interesting aspects of the game room - woops! - dorm room.

SPORTS

Women take on NCAA tourney

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"We have been so successful with a balanced attack," said Coach Martin. "It's much easier to shut down one player, than it is to shut down five players at a time."

The score was 21-19 in favor of the Terror with 6:55 remaining in the first half. Just then McDaniel exploded, going on a 16-3 run to close the half. Frostburg called a timeout with 2:53 on the clock when the score was 27-21. Two minutes later, the score ballooned to 32-21. The score at the half was 37-22. Frostburg recorded just one offensive rebound in the final eight minutes of the half.

"[Rebounding has been] our Achilles heel all season," explained Martin. "We have turned the tables in rebounding, and it is critical to make sure [the opponents] aren't getting second or third attempts."

McDaniel, sometimes called a "second half team," fulfilled their title, increasing their lead to 21 after three minutes had gone by. Then their

Tracy Little began to catch up to McDaniel's speedy team defense, and ended up leading all scorers with 24 points and 7 rebounds. A timeout was called by McDaniel with 15:30 remaining on the clock, the score 45-32.

A series of airballs by both teams preceded a couple of wild shots by Frostburg's Tracie George. It looked as if McDaniel had this game in the books. But soon Frostburg closed the gap to a mere nine points. Brooke Weimar came right back down the court to hit a clutch three-pointer to stretch the lead back to twelve.

Frostburg kept the pressure on. The Bobcats closed the gap to 5, and then 3 with 2:30 remaining. But even a mental error by McDaniel and confused referees could not undo the damage that Kelly Cramp did with her gigantic three-pointer with 2 minutes left.

"[That shot] took a lot of the pressure off," said

Martin. "She just nailed a big shot, and her career has been a succession of big shots. It takes an athlete with confidence and ice in their own veins to set up and make a shot like that."

Kelly Cramp led McDaniel in scoring and rebounding again, with 16 and 10 respectively. Brooke Weimar went for 4-4 on the free-throw line, and Katy Powell finished in 11 points and 6 boards off the bench.

"Kelly has been great," said Martin. "But if they put pressure on her, we know others will step up, take over, and score for us. It's frustrating [for the opposition] when they can't shut down an entire team."

McDaniel moved on to the second round, where they faced first-ranked Scranton (PA). The team gave Scranton a run for their money, but eventually fell to the powerhouse by a score of 72-69.

Mean and Green

Athletes giving Terror a whole new meaning

Kelly Cramp
Women's Basketball



Cramp, senior forward, scored 14 points against Johns Hopkins in the Centennial Conference Semifinals, and then scored 12 in the championship game vs. Dickinson. She also added 12 rebounds against Hopkins. At Dickinson, she grabbed 5 rebounds and 4 assists in 26 minutes of play. She led McDaniel with 16 points and 10 rebounds, hitting on 4 of 8 from behind the arc in a first round win against Frostburg State in the NCAA tournament.

Drew Reinecker
Wrestling



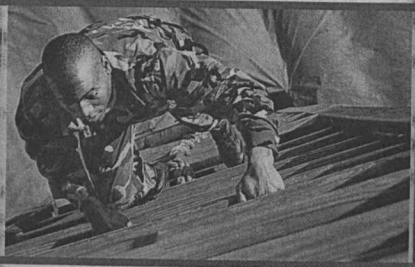
Reinecker, senior wrestler, won the Gold Medal at the Centennial Conference Wrestling Championships at 285. His wins helped lead McDaniel to a second place finish overall. Drew pinned Mike Pattanite of Gettysburg, earning the Chris Clifford Award given to the senior who has earned the most career conference tournament points.

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Despite loss of 7 seniors, baseball starts strong

AMALIE SHAFFER
STAFF WRITER

If there is one thing that Dave Seibert wants everyone to know about the McDaniel baseball team, it is that this season is not a rebuilding year, even though they have lost seven seniors from last season including some who were All-Stars.

"We don't have any re-

turning All-Conference players so everyone is going to have to carry the team concept," said Seibert.

Captain Chad Keller explains that the team's success will depend on how well they work together on the field. He is very confident that the team can be successful this year.

"It will depend on how cohesive we are as a team,"

said Keller. We went onto say that "keeping the starting nine healthy, and quickly allowing our young pitchers to provide us with quality innings," will bring success.

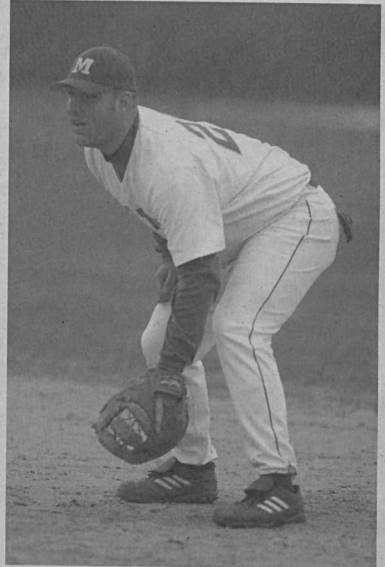
Seibert expects to be in the run for a playoff spot this year if they can get some big wins against Gettysburg College and Johns Hopkins University. The Terror beat Gettysburg once last year, 9-5, but lost to them as well, 8-4. The team also hopes to match up equally with Johns Hopkins, whom they lost to twice last season, 9-2 and 8-1.

With these big hopes, Seibert admits that there is not a lot of depth to the team this year, but he is hoping that everything will fall into place. His biggest concern are injuries that might be caused by a lack of available bench players.

"The young guys are good; they just don't know that they are good," said Keller.

Keller explained that he feels confident that the inexperienced players will "step it up" and provide depth for the team.

Seibert said that the most inexperienced part of the team will be the pitching line up. Although there are four senior pitchers, Tom Marshal, Tyler Stewart, Matt Cornelius and Scott Deitrich (who also plays second base), they do not have a lot of familiarity with game situations. Along with all the other seniors, Keller uniquely defined Thomas Szerlik as a versatile player who brings depth to the skill positions of first base, catcher, and design-



Junior first baseman/pitcher Jimmy Dahlgren.

DAVE SINCLAIR

ated hitter, as well as bringing a solid swing off the bench as a pinch hitter.

Keller also explained that the opposing teams in the Centennial Conference who are ranked preseason two through nine will be in stiff competition, and that by the end of the season, only a few games will separate one team from another. McDaniel figures to be in the middle of the pack after being placed in the lower half

of the standings to start the season because all teams are evenly matched.

Keller explained that he wants to leave the McDaniel baseball program in better condition than when he came into it. The goals he has placed for the team this year, he said, are "lofty," but he is confident they can complete them.

"A 20 win season would be very nice instead of fighting for the playoff spot."



Junior third baseman Kevin Salamone.

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Women's basketball repeats Conference title, gives top team run for money in NCAA tourney

MIKE HABEGGER
SPORTS EDITOR

Just two short weeks ago, the McDaniel College Women's Basketball Team was trying to figure out what seed they would get in the conference tournament, in the hopes that they could have a home game and finish the season strong. That home game was not awarded until the opening round of the NCAA tournament, but to get that far, the Terror showed they have what it takes to play on the road when the stakes are high.

The McDaniel College Women's Basketball Team won the Centennial Conference Championship last Sunday for the second straight year, defeating Johns Hopkins 72-59 in Baltimore on Saturday and Dickinson 70-54 in Carlisle on Sunday, earning a match-up with Frostburg in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

The Championship on Saturday featured a match-up with top-seeded Dickinson. The last time the two teams met, McDaniel beat Dickinson 65-62 on December 7th. Dickinson boasted two players on the first team all-conference: Ally Teaton and renowned shooter Megan Shelley. The Green Terror held Shelley to 11 points on 4-13 shooting, includ-

ing 0-3 from 3-point range. Teaton shot 4-14 and grabbed 12 boards.

"[If a team] has one player as a leading scorer, we believe that playing total team defense will help us succeed," said Head Coach Martin.

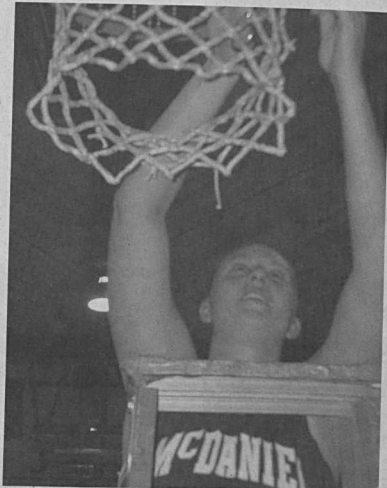
McDaniel wasted no time sticking it to Dickinson, leading 12-1 with 15:00 to go in the first half. Dickinson did not score a field goal during the first eight minutes, and by halftime, the Terror led 33-21.

"Our defensive pressure helps us get off to a good start," said Senior guard Brooke Weimar. "It always turns into points offensively. Earlier in the season, we didn't come out so strong in the first half, but our aggressiveness will continue in to the NCAA's."

Dickinson kept within striking distance in the first half by making foul shots. But McDaniel kept the tempo up and picked apart full-court man with crisp passing to get open looks close to the basket.

"The key [against Dickinson] was that they were overplaying us," said Martin. "So we were able to use backdoor cuts effectively. Passing in basketball is all about deception, involving reads and counter-reads."

The second half was all McDaniel. The Green Terror



Senior forward Jacq Pundt takes her cut at the net following the Terror's Conference Championship victory over Dickinson on Feb. 27.

stretched the lead to 14 with 9:00 to go in the game, and led by 20 with 6:30 left, much to the liking of the student section. The team ended up winning going away 70-54.

Although the "Terror Squad" was rowdy, they did not cause as much commotion

as two parents who got involved with school officials who were monitoring the behavior of the fans in an altercation concerning the striking of a pot with a wooden spoon. The atmosphere of the evening was electric, if not radioactive.

Kelly Cramp scored 12 points on 5-12 shooting with 4 assists to lead McDaniel. Heather Thompson also scored 12 off the bench.

"We have good post players coming off the bench," said freshman Robin Gregg. "Anytime you can take it inside, it's a plus, because you can score points."

The night ended with the team celebrating with the trophy, cutting down the net, and exchanging congratulatory comments with friends, family members, and opposing players.

Saturday's win in the semifinals came against a 21-4, 16-2 Hopkins squad featuring two all-conference players, Ashanna Randall and Ashley Felix. McDaniel held Randall to 8 points while shutting out Felix.

"Felix was really quick and aggressive," said Gregg. "Brooke did a really great job on her."

Both teams began the

game with full-court zone defense. McDaniel jumped out to a significant lead, and never looked back. Hopkins scored 20 points on 8 field goals while McDaniel had 35 points on 13 field goals to lead at halftime.

Brooke Weimar made two 3-pointers to help the Terror pull away.

"I look to pass first," stated Weimar, "but the shots came and I made them without thinking."

McDaniel pulled to the margin of 15 with 11:20 to go in the second half. Brooke Weimar added 2 3-point baskets, one coming in the second half. Hopkins pulled to within 7 of McDaniel with 1:47 to go in the game, and statistically outplayed McDaniel for the entire half. However, Hopkins seniors Ashley Felix and Ashanna Randall fouled out of the game, and watched their basketball careers end from the sidelines as the "McDaniel 6th Man," a.k.a. "The Terror Squad," chanted "overrated."

"It's nice that fans come out and support us," said Weimar. "Usually I try to block [the noise] out, but when the game is almost over, I listen to the crowd to pump me up."

Hopkins quite simply was overwhelmed from the beginning with the speed and efficiency of the balanced attack of the Terror.

"We stress team play," explained Martin. "We look for a good game where 5 or six players can score double figures."

Kelly Cramp led McDaniel with 14 points. Brooke Weimar had 11, and Katy Powell added 10.

Cramp and junior forward Kristy Costa were named to All-Centennial Conference Second Team.

NCAA Tournament Game, 2 March 2005.

From the outset, Wednesday's game against Frostburg State in the first round of the NCAA's was a close contest. Frostburg featured star senior forward Tracy Little, who came into the game averaging 19.2 ppg. This type of superstar attack is very much different from the way the McDaniel plays by spreading the ball all-around. Needless to say, the match-up was very intriguing.

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Howard places 5th at wrestling Nationals, earns All-American label

SPORTS INFORMATION
FROM WEB REPORTS

NORTHFIELD, MN — McDaniel College's Tony Howard finished in fifth place in the 174-pound weight class at the NCAA Division III National Wrestling Championships which wrapped up Saturday evening at St. Olaf College.

Howard was ousted from the championship bracket by the reigning national champion at 174, Joe Moon, of Augsburg College. Moon defeated Howard 7-0 before going on to win his second national championship in as many seasons.

Howard fell in the consolation semifinals by a score of 6-5 to Johnson & Wales' Tim Ruberg, whom he had beaten 8-7 in his first round match on

Friday, but rebounded for a 6-1 win over Wisconsin-Lacrosse's Josh Chelf in the fifth place bout.

Howard closes the season with a 14-3 record, an All-American label, and McDaniel's best showing at Nationals since the 1999 season.

NORTHFIELD, MN —

Unseeded 174-pounder Tony Howard knocked out the fourth and fifth seeded wrestlers in his weight class to become McDaniel's first All-American wrestler since 197-pounder Chris McNally earned the rank in 2002.

Howard earned an 8-7 victory over Johnson & Wales' Tim Ruberg before dispatching the 2003 NCAA 174-pound National Cham-

pion, Cody Koenig from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, 9-7. Howard will face top-seeded Joe Moon of Augsburg on Saturday morning in the semi-finals.

Howard is McDaniel's first semi-finalist since Andy Brenner made his way into the final four in 1999. Brenner was the only semi-finalist in school history.

Drew Reinecker suffered a 9-4 setback in the opening round falling to Pat Bennett of Brockport State. He rallied in the first round of consolations, pinning Ben McReady of Loras at 5:57. Reinecker's All-America hopes were snuffed out in a 4-2 loss in overtime to UW-Stevens Point's Mike Hayes.

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Family Memoirs

Searching through history and writing about your family's past. See story on page 8.



Spring Fling '05

Arrrr, you looking forward to this year's pirate themed event already? See preview on page 4.



What would you title a move about McDaniel. See 60 Seconds on page 4.

INSIDE



Provost Thomas Falkner stands with the Dean from the Budapest campus during Hungarian anniversary celebration. Page 3.



McCris takes a look inside Senior Sarah Reitz's room, decorated to give you the urge to lounge on the bed and read a book. Page 9.



Junior Joey Morningstar is home and recovering well after being hit by a car head on while riding his motorcycle on Route 140 in October. Page 12.

"First year experience" revamped

KATIE MARTIN
CO-EDITOR

In the past, the initial college experience for new McDaniel students involved an on-campus guidance day in the summer and then several days of an orientation program designed to provide a crash course on college life immediately before classes started.

Incoming students next fall will have a different experience.

Students will now make preliminary contacts with peer mentors and faculty advisors and conduct other parts of the transition process, like scheduling and taking placement tests, online. The orientation program for students once they arrive on campus will also be

structured differently.

A First Year Team comprised of Jean Shin, acting associate dean of academic affairs, Sherri Hughes, associate dean of academic affairs and Elizabeth Towle, associate dean of student affairs, has been working with the peer mentor advisory board and first-year seminar faculty to re-examine the first year experience.

"It's really important for the first-year experience to be one where students feel personally connected to the college and to the community," said Shin, who works, specifically for first year students.

After students who plan to enroll submit a deposit, they will receive a letter and litera-

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"Betes" embroiled in hazing situation...again

ROB GOEKE
NEWS EDITOR

The Gamma Beta Chi fraternity was cited for hazing violations last week after Campus Safety officers

"stumbled into" questionable activities in the group's clubroom during a routine patrol.

The fraternity, known as "The Betes," had signed up for a social event Thursday,

March 31, which prompted the regular check, said Amanda Rose, Assistant Director of College Activities and former Greek Residence Life Coordinator.

Incident reports were

not available at press time, but sources said that the clubroom activities involved physical abuse, which the group got in trouble for on campus approxi-

[See Betes continued on page 2]



BSU held fashion show as part of Multicultural Student Weekend 2005

Members of the Black Student Union and other students showed off unique fashions last Saturday in Alumni Hall. The event was part of the weekend that also included dance workshops, academic discussions related to race and diversity and unity games. See more photos on page 2.

Initiatives from Demand for Action forum addressed

JAMES GIBBS
STAFF WRITER

The Demand for Action forum of November 2004 called to improve the McDaniel campus and to make it more ethnically and culturally aware. According to faculty and staff, McDaniel has done just that; but it has a long way to go in order to reach the goals called for in the forum.

The way to this forum itself was paved by an earlier petition and forum. The earlier forum, taking place in April 2004, was brought on by the strong efforts of Krystle Allen, former president of the Black Student Union. She felt that racial tensions on the McDaniel campus were not being properly addressed or even recognized.

"The main premise behind it was the lack of cultural sensitivity," Allen said. "Students address such issues among themselves or within the cultural organizations, but I felt some issues the school should address. McDaniel promotes diversity; and thus, we should bring these issues to the administration because they are the ones that implement

change."

This "lack of cultural sensitivity" ranged from problems with the administration and faculty, abuse and ignorance from fellow students, and even problems in the community surrounding McDaniel. Adam Wooten, current president of the BSU, recounted some problems involving recruitment strategies of fraternities and soror-

ties.

"There are a lot of things, either subliminal or direct," he said, such as "promoting their image with ethnicities not included in the fraternities and sororities. These have always been Caucasian organizations."

And in Shil Lake, president of the Asian Community

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NEWS

"Betes" cited for hazing for second time several years

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To date, "Hazing, 11:08 p.m., Blanche Ward Hall," are the only official details available about the incident, and those details are listed in this edition of the Campus Safety blotter.

"It was a regular check," said Rose, "and Campus Safety stumbled into it."

According to Rose, the Betes will begin an assessment process, similar to what the Phi

Alpha Mu sorority recently experienced, to receive potential disciplinary actions.

Weeks ago, former pledges of Phi Alpha Mu came forward and gave statements to College Activities about hazing in the sorority.

The alleged hazing incidents included sleep deprivation, alcohol abuse, and verbal abuse according to the pledges statements.

A panel comprised of faculty, staff and students re-

viewed the charges against Phi Alpha Mu and handed out disciplinary action last week which, to date, has not been disclosed.

Almost two years to the week, the Betes were embroiled in hazing charges that also involved physical abuse, though the college ultimately dropped the hazing charge and cited the group for various clubroom policy violations.

An entry in the Campus

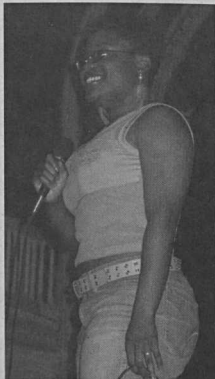
Safety blotter of the April 2, 2003 edition of the McDaniel Phoenix states on March 28, 2003 at 2:30 a.m., a "Fraternity [was] suspected of hazing pledges."

Though the violating fraternity was not named in the Phoenix, this description matches one Rose gave about the Betes, when they were cited for hazing during the pledge period in the Spring Semester 2003.

The Free Press made at-

tempts to reach members of the Betes, and received either no answer or "No comment" responses.

The Free Press was unable to obtain Campus Safety's incident report because, according to Campus Safety, the "student judicial investigation is currently ongoing" and therefore, official records of the incident are not open to the public at this time.



Members of the BSU participate in various skits during the annual fashion show, hosted by MC Felicia Donealon (center). Photos by Sarah Black and the Office of Multicultural Services.

First year student transition process revamped

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ture about how to set up an email account and use blackboard and the archway.

The blackboard site entitled "My First Year," provides incoming students all the information they used to get through the mail and at guidance days, as well as additional perks - like a photo tour of Rouzer, Shin said.

"We wanted to take advantage of not just our improvements in technology, but also the fact that students are increasingly online," Shin said. "To communicate that way is sort of the easiest way to do things now. We are taking advantage of a wave of technology and students who are used to that technology."

Shin said the team also saw an opportunity to begin the advising and registration process much earlier.

Students enrolled for next fall must submit their top choices out of 32 first-year seminar classes by June 1 and register between June 27-30.

Phillip Sayre, Dean of Student Affairs, said even though there were concerns about losing face-to-face contact, there are advantages to the electronic transition process.

Being able to communicate online and through email allows for more meaningful consultation with the first year seminar faculty members who are students' advisors, Sayre said. Having students meet and create a schedule with a faculty mem-

ber who wasn't necessarily going to be their advisor was one of the problems with the guidance days.

Now incoming students will also arrive on campus one day earlier for orientation, making the orientation experience five days long. However, there will not necessarily be as many planned orientation activities.

"We are trying to keep orientation focused on the critical things," Sayre said.

In the spirit of cutting back to the basics, there was some discussion about removing the play Choices from the schedule.

Sayre said the play originally started in the mid to late 1980s as a look at

healthy living, including alcohol use, STDs and AIDS in particular. But, he said he felt that over the years the play had lost its message in favor of shock value.

Sophomore Chris DeRose described the student created and directed play Choices as a laugh-out-loud funny play about serious topics that gives students a chance to feel comfortable confronting difficult, often taboo issues.

When DeRose heard that the play might be nixed, he started a petition that asked students to "help save Choices." He said after the first day he had more than 360 signatures of students, and even some faculty and staff.

"We would be up for

it if they wanted us to do certain other things with Choices, but to scrap it completely to us is just out of the question," DeRose said. "To lose the basic values that it brings across and to lose the comical aspect would be horrible."

After realizing the importance of the play to students through discussions last week, Sayre said it was decided to keep Choices in the schedule. He said that a committee was also formed to get in touch with possible directors and to look at providing some more direction and make some modifications with the production.

Sayre said that the specific content of some orientation programs has yet to be decided, but some traditional features will remain, like Mike Greene's alcohol awareness talk.

A "common academic experience" will be added to the program, such as a speaker who has published material that students read in advance, Sayre said.

There is also discussion of having a diversity program during the week, and several others during the semester.

Other possible changes include replacing the Four Seasons trip with similar recreation activities on-campus and having three departmental open house sessions so students can find out about different areas of study on campus.

Campus Safety blotter

| Occurred from Date | Subcategory | Type | Building Name | Incident Status |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 3/5/05 9:00 p.m. | tampering w/fire extinguisher | structure | Rouzer Hall | inactive |
| 3/6/05 2:20 a.m. | vandalism | structure | Penn. Ave. Houses | open |
| 3/8/05 1:02 a.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | Whiteford Hall | closed by report |
| 3/10/05 1:08 a.m. | drug violation | possession | Rouzer Hall | pending court result |
| 3/19/05 6:00 p.m. | vandalism | structure | North Village | inactive |
| 3/24/05 11:00 p.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | McDaniel Hall | closed by report |
| 3/25/05 3:00 a.m. | vandalism | structure | McDaniel Hall | closed by report |
| 3/25/05 4:12 a.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | Blanche Ward Hall | pending court result |
| 3/26/05 1:37 a.m. | drug violation | possession | Penn. Ave. Houses | pending court result |
| 3/26/05 6:30 p.m. | burglary | forcible entry | WMC Alumni Hall | open |
| 3/31/05 1:20 a.m. | tampering w/fire extinguisher | | ANW Hall | inactive |
| 3/31/05 11:08 p.m. | hazing | | Blanche Ward Hall | report incomplete |
| 4/1/05 1:29 a.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | Rouzer Hall | report complete |

Applications to McDaniel increase from last year

ROB GOEKE
NEWS EDITOR

At the start of fall semester 2004, McDaniel welcomed a relatively small first-year class of only 361 students. However, a rise in received first-year applications this year will likely lead to a bigger first year class on August 24.

According to Dean of Admissions Martha O'Connell, 2,229 first-year applications have been received this year, compared with 2,000 received in 2004 and 1,969 received in 2003.

Also, the demographics of the application pool at McDaniel are changing.

O'Connell noted that now, 30% of applicants are from private high schools, an increase from 10% in 2001.

Since the name change occurred two years ago, McDaniel has been more readily identified as a private institution.

"The feedback we have received since the name change is that we are now recognized as a private college and many students attending private high schools are interested in private colleges during their search process," said O'Connell.

As to the reasons behind the increase, O'Connell noted the improved market-

ing efforts of the Admissions Department.

"We increased outreach with the Maryland Distinguished Scholars program, modified our marketing with radio and print ads, and expanded our Colleges That Change Lives coverage," said O'Connell.

In response to the smaller first year class this year, which was 94 students smaller than the first year class of 2003, the way prospective student tours are conducted.

Stephanie DeSanctis, Associate Director of Admissions, was responsible for the tour changes.

"This decision was reached after reviewing evaluations from visiting families as well as during conversations with our colleagues from other small colleges," said DeSanctis. "Since prospective students aren't able to meet all 1,600 McDaniel students we wanted to provide them with more than one student's perspective of their experience."

Each tour now includes two student tour guides, instead of one, like the old system. The Admissions office wanted to give interested students a better perspective.

"Many students that come from significant dis-

tances to visit campus are unable to come back prior to making their final college choice. As a result, the people the student meets during that one visit has to provide as much information and individual perspectives as possible," said DeSanctis.

Senior Heather Kirkwood, who has been a student tour guide for all four of her years here, noted the positive reaction of prospective students and their families in comparison to the past system.

"Parents and kids always comment on how the use of two tour guides is unique and surprising," said Kirkwood. "Everyone is really complimentary."

College, ambassador celebrate Hungarian anniversary

BAYLEY FANNIN
FEATURES EDITOR

Before the red ribbon entering into the newly named "Budapest Café" was cut, Provost Thomas Falkner addressed the crowd of faculty, staff, and students, assembled to kick off the 10th anniversary celebration of the McDaniel Budapest Program saying he'd hoped the renaming ceremony would put everyone in a "Hungarian mood."

"We were trying to think of a way to remind everyone of the Budapest campus and for those of us who have been there know it's a café culture," Falkner said looking around at

the new decorations. "What better way to connect with the Budapest campus?"

Falkner pointed out the ancient looking photographs of old Hungarian cafes and the famous Fisherman's Lookout, as well as the Hungarian posters and the National flag on the walls.

The weeklong 10th anniversary celebration, sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs and hosted by McDaniel College, began with the renaming of the "Campus Corner" on Tuesday, March 22, followed by the film "A Kind of America" a romantic comedy about a Hungarian television com-

mmercial director.

The climax of the celebration was Thursday night when András Simonyi, Hungarian Ambassador to the United States, was on campus to deliver a lecture entitled *The Role of Hungary in Strengthening Transatlantic Relations*.

Keeping with the theme of the week, Ambassador Simonyi spoke of the U.S. Hungarian relationship as being one of Democracy and Freedom. He compared Hungary to the U.S. using the examples such as how Rock and Roll made its way to the Hungarians from the U.S. and their acceptance of a de-

mocracy from a dictatorship.

Ambassador Simonyi also spoke of Hungary's future, a future that will be based on the differences leaders make and their relationship to the U.S.

Simonyi suggested that the most important role that America can play is to support the Hungarians with both their finances and more importantly their attitude.

Since not everyone is required to study abroad, this week-long celebration was not only to observe the 10th anniversary of the McDaniel Budapest Campus, but to also highlight the importance of cross cultural relations.



Provost Thomas Falkner stands with the Dean from the Budapest campus. Jennifer Purry contributed to this article.

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Coalition, also had some personal problems involving faculty.

"A janitor once asked me where I came from," said Lake, who was born in Korea but adopted into the US at the age of three months. "He kept asking me if I knew Korean, and after I said no, he asked me 'why not?' repeatedly."

But there are also awkward, and sometimes hostile situations involving other students.

"A friend once said that his religion didn't allow for homosexuality," Lake said, "but it was okay because he wasn't a racist and didn't judge people."

Additionally, there was an incident in November of 2003 where an African American student was beaten and verbally abused by a Caucasian male (the "Baja Beach Club Incident"). The assaulting student was suspended from the college. He was arrested and brought to trial in Spring 2004, but the court later acquitted him. This was one of the events that fueled the April 2004 petition and forum.

The Demand for Action forum, taking place in November 2004, was spearheaded by Allen, Karina Havrilla, presi-

dent of the Hispano-Latino Alliance, and Faniska Gonzales-Lopez. The forum-attended by the BSU, MSA, HLA, Asian Community Coalition, Jewish Student Union, Women's Issues, Allies, the Christian Fellowship, and Residence Life - cited many complaints. Some issues concerned the lack of representation and accessibility for the Office of Multicultural Services (which had been hidden away in Elderidge hall), the lack of multicultural awareness in the curriculum (Heritage sequences had been predominantly European-centric) and the lack of good "town gown" relations (some students had felt mistreated by businesses around the campus).

But what has resulted from all of the efforts and commotion?

"I think that there has been tremendous progress," said Henry Reiff Dean of Academic Affairs, "but not enough to satisfy" the original goals.

One of the most notable changes has been the improvement of the Office of Multicultural Services. The office has become much more noticeable in its new location

near the Commuter Lounge and Rouzer Hall. In addition to the new office space, the current head of OMS, Zephia Bryant, now has a working staff of four graduate students to assist her. The amount of programs has increased, and day-to-day interaction with students has become a much easier process.

"McDaniel is far behind its sister schools (schools in similar economic and demographic setting) or other centennial schools," Bryant said, "but we are working towards increasing services and adding programs."

In addition to adding programs, the Demand for Action forum also facilitated a re-assessment of the current Heritage sequences and BLARs at McDaniel. The traditionally European-centric sequence now includes segments from other cultures.

There are many new courses that fulfill BLARs that McDaniel is introducing, including: A two semester Basic Arabian language sequence, and two new history courses - "The Chinese Renaissance" and "Gender and the Family in China." A new first year seminar course is also planned, "Topics in Af-

rican-American Culture."

Reiff and Bryant's plans also involve educating and establishing a more ethnically aware faculty; recent faculty meetings have addressed the issues of ethnicity. Also, new hires are selected with the goal of diversification in mind; and a new faculty orientation program is tailored to ethnic understanding and education.

And Dean Philip Sayre, head of Student Affairs, expressed concern about the surrounding community and how businesses sometimes mistreat students of different ethnicities.

"[McDaniel College] is an important component of this town and should assure good relations for its students," he said. "If students feel a connection to the town, they might feel more comfortable and more supported."

But many have stated that, although they're glad to see progress, it goes slowly.

"The people that come to these forums are already aware," said In Shil Lake, "and people that need to know [about racial problems] are not."

Adam Wooten echoed a similar sentiment. "Unifica-

tion is not promoted enough," he said. "Events thrown by the minority groups on this campus generally do not have a high attendance of the majority. Thus, we are divided as a student body."

How universal attendance of multicultural events could be encouraged is difficult - perhaps professors or even the administration could urge or require attendance to more multicultural events. First-Year orientation programs do include racial awareness segments - such as last year's "Faces of America" program, which dealt with multicultural issues - right alongside other campus issues, like sexuality responsibility and alcoholism. But perhaps other programs could raise awareness as well.

But the forums will continue; the efforts of the multicultural community continued with last month's "Keepin' it Real" forum, and more are planned for the future, the goal of which is to educate more and more people about racial sensitivity.

"Furthermore," as Allen wrote in the 2004 petition, "addressing these issues would uphold the First Principles of McDaniel College. McDaniel is known to educate men and women to think and act.

It's that time of year again.....Spring Fling '05

TAYLOR HEBDEN
STAFF WRITER

Yarr, where's me buried treasure! Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum! Don't be surprised if this type of pirate banter escapes your mouth at this year's Spring Fling.



On Sat. April 23, from 2-7 p.m. in the quad, McDaniel College is hosting a pirate theme Spring Fling.

For those of you not familiar with Spring Fling at McDaniel, it is a day filled with novelties, giveaways, food, and live music.

Many students at McDaniel look forward to Spring Fling all year.

