Students launch new paper, new look

Behind the Scenes...

KATIE MARTIN
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

From top to bottom, back to front the look of the newspaper is different. It is not only looks different, but it reads differently too. After several weeks of hard work by more than 30 students today is the proud unveiling of the front page of The McDaniel Free Press.

As co-editors, Brian Patterson and I orchestrated all changes with the intention of improving efficiency, quality, and student interest in the paper. We also hoped to broaden its reach around and beyond campus.

An excited, eager, and continuously expanding newspaper staff adhered to these developments. Support also stemmed from advisor Lisa Breslin, as well as other members of the faculty and administration.

Dramatic changes began in January with the hiring of a new publisher, Kohr Creative Design. A Westminster-based marketing firm which extended tremendous enthusiasm and resources for the project.

Numerous improvements resulted from the partnership, including a more graphically-focused page design and higher quality printing.

A reorganization of the internal structure allowed for more efficient production of the newspaper. The streamlined duties of section editors prevent a handful of people from doing all.

In January 1924, the very first true newspaper at the College was born. Members of Phi Alpha Alpha fraternity started the Black and White. The founders drew inspiration from the old Riddle, "What's black and white and read all over?"

The following fall the newspaper was turned over to a larger group of students and the name Gold Bug was

See story on page 5.
Construction of academic building underway

Michael Vyksocl
Staff Writer

It's beginning to look a lot like construction, everywhere you go.

Groundbreaking began early this year for McDaniel's new 44,800-square-foot academic building housing the education, psychology and student academic support services departments.

Growth in these programs influenced the decision to build the new multipurpose facility located between Hoover Library and Albert Norman Ward Hall, according to Ethan Seidel, vice president for administration and finance.

Currently, Thompson Hall houses both the undergraduate and graduate education programs. Thompson, which once housed the school infirmary, has become unable to support the education department's needs, Seidel said.

Classroom space in Thompson was eventually converted to faculty offices, forcing instructors to find other teaching locations on campus, he said.

"Here in the graduate education department, we often feel separated from the going-on of the campus," said Julia Orza, coordinator of the graduate counselor education program.

The new academic building will change that. Designed to meet the needs of faculty and students in mind, the building will contain offices, classrooms and computer labs, Seidel said.

Like Thompson, Winslow Hall has similar woes. Built in 1958 as the school's student center, "Winslow wasn't designed to house classroom space," said Seidel.

The project cost for the building is $9 million. McDaniel received a capital matching grant of $3 million from the state of Maryland to finance the project.

According to Seidel, the new building is expected to be completed and ready for opening in Spring 2005.

Construction also began on the new tennis courts on the lower terraced field south of Bair Stadium. Once completed (by Fall 2004), the present tennis courts will become an 18-space parking lot, according to a January 22 memorandum from campus safety director Michael Webster.
Budapest program in danger

Budapest from page 1

If the amount schools receive has taken action. Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich will make it a priority to turn around the McDaniel program if they can offer remaining classes necessary to finish the McDaniel College degree in Hungary for those students absolutely unable to get visas. Faculty discussed the issue at several meetings and although it was evident that the program should be saved, it was decided that more information, time, and thought was needed in regard to that proposal, Seidel said.

Faculty voiced various concerns, including the amount of resources needed and the ability to uphold curriculum standards. "The problem is that they do not have a lot of full time faculty, and the question is do they have the capacity to offer advanced courses" in the areas of communications, business economics, and political science. Paquin explained.

Sociology professor Debra Lembreke offered an alternative suggestion of providing online courses with classroom assistants in Budapest.

A motion made by a faculty member sent the discussion to the curriculum committee, which has met, but without reaching a firm conclusion, according to biology professor and committee Chairman Samuel Alsopch.

The decision and report by the committee is postponed until after individuals from administration travel to Hungary over spring break for discussion with personnel at the Budapest campus.
Heading south for the winter: Jan-Term 2004

Everglades adventure

BAYLEY FANNIN STAFF WRITER

From swimming near coral reefs in Key Largo, camping on the beach in Key West, to canoeing in the Everglades National Park the Jan Term class known as "The Everglades Experience" and led by Professor Jennie Wollenweber was all about fun in the sun. For the seven stu-

dents and two professors who participated, the course was all about awareness.

Wollenweber describes this trip as an Environmental Hu-

manities course where hands-on experimental learning was the fo-

cus. With nautical maps, the stu-

dents were able to guide them-

selves to Chickies or floating rafts, where the group spent the night in tents.

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Budapest

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KEN BERTKAU STAFF WRITER

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Dirty socks and medical experiments: creative cash solutions

LAUREN WILSON
STAFF WRITER

Desperate times call for desperate measures, and since when have college students not been desperate for cash? Whether students want beer, books, or a trip to the Bahamas, they all need money. Fellow classmates serve at local restaurants, babysit satanic children, and flipping burgers for hours simply to make ends meet.

According to the Financial Aid Office, roughly 190 students are employed in McDaniel’s work study program. They typically earn the federal minimum wage of $5.15 per hour. Every year of campus employment provides a ten-cent pay raise, allowing some students to make up to $5.45 per hour by their senior year!

Fortunately, money-making schemes are not as hopeless as they might seem. Some McDaniel College students have decided to apply a bit of liberal arts creativity to their non-traditional pursuits of the big bucks, and have made out like bandits.

It was about a year ago when junior communications major Jacq Funk was chatting on Instant Messenger when she noticed a message from an unknown user. Funk was about a year ago

"[She] needed an alternative income," because she did not make enough money working on campus.

Pundt decided that the man contacting her was... "relatively harmless, just a man with a sock fetish," she replied laughing.

Since then, Jacq has met with the anonymous stranger four times in the Safeway Parking lot to make the exchanges, adding “I’m a basketball player, I have a lot of dirty socks.”

Senior Tara Meredith was in one of her social work classes when a professor told her students that she had paid her way through college by participating in medical studies. A light bulb went off for Meredith, “I wanted money and I didn’t want a job, it was an easy way to make money.”

That same day, she looked in the wanted section of the Baltimore City Paper and noticed a Typhoid Fever vaccine study sponsored by the University of Maryland Medical Center. After a few phone calls and a brief screening to make sure she qualified, she was accepted into the study.

Tara drove herself to the Medical Center, located in Baltimore, approximately four times per week.

Upon her first visit she was given an oral vaccination to drink, and for six weeks she came in to have her blood drawn and tested. At home, she took her temperature twice daily, and kept a log of unusual symptoms and/or side effects.

She earned $750.00 from participating in the study. When asked if she would recommend this experience to others she answered, jokingly, “Yes, if you’re not afraid of needles or getting sick.”

Last summer, a sophomore psychology major was dared by a friend to participate in a strip club audition. "I was broke and I had always wanted to do it, and I would get $10," she recalls, "They hired me on the spot."

Since then, the student has worked at two different locations. She wishes to remain anonymous in this article partly because her parents are unaware of the situation, stating it would “cause a lot of turmoil in my family if they found out.”

However, she does love her job, citing her newfound self-confidence as the biggest benefit. When she performs “It’s the ultimate power trip,” and is able to earn $150 or more on a “good night.”

This student plans on continuing her job as a stripper for the rest of college and perhaps through graduate school because “working there for a few weeks could pay for an entire semester.”

McDaniel Winter Wonderland:

The McDaniel College community enjoyed time off at the start of the semester, taking the opportunity to enjoy sledding and other winter fun on the Golf Course.

PHOTOS BY SARAH BLACK
3 stars for Big Fish

Jeff Carinnes
Staff Writer

Tim Burton’s “Big Fish” is a film that certainly has its heart in the right place. Adapted from author Daniel Wallace’s “Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions”, it tells the story of William Bloom (Billy Crudup), a young man who has been raised on a steady diet of tall tales and adventures. While these stories delighted William as a child, he eventually feels cheated out of a real relationship and tries to reunite with his now dying father in a last ditch effort to truly understand the man. Through a series of flashbacks in which Ewan McGregor portrays the young Edward, the audience sees some amazing exploits that include a giant catfish, a werewolf, massive floods, a town resembling the afterlife, a giant fish flapping its wings in Asia could result in a hurricane halfway around the world. “Butterfly Effect,” the opening title of the movie introduces viewers to the “butterfly effect,” is a physics term explaining certain occurrences in this world. In the first screen of “Butterfly Effect,” Edward reveals what he expects the events to be like, the butterfly effect. The Chaos Theory, also known as the butterfly effect, is a physics term explaining certain occurrences in this world. In the first screen of “Butterfly Effect,” Edward reveals what he feels Edward was probably doing all the years he was away as a traveling salesman.

Her explanation provides one of the nicest and emotionally understated moments in a film that is otherwise boisterous and overt. “Big Fish” has a sweet message about how what we create in our imaginations is just as real and important as anything else. However, Burton does not dig much deeper than that. For nearly 20 years, he has been directing films with visual delights that please audiences. That’s obviously working for him (during its opening weekend, “Big Fish” earned a respectable $60 million). Now it is time for Burton to raise the bar and craft a film that is a little more challenging. "Johnny Depp, because not only is he ridiculously hot, but he is a great actor and looks like a really cool guy. That sounds cheesy, but I would want to go to the Baltimore Aquarium and then ride the paddle boats. As for after the date...

“I would want to go out on a date with Colin Farrell, because he seems like he would take me on an exciting and original date. It would be cool to go skydiving on our date, because it would be an opportunity to get close to him.”