"Spring fling is the most fun they will let you have on campus...ever," said Senior Laura Bennett.

"Spring Fling is the best. People just get drunk and have a lot of fun," said sophomore A.J. Lewis.

Even Mike

Webster, director of Campus Safety concedes "Spring Fling is always a good time."

Spring Fling is a giant event with a big price tag. This year's event will cost approximately \$14,000, according to Amanda Rose, advisor of the Greek life council.

So with all the money they spend on this event, what can we expect?

"For the first time we'll be bringing 'Inflatable Twister' that will fit up to 10 people on the board," Special Events Chair, Sally Penner stated through e-mail. "For the first time there will also be the 'Sports

Equalizer,' which is a competitive bungee chord inflatable on which two people attached to one bungee will run in different directions to attempt dunking a basketball."

Other Spring Fling novelties will include the treasure of the Caribbean obstacle course, the Rock'em Sock'em, the velcro wall, henna tattoos, a palm reader, photo telescopes, and sandy candy.

As for the live entertainment this year, there will be two bands and a Canadian comedian as the last act of the night. The two bands set up to perform are a 7-piece cover band from DC

called *Radio Mime*, and a well known Baltimore reggae band called *Jah Works*.

The week leading up to Spring Fling is also cause for excitement. Starting Monday, April 18, until Spring Fling, the college will hold different fun activities every night. Monday is movie night, Tuesday is build-a-bear night, Wednesday is comedy night, Thursday is karaoke night, and Friday has three events, which include, laser tag, a pool party, and a Mr. McDaniel Contest sponsored by Alpha Nu Omega.

So get out your eye patch and get ready for a Spring Fling you won't soon forget.

"Spring fling is the most fun they will let you have on campus...ever,"
Senior Laura Bennett

You want a revolution? We can change the world

JILL STONE
STAFF WRITER

For those who never thought they could make a difference in the world, think again. Even the slightest step toward change for the better is a step in the right direction, explains senior Colleen Leary.

Until recently, Leary had signed the occasional petition and she had always prided herself for being an individual. She knew that more needed to be done to create awareness of troubles in the world, especially after her Jan Term trip to "Coastal California," where she learned about protests in San Francisco.

That trip, she said, really opened her eyes to a world "bigger than McDaniel."

Concerned about issues such as war, the environment, America's false sense of security, Leary planned a series of awareness meetings which began March 2.

She worried that the general student apathy at McDaniel, might keep attendance down.

Leary plastered campus walls with fliers that stated "Peace, Social Justice, Environment." Bordering the picture of the interlocking hands, was also the statement "Apathy is a curse, but who cares? We Do."

Or at least we should, Leary contends.

Even while a record crowd poured into Gill gymnasium for the women's basketball team's first game in the NCAA tournament, Leary's meeting was a success.

In fact, there was as Leary called it "an exciting turnout."

Leary and Professor Jennie Walker met members from the Amnesty International group, Women's Issues, and the Peace Club.

They also had a surprise visit from community activist, Pam Zappardino from the Zepp Center.

During the first meeting, several participants offered suggestions to raise understanding and to promote at future meetings.

Leary's group will have an active part during Dr. Elie Wiesel's April 18 visit.

Introducing issues that may directly affect campus, as well as issues that affect human society as a whole, the group plans to circulate catchy fliers through campus mail to draw more people into the meetings, and perhaps start a little "revolution" of their own in their quest to better the world.

They've dubbed the group name "The Revolution."

Because Leary plans to bring to life the issues concerning the world today, she

hopes that apathy on McDaniel will become a thing

of the past, and change will be in the air.



COLLEEN LEARY

Elie Wiesel will share his message of peace

STAFF REPORT

"...One person can make a difference, a difference between life and death." When Dr. Elie Wiesel accepted the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986, his acceptance speech highlighted the need for activism. Wiesel will bring a similar message to the McDaniel College campus Monday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. during convocation in his honor.

Wiesel will be accepting an honorary degree that

evening and then share his message of peace and social justice. At press time, college administrators were still in planning stages for the big event, but members of the campus community are encouraged to go to President Joan Develin Coley's office by April 8 to pick up tickets. Though the event is free, a ticket is required for admittance because the college is expecting a big crowd.

Tickets not claimed by April 8 will be made available to the public.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a young person, age 16 to 23, with them to hear Dr. Wiesel's message.

Wiesel is the Andrew W. Mellon Professor in Humanities at Boston University and the honorary chair of The Interpreters' Forum in residence at McDaniel College.

Wiesel is the author of more than 40 books of fiction and non-fiction, including "Beggars in Jerusalem," "The Testament," "The Fifth Son" and two volumes of his memoirs.

Wiesel was born in 1928 in Sighet, Transylvania, now a part of Romania. He was 15 years old when he and his family were deported by the Nazis to Auschwitz. His mother and younger sister perished, his two older sisters survived. Elie and his father were later transported to Buchenwald, where his father died shortly before the camp was liberated in April 1945.

After the war, Elie Wiesel studied in Paris and later became a journalist. During an interview with the

distinguished French writer, Francois Mauriac, he was persuaded to write about his experiences in the death camps. The result was his internationally acclaimed memoir "La Nuit" or "Night," which has since been translated in more than 30 languages.

An American citizen since 1963, Elie Wiesel lives in New York with his wife and son.

*All biographical information about Elie Wiesel came from a press release that cites the web site of The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity.

COMMENTARY

Can you hear me now?

McDaniel students talking about issues that affect them

Meet Andras Simonyi

Hungarian ambassador knows how to rock

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Last Thursday, I had the pleasure of attending McDaniel



College's 10th Anniversary of its campus in Budapest, Hungary. The school was founded in 1994. As of 2005, 161 Hungarian students have completed their studies on the Maryland campus, and have graduated.

The guest speaker that night was the Honorable Andras Simonyi, the Hungarian Ambassador to America. For those of you who think that Mr. Simonyi is a boring politician who is stuck up, think again! He is a down-to-earth guy who not only has an electric guitar, but he holds rock concerts occasionally at the Hungarian Embassy in Washington DC. I should know, because I went to one, where I met him. My dad's radio company has business in Budapest, and it was a sponsor of the concert. Before the speech, I was too shy to re-introduce myself, so Dean Reiff did, and Mr. Simonyi said

I was as pretty as ever. I did blush, and you would too, if a high-ranking official from Europe remembered you!

Once the speech started, Mr. Simonyi thanked the Board of Trustees at McDaniel for starting the Budapest program, as well as the people who helped make it happen. He also went on to say that the Hungarians had come a long way over the last 10-15 years, thanks to the Americans who brought over business opportunities, so that the country could become a democracy, as well as a model for the other European countries.

He also said that even though the west did not intervene in 1945 and in 1952, the Hungarians would not hold that against us. However, he did go on to say that the GOP needed to stop acting like they could handle the "hard" stuff, like wars on their own. That America needed to start trading more ideas, science and technology with Europe, so both Hungary and America would grow to be stronger, as well as the fact that America would grow closer to its European allies.

Mr. Simonyi also went

on to say that American Rock and Roll music, helped to bring down the Iron Curtain, because it united the Hungarian youth with a message that things could change for the better. He also stated that when he was a teen-ager, his father gave him a radio to listen to the "forbidden" stations like BBC and ABC. At the time, the Communist regime severely limited freedoms that people in America take for granted.

After the speech was over, he was kind enough to take questions, and I asked when he was holding the next rock concert was being held. He laughed, and told me that he did have a day job, and that he didn't know. After several more questions, he called it a night, and received a lovely round of applause.

I have to admit, Ambassador Simonyi made many excellent points about Hungary's relationship with America. I hope that he comes back to visit soon and that he holds a rock concert, because I know that would be fun for everyone! People would see that even an ambassador from Hungary knows how to have fun.

Closing Decker Early

Why Cruel World?

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Walking around the McDaniel College Campus can be quite novel. The lamp-posts, the brick walkways, the sound of music and laughter, it is wonderful – but not for a junior at 12:30 a.m. in the morning.

A late night Sheetz run or a quick trip to Wawa means two very devastating things: one, your parking space has disappeared and the hunt begins for the elusive McDaniel college student parking space. Secondly, Decker College Center now closes early.

Walking back from the ANW parking lot to Whiteford Hall with my Sheetz food in hand no longer feels as victorious. By the time I have trudged up the stairs, through the parking lot, past the quad, beyond the locked entrances to Decker in front of information desk, down the long stairs that lead to Whiteford and then back up the stairs to the fourth floor – my food is extremely cold.

This long and painful walk may seem to be nothing more than the angst of a lazy college kid, but it is much more than that. Why must Decker College Center close earlier?

The explanation given to the students blamed the early lockdown on the high amount of vandalism occurring in Decker. Last time I checked, vandalism occurred in every dormitory, all year round. This is college, and as pathetic as it may sound – vandalism happens. You cannot shut down the dormitories, so I ask, of all the places to close early, why Decker? Campus Safety is located IN

Decker.

On the first night I discovered the premature closing of Decker, I entered the door that leads to campus safety, down the hall past Glar and outside of the forum. Unfortunately, I quickly learned that I could not use Decker as a shortcut. I asked the Campus Safety personnel why Decker was closed. A Campus Safety officer, sitting, very relaxed, informed me of the recent occurrences of vandalism that could not be controlled in Decker. Wonder why...

I suppose exercise would be beneficial. I suppose that the amount of vandalism will decrease. I suppose I will not die of frostbite or from a crazy Westminster Westmonster coming after me from Pennsylvania Avenue.

Just as I have to all of the things that have changed on campus over the past three years, I will adapt slowly. I have learned to enjoy the North Village apartments and the Pub's coffee house. I remember a time when neither existed, when most students still sported Western Maryland College sweatshirts. It was a time when there was a tiny parking lot next to ANW and the quad was not destroyed by construction and white plastic fencing.

With each new change comes the sinking feeling that I am growing up way too fast to keep up anymore. I can almost see myself holding my back thinking, "I am too old for this," as I take the dreaded walk from my car to Whiteford, all the while shaking my fist at my beloved Decker College Center – locked tightly.

Gun control: Prudent or negligent?

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Americans use firearms to defend themselves from criminals about 760,000 times a year. It is more likely to be a victim in a violent crime than a victim in an auto accident. In one year 1,400 more deaths from choking, 3,100 more deaths associated with drowning, and 11,500 more deaths intragall falls than deaths from fatal firearm accidents. It is very often remarked by gun owners that if you were to call the police and call and order a pizza at the same time you would be done eating your pizza before the police arrived.

The statements mentioned all have something in common. Each one shows a reason why strict gun control laws, especially those placed upon law-abiding citizens, are not necessary. People oppose the right for citizens to possess guns for three main reasons; potentially inflammation in crime, ignorance to gun safety, and the belief that protection is solely the job of the police

force. On the contrary, the civilian possession of a firearm has shown to be a very effective in the decreased crime rates. At one point Washington D.C. enacted a law that was virtually a ban on handguns. Within the fifteen years that these laws were enforced Washington D.C.'s homicide rate leaped 200%, as compared to the U.S. rate as a whole, which rose only 12%. The positive effect of civilian gun possession was also proven when ten states, right-to-carry laws were adopted and resulted in tremendous success. Annually, there was only one more accidental gun death, and crime rates dropped to 316 less murders, 939 less rapes, and 14,702 less aggravated assaults.

The police are here to serve and protect the citizens, but they can only do so much. The ratio of police officers compared to citizens is proof enough alone that police cannot provide proper safety for all law

biding citizens. Police serve to prevent crimes to subdue criminals, but they cannot be considered personal bodyguards and are not legally responsible to protect specific individuals. In conclusion to the proceedings, the police force is minuscule to the population of citizens, therefore these of keeping weapons in a secure location inside the confines of your house is vital, and can be life saving.

Accidents are unavoidable, and happen everyday. Accidents can cause death in many more cases than just a unintentional event with firearms. Deaths from accidents doing many other common things such as swimming or driving are statistically proven to be more likely to harm or kill someone than accidents involving guns. Risk is a part of life, so why ban guns because they may carry risk when they more so provide protection and save lives more often than accidentally take them?

Have an Opinion?

If you would like to share your thoughts about issues that affect you as a McDaniel College student, send submissions for the commentary section to freepress@mcdaniel.edu. Submissions should include your name, email and/or phone number.

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Do a dance, take a chance, throw that trash away

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The students of McDaniel College come here for different reasons. Reasons like money, education quality, location, and the beauty of the campus. Nobody would have come to school here if there were piles of cigarette butts, or hamburger packaging, or everyone's month-old history papers flying about.

With that in mind, why do people who have chosen to come here, in part due to the beautiful scenery, suffer a dirty campus? After only a little bit of effort and time none of the college community will ever have to look at a dirty campus.

Every day, every person who is part of the McDaniel Community should pick up five pieces of trash on campus.

"That is so gross. Picking up cigarette butts is not a sanitary activity." That is so not an excuse. No grossness an excuse for any type of trash.

The only issue would be finding a trash can to use and that is a problem that the college needs to address. But if people would pick up the trash wherever they happened to be, and then even if they have to walk a ways to find a trash can, there would surely be a sink and soap nearby to wash any possible germs or bacteria from one's hands.

Every one can pick up trash and every one does pick their nose. The time it takes to properly pick one's nose could be equated to picking a piece of trash off the ground and placing it in a trash can. Instead of picking at your nose, you can bend over and flex the digits of a finger and

thumb, firmly grasping a piece of trash instead of a booger.

Then instead of dragging the snot out and flicking it, merely carry the trash in one hand along whatever walking course one might be on, and deposit the little bit of trash into a waste can. Like so much flicked mucus the trash left on the ground piles up and is very disgusting.

The people who drop the trash because they feel like it, are boogers themselves. With more trash cans around campus the people that are too lazy, too disgusting, or too lame to drop the trash into waste receptacles will really be seen as the boogers they are.

Cleaning up trash is not a new idea on this campus. There is a campus clean up day, where volunteers spend four hours of their Sunday cleaning up cigarette butts. Within weeks the campus is filthy again. When everyone picks up five pieces of trash every day, there will be no need for a few people to donate four hours on some Sunday to cleaning. Even more effective than picking up trash every day, is to not litter at all.

Because that might be to big of a step for some people, picking up five pieces of trash every day for those wonderful people who read this and agree will work. What might happen is that people who do litter will watch others picking up their trash and feel bad, stop littering and join the effort. That would be cool.

When friends come to visit the campus they would be sure to say, "Wow your campus is beautiful! How does it ever stay so trash free?" And you could calmly reply in a no nonsense tone that "With a mere few min-

utes out of my every day I get some trash off the ground and place it in a receptacle for such things. Am I not great?"

The conversation could continue from there along various paths, but with the point already made.

With minimal involvement, the people of McDaniel community can make a substantial difference in the beauty of the campus and a small, but very important, difference in the cleanliness of the world on a whole.

Seeing that difference, friends and relatives would see what a group of people working together can accomplish. He or she may even be inspired to start the same process in their home, creating a self-perpetuating cycle of helping the Earth.

In helping the Earth we can all feel better about ourselves. By picking up trash every day there will be a recognizable difference to the beauty of the campus.

As an example of how this should obviously be the right way for everyone to act there is Isabel. Isabel, a faculty child, is three years old, and already does her part by picking up trash on her way to life. She picks up trash whenever she sees it and without any encouragement, carries it to a trash can. She has commented on how far it was to the trash can, which is a serious issue.

If Isabel gets it, college students must be able to understand, especially if McDaniel College will help by placing more trash cans strategically about campus.

By using a minuscule bit of time there can be a huge bit of difference, which will then attract more cool people who think that the campus now looks beautiful, and then they keep the cycle going, and help the Earth, and what a great thing that would be. Hurrah!

COMMENTARY

There's no shame in ensuring accountability

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Jayson Blair stands out in most people's minds as the young journalist at *The New York Times* who was fired in 2003 for fabricating numerous



stories. Some people may not realize that Blair was also once the editor of University of College Park's renowned newspaper, *The Diamondback*, and was one of the university's most cel-

ebrated students.

My friend, a sophomore at the school of journalism at College Park, is currently taking a media ethics course. In a recent conversation with him I casually brought up the topic of how his professors went about covering the Blair incident due to its obviously sensitive nature. His answer was simple: they don't.

That's right. Students attending College Park's school of journalism will graduate without ever being educated on what Blair did, arguably the most important case in the history of media ethics, and the possible reasons for why he

succumbed to the temptation to plagiarize. In doing so, the school does not recognize that it may have had some part in the issue by pushing Blair into a position it had not adequately prepared him for.

I am not writing this commentary to criticize College Park's blatant negligence and its ironic ethical lapse. Rather, I use this case simply as an example of why self-accountability is an important attribute for any institution of higher education to possess.

Ignoring problems is so simple to do. Baseball did it for years, and everything was fine.

The repercussions, however, always come after it is too late to do anything

about them. Once any situation becomes escalated to the point that intervention is an absolute necessity, it is already past the point of reconciliation.

It is with this reality in mind that the staff of this newspaper chooses to cover the highs and the lows of this campus.

Some may see the paper as simply a booster for the college; something that could be handed to prospective students to encourage them to come here. Yet there are constantly things happening that need to be put on the record so we can hold ourselves accountable and inevitably make this college a better place.

Our aim is not to sensationalize the "juicy" events happening on our campus. Rather, we take great precaution in ensuring that the stories we publish are actually going to matter; that we aren't simply passing on gossip. Through a decision-making process, we often decide to not cover things that could theoretically make interesting news.

We cannot pretend like our problems are simply nonexistent. We owe it to ourselves, the school's alumni, and future students to ensure that all issues are brought to the surface and corrected as expeditiously as possible. It may be a difficult process, but it is the responsible thing to do.

Food allegiances: Glar, Slurpees, and Happy Hour

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The other week for St. Patrick's day I went out to Bennigan's for dinner and ordered the Kilkenny's Country Chicken Wrap with a side of fries. To drink, I had a Guinness.



It was pretty good.

My palate isn't sensitive enough to tell the difference between Coke and Pepsi, but I know the distinction between Coors and Miller.

Papa John's can cook up a decent pepperoni pizza, but selling the 10-inch version at

Wizard's games for thirteen bucks just isn't right.

For most of us, eating is a task that must be undertaken every few hours. It can't be avoided, just like an econ final, watching basketball, and drinking on a Friday night (well for me anyway). When it comes to food, we all have our allegiances.

The Safeway is right up the street, so that's where I do my shopping. Giant is the only place in Westminster that sells Orangina, which some considering the Cadillac of orange soda, so that pulls in a few customers.

Generally, I like to go out to Applebee's for dinner. I don't know if it's the Philly cheese steak wrap, the orange chicken skillet,

the 32-ounce Brewtus, or "eatin' good in the neighborhood," but they've suckered me in.

Other eateries rely on tactics that are much more subversive. Around noon each day and from five to seven p.m. every evening, McDaniel's dining hall is swarming with hungry college students. Everyone I know has their "favorite" Glar delicacy, but that's just a relative term. It's not a true allegiance, we just have no where else to go.

My girlfriend had never tasted an actual Slurpee until a week or so ago. This was the result of a long-standing relationship with Wawa and their two slurpee flavors, blueberry and cherry. Wawas are native to the Garden State, and were the only 24-

hour all-purpose convenience store/ frozen sugar and water distributor she had ever known. Needless to say, after sampling 7-11's selection of slurpees including white cherry, Coca-Cola, diet Pepsi, strawberry kiwi, Sponger Bob's pineapple under the sea, and grape Fanta she was hooked.

Of course, college students cannot survive on slurpee alone, and that brings me to one of the greatest innovations of the modern era, Happy Hour. You can find a happy hour almost anywhere, and on Friday in Westminster you can find college students at almost any happy hour.

Happy Hour is definitely built forming.

Whether it's Maggie's, Maria's, Johansson's, or any

of the chain restaurants like Lone Star, Texas Roadhouse, or Ruby Tuesdays, there will be appetizers and discount beer aplenty. I'm not sure if four drafts and ten buffalo wings make up a square meal, but it has to be pretty damn close.

As I said, we all have our food allegiances. For me it's the sloppy joes in Glar, a dinner out at Applebees, or a Happy Hour with friends on a Friday evening. Are Glar sloppy joes really that good? Probably not. Last time I checked Applebees wasn't a five star restaurant, and I just like a good deal on draft beer. Maybe they come from routine, or comfort. With Glar, it's because there's no where else to go.

Do tastes evolve and become more sophisticated over time? I hope so, but at least 7-11 is closer than Wawa.

Terri Schiavo and the greater good; One life or 1,000

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If Terri Schiavo could, she would vomit out of disgust and knock some heads. First on her list would be that damn husband.



'Til death do us part? Ha. She never said he could go off and have children with another woman while she was still breathing. Next, would be every camera crew, making her whole situation into "Survivor: Pinellas Park." She never wanted this. All she ever wanted was to live (or die) in peace.

The answers to the questions surrounding Schiavo's case seem simple, but that simplicity

all depends on the questions you ask.

Who's more valuable? One thousand lives or one? Depends on who the one is. The true question should be phrased right: Who's more valuable? Schiavo or the 1000 people killed in the earthquake in Indonesia? Marinade on that for a little.

This isn't about euthanasia or right to life. This is about life. The value of it.

But what does Terri have to do with the earthquake in Indonesia? Everything. If you watch CNN, the one is more important than the 1000.

Want to dispute it? Turn on the tube, watch Wolf. Sure they tell stories about the destruction and horror. Registered 8.7, they

say. Disaster all over again. But the moment an update about Terri Schiavo came through, it was all about her. Someone was giving an update on the status of relief efforts the day after the earthquake, but a press conference with the Schiavo family was going on at the same time. The talking head cut off the relief organizer cold and went right to the press conference. The one outweighs the thousand. Is this right?

You can be on either side of the debates surrounding Terri, but you know she isn't more important than all the people who died from the quake. I don't care what issues she raises about the morality of America or the culture war going on in America. She's one. They're one thousand (and probably more).

We should care about

both cases, but many of our brothers and sisters died in Indonesia. One died in Florida. The more is always more important.

Don't tell G. Dubs that though. He flew across country to sign a bill to try to help Terri. It is good that he went through the trouble to help out one citizen. But, how much effort is he going to put to help out all the people that just died. Probably not a hundredth of what he put into helping Terri. Is this right? Nope.

Terri isn't to blame. She can't help where she's at. We are the culprits, the mother@s#@&s. We all made her situation worse.

Truth is this: If Terri wasn't American and white, CNN wouldn't flash away quite as quick to report new details about her health.

Truth is this: Terri isn't the issue. The issue is the issue, ya dig? The protesters tell you they care about Terri staying alive. That's bull. All they care about getting their voice out and politicizing. Tick you off? It should.

It was hell all over again. After three months of trying to get their lives back together, trying to cope with the loss of their loved ones, trying to understand a tragedy that made 9/11 seem like a blip. God went and ruined them again.

Dealing with adversity once is courage. Twice is insanity. But the earthquake-tsunami-earthquake combination they experienced just isn't newsworthy enough for CNN. But one American life is.

Marinate on that for a little.

FEATURES

Students embrace newly-acquired U.S. citizenships

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Since last semester, the United States of America, and McDaniel College, gained two new citizens. After over a year and a half of paperwork, interviews, studying, tests, and waiting, junior Arpineh Mehrabi and senior Mayra Vasquez became naturalized American citizens in December and February, respectively.

Arpineh, a Psychology/Sociology major, gained her citizenship on December 17, 2004. She is originally from Tehran, Iran, but has lived in the US with her parents since she was five.

Arpineh is grateful to have completed the long process.

"It feels great! I guess I don't really feel much different

though because the U.S. has been my home for so long and I already considered myself an American," comments Arpineh. "However, going through the Year+long process made me even more grateful to be living in the U.S. and have the freedoms and rights that come with it."

Mayra Vasquez, a social work major, is originally from El Salvador. She also expresses relief to have completed the process.

"The process took a long time (almost 1 1/2 yrs), which added more anxiety since I needed to obtain my citizenship before my permanent residence expired," comments Mayra. "What I've learned from this experience is that things in the government move very slowly."

Both students were required to fill out an application and pay an application fee of \$350. Months later, they were called to report to the Department of Naturalization and Immigration Services to be fingerprinted, one of the requirements for a background check.

After some time, the students received letters indicating that they needed to complete an interview and the citizenship exam. The exam, which consists of only 10 multiple choice questions out of a bank of 100, tests one's knowledge of the government, history, and foundational principles of the United States.

After passing the test, both students were required to attend the oath ceremony, which was held in a court-

room at the US District Court for the District of Columbia.

"Everybody stands up individually and says their name, where they are from, and why they wanted to become a U.S. citizen," describes Arpineh. "You then sign a few papers, hand in your permanent resident card, and you are given a certificate of naturalization. Then the judge swears you in."

Both Arpineh and Mayra look forward to the benefits of becoming citizens.

"I wanted to become an American citizen because I want to be able to vote during presidential elections," says Mayra. "Having an American citizenship also means better job prospects, and you must be a citizen to

work for the federal government."

Both students are considering work for the federal government in the future.

Mayra has other family members who have gained citizenship.

"My aunt, from my mother's side of the family, became a US citizen because she wanted to petition for other close relatives to come to the United States."

Arpineh is the first in her family to gain US citizenship.

"My parents couldn't be happier and prouder of me," boasts Arpineh. "Now that I have done it, my parents hope to do so within the next year as well."

"Hopefully once the next presidential election comes around," Arpineh adds, "We can go vote together."

Memoirs: Rediscovering your family roots

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There was a time when families had little need to search for their origins. You knew where you came from, because generations of your family lived in the same town or community. Family births, weddings and deaths were recorded in the family Bible, and stories about grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles were handed down from old to young during long winter evenings around the fireplace.

Children committed these stories to memory for fun, so that they would be able to pass these stories on to their children and grandchildren. Researching family history involved a chat with your grandmother or a visit to the church to check family records.

Eventually, migrations strained — or sometimes broke — this generational tie to a family's past. Modern technology further removed any links that remained. Immigrants to America left behind not only their physical homeland but also older family members who could not make the journey. Family records remained with the older members and, despite the best intentions, memories once preserved now faded.

Some people might wonder why your family history matters. All types of families flourish in communities that seem to have risen from nowhere. In a world where people and objects move at high speed, family foundations hardly seem worth caring about.

But for some people, the present isn't enough.

What these people build today cannot replace the roots planted by ancestors long ago. These feelings can arise from various situations. While sorting through a box in the attic, perhaps you come across old photographs with nameless

people staring back at you.

You realize you want to know more about your family and your background. You don't feel like tracking down every bit of information, but you sense a need to rediscover your family's past. This is where writing a memoir can help you do just that.

Kate Dobson, a McDaniel College English professor who taught a graduate course in memoir writing last fall, offers a few tips for helping you delve into your past.

The best place to begin, naturally, is at home. "Place" is an extraordinarily powerful word of our identities, and sharing about places can help us unlock memories," Dobson said.

In her class, Dobson asked students first to create a map of the neighborhood in which they grew up, then write a story.

"The purpose of this approach was to access memories through the map...and to re-connect with one of the most important places in anyone's life," she said.

When you're home on break or just for a weekend visit, take some time to look at family records. Whether they're your grandfather's military discharge documents or the love letters your mother received from your father when they started dating, it's a great opportunity to peruse through those old boxes collecting dust in some closet corner.

Don't forget about other members of your family as well.

Enlist aunts, uncles and cousins to search through their attics and basements. They never know what sorts of valuable treasures are waiting to be discovered. Don't hesitate to ask questions

about the items found either. Often, relatives are most happy to fill you in about the items found either. Often, relatives are most happy to fill you in about the specifics of a piece.

Dobson says to think about writing a memoir as "constructing a text." "It's not enough just to record what happened." Instead, you'll need to figure out what the story you're telling is really 'about,' she said.

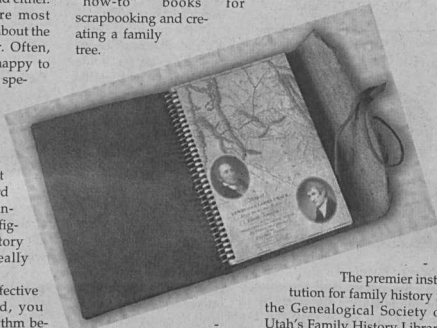
To make an effective piece, Dobson said, you need to create a rhythm between "summary voice" (an account of events) and "scenes" that are "more immediate and dramatic" than summary voice. And don't forget about the plot. "There has to be some tension, not big drama, but some sense that a character (or group) wants something (or want to avoid something)," she said.

Finally, Dobson encourages writers to read memoirs from masters like Annie Dillard and Russell Baker, "to try to figure out what they're doing. Baker is a master at dialogue. Dillard is magnificent for her use of different voices," she said.

If you decide you want to explore your family history further, here are some sources you may want to consider in your search:

- Your hometown library is a good place to begin your search. Look for contact information on local genealogical societies as well as

"how-to" books for scrapbooking and creating a family tree.



Check your local courthouse for documents such as wills and marriage records.

Or plan a trip to an area where members of your family once lived and visit the courthouse there.

While paging through reams of documents may seem like the most unexciting activity in the world, these documents can be the roots to family stories — the stroke of luck that allowed your grandfather to purchase a thriving 15-acre dairy farm, for example.

If you're really feeling ambitious, you can visit the National Archives in Washington D.C., where you can examine census records, ship and passenger lists from the 1920s and 1930s and much more. If you're puzzled about how and when your family arrived in America, these records may just contain the answers you're looking for.

The premier institution for family history is the Genealogical Society of Utah's Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

The building houses one of the most comprehensive information databases in America, with thousands of birth, death, marriage, land, tax and every other record and document in between.

Of course, there's also the Internet. Online, you can find an array of genealogy sites online, including several that offer helpful guides for beginning family researchers.

Wherever your search takes you — whether to the National Archives or your own attic — you nonetheless will uncover more than just a bunch of names and places but your family, the people who made you who you are and the people who deserve to be remembered, even in a memoir.

"Writing about family history can open up your senses of how things like geography, politics, and the economy may have shaped your life," Dobson said.

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(Reporter's Note: Statistics, information, and facts all provided by Oxfam at the COOL conference, March 19, 2005.)

5 Did you know that 65% of agencies surveyed reported an increase in requests for shelter over the past year? And as the average residential college student, one has both a dorm room/apartment and a place elsewhere called "home."

4 In 2003, 35.9 million people were living below poverty line. If you have a job, work-study or other, you probably make just as much, or more than most of the working class in the world.

3 About 1.2 billion people lack access to safe drinking water. Hmm...and how many bottles of water are sold on this campus?

2 One in twelve people worldwide is malnourished, including 160 million children under the age of five. And you thought GLAR food was bad...something is better than nothing.

1 Approximately 3.5 million people are homeless each year; 36.3 million people live in households without enough food. Just one last reason to appreciate those costs for room and board, and/or your place of residence.

-CHANAN DELIVUK

What title would you give a movie or book about McDaniel and why?

Compiled by Alyse Hollomon



Sophomore
Andrea Mandato:
"Tiny Town, because
it's as big as my high
school"



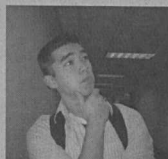
Freshman
Paige Willoughby:
"Mount Everest
because I feel like
I'm going on a
journey when I go
to class."



60 Seconds



Freshman
Hayley McQuaid:
"The Four Seasons
because the
buildings are so
well equipped and
the food is so great!"



Freshman
Brendan Hodge:
"Little House on the
Prairie because it's
so small and
isolated."



Freshman
Paul Boyd:
"The Big Mystery
because no one has
any idea where their
money is going."

Don't Judge A Room by Its Dilapidated Cover

MCRIBS

BETH WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

When you first enter senior Sarah Reitz's bedroom, you feel as though you've come home. Decorated with love and comfort, the room sparks the urge to lounge on the bed and read a book.

Reitz lives in the Garden Apartments, which on the outside leaves some questions as to the quality of the building. Upon entering the structure, your opinion only worsens as you see the old chipping paint and the cold, dull tiles. However, once entering Reitz's apartment, you get a feeling of relief. The apartment is spacious and it has character. There are pictures hanging on the wall, the paint looks new, and the kitchen is clean.

The best part is the homey bedroom, which belongs to both Reitz and her roommate, Sarah Gabell. The room is big, but filled. The beds are made, the clothes are where they belong, and every book has its place. Knick-knacks are strategically placed everywhere. There are copies of Monet art work, pillows with intricate details that look like they belong in another country, a beaded lamp and a clock to match. There are also many pictures of friends and family that add warmth and consolation.

If you're in the mood for a book, there are plenty of places to find one: underneath bed, or in one of the two book shelves. Or maybe you're in the mood for to watch a little T.V. The tube is set conveniently on top of the bookshelf. And of course, a necessity for any college student, there is a computer in the corner.

Reitz has got it all in her Garden Apartment: space, literature, technology, and a wonderful roommate; but most importantly, the feeling of home.



Sarah Reitz sits in here Garden Apartment room where she has "got it all."

FEATURES

He makes it happen: theatre's John Bradford

FRANZ SCHNEIDER
STAFF WRITER

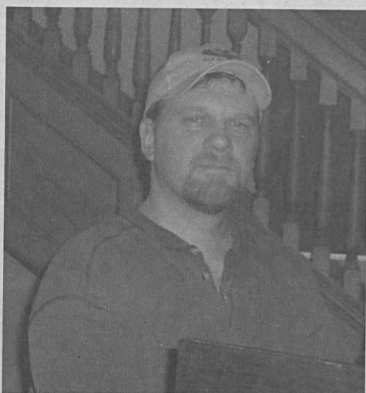
Ask sophomore Matt Weese who he'd recommend for an unsung hero at Alumni Hall, and his answer is simple: "John. Definitely John." And then he might point to John Bradford, who might happen to be in the room, unnoticed. Bradford is the technical director at Alumni Hall. Weese is the light board operator.

"Few people outside of the theatre know about the work that John does," says Dany Asaro, a senior and set designer.

Bradford is not the least bit bothered by this. In fact, he prefers it that way. "I enjoy being hidden away on the edge of things," he says. "I don't necessarily enjoy being the center of attention."

Others at the theatre give him much more credit. "Without a technical director to organize and coordinate the students, we wouldn't get scenery built, which is a pretty big part of the theatre," says Professor Ira Domser, the head of the theatre department. "He's my right-hand man, a practical guy who tenaciously gets the job done."

"He does a lot of work around here," Asaro concurs. "The theatre wouldn't run without him."



JOHN BRADFORD

Bradford concedes that his is not an easy job. "With so many students using all of the tools, it is tough making sure that they use them properly, and that they put all the tools back where they belong," he says. "And we have to meet deadlines." But he's not looking for praise. "Ira and I both know when something's done right," he says, "and that's recognition enough... and I enjoy teaching students."

And students enjoy

learning from him. "John is the Buddha of the theatre," says Andrew Pecoraro, a senior theatre major and lighting designer for *Something's Afoot*.

Born in Springfield, IL, and a Maryland resident since he was 11 years old, Bradford always knew that he would end up working in theatre. He first encountered McDaniel in 1985, as a freshman in high school, when he did part-time volunteer work at Alumni Hall. He would

continue to do part-time work throughout his college years, first at Davis-Elkins in West Virginia for two semesters, and then later at the Art Institute of Philadelphia, where he received an associate's degree in specialized business (in his case, music and video recording.) After college, Bradford became a stage technician at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, VA, and then worked in the scene shop at the Virginia Opera Company ("In a little town whose name escapes me, near Norfolk," Bradford says.) Later, he became a stage technician and carpenter at the Center Stage Theatre in Baltimore. But it was at McDaniel that he finally settled.

After 15 years of part-time work, his skills so impressed Prof. Domser that he was offered a staff job in January of 2001. And he couldn't be happier.

"I really enjoy creating things, and I make some really neat things here," Bradford said.

He's made many of the props and set pieces for both Alumni Hall and Theatre on the Hill, but you won't see most of his works, as they are in storage beneath Little Baker Chapel. His favorite creation is the life-sized dragon Smaug, which he and

a friend constructed for the Theatre on the Hill's production of *The Hobbit*. The dragon's head, with its open mouth and lantern-like eyes, can be seen poking out over a doorway in the theatre workshop, still a fearsome sight despite its current state of disembodiment.

When not working here, Bradford might be found with his wife, Melissa - or Missy, as he calls her - who he married just last year. He also enjoys playing Dungeons and Dragons with friends, and watching the Discovery Channel. He also writes scripts for children's theatre, and hopes to one day have his own theatre.

But for now, he is a vital part of Alumni Hall, where people can count on him to complete the sets in time for their production, with even the most obscure details of the set's design accounted for. "Some think that we get the scenery from Scenery 'R' Us, or that it appears by magic, dropped off by elves at night," Domser says, "But that's not how it happens. John makes it happen. He's a wizard behind the scenes. He is the unsung hero."

Asked if he would agree with those who call him an unsung hero, Bradford is modest. "I admit, I do kinda do a lot behind the scenes - Ira's probably the only one who knows everything that I do here. But I'm just doing my job."

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Commentary: Justice for all? Not a chance

JACQUELINE PUNDT
STAFF WRITER

On the afternoon of March 9, 2005 I sat in the Taneytown living room of Joey Morningstar and listened to him tell the story of the past six months.

He showed me scars and went through the list of various metal implants holding him together.

Science and technology are amazing, and the fact that Joey is still alive today after his horrific accident is a true testament to the skill of many in the medical field.

But I can't help but wonder, what is holding his spirit together?

After about an hour of listening to Joey, I realized that though medicine played a tremendous role in his recovery, it was not the only thing.

Joey has a certain will to live, a never-quit attitude that kept him alive through the touch and goes times at Shock Trauma and got him through the pain and agony of physical therapy at Kernan.

It is astonishing to see

Joey sitting up in a recliner watching a movie on television when just a few months ago doctors didn't know if he would make it.

It is even more amazing to see how someone who is left with possibly permanent damage to his right leg and struggles to walk on his own can cope with this situation. He admitted that there were times when he thought he "was going to croak" but he "worked through the pain anyway."

And it seems that what he is doing now that he is home; he is just working through the pain and hoping to only be left with a plastic device that fits onto his right foot to help him walk.

Everyone agrees that Joey is lucky to be alive.

I must also say that the 19-year-old young lady that hit him is lucky he is alive as well.

She was charged with negligent driving, and given a few traffic tickets. She also paid fines for court costs as well as the tickets.

The typical monetary fine is for a case such as this is "not enough," according to

Maryland State Trooper Sgt. James DeWees.

Sure, she will have points on her license and have to pay outrageous amounts in car insurance, but I agree with DeWees: her fines and time spent wrestling with insurance companies are not enough.

Joey estimates that his medical treatments at Shock Trauma cost approximately \$8,000 per day and \$2,000 per day at Kernan. When you factor in the dozen or so medications Joey must still take and the gauze and sponges needed to clean out his wounds the bills start to pile up.

"I'm roughly a million dollar baby," Joey joked.

While we are factoring in financial burden this accident has had on his family, let's add in the two years of tuition he might have to pay.

Joey was in the ROTC program here at McDaniel but obviously can no longer participate in that. So now there are two more years of college that his family might be footing the bill for.

At the moment Joey is

on "leave of absence pending medical qualification," says Art Williams, Human Resources Director of ROTC.

It just doesn't seem right that the young lady that hit him paid a one time sum and in a few years will have normal insurance rates but the Morningstar family will be paying for this for many years to come.

Physical therapy, special accommodations, one more surgery and countless medicines are still on the bill.

It upsets me that since Joey had the will to live through this, the young lady gets off fairly easy.

Had Joey not pulled through, she would have faced serious criminal charges.

I cannot speak for her and I am sure she lives with guilt everyday, or at least she should, but why should Joey's family be left footing the bill for an accident he did not cause?

"It makes me mad that she is back to normal and I'm still left with this," said Joey as he pointed to his leg strapped into a brace. He

said that while in the hospital she wrote him a letter of apology, but Joey said, "I didn't think it was as sincere as it should have been."

At this point I don't know what the young lady can do to attempt to make amends with the Morningstar family.

I do know what this is a case where the punishment fell way short of the crime and no letter of apology can fix that.

The most mind-boggling aspect of all of this is that Joey wants to get back on a bike.

"I didn't do anything wrong, why should my life suffer?" he said.

I sincerely hope that his suffering will soon be over and that he can get back to the life of a 20 year old that he wants to enjoy.

I hope he can get to friends' homes to play Texas Hold 'Em, or go hold his girlfriend whenever he wants. I hope he can get back in classes and move comfortably around campus - especially The Writing Center.

Then I might feel a little more like there is justice for all.

Morningstar's fight

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McDaniel's baseball team took the trip over Spring Break and Joey was determined to go along.

As a freshman and sophomore Joey played baseball and though he can no longer play, traveling with the team is a highlight on his road to recovery. He was most looking forward to "playing Texas Hold 'Em with the guys" and just being "able roll down the hallway of the hotel." When he says roll, he means roll since Joey's main mode of transportation is a wheelchair due to muscle fatigue.

Teammates, Drew Mitchell and Justin Bilohavek said Joey's return to the team atmosphere was "inspirational."

Mitchell had heard of Joey's plans to join the team in Florida and said he "honestly didn't think he was going to be able to do it" but the fact that he did is "definitely an inspiration to me."

Bilohavek, also a junior and catcher for the Terror, has known Joey for a while and said, "He has always been a hard worker and pushed himself." So it was no surprise to him that Joey set such an extreme goal and then achieved it.

Coach Dave Seibert said that the change of environment was good for Joey and believes "the trip to Florida was a strong motivation for his rehab."

Seibert also said he hopes

Joey will have "as full a recovery as possible go on to lead a fairly normal life." Seibert, along with several members of the baseball team visited Joey in the hospital and can truly attest to how far he has come in his recovery.

Joey is now at home in Taneytown looking down the long road of twenty weeks of physical therapy.

During those weeks he is having his 1999 Jeep Wrangler redone with new paint, wheels and a top.

Though doctors have yet to allow him driving privileges, Joey says, "I don't care if I just drift down the driveway."

Simple pleasures motivate Joey now.

Even what many students consider displeasures are alluring to him: "I would love to be freaking out about mid-terms right now," he said.

Joey has also learned a few important lessons that may seem cliché to most people.

"I don't worry about the little things anymore," he said. "And I'd encourage people to have fun every day, you never know when it's going to end."

Fall Semester 2005 Joey said that he looks forward to a new beginning as he eases back into his junior year here at McDaniel.

"I'll be taking a lot of the classes that I had started before the accident, and I've saved my notes, so I'll be ahead," he joked.

Rethinking NCAA hoops

MIKE HABEGGER
SPORTS EDITOR

The transitive property of inequality states that if $a > b$, and $b > c$, then $a > c$. If it is a mathematical law that can be applied to all sorts of real life situations. Volume, distance, intensity of light, basketball. Basketball? Sure, why not? Over the years, I have come to apply it to sports, when matchups are too close to call before a game. Immediately, I whip out the schedules and results of each team, and compare who beat whom, and try to find common opponents, the goal being to find a team that beat one, and not the other. I used to apply this method for figuring out matchups in my high school playing days.

"Coach," I said. "We'll win this game because we beat Team A, who beat Team B, who beat Team C."

"Hab—Shut the hell up!" my coach would say.

Ridiculous as it sounds, it actually works, on a small level with few factors and variables. But this year, I decided to put my theory to the test in the NCAA Tournament, fondly called March Madness. I challenged myself to find a team that beat teams that beat the Final Four teams.

My team? American. Sure, they finished 16-12 overall, 8-6 in the sub-par Patriot League, but American should

win by default.

First off, they beat Vermont. Yes, Cinderella Vermont, who knocked off Syracuse in the first round. If Vermont beat Syracuse, then surely they could beat Memphis, who in turn beat Louisville on Feb. 9th. Because American beat Vermont, American easily wins against Louisville, if they had had the chance to meet in the tourney.

American was also successful in defeating Bucknell, who early on in the season defeated Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh laid waste to the Big East this year, implying that American would obliterate the once undefeated Boston College, whom Pittsburgh handled easily late in the season on Feb. 28th. Well, BC beat West Virginia who made a spectacular run in the tournament, defeating Wake Forest in double overtime. One of UNC's 4 losses came against Wake. See how easy it is? Had American met UNC in the tourney, they would have won easily, no doubt in my mind. Just look at who they beat, and who their opponents beat, and who their opponents' opponents beat.

The third team in the final four was indeed Michigan State. Could American have beaten them? Of course. Again, American defeated Bucknell, who beat the A10's Saint Josephs. Well, St. Joe's beat Xavier on

Jan. 29th, who beat tournament-bound George Washington. To get into the tournament, GW had a few impressive wins, namely one against Michigan State. By the time you get down the chair this far, it is understandable that American would easily undo the athleticism of Mich. St. One more Final Four team gone.

The last team, and perhaps the best team (at press time, the tournament was not over), was Illinois. Luckily for us, Ohio St. beat the Illini on March 6th, ending their perfect season. The most surprising upset this year's tournament was without question Kansas' loss to Bucknell. As was stated above, American beat Bucknell on Jan. 28th. Well, if Bucknell beat Kansas, and Kansas beat Georgia Tech, then surely American could handle Georgia Tech's early season opponent Michigan, as many other teams did (UM finished 13-18). But Michigan did beat Iowa, who beat Ohio State on March 2nd. And as we all know Ohio St. handed Illinois its only loss.

Wow. That's it. The season is over. American wins by default. As evidenced by the aforementioned results, American would have steamrolled through the tournament had they been selected to compete. Maybe NCAA officials will consider this method of determining rank for the tournament in the future.

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Men's LAX takes losses in stride, looks to grow

MIKE HABEGGER
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's lacrosse team's loss to Haverford on last Saturday overshadowed the largely successful first weeks. The team traveled to Orlando, FL to play a few games and otherwise chill out. They defeated Clarkson and 23rd ranked Western New England by a combined score of 25-16. Orlando is a traditional hotspot for lacrosse teams over the Spring Break weekend.

"The season has been up and down," said Head Coach Jim Townsend. "All games are important."

The team is 3-4, 0-3 CC, and though to some it seems nothing has gone as expected for the squad, as they trudged through a 2-game losing streak, sophomore attacker Steve Hoffman is remaining optimistic.

"On the spring break trip and the games before, the team had been playing like a family," said Hoffman. "The last game, which we lost, we weren't meshing together as a team. So

we got together and had a meeting to try and fire and pull each other up."

Coach Townsend agreed, saying that the team looks forward to "some wins" over the next few games.

"We have a young team, 22 of the 30 guys are freshmen and sophomores," stated Townsend. "But that's not an excuse, they need to grow up and start winning some games."

Sophomore Brad Baer of Westminster stood out in the loss against Haverford, scoring three goals. Another one of those young players who have performed well is Freshman Kolyb Kirby from Chestertown, who is the team's leading scorer with 21 goals.

"He was an All-American in high school, so we expected a lot from him," said Hoffman. "He's been true to the expectations. He scores 5 or 6 goals a game, and each one adds intensity and emotion that can really amp up a game."

In addition to cutting

down on turnovers, there is always room for improvement on the defensive end. The Terror's defense is led by standout junior from Westminster, Curtis Schaeffer.

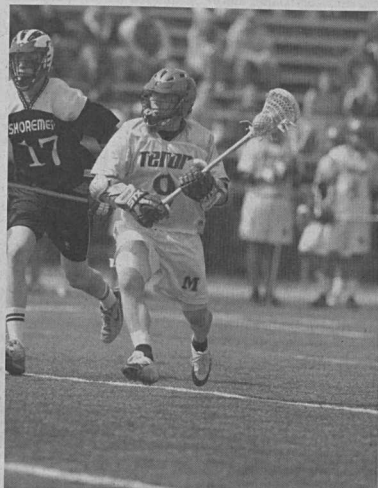
"Curtis works extremely hard on and off the field," explained Hoffman. "It's great to have the confidence in him to stick the best player on the other team."

Does the team expect to make the playoffs? "Of course," said Townsend. "That's what we'd like to do."

Hoffman hopes that the young team will gain knowledge and awareness from the recent losses.

"We take the losses as a learning experience. Hopefully some bench players will step up, come in, and score some goals [in the coming games]."

As the team looks at the schedule and the formidable conference opponents ahead of them, this is the type of thinking and sanguinity that can inevitably lead to championships.



DAVE SINCLAIR

Sophomore attacker Steve Hoffman, shown here in a file photo, is still optimistic about his team's chances throughout the rest of the season.

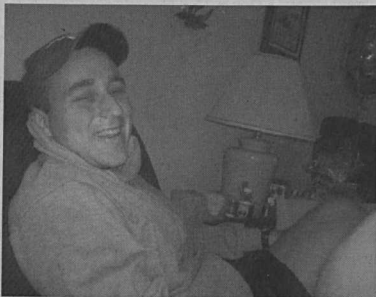
Joey Morningstar defies all odds Optimism fuels his recovery following accident

JACQUELINE PUNDT
STAFF WRITER

"You never think about getting hit by a car head on." For a large majority of the McDaniel community this is true and they will also never experience it. For junior Joey Morningstar, however, this became a reality on October 17, 2004.

While riding on his 1996 Vaulken motorcycle with his father behind him, Joey was struck by a turning vehicle on Rt. 140 in Westminster. Three and a half weeks after the near fatal accident Joey woke up with little recollection of what happened. He spent approximately eleven weeks at Shock Trauma and then another 10 weeks in rehabilitation at Kernan Hospital.

Joey is now home and eagerly showing off his injuries which include, but are not limited to, a "broken left ankle that now has seven pins", a metal rod from his left knee to his pel-



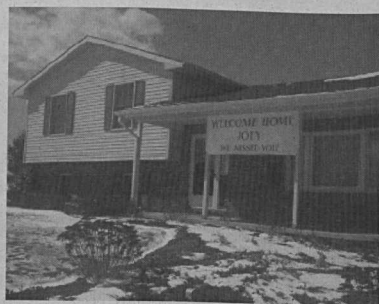
Joey smiles exuberantly while reclining at his home in a recent photo. A positive attitude has contributed to a steady recovery since his accident.

vis, a broken right wrist with two steel plates and eight pins, and two pins in his pelvis.

"Thank God for Home Depot," Joey joked, but quickly added "I would rather have a baby than go through this."

Joey's sense of humor is contagious and many people say humor continues to help him with his remarkable recovery. Humor and obstinance.

"If they said I couldn't do something I had to prove them wrong," said Joey.



A sign outside of Joey's house commemorates his return from the hospital and the beginning of a bright future.

His aunt, Pat Whitmore who helps him around the house during the day, added, "he's too bull-headed to quit."

Quitting was something that never crossed Joey's mind. When doctors told him that their goal for

his release from Kernan's was March 1, Joey worked relentlessly to reach that goal.

Another contributing factor to reaching that March 1 release date was a trip to Florida with the baseball team.

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Professor Lee gets caught by the dancing dragon outside of Hill Hall during Diversity Week. See photos on page 10.



Taylor Hebdon and Chanan Delivuk model their 'do it yourself' fashions. Read more about the look on page 9.



Women's Lacrosse coach Muffie Bliss leads the team to success by guiding players in practice. Page 12.

Wiesel shares message of hope

BRIAN PATTERSON
COMMENTARY EDITOR

For Elie Wiesel, the bond he shares with his students brings him happiness. Teaching not only gives him the opportunity to instruct eager pupils, but to learn as well. It is a profound link, and over the course of an hour last Monday, McDaniel College students became part of this link with Dr. Wiesel.

Wiesel is the Nobel Peace Prize winning author of *Night*, which is his survival story of the Holocaust. Students were given the opportunity to ask Wiesel questions in an open forum discussion.

Wiesel was introduced by President Joan Develin Coley who called the gathering a "landmark event," and by Dr. Mohamed Esa, of the Foreign Language Department.

"They told me I would be addressing a small group of students," Wiesel said jokingly to the 1,000 plus members of student body who filled Big Baker Chapel past its capacity.

The topics of discussion ranged from Wiesel's personal experiences in concentration camps, to his views on morality and justice - from simple topics like happiness, to complex issues like the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Wiesel warned students

that there are no words that fittingly describe his experiences.

"How can you understand a camp, a selection, hunger, and living inside death," he said. "There is no language."

Junior Marci Ryan

asked Wiesel if he had ever been back to Auschwitz where he had been held prisoner.

"I have been back five or six times, for a few hours each visit," said Wiesel. "I close my eyes and see what nobody can [See Wiesel continued on page 2]

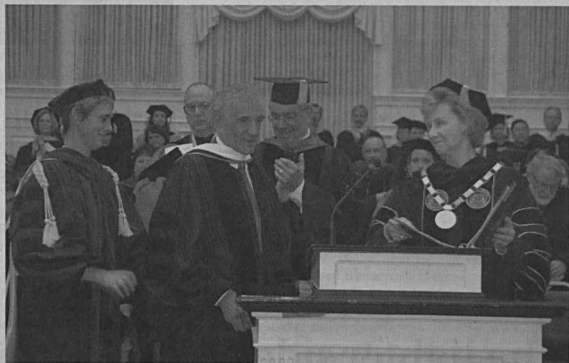


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Human rights advocate Elie Wiesel receives an honorary degree at the April 18 Convocation in Baker Memorial Chapel. Marshals Sherri Hughes and James Lightner joined Board chair James Melhorn (center) and President Joan Develin Coley at the ceremony attended by 850 invited guests.

Phi Alphas respond to hazing charges

SHELLY HORN
STAFF WRITER

For almost eighty years, Phi Alpha Mu has been a recognized McDaniel sorority. The group has a rich heritage marked by years of friendship, fellowship, and alumni support. Bonds are so strong that Phi Alpha Mu reunions

are routine and often well attended.

The sorority's status on campus shifted last month when members learned that their group would not be a recognized sorority on McDaniel's campus for three years.

On Monday, March 28, a seven-person panel that in-

cluded Dean Phillip Sayre and Assistant Director of College Activities Amanda Rose, heard statements regarding the new member education practices of the Phi Alphas from two women who had de-pledged.

The two women, and at least three others who dropped out of the Phi Alpha

pledging process over the years, allege that pledging involved sleep deprivation, isolation from the college community, alcohol abuse and verbal abuse.

The panel reached a swift decision, and on Friday, April 1, Dean Sayre verbally notified

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Minority greek organizations missing from McDaniel

ROB GOEKE
NEWS EDITOR

Rush is usually a busy time of the semester, with sorority women's screams cascading throughout Red Square and the sound of fraternity boys banging on their new pledge's doors late at night.

However, there is something missing from the six fraternities, four sororities and

two Greek service organizations on campus: a Greek organization meant for students of color.

Efforts have been made in the past some say valiant efforts-but there are still no Historically Black or Multicultural Greek organizations at McDaniel because two seemingly insurmountable hurdles remain: sustainability and economics.

Dr. Psyche Williams-

Forson, Assistant English Professor, and Assistant Professor of Political Science Debora Johnson-Ross attempted to begin a chapter of Delta Sigma Theta (DST), an African-American sorority in the past two years.

"When you consider that some interested members were going to graduate soon," said Williams-Forson. "Some did not have the finances to pay dues and oth-

ers were interested in becoming members of one of the three other Historically Black sororities, sustainability became a big issue. With all the paperwork and money required, we will need at least ten to twelve charter members to get a chapter started."

If they are to charter a chapter, Johnson-Ross feels it must be done the right way.

"We will need a strong group of sophomore

women," said Johnson-Ross, "and the numbers necessary to keep the chapter alive."

Numbers do not lie. According to Director of Multicultural Services Zephia Bryant, only 206 students, or 14.1% of the total student body, are students of color. Of that 206, only 127, or 8.7% of the total population are African-American. Thus, this low per-

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Wiesel: 'Sometimes there is no language'

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see and hear what nobody can hear."

Ryan was surprised that Wiesel had returned that many times.

"I guess to make as much of an impact as he has on the world, he needed to go to the place where it all began," she said. "It was so special that at our tiny little college, in the middle of nowhere, we got to spend an hour with a Nobel Peace Prize laureate and ask questions."

The tone of the discussion was not entirely somber as some students took the opportunity to ask lighter questions.

"What makes you happy," sophomore Kim Spears asked.

"Children are always the focus of my activities. They smile at me and that makes me happy," Wiesel replied. "When I read a good book, you'd think I'd become jealous, but I become happy."

After the enlightening discussion, students dispersed, empowered by Wiesel's presence.

A slightly smaller crowd

including faculty, students and local residents gathered two and one half hours later for the convocation ceremony.

President Coley and Chairman of the Board of Trustees James Melhorn awarded Wiesel an honorary doctorate in Humanities.

Senior Chava Roth, who was a student representative on the committee that brought Wiesel to McDaniel and planned the day, read the invocation at the convocation ceremony, but had trouble finding the right words.

"The process was far more daunting and difficult than I imagined. It felt so huge," she said. "It was so numbing and gut wrenching. I tried to set an inspirational tone."

In his address, "An Interpreter's Life," Wiesel focused on the importance of interpreting history and how critical it is for young people to become part of the world around them.

"All of us cannot make history, but all of us can be a

part of it," Wiesel said.

Wiesel thought the college for giving him the opportunity to meet with faculty members, have a discussion with the students, and for the honorary degree.

Throughout the day, the magnitude and significance

the event was inescapable.

"These are ideas and feelings that will forever resonate on this campus," said Dr. Emmanuel Goldman, President and founder of the Interpreters' Forum Inc., an inter-residence group at McDaniel that promotes peace through

education. Goldman's friendship with Wiesel was instrumental in making the event possible.

"This is such an amazing gift to the students that it's awe inspiring," Roth said. "Somehow, he found his way to the top of our hill in Westminster."



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Professors Mohamed Eisa and Mark Hadley talk with Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel at a reception held in Ensor Lounge for invited Founders Society members and Interpreters' Forum guests.

Invocation

[Hebrew text of Leviticus 19:16-18] "You shall not stand aside while your fellow's blood is shed. You shall not hate your brother in your heart, you shall guide your fellow with honesty. You shall not take revenge and you shall not bear a grudge against the members of your people; you shall love your fellow as yourself" (Leviticus 19:16-18).

In a world filled with noise, let us listen - to an impassioned plea, to silent tears, to the voiceless dreams that blanket this earth. Let us listen to these words from Night that have been read in so many languages: "The stars were only sparks of the fire which devoured us. Should that fire die out one day, there would be nothing left in the sky but dead stars, dead eyes." My fellow students and I come from a small campus, but each human soul, each pair of eyes, is never small. Each of us struggles with the burden of the past, and with the potential of the future. Each of us can choose their own mission, their own song for a new generation.

Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook wrote: "There is one who sings the song of his own life, and in himself he finds everything, his full spiritual satisfaction... Then there is one who rises toward wider horizons, until he links himself with all existence, with all G-d's creatures, with all worlds, and he sings his song with all of them... and then there is one who rises with all these songs in one ensemble, and they all join their voices. Together they sing their songs with beauty, each one lends vitality and life to the other... The song of the self, the song of the people, the song of man, the song of the world all merge in him at all times, in every hour."

I pray we realize that one voice - one person - can become the world.

-Written and delivered by Chava Roth, April 18, 2005

The lighter side of the Campus Safety Blotter

Avoid the scare - before you turn the key to start the car, check out the backseat

ANDY WU
STAFF WRITER

(Editor's note: Andy Wu's commentary is a bi-weekly column that highlights some of the more humorous to which Campus Safety officers have to respond.)

Everyone knows the urban legend about the man in a girl's backseat with an axe. Most students I've talked to impulsively check their backseats every time they enter their cars at night. If only.

On April 1, closing in on midnight the most horrify-

ing event took place, and it was captured in the Campus Blotter. A student entered her car in the Whiteford parking lot to find an unidentified man in her backseat.

Luckily, the apparently homeless man screamed and ran from the car just as fast

as the girl. He was tracked down by Campus Safety and arrested by the Westminster police. No axe was found.

"Following this initial urban legend-ish crime, maybe we should expect more. So don't go parking with that special someone,

avoid camping, and eat nothing but salad in Glar. Word is they get most of their meat from kidnapped babies.

I think it's clear, the homeless are to blame. Next time you see a bum, feel free to kick him and tell him to stay away from you. Don't let him look you in the eye. Make a big scene so he gets the point.

I've put off another issue for some time now. It can't be avoided anymore.

Why do we insist on continually screwing with the fire safety system? Stealing and discharging fire extinguishers, setting off fire alarms, it infuriates me. There were six instances just this week.

As someone who has stood outside in a towel for a half hour at 1 a.m., I think anyone found tampering with fire safety equipment should immediately be set on fire.

They would be horribly burned and scarred because the fire extinguisher they set off minutes earlier would be useless. Too bad. It's probably just those homeless again anyway.

Campus Safety blotter

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| 4/1/05 1:29 a.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | No | Rouzer Hall | closed by report |
| 4/1/05 10:38 a.m. | alcohol | open container | Yes | Blanche Ward Hall | closed by report |
| 4/1/05 11:51 a.m. | vandalism | vehicle | Yes | Whiteford Lot | report incomplete |
| 4/2/05 1:42 p.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | Yes | Whiteford Lot | closed by report |
| 4/2/05 unknown | tampering w/ | fire extinguisher | Yes | Historic Drive | inactive |
| 4/2/05 9:15 p.m. | tampering w/ | fire extinguisher | No | Blanche Ward Hall | inactive |
| 4/2/05 10:00 p.m. | vandalism | property | No | Rouzer Hall | inactive |
| 4/3/05 12:35 a.m. | vandalism | property | No | McDaniel Hall | inactive |
| 4/3/05 12:44 a.m. | disorderly conduct - failure to obey | | Yes | McDaniel Hall | closed by report |
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| 4/9/05 11:59 p.m. | malicious mischief | | Yes | ANW Hall | report complete |
| 4/9/05 9:40 p.m. | vandalism | structure | No | Blanche Ward Hall | inactive |
| 4/9/05 10:30 p.m. | alcohol possession under 21 | | Yes | Tennis Court Lot | closed by report |
| 4/12/05 10:49 p.m. | malicious mischief | | Yes | ANW Lot | report incomplete |
| 4/15/05 1:43 a.m. | tampering w/ | fire equipment | smoke alarm No | McDaniel Hall | report complete |
| 4/15/05 1:51 a.m. | drug violation | possession | No | McDaniel Hall | report incomplete |

News

Phi Alpha sorority reacts to hazing allegations

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the Phi Alphas that for three years their sorority will not be recognized as a McDaniel sorority. Sayre's verbal notification was followed up with written notification to the Phi Alphas on Monday, April 4.

Soon after being verbally notified of the sanctions, college officials and students said they witnessed several Phi Alpha members partying on the wall behind Blanche Ward.

College officials and students said that night, at an Inter-Greek Council (IGC)-sponsored Karaoke Night in the pub, several Phi Alpha members wore their sorority t-shirts with Phi Alpha Mu on the front, and written by hand with black marker, "F#@! you" on the back.

The Phi Alphas are appealing their case to President Joan Develin Coley, Rose said.

College administrators have not released details about the students' allegations, the college's response, or any possible appeals.

All information has been gathered from multiple interviews and email exchanges with pledges past and present, sorority members, students and

college administrators who have requested anonymity.

The sorority's vice president, Leslie Waller, contends that information printed in *The McDaniel Free Press* is inaccurate.