"I would go out with Josh Groban because he seems like a real, down-to-earth kind of guy. I’d like to have him sing to me, and I’d want to go to the zoo and have a picnic."
Media diminishes perspective

"America is becoming more conservative and less cosmopolitan," notes the January 2nd edition of The Economist. More conservative? That claim is up for great debate, considering a recent poll conducted by USA Today and CNN which reveals that George W. Bush trailed the dual democratic Johns (Edwards and Kerry) when he was matched against each opponent head to head.

Less cosmopolitan? This assertion is accurate without question. When it comes to the knowledge of non-US news events and understanding foreign customs, the general population is by and large quite ignorant.

What is cosmopolitan? It is, as Merriam-Webster defines, having international sophistication. Knowledge of other cultures, languages, and news gives one a varied and more accurate perspective on the world and one that is less based on stereotypes. Yet the media in America blocks our awareness.

International affairs rarely receive air time on the 11 o'clock news. Can you name who was implicated in the Huton Report concerning the suicide of David Kelley? What countries are joining the European Union this summer? What disease has caused a great scare in South Asia?

If you are unable to answer these questions, do not fret. Most of America's population is not aware of much that is going on beyond its borders, let alone across the two oceans it lies between.

Most Americans simply consume what the media offers. Part of the problem is that media in America is commercialized. As a result, what often motivates the media is the Almighty Dollar; newsworthiness is defined by what will sell the most papers or what will have the highest viewership.

Thus, the news reported is often unimportant from a global perspective—the O.J. Simpson trial comes to mind. The media's goal is to profit, and newspapers do what they can to turn that profit.

When the government has some control over coverage, the news becomes restricted and biased. Look to Zimbabwe, where a daily paper was recently shut down, and Italy, where the Prime Minister owns 90% of the nation's cable network, to see the potential pitfalls of non-commercialized media.

Bill O'Reilly, Rush Limbaugh and others offer this sort of news/entertainment. Most of what they claim on the air is embellished and opinionated. The American problem runs into is taking what these, and what all the media states, as fact.

Most Americans do not have the eclectic exposure that they need to look at the news with a critical eye. Though the American media is vast, it does not offer the diverse coverage that international news organizations often do.

As a result, many readers can probably name Michael Jackson's attorney but not Canada's president. This country's lack of cosmopolitanism will come back to haunt us. It already has.
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further revenue for them.
Additionally, the newspaper and more importantly for the newspaper.
and design of the entire paper.
A vibrant advertising department features contributors who are heavily selling ads with newly designed rate sheets, hopefully to generate revenue for more and more importantly for the newspaper. Additionally, the newspaper will soon, once again, be offered by mail to parents and alumni.
With these modifications, a new dedication to accuracy by all individuals involved with the publication is possible and will hopefully be evident.
At the heart of all of these changes is the desire to report the news thoroughly and report it well.
So, on behalf of my co-editor Brian Patterson and the rest of the staff, I present the first issue of The McDaniel Free Press. Many thanks to everyone who worked hard to make its publication possible. Special thanks to senior Jessica Watson for designing logos.

Please know that feedback is always welcome about this and all following issues. Read and enjoy!

Useless Jan-Term classes

Belize, Italy, the Florida Everglades, Greece, Central Europe... wouldn't want to spend the required January term in one of these places? Unfortunately, while some students spend this three-week term elsewhere, broadening their cultural experiences, others are stuck on campus taking classes that in no way fulfill major requirements.

Jan-Term trips are sometimes what price (between 1,600 and 2,400 dollars), and if Mom and Dad aren't going to pay your expenses to go on a trip, you'll probably be spending it in Westminster. Perhaps you don't have the means to travel for your Jan Term, or maybe you have to stay on campus for sports.

Whatever the reason, between courses like Mah Jongg, Mountain Biking through Carroll County, Back roads and Trails, and a class on Fabric in Tanuli, the choices are mind-boggling. Sure, a class on the ancient game of Mah Jongg may introduce you to new concepts and cultures, but what academic requirement does that fill?

According to Registrar John Kiphart, no two-credit January Term course meets an academic requirement. Only EPE classes award credit necessary for graduation, but in order to take an EPE class, you must be enrolled in another January Term course simultaneously.

And, says Brian Susan Schmidt, "EPE courses are always worthwhile."
Meaning, even though EPE courses are the only courses that would help one work toward graduation over Jan Term, the school is going to charge you for it anyway.

Some would argue that some courses do further your experiences. Having just come back from Fishing and Driving in Belize, I can agree that some courses do indeed help students gain life experiences. But not everyone can afford to travel abroad for a Jan Term.

Perhaps one could participate in an internship that could help place them in the job of their choice after graduation or do an independent study. For Exercise Science majors, there is a two-credit Personal Fitness Trainer Certification, but that costs $399 and rarely does a student even pass.

The options for January Term classes here at McDaniel College are too limited. However, the Jan Term program at McDaniel could be worthwhile if classes taken during this time added toward academic credit.

ASHLEY HOOVER, COPY DESK CHEF

Swapping talk about war

(Editors’ Note: Ray Stevens, a professor emeritus of English at McDaniel, originally sent the following to a friend of his who is also a college professor. It is titled: "From one English professor to another English professor.”)

"You might be interested in an off-the-cuff response of one English professor (emeritus) to another English professor (a dear friend of 25 years) who wrote to me, among other things, about not voting for George W. Bush because of Iraq.

"Beatrice is a lovely person," the professor says of his colleague, "but unfortunately a product of late 60's graduate school education and a devoee of NPR who lives in New York City. I, on the other hand, am one of the few troglodytish conservatives remaining in the Modern Language Association (44 years and counting) and was, formerly the Southern Baptist president of the H.L. Mencken Society," he continues. "I write this in need of another publication; but if you wish to twist a post-colonialist or two, you are welcome to it."

His letter to the professor reads, in part:

"Beatrice,

"On Bushy Sorry, but I disagree. I see the 100,000-plus mass graves and am thankful someone in the world had courage enough to try to put a stop to carnage somewhere in the world ...

"And a former president whom Hussein to assinate; and a succeeding president who did nothing meaningful to try to stop such things, and who watched and then abandoned Somalia to terrorism as thugs in Mogadishu dragged American troops through the streets, mutilating their bodies ...

"And I remember the bombing in New York City in 1993 when nothing meaningful was done — and Khober Towers, and the USS Cole, and Bali, and a sodomite president who apparently had a chance to get Osama bin Laden in the mid-'90s, but who was too preoccupied with interns to be bothered ..."

"I have a son who fought through Desert Storm — where we did not finish the job we started, and who is now back over there, having spent four months in Iraq with the [4th Infantry Divi- sion] trying to resolve continuing conflicts — and is now in Saudi Arabia, an officer with two Bronze Stars from Desert Storm and Iraq Freedom in the U.S. Army, who has not forgotten September 11th and who, like many young soldiers, fight there sacrificing to try to avoid another 9/11 ...

"And I listen to charla- tans on the campaign trail comparing George Bush to Hitler. God help us if people do not see 9/11 as a warning. Do we just sit and wait for an- other, or do we try to meet ter- rorist adversaries where they are being bred by the tens of thousands?

"Iears at my soul to say such things, especially be- cause I have a son on the fir- ing line."

This letter has been reprinted from "The Washington Times" from the running column inside the Beltway by John McCalin in January 2004. It has been reprinted with the permission of both McCalin and The Washington Times."
COMMENTARY

How free is McDaniel Free Press?

Breslin in too deep

A curriculum based student media undermines the foundations of free press. Where once students voluntarily wrote pieces for the paper based upon their own enterprise, now Advanced Journalism students are forced to participate in the paper. No free will, no unhampered conscience.

Here is the gist of Breslin's argument: she plans on making the necessary changes and then stepping off. This is indeed a noble admission considering her position is temporary and she inevitably must step off. Unfortunately, she will not be "stepping off" before making her mark.

Breslin's clutch on the student media is threefold. She grades her advanced journalism students based partially upon their performance in the paper. She is the media advisor, which means she grades all students participating in an independent student of the paper. Together, this comprises virtually every staff member of the paper, including me. Lastly, she is the self-appointed media policy-maker, a direct violation of college policy.

The contemporary philosopher, Michael Foucault, wrote, "People know what they do; they frequently know what they don't know is what they don't do." I give Breslin the benefit of the doubt. I do not think she realizes the threat her changes pose to the student media. Nonetheless, student rights are scarce enough without the abolition of a free student press. Forget the Bylaws, save the student media!

BRADLEY GROOVER, STAFF WRITER

Independence still reigns

Most of the staff has embraced Breslin's role and the enthusiasm she has brought to the newsroom, but some students have had reservations about her involvement. Can she offer advice and training, and at the same time, will The McDaniel Free Press remain a student newspaper? While working with Breslin from the initial planning stages to the first issue, I can say resounding, yes.

This partnership between faculty and students mirrors partnerships at other schools. As the co-editors, Katie Martin and I are involved in every aspect of the paper. We choose the best people to fill the staff positions, set the content, and the paper will cover, the look of the paper, and what stories will run. While Breslin requires her students in the advanced journalism class to submit their stories to the paper, Katie and I have final say about what makes the cut.

Anyone who still balks at Breslin's involvement should remember that the college contributes as much $7,000 annually to publish the paper. So while it is a student-run paper, it can never be fully independent of the institution that funds it. This year, thanks to Sam Case, the paper now owns a digital camera, and thanks to Information Services, new software that improves the paper's design.