"First of all, we stand by our statements that the allegations you printed in the newspaper were false, as we have said from the start of these ridiculous accusations," Waller states in an e-mail addressed to this reporter. "Our feelings after the previous article were nothing but contempt and the reaction was that the article was completely biased."

"We are hurt by these allegations, because at one point we truly wanted these girls to be a part of something special," Waller continues. "After the article and the decision, Phi Alpha Mu, its members, and its alumni are hurt and upset, but we will not let our longstanding traditions die, with the false accusations of only TWO girls."

Waller denies that the group will function as an underground sorority.

"We will not go underground," she comments. "We will remain together as

women, but not a sorority in the school's eyes."

Beth Fulton, a 1979 Western Maryland College graduate and Phi Alpha sister, still keeps in touch with her Phi Alpha sisters and attends reunions at the Rusty Scupper in Baltimore. Fulton's pledge class included eighteen women, all of whom were initiated.

"I enjoyed my Phi Alpha experience," Fulton remembers. "We enjoyed dances, campus gatherings, service projects...mostly we just enjoyed each other's company when we were together."

After reading the March 10 article in *The McDaniel Free Press* that reported accounts of alcohol abuse, verbal abuse, and sleep deprivation during the education period, Fulton expressed deep concern.

"I am disappointed that a group of young ladies would resort to such unsafe practices," Fulton says. "The worst part for me is that the girls who have been harassed feel so uncomfortable coming forward with the truth."

Fulton recalls her Phi Alpha new member initiation period.

"For pledge week, we were asked to dress up," she remembers. "I think I had to dress up like a little kid and wear pajamas all day. Plus, we were to have our purple cow with us at all times."

"For the main event, all the pledges had to have a braid in their hair for every one of the sisters - there were 38 my year," Fulton adds.

Some of the Phi Alpha initiation reported in the previous article mirrors that of Fulton's class from the 70's, with the most notable exception being the absence of alcohol or verbal abuse.

"The organization I belonged to in the 70's certainly had what today would be considered hazing," Beth admits. "But there was no cruelty and belittling to the degree these girls are going through. I would be very disappointed in a group of girls that wanted to purposely humiliate someone else."

"We were driven around for a while blind-

folded and had a fish head tied around our necks," Beth adds. "It wasn't humiliating though because all 18 were going through it at the same time."

"After all this," Fulton adds, "We ended up at the home of one of the Phi Alpha's parents and had food and cleaned up."

Concerns have arisen from these hazing allegations as well as problems with other fraternities and sororities on campus.

"We're currently working on forming an organization called the IFC, or Interfraternity Council," states Amanda Rose. "This will be a student-run governing body for the fraternities aimed at helping with concerns like these as well as addressing the general problem of poor enrollment in the Greek system on campus."

Upon the outcome of the Phi Alphas appeal to President Joan Coley, Dean Sayre is expected to issue a campus-wide memo regarding the sorority and its status on campus.

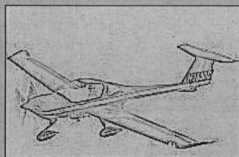
Students help out at HYPE Carnival

HYPE (Harnessing Youth's Positive Energy) sponsored the 4th Annual Jubilee last week at Dutterer Family Park. The purpose of the event is to bring together the college and its surrounding community. Nearly 600 children and their families attended the free carnival-themed event with games, a magic show, a moonbounce a juggler (left), face painting, crafts, and games (right). More than 100 students in about 21 different groups volunteered, according to Allison Kidwell in Career Services. Photos by Chanan Delivuk.



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NEWS

Phi Alpha Mu letter challenges hazing allegations

To The McDaniel Free Press and staff writer Shelley Horn: This letter is in response to the allegations in the McDaniel College newspaper and the questions you have sent to me in an email.

First of all, we stand by our statements that the allegations you printed in the newspaper were false, as we have said from the start of these ridiculous accusations. Second of all, your statement that there is consistency in the past 5 or 6 pledge classes is completely

false. This is the only year that we have had this vast number of depledges and we are very upset about this. But, just last fall, we had an entire pledge class of 6 women, so that completely rebuts your statement about '5 or 6 pledge classes'.

Furthermore, the decision made by the board is not public knowledge, so you have no right to know this information.

Our feelings after the previous article were nothing

but contempt and the reaction was that the article was completely biased. You were in such a rush to get the campus in an uproar, that you printed the article without getting any statements from any member of our sorority. This is in fact, unfair. Also, we are hurt by these allegations, because at one point we truly wanted these girls to be a part of something so special to us. After the articles and the decision, Phi Alpha Mu, its members, and its alumni were hurt and

upset, but we will not let our longstanding traditions die, with the false accusations of only two girls.

No, we do not have an underground pledge class, and no we will not go underground. We will remain together as women, but not a sorority in the school's eyes.

Also, I am fully aware of a number of letters sent into the paper by various fraternities and sororities on our behalf, so why haven't they been published?

I would like to say, thank you for raking the sorority and its' women through the mud without getting the full facts and our side of the story. Please do not take anything I have said out of context and please do not try and contact any of us again. You have done enough. You like to consider yourself a reporter, so report the facts.

Sincerely,
Leslie Waller
Vice President of Phi Alpha Mu

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Greek life missing minorities

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centage makes it difficult to get the number of members necessary to sustain a multicultural Greek organization at McDaniel.

"With such a limited pool of potential applicants, it is hard to get the numbers needed," said Dean of Student Affairs Phillip Sayre. "But having one on campus would be supportive of the minority population. No one wants to be by themselves on a college campus."

While in college, Johnson-Ross and Williams-Forsen were both members of DST, one of the four sororities and five fraternities that make up the National Pan-Hellenic Council, or the "Divine Nine," an affiliation of Historically Black Greek organizations.

Since students could not get a DST chapter started on campus two years ago, three students, including graduates Naomi Felix and Kedesha Malcolm and senior Arnelles Quashie, rushed DST off campus as part of the sorority's regional initiative.

According to Johnson-Ross, all three attended the DST's annual regional conference in the past and went through the pledge process there.

For Quashie, DST is a family tradition, as her sister was a member of DST while she attended college in New York.

"It's a good network to have," said Quashie.

But as graduation nears, Quashie feels a tinge of regret.

"I wish I could have seen it happen while I was here," said Quashie. "Getting black students, especially males, involved in something besides sports would benefit everyone."

The characteristics of historically black Greek organizations differ from social fraternities and sororities at McDaniel. Students cannot pledge until the beginning of their sophomore year and their purpose is more service-oriented.

"Having them here would do nothing but enhance McDaniel's campus,"

said Bryant.

According to Amanda Rose, current Assistant Director of College Activities and former Greek Residence Life Coordinator, in 1999, 2000 and 2001, two men attempted to begin an Iota Phi Theta (IPT) chapter, another member of the "Divine Nine," at McDaniel. Both have graduated.

Sayre noted that the men interested tried to follow the College's regulations for bringing a Greek organization to campus, as outlined on pages 53 through 55 in the student handbook. But once their two main members graduated, the fraternity disappeared.

Like Felix, Malcolm and Quashie, the two men became members of IPT off campus, joining the fraternity's chapter at Morgan State University in Baltimore.

The men also became members of the IPT chapter at Morgan State University in Baltimore.

But IPT is the most recent addition to the National Pan-Hellenic Council. According to npchq.org, the Council's official website, IPT was not chartered until 1963, while the other eight members were chartered between 1906 and 1922.

"The fraternity they chose [IPT] was the one that has the least amount of history, so it was harder to get students motivated about joining," said Sayre.

Bryant echoed this sentiment. "IPT had the least amount of history so, naturally, the interest was less," she said.

In Williams-Forsen's

mind, the biggest problem is many students lack of exposure to African-American fraternities and sororities.

"We need to try to get more students informed about what these organizations do," said Williams-Forsen.

Bryant mentioned that some students of color who had been interested in attending McDaniel during high school lost interest because of the lack of a Historically Black Greek organization.

"Having these organizations on campus is an excellent way to retain students of color as well as getting them to matriculate to McDaniel," said Bryant. "It is far past time to consider adding one of these organizations to campus."

Beyond Historically Black Greek organizations, some efforts have been made at other institutions to begin chapters of multicultural or Hispanic Greek organizations. But none have occurred so far at McDaniel.

"As far as I know, no efforts have been made to begin a Latino or multicultural Greek organization on campus," said Rose.

According to Bryant, only 24 Latino students attend McDaniel. The numbers are not great enough at the point.

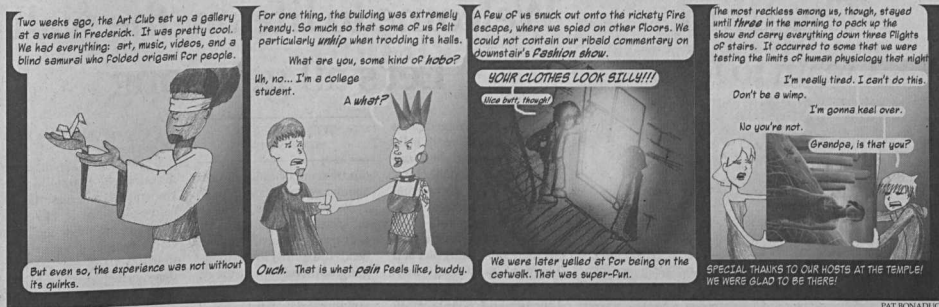
Potential still exists for one of the "Divine Nine" to come to campus, but boundaries still need to be overcome.

"It is [Residence Life's] general policy to support the founding of an organization like this," said Sayre. "It is too bad efforts to begin a chapter have not been successful thus far. I hope they can come onto campus sometime in the near future."

Have an opinion?

If you would like to share your thoughts about issues that affect McDaniel College students, send submissions to freepress@mcdaniel.edu. Submissions should include your name, email and/or phone number.

COMMENTARY



Wiesel inspires student to expose injustices, to make voices heard, to make words count

PAT O'TOOLE
CO-EDITOR

For a man who has been through so much in his tumultuous life, Elie Wiesel is not a man full of hate. He admits to being angry, but he has never let the hate that he has seen in the eyes of so many penetrate his peaceful soul.

Instead, Wiesel has embarked on a lifelong journey to end acts of hatred, a quest that has earned him recognition as a Nobel Laureate and even the prestigious honor of a doctorate from McDaniel College.

But there is something else that Wiesel contends with on a regular basis.

"I have fought apathy more than I have fought hatred," he said in the forum held

for students.

After sitting in the crowded Baker Memorial Chapel and hearing the eloquent words of a man who has done more for this world than I can even fathom, I cannot help but rebuke myself for falling short in so many ways. Though his other messages were undeniably resounding as well, the message of action moved me in the most powerful way.

We are told time and time again how privileged we are, but we often hear those words and pass them off as being simply the trite, irrelevant ramblings of the older generation.

Then, on Monday, we heard from a man who went through an indescribably

horrific experience so early in his life only to have his voice stifled when he tried to tell others what had happened. Countless publishers turned Wiesel away before he finally found someone to publish his message. To this day there are those who refuse to accept the travesty as a reality.

We have the opportunity to have our voices heard on a regular basis – to expose injustices, to stand up for a cause. But do we use that freedom? Do we take advantage of what we all have?

No. We sit around and complain about petty grievances in our lives. We have embraced the "Seinfeld" mentality, squabbling over things that should not hold

any true importance; things that should not define our lives rule them on a daily basis.

The same apathy that left millions of Jews in concentration camps, awaiting their deaths, resides within the young adult of today. No, it has not gone to the same extent as it had 60 years ago, but who are we to say that we will be ready when the time comes – when there is no room for hesitation?

And simply speaking out is not enough. If I am particularly opinionated about an issue and I tell my friend about it in closed quarters, I have done nothing of great importance.

Wiesel waited for ten years before putting his experi-

ences into words. He said that he purified his language through silence, and the ultimate message was better for it. Without careful preparation, the right message can easily be lost.

The next time you feel passionately about something (and we all must be passionate about some aspect of life), don't just rant to someone about it. Choose your words carefully and submit your opinion in a public forum.

It is an insult to those who have come before us – those who have struggled so diligently to have their voices heard – to simply let this opportunity slip away.

Faith is a compass for the college journey and in life

JILL STONE
STAFF WRITER

"Faith isn't just about solving your problems," my dad once told me. "It can help you sometimes, but it's about so much more than that."

Upon the recent death of Pope John Paul II, I was bombarded by news story after newspaper article about what he accomplished in his lifetime, and how respected of a man he was. And that left me thinking — Does the magnificence and the accomplishments of this one man encompass the meaning of faith and religion? Or can faith come in smaller forms, and what role does faith play in other people's lives.

Then, I went on a job shadowing assignment with a Baltimore Sun reporter, Gina Davis. We were to travel to Mount St. Mary's and interview the people at the Grotto about their feelings about the death of the Pope.

We got the usual remarks, about him being a great, and influential man who achieved much in his lifetime, but one woman's remarks stood out among all the other responses.

With a pitcher of clear,

cold water that she had just scooped up from the rushing stream in the Grotto, she told us that she came to pray for her handicapped son every day, and often lets him drink the "holy water" that she collects every so often.

I looked in the back of her station wagon, and there I saw a grown man, knees curled up to his chest, rocking back and forth, his lips moving as if singing an innocent childhood song. It was then I realized, that there was so much more to religion than going to church every Sunday.

I grew up in a church. My father has been the minister of a tiny country United Methodist church in Gamber for just over 11 years. This amount of time is practically unheard of in the church community.

It was there that I ran in and around the old and cracked sanctuary pews with my brothers, playing tag, jumping from one hard

wooden pew to the other, so as not to fall in the "red hot lava" that was the red checkered carpeted floor. When I was younger, I would fall asleep with my head on my mother's lap, my twin brother beside me, or we would crawl onto the floor during the services and color in our coloring books. I then moved to the nursery down the hall where we would watch younger children during the service.

I never really thought much about church as more than a community social event where I could play with my friends, and spend time with my dad.

Now that I can't sit on the floor and color, I have started listening to him while he is behind the pulpit, explaining the Bible verse that was just read. This made me think about my own religion, and how everyone else's lives were shaped by their faith, or lack thereof.

"My mom is really reli-

gious," McDaniel student, Andrea Hooker told me. "The church is her home. When I'm away at school, it's a good support system for her."

Hooker wishes that she could attend church more often, but she hasn't found a church in Westminster quite like the Holy Family Catholic Church in Waldorf, Maryland. Yet she always makes it home for Easter, and other holidays, to join her mother in the pew.

Senior, Stephanie Buckler realizes that her faith is no longer black and white, like she used to think as a child. Attending Millers United Methodist Church near Manchester with her brother, Buckler knows that religion is more like a guide to make the right decisions, as does Courtney Jordan, who believes that religion has shaped her into the person that she is today. "My faith is the basis of who I am," she proclaims.

I asked my dad one night in the kitchen what he wishes the youth of today to understand about religion. He finished drying the pot he had just washed before answering. "I want them to be able to live a balanced life, and acknowledge the spirit as being part of life."

Being experienced in different religions and their teachings is what he believes should be our responsibility not only for faith, but also for our individuality.

When I hear the stories of religion shaping these lives, I realize one important thing. No matter if you're praying for your handicapped son, using your faith to guide your decisions, or sitting next to your mom singing the hymns, everyone has something to believe in, and knows that whatever faith they have, is what connects them to the life that they lead.

"A couple times I didn't feel like I was good enough to go into the ministry," dad confided. "But after a while, I felt God was leading me to go in that direction."

We all need to find direction in our life, especially as college students. I guess faith is just one way for some to find that direction.

The Illini

A team to love



ROB GOEKE
NEWS EDITOR

In some religions, you have two birthdays. Day one: when you and womb became two. Day two: when the epiphany occurs.

12/1/04 was day two for me. A life affirmation. A change. A departure from anything I've ever known. All because of one game: Wake Forest vs. Illinois.

The recap said it all: "The Illini were so dominant in stretches they looked like the Globetrotters." 12/1/04 was the day I became a believer in Coach Bruce Weber, the Reverend, (Got?) Head, Dee, Dero and the whole crew.

The best columns are the ones you can't write.

If April 4 had gone different, I would have come at you collar popped, gums flapping, happy as hell. You would have known what G.O.A.T. means, because if things had gone different April 4, I would have told you.

Then McCants. May. Dream? Done.

April 4 didn't happen the way I imagined it, so you're stuck with this. But April 4 didn't change my love; it strengthened it.

I didn't realize the change on 12/1/04. That's how *She* works: mysterious ways. It happened before the championship started, seeing Mike Jordan walking into the building decked out in Carolina blue.

Mike was pro-Tar Heel, and anti-me. Words then escaped from my lips involuntary: "F#@ Jordan." I stopped myself cold. I grew up in the city that this man reformed. I sat in the building he built on 6/14/98, watching the Jumbotron as he pushed off Bryon Russell to get 'chip number 6. I broke down that day, like a baby, bawling when it was over.

I was there for all the moments. The first three-peat. The double nickel. 72-10. The flu game. Everything.

I loved the man. Loved everything he did. Cried both times he retired. This was the man I had just told to put it where it don't shine just because he was rooting for the other team.

That's when I realized the depth of love I had for this Illini team. I loved them more than I ever loved him.

There are some things you can't wait to tell your grandkids about because you know they'll say "Wow." Then there are the things you will tell them that they won't believe. Stuff you'll have to get the tape out and show them.

I can't wait to tell them how I felt the day Illinois came back on Arizona.

With 39 seconds left, Deron Williams' three dropped. It was 80-80. With 4:04 left it had been 75-60. How did this happen? In 205 seconds, it had become all square. How? I dropped to my knees. Sensation gone.

I wasn't happy. I was overloaded, needed some time to reboot. It was too good and too much to comprehend.

Sometimes, late at night in Westminster, you can turn the radio to 670am and get scratchy ruminants of a Chicago sports station. Near tears, I went there for consoling April 4. On it was Weber, uplifting as ever. Talking about life, the season, 37 wins, how proud he was, how no one could take anything away from what the team did.

Bruce wasn't fazed by the loss. How could he be? Basketball may be life, but it ain't life.

"It was down in history," said Coach. "Not only Illinois history, NCAA history. Tied the most wins ever, No. 1 for all the time. You get to the championship game. You know, I mean, if you're not happy with this, I feel sorry for you, because life ain't getting better."

Damn right.

I loved this team because Luther Head and Dee Brown are the epitome of the 312. I loved this team because of Weber's courage. I loved this team for Roger Powell's faith, Nick Smith's picks, and everyone's collective heart. I loved this team because, to me, they were a connection to a home that's 1000 miles away.

The last loss left me sad but not disappointed. They weren't the G.O.A.T., but they had the greatest season, playing at all times with the greatest heart. In the end, that's what matters and that's what I'll cherish

COMMENTARY

Welcome to life on 'the wall'

Let's all get along

TODD KNEPPER
STAFF WRITER

Goodbye rugged jeans tucked into UGG boots, hello Rainbow sandals and Woodstockesque halter tops. It's great to see all the wonderful ladies and classy gents back on "The Wall" this spring. And is it just me, or are there some really nice and reasonably young men dressed up in dark green button-ups and khakis, with walkie-talkies roaming the scene.

Mutual respect might just be the reason things are going so well as of late.

Just like our parents told us the summer before college, "We were your age once." The guys in green don't want any problems. I am starting to see that deep down they enjoy their jobs and kind of like us.

The bottom line is it's all about safety.

We pay for a degree, and indirectly pay to protect

our own opportunity. Think about it, which is safer in their eyes and a chiller scene in ours; crushing liquor (which isn't even allowed) with 3-5 heads in a dorm room or mingling outdoors along side of stunning females and guys you rarely see?

As an off-campus resident, the only thing better then coming up to campus, tossing random fives and giving sketchy hugs is walking back to my house at 2:15 a.m. knowing that I am allowed to do it again next weekend.

"The Wall" is a part of our campus, good times a part of college, and authority figures a part of life. It's about time they coexist. Granted it's not going to compare to living in Ocean City for the summer, even at home in some cases, but let's make the most

of it. We are only here a handful of years.

We came to a small school for our own separate reasons. Undeniably, one reason is because we want to know the faces we see, unlike the larger campus scene. When's the last time 30% of College Park's students kicked it together on a Wednesday night and hummed along to "Sweet Caroline" by Neil Diamond?

My feelings are these: There's no reason everyone associated with this institution can't have a good time. Let's stop the fighting, vandalism, and anger, and recognize the key components to memorable nights.

Maybe I was supposed to grow up in the 70's. Who knows, but I really think incoming freshmen just might be able to say that their stay here was as equally great the entire time.

It starts now. I'm sure I'll bump into you on the wall.

"The Wall is a part of our campus, good times a part of college, and authority figures a part of life. It's about time they coexist."

There's too much to do, so I need less time for papers

BRIAN PATTERSON
SENIOR WRITER

I have no time for this. Instead of researching GDP figures for money and financial Markets paper, or editing my History senior seminar paper, I'm embarking on another meaningless journey into commentary land.



This wouldn't be a problem if professors just made papers due a month and a half into the semester.

The vast majority of McDanielians wait to start a week or two before a project is to be turned in anyway, so why not push the date up?

(Who am I kidding, most of the work that goes into a paper gets done the night before the final copy is handed in.)

If you're a more serious student, don't worry. The month and half time period would give just enough time for completing research and editing a few drafts.

Plus, there's the added bonus of more study time for finals later on.

During the last few weeks of every semester the work literally piles on. Senior year is the worst. There are too many sources to read, and too many pages to write.

My spring total will be coming in at around 65 pages, 30 of which will be singled spaced.

Am I complaining? Biology, Chemistry, and Neuroscience majors would probably say I am, with their labs and "MCATs" and board presentations looming over them.

Hopefully the students in the Sociology, Communications, Psychology, and Political Science departments can identify a little bit, at least I would like to think so.

I need more time and there just doesn't seem to be enough for everything. There's required speakers to go to, endless graduation paper work, and disgruntled Applebee's employees who have nothing better to do than hassle me about writing that a Brewtus is 32 ounces when it's only 23.

"Hey is Patterson there?"

"Yeah, this is

Patterson."

"The Brewtus is 23 ounces not 32."

Laughing in the background. Click.

Talk about crappy crank calls. Who does that?

(See my last commentary for the misprint regarding beer volume.)

How am I supposed to get any work done with the Wizards on a playoff run and baseball to watch everyday? I don't even have any time in my schedule to watch my Netflix anymore.

How about that, I guess I am complaining.

Another reason why an early due would help is that a smaller pile of work at the end of senior year would open up some time for job hunting. Pardon me for the conjecture, but I don't think all the seniors know who will be cutting the checks next year yet.

Wow, I really could have used an extension on this, but as the Commentary Editor I strictly enforce deadlines for all writers.

That should just about do it. Be sure to catch my review of *Juiced* in the sports section and check out my story on the front page.

In the words of Rob Goeke, Marinate on that.

FEATURES

Shipley makes Budapest Cafe feel like home

BETH MCLANE
FEATURES EDITOR

Each morning in the Campus Corner, customers can observe a curious phenomenon.

It begins with a simple smile. As food service employee Glenda Shipley serves your drink, she displays a rare quality in the college's fast-paced world: genuine kindness.

McDaniel's coffee shop has become a haven for weary students and scholars, largely through the genial efforts of its main employee, Glenda. A 48-year old mother of one, Shipley has worked in the Pub since 1990, though for personal reasons took a few years off at a time. In 2002 she returned, and has settled into her place in the Campus Corner.

Born in North Carolina and raised in Carroll County, Shipley now resides in Westminster with her 16-year-old daughter, Kayla. Previous to working as a food services employee, Shipley cleaned houses for a living.

As a full time employee, Shipley works 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. each weekday in the pub and Campus Corner. She prefers her current job to cleaning houses, and appreciates the moments she spends with her patrons each day.

"Everybody's super nice," Shipley said, referring to the students, professors, and staff that make up her customers. "I like seeing new students every semester," she said. "I want to hear what their goals are."

It is this extra effort that Shipley puts forth which makes her a hero in some customer's eyes. "Glenda takes excellent

care of me - and always with a smile," noted Josh McCardle, a nontraditional Sophomore.

"She's a pal," Professor Pat Reed mentioned. Reed, a regular customer who purchases a coffee each morning before class added that "it's pleasant - you can come in and you can just talk."

Shipley stresses the importance of having great customer service. "I like to keep everybody happy," she explained. "Even if it's not a good day, you try not to show it."

It is her commitment to treating customers well that keeps them coming back. There are many regulars, mostly staff, who return each morning to have refills of their favorite drinks. "I know what they want when I see them," she added.

Shipley is extremely committed to her job, further reinforcing her unsung hero status. "There is a lot of overtime," she mentioned. "I don't leave until everything's taken care of - I wouldn't do that to the customers and other employees. I don't expect them to leave me either."

Shipley also works on catering big events at the school, and often devotes her weekends to food services if help is needed.

"I just want to please people," she remarked.

"She's dependable, friendly, and proficient," explained Cameron Smith, general manager of Food Services. "She's very good at [her job]."

Her outgoing nature is part of the reason the Campus Corner a welcoming place for students. Shipley's

natural inclination to go above and beyond - Smith calls it "taking the extra step" - is what also makes her a superb employee.

Smith feels that Shipley does an excellent job of informing customers about new promotions in the coffee house - a task Shipley cited as the most challenging part of her job. "It's hard keeping up with the new things they're offering," she explained.

"The campus needed something like this," Shipley explained, referring to the new Campus Corner. "The students really like the renovation." She feels they appreciate the quiet space, and often notices students studying in the coffee shop.

Prior to the renovation in August of 2003, the drab space had wooden decor, complete with pew-like booths and a fireplace. "It was not comfortable," Smith said. He was given the go ahead for the redecoration, and "within three weeks, it was a coffee house."

Now, the Campus Corner - complete with stylish Pier 1 furniture - is a staple of college life at McDaniel for many students. "I love the new coffee shop," McCardle remarked. He has known Shipley since she began working at the college, because his father is a professor here.

Shipley's pleasant character has impacted McCardle and many other patrons during the years she has worked at McDaniel, and she has no plans to change positions. "I already like it," she explained. "I enjoy doing it."

Even when the job gets



GLEND A SHIPLEY

tough, Shipley remains her optimistic self. While learning to use the milk steamer, "the milk got too hot and bubbled over everywhere." She laughed about the experience at the time, and her customers sympathized. "When you make mistakes, people laugh with you," she noted, making the coffee shop a positive work environment.

Another challenge Shipley faced came in the beginning, when the coffee shop was newly opened. "It was really busy, and I was nervous," Shipley noted. She got through the tough time with the help of her manager and her patient customers. "Everybody's nice and cool and patient, so that was good," she added.

She noted that her best

experience in working for the coffee shop was initially learning all the new tasks associated with the job. She enjoyed gaining new knowledge about the products, and viewed the experience as challenge. "It was something new that I've never done before," she said.

Shipley's passion for her job and her customers leave a lasting mark on each person she meets. "She's just an all around great person, and a great employee," Smith said. "We're very glad we have her."

On any given morning, before classes begin and the world becomes a complicated maze once again, there is one person each student, professor and staff member can count on for a bright smile, kind words, and an honest conversation.

Glenda Shipley is there to take care of everyone.



Adam Scott, senior, History and Political Science - "To be a ventriloquist, so at parties people wouldn't know where the wacky comments were coming from."



Bill Druckenmiller, freshman, Exercise Science - "To be able to shoot lasers out of my eye like a Cyclops. No one would dare mess with me."



Brett Rough, junior, Business - "Super strength; moving in and out of school would be so much easier and I would be one of the best football players of all time."



Laura Borchers, sophomore, Business Administration - "I would be able to read people's minds and know what people truly thought about me."



Jen Papaycik, junior, Sociology - "I'd like to have X-ray vision so I could see whatever I wanted, whenever I wanted."



Kasey Ashcraft, sophomore, political science - "Omniscience, so I wouldn't have to read or do any homework."

If you could be blessed with one superpower, what would it be and why?

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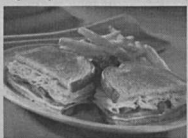
An order of pancakes with conversation on the side: late night Denny's welcomes students

AMALIE SHAFFER
STAFF WRITER

The sound of soft rock echoes off the empty booths and the smell of fried foods lingered in the air which leaves a lasting aroma on your clothes. There are whispers from the four employees present at 2 a.m., and as the door creaks open they all turn simultaneously to see who is entering the restaurant.

Saturday mornings before 3 a.m. the place becomes a mad house full of intoxicated college students. During the week when the late night shift is not so exciting the workers pass the time the best they can, but always encourage people to stop by and hang out.

Welcome to Denny's late night style.



"The Superbird (above) is one of several popular, but unusually named dishes at Denny's.

This is a place where traditions are born, problems are solved, and accomplishments celebrated. It's the place where students wolf down water to sober up.

Or hangovers are nursed with coffee and greasy food.

For Dave Hanyok, a 2001 graduate of McDaniel, trips to Denny's in the wee hours of the morning are a distant, but fond memory. Hanyok played Ultimate Frisbee, three times a week or more when he attended McDaniel. Starting time: 11 p.m. After a few hours, the group would make its way to Denny's.

In fact, Hanyok and his 12 friends went to Denny's so often and on the same night that the server knew the students' drink orders by heart. They also had a special room booth in the corner where they would sit every time.

After a Halloween party one year, they "walked in like we owned the place," said Hanyok.

The late night staff explains that the most exciting

things to happen are usually fights and "really drunk people." Drunken girls have striped, dazed people have talked about UFO sightings, customers have laughed until they cried and cried until they laughed.

"It's always an adventure here," said Alberto, a late shift cook, who is always willing to share a few good stories about his life.

Phi Kappa Sigma member Ryan Stone said that at least once a week he and a group of his brothers go to Denny's between the hours of 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. He said he usually spends about \$4.00 each time. They have experienced "drunk Townies that talk to you about anything while you are there," said Stone.

Most students say they go to Denny's because it is cheap and accessible late at night. Senior Jacqueline Pundt admits to cutting back on her late night visits to Denny's.

"I used to go there all the time, but then I got fat and broke so I stopped," said

Pundt.

A late night trip to Denny's is like comforting visit your grandmother, only the visit is usually around 3 a.m. and the food has bizarre names like "Moons Over My Hammy."

Most students will leave McDaniel with at least one "Denny's favorite." Here are a few:

"I like that I can go there any time of night and

there is a full kitchen so I can any type of food I want," said Junior John Fitzgerald. His favorite food on the menu: Moons Over My Hammy.

"I love the steak and eggs," said sophomore Brent Goldsmith.

"It's cheap - that's the most important thing to me. And it's not too busy so you can relax there," said Sophomore Adam Trexler.

Denny's late night.

Welcome to Denny's. My name is Wendy and I'll be your server.



Sweet. What's your twins name?



by Matthew

It's a dorm, it's an apartment - it's awesome Felicia Donelson's ANW getaway has it all

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BETH WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

The most important thing about Felicia Donelson's whole place is the wonderful smell. As you enter the lovely apartment, you are immediately transformed into a relaxed and happy mood.

This transformation is partly because of the papaya and Hawaiian tropical plug in air freshener. In Felicia's opinion, out of all the highlights of her room, this is the best thing: to have a dorm room that does not smell like a dorm room.

Second in line for "best features" in the room is the

kitchen, which has all of the utilities a regular apartment: an oven, sink, refrigerator, dishwasher, and microwave.

Felicia is the resident assistant for the Albert Norman Ward Hall, otherwise known as ANW. This room has got it all - the kitchen, a bathroom, one large room. It looks a lot like an efficiency apartment.

When you walk up into the main room, which serves as both sleeping area and office, you feel you have arrived onto a second story.

The main living area has a bed and a futon, a desk and a television, and a mirror and a closet. It is also decorated with pictures of

family and friends, posters of different movie stars, and bumper stickers.

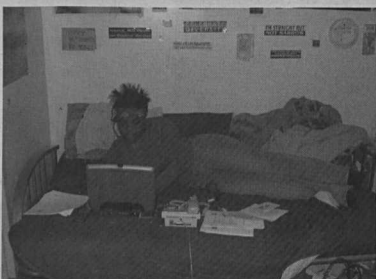
The most notable adornment, however, is the Barbados flag hanging from her bunk. She has never been there, but she says that she would love to go some time in the near future.

Felicia says that most of the time she sleeps on her bed, but when it gets busy (like finals week), she crashes on the futon. The futon also serves as her personal office. She has her computer set up there, as well as her phone and her fax machine.

The futon seems have the most variety of functions, and seems to be the space used the majority of the time out of the whole room.

The last part of the room is the bathroom, where you feel you're escaping to a vacation some where far away from McDaniel. As you enter the bathroom, the first thing you notice is an abundance of postcards of tropical islands on the door. There are also pictures of several young, hot men strategically placed on the walls. Paradise.

Felicia Donelson has got to be the luckiest student to live on campus. She has the biggest and the best dorm room, and most importantly, the best smelling room of them all.



Felicia Donelson's ANW crib has space for everything, including a kitchen (top) a futon (bottom left) and her bed. Photos by Beth Williams.

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Do it Yourself Fashion

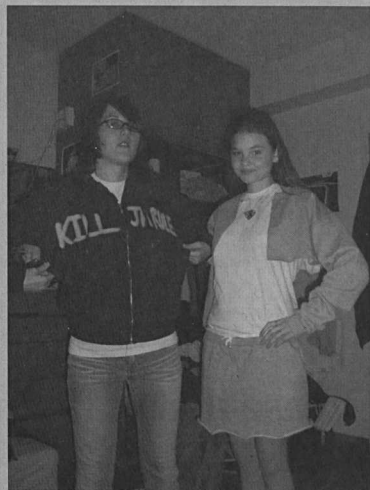
...because there is a fashion designer in all of us.

Spring is here and the weather is cooler than ever. Time to flaunt your body and design your own outfit, all at the same time. So grab a sweatshirt, some scissors, some string, a safety pin, and whatever your imagination requires, and get ready to make your own skirt and cardigan. [p.s.—this is for *real*]

- First take the sweatshirt and lay it out so that it is on a flat surface, such as a bed or table. Then take the scissors and cut off the top part of the sweatshirt, about two inches below the sleeve, making sure it is a straight cut.
- Take the top half of the shirt and cut it in the middle of the neck from the top to the bottom of the cutoff.
- Then, take the bottom half and cut two holes on the inside of the band within an inch of each other. These holes will be for the string, creating a drawstring so that the skirt can be tightened.
- Cut your string at a decent length, at least three feet, so that it can tie with ease. To create the drawstring effect, hook a safety pin through an end of the string and close it.
- Send the pin through the whole, sending it through the hole by bunching the fabric up so that it makes it completely around the inside of the skirt.
- Pull the string out after it makes its way to the other side and unhook the safety pin.
- You've finished.
- Now it is up to you and how far you let your imagination go.

Want to get really creative. Got a bleach pen? You can use the pen to create personal messages and crazy designs on any fabric. Make sure you decide a message or a design you can live with, because once you press the bleach pen to your fabric, there is no turning back.

- First, pick a message or design that you can live with.
- Then, choose how big you want it and where you want to place it on the piece of fabric.
- Apply the bleach pen to the piece of clothing.
- To create a whiter white go over the design a second time with the pen.
- Next, lay the piece of fabric to dry. (Drying time could vary, it might take longer for the fabric to dry depending on how much bleach you used).
- Last, make sure the bleach is completely dry before you try to wash the piece of fabric, or the bleach design will smear.



Taylor Hebden and Chanan Delivuk show off their homemade fashions

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We are also collecting digital photos that document fun times during the year.
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Diversity Week



Students walking in Red Square last week were greeted by Tai Yim Kung Fu Lion and Dragon Dancers. The event was part of Diversity Week 2005 sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Services and other organizations on campus. The week included other events like the Take of Asia dinner, Unity Day, several workshops, and a belly dancing group.

FEATURES

Faculty and students debate value of evaluations

JENNI EVANS
STAFF WRITER

It's nearing the end of the semester, and you know what that means: it's almost time for the traditional distribution of student evaluation forms. You know the drill – the professor hands them out, leaves the room, and everyone gets that one last chance to let the administration know about the strengths and weaknesses of its faculty.

But do students – and faculty alike – really take these evaluations seriously, and are the forms effective tools in measuring whether a course is taught appropriately and efficiently?

According to Dr. Robert Boner of the Mathematics department, the answer is a resounding no. He views them as more of a "client satisfaction

survey," and feels that students are more apt to judge how "popular" the professor is rather than said professor's curriculum.

"I've got nothing against the student evaluations; I give them every semester, in every class," he says. "I just don't like how they're used. I think the purpose is to evaluate 'good teaching,' [something] we haven't yet defined."

Dr. Boner also points out that, "Students aren't in a position to judge the class because they have no way to compare it to [the same course] taught at a different institution...[students] don't have the necessary experience yet; when they're out of college, then they can make judgments [about course effectiveness]."

However, there are

those professors who look very highly upon the evaluations. Julia Jasken of the English department says she thinks "it's really important for professors to get feedback from students. It encourages them to make their teaching philosophies and assignment objectives clear. I value the feedback students provide and use it to make changes to my courses the next time I teach them."

What about students themselves? Most agree that the evaluations are a useful method of letting professors know what works and what doesn't, but only to an extent.

Senior Andrew Lebo says that it depends on the professor: "Some pay attention, and adjust their courses according to what [students say], but there are those professors who disregard them."

[Course evaluations] are effective to the degree that they're used."

Senior Greg Raeder believes that while the evaluations are "a good way to reward a [good] professor for their dedication and the hard work put into the class," so-called "bad" professors aren't affected at all.

"I don't understand why [professors] would ask for our input and then completely disregard it," Raeder explains. "It seems like it's kind of a waste of our time if what we say isn't taken into account."

Junior Stephanie Alvarado agrees: "In the past, I felt like the evaluations didn't really make a difference at all...however, now I feel that action is occurring to correct that problem."

If the forms really do

measure a professor's "popularity" rather than the material taught in their course(s), what could be implemented as a better means of evaluating curriculum?

Dr. Boner points out that every 4-5 years, the Mathematics department sends out a questionnaire to all alumni in his field. The questionnaire pertains to whether or not the math courses taught were effective in preparing the alumni for the "real world," and Dr. Boner says that, "Good feedback is received because of the alumnae's experience."

Maybe someday McDaniel College will implement a different method of evaluating its courses. Until then, break out the pencils, because whether you love 'em or dread 'em, student evaluations are an integral part of our college education.

Grease that watermelon - Greek Week nears

ALYSE HOLLOMON
STAFF WRITER

Obstacle courses, relay medleys, and chugging contests – sounds like a fun-filled day at an amusement park. Instead it's Greek Week – a week full of fun activities, many memories, and the chance to prove which fraternity or sorority is the best.

"Greek Week is a sort of festival starting May 1st to the 5th," said Dorsey Mitchell, a sophomore Mathematics major and member of Phi Kappa Sigma. He, along with Amanda Rose, the assistant director of college activities, are organizing this year's events.

"Throughout these days there will be organized events for Greek members to participate in," continued Mitchell.

During this week of games and obstacle courses, all Greek Organizations get a chance to take a break before finals to come out and have fun with other Greeks.

"The entire purpose of the week is not just a competition between fraternities and sororities though, it is a way to get everyone out together socializing, the same as any Greek Happy Hour or other social event would," continued Mitchell.

Some events that Greeks will be able to participate in include the 50 yard dash, the 100 yard dash, Jello eating, Kool-Aid chugging, medley relays in the pool, cannonball splash, tug-o-war, and much more. Another event that goes on the week before these games begin is the Penny Wars.

"Each chapter has a bucket and anyone can put money into the bucket," explained Rose.

"At the end of the week all the money is turned into points and the fraternity and the sorority with the most points win," Rose added. "All the money raised is then split between the two

groups and donated to the charity of their choice."

With all of these fun activities Greek Week is a week that Greeks look forward to and have many memories from.

"It's always fun, brings

the sororities together, and it's friendly competition. We have a lot of athletes so they really enjoy it," said Samantha Smith, a junior English and Communications Dual Major and member of Alpha Nu Omega.

Jobi Larrick, a senior Sociology Major and member of Phi Sigma Sigma, remembers fun times during past Greek Weeks. "There's nothing like watching your sister push a greased watermelon down the pool!"

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Dull released, team looking to future

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McKay, Rutland & McNeeley), a trend that often points to teamwork, but also exposes a lack of scoring consistency, suggesting that Dull was searching for a rotation that would take-off and be successful. In comparison, the number one team in the conference last season, Franklin and Marshall, had only three different leading scorers (Wright, Smith & Lynch).

At the start of the season in November, the team boasted that defense and scoring would be up due to a faster, more in-your-face style of play. In 2003-2004, McDaniel scored 66 points and gave up 73.

In 04-05, McDaniel scored 66 and gave up 76. The team had nobody in the top fifteen in defensive rebounding, and shot an abysmal .395 from the field, tied for last in the conference. In virtually every other statistical category, the Green Terror were ranked in the bottom half.

In the spirit of the school recent rededication to academic excellence, sports such as cross country and soccer, there have been numerous

academic honor-roll athletes from McDaniel over the past two seasons.

The basketball team had only one honor roll athlete in 2004 and 2005, senior DJ Hynes. In addition, in the four years that Dull spent at McDaniel, no player he coached was named to the 1st or 2nd all-conference teams, nor were any players given an honorable mention.

But each player showed flashes of brilliance throughout the season. Sam Anstead scored 25 against Washington that night.

Chris Rutland played sparingly against Gettysburg and scored 7 points on 3-5 shooting. Kyle O'Connor scored 25 on 8-13 shooting in a loss to Washington. Jameer Daniel scored 14 on 3-4 (8-13 ft) shooting in a loss to Dickinson.

The team knows that they need to get better, no matter who takes over the head coaching job.

Said Rutland, "We are trying to improve on our record, whoever the next coach is."



INDRA GONZALEZ

Women's lax is confident about season

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Bliss's alma mater, Goucher, who at the time was ranked #16 in the nation. In the win, senior goalkeeper Lindsey O'Steen recorded 13 saves, her second highest total of the season, while junior Tara Smith led all scorers with 3 goals on 12 shots. However, Coach Bliss reinforces that McDaniel "really stresses the team game," and that it's the little things from every player out on the field that are necessary to pick up the big wins.

The team's offense is led this year by senior Kristen Ramey, junior Connie Wuenschel, and junior Lindsay Ricks. Bliss also recognizes sophomore Michelle Mullen as a key to the offense

saying, "When she's not on the field, you can tell." McDaniel's defense is led by senior Katie Kirley, senior Heather Nichols, and senior Lindsay O'Steen in the goal. However, while every team needs leaders, Ricks agrees with Bliss explaining that the players like to "focus on that this is a team."

While the team currently holds the best record of any McDaniel spring sport, they realize that they need to begin to step it up in their remaining conference games if they want to reach their goal of making the tournament.

"We know the pressure's on us, and we'll get those wins," said Ricks

confidently. In the team's three remaining conference games, they will face Muhlenberg, Washington, and Swarthmore. The top 5 teams in the conference will make it to the conference tournament, with McDaniel currently standing 7th.

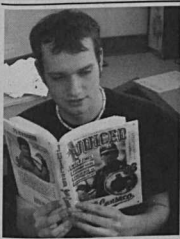
What makes Ricks so sure that the team has a chance to pull off these wins?

"We're all very close and it shows on the field... This is one of the greatest teams I've ever been on."

While talent and skill are most definitely not lacking on the squad, confidence and teamwork will ultimately be what keeps the McDaniel women thinking and playing like champions.

Review: Canseco's Juiced explores steroid abuse, use

BRIAN PATTERSON
COMMENTARY EDITOR



As in any other field, baseball is full of scholars. There's David Halberstam, and Roger Kahn. There are modern writers who try to give poetic flair to the game like Thomas Boswell and Dan Shaughnessy. Popular writers such as John Updike and Stephen King have felt inspired to wax poetic about home runs and little league.

Baseball is the national pastime, and people write about it. But no matter how many articles or books are published about the sport, the ground breaking ones come from the players.

Jose Canseco batted .266, stole 200 bases, had 1,407 RBIs, and hit 462 home runs during his career. He was the first player in MLB history to steal 40 bags and hit 40 home runs in a single season. He did it

with the help of steroids, and in *Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits, and How Baseball Got Big* he tries to convince the reader that pumping up on steroids is no big deal.

"We're talking about the future here. I have no doubt whatsoever that intelligent, informed use of steroids, combined with human growth hormone, will one day be so accepted that everybody will be doing it," writes Canseco.

Canseco who was known as "The Chemist" in MLB circles boasts about injecting Mark McGwire; he also writes that he schooled the Texas-sized slugger Ivan Gonzalez, Ivan Rodriguez, and Rafael Palmeiro about the drug while playing for the Rangers. Later in his career, Canseco educated Tampa Bay Devil Rays Wilson Alvarez, Dave Martinez, and Tony Saunders about steroids. Bret Boone had a break out year with 37 home runs and 141 RBIs in 2001 through the added umph of steroids.

"The challenge is not to find a top player who has used steroids," Canseco claims. "The challenge is to find a top player who hasn't."

In 2001, Pete Rose admitted that he had bet on baseball in *My Prison Without Bars*. He broke the rules because he found the thrill of

gambling too enticing to pass up. Like Canseco, he doesn't apologize for anything.

In 1970, Jim Bouton revealed in *Ball Four* the private lives of players with all its foul, lewd behavior. Bouton was a moderately successful major league pitcher, and his book centered on the 1969 Seattle Pilots. He gave an insider's perspective on baseball, a perspective that had been carefully kept from the public. He was the first to break the confidentiality of the clubhouse.

Canseco combines the approaches of Bouton and Rose by exposing major leaguers and admitting to breaking the rules of the game. He goes further by implicating the entire league.

"The owners knew something was afoot. They could see it in the long list of shattered records, and in the long parade of ripped-and-ripped athletes they employed."

Aside from the finger pointing, Canseco educates the reader on how players smuggled steroids on road trips (usually in a carry-on bag), and disposed of used needles (most of the time in a locker room trash can). He wonders why he became a target, while his "Bash Brother" McGwire escaped unscathed.

"How about McGwire? He went through an even

more dramatic change than I did... But nobody even cared what McGwire was doing."

We care now.

Canseco's book, along with other allegations concerning professional ball players, led to a congressional hearing in which McGwire refused to comment about his past. It only gave more credit to Canseco's testimony.

In 1998, Canseco played for the Blue Jays and saw the McGwire and Sammy Sosa homerun chase much differently than the rest of the nation. The public saw two juggernauts engaged in a heated rivalry to break Roger Ricks's record. Sosa looked bigger than ever before, and "It seemed so obvious," that Sammy was taking steroids according to Canseco. As for McGwire, "It took him a lot of injections to get him past Roger Maris that summer."

As the race neared its end, a journalist began to dig into the issue of steroids and whether or not McGwire was using them. Any fan of the game remembers the andro controversy. A bottle of this performance-enhancing substance, which was legal at the time, was found in McGwire's locker. The media saw a player using a legal steroid that gave a tem-

porary boost of energy. Canseco saw something different.

"McGwire using andro would have been like a hospital patient on morphine asking for aspirin... I'm virtually certain that Mark created the andro controversy as a distraction," writes Canseco.

Juiced is important because of what Canseco says, not how he says it. To find well written prose try Kahn's *The Boys of Summer*, or Michael Lewis's *Moneyball*. As for interesting material, Canseco is at the top of the pile.

Are steroids the wave of the future? In 1970, no one wanted to believe Bouton's stories about wisecracking players who cheated on their wives. When Canseco writes about similar behavior it's expected, it's the steroid use that is shocking. Steroids helped Canseco recover from injuries quickly, and maintain the stamina needed to last a whole season. If that's all they are used for, then what's the big deal? He advocates steroid use, but only under educated supervision.

Canseco's book has already tarnished McGwire's image, and Alex Sanchez of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays was the first player suspended under the new steroid policy. Canseco writes convincingly, for the simple reason that it's hard not to believe him. He doesn't seem smart enough to be making everything up.

Women's lax starts strong, looks to finish stronger in Bliss' first full year

MARK WINKELSTEIN
STAFF WRITER

The 2005 McDaniel Women's Lacrosse team has exhibited a quality so far this season that no team wants to face. Win or lose, they will play any team that is matched against them tough and to the final whistle of the game. While the team's 6 wins have come by a combined 41 goals, their 4 losses have only come by a combined 14 goals.

The team has won two big Centennial Conference games against Haverford and Bryn Mawr, and has dropped four tough conference games including an 8-10 loss to the #6 team in the nation, Gettysburg. Coach Muffie Bliss explains, "Every conference opponent is a tough opponent...We have had some unexpected losses that shifted our strategy."

Whatever their strategy, the team has not shifted their expectations. With a conference record of 2-4, junior center Lindsay Ricks says that the team is "still expecting to get into the conference tourna-

ment" and even furthermore that they "believe that [they] can win" the tournament.

In her first full year as head coach, Coach Bliss says she is excited to have a group of girls that are "driven, focused, and have a passion for the game that is unmatched." Bliss served as the interim coach for the 2004 team that went 13-4, the best women's

lacrosse record at McDaniel in 3 decades. She now serves as the head of the youngest coaching staff of any division III college lacrosse team in the nation.

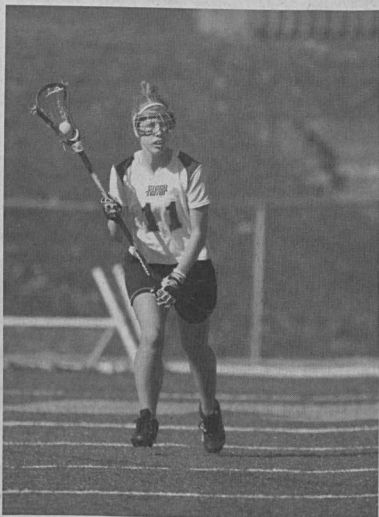
The highlight of the team's season thus far has been a 13-11 win against

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Members of the women's lacrosse team celebrate a play in a recent game against Goucher.

INDIRA GONZALEZ



DAVE SINCLAIR

Senior Katie Kirley scans the field in this file photo.

Dull released after four difficult seasons

MIKE HABEGGER
SPORTS EDITOR

As of last Tuesday, Jay Dull is no longer the head coach of the men's basketball team. Assistant Coach Kevin Selby has taken over as the head of basketball operations. The team finished 5-20 overall and 3-15 in the conference for the second straight year.

Dull spent four seasons at McDaniel, managing the squad for a total of 100 games to a meager record of 22-78 and a winning percentage of a .220.

To compare, the Green Terror have an overall winning percentage of .383 since 1898. The team averaged just over 5 wins per season under Dull's leadership.

Although no members of the athletic department commented on the issue, Sports Information has confirmed that Dull was in fact released from

his position.

"I'm sorry that Coach Dull is gone now, and I enjoyed having him as my coach," said junior forward Chris Rutland.

It is true that the players will miss Dull personally, as will the rest of the campus that found him to be a down-to-earth, sincere gentleman.

In addition to coaching, Dull also taught several EPE courses for the school, where he got to know a substantial amount of students. He pushed his policy of academics and family taking precedent over sports to players and students.

Dull championed "Over-achievement," his philosophy that explains how to win games with only adequate players, players said.

If everyone plays better than they are supposed to, then the team will win some games.

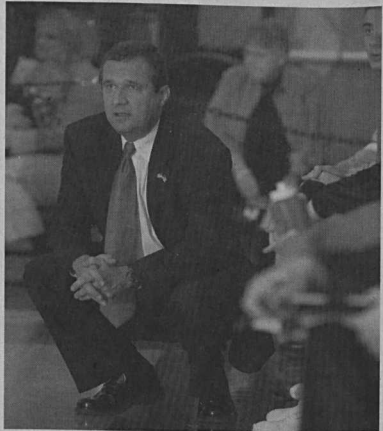
The Green Terror won only 10 games against conference opponents under Dull's tenure.

Dull leaves behind a team comprised of mostly underclassmen. Leading scorer Kyle O'Connor is a sophomore; Juniors Chris Rutland and Mike DiPiero are likely to fill the void on the offensive end that fifth-year senior Sam Anstead once filled, who averaged 11.2 ppg.

Throughout the season, the team got off to a strong start but failed to close out games. The Terror were winning or tied at halftime in seven of their losses.

Consistency was also a problem. The team had seven different single-game leading scorers (Anstead, DiPiero, Daniel, O'Connor,

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JAY DULL

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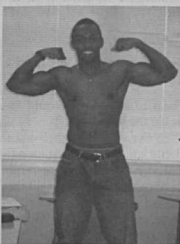
Championships, academic successes and social hazards - The Free Press pays tribute to the '04-'05 school year. See pages 14-20.

The Facebook

"McDaniel finally got Facebook and now I'm addicted." Are you? See page 4.

What would be your ideal summer vacation? See 60 Seconds on page 4.

INSIDE



The ladies of the college decided Jay Scott was their Mr. McDaniel in Alpha Nu Omega's 2nd Annual competition. See more photos on page 12.



Go behind the scenes in the Campus Safety office and get to know Director Mike Webster. Page 5.



McCribs takes a look inside the boy's soccer house on Ward Ave. It wasn't as dirty as you may think. Page 20.

BLARS may never be the same again

BETH MCLANE
FEATURES EDITOR

Progress continues in the Curriculum Review Task Force's efforts to revamp the course load for McDaniel students, and recently reviewed are the college's Basic Liberal Arts Requirements, or BLARS. An outline for a proposed curriculum has been

shown to members of the faculty, and also to students who attended a recent meeting designed to explain the new proposal.

The new outline suggests small changes in some areas, such as Writing Instruction, which, under the proposal, may now feature a first semester English course for under-prepared students.

English 1101 would then be offered the next semester, and some form of upper level writing instruction would be determined by the major department and offered during a students junior year.

Other areas have bigger changes, including the former Global Perspectives. In the proposed outline, it has been transformed into "Glo-

bal Citizenship" and now requires a class on multiculturalism in the U.S., and two courses on international subjects.

The outline continues to use some elements of past BLARS, though it does combine many new terms and concepts.

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ΓBX charter suspended for five years

ROB GOEKE
NEWS EDITOR

The Gamma Beta Chi fraternity had its charter suspended for five years after the group was cited for hazing and other campus policy violations stemming from a March 31 incident.

The group, known as the Betes, is currently await-

ing a final decision on an appeal to McDaniel College President Joan Coley. As of now, the fraternity is not recognized by McDaniel and does not participate in Greek Games.

The Betes had signed up for a social event in their club room, which prompted a regular check by Campus Safety officers that night as

officers discovered what appeared to be physical abuse and alcohol violations.

The fraternity's president, Mike Chapman, was informed of the suspension on April 19 by way of a letter from the administration, and the rest of the group was sent a letter through campus mail following a hearing before a six member panel on April 14.

The fraternity was represented at the hearing by three members, including Chapman, and went before a panel of six faculty, staff and students.

The panel included Rose, Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre, Access Services Librarian and member of the Honor

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Spring Fling 2005

The rain held off for most of the day, so some students tried out the velcro wall and other activities near forum (left) while other relaxed in the quad (right). Photos by Chanan Develik. See more photos on page 6.

Seniors receive scare, Honors questions linger

PAT O'TOOLE
CO-EDITOR

Graduating seniors receive numerous letters on a daily basis. From planning graduation to awarding commendations, there is a lot to do from an administrative perspective.

One seemingly routine letter, however, inadvertently caused some seniors to question whether their hard work over the past four years had

been for naught.

The letter, sent by Provost Thomas Falkner, outlined the requirements necessary for seniors to graduate with general honors (Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Cum Laude). For as long as the seniors had been in school, they had been told that the GPA requirements to receive those honors would be 3.8, 3.6, and 3.4 respectively. In this letter, though, the requirements

were listed as one-tenth of a grade point higher for each of the levels.

In reality, the increased standards for general honors do not affect the class of 2006. According to Dr. Kevin McIntyre, former chair of the Admissions Retentions and Standards (ARS) committee, the change was initiated by ARS in May 2003 as a way to account for the weighted grading system that included the possibility of receiving an

A+, which in theory makes it more likely that students will achieve higher GPAs.

There was also a concern at the time from some faculty members that too many students were receiving general honors due to grade inflation, McIntyre said. The faculty voted on and approved the ARS committee's proposal.

The intention of the committee was that the new standards would take effect

for the class of 2007, but the 2004-2005 catalog had already been sent to print before the changes were passed. The 2005-2006 catalog was printed with the new standards included, which means the class of 2008 will abide by the increased honors qualifications.

After the letter that falsely listed the honors requirements for seniors was sent out, Regis-

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Curriculum requirements soon to be changed

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A Sophomore IDS Colloquium is a new addition to the outline, and Task Force Chair Donna Evergates explained that the course is designed to be an interdisciplinary class focusing the sophomore year.

Evergates noted that it could take various forms, including team-taught classes focusing on one theme, but ranging in disciplines. The Task Force chose sophomore year based on the need to declare a major at the end.

"We felt it might help undecided students into majors,"

Evergates said.

Another new section entitled "Critical Inquiries into the Liberal Arts," requires seven credits in separate subjects, such as Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning, Social and Cultural Understanding, and Textual Analysis and Creative Expression. This differs from the original BLARS,

which required Humanities, Natural Science and Math, and Social Science.

Evergates explained that at press time, the proposed outline has been subject to editing, and is already different than that printed here. She also noted that the faculty has not yet voted on the proposed outline, and stressed that the outline is by

no means permanent. She also noted that "it doesn't affect any students who are here now."

The proposal was presented to students at two meetings on Tuesday, April 19, and junior Sarah Hale was present for the evening meeting. "It looks pretty good," she said. "At first it looked overwhelming, but

with cross-listing, it should be doable."

Evergates emphasized the point of cross-listing in the proposed outline, because it will help make the required courses easier to complete. She also mentioned the importance of creating a more rigorous course load, by making standard classes such as January Term and Fitness Classes more challenging.

The curriculum changes will not be immediate, but the task force continues to work towards creating an effective curriculum for students in the future.

"It looks pretty good. At first it looked overwhelming, but with cross-listing, it should be doable."

- Junior Sarah Hale

Higher GPA will soon be needed to earn honors

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trar Jan Kiphart reported that her office received a "flurry of calls" from seniors who were confused by the discrepancy.

Senior Kacey Barnes, a double-major in History and Political Science, went from thinking she was on the borderline between Magna Cum Laude and Cum Laude honors to wondering whether she would receive any general honors at all.

"I was disappointed more than anything else," Barnes said, recalling her initial reaction to the letter. "I had to put even more pressure on myself for this semester."

Barnes was never made aware of the error by administration, but was relieved to hear that she would not be held to

the new standards.

Junior Jon Fitzgerald caught a glimpse of the letter and was immediately sent into a panic. He believes that a 3.8 could be attainable within the next two years, but a 3.9 is far out of reach.

"The first thing to go through my mind was, 'When did they change that?'" Fitzgerald said.

Fitzgerald immediately ran to check the 2004-2005 catalog, and was surprised to find that the change had in fact been listed. All previous catalogs, Fitzgerald found, had maintained the old standards.

The contention of the majority of the administrators and faculty is that a student should only be required to abide by the standards that

were in place when he or she entered as a freshman.

"If I were a student, I would be upset if the standards for Latin Honors changed after I received my catalog," said Dr. Henry Reiff, associate dean of Academic Affairs.

Yet there is a discussion still taking place over how the issue of the Dean's List and Departmental Honors will be affected by the increase in general honors requirements.

According to Kiphart, the 2005-2006 catalog includes increases in both the Dean's List and Departmental Honors requirements that mirror those of the general honors, a decision that was made by the faculty and corresponding committees.

The question remains as to whether underclassmen will be held to different Dean's List standards than their upperclassmen peers due to the difference in the general honors requirements they will be held to at their respective graduations. In other words, the system could involve allowing juniors with GPAs of 3.4 onto the Dean's List while only accepting freshman with GPAs of 3.5 and above.

"[That system] would create an inconsistency that I would not want," Dean Reiff said.

Reiff suggested that simply making all standards apply to everyone at once may seem to be "premature," but that it would be the most consistent way of handling

the situation and would involve the least overlap.

For now, though, the students will have to wait for a final verdict on the academic honors issue. Kiphart said that the Admissions Retentions and Standards committee will not discuss new business until the opening of next semester, and their efforts along with those of Provost Falkner will be vital in coming to a conclusion.

The mistake with the seniors may have caused distress for some, but it may have actually benefited the administration to have the changes brought out for open forum at this point in time.

"It's not knowing to take care of itself," Dean Reiff said. "Now it gets onto the front burner."

The Lighter Side of the Campus Safety Blotter

Did we really fling with spring? Not according to the blotter

ANDY WU
STAFF WRITER

(Editor's Note: At a glance the Campus Blotter doesn't reveal some of the insane reports to which Campus Safety Officers respond. Andy Wu's commentary highlights some of the most unique calls.)

To begin, I would like to express my shock and disappointment regarding this week's blotter. It was Spring Fling. What were you all doing?

I think it is safe to assume that 90% of campus students were "enjoying the festi-

ivities" on the most entertaining day on campus. I was also under the impression that as college students, it is our responsibility to behave irresponsibly.

Nothing but alcohol citations and boring old vandalism. If you're going

to get written up, at least strip naked and run around for a while. Give your fellow students something to talk about.

Alas, we left our mischievous inclinations back in our rooms with our books.

The one crime I am go-

ing to mention is worth discussing only because I am baffled as to how the culprit failed to get away with it. On April 17th, a student was seen stealing a drink from the pub.

We all know it doesn't take a master thief to burglarize the pub; we all know that countless students take advantage of a "free" refill now and then. Of all the crimes to pursue, give this one poor soul a break - or police the place where it counts: the fountain sodas.

In my opinion, saving the 98 cents for a soda is not worth the risk. Perhaps we should assume that the huge theft was an accident.

You know, exam stress, sleep deprivation - It's easy to accidentally do a lot of things. Yeah, we're college students and the price of a drink is equal to the cost of doing a much needed load of laundry. But I'm sure if you really try, obtaining 98 cents is an attainable goal.

Then again, I can't really sympathize, because for me, money ain't a thing.

Campus Safety blotter

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| 4/16/05 12:26 a.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | 2 | ANW Hall | closed by report |
| 4/16/05 12:39 a.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | 2 | ANW Hall | closed by report |
| 4/16/05 12:46 a.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | 2 | ANW Hall | closed by report |
| 4/15/05 3:30 p.m. | vandalism | structure | 2 | ANW Hall | inactive |
| 4/16/05 10:15 p.m. | theft | shoplifting | 2 | Decker College Center | closed by POC |
| 4/17/05 2:37 a.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | 2 | Hoover Library | pending court |
| 4/21/05 8:57 p.m. | alcohol | possession under 21 | 2 | Rouzer Hall | closed by report |
| 4/22/05 2:05 p.m. | vandalism | vehicle | 1 | Historic Drive | inactive |
| 4/22/05 2:06 p.m. | vandalism | vehicle | 1 | Historic Drive | inactive |
| 4/22/05 7:00 p.m. | vandalism | vehicle | 1 | Whiteford Lot | open |
| 4/23/05 6:04 p.m. | assault | hands / feet | 2 | Blanche Ward Hall | closed by report |
| 4/23/05 5:30 p.m. | assault | hands / feet | 2 | McDaniel Hall | open |
| 4/24/05 12:25 a.m. | assault | knife/blade | 1 | Daniel McLea Hall | report incomplete |
| 4/26/05 3:45 p.m. | theft | from a building | 2 | North Village | open |
| 4/29/05 12:52 a.m. | drunk and disorderly conduct | | 1 | Rouzer Lot | pending court |

NEWS

Incoming freshmen and Campus Safety first to benefit from upgrades to McDaniel facilities

KEVIN JOYCE
STAFF WRITER

Administration officials responsible for implementing McDaniel's Master Plan will soon be shifting their focus from academic buildings to renovating dormitories and other non-academic facilities—much to the benefit of incoming freshmen and their downstairs neighbor, Campus Safety.