Ultimately, we have to ask ourselves is the paper better? Are we able to write stories, design layout, sell ads, and distribute a good product with a little more ease? And at the same time does the paper reflect students' perspectives?

Join the staff and see for yourself; the answer to all these questions is yes.

BRIAN PATTERSON, CO-EDITOR

Turning Back the Pages

10 years ago this month...

• At the February 1, 1994 faculty meeting, the faculty approved a 4-course load student schedule and the freshmen seminar requirement. A proposal that was passed, but no longer exists.

• The school has always had an on and off again relationship with ice hockey and in 1994 Eric Disharoon rescinded the club team that folded in 1990. Interest in creating a team was sparked as a result of intramural floor hockey games.

And 20 years ago this month...

• After two years of probation the charter of Delta Phi Alpha, a.k.a. the Preachers, was revoked by the administrative council. Their charter was suspended in 1982 after a pledge was hospitalized due to alcohol poisoning. The reaction to this decision was mixed, both by the faculty and Inter-Fraternity Council.

COMPILED BY BRIAN PATTERSON, CO-EDITOR
There is a new interim head coach for the women's lacrosse team, and her name is Mindy McCord.

Although new to this position, Bliss has been influential assistant coach at McDaniel for two years, during which time she has been finishing her masters in secondary education. She graduated from Goucher College in 2001, which is in the same conference as McDaniel.

Mindy McCord coached the field hockey and women's lacrosse teams for four years. McCord had been separated from her husband Paul, former assistant special teams/strength and conditioning coach for the Jacksonville Jaguars, for a year. At the end of the 2003 field hockey season, McCord decided that she was going to resign as head coach in order to be closer to her husband in Florida. "I felt it was necessary for her to leave. I knew that she was going to have the opportunity to develop her marriage," Bliss said.

The players that had McCord as their head coach had mixed feelings because, as Bliss explained, they got attached to her because the influence she had on them as both players and people.

"I was excited in a way because I knew that Bliss would be our coach and I really wanted her to be our head coach," sophomore Tara Smith said.

Bliss, a confident and enthusiastic coach, said that the biggest apprehension she had was that the players of the lacrosse team would not receive her changed coaching style well.

"I trust Coach Bliss because she is young; she knows what she is doing. She is fresh out of the game and knows the new rules," Smith said.

Despite the loss of McCord, Bliss feels very confident and happy with the preseason. The team, as expressed by Bliss, is coming together quickly and efficiently. The team has the most talent Bliss has seen so far, as she has played against McDaniel lacrosse.

"I think we have so much potential to do so many things," said Bliss.

The biggest difference in Bliss's coaching style is that she is a strong believer in "learning while you play." She believes in the idea that you are game-like, only concentrated. She prefers to scrimmage during practices.

McCord, on the other hand, believed in classroom learning; she would draw things up on a board. Also, her practices were at a slower pace.

"Coach McCord would concentrate on a specific group of people during practices. There would be a lot of standing around, and Coach Bliss is more organized when it comes to timing. We are always moving," Smith said.

After Bliss completes her Master's Degree this July, she plans on applying for the permanent position as the head coach for the field hockey and women's lacrosse teams. If she does not get the job, she will continue as an assistant and finish her student teaching.

The team has the most talent Bliss has seen so far, and with the way the season has progressed, but change is on the horizon. Coach Jay Dull had one word to summarize the key to the team's future success: consistency. He explained that at times the team would be playing up to their potential, but that they couldn't perform on a consistent basis.

"It's been a frustrating year," Coach Dull said. "Every one of our players has been inconsistent at times."

The players are able to recognize the need for more consistent success as well.

"We just need to put a complete game together and we should be alright," Anstead said.

Other obvious factors have contributed to the frustration as well. Not only is the team inexperienced, but one of the most experienced players on the team was hampered by injury throughout the season. Sam Anstead has missed four games thus far, and his absence has been felt by all.

"We're a better team when Sam's not hurt," Coach Dull said. "He missed several games early in the season, and we've kind of been playing catch-up since then."

As far as the off-season is concerned, Coach Dull has a specific plan in mind: good recruiting, good training, and practice. He explained that coaching basketball at the Division III level is difficult because there is such a large portion of the time that the players are out of the coach's reach.

"If these guys want to reach the goals we've set for this program, they have to do it themselves," Dull said. "I don't know about my players, but I'm sick and tired of losing. I'm hoping that my guys are getting tired of it."
Green and Gold Club supports McDaniel Varsity athletes

ERIN ROMANSKI
SENIOR WRITER

Phase one of the Green and Gold athletic booster club is to establish a broad base of annual givers who have a desire to support Green Terror student athletes who love their sport.

Founded in January 2003, the Green and Gold Club has been "the real thrust behind a support program for Green Terror athletics," according to Director of Special Projects, Marcus Lee Primm. Primm, a member of the McDaniel Development Department, says that the foundational premise behind Green and Gold is to benefit the student athletes' overall educational experience. These athletes make up almost 30 percent of the total undergraduate enrollment.

"If people choose to give money to the Green and Gold Club, 100 percent of their gift goes to athletics," Primm said. "Ninety cents on the dollar is restricted to the sport that the giver specifies, and the remaining 10 cents goes into a general athletic pool."

While alumni make up the majority of donors, at 57 percent, the club also has a fair share of support from parents and miscellaneous others.

"An orthopedic surgeon donated a whirlpool for the trainers in one lump sum," Primm said. "If you look at the new campus master plan, you can see that we hope to have other expanded athletic facilities in the future."

All club members receive team schedules, a newsletter, and periodic electronic updates on post-season play, student-athlete awards, and other special events.

"We have found that undergrads and alumni really want to give back the same depth of the experience they have enjoyed here," Primm said.

As the Green and Gold newsletter states, "McDaniel College believes strongly that athletics are an integral part of the total education program.

For more information about the Green and Gold Club, or to make a donation, please contact Lee Primm at 410-857-2224, or by e-mail at lprimm@mcdaniel.edu.

SOCRTER WRITER

Spring sports Division III preview

JOE HORROCKS
SPORTS WRITER

With the weather warming and the snow melting soon, the Green Terror sports teams will soon leave the comforts of the Gill Center and return outside for the spring sports season.

Women's Golf is the only returning Centennial Conference Champion, but the rest of the nine spring sports teams will look to bring home a conference crown for the college.

Men's Lacrosse will be vying for a title in one of the top conferences in the entire country.

The team will look to build off of last season's 10-3 record and go to the NCAA playoffs for the first time in McDaniel College history. Head Coach Jim Townsend will return a solid squad led by defender Josh Hanlon, a pre-season All-American, and Rob Weaver, who netted 16 goals and dished out 43 assists last season, second most in the nation.

Women's Lacrosse will be starting the season with a new head coach, Marjorie Bliss, taking over for the departed Mindy McCord. Bliss will rely heavily on the senior leadership of attacker Sara Thomas, who totaled 27 points including 17 goals and 10 assists.

Junior attacker Kim Lowry also returns for the Terror. Lowry recorded the most points, 25, of any player returning to this year's team and hopes to add to that total this season.

On the baseball diamond, head coach Dave Seibert will be returning a solid squad including first-team All-Conference shortstop Ryan Shotzberger. Shotzberger, a senior, batted .351 with six home runs and drove in 26 runs last season.

Senior Hurler David Seibert will be the ace of the McDaniel pitching staff, posting an ERA of 3.63 last season while striking out 46 batters and allowing less than one hit per inning pitched.

George Dix's softball team will be the favorite to win the softball crown in the Centennial. Dix will return an experienced and talented crew including 2003 Centennial Conference Player of the Year, Samantha Abrams.

Abrams holds 17 school records and will form a dynamic duo with 2002 Centennial Conference Pitcher of the Year, Kim Campionelli.

Campionelli owns the only perfect game in McDaniel College history and along with Abrams has accounted for an 81-22 record over the past three seasons.

Head coach Michael Diehl and the women's golf team will look to defend its conference crown in 2004. Diehl will look to Centennial Conference Individual Champion Kelly Cramp to lead the way. Cramp, also a standout on the women's basketball team, won the title last year shooting a two day total of 161.

The outdoor track team is hoping to run its way to a conference championship for head coach Doug Renner. Renner will be returning a solid nucleus led by Broderick Maybank and Kristy Costa. Maybank, a Terr- otor football player as well, excels in both the long and triple jumps for the Terror and also competes in sprint competitions.

Costa, also a starter on the women's basketball team, set school records in both the javelin and discus and will look to improve upon her numbers this year.

With all of the talent taking the field for the Green Terror this spring season, the Green Terror faithful will have a lot to cheer for.

At the time of print there were insufficient resources to cover the men's golf team or either tennis team. Both will appear in the next issue.
Women's basketball has unforgettable season

KIM LOWRY

The McDaniel College Women's Basketball Team is well on their way to their second Centennial Conference Championship in three years with a record of 21-3, despite their lack of intercollegiate experience.

With lone senior and captain Toby McIntyre, many believed 2003-2004 would be a rebuilding season. Despite the critics, the Green Terror have forged against the odds to produce one of the best seasons of Head Coach Becky Martin has ever experienced. Their near flawless stint thus far in the Centennial Conference (16-1) puts them in prime position for post-season play.

Martin plans on making it to the playoffs, and has her sights on another conference title. She attributes the success of the team to overall talent and team chemistry.

"This team has a great personality," stated Martin. "We all get along on and off the court... each player contributes to the team in their own way," said junior guard Brooke Weimer.

Sophomore sensation Kristy Costa has been selected Player of the Week twice by the conference. She is leading the team in points per game with 5.9. Closely trailing Costa in average points per game are senior Kelly Cramp (10.9) and freshman Katy Powell (7.3).

Not only is this team boasting incredible numbers, but it is breaking records at the same time.

The women set the record for most consecutive wins in a season with 11 after their stunning victory at Gettysburg. In those 11 consecutive wins, the women had beaten their opponents by an average of more than 28 points.

The women's record-breaking effort ended at 13 consecutive wins with a loss to conference rival Johns Hopkins on February 10.

The team also set a record in the Centennial Conference with most points scored in a 103-100 victory over Muhlenberg. Even more remarkable is the fact that the team has been ranked nationally by d3hoops.com, a national ranking done by a panel of 25 coaches, sports information directors, and media members that is updated weekly. This national ranking means a great deal to the solo senior.

"Nobody expected much from us this season... it's like a slap in the face to those who doubted us," said McIntyre.

The recent success of the team has resulted in a rather large bandwagon. The team generated the highest attendance this year versus Johns Hopkins, with 1,024 fans packed into Gill Center.

"We're looking to break that record; we have more fun base than some of the local Division I schools," said Martin. The team has an average of 405 fans at each home game; this is more than UMBC, Loyola, and Mt. St. Mary's combined.

"I love going to the games because I know they're going to win," junior Laura Cavey said.

With the conference championships still on the horizon, the Green Terror are looking to add to their remarkable conference record and qualify for the NCAA Tournament.

Indoor track has successful winter season

JOE ADELIZZI

The McDaniel College Indoor Track team has had quite a successful winter, to say the least.

The Green Terror, led by coach and former Western Maryland graduate Doug Renner, have set numerous new school records.

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At the top of individual performances is freshman Mike Valentino, wrestling at 174. He returned from an absence to go 2-0, earning a 10-9 decision over Dave Kraus at Johns Hopkins during the February 3 match.

"We're looking good going into conferences," Valentino said. "I think we have a chance to do pretty well. All the guys are looking forward to it."

Among other strong conference contenders are junior Dan Patterson, leading the 141 weight class, with a seasonal record of 16-2, and senior Drew Reinecker, holding a record of 17-3 in the heavyweight class.

Other strong competitors include freshman Mark Nakasone at 149, who won five major decisions this season, and junior Mikey Blake at 157.

Wrestling Update:
Senior Drew Reinecker sees his 2nd consecutive Centennial Conference title on Saturday, defeating Johns Hopkins University's Karel Gryczynski by a 2-1 margin in the championship match. As a team, McDaniel (76) finished second to Ursinus (89). Dan Patterson, Mark Nakasone, and Mikey Blake each took second place for the Green Terror, while Steve Colasuonno and Mike Valentino each took third.
Incidents raise questions about Club Room safety

KATRINA CULLEY
STAFF WRITER

Club room parties on the McDaniel campus have been a long-standing tradition and are rising in popularity. However, several incidents, the most recent involving the hospitalization of a Westminster City Police officer who has faculty and students wondering, "What else can we do to keep these gatherings safe and fun?"

On February 21, Westminster City Police were called to a Club Room hosted by the sorority Phi Sigma Sigma because McDaniel College Department of Campus Safety suspected use of marijuana. Shortly after the police arrived, a fight broke out in front of Blanche Ward Hall between a student and an alum who were fighting in the North Village Apartments. The club room was cleared out prior to its scheduled closing time. The fight was probably not the result of the club room itself, said Mike Webster, Director of Campus Safety. The following week, on February 28th, the Westminster City Police were again called to a Club Room hosted by the Black Student Union. However, this time, the police were called because of a fight that broke out inside the Club Room between several people attending that event.

"The students involved in the fight did not attend McDaniel, To be honest with you, to my eye, they looked older than the typical student," Webster said.

Westminster City Police Officer Eric Fourhman severely injured his back while trying to break up the fight. He was quickly transported to Carroll County General Hospital and then Shock Trauma, where he spent two days. Fourhman is now recovering at home, according to Captain Randy Barnes of the Westminster City Police. "I understand it was quite a brawl," said Barnes.

Fourhman could not recall anyone assaulting him, Barnes added. So no one was arrested as a result. Fourhman was unavailable for comment.

"I want to stress that the problems we are having are not with our McDaniel students, Our students behaved wonderfully and were all really helpful in the incident at the BSU clubroom last weekend," said Phillip Sayre, dean of Student Affairs.

Sayre, Webster, and Liz Towle, Director of Residence Life met with the BSU Executive Council on Monday, March 1, to discuss ideas to improve the control of students and guests attending future BSU club rooms.

They discussed many options, including limiting the Club Rooms to students only and limiting the number of guests students could bring to the BSU clubroom.
Tuition to reach $24,500 for 2004-2005 year

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News that McDaniel College’s tuition would be hiked by approximately 7 percent for the 2004-2005 academic year was greeted by more jeers than cheers from students last week as they read campus mail from President Joan Coley announcing the hike.

Parents also received similar letters from Coley last week.

“I doubt many people in North Village are complaining about it,” said junior Steven Haines. “People go up to the conclusion that raising tuition is bad, but if the money is going somewhere worthwhile it’s not outrageous.”

The College broke ground in December on a new academic building that will house the graduate programs when it opens in spring 2005. The College’s signature Ward Memorial Arch, which is being enhanced as a more prominent entrance to campus, will be re-dedicated at Reunion Weekend in May.

Coley’s letter to students notes that McDaniel attempts to achieve, “an ideal learning environment... with classes that average only 17 students and professors who teach and mentor both in and outside the classroom.”

However, not every student shares Coley’s positive outlook on our school’s ideal learning environment.

“There may be 17 people in our classes but, but we have to get into the classes first,” said junior Kelley Passwaters.

“I couldn’t get into my bio classes because they were so small and so many students needed them.”

The announced tuition for the 2004-05 academic year is $24,500 and with standard room and board costs at $5,000 and $2,600 respectively, the total bill comes to $30,100 per year.

According to Martha O’Connell, dean of admissions, students will find that with academic scholarships and financial aid packages an education here will only cost a little more, or even less, than education elsewhere.

McDaniel awards more than $15 million in scholarships each year and about 85 percent of students receive financial aid.

“Do academic scholarships go up too, or do they stay the same,” said junior Ashley Hurley. “I usually get hit with a five percent hike, but this is almost 7 percent.”

McDaniel is not the only Centennial Conference school that will be upsing tuition charges, but the tuition hike is one of the largest. Colleges of comparable size had experienced tuition increases that were lower than McDaniel’s 6.97 increase.

Gatesburg College will be increasing its tuition from $28,820 this year to $29,990, reflecting a 5.5 percent increase. Franklin and Marshall’s proposed fee structure calls for an increase of 5.8 percent that moves tuition from $29,810 this year to $30,000 next fall.

“These are standard increases that are in line with colleges in the region,” said Jean Riley, assistant director of financial aid at Gettysburg College.

Students at F&M are not even aware of their tuition increase until they receive a bill. “The family is killed — nothing is sent announcing the change to students,” said Christopher Hanlon, director of financial aid for Franklin and Marshall.

The hope for Coley is that the tuition increase will help the college to build upon its strengths. "The quality of education remains our top priority, no matter what financial pressures we face."
A tale of two stations with different results

Radio station struggles to survive

JEFF CABINIES

Perhaps it’s because the same Jay-Z album has been spinning on constant rotation for the last two weeks. Maybe it’s the secrecy behind the floor-to-ceiling stickers that plaster the door. Believe it or not, the college radio station WMCR has a pulse, or rather a signal—a signal that allows breaks for music. The station range also comes with Federal Communications Commission regulations, something WMCR has never faced. It’s not just pushing buttons. It’s conceptualizing. It’s visualizing. It’s telling a story, said Slade.

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A Club Room, however, there were no final decisions about those options.

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Under the new leadership of Jonathan Slade, associate professor of communications and station advisor, McDaniel Television has thrived this semester. Approximately 50 students are involved in the everyday production process, either through their academic classes or the Campus TV Club.

Slade, who took a full-time teaching position this past fall after teaching as an adjunct professor for the past eight years, brings with him more than 15 years of television industry experience and numerous Emmy awards.

The communications department annually spends about $5,000 on new television equipment. This year, the station acquired three new digital cameras and a third digital editing suite.

But that hasn’t stopped the scavenging.

According to Slade, computer monitors in the studio were recycled from the campus garbage. “By passing.” said Slade. “We make it all use everything we can get.”

Responding to growing interest in television, the communications department has expanded its courses.

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Leap and learn

Dance company thrives

BY LIZ STAVIS

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**FEATURES**

**Olympic win a miracle**

KEN BERTKA

**Brooks versus Urrizoin, Craig versus Tetriak, United States versus Russia. Gavin O'Connor's "Miracle" is not a movie about a hockey game, but more about the human spirit. The top selling hit in its first week of release, "Miracle" is still thriving at the box office.**

The movie portrays Herb Brooks (Richard Gere) and Russell Strekas (Bruce Willis) struggle as they try to create the United States Olympic team with one purpose - to win a gold medal.

To do this, Brooks decides to copy the Russian's style and rely on teamwork and chemistry rather than talent and skill. The team, which is comprised of players throughout the country, had never played together in collegiate hockey and developed some bad blood. In order to combat this, Brooks developed the idea that if they hated him, they would stop hating each other. He learned that their focus would then be off the past and on the task at hand - winning Olympic gold.