With construction complete on the North Village Apartments, and nearing completion on the new academic building beside Hoover Library, the school is preparing to redirect its focus to renovating the existing dormitories and non-academic buildings, said Dr. Ethan Seidel, the vice president of administration and finance.

This shift is in accordance with McDaniel's Master Plan. This plan is a ten year outline aiming at improving the institution's academic buildings, residence halls, and extracurricular facilities.

"The real focus over the next decade will be a shift to improving student life," said Seidel. "We have been doing small-scale renovations [to dormitories] but we haven't been doing anything where we change the layout that much."

The first part of this shift will begin this summer with a

two-phase renovation of Rouzer Hall. Starting in May two rooms will be overhauled on each floor to create a lounge for residents, Seidel explained.

The following summer, the second phase of the renovation will expand the lounges forward through what is now the front wall and add a glass front. This will enhance the original renovation by adding more space and providing light for what are currently dark and windowless corridors. This phase of the renovation will be completed by refurbishing the interior and redecorating the 1970s-era center stairwell.

"It would be great to have a lounge in Rouzer, then we could hangout and not have to worry about getting written up for having too many people in our room," said Ryan Quillen, a freshman. "I'm just upset that I won't be able to take advantage [of the renovations] before I'm out of freshmen housing."

Philip Sayre, Dean of Student Affairs, said that while he couldn't rule out the possibility of changes to the freshmen housing system in the future—such as coed housing or mixing first-year students with upperclassmen—Rouzer Hall will re-

main an all-male freshmen residence hall after the renovation.

"We have taken the attitude that it's nice for the first-year class to bond together as a class, and it's also useful to have single-sex housing in the first year," said Sayre. He added that there is no plan to change the policy of classifying freshmen residence halls as substance free.

With this renovation the Department of Campus Safety's office in the basement of Rouzer is likely to be moved to Winslow Hall to take advantage of the space made by the psychology department moving into the new academic building, said Seidel.

Mike Webster, the director of Campus Safety, noting that the move will both improve accessibility for visitors and provide an increase in floor space, said the DoCS office is definitely moving.

"I've said for the last decade that we need to move somewhere closer to a main entrance to the campus," said Webster. "I think that by the time visitors stumble on us to ask for directions they're already lost."

"We have a fair amount of space becoming available and one of the groups we've

been talking to is Campus Safety," said Seidel. "We've come up with a really nice design that gives them more space that is right by an entrance to the campus and easy to find for visitors...There is a good chance that will happen."

DoCS isn't the only department slated to get improved facilities. In fact, the plan includes provisions for renovations to most campus facilities, many of them geared towards improving campus living. For example, the Master Plan includes the possibility of using a vacant lot on Pennsylvania Ave. to build a new Smith House.

Another project that the college is planning to do within the next two years is a massive renovation of the Gill Athletic Center. This renovation would update the physical fitness center by adding a two-level structure on the same floor as the current basketball courts.

"An addition to the fitness center would be great," said freshman Bill Kauffman. "I'm from Arizona so I didn't come to college with a membership to a local gym like some of the students from the surrounding area."

While the Master Plan includes renovations to several of the school's facilities—

Decker College Center, the football stadium, and even the roads looping campus—not all of the improvements are likely to be carried out. Improvements to all of the residence halls, however, are on the definite list and will be carried out as time permits, said Seidel.

In fact, renovations to the other residence halls are likely to include changes more extensive than those to Rouzer, such as conversions to suites or adding bathrooms so the entire floor isn't forced to share a single bathroom. Seidel added that no list has been established to determine which residence halls will be renovated first.

While some impending renovations will benefit the entire campus community, such as the improvements to Gill Center, incoming male freshmen will certainly be envied for the major renovations in the near future to Rouzer.

The last time the campus implemented a plan of this scale was 1989 during the renovation of the library, said Seidel. By all accounts that plan accomplished its goals and proved to be a dramatic change to the school.

"Part of the [1989] plan was to make the center of the campus pedestrian; when I started teaching here you had to look both ways before walking out of Hill Hall," said Seidel.

Betes kicked off campus for five year period

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and Conduct Board Jane Sharpe, Assistant Professor of Economics and faculty representative to the Honor and Conduct Board Kevin McIntyre, Inter-Greek Council President and member of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Jason Fratto, and senior Chava Roth, who is also a member of McDaniel's Honor and Conduct Board.

Sayre felt that the panel had a "broad representation" of the student body and that the board "handled [the situation] well given the circumstances."

According to Assistant Director of College Activities and former Greek Residence Life Coordinator Amanda Rose in the original article, Campus Safety "stumbled into" the incident in question. The original article also stated that "sources said that the clubroom activities involved physical abuse."

Senior Joe Figola, secretary of the Betes, disputed these claims. Although he was not in the club room at the time of the event, those there claimed that Campus Safety Officers had not knocked on the door to let them know they were coming in, like they "are supposed to do."

"They did not ask to come in," said Figola. "They heard a

noise and came in [the clubroom] without knocking."

The Free Press was unable to get copies of Campus Safety's reports regarding the incident because the decision about the group's punishment has been appealed and the investigation is ongoing.

Figola also noted that the Betes, which was chartered in 1922, is the oldest fraternity on campus.

"It is sad to see the school take away something that has been a part of it for so long," said Figola. "[McDaniel] is losing a lot of history."

Though Figola was not present at the hearing, he felt

that Chapman "answered the panel's questions as truthfully as possible and properly represented our fraternity." But in his opinion, Campus Safety distorted the facts with their final reports, which were presented at the panel.

"It was unfair," said Figola. "None of what Campus Safety and the Committee said was true."

In Figola's mind, the case came down to Campus Safety's word versus the Betes's word.

"[Campus Safety] knows when and where to find trouble and they are taking advantage," said Figola. "[The school] is looking for any singular excuse to get

Greeks into trouble. They know who they can attack."

Given that the Betes' suspension occurred so close to when the Phi Alpha Mu sorority's three year suspension, many students believe that the school has ulterior motives towards Greek life.

But Rose countered this sentiment.

"I do believe in the benefits of Greek life," said Rose, "and I've seen the good of it through the individuals who have been and still are members of Greek organizations. We want students to be safe, healthy and have the best college experience possible."

As to why the Betes received a five year suspension

of charter and why the Phi Alphas only received three, Rose stated that "there were very serious allegations in this case."

She also noted that Campus Safety had pictures of the events in question and detailed reports. Rose also noted that "first hand knowledge from Campus Safety had an impact on the outcome."

"[College Activities] doesn't hate Greek life," said Rose, "we support it 100 percent. However, this institution or any other institution will not support any student organization that is not moving forward, being positive and having public growth."

Sayre also was concerned about how the suspensions would be interpreted.

"I don't like to do things like this and generally, rulings like these can be misread," said Sayre. "But the goal is to set up the fraternity in such a way where it comes back stronger and in the mainstream of Greek life."

Sayre had the final say in the decision to hand out disciplinary action, but he let other panel members discuss what was discussed during the hearing. He then listened to and followed their recommendations.

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Students discriminated against in Westminster

ROB GOEKE
STAFF WRITER

Jane, an African-American sophomore at McDaniel College, loved the Peanut Butter Pie at the Westminster Denny's. So when she went to buy one last semester, she never could have imagined what would occur.

"What happened to me was just as bad as being called nigger," said Jane.

While waiting to be seated, Jane said she was repeatedly ignored by the restaurant's wait staff. Often, a waiter or waitress would make eye contact with Jane, who was first in line, and then seat white patrons behind her.

As the minutes passed and more and more white customers were seated, Jane slowly came to the realization that her skin color was the reason for this treatment. She finally complained to the manager and was offered a free dessert gift certificate, but this was hardly satisfactory.

"How does that replace the utter disrespect I received?" said Jane. "I have never been so angry in all my life."

Now, the thought of Peanut Butter Pie always leaves a foul taste for Jane. She now hangs the free certificate above her desk in her dorm room as a reminder that all is not right in the world.

Jane's name has been changed to protect her identity, but her experience exemplifies

the discrimination students of color sometimes receive when they venture off the McDaniel campus. Instead of racist verbal remarks, students of color that were interviewed for this story say they frequently encounter non-verbal discrimination that leaves the same impact as other direct forms of racism.

"Not a year goes by where students of color don't experience some kind of discrimination," said Zephia Bryant, Director of Multicultural Cultural Services. "But it doesn't only happen to students of color. Discrimination happens to every dimension of diversity."

Bryant has had "anywhere from three to five" students approach her with stories of discrimination in the Westminster community this year.

"For every one that I hear about, I feel like there are a few more that we don't hear about," said Bryant.

Problems have occurred in the past to students in other places throughout Westminster.

"I have heard stories of students of color going into stores at the Town Mall [in Westminster] and being followed around by store clerks and being watched more closely than other customers," said Philip Sayre, Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs.

Senior Adam Wooten, who is the current president of the Black Student Union (BSU), said he was once walking back to his car after a shopping trip to the local Giant when he noticed a white woman fearfully staring at him.

"I could just tell that the woman was nervous because she was shaking and she could not put her groceries in her car," said Wooten.

Bryant said she and other faculty and staff members have also been discriminated against.

In an email response, Bryant recalled two instances at a restaurant in Westminster where a hostess acknowledged and seated a person in line behind her first.

Associate Political Science Professor Deborah Johnson-Ross noted similar experiences at multiple area restaurants.

"There are two restaurants I will never return to because I was mistreated," said Johnson-Ross.

According to her, there is a stereotype that exists in the service industry that African-Americans do not tip well. Thus, waiters will often not give black customers adequate service, which results in the African-American customers not giving a good tip because of the bad service.

"They have this stereotype," said Johnson-Ross, "and you end up confirming

it."

Bryant said she has learned to choose her battles.

"Unfortunately this type of thing happens all the time for me and other people of color so if I am emotionally capable of dealing with the situation at the time—I will, if not I wait till the next instance," she said.

Mahila Joyce, an African-American graduate assistant in the Multicultural Services Office has been a lifelong resident of Westminster and recalled Carroll County's racist past.

"I remember walking down Main Street in the early '80s during parade days and seeing Ku Klux Klansmen just standing on the street," said Joyce. "Now, things have become a little better. But sometimes it is hard to understand that, in 2005, so many people in Carroll County have a 1960's mentality regarding this issue."

Such experiences make efforts to increase sensitivity and debunk stereotypes necessary. Wooten hopes he can use his position at the BSU to help prevent incidents like these from occurring in the future.

"I just want to make sure that people are aware that we are a presence here," said Wooten. "We just want to be accepted, learn and have a good time in college."

Joyce feels that part of the problem is the provincial

nature of many Carroll County inhabitants: "A lot of the older residents are scared to drive around Washington, D.C. and Baltimore. For some people, driving on 795 is a stretch."

Joyce feels that people from Carroll County are sheltered, and the best way, in her mind, to combat this problem is for political leaders in the County to speak about diversity and sensitivity issues.

Sayre wants to provide students of color who are victims of such discrimination a support network so they will not feel alone.

"One of the worst parts of being a student of color here is that you are in the minority here at the college and even more so in Carroll County," said Sayre.

When Sayre and Student Affairs receive discrimination complaints, they make attempts to put the student in touch with others who can help.

Karina Havrilla, a junior and president of the Hispanic-Latino Alliance at McDaniel, lamented the general student apathy in regard to this issue.

"It is hard to get a dialogue going if people are not willing to get involved," said Havrilla.

Attempts to contact the Carroll County NAACP chapter's president, Charles Harrison, via e-mail were not returned in time for publication.

Comparing the new and old BLAR requirements

Current BLARS and Competencies:

- A. First Year Seminar (1)
- B. Heritage Sequence (2)
- C. Distribution Requirements:
 - 1. Global Perspective (1)
 - 2. Humanities (3)
 - 3. Natural Science and Math (2 each from a different discipline)
 - 4. Social Science (1)
- D. Competencies:
 - 1. Writing: English 1002, English 1101, English 1102
 - 2. Foreign Language (1 and/or 2 courses depending on placement)
 - 3. Arithmetic test/ Workshop, Algebra Test/ Workshop
 - 4. Physical Education (4)
- E. January Term (1)

The Proposed Curriculum:

- A. The First Year Seminar (1)
 - 1. A stand alone course with an FYS designation
- B. Writing instruction (1-3)
 - 1. First semester of the first year - an ENG course for under-prepared students
 - 2. Second Semester of first year - ENG 1101 (for most students)
 - 3. Junior Year - upper level writing instruction determined by the major dept.
- C. The Sophomore IDS Colloquium (1)
- D. Global Citizenship (3)
 - 1. Multiculturalism in the U.S. (1)
 - 2. International (2)
- E. Foreign Language (0-3)
 - 1. Satisfied by proficiency in a foreign language above the third semester
- F. Critical Inquiries in the Liberal Arts (7)
 - 1. Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning (3)
 - 2. Social and Cultural Understanding (2)
 - 3. Textual Analysis and Creative Expression (2)
- G. The January Term (1)
- H. Physical Activity and Wellness (0-4)

SGA installs new officers, platforms revealed

BAYLEY FANNIN
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association (SGA) is looking ahead to next year following elections.

On the new executive board Laura Thierer succeeds Felicia Donelson as President, Ellen Inverso was elected Vice

President, Bill Kauffman was elected Treasurer, and Cheryl Jervay was elected Secretary. As president, Laura Thierer wants to strengthen relations between faculty and students as well as listen closely to the concerns of the students.

The senior class president for the class of 2006 is Christinah Fadahunsi. The

three representative positions for the senior class are still vacant.

The office of President for the junior class is currently vacant and the three representatives are Kristin Brennan, Andrea Purcare, and Chelsea Phillips. Kristin Brennan says she is excited about being a part of SGA and plans to push

for the Library to extend their hours.

Chanan Delivuk, the new sophomore class President, says she wants to use her position encourage volunteerism among the student body and increase student involvement, awareness, and diversity.

SGA will have a transi-

tion meeting this semester with both old and new SGA members present.

The newly elected members will hold their first meeting at the beginning of next semester. All SGA meetings are open to all students.

FEATURES

The lighter side of Campus Safety's Mike Webster

PAT O'TOOLE
CO-EDITOR

When walking through Rouzer Hall, it is far from uncommon to hear the likes of Eminem and Outkast seeping through the door cracks and bursting through the windows of students' dorm rooms – but you may hear such music coming from an unlikely source as well.

Nestled in the basement of Rouzer, a McDaniel employee imbibes in the very same noxious beats and rhythms as many of the students he spends his time focusing on. Yet his job is to deter those students from imbibing in other ways.

Students know Mike Webster, Director of Campus Safety, as the enforcer of campus policies – the man who instructs the officers who break up their parties, the man who lectured them during freshman orientation.

Who most students do not know, however, is the man with a gripping sense of humor who sits in his office listening to rap music, flanked by crayon drawings and letters from his children.

Family plays a large role in Webster's life. His three children, a 14-year-old daughter, a 9-year-old daughter, and a 7-year-old son, are involved in activities including martial arts and softball and take up a large portion of his time. But that's not something you'll hear him complaining about.

"Being a dad is a full-time job," he said, smiling.

Dr. Philip Sayre, Vice President/Dean of Student Affairs, has seen Webster's interactions with his wife and family first-hand.

"While he might appear to a lot of people as a tough guy or authority figure, he's really got a pretty tender heart," Sayre said.

Webster also spends his time out of work teaching a GED program at Adam's County Prison. He described the experience of interacting with inmates and attempting to give them a second chance as "very rewarding."

His teaching abilities are also utilized on campus, where he teaches a course entitled "Practical Applications of Law Enforcement."

Junior sociology major Sabrina Putro took Webster's course during the January Term. She saw the course as being well-organized and enriched with interesting guest speakers. The course was not entirely what she expected.

"With the topics we were covering and [Webster] being who he is, you thought it would be really serious," she said. "It was a lot more relaxed than I thought it would be."

When he's not busy with his work, teaching, or children, Webster sometimes ventures from his home in Littlestown, PA to Annapolis with his sailboat, "Avalon," in tow.

Sailing is Webster's main pastime, and he is certainly no stranger to the sea. Before coming to McDaniel, he served in the United States Coast Guard Reserve on the crew for a patrol and rescue craft.

"The dumb things that people do on land are just amplified when boats are involved," he said.

The Coast Guard uniform, quite different from his trademark professional ensemble adorned nowadays, is not the only suit Webster has worn in his lifetime. In high school he worked as a janitor at a hospital to save money for college, spending his days cleaning, of all things, the morgue. He has also pumped gas and trained horses at a summer camp.

Growing up in Norwich, CT, Webster was the oldest of five children in a working class family. He received his Bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Northeastern University in 1983, and he worked as a dispatcher for the campus police at Wentworth Institute of Technology while earning his diploma.

That humble beginning became a career for Webster, and he eventually ended up at McDaniel (then Western Maryland) in October of 1991.

As the Director of Campus Safety, Webster is responsible for supervising approximately 18 employees.

Due to the nature of his department, he puts a high level of trust in his supervisors who are on duty throughout the course of the day. He strives to train his personnel so that they will be able to handle situations effectively even when he is not around.

Sayre recognizes that Webster's training programs and high standards have brought the Campus Safety department to a level that it was nowhere near in 1991.

"He has brought a lot of professionalism to that department," Sayre said.



WEBSTER

Sayre also notes, however, that Webster can be rather humorous in his everyday interactions. He often comes back from sailing trips, an activity that Sayre also enjoys, with stories of tragedy and woe where fate always seems to win out in an amusing twist.

Bobbi Ward, Office Manager for Residence Life, attests to Webster's unique humor.

"He's a New England person. There's a different humor, a different sense there you have to get used to," she said. "But I like it. We all need to be different."

Webster even sees humor in his recognition of his reputation on campus, calling it "an occupational hazard" and warning his daughter that nobody will party with her if she comes here.

Yet no matter how the campus sees Webster, he often looks at it through a different scope while sitting in his office, reviewing cases and listening to his admittedly eclectic music.

"My son made these for me," he said while putting on a pair of colorful pipe-cleaner spectacles. "I put these on sometimes when I need a change of view."



60 Seconds

WHAT IS YOUR IDEAL SUMMER VACATION?

Compiled by Taylor Hebden



Kimberly Spears
Sophomore
"Wherever the ocean is, is pretty much ideal...I really enjoy Myrtle Beach."



Nicole Carter
Sophomore
"A tall, dark man on a sunny beach, a dog, and a martini."



Veronica Armstrong
Junior
"On the beach with butterflies just swarming around with Prince Charming down by the water."



Sarah Kathleen Grosh
Sophomore
"Lying on the beach in Mexico with a daiquiri."



Andy Cohen
Freshman
"Doing nothing."

FEATURES

Students sign on to [thefacebook] fad

CHANAN DELIVUK
STAFF WRITER

As of April 17, 2005 McDaniel was added to one of the most popular used websites for connecting college students. Now, more than 734 McDaniel students are registered and obsessed users of Thefacebook.com.

Whether you're connecting with people here on campus, or hooking back up with people from your high school, Thefacebook does it all, and more.

You start out by filling out a profile with basic info about yourself, like hobbies and things people should know about you, along with the more personal, such as residence hall and cell phone number.

You can upload a pic, create/add groups and parties, and of course add friends.

Some of the more popular groups include *Procrastinators Anonymous*, *Yea McDaniel Finally Got Facebook* and *Now I'm Addicted*, and *I Went to Public School Bitches*.

Within each group is also a complete group description, message board for posting, a sidebar for announcements, and a list of other group members are in.

"Seriously...it is about time we got included in this facebook phenomenon...I don't think I know any of you yet, but yay for procrastination," posted Tom Nunnally, a true procrastinator.

In the *McDaniel Finally Got Facebook* group, an announcement clearly states, "Welcome...get comfortable cause you'll probably NEVER leave," something most students truly do.

Still not feelin' it? Thefacebook.com is "an online directory that connects people through social networks at colleges and universities," according to Thefacebook 'Pressguy' Chris Hughes. The directory was created and open to the public on Wednesday, February 4th, 2004 by Mark Zuckerberg.

After a few weeks of work and many late-night dorm-room conversations with the rest of us the four other guys who started out working with Zuckerberg, Thefacebook was released, according to Hughes.

The idea is genius, and the founders obviously are too - after all, they go to Harvard.

Many of the local colleges, Maryland, Towson, and UMBC, have had Thefacebook since the beginning of last semester.

But don't worry. All of you out-of-towners can equally hook-up with friends. Schools like Temple, Penn State, NYU, and N.C. State do as well.

In short, if you're already added—great. However, for all of you who were unfortunate to 'get the memo' here's a lil' tip: ADD yourself to Thefacebook.

Make new friends, find some old, and be part of Thefacebook phenomenon.

What's your reaction to [thefacebook]

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Information

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Picture (edit)

Information

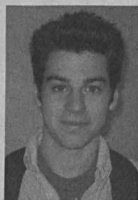
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Name: Kristin Brennan
Year: Sophomore
Major: Political Science
Reaction: "It's amazing! I have connected with so many people I lost contact with from high school. But I missed two classes because I was up so late the night before on facebook."



Name: Cecilia Randall
Year: Sophomore
Major: Sociology
Reaction: "I had a lot of fun at first finding people from high school that I haven't seen in years. I hope more schools are added and I also hoped that more people I know sign-up so I can add them to my friends list!"



Name: Chris Matthison
Year: Freshman
Major: Undecided
Reaction: "Staying connected with friends across the country is fun. Plus it's a good time when you reject kinds on facebook."



Name: Rachel Boteler
Year: Sophomore
Major: Biology
Reaction: "I think facebook is just another addicting on-line distraction. I refuse to sign-up because I don't want to waste anymore time on-line doing pointless things like inviting people to be my friends who already are my friends."



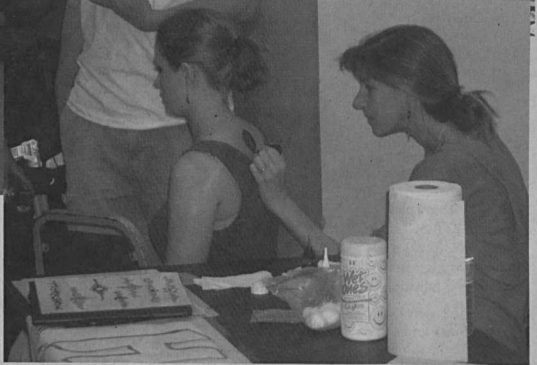
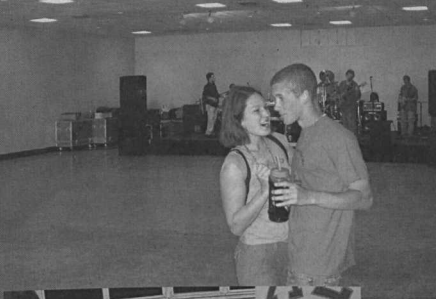
Name: Aiyana Patterson-Kincaid
Year: Senior
Major: Art History and Economics
Reaction: "Facebook? It's crazy! Last Wednesday night I was in Sue Bloom's graphic class, and she gave us almost the whole three hours to work on an assignment for this week. But nobody did. They spent the entire time laughing and looking at Facebook. To get a C you have to spend a minimum of three hours, but only a few of us actually worked on the assignment."



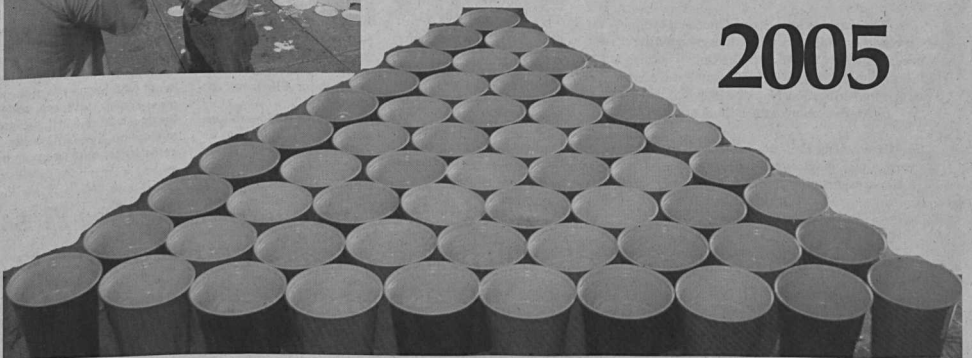
Name: A.J. Schultz
Year: Junior
Major: Graphic Design
Reaction: "It's nice to connect to people you haven't seen in a while, High School mainly. But it is very addictive and can take over your life if let it. It's very entertaining!"

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Commencement Advice

Words of wisdom from Napoleon, Ron and Buddy

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Anyone looking for sage-like advice regarding the real world, or words of wisdom as graduation looms over the class of 2005 should look somewhere else. To my knowledge, I've never been thought of as someone marked by wisdom and calm judgement, but I do watch a lot of movies.

I will be graduating on May 21, and while reflecting on my four years at McDaniel I found that I have a message for my fellow seniors and for the underclassmen. What follows is not an attempt at commencement advice per se, but should be sufficient evidence as to why I will never be formally allowed to speak at a commencement ceremony.

In grade school, children are always asked what they want to be when they grow up. It's usually a lofty profession like a doctor or a lawyer or a pro football player. The problem for most students is that medical and law schools are hard to gain acceptance into, and the NFL draft is only seven rounds. By the time a collegian reaches the second semester of senior

year, reality sets in and the question becomes, "What are you going to do after college?"

Very few seniors know for sure, yet everyone wants an answer. I did not have an answer, until the first lines from *Napoleon Dynamite* came to mind.

"What are you going to do today Napoleon?"
"Whatever I feel like I wanna do. Gosh."

Doing what I wanna do sounds fine to me, but I still know that at some point graduates will have to go on job interviews. On any interview, confidence is a must. If an interviewee is cool and collected, the interviewer will pick up on it, and the odds of landing that first real job improve drastically.

This brings me to my second bit of wisdom, and a sure-fire way to ace an interview. It comes from Ron Burgundy, who in *Anchorman* never lacked confidence.

"I don't know how to put this, but I'm kind of a big deal. People know me. I have many leather-bound books and my apartment smells of rich mahogany."

Use a line like this and you're in. It's not about what you know, but who you know, or at least that's what I've been told.

My third quotation also has to do with the job market.

"I'm Buddy the elf."

"Who sent you?"

"Papa Elf from the North Pole."

And what does this exchange from Elf have to do with finding a job? Well, it may be easier for a new en-

trant in the work force to convince an employer that he is an elf from the North Pole, than to overcome the handicap of a History or an English degree.

As I said before, I'm not an expert on the real world or how to conduct a job search. However, I do know McDaniel College, and at an institution like this there aren't many people that take after Beanie from *Old School*, who said, "We will give nothing back to the academic community, as well as provide no public service of any kind. This much I promise you."

Most of the students on campus are involved in at least one club or organization, and this is one of the benefits of going to a liberal arts college. Each student has a unique experience, and no two graduates are the same, unlike the drones produced at larger universities. And that will allow me to move on to my final movie reference, a slight paraphrase from Officer Del Spooner in *I, Robot*.

"Robots [have] nothing [inside], just lights and clockwork. Go ahead and you trust them if you want to."

I find it comforting that I am not a massed produced graduate. There are only a few hundred seniors each year at McDaniel, and they are trustworthy individuals who contain no lights or clockwork.

Forgive me if I have lost anyone, and if a reader is confused by any references, then that reader is not a college student. As for any college students who haven't seen these movies, they did more studying than I did, and in this group of students there's probably a commencement speaker or two.

The year is all but over, but the *Free Press* will be back! Look for opportunities to join the staff next year. Talk to Lisa Breslin in the Writing Center for details.

COMMENTARY

Don't be a racist, Give the new pope a chance

ROB GOEKE
NEWS EDITOR



When he walked out, the crowd cheered. But shocked, stunned, saddened was I. This wasn't the man I was hoping for. This wasn't the man they had told me I should want to be there. But, looking back, I realize I had really just fallen into the trap. Their trap.

Since John Paul II had died, I had been bombarded, saturated, told about the way things should proceed. The consensus was this: the next pope should be African or Latino.

That conclusion made sense on the surface. Forty percent of the world's Catholics live in South America or Africa, so a pope from either continent would appeal to and understand the masses. A choice from anywhere (Europe) else (Europe) that had a much paler skin tone (white) would alienate the many. That's what the media told you. And me.

I bought into it fully. Wanted to see new perspective represented. Prayed for the world to finally hear a new voice like Cardinal Francis Arinze of Nigeria or Cardinal Bergoglio of Argentina. Then, out walked Joe Ratzinger, soon to be Benny 16, of Germany. My heart sank.

Another 'European' pope. Just like the rest. More of the same perspective. More of the same ignorance. That's what I thought I believed. But, really, it's what

the media had told me to believe.

When all the haters came out, saying how a German couldn't represent the 1.1 billion Catholics worldwide, I agreed. At first.

Then I remembered something else: John Paul II, the man that had been lionized since his death, the man whom many had claimed helped to kill the Iron Curtain, the loving, kind, beautiful man, was white and came from Poland. Where's that? In Europe, next to Germany.

It isn't about who you are. It's about what you do.

John Paul II united people that didn't share his background or his race and didn't speak his language. So he did. Everything. He never rested. He acted.

There was an interview I saw with JP dos on a plane during one of his many trips

when a reporter asked "Are you doing too much traveling?"

"Yes," was the reply. Pause. "But sometimes too much is the right thing to do." Then he walked away, off to somewhere where he was to keep doing.

So the people who hated on Benny 16 when he was chosen were indirect racists. Why? Because race in any form doesn't matter for choosing a pope. And it doesn't matter for choosing anything else.

If you believe that only Latinos and Africans can identify with a Latino or African pope, you're racist. If you believe a European or white pope can't identify with people unlike himself, then you're wrong. It was just done for 26 years. It can be done again.

Is Benny 16 going to be

successful? I don't know. But you don't either. Only time does. Here's what doesn't and never should matter in picking a pope: race, ethnicity, background, nationality.

Here's what does matter: faith, love, leadership. You can't see that in skin or on a map or in a family tree. It's all about the character. If he can connect with the world, he's the man for the job. The other 114 Cardinals thought Benny could do that better than they could.

The fact I wanted a pope from Africa or Latin America simply because they were African or Hispanic meant I fell into their trap. I was racist. Now, the epiphany has been restored. I'm not any longer.

So am I sold on Benny? Nope. Not yet. But I'm approaching him with an open mind, giving him a fair chance. He has to earn my hate, or earn my love. He should have that chance with you too.

A Spring at McDaniel, an 'Intellectual community'

Reflections by visiting scholar Michael Dirda, a 1993 Pulitzer Prize recipient for criticism



My heart sank as I first drove into Westminster. Having followed Route 97 from my home in Silver Spring, I'd enjoyed the bucolic rolling countryside, the winding roads, the sighting of a used bookstore in a shopping center (Books with a Past). My CD player was playing Mozart's Marriage of Figaro, loud. I was in a very good mood—or at least as in as good a mood as one can expect from any introspective middle-aged guy. (As Emerson once said, after 30 a man gets up sad every morning.) All in all, the old spirits were high, the mental outlook sunny, and everything seemed right with the world.