One key scene is both emotionally and physically demanding. After the U.S. national team loses to a mediocre European team, Brooks puts the team on the line, and the players start to laugh. Every time they finish Brooks just says "again," and they keep skating. This grueling routine continues even after the rink closes down. The climax occurs when Mike Eruzione(Patrick O'Demny) yells to his coach and team that he does not play for a college or himself, but rather the United States of America.

"Miracle" creates a feel ing that this one game and these people are not about hockey but about something bigger, something stronger. Audiences will leave the theater believing in the impossible.

"If we play them ten times, they might win nine, but not this time," Brooks says during one speech.

Comparably to "Hoo siers," "Miracle" rates as one of the greatest true sports stories ever portrayed on the big screen.

**Music Musings - New feel for Blink 182**

BETH MCLANE

Whatever you thought you knew about Blink182, forget it. Whatever you assumed the notorious trio was capable of, consider the bar raised, and the band has discovered new layers to its sound.

After taking their latest, self-titled record, which includes such tracks as "Feeling This," "I Used to Wait," and "Feeling This," to heart, the trio has added a new, darker quality to their sound, as well as a new, more mature lyrical quality.

The album, released in November, is a significant departure from the band's earlier work. The CD jacket describes the casket" on "Easy Target," a definitive moment in the band's career.

The next track, "Stockholm Syndrome," begins with a reading of bassist/vocalist Mark Hoppus's family letters from wartime. Delay your initial reaction (perhaps to say "Huh?"), because it works beautifully and enhances the track. Every song deserves mention, which shows a lot of hard work on the band's part. But the track that absolutely cannot be missed is "All of This," a mind-bending collaboration with rock god Robert Smith of The Cure. If you listen to nothing else, take in the melancholy musical arrangement and mix of vocal talents on that track.

The band seemed to hint at a turn of direction with "Stay Together For the Kids" from TOYPAL, but something about these tracks goes beyond their darker nature of that song. With lyrics like "She's got a mission/ and I'm collateral damage/ she's the flower/ that you place on my casket" on "Easy Target," a definitive musical leap has been made.

It should be mentioned that guitarist Tom Delonge's vocal talents still haven't been perfected, but the band seems to OWN this slight problem. Plus, the mix of both Mark and Tom's voices on many of the tracks creates an interesting sound. The outstanding drum talents of Travis Barker should also be noted. Check out his part on "The Fallen Interlude" and you'll know why.

The album is filled with secretive, amazing songs that you never believed this band could create. With so much nature, be it maturity or pure musical growth, the band рискed alienating some fans. But what the band ever brought on this metamorphosis from pop-punk to brave new music?”

**“Dates” fun again and again and again**

SARAH BLACK

Finally! A funny movie that is actually worth eight dollars to see—again and again.

Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore pull off a successful comedy once again. Barrymore plays Lucy Whitmore, a beautiful, easy-going girl, and Sandler plays Henry Roth, the love-struck fella trying to win her heart. The movie is a definite disappointment and is definitely somewhat of a tear-jerker for the ladies—sorry fellas. Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore definitely deliver with this hilarious comedy about how hard a guy is willing to try to win a girl’s heart—day after day after day.

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Vagina Monologues raises violence awareness

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Spirited students, professors, and community members are bringing The Vagina Monologues to campus at the end of March, continuing one woman’s effort to combat violence toward women.

The monologues are based on real women’s stories and promote sexual and emotional well-being. Written by Eve Ensler, who originally performed them as a one-woman show, they include titles like “My Angry Vagina,” “The Little Coochi Snorcher that Could,” and “Reclaiming Cunt.”

According to director Rebekah Orenstein, the play deals with “the dilemma of being female in a male-dominated society.”

The play is concerned with “women taking ownership of their bodies and learning to love them, so they can gain control over violence against themselves and other women,” said senior Marie Lilly, the show’s producer.

“Vagina Monologues culminates a series of events during March sponsored by the campus Women’s Issues Group in celebration of Women’s History Month. Other activities include a discussion about pornography and an open mike night.”

The Vagina Monologues will be presented at 8pm in Alumni Hall on March 26, 2004. Tickets are available at the door for $7.

Hay Fever

KATRINA CULLEY STAFF WRITER

McDaniel College’s Theatre Arts Department successfully created the zany antics and hilarious arguments of a quirky family in its March 3 through March 6 production of Noel Coward’s comedy of manners Hay Fever.

Directed by Ron Miller, the play was performed in the round, so audiences had a better chance of experiencing the nuttiness of each act.

The three-act comedy, set in England the 1920’s, tells the story of a weekend at the Bliss family’s home. Without other members of the family knowing, each Bliss invites a guest to spend the weekend. It’s not long before the guests want out - they don’t want to spend another minute in the house.

“There will be three student directed plays in April, which will be free and open to the public.”

“How do you feel about gay marriage?”

COMPILED BY LAURA PETERSON

“I don’t understand why people would be against it. If everyone’s so concerned about the spread of HIV through homosexuals don’t you think that monogamy would be a good answer for that?”

Kata Dales, sophomore

“I think the candidates for the coming election really need to open their eyes to the world around them. The world is changing and I think that if something as simple as [gay marriage] can make people happy, then they should get over it. We need a candidate who can accept people for who they are.”

Melissa Crudup, freshman

“I strongly disagree with gay marriages. Society has degraded the level of importance of a family that is established through the union of a man and a woman. We need to go back to promoting healthy relationships and stop putting up with relationships that neither produce good character or value.”

Warren Sims, sophomore

“Abnormal … that’s what we are,” said Sorel, played by Megan Simmons, as she describes the Bliss family.

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“Any candidate who expresses being against gay marriages loses popularity with me, and I would not be able to vote for them with a clear conscience. It would be possible to have a separate institution that is the same thing as a marriage [just for homosexuals], but I am personally against having that happen. Marriage should be able to be had between any two people who are in love, straight or gay.”

Brian Belinda, sophomore

“Spread of HIV through homosexuals don’t you think that monogamy would be a good answer for that?”

Melissa Crudup, freshman

“I think that if something as simple as [gay marriage] can make people happy, then they should get over it. We need a candidate who can accept people for who they are.”

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“I’m not sure how I feel about gay marriage. However, I do think that marriage is sacred and should be honored.”

Melanie Pulley, Senior

“Hay Fever, wacky”

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“This is time for us to ask why this is happening, and make a commitment to stop it.”

It’s a very frank title,” Orenstein continued, “but it deals with the truth of the reality of society’s attitude toward women, which I feel is especially important on a college campus.”

Approximately 80 percent of the proceeds will go toward building the first domestic violence safe house in the Westminster area. The remaining profits will be sent to victims’ families in Juarez, Mexico.

According to V-Day, a non-profit corporation founded by Ensler, more than 300 women there have been killed or vanished, following acts of sexual or domestic violence.

V-Day until the violence stops

“Terrorist organizations are promoting sexual and emotional well-being.”

According to director Ron Miller, the play was performed in the round, so audiences had a better chance of experiencing the nuttiness of each act.

The three-act comedy, set in England the 1920’s, tells the story of a weekend at the Bliss family’s home. Without other members of the family knowing, each Bliss invites a guest to spend the weekend. It’s not long before the guests want out — they don’t want to spend another minute in the house.

There will be three student directed plays in April, which will be free and open to the public.

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Will Epps, Junior
Creative closet solutions; containers, containers

MICHAEL VYSKOCIL, STAFF WRITER

Do you have plenty of clothes, but difficulty finding what to wear? Do you often rummage frantically through your closet looking for that comfy jacket or your favorite shirt?

Many students will admit that their dorm room closets are far from being clean, organized spaces. They may think it takes an expert organizer to pull off your closet looking for that most unsightly closet into a functional, organized space.

The first tips involve making the most of the space you have and then discovering the joys of storage. Organizing closets can be tricky and time consuming," said interior design expert Angela Allen of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. "But it all comes down to the basics...storage."

Lidded plastic containers in various sizes (from large bins to shoe box-sized containers) are simple materials that keep a closet organized, Allen said.

Rearrange your room

Everyone comes to college with the expectation of living in a room the size of a closet. Once you arrived and realized that these fears have turned out to be true, you probably then asked, how can I most efficiently use this so-called room?

A pair of intrepid freshman has rearranged their room every other month in a quest for more space in their single-occupied dorm room. Along the way, one roommate slept on the floor, and the other now has a TV on her desk, which prevents the completion of any work (although, as her RA put it, "I do not think I have ever seen you do work, at your desk or anywhere else!)."

How can you make the most of your room? The roommates offered some advice to consider. Be flexible; realize that you just do not have enough space to bring your entire collection of oversized stuffed animals. Do not accept the way your room is arranged - try different layouts!

Have a good toolkit, and remember that if you take something like a bed frame apart, you will eventually have to put it together again. Most important, they say, "Stock up on duct tape and extension cords. You can do almost anything with those two things."

MELISSA GALLLO, STAFF WRITER

Rearrange your room
Praise for Free Press

Dear Free Press staff,

From my spring semester sabbatical perch in Gettysburg, not far from the famous battlefield, I recently received a copy of the inaugural issue of The McDaniel Free Press, previously known as The Phoenix. Wow! Although Lisa Brelin, interim adviser to the paper, had kept me informed of the many planned changes to McDaniel’s student newspaper, nothing could have quite prepared me for the new-name, new-look Free Press.

From the attractive and photo-filled front-page design to the solid back-page sports story on our marvelous women’s basketball team, I found not just a new newspaper, but a much better one. All the people who worked so hard on this first issue deserve a campus-wide round of applause, and I hope you can hear the people who worked so hard on the women’s basketball team, I planned changes to McDaniel’s student newspaper, nothing could have quite prepared me for the photo-filled front-page design to the solid back-page sports story.

In past years, The Phoenix did not always compare favorably with some of its counterparts. However, based on the first issue of The McDaniel Free Press, that won’t be true this year. Thanks again to all those involved with the birth of this exciting student newspaper, and I look forward to congratulating you in person come August.

Terry Dalton
Adviser, The McDaniel Free Press

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COMMENTARY

Personal trainer certification, not a useless Jan-Term class

To the editor:

I am writing in response to the commentary on Jan-Term classes written by the Copy Desk Chief, Ashley Hoover. I have nothing against people expressing their opinions. However, I do have a problem when people express their opinions based on untruths or without researching all the facts in which Ashley has done.

If she had done some research, she would have discovered that the Personal Fitness Trainer Certification class was not just for Exercise Science majors. It was, and will be next year, open to anyone who wishes to take the class. Secondly, her comment about “rarely does a student pass” is also false. Out of 24 students this past Jan-Term every one passed. As a matter of fact, they just received their certifications in the mail.

Which leads me to the final comment about the $399 cost of the course. This course is a National Certification Exam and is provided by an organization independent of McDaniel College, which if Ashley would have researched, she would have discovered.

As with any type of certification, it costs money to take classes or take certification exams. This organization is one of the very few out there that provides the in-depth core knowledge and practical instruction required to become an effective personal trainer, short of completing a 4 year degree, which does not certify you as a personal trainer.

The majority of personal training programs out there are expensive and offer little to NO instruction. So, I ask you in your next print a commentary, you make sure the opinions of the writer are backed by facts and truths.

Thank you,

Melissa D. Lachman
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ROB GOKEE
COMMENTARY EDITOR

No love for Nader in the media

Every time you put on a seat belt in a car, you should thank Ralph Nader. Every time you put on a seat belt in a car, you should thank Ralph Nader.

As Hendrik Hertzberg said in The New Yorker, “[Nader] is therefore responsible for the existence of so many millions of drivers and passengers who would otherwise be dead.”

Millions. The man is a savior. Yet, those that monitor the news currently read of a man who is disruptive, counterproductive and mislead. Especially by left-leaning papers such as the New York Times, the announcement of Nader’s Green Party candidacy came with disdain. For most non-Republican, many have rallied around the ABB (Anyone But Bush) cause, the thrust Nader poses looms large.

It is indisputable that Nader’s presence in 2000 helped Bush. It can be safely assumed that if the consumer advocate had not been a factor, a large percentage of the 2.6 million votes he garnered would have gone to Al Gore. Only a few thousand shifted votes in Florida would have changed the course of history. Nader’s main purpose in running is providing an alternative to the two parties, who have become, in his view, too similar to each other for America. Nader’s is to offer the one voice on which the average voter to differentiate. Ideologically, this is an unfounded statement, as gay marriage, tax cuts and the Iraq War are only a few of the numerous issues where each Party holds opposing views.

But financially, each party has become more influenced by corporations. He noted on CNN.com that “Each party is dialing for the same dollars.” There is no denying that politics have become more elitist and less ignorable in recent times.

Money talks, and ordinary Americans do not have the same influence as lobbyists. Thus, Nader has a strong point that he wishes to become known. But with constituents of both parties so polarized, it is hard to believe that Nader will obtain much support. Bush supporters will vote for Nader as a vote taken away from Bush. Bush-haters will think much the same, except that a vote for Nader would take away from the Democratic nominee.

The real threat Nader faces is tainting his legacy. Instead of being remembered as an advocate and savior, he will be recalled as a wasteful candidate. It is quite unjust. Like all he did for automobile safety, Nader is running in this election in an attempt to better life for Americans.

ROB GOKEE
Faculty should change lives by actively advising

It's an exciting time to be a part of WMCR. McDaniel's own college radio station. The station is equipped to broadcast over a FM connection and has web space to deliver a high quality signal over the college website.

The listening audience is vast. Faculty and staff have access to visit their partner programs in extensive care and are partners on health insurance, like heterosexuals are able to do. Absolutely. The debate is as ridiculous as those who would side with discrimination.

As a nation, we have come a long way since slavery and segregation. Civil rights, women's rights, and affirmative action have all aided those who have been oppressed. One day, the lesson will be learned that all people are people and can be grouped into many categories we make up.

For some, this is indeed a tough lesson. These people have, however, skillfully learned ad hominem, so let us turn the tables. Bill O'Reilly, Sean Hannity, Rush Limbaugh, Ann Coulter, and Rick Santorum are just a few of the propaganda foot soldiers of that far. Meanwhile, just turn on the radio and you will find the conservative liars that produce conservative lies.

So, is who to blame? Students.

No.

Running a radio station takes plenty of hard work, and without proper guidance, students like Amy Leonard and Adam Carter cannot realize the full potential of the station. When communications professor and advisor Tony Kirschner said goodbye to McDaniel to start an employee search firm in Canada last year the station was left without the faculty advisor. No faculty member bothered to step into this role. How could the station with the ability to broadcast online, but the students didn't have the will to make it happen. A few students should not have to shoulder the load in this case.

A question that needs to be asked is, why has no one stepped up to become an adviser for WMCR? There has to be a qualified member of the faculty or staff out there who move the radio station forward.

The adviserless radio station is emblematic of many of the other student organizations on campus. According to the student handbook, there are only 93 faculty advisors for 141 student organizations and 30 of these advise two or more groups. In total only 11.3% of a total 350 faculty and 120 staff members are advisors to campus groups at all. There is also a disturbing number of clubs (11) with TBA listed in the adviser column.

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Every faculty member should consider advising a campus organization, or adopting student groups who live in Affinity housing. Stronger partnerships between the faculty and students--outside the classroom--will only enhance the college's mantra "We Change Lives."

BRIAN PATTERSON, CO-EDITOR

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Baltimore City schools in trouble

Charles Hamilton Houston once stated, "Since education is a preparation for the competition of life, a poor education handi- caps an individual in the competition."

Unfortunately, the Balti- more City School System is handicapping their children. Because of the recent budget deficit, approximately 800 school employees were laid off this 2003-2004 school year, and in the upcoming months there is talk of laying off an additional 1,000-1,200 employees.

So, that means there will be an estimated 200 Baltimore City Schools' employees out of work by the end of this school year. What will this mean for the children who go to school in Baltimore City?

They will be taught by overworked and underpaid teachers, who will have to double or triple their work load to accommodate for the increase in class sizes.

There will be a decrease in after school activities, which will ultimately lead to an increase in crime, because students will no longer have extracurricular activities to take up their time.

In addition, the school environment will become more and more of an unsanitary place because of the lack of custodians. Illness will be caused due to dust and trash accumulation, which can lead to an increase in roaches and rats.

What kind of environment is that for a child to learn? It is already a tragedy that the education in a Baltimore is not the equivalent of some of its county counter- parts, and now adding these other obstacles will prevent many children from being able to succeed. Parents send their children to school to receive the necessary tools to be able to compete in an uncar- ing world. It is simply unfair that they are punished because a system does not know how to manage their money.

TORI BUTLER, STAFF WRITER

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Athletes giving Terror new meaning

**Drew Reinkecker**

**Wrestling**

For the second year in a row, Reinkecker defeated Johns Hopkins wrestler Karel Gryczynski in the final match to earn a Centennial Conference Championship. Reinkecker also traveled to Iowa this past weekend to compete in the national wrestling tournament.

**Toby McIntire**

**Women’s Basketball**

McIntire led her team in the Centennial Conference Championship game with Johns Hopkins, scoring 14 points and registering 8 rebounds. She also came through for the team in the final minutes of the game, rebounding a missed Blue Jays free throw and finding teammate Kristy Costa down the lane for the go-ahead score.

**SPORTS**

**ESPN’s Wilbon delivers great message**

PAT O’TOOLE

**SPORTS EDITOR**

Nationwide viewers of ESPN’s popular sports commentary show Pardon The Interruption may have been a bit perplexed when they tuned in last Wednesday. Draped over the back of Michael Wilbon’s chair, a grey sweatshirt emblazoned with the mysterious words “McDaniel College” was visible to the scrupulous eye.

One can only imagine what went through the minds of those poor, die-hard fans. “Has our dear McDaniel sold out to the highest bidder? How can we trust him to give us an objective view of the sports world when he’s being paid off? Oh, the humanity!”

Don’t worry people; the rapture is not looming on the horizon. In fact, Michael Wilbon received the sweatshirt while on McDaniel’s campus the preceding Tuesday night to deliver the Venner-Wingate Memorial Lecture on the History of Literature & Sport.

Any outside observer could tell that this wasn’t the usual lecture. After all, the audience was made up of at least 80 percent males, and there were people standing in the back of McDaniel Lounge twenty minutes prior to the beginning of the speech. College President Joan Develin Coley noted that there was a significantly larger audience for McDaniel than there was for a previous lecture given by a Nobel laureate.

Wilbon spoke at McDaniel on March 2.

Even the “Play Hard, Party Hard” presentation, which was supposedly “mandatory” for all athletes and Greek life, could not keep the hardcore sports enthusiasts at bay. The eager fans came looking for a great message, and Wilbon delivered.

Along with taking the usual swole of “Who’s going to win the NCAA championship?” questions, Wilbon also ventured outside of the sports world. Throughout the lecture, he put a great deal of emphasis on his advice for developing talent and acquiring knowledge in the most beneficial ways possible.