And then, suddenly, my car was passing through the most hideous strip of fast-food joints, car lots, big box stores, and all the gimcrack, jerrybuilt facades of America's bountiful and ugly. My pretty road metamorphosed into a four-lane highway, still in the process of being built—with dump trucks and road equipment gracing the curbsides. Traffic thickened, stalled. "What have I done?" I thought to myself. Westminster was no happy rural seat; it was a cheap traveling carnival that had pitched its

tents in the midst of Arcadia.

Fortunately, I soon discovered that I could take a different approach to McDaniel, and travel, slowly, down the main street of the original town, lined with small and odd shops, and so recover my more Wordsworthian serenity.

I tell this story because it encapsulates one aspect of my McDaniel experience, and one way I tend to view college life. For four years undergraduates at McDaniel or similar liberal arts colleges are separated from the real world that crouches outside their doorstep, waiting to spring. Even students with part-time jobs can look to the McDaniel campus as a temporary refuge. To me, what college offers is the chance to spend four years with only one real purpose—to learn as much as possible, to acquire at least the rudiments of a liberal education. Nothing else really matters. For once one graduates, the world is there, offering all its tawdry and glorious seductions, opportunities and travails. Jobs, families, mortgages await, as do success, frustration and failure. But for the few years that one is in college, especially at a small intellectual community like that represented by McDaniel, a student is primarily a scholar.

Teachers, books, laboratories, theaters, lecture and concert halls and, just as important, the proximity of other young scholars—these lie at the heart of a liberal education. I was honored to spend this past spring semester at McDaniel in part be-

cause it has allowed me to relive some of my own college days. Long ago at Oberlin College I discovered art and music, the exhilarations of late-night bull sessions, the pleasures of libraries, and the perhaps misguided ambition to read as much of the world's great literature as I could. For a long time I had hoped to become a teacher myself, but instead found myself drifting into journalism. Still, the memory of rainy days amid the soft susurrations of hushed voices in the Reserved Reading Room at Carnegie Library stayed with me. Paradise lost.

And regained, at least somewhat, here at McDaniel. On my second evening in residence, I sauntered into the library and roamed the stacks for three hours, gradually making up an armload of books I had long wanted to read—books on Grub Street and the Library at Alexandria, on the medieval legend that the poet Vergil was also a magician and necromancer, on Victorian book illustration, on Shakespeare's boy actors (the Canadian novelist Robertson Davies' rare first book), on favorite writers like Evelyn Waugh and Max Beerbohm and Robert Burton. Best of all, I discovered that as a faculty member all this material could be mine for an entire year. I would go back to the library and abuse this enlightened privilege throughout the semester.

On Tuesday and Thursday mornings I taught a course called Love's Mysteries, in which the class and I read some of the great books

of the western world, starting with Plato's Symposium and ending with Nabokov's Invitation of a Beatitude. I couldn't help but quit that we were beginning with pederasty and ending with pedophilia. But, in truth, most of the novels, poems, plays and operas we studied dealt with yearning, adultery, and all the tragic consequences of passion. My students have worked hard, read attentively, argued with the texts, and shown a wonderful intellectual curiosity, spiritedness and independence. For me, the course was a chance to re-examine favorite books and to try to clarify what I thought about them—and to learn from minds younger and perhaps more supple than my own.

In the afternoons I conducted a seminar on literary journalism. Here, I confess, I spent a lot of time discussing my own career at The Washington Post Book World, telling stories and anecdotes, striving to impress on some very bright seniors (for the most part) the values of a journalism that is lively, personal and amusing, as well as thoughtful or well reported. It is hard to teach writing. At one moment, I found myself correcting simple punctuation errors, in another pointing out awkward syntax, in still another, sitting back and envying sentences as good as any by my award-winning colleagues at The Post. I suspect, though, that the real function of a writing course—aside from imparting the basics of good, clear English—must be to create better and more sensitive

readers. In the end writers teach themselves, inspired by the books and authors they love.

During the semester I was privileged to see amusing plays, listen to distinguished speakers like Elie Wiesel, learn about the fabulous Budapest program, spend time with my colleagues in English, Romance languages, and history, attend dinners and parties and processions. On most evenings, though, I would overeat at the Clar cafeteria, work late in my office, then go down the hill to the big empty house where I was staying. There I would sip a glass or two of wine, usually while listening to Ella Fitzgerald or Jussi Björling, sometimes almost weeping over the loveliness of "The Way You Look Tonight" sung by Margaret Whiting or thrilling, as always, to Rita Streich as the Queen of the Night in The Magic Flute. Often I would read a little more in bed, happy to know that I could look forward to a whole semester of such days and evenings.

But now that semester is nearly over. With a bit of luck, I may be back here again next spring. I hope so. But now it's time to return wholly to my other life—I am already overdue with a new book and hope to work on it this summer. And then yet another is due in December. A writer likes to keep busy. Still, I am grateful to have been able to spend this semester here at the exceptional intellectual community that is McDaniel College. It's been, well, great. Besides, I still have all these wonderful library books that aren't due for at least another eight months.

SPORTS

Modest softball team becomes congenial winners

MIKE HABEGGER
SPORTS EDITOR

Smack. A ball flies high into the air. Fans sitting next to left field lose the ball in the sun. It looks as if it will never come down. Somewhere along the foul line, a man spills a cup of coffee. The date is May 1st, 2005. Is that Miguel Tejada circling the bases just now? No. It is the bottom of the ninth, extra innings. The ball flies over the fence, out of reach of the demoralized opponent. The fans roar, the game is over. This is McDaniel College Softball.

In the season finale, a make-up doubleheader against Muhlenberg, Senior Caitlin Burns was as clutch as clutch can possibly get. On Senior Day, traditionally the last home game of the season, Burns went 4-for-6 on the day with a pair of walks and four RBIs.

"It was great," said Junior first base from Ellicott City Megan Mitchell. "Being our only senior and hitting...a two-run shot walk-off homerun...[it was the] best way to end her last home game and career at McDaniel."

It was the most important game of the season for the Green Terror, to gain momentum for the playoffs after taking a tough loss to #1 Gettysburg. Winning meant

keeping their chances of going into the playoffs alive in second place alive, if Dickinson could have defeated Ursinus.

The first game was won by McDaniel as well, 1-0. Shortstop Samantha Smith scored the only run in the third inning. Megan Mitchell was credited with the RBI on a base hit. The RBI was Mitchell's 13th on the season.

With the wins, the McDaniel Softball team completes another successful season, again making the playoffs for the 5th straight season. The Centennial Conference began softball playoffs in 2001, and McDaniel has reached the postseason every subsequent year. Western Maryland College won championships in 2002 and 2004, while in 2003 and 2001, the team finished first in the Centennial Conference for the regular season.

All three teams, McDaniel, Ursinus, and Gettysburg are tied with three conference losses at the conclusion of the season. They will face each other on May 7th. McDaniel receives the third seed and will play Ursinus. On Monday, the Green Terror defeated Swarthmore 9-1 and 14-2. Caitlin Burns came up big

again, hitting two homeruns and driving in six. She finishes the season leading the Terror with a batting average of .337.

But at the beginning of the season, things didn't look so great; the team got off to a rough start. On April 4th, the Terror had a record of 3-10

before sweeping York (PA), 5-0, 5-4.

"It was a shock, considering the past two years," said Mitchell. "We played against some tough opponents, so the losses weren't necessarily horrible." She added that playing down in Virginia against some ranked

opponents helped the team learn and build.

From there, McDaniel won fourteen out of sixteen games, sweeping conference rivals Washington, Haverford, and Dickinson. The winning spree was led by Megan Mitchell, who went hitless in her first seven games. She batted .502 with 2 HR and 5 RBI in a span of eight games, including a doubleheader against Washington where she went 4-6.

"When the conferences started, we scratched off the record," said Mitchell. "We forgot about the beginning of the season."

The team anticipates performing as well again this season during championships as they did in 2004. The women made won the championship from the second seed last year, and will strive to do the same this season from the third seed.

"[We] expect the same thing," explained Mitchell. The team hopes that it can hit the ball well as they have done all season, and see what happens from there.

Said Mitchell, "We go in tied, all three with three losses in the conference, and we hope to come out on top."

And this is the type of attitude that makes modest students into congenial winners. Good Luck Terror.



DAVE SINCLAIR

Junior Sam Smith dives for a ground ball.

Kim Lowry loves laughter, leadership by example

ERIN POTASH
STAFF WRITER

As Kim Lowry pushes through the door of Hoover Library's Common Area a grin appears on her face. Her curly, brown hair is pulled back in a ponytail. She sits down at the table and slips into a long sleeve Brew Thru shirt greeting a friend with a nickname she has given the friend and only she can use. "Hey Potts!" she giggles.

A senior at McDaniel, Lowry is greatly involved in the school. She plays both soccer and lacrosse. Outside of the sports world, she loves to go to the beach, write, shop, and go to concerts. Her favorite concert was Kenny Chesney, who she saw this past summer. She has been president, until recently, of the Alpha Nu Omega sorority since her sophomore year.

She explains that the terms run from spring to fall and since she will be graduating in May she was not allowed to be re-elected president. Asked how it felt to be elected president as a sophomore, Lowry remembered that she did not want to be the president; instead, she wanted to work her way up gradually, but now looking back on the experience she decides it was better to be "thrown into the role."

The most difficult aspect of her job was "being objective and putting my foot down," said Lowry.

Her sense of fairness and good judgment was learned from parents, Dave and Christine Lowry, and being the oldest of six siblings that include a brother, twin sisters and two stepbrothers. Separated when Lowry was young, her parents live nearby and remain close friends.

Born in Silver Spring, Md., Lowry has lived most of her life in Carroll County, attending South Carroll High School where she lettered in soccer, basketball and lacrosse.

She chose McDaniel so she could play both soccer and basketball. "I'm passionate about basketball," Lowry declares and as her eyes grow big with the words she recalls the "devastating" day when she was not chosen to be a member of the team.

Lowry, a positive and uplifting person, quickly adds with raised eyebrows that she believes "everything happens for a reason" and that "it was a blessing in dis-

guise" because this experience prompted her to try out for the lacrosse team where she was captain for two seasons.

Head Women's Lacrosse Coach Marjorie Bliss says that Lowry is a player who "commands respect, but also gives respect" and has an ability to communicate effectively with others and really "get to the heart of the person."

A true leader by example, Lowry was tested last year when she tore her anterior cruciate ligament or ACL during the soccer season. For the majority of the soccer season and for the entirety of lacrosse, she was forced to lead by voice, explained Bliss. She was cleared by doctors and trainers to play lacrosse for her final season, but red shirted in hopes to continue to rehabilitate her knee allowing her to perform at her best come next year.

Lowry is a standout athlete and was recognized for her contributions recently by receiving the award for Greek Athlete of the Year. Also during the Greek Awards, which she missed

for a lacrosse game, Lowry received the Martin Oswiesimka Memorial Award, which stands for leadership, involvement in extracurricular activities and sports. Her sorority nominated her for both awards allowing Lowry to fill out applications and obtain recommendations.

"I got lucky," Lowry said.

Causing Lowry much anticipation are her post-graduation plans. For the summer she is moving to Ocean City, Md., with friends before she returns to McDaniel in the fall to play soccer, and then lacrosse in the spring. Lowry hopes to travel to England to coach lacrosse with two teammates and close friends, Kristin Ramey and co-captain Jillian Farrell during the summer of 2006 and possibly longer.

For her career goals, Lowry plans to use her degree in Sports and Entertainment Marketing and Management to do something in a related field. She developed this major with the help of professor Joe Carter in the Business Department, Dr. J.

Richard Carpenter in the Exercise Science and Physical Education Department, and her grandfather, Dale Lowry. Lowry nods her head vigorously when telling a friend that her grandfather is her "advisor for life" and that before she came to college he had her entire four years of school planned out. "He's like Rain Man!" Lowry exclaimed.

Lowry is someone special, her friends agree. Omega advisor Kathryn Crowe describes her as "someone who can do it all," referring to the two sports she participates in, her involvement in the sorority and how she excels in academics. Her grade point average last semester was a 3.783.

This girl certainly can "do it all," but according to everyone interviewed, including Lowry, what she can do best is make people laugh. Both Bliss and Crowe said what they like most about Lowry is her sense of humor. An example of Lowry's fun-loving personality was provided by Bliss. She starts to giggle as she takes out the Women's Lacrosse media guide, opening up to Lowry's picture. Her smiling face is complemented by her side ponytail reminiscent of the 1980s.

"The best sound in the world is someone laughing," says Lowry and everywhere she goes, she will be sure to hear that sound.

Kim Lowry can "do it all," but according to everyone interviewed, including Lowry, what she can do best is make people laugh.

Women's basketball seniors shatter all doubts

JILL STONE
STAFF WRITER

Between singing renditions of "Oh Happy Day" before game time, running out in the exact same formation, and sitting next to the same girl at every game, seniors Jacqueline Pundt, Kelly Cramp, Brooke Weimer, and Kacey Barnes affectionately reflect on the past years of their basketball careers.

Although these girls have stuck with each other for the past four years through the same highs and lows, joys and sorrows, and players remember something a little different about the same experiences.

Cramp's memory of the team's first conference title stuck out the most with their defeat of Hopkins down to the last ten seconds of the game. Last year's conference title was what Pundt values the most, even after the loss of Jen Piccolomini and five other seniors, the team triumphed. Even though "a lot of people doubted us," Barnes mentions, "this year out of all them," seems to be the most memorable for her.

"I'm gonna miss the coach's speeches," Pundt grinned, reflecting on the



The girls' basketball team, including this year's four seniors stand together after their Centennial Conference win.

team's zany superstitions and quirks. Cramp adds that all three of the coaches tended to compliment one another. There was "the loud-mouth, the quiet one, and the in between." Barnes states that the team and the coaches "really worked hard to fix the last two years we were here," making a conscious effort to change and stay together as a team.

Not only did Pundt enjoy the game time speeches,

but if it weren't for the game rituals that took place, the nights would not have been complete. All three girls simultaneously pronounced that the women's basketball team is plagued by their superstitions.

"I just needed my lucky sports bra, nothing else," Pundt contributes, along with munching on pixie stick and Big Red throughout the night, and only Herbal Essences hair spray could be used. Brooke Weimer's hair

had to be perfectly smooth before she was dressed and already practicing before everyone else was allowed on the court.

Barnes admitted to routinely putting her socks on with the left foot first, then right, and continued with her shoes, her left foot first. They didn't even take their Christmas tree down until the end of March for fear of bad luck.

Although the team is losing some important seniors this year, Barnes,

Cramp and Pundt seem hopeful about a few upcoming players.

Katy Powell is one to watch out for, who Cramp notices is already "showing a lot of leadership." Pundt adds that Powell has a lot of "untapped potential," that is waiting to burst. Barnes mentions that Kristy Costa is also one that has "been unbelievable in the past years."

The senior girls do have plans in their future, all of which include their love of basketball. After her one-year internship at the Philadelphia Philly's, Barnes will be applying to law school. Cramp plans to travel to Florida and play in the LPGA tour, with Pundt next to her as her "body-guard."

The seniors left their last basketball season, as well as their last year as McDaniel students on an encouraging note. When asked if Pundt would change anything about the last years as a basketball player, she claims that she wouldn't change anything.

Hopefully these seniors will meet the future challenges after graduation with Pundt's thought in mind: "If you don't go through the growing pains, then you don't go anywhere."

Men's & Women's golf teams win CC Championships

Cramp wins fourth straight championship, again selected for Nationals

FROM WEB REPORTS
SPORTS INFORMATION

The McDaniel men's and women's golf teams won the 2005 Centennial Conference Championships held at the par-71 Herring Hills Golf Resort in York, Pennsylvania this past weekend. This is the first time in Centennial history that both the men's and women's golf teams from the same

institution have won the conference championship the same year.

Brendan Zadrozny led the Terror men to victory, finishing atop the individual leaderboard with a 3-day total of 228, one stroke better than Gettysburg's Brian Andrews. Tom Michaels finished one stroke behind Andrews with a 229 3-day total, good for third place.

The Terror men finished with a team total of 938, eight strokes better than second place Franklin & Marshall.

Zadrozny and Michaels earned All-Conference honors for their top five finishes.

On the women's side, Kelly Cramp won the individual crown with ease, finishing with a 2-day total of 162 - 15 strokes better than Gettysburg's Merrill Fortier.

McDaniel's Garnett Pumphrey finished in third place with a 2-day total of 177. Britany Bowen came in fifth for the Terror with a 191. Cramp, Pumphrey, and Bowen all earned All-Conference honors for their top five finishes. The Terror women ran away with the team title finishing with a 734. Gettysburg came in a distant second 81 strokes behind

McDaniel, with a 818.

The women's team title and Cramp's individual title was the fourth straight for each. Cramp learned on Monday that she will compete at the NCAA National Championships for the second-straight season.

Both Zadrozny and Cramp were named 2005 Centennial Conference Players of the Year for the men and women, respectively.



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SENIOR TRIBUTES

Pecoraro will continue to live and breathe theatre

For four years, the word "theater" has been synonymous with "Pecoraro," whether he is building a set, working lights and sound, or playing a lead role. Senior Andrew Pecoraro has made the theatre department his life.

"He wears so many hats and he is always completely, fully involved in almost every production," said Joy Thomas, adjunct faculty member and former assistant producer Theatre on the Hill (TOH). "Whether he's on stage as an actor, or doing lighting design, Andrew's always at the theatre. Sometimes I was convinced that he lived there."

During what he describes as "four awesome years," Pecoraro's theatre career in-

cluded producing *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged* (with friends Albert Pero III and Matt Demos) and membership of Alpha Psi Omega.

Pecoraro is theatre major with a political science minor who is thrilled to know that his life in the theatre will continue after graduation - "for pay."

Cast for a national tour with National Players, Pecoraro will play Hortensio in the players' production of *The Taming of the Shrew*, and Jonathan Harker in *Dracula*.

The memories of Pecoraro as the only male playing a female lady of the night in McDaniel's production of *The Threepenny Opera*,

still make Thomas chuckle. "I'll never forget that mini dress and purple wig."

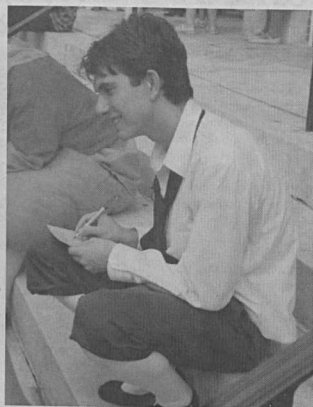
Pecoraro captured the spirit of youth as Christopher Robin in TOH's production of *The House At Pooh Corner* (Summer 2003), and had a memorable dance off with the beast in *Beauty and the Beast* that same summer.

"It was a dance off rather than a fight," Thomas said. "And Andrew did everything from ballet to boogying down in his cape. It was unforgettable."

Pecoraro's advice to underclassmen?

"Have fun and don't worry too much," he said. "Those worries, in the big scheme of things, are not that important."

Andrew Pecoraro, as Christopher Robin, signs children's autographs after a performance of "The House at Pooh Corner" at Theatre on the Hill, Summer 2003 (right).



No search needed, the best job found Wilhelm

JENNI EVANS
STAFF WRITER

At the culmination of their college career, most seniors become frantic with worry about what they're going to do in the "real world" when they graduate. They agonize over all of the details: "What kind of job am I going to get? Where do I want to apply? Who's going to hire me?"

English major and Philosophy/Writing minor Becca Wilhelm is not like most seniors.

For starters, she didn't even have to apply for a job to

begin with - the U.S. Investigation Service contacted her first! After learning of Wilhelm's extensive knowledge of the Federal Government's inner workings, they invited her to begin a career in administrative work.

"For the first year or so, I'll be learning how to perform background checks," she says excitedly, "and then I'll move on to being an adjudicator [for the government]!"

Also, while most college students are generally busy people, Wilhelm has

spent her entire college career epitomizing the title of a "busy bee." Not only has she worked off campus for all 4 years, but she has also peer mentored for Dr. Kachur for two years - "It was quite an experience," she laughs - and single-handedly revived the McDaniel College Dance Company.

"When I was a freshman, the dance team was on the verge of dying out," Wilhelm says. "We hadn't competed in two years. I 're-energized' the team, and I've also been the captain for two years now - it's a good feel-

ing."

Another aspect that sets her apart from other seniors is that she's had the same roommate all four years! "We were randomly paired together freshman year and it just worked. Now she [Hortense Barber] is one of my best friends."

With such a satisfying college experience under her belt, it's a wonder Wilhelm would have any regrets, especially since she "[doesn't] believe in them." However, there is one thing she wishes could have been different: the passing of her grandfather

this past fall. "He was an engineer and taught college for a while, too. I'm the first grandchild to graduate from college. I regret that my granddad can't be at my graduation."

What advice Becca would give to undergrads still grappling with the future? "Get all of your BLAR requirements out of the way first," she laughs before becoming serious. "Take any opportunity available to you, whether it's a study abroad program, an internship or just life experience. Just be sure to take what you can get!"

Senior Honors and Investiture Convocation

May 1, 2005

Malcolm L. Meltzer Psychology Award - Christen Ann Szymanski

Hugh Barnette Speir, Jr. Prize - Mark Andrew Hall, Jennifer Lee Kraeer

Frank and Margaret Malone Award for Excellence in a Foreign Language - Silvia Ute Baage, Jennifer Lee Kraeer

Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award - Christina Marie Duvall, Aiyana Megan Paterson-Zinkand

Michael & Polly Beaver Award for Excellence in Education - Kara Ashley Kunst, Brooke Elizabeth Weimer

M. Louise Shipley Art Award of Excellence - Jennifer Leigh Parry

Clyde A. Spicer Award - Jessica Lindsey Bradford

Eloise B. & Lowell S. Ensor Memorial Award for Graduate or Professional Study - Silvia Ute Baage

Makosky Award for Excellence in English - Chava Shulamit Roth

The Class of 1938 Award for Excellence in Music - Joseph Kevin Begly

Philip & Azalea Myers Award for Creativity in English - Christina Lauren Allen

Reuben Holthaus Award in Philosophy - Jennifer Diane Timmons

H.P. Sturdivant Biology Award - Kevin Patrick Carter, Emily Bridget Vance

The Robert Joseph Weber Award for Excellence in Political Science and International Studies - Elizabeth Jean Musar

Esther Smith Award - Andrew John Pecoraro

The Richard A. Clower Award for Excellence in Exercise Science and Physical Education - Chad Geoffrey Keller

Phi Delta Gamma Award - Krystle Lorraine Allen

The McLuhan Award for Excellence in Communication - Michael John Vyskocil

The David Brian Cross Memorial Award for Achievement in Mathematics - Joseph David Geiman

The Joan Develin Coley Award for Excellence in Education - Laura Ann Shafer

United States History Award - Leisl Christine Jensen, Kristen Michelle Wright

Maria Leonard Senior Book Award - Chava Shulamit Roth

Turning Back the Pages

CAMPUS NEWS

This academic year has been marked with landmark celebrations as well as the departure of some of the college's finest faculty and staff members. The college community has celebrated championships and academic successes; it has also helped to quickly turn pages in the college's history of some not-so-proud moments. What follows is the year-in-review – as we turn back the pages of this year's issues of *The McDaniel Free Press*.

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER

- Enrollment of new students at McDaniel College dipped by 20 percent, which results in "invisible" budget cuts.
- A former newspaper delivery boy and door-to-door encyclopedia salesman, Tom Falkner jumps into campus life as provost and dean of faculty.
- Sports headlines scream "Back to Virginia" to celebrate the football team's 14-11 victory against Bridgewater in its season opener.
- News that Dr. Robert Sapora faces DWI charges rocks campus; Sapora takes leave of absence (PHOTO BOTTOM RIGHT).
- Students 'buy in' on poker fever – the popularity of the game becomes contagious.
- The tailgating tradition continues and Terror football's 31-0 stampeded over Gettysburg gives fans reason to cheer, eat good food and drink....sodas.
- Baseball pitcher Joey Morningstar is involved a tragic motorcycle accident that inspires the college community to donate record amounts of blood during a Red Cross blood drive (PHOTO ON RIGHT).
- Thirteen members of the 1959 soccer team meet with current soccer team members who have already had a tumultuous 8-5-3 season. The bond with the older team members proved to be a strong inspiration all year.

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER

- Broadcast journalist Jon Lieberman, who was fired by Sinclair Broadcast Group after he voiced concern about biased news during the election season, tells students that the journalism profession "still has its heroes and its strong role models."
- Rose Falkner's work for the Study Abroad program boosts the number of participants to a record high and earns the program accolades at home and abroad.
- Men's soccer takes second in conference tournament. The team defeated Swarthmore in 1-0 overtime game, but fell to Johns Hopkins 1-0 after a hard-fought battle.
- Operation Shoebox and Greek organizations on campus ensure that soldiers receive socks, food and cheer.



- The college radio station comes alive and is rocking.
- Women's basketball returns in style; Men's basketball stumbles.

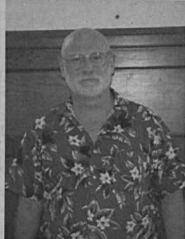
FEBRUARY – MARCH

- After 22 years at McDaniel College, Associate Dean of the First-Year Program Barbara Horneff packs of her office and finds challenges and joy working at a local high school.
- Dr. Bob Sapora is found guilty of driving under the influence by a Carroll County jury and is told to spend 10 days in the Carroll County Detention Center beginning June 1.
- Big wave rocks students spending the semester at sea. Junior Andrea Bock and sophomore Meghan Ambra got more than they expected on the trip when gale force winds whipped the ship and fueled 50 foot waves.
- McDaniel launches a wireless network by identifying WiFi "hot spots" in places like Ensor Lounge, the pub and coffee house. Students with lap tops and the right software can open up and fire up when internet connection is needed.
- An edgy production of *The Vagina Monologues* raised awareness and fund for anti-violence groups in the local community (PHOTO ON LEFT).
- Assistant Coach Ryan Hines leaves the Terror football team; wrestling takes second in conference championship.

- Phi Alpha Mu pledges drop out of initiation and recruitment process and courageously tell college administrator they have had enough of hazing on campus. Ultimately, the sorority is kicked off campus for three years. Appeal is pending.
- The women's basketball team captures centennial conference title.
- Tony Howard finishes in fifth place in the 174-pound weight class at the NCAA Division III National Wrestling Championships.

APRIL-MAY

- The first year program at McDaniel College is revamped; most of the orientation process goes online.
- Joey Morningstar defies all medical odds and recuperates well enough to journey with the college baseball team to Florida during Spring Break. Morningstar hopes to begin classes again Fall Semester 2005. Optimism continues to fuel his recovery.
- The "Bettes" are charged with hazing after campus safety officers, during routine check, walk in on what appears to be physical abuse. The men's fraternity is kicked off campus for five years. Appeals to President Joan Develin Coley are pending.
- Human rights advocate Elie Wiesel receives and honorary degree from McDaniel College and shares his message of hope with the college community.
- Coach Jay Full is released from his position as head coach of the men's basketball team after four difficult seasons.
- Faculty members and students debate the value of student evaluations.



Turning Back the Pages on National News

- September 2004: CBS claims Bush received special treatment
- October 2004: Flu vaccine contaminated, millions of doses destroyed
- November 2004: Bush reelected in after narrow victory over Kerry
- December 2004: Enormous earthquake, ensuing tidal wave devastate Asia
- January 2005: 8.5 million Iraqis turn out for groundbreaking election
- February 2005: Professional hockey season canceled after lengthy negotiations
- March 2005: Congress intervenes in case of brain-damaged woman, feeding tube eventually removed
- April 2004: Pope John Paul II dies, German replacement named

(Source: www.infoplease.com)

Greek Awards

On April 27, 2005 several of our favorite Greeks received awards for their outstanding chapter and community service.

Chapter Awards:

Outstanding Chapter Scholarship
Alpha Sigma Phi 3.32
Phi Mu 3.26

Outstanding New Member Scholarship
Alpha Sigma Phi 3.21
Phi Mu 3.14

Outstanding Philanthropic Service
Alpha Sigma Phi
Phi Sigma Sigma

Individual Awards

Outstanding Greek President
Jonathan Fitzgerald, Alpha Sigma Phi
Jennifer "Bean" Dumpert, Phi Mu

Outstanding Greek Athlete
Kim Lowry, Alpha Nu Omega
Chad Keller, Alpha Sigma Phi

Greek Woman of the Year
Jennifer "Bean" Dumpert, Phi Mu

Greek Man of the Year
Brian Patterson, Alpha Sigma Phi

Martin Oswiecimka Memorial Award
Kim Lowry, Alpha Nu Omega

Outstanding Chapter Advisor
Dr. Brian Wladkowski, Phi Kappa Sigma

Outstanding Professor
Dr. Herb Smith, Political Science

Distinguished Service Award Certificates
• Betsy Beveridge, Phi Mu
Jennifer "Bean" Dumpert, Phi Mu
Britnie Greene, Phi Mu
Amber Grimes, Phi Mu
Natalie Hardy, Phi Sigma Sigma

Gamma Sigma Alpha GPA Awards
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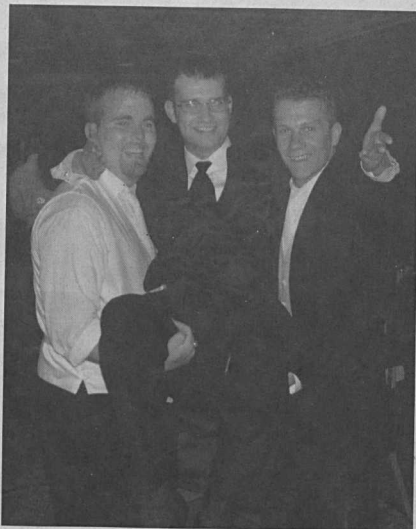
Sophomore
Jenna Swartz, Phi Mu
Pat O'Toole, Alpha Sigma Phi

Junior
Jonathan Fitzgerald, Alpha Sigma Phi
Jodi Hunter, Phi Sigma Sigma

Senior
Liz Stavits, Phi Mu
Randy May, Alpha Sigma Phi

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Greek Man of the Year



Alpha Sigma Phi members Jason Fratto (Left), Brian Patterson (Center) "Greek Man of the Year", and Mark Yankovich (Right) celebrate at their annual Black and White Formal.

Ebony White reflects on her year as a resident assistant

ALYSE HOLLOMON
STAFF WRITER

Ebony White is one of the first people that first year students in the ground floor of Whiteford Hall got to know this year. White, a senior Sociology major and an Elementary Education minor, has been an RA for two years. Even though being RA takes a lot of dedication, White has found the time to be involved in numerous activities and to be a role model to future RAs.

White grew up in Washington D.C. attending Catholic or private schools only. McDaniel, a private college, caught White's attention because it was small and there seemed to be more interaction between professors and students. She became involved in the school community by joining the Black Student Union, Pom Dance Team, S.T.A.Y., Gospel Choir, and the Sociology Club.

Being an RA didn't cross her mind until she was nominated to be one by a friend during her sophomore year. For her junior year, she decided to give it a try.

"I chose to become an RA because I thought it would be a good challenge for me and an opportunity to be more largely involved on campus," White said.

White started as an RA for McDaniel Hall and then for her senior year she decided to be an RA for first year students in Whiteford Hall.

"I picked Whiteford because I thought that my personality would fit well with first year students," White said. "...they are a lot more open to advice and are less troublesome than upper classmen."

An RA has to be, "responsible, have a good moral code of ethics, understand confidentiality, lead by example, work well on a team, and handle confronting others in a responsible manner," stated Rachel Spencer, the Resident Life Coordinator for Whiteford and Rouzer Halls. "Ebony is very genuine, what you see is what you get and first year students appreciate that."

"RAs for [first year students] do have a unique responsibility - they are getting their residents at a stage that is so important for adjustment, success at the academic level, and most of all, for retention," said Dr. Jean Shin, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Acting Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. "As such, RAs not only need to be leaders in terms of residence life, but they also need to be role models for how to be a successful student who balances demands both in and out of the classroom."