“You’re here to develop yourself in a way that you acquire skills and set yourself up so those skills evolve into something that you are not dependent,” Wilbon said.

He stated that the main reason why he loves his job is that he is dependent on any one person or group for employment. He knows that he can do what he loves most no matter what the circumstances are, and Wilbon made it very clear what his true passion is.


Despite being a sports writer by trade, Wilbon said that he uses his stories to comment on society through the prism of sports, and the issues of the day as they relate to sports,” he said.

When prompted to comment on the Maurice Clarett dilemma, Wilbon demonstrated his ability to comment on society through the filter of the sports world.

“I am against any ideology that tries to convince me that education is an impediment to success,” he firmly stated.

Wilbon carefully balanced his words of wisdom with the cynical sense of humor that viewers of PTI have come to know and love. As soon as he approached the lectern, Wilbon equipped: “Shouldn’t you guys be in like a library or something?”

The hilarity continued when Wilbon discussed his relationship with PTI co-host Tony Kornheiser.

“We disagree about 40% of the time; we’re just loud all the time,” he said. “It’s just two guys in a bar. It’s sort of Siskel and Ebert comes to sports.”

When all was said and done, any precipitation was swept aside or disregarded for attempts at swaying binge drinking was well rewarded. With their thirst for sports commentary quenched, the majority of fans left displaying smiles of elation.

“It was incredible. Wilbon is a very intelligent man, and his lecture was informative and entertaining,” freshman Tom Shortridge said.

Sportswriter Drew Reinkecker has won by in his past two Centennial Conference championship matches with Johns Hopkins University’s Karel Gryczynski, 3-2 in 2003 and 2-1 in 2004.

**Numbers**

**12** Point deficit the Terror were faced with going into the second half.

**42** Seconds McDaniel held a lead over the Blue Jays in the entire game.

**2** Margin of victory for the McDaniel women’s basketball team, earning the ladies the distinguished honor of Centennial Conference Champions.

**Total points wrestler Drew Reinkecker won in his past two Centennial Conference championship matches with Johns Hopkins University’s Karel Gryczynski, 3-2 in 2003 and 2-1 in 2004.**

**0** Number of Centennial Conference championship matches Johns Hopkins has won this season, including two close efforts that were thwarted by McDaniel’s athletes.

**Women’s rugby team challenges the traditional**

**KATIE CHAMPION**

**SPORTS WRITER**

While rugby is considered by most to be a traditionally male sport, because of its high contact nature, one group of McDaniel females gather twice each week to literally play until they bleed.

One of the unique rules of the game is that no substitutions of the fifteen players can be made until the end of the four十分-minute halves. No substitutions are permitted unless a player is bleeding or injured beyond playing capability, according to senior Annie Shortridge.

Two falls ago, the group founded the McDaniel Women’s Rugby team, a club sport open to any interested females. At the time, more than half of the group had no idea what they were getting themselves into.

“Most of us had no experience; we started from zero,” Keene said.

Since then, the group has come along way with the help of their coach, Campus Safety Officers Mike Gallagher.

Over the past two years, the team has learned the ins and outs of the sport, mastering techniques through scrimmages with other local colleges and gaining an understanding of the rules of the game.

“This has been an amazing learning experience,” said junior Jessica O. Zimmerman, former president of the club. “You see people play on TV and think it’s easy until you try it yourself.”

What started as a few girls gathering in the quad to play football one spring has evolved into a team of women putting their endurance to the test, their minds into motion, and their bodies on the line.

“The sport has a bad reputation as a bunch of people running into each other but it really involves a lot of thought and strategy,” said Keene.

The team learned a lot from the Gettysburg College team when they scrimmaged last spring.

**Do you enjoy sports? Do you have any desire to write, or simply want to improve your writing skills? Come to the next Free Press meeting, every Monday at 7:00 in Hill 104.**
Beginning in 2005, women's lacrosse players across the country will be stepping onto the field with protective eyewear. The eyewear has been mandated by the National Women's Lacrosse Alliance, the national governing body for both men's and women's lacrosse for the 2005 season.

Prior to this new rule, the only piece of equipment required for women's lacrosse players was a mouth guard. Two states however, New York and Massachusetts, currently have state-wide rules enforcing the protective eyewear at all levels.

"The purpose of the protective-eyewear [is to] prevent any catastrophic eye injury," according to U.S.Lacrosse.com.

Since the 2000-2001 season, when injuries did occur, approximately 18% were to the head, and only 3% to the eye, as documented on the NCAA website. While the rule will not be enforced until January of 2005, it is strongly recommended for all levels in 2004.

The majority of schools in the Centennial Conference will be wearing the goggles for the upcoming 2004 sea- son. Head Women's Lacrosse Coach Muffie Bliss has been leading her team wearing the new equipment this season.

When we make NCAA's we're going to have to wear them, why not be the best team with them and al- ready have it under our belt," Bliss said.

When the news of this stipulation came about, play- ers and coaches were not thrilled. Many expressed concern that the game would lose its finesse and become more like the men's game.

"I was apprehensive be- cause, I think the know how it would affect our game. Pretty soon we're going to have to wear helmets and pads just like the guys," said junior defender Katie Kirley.

Despite the resistance from both players and coaches, the team has quickly adjusted. They have lost no pre-season time in becoming accustomed to the new changes.

"They aren't as bad as I thought they'd be. I think in the long run they will pre- vent many facial injuries," said sophomore transfer Vikki Mathers.

The NCAA website has noted a 51% decrease in facial injuries at the high school level when the protective eyewear has been used. Although the protective eyewear will prevent those rare, but vision-threatening injuries, many think they are encouraging a more violent style of play.

"Our team is playing more aggressive which is good and bad...more players are being hit in the face be- cause people aren't afraid of anyone getting seriously hurt," Bliss said.

"It's true. Aggressive play has picked up because players are more fearless," Bliss confirmed. "Lacrosse sticks are also designed to be more accurate and players are also stronger and playing more powerfully." But better mandatory goggles than hel- mets, Bliss added.

"Helmets would lead to a game that is even more physical -- and a game where players will play less control of the ball," she said. "The NCAA's protective eyewear rule is a good one because it still prevents the women's game from becoming as ag- gressive as the men's."
Women's basketball: Conference Champs
Team continues to advance in NCAA Division III tournament

MIKE SEFF
SPORTS WRITER

The McDaniel women's basketball team won its second Centennial Conference Championship in three seasons last Sunday when it beat Johns Hopkins, 59-57, at Goldfarb Gymnasium. McDaniel was led by senior Toby McIntire with 14 points, while junior Kelly Cramp added 13. McIntire also had a team-high eight rebounds and five assists, while the Terror (23-3) put an end to the Blue Jays' (23-3) 21-game home-court winning streak.

"That conference championship has been our goal since the beginning of the season," said freshman Alii Biggs. "We knew we had to be ready tough, especially playing back-to-back games against such tough teams. We knew we had to pull together, and we never gave up."

The Terror certainly showed resiliency, as they overcame a 43-31 deficit in the second half to pull out the victory. And despite shooting just 27.1% from the field, they found a way to win.

"It's awesome," said head coach Becky Martin, whose team trailed 30-24 at halftime. "It's a culmination of a lot of hard work, a great season, and everybody is just thoroughly elated. Anybody who was there certainly got their money's worth."

McDaniel trailed the entire game until finally taking a 54-53 lead on a lay-up by freshman Katy Powell with 1:31 remaining. Hopkins then sandwiched four free throws around a pair by McIntire to regain the lead at 57-56 with 0.44 left on the clock, a lead which stood until 0:20 remaining.

"The Blue Jays" Blue Tide

Swim teams improve, individuals triumphant

ROB GOEKE
SPORTS WRITER

When you talk to head swim coach Kim Easterday, there is almost a glow, a sort of uncontainable excitement that is emanating from inside her. What is causing it? Just ask her.

"The swim team accomplished all the goals it set out to accomplish," Easterday said.

She has every reason to have a glow in her eye. Both the men's and women's swimming teams steadily improved throughout the season. This showed at the Centennial Conference Championships February 21-22.

Though the women placed sixth out of eight teams and the men were fifth, both the men and women improved their point total from the year before.

This achievement does not begin to denote the vast number of records that fell during the Championship meet. In all, five relay and ten individual records were posted.

For the women, the trio of sophomore Cassie Allen, and seniors Mary Easterday and Melanie Pulley won multiple medals and qualified for National Championships by the "B" standard in two events each.

"All three of our girls were in the top 30 in the country for their events," Easterday said.

This is not new to Pulley.

Julie Miller missed a pair of free throws, the second of which was rebounded by McIntire, who proceeded to race the length of the floor and find sophomore Kristy Costa down the lane. Costa hit the lay up, and then added a free throw to complete the three-point play.

Hopkins would attempt three shots in the final eight seconds, but all three were off the mark, sealing the win for the Terror.

The win gave the Terror an automatic bid into the Division III NCAA tournament. They won their first-round contest, defeating Pitt-Greensburg, 71-64, Wednesday night.

UPDATE: The women's basketball team advanced to the third round of the NCAA tournament on Saturday, defeating The College of New Jersey, 79-65. Junior Jacqueline Penn led the Terror in points (16) and rebounds (11), while junior Kelly Cramp managed to score her 1,000th career point. The women advance to the Division III Sweet Sixteen, where they will face No. 17 Marymount. Marymount handily defeated Johns Hopkins Saturday night, with a final score of 75-67.