White uses her leadership skills to help the girls on her floor adjust to being at college and living with new people.

She is always available to talk and mediate problems that any one of them may be

having with a roommate or someone on the floor. White also sets up various activities for the girls on her floor to get to know each other and her better.

These activities include socials where the girls come and hang out in the ground floor lounge and special holiday activities such as pumpkin carving for Halloween.

White has even had a guest speaker come in to inform the girls on her floor about sex education. White is eager to set up activities such as these to educate and keep the girls on her floor involved.

While being in Whiteford, White's different activities and open personality has helped influence other girls to be RAs.

"I encourage others to be RAs. If they have the right type of outgoing personality then I encourage them before they even come to me," commented White.

White has enjoyed her time as being an RA and being involved with so many students. Her eagerness to work with others, mainly children, will help her with her job in the summer and it will help her when she returns to Westminster next fall to complete student teaching for her teaching certification.

Being an RA started out as a suggestion from a friend, and turned into a memory and experience that White will never forget.

SENIOR TRIBUTE

Allen fought apathy, fueled change on campus

AMALIE SHAFFER
STAFF WRITER

Starting a petition in March 2004 which asked administrators to address cultural, ethnic and racial issues at McDaniel is what Senior Krystle Allen considers her proudest moment in her college career. The petition resulted in an open forum in April 2004.

"I believe it served as a great incentive for other students to dismiss the apathy, become active, and try to express means to improve our campus," said Allen.

Allen is currently interning at the Office of International Affairs which is a branch of the Department of Justice in Washington. "I work with lawyers and

paralegals on international cases involving extraditions and treaties of mutual legal assistance."

Allen was closely involved with the Office of Multicultural Service (OMS), Black Student Union (BSU), Sociology Club, Students Tutoring America's Youth (STAY), Best Buddies, and Circle K even though she was not an official member.

She is the co-president of the Sociology Club and as that group's leader, she facilitated a forum for Election Day 2004 as well as organized a trip to a graduate school fair. For the BSU, Allen organized the step show, brought renowned speakers to campus, and organized the soul food dinner. Allen has orga-

nized Multicultural Student Weekend for OMS in past years as well.

Allen was also given a scholarship to attend the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity held last summer in Miami Florida. Allen represented the BSU and McDaniel at the conference.

Dr. Roxanna Harlow and Dr. Debra Lemke are two of Allen's most memorable teachers for the simple fact that she remembers what she was taught. She said not only did she remember the information for tests, but she also actually learned something that she may be able to apply later in life.

"Both doctors presented information in forms where students can actual re-

member, appreciate, and apply to subjects," said Allen.

Along with being one of Allen's most memorable teachers, Harlow, is also a mentor in her eyes, as is Zephia Bryant, Director of the Office of Multicultural Services. Bryant worked closely with Allen while she was an intern in the OMS and considers her a part of the "small family."

"She has a quiet spirit but a very strong presence. She is one of the sweetest young ladies that I know and has a future ahead of her as bright as the sun," said Bryant.

Five years from now Allen hopes to have completed her master degree in Science Administration. Ten

years down the line is unknown to Allen at the time.

Allen believes it is important to be involved because it gives a person a sense of importance and it is rewarding to make a difference. She also believes that when people get involved, people can accomplish things.

"Krystle not only has a wonderful personality, she is very conscientious and inspires others to be their best," said Bryant.

"It's [Life's] only what you make it. Don't simply sit back and complain or wish you could do more. Be active in some fashion, and make your experience enjoyable," said Allen.

BY THE NUMBERS

The time of year has arrived when certain students say good bye to their undergraduate college days and hello to a new chapter in their lives. Everyone should know about your graduation, but a phone call is not enough. So there are personal announcements, envelopes, thank you notes, return labels, and of course tissue inserts to be had. It depends on the amount of people you want to know you graduated to know how many personal announcements to buy. For example one can purchase:

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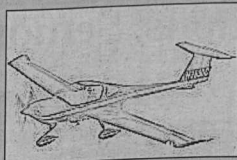
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Collins vowed to use college time to its fullest

AMALIE SHAFFER
STAFF WRITER

According to Dr. Debra Lemke from the sociology department an outstanding student is someone who, "has a high level of scholarship and commitment to the college community. Someone who leaves the college a better place than when they came." Devin Collins, senior and very involved student seems to exemplify this description in Lemke's mind.

Collins helped start the Sociology club and is active in the Sociology Honor Society, Alpha Kappa Delta, which she is the president. A few of the other things Collins is involved in are:

- the Senior class president and a part of Student Government Assembly (SGA);

- Pi Gamma Mu
- The International Science Honor Society

- Psi Chi, which is the Psychology Honor Society

- Omicron Delta Kappa, the Leadership Honor Society

- Trumpeters, a leadership honor society

- Peer Mentor

- Student advisor for the Council for the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

Collins is also a part of the Black Student Union (BSU), the Hispanic-Latino Association (HLA), the Multicultural Student Association (MSA) and the Asian Community Coalition.

"I only get one chance to be an undergraduate student and I want to use that time to my fullest potential," said Collins.

Free time seems to be non-existent for this busy senior but she admits that directing the BSU Fashion Show is her time to hang out with friends and get away from the stresses of classes.

Of all these positions Collins hold in the honor societies and all the programs

she has participated in her most proud moment was finishing her first semester of college as a freshman.

"It was the toughest semester, I got bad grades, I didn't want to be at college anymore and I was really homesick," said Collins.

Five years from now Collins hopes to have her masters in Sociology and be working toward her Doctorate in Sociology.

"Dr. Harlow and Dr. Johnson Ross are with out a doubt influential in my education, I would not have stayed here without them," said Collins.



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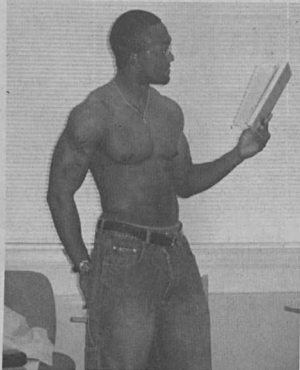
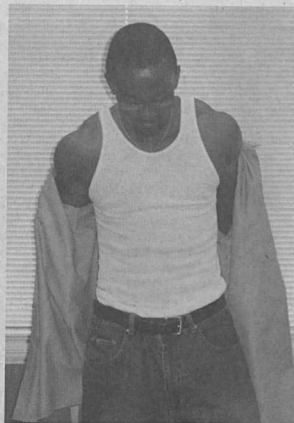
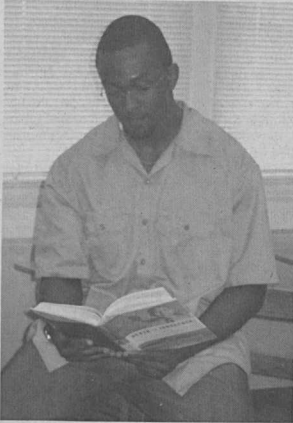


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Mr. McDaniel 2005: Jay Scott



The 2nd annual Mr. McDaniel Contest, sponsored by Alpha Nu Omega, was held on Friday, April 22, 2005 in the Forum. Contestants were judged in three different categories: GQ (fashion), swim wear and talent. There were seven students who participated in the contest. After all the students finished competing, the seven judges had chosen the winners.

Photos by Jacqueline Pundt.

Winners:

- Jay Scott 1st Place (Terror Football)
- Harvey Horsey 2nd Place (Alpha Gamma Tau)
- Grant Dennis 3rd Place (Sigma Phi Epsilon)

A review: The Kathryn E. Wentz student art show

PATRICK BONADUCE
STAFF WRITER

One thing is certain: there are some *enormously* talented people here on the Hill. The recent undergrad art show furnished ample evidence.

The Kathryn E. Wentz Undergraduate Student Show, which hung from April 19th to the 29th, honored some of the finest works of McDaniel College's student artists. More than fifty works were accepted, in media ranging from photography and painting to jewelry and digital art.

Unlike in previous years, the show was juried by an outside panel of experts in the visual arts, including Trudi Ludwig and Patrick Minechello of the Maryland Institute College of Art. Together, the jurors assembled a gallery of the most visually spectacular, intellectually probing, and outright intriguing projects from a huge body of submissions.

In a word, the gallery they put together was *astounding*.

The collected works were as diverse as they were individually stunning. Paintstak-

ingly realistic still-lives and figures shared wallspace with surreal, abstract landscapes. Vivid color studies and conte drawings provided a counterpoint to haunting photographs and somber paintings. Self portraits and cityscapes rubbed elbows with trippy geometric abstractions and fluid dream interpretations. And what's more, nearly all of the works were beautifully matted and framed, lending a professional air to an already stellar show.

But even in a show this strong, several pieces stood out above the rest. The jurors awarded ribbons to the most noteworthy entries in the gallery, those pieces that reflected just a little more depth and mastery than others. Third place honors went to both Amy Browning's gorgeous scratchboard rendering, "Celestial City," and Rebecca Greller's meticulous wood block print, "Butterfly Twist." Kaha Hashi took second place with her intriguing Photoshop series, "Conflict," while Katie Fisk won first

place with her powerful social commentary, "Invisible."

It was not hard to miss the Best in Show, which was awarded to Elizabeth Cosby's truly massive oil painting, "Blue Balls." Epic in scope and exactly detailed, the canvas captures a riot of abstract forms

and figures in motion—a panoply that fascinates the eye and bewilders the mind. It was the high point of a show already replete with highlights.

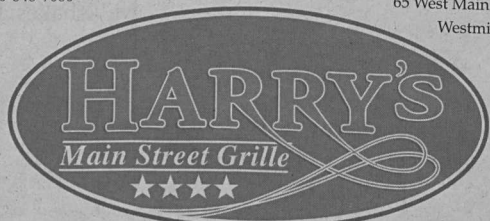
The Kathryn E. Wentz show received fantastic attendance from students,

faculty, and off-campus visitors. If you happened to miss it, though, you can still check out the upcoming senior show. Or just wait until next year, when another crop of works will testify to all the artistic talent on the Hill.

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Jessica Watson redefines college art movement

PATRICK BONADUCE
STAFF WRITER

Jessica Watson is well known around campus for her beautiful artwork, her creative writing, her friendly personality, and her dedication to publishing the college's literary magazine.

Watson, a business major with a minor in art, said the thing she enjoyed most about being an art student is, "being able to do my own thing with my artistic ability."

Watson actually created her own interactive art show, where she taught other students how to be creative and put together their own artwork.

Watson said that one of her proudest moments at McDaniel was putting together

the interactive art show and putting together a business plan for her own coffee house in her entrepreneurship class. Watson said she hopes to open the coffee shop that she planned out. Watson said that she has learned a lot from being at McDaniel, but the biggest lesson she learned was discovering herself.

Watson said that her mentor is Wasyl Palijczuk. Palijczuk was an art teacher at McDaniel, but is now retired. Watson had a very deep connection with Palijczuk.

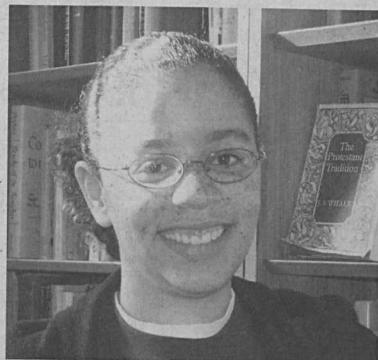
"One time, he asked the class to paint a portrait of him, and I decided to paint the entire portrait in blues with no natural colors," Watson said. "He loved my

portrait so much; he still has it hanging on the wall of this house today."

When asked what Watson hopes to do in the next five to ten years, she simply replied, "Get out of Westminster." Watson has her eyes on places where art is really appreciated - somewhere like New York, Chicago or L.A.

Some of Watson's favorite classes at McDaniel were Drawing, Graphic Design, Marketing, Entrepreneurship, and Acting.

The best advice that Watson can give to undergraduates still grappling with the future is, "Don't be afraid to try something new." "The most important thing is doing what makes you happy."



WATSON

Fledgling Art Club makes its creative mark

TODD KNEPPER
STAFF WRITER

McDaniel's Art Department "helps students attain a deeper understanding of the arts and further develop their own creative abilities." The recent addition of the Art Club has already proven to be as promising and will continue.

According to Sophomore Ali Gargon, the Art Club President, there are roughly 25-30 current members. "We basically have a weekly meeting on Wednesdays. We go over and critique our work as well as

talk about upcoming events that we are participating in." They hope to book speakers to attend meetings and lecture. So far, the Art Club has been bogged down with turning ideas into events.

The most recent event was the MoDA show at the Temple in Frederick, MD. The Art Club occupied a huge room in a new Paul Mitchell Hair School Building. They constructed an interactive maze that filled the room along with artwork from the club's members.

Evidence of Art Club's

success can be seen at the Student Show in the Rice Gallery of Peterson Hall on campus. Art Club Vice President, Junior, Liz Cosby took home best in show. Other club members also were awarded for their entries. More student work can be seen at the Salon Des Refuses hung at the Gathering Grounds Coffee Shop across from Paradise Restaurant. This year has proven to turn out tons of amazing artwork from the student body.

Art Club began when first-year Professor Steve

Pearson approached Ali with the idea. Professor Pearson got the ball rolling, and only two months later, things are running smoothly. Pearson guides the meetings.

"He helps us out but lets the students run the show, and is always there to answer our questions," said Gargon. "It is hard to be as passionate about art as he is, but we are getting there. He has so much to offer."

It has been awhile since students on The Hill have indulged themselves in art this much.

An official Art Club allows McDaniel students to participate in the art community and have a say in what goes on. Ali describes the group as "a family like support system for each other." On behalf of the Art Club, she invites anyone that is passionate about art, art major or not, to come out and participate next year.

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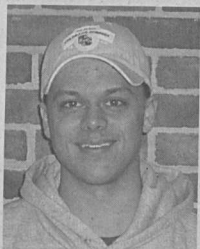
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Where's That Senior?

The Great Job Besdworth lands dream technology job with Anteon



JENNI EVANS
STAFF WRITER

While most seniors spend the last few months before graduation fretting over what they're going to do in "the real world," Mathematics major Wes Besdworth is surprisingly calm when asked about his future plans. Maybe it's because he has nothing to fret about in the first place; he's already secured a job with Anteon, one of the nation's leading pro-

viders of information technology solutions.

After interning at Anteon this past summer – and successfully designing a tool used to measure ships' electrical data – Besdworth was offered a job at the company as an associate engineer, a position he'll assume soon after his graduation.

Besdworth will be responsible not only for technical duties within the company, but he'll also push for new business opportunities

and play a hands-on role in developing new equipment for the U.S. Navy.

It's no surprise that Wes is thrilled with his job prospects. "I'm excited because I don't have to worry about it," he says. "I won't have to frantically hunt for work like others do – I'll be able to 'walk into a job.'"

Not only is the job quite convenient, the pay doesn't look too shabby, either. After applying to both the National Security Agency (NSA) and

the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) – both from which he has not received any notification – Wes has decided that "[Anteon's] offer is better than what the NSA and the CIA would have offered me financially, speaking strictly from what people [outside the companies] have told me."

So what advice would Wes give to undergraduates still uncertain about their future? "Be involved and be busy," he says. "And don't rush it or be in a hurry to get out.

And then...And then...

Long before seniors cross the stage, they are asked the inevitable question, "What will you be doing next?"

Some seniors are off to graduate school; others are going to start real jobs or just relax. Here is a snapshot of what some of the graduates will be doing next.

The GradStudent: Shinholt enters UMBC's Sociology Masters Program

CHANAN DELIVUK
STAFF WRITER

While most seniors are counting down the days to graduation, others, like Erin Shinholt, are counting down the days until the start of a new realm of study...Grad School.

Shinholt is a sociology major with minors in theatre, psychology, and human resources development. After graduation Shinholt will enter UMBC's Sociology Masters Program, and she will work as an assistant community direc-

tor, which she describes as "several steps up from an R.A."

Shinholt remembers her first day of freshman year as if it were only yesterday. She had to wake at the early hour of 6:30 a.m. to make her new daily commute for an 8:00 a.m. class. For the first time, Shinholt felt the "I am in college" feeling.

Now, as she enters graduate school, the same feeling of "working towards a finished goal" reoccurs.

"The first day of grad

school," Shinholt says, "I will have a little more pride in my work...I have already achieved my Bachelor's."

But getting to that bachelor's degree has not been an easy task. Shinholt was a commuter for her first two years here at McDaniel, so it wasn't until her junior year as a resident assistant (RA) that she really was able to "live on campus and get involved."

One involvement that Shinholt has valued and goes on and on about is in relation

to the professors here on campus. The professors are "full of information" and are really concerned with her "personal life," Shinholt notes. From Dr. Shin, her sociology advisor, to Elizabeth van den Berg, her theatre professor, the professors are always interested and concerned both academically and personally, she added.

"I learned so much about myself and others," says Shinholt about van den Berg. "[She] transformed me into who I am today."

That person is remarkable, intelligent, and kind. Shinholt hopes life after graduate school will enable her to do what she loves best: "help people in some way."



The Wonderer:: Cavey is happily riding the limbo train... for now

ALYSE HOLLOMON
STAFF WRITER

When most seniors graduate, they have a plan, some plan. It might be graduate school, or a challenging job. It might be a temporary, mindless job that earns lots of cash. The plan might include a few months of down time and then work for the family business. No matter the course – there's a plan.

Unless you are Laura Cavey. Determined not to pollute her senior year with stress about the future – she's happily

riding on the limbo train for now.

A Communications major with a minor in Business, Cavey's not too sure why she even picked that major.

"I'm interested in mar-



keting and public relations, but I really could do anything or nothing at all and be pretty content with that," she said.

She is currently unsure about what she wants to do as a career or even where she wants to live. She does know that after graduation she is going to live in Ocean City, Maryland and continue managing a shop that she has been working at for several summers.

"I thought of getting a job but I don't know what kind of job I would get. I guess I would look for some-

thing in public relations or marketing or something like that but I can do that later," stated Cavey.

Cavey does know, however that she wants to eventually own her own business. As of right now she doesn't have the money to do something like that and like other things in her life she doesn't know what type of business it would be.

She thinks it's funny that she has such a relaxed attitude about her future. "I think it's easier cause I'm not stressing out like everyone

else I know. Everyone is worried about finding jobs and apartments, but I'm really in no hurry to start stressing about it. That's no way to spend your last semester here," said Cavey.

Even though Cavey has this relaxed attitude, her mom isn't so laid back about it. She sends gentle bribes and company names often.

"I'm sure I'll figure something out, I'm not worried about it at all. Things always work out and I'll figure something out," concluded Cavey.

The Wanderer: One more piece to her puzzle; Roth travels in Europe

TODD KNEPPER
STAFF WRITER

"Travel changes who you are as a person each and every time," says senior English major Chava Roth. "Every place you go adds a little piece to your individual puzzle."

Hopefully backpacking in Australia for a month after graduation will not be the final piece of Chava's puzzle. Friends have told her that she will love Europe so much that she will not want to return to the States; however, she has heard it all before, especially after spending time in England and Spain last summer.

She explained that this

venture could be considered "planned spontaneity." The "planned" portion comes from her need to recharge her mental battery before heading off to grad school and her hope to broaden her traveling experience. The "spontaneous" portion comes from her choice of travel and destination. She was influenced by a Travel Channel snippet on Australia. It was then that she convinced herself to go "down under" and learn how to surf. Chava decided to backpack because it's economical. Continuing the theme of spontaneity, she'll be staying in hostiles for the

entire month.

As for now, departure is scheduled for January of 2006, due to fulltime summer employment at the College Bookstore and the everlasting grad school application fuss.

Cambridge, where she has previously studied, Stanford, and Cornell are among Chava's top choices of Grad Schools. She plans on obtaining a PHD in English Literature, focusing in Literary Theory, 18th Century British Literature, and 20th Century Southern American Literature.

Ironically, English has not always consumed most of

Chava's time on the Hill. One of her proudest accomplishments was successfully switching her major from Biology half way through her college career. Accordingly, the entire English Department, specifically the Writing Center, has become a tightly knit on-campus family to Chava. She is ultimately grateful for the relationships that come with attending a small school.

Although she is known as a "workaholic," Chava manages to find time away from the classroom. She enjoys jotting down songs and poetry, reading, gourmet

cooking, hiking, and playing basketball. She also finds time to take rides on her horse named "Tootsie."

With so much going on in her life, this voyage seems ideal as a means to let loose and kick back before conquering her educational trail.



SPORTS

Gospel Choir, rooftop chats thrilled Quashie

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Senior Arnelle Quashie hails from Boston, Massachusetts and the journey to McDaniel College seemed far.



But Quashie will be the first to admit that her journey through college was the most meaningful years of her life.

Since her arrival in 2002, Quashie has immersed herself in a variety of activities, including the Hispanic Latino

Alliance, the Multi-Cultural Student Association, and the Student Government Association. She was also a member of the Black Student Union, and served as a Resident Advisor, Admissions' Tour Guide, and a host for Multi Cultural Student Weekend.

Ultimately, Arnelle said, her most meaningful and enjoyable experiences involved the Gospel Choir, with which she sang for four years.

In the little free-time she has had Arnelle managed to hold several part time jobs throughout her four years at McDaniel. She also enjoys talking on the phone, watching movies, and "rooftop chats" with her friends.

She notes that Denzel Washington and Tom Hanks are her two of her favorite ac-

tors, and she also enjoys listening to music by Gwen Stefani, Mos Def, and Talib Kweli.

With extra-curricular activities, friends, and often a part time job, it is hard to imagine how Arnelle could have fit in a full schedule of classes and homework as well.

However, she did enjoy many of her classes, including "The Art of Great Song," taught by Eric Byrd.

With encouragement from professors in the Sociology Department, she decided to major in Social Work and minor in Sociology. After graduating in May, she would like to stay in the area and focus on a career with adolescents. Eventually she would like to pursue her Masters and pos-

sibly even her Doctorate.

When asked if she was scared about her approaching graduation date she confidently answered, "I've got no fear at all, just total excitement."

Arnelle credits her friends and family with supporting her throughout her college experience; after graduation, she says that she will miss the easy access she currently has to all of her friends.

For the undergraduates, Arnelle leaves behind this advice: "Go out of your comfort zone. This will you grow to your full potential, which is important for everyone to do."

In May, Arnelle Quashie will move from the comfort of life at McDaniel into a new life that she hopes is full of adventure, friends and reward.

ZZZ... Donelson donates time, energy, sleep

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Every Wednesday, while most students are in their dorms watching television or possibly doing some homework, SGA President Felicia Donelson prepares for the night's meeting. "Being in this organization meant sacrifice of time, energy, and sleep," Donelson said, laughing.

Born and raised in Washington, D.C., Donelson grew up around politics. While in high school, she took an active role in various organizations and clubs. She thrived in the small atmosphere of her private school, and recognized some of the same qualities at McDaniel. McDaniel quickly became her top pick for college.

Each year, Donelson said, she feels like she has climbed a "ladder of success." She has been involved with the SGA since her freshman year, and that SGA work linked well with her political science major. During her sophomore year, Donelson ran for the class representative and won. Once she was an official member, Donelson said that the ladder just went higher and higher. She ran for several officer positions, such as vice president her

junior year and president senior year and was victorious in both.

Aside from the SGA, Donelson is involved with an assortment of organizations that keep her occupied all semester long. From resident assistant of the first floor in Albert Norman Ward Hall to the college liaison/intern for the National Capital Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking (NCCPUD), Donelson's involvement reveals her dedication and pledge "to preserve the spirit of the Hill" as all SGA members do once elected.

Residence Life Coordinator, Amanda Isaac, has taken notice to Donelson's leadership qualities. "She is a very warm, energetic individual. She has a unique way of motivating her peers," said Isaac.

As the liaison for the NCCPUD, one of Donelson's most exciting positions included undercover work as the youth advocate with the Metropolitan Police Department. That undercover work mostly involved walking into various stores to see if merchants would sell her alcohol without carding her and/or without care that she was un-

der 21 years of age.

"Merchants should abide by law," explained Donelson. "It is there for a reason and despite what one believes, to ignore it is wrong."

Donelson's work on and off campus exemplify what fellow SGA Vice President Laura Thierer says are Donelson's strongest traits. She is a "strong black woman," Thierer said. "She is also charismatic, energetic, and passionate."

Donelson is proud of her ability to reach out to others, especially other campus leaders. She and President Joan Develin Coley practically, "call each other sisters," she said. And Coley confirms that she has "been extremely impressed with her [Donelson's] ability, her drive, and her warm personality."

Donelson's complex position as president is not easy and is one that she says takes "dedication, determination, and patience."

As the year winds down, Donelson describes her involvement with the SGA as an experience that she wouldn't change a bit. She quotes from the one of her fa-

vorite movies "Remember the Titans" as she tries to describe SGA's success thus far: "Attitude reflects leadership, Captain." Overall, with Donelson as the captain, SGA has been able to do more than it has ever done.

Previously organizations just wanted the SGA to give them money during allocations. Now, according to Donelson, each organization is asked to present their typed proposals before the SGA during their weekly meetings, or prior to allocations.

"This year, we have co-sponsored so many different events and have done a great job at communicating to the various organizations that if you need money, come to us," reasoned Donelson. "With less than \$5,000 left in the account and the year is not over, I would have to say that we have done a fabulous job of simply spending the money on various events for the students."

"As president, I had a vision of what I wanted SGA to do for the campus. I had a vision and I gave it my best," Donelson said.



SENIORS-AT-A-GLANCE

MAYRA VASQUEZ

Mayra Vasquez has enjoyed her McDaniel career in the Social Work department. Her major in Social Work has provided her with some enjoyable classes such as "The Family" and "Human Behavior and the Social Environment," but she has also enjoyed liberal arts classes like "Fundamental Questions in Philosophy" and "History of Western Art I and II."

She envisions herself in five years as a licensed social worker with a Master's in Social Work. She advises undergraduates to "not be afraid to jump into things just because you don't think you're ready for them. Trust yourself because if you trust yourself it will be evident to other people. Don't expect to be perfect because experience is what leads to improvement."

KORRIE LENTZ

Korrie Lentz knew immediately that she wanted to major in Social Work after meeting Professor Corbin and Doctors Rees and Orzolek-Kronner.

"Everyone was so caring," she said, "and really seemed concerned about each individual student. The social work department does a wonderful job of preparing their students for pursuing the social work occupation."

Korrie knows that she wants to work with children, but her certification as both an elementary school teacher and a social worker "will make the decision very hard."

She advises uncertain undergraduates to "just follow your heart and it will all fall into place with time. Be sure to scout out all the options and the various majors at the college. Get to know your department well. It will help you out in the long run. Most importantly, have fun!"

This issue of the McDaniel Free Press pays tribute to the Class of 2005 and academic school year. The news staff and students from the Newspaper Practicum class tried to capture seniors' bold moves and silent successes - their silliness and their academic wonders. Enjoy. Adieu.

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Magazine unveiled at Poetry Cafe

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"You're supposed to snap, I saw it once on TV," a McDaniel student mentioned to her friend sitting next to her at the round table at the Eclipse Poetry Café on Wednesday to the 27th in the Forum.

It almost seemed like you should snap after each student stepped up to the open microphone on the podium to read his or her inspirational poetry or short story as soft R&B music drifted through their words.

With the help of a loyal staff and Dr. Kate Dobson, Jessica Watson, editor in chief of the *Eclipse Lit Magazine*, compiled 60 pages of poetry, short stories, artwork, and photos created by McDaniel students.

"It took a lot of hard work," Watson confessed, addressing her audience Wednesday night. "But isn't that magazine beautiful?"

"Just as the moon is in its new phase, so is the McDaniel College community," Watson writes in "A Note from the Editor" at the front of *Eclipse*. "Excellence is no handed to us; we must work diligently and together to produce the shining light that breaks through darkness."

"We must remain dedicated to our gals and our

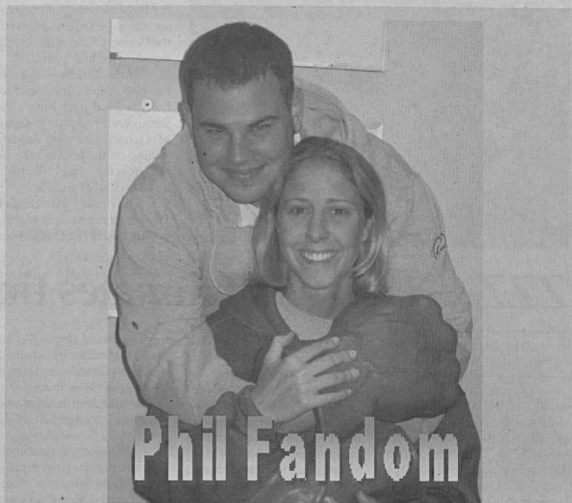
dreams, and despite adversity, turn them into reality," she adds.

To celebrate the release of the literary magazine, Watson and the staff draped the walls and tables with blue and white streamers and balloons. The tables were adorned with blue papery tablecloths with bowls of candy in the center along with copies of the magazine.

Markers and pieces of paper were placed around the tables if the audience felt inspired to write something. There was also a sign up sheet filtering around for interested students who might want to join the staff next semester.

"It would be a shame to take it to this level and then let it drop," Watson said in reference to whom she wished to pass the torch on to next semester. "It is always fun, and it is very rewarding to see the finished product."

Magazine staff members include: Lauren Beam, LaRhonda Burns, Ronnetta Casson, Devin Collins, Heather Cook, Courtney Kief, Elena Kurtz, Suzanne Lester, Sally Penner, Carolyn Ricks, Taylor Stevens, Shante Williams.



If you have ever attended a McDaniel Girl's Basketball game or have heard rumors about weird green-handed people at McDaniel events, then the name Phil D'Adamo might come up in conversation.

What started out as a joke with Hulk gloves turned into an expected sight at any McDaniel sporting event. D'Adamo, along with a group of about 15 friends attend such events like this year's soccer playoffs at John's Hopkins University and many basketball games, with intimidating green terror hands. The gloves made so much attention at basketball games that the girls team made "6th Man" t-shirts with the gloves on the back.

"We hang out with most of the girls regularly," said D'Adamo. "They're some of our closest friends. We go to their games and we're loud and crazy."

- Alyse Hollomon

Feet may stick to the floor, but it has party charm



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Rumors can be vicious; or at least when it comes to the boy's soccer house on Ward Avenue. Expecting a lot worse, the pad was surprisingly delightful.

Todd Knepper, Leon Mach, Tom Cain, Ryan Nixon, and Mike Holt all live in the house that had many horror stories. It was considered dangerous to walk on the floors barefoot. But upon entering it feels startlingly cozy. The downstairs feels like your grandparents' home; it has charming old brown carpet and the brightly floral-patterned furniture.

Only the few scattered empty beer bottles and the poker table with the remains of a previous game, hint that

five young men live there.

Other than the messy kitchen, the place appeared to be on the tidy side. For five guys, the biggest chick magnet was their astonishingly clean first floor bathroom. It was practically gleaming, daring you to brave actually sitting on the toilet, rather than hovering carefully over it.

The most appealing décor was the various multi-colored jerseys pinned to the walls going up stairs. The bedrooms allowing entry were impressively large.

The best part to the house was the beautiful deck out back. It's a place to enjoy the nice weather and grill out. The guys also have a huge backyard where they sometimes set up waffle ball, and there's a make-shift basketball court.

The biggest clue that the place is a bachelor pad is hidden well. The guys have a built-in party shed. The enormous shed in the backyard has been converted into a state of the art beer pong/club room. They have a room for beer games and another room for the keg.

After all the nasty rumors surrounding the soccer house, it seems a comfortable place to live for part of someone's college career. However, Mach might disagree: "I can't wait to move out of this 'f%# hole!'"