DAVE SINCLAIR

Sports Writer
Along came a spider... Whiteford residents deal with eight-legged visitors. See story on page 2.

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“Hop in that seat!” yelled senior basketball coach Becky Martin, prompting Toby Mcintire to women’s basketball practice Monday. “I want you all to run as fast as you can to Piercing Pagoda.”

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“The truth finally came out,” said Alevroggiannis, who tearfully hugged family members after the verdict. “I was extremely happy that the truth finally came out.”

Student acquitted in assault trial

Katie Martin
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A former McDaniel football player was found not guilty on two counts of second degree assault last week after a Carroll County jury listened to three days of emotional testimony from witnesses, most of whom were McDaniel students.

The jury deliberated for approximately three hours before acquitting Nicholas G. Alevroggiannis, a fifth year student, of assault charges against sophomore Stewart Johnson Jr. and Daniel Silva.

“The jury made a reasoned decision applying the law to the facts,” said defense attorney Peter J. Kozrenzewski.

Alevroggiannis is currently suspended from McDaniel after the Honor and Conduct Board determined he violated the Pledge of Conduct that prohibits physical abuse.

“I have the option of returning and graduating from McDaniel in the Spring of 2005,” said Alevroggiannis.

According to students’ testimonies during the trial, after a night of dancing and drinking, an altercation between Alevroggiannis, Silva and Johnson began in the early morning hours of November 6, when three buses left Baja to follow sports seasons kick off. See Sports Section for scores and details starting on page 10.

Spring sports seasons kick off... See Sports Section for scores and details starting on page 10.

Gastrointestinal virus stricken several students

Heather Weise
STAFF WRITER

Staff members at Smith House are concerned about an intestinal virus that infected approximately seven students last week.

According to Joan Lusby, a certified Physician’s Assistant at Smith House, over 17 students have shown symptoms of short-term, acute gastroenteritis in the past month. Some students were sent home for recuperation while one student was sent to Carroll County General Hospital’s emergency room to have her symptoms monitored.

Lusby said that the outbreak of gastroenteritis—which is characterized by chills, sweats, cramping, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting—is not unusual.

“We see this every year, usually a couple of times a year,” said Lusby. “We just try to nip it in the bud, by quarantining and isolating students [who are ill].”

Lusby, who has worked at McDaniel since 1973, said that the college saw its worst case of gastroenteritis in the mid-1990s when over 30 students were affected at once.

According to the Center for Disease Control, gastroenteritis is inflammation of the large and small intestines and can be caused by a number of viruses. Often, it incorrectly called the “stomach flu.”

Danna Davis, Director of Nursing at the Carroll County Health Department, confirmed that a gastrointestinal virus is sweeping through several Maryland counties. Davis added that viruses spread quickly through campus communities because of close contact.

“When people live in close spaces, such as a dorm or nursing home, and one person gets a virus, it is likely that virus will quickly spread,” said Davis.

She said the current virus has a quick onset, but is short lived and that otherwise healthy individuals will quickly recover. The virus usually lasts for 24 hours, but students could feel ill for an additional one to two days.

To slow down the spread of viruses, Lusby told students to remove infected students from residence halls. Because the health center is small and cannot accommodate overnight patients, students usually go home for a few days.

Both Davis and Lusby suggested thorough hand washing as the most effective means of preventing illness. Lusby added that gastrointestinal viruses are highly contagious and students should not drink from other students’ cups or share food.

“Really, everything you need to know you learned in kindergarten,” said Lusby. “Young adults are often too trusting of their friends’ drinks or think that it couldn’t happen to them.”

She also said that alcohol reduces the immune system’s ability to combat germs, so that “by consuming alcohol, students are more susceptible to viruses.”

Students who feel ill should contact Smith House for help, as medication can sometimes be prescribed to control symptoms.
Community history absolutely priceless:
Barbara O’Brien’s work in the McDaniel College Archive

MICHAEL VYSKOCIL  
STAFF WRITER

The sounds of cracking tissue and crinkling bubble wrap slice the silence of the room. Pages of acid-free card-board boxes state solemnly from the shelves. The archivist with the dangling earrings carefully batches the 1920s daguerrotype album from its box, smil-ing like a child at Christmas.

Welcome to Barbara O’Brien’s office at Hoover Library—no ball point pens or permanent markers allowed, please.

O’Brien, who is in the middle of her fourth year as the college archivist, has a passion for history and collectibles.

From Egyptian artifacts over 3,500 years old to an origi-nal paper lantern used in a 1943 “farewell seniors” ceremony, O’Brien oversees the accession and storage of items in the archiv-al space. According to O’Brien, the collection comprises about 1,000 linear feet of material space.

O’Brien enjoys the detective part of her job. She thumbs through alumni directories, scans yearbooks to obtain background or historical informa-tion for her exhibits. Scrapbooks are her latest-collecting pursuit. O’Brien is planning an exhibit highlighting the school history of the time they were crea-ted,” she said. One of the scrapbooks features memora-bilia relating to the speech Theodore Roosevelt gave while campaigning for president in Westminster.

O’Brien is also working on an exhibit fo-cusing on Thomas Hamilton Lewis—the college’s second president. The exhibit, scheduled for 2005, will co-incide with the 75th anniver-sary of Lewis’ retirement. Photographs and the diary Lewis kept of his 1892 jour-ney around the world are just some of the items that will be displayed.

Thanks to new com-puter software, O’Brien will also be creating an online exhibit on Hoover’s website.

On Wednesday, O’Brien will present a scrapbook of her collection for History and Collectibles. The virtual exhibit will contain photos and informa-tional highlights from the current McDaniel exhibit at Hoover Library.

“As the caretaker of these treasures, O’Brien considers the sentimental and historical significance when evaluating the collection,” said O’Brien. “For me, when I read and handle the materials from past college presidents, for instance, I begin to understand more about them and even ad-mire them.”

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What’s cookin’ in GLAR? Many changes implemented

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STAFF WRITER

Maybe it’s the chicken Caesar salads and those deli-cious peanut butter cookies available during lunch. Or per-haps it was that lobster tail dinner, but everyone knows something is going on in Englar Dining Hall.

That something is Cameron Smith, who was hired last summer as the new General Manager of McDaniel’s Dining Services. Since then, students, staff, and faculty alike have started to notice the positive changes in Englar Dining Hall and the Pub & Grille.

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Update: After this article was written, student news-tipped the paper that McDaniel College had decided to include the local Safeway grocery store, and Subway and Classico’s restaurants, located in the College Square Shopping Center, as a part of next year’s meal plan. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that the Student Government Assembly had proposed this idea, but with no success. Se-nior Brian Martinez, president of S.G.A. stated, “It’s not something we’re giving up on, but it’s definitely going to be a long term process.”
Spring Break

Seven students reach out instead of relaxing

ROB COEKE
STAFF WRITER

Homeless people are often stereotyped as the down-trodden, the sad poster children for America’s ills. But wise? Insightful? Able to dole out pertinent advice? Absolutely.

Seven members of McDaniel’s Catholic Campus Ministries journeyed to New York City over Spring Break to work with Franciscan Friars in the South Bronx. The students experienced the non-glamorized part of New York that tourists rarely see.

These students also learned valuable lessons from homeless men and women.

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McDaniel professors on sabbatical:
Fascinating projects and research outside the classroom

KATIE CHAMPION
STAFF WRITER

Sabbatical. No, it’s not a religious term for some type of Celtic rebirth. And contrary to popular belief, it’s not “lazy sit on your butt” time for professors. Sabbatical is a length of time, usually a semester, which tenured professors take in order to pursue their own interests areas. While the time does not always require an extravagant research project, professors are expected to explore another element of their field or interests.

Faculty are permitted and encouraged to take a sabbatical every seven years, according to Samuel Case, provost and dean of faculty.

It’s a chance for faculty members to grow without teaching responsibilities to the College, Case said. This semester, seven McDaniel faculty members are taking part in the sabbatical program.

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While the time is allotted for professors to use as they see relevant, the college keeps track of their progress through constant communication. Within the first six weeks of leave, professors must show a report of their progress and goals, according to Case.

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Corner room offers open view of McDaniel campus

The room was switched from a triple to a double with the removal of a top bunk, which left a unique bed frame and more overhead space. Both Alison and Rachel have Dell laptops, which leaves desk space uncluttered. A popular circular chair with a lush purple striped blanket is perfect for relaxing in front of a DVD or movie. Any discomforts in this corner room?

"We have two heaters, so it gets really hot," Alison said. And while the noisy people outside are a minor annoyance, Alison and Rachel's cozy dorm room seems to be a perfect fit.

Alison Bradley's spacious Whiteford crib is a mixed blessing: while the corner room has space to spare, its prime placement gives an open view to the McDaniel campus.

"The two windows can be a real pain when people scream as they walk by," Alison explains.

Alison and her roommate Rachel Siegel are enjoying their freshman year in this comfortable room, which as a rule is usually kept clean. Colorful bedspreads and wall decorations add flavor to the room. Eclectic posters such as Alison's name written in Chinese, a Neuschwanstien castle, two "Pirates of the Carribean" posters, and Orlando Bloom and Viggo Mortensen from "Lord of the Rings" make this room visually fun.

The fridge holds plenty of healthy food for those long study sessions. Bagels, water, string cheese, grapefruit, sour cream, and yogurt are a necessity for Alison and Rachel's room.

An extensive movie collection featuring "Office Space," "Cruel Intentions," "Finding Nemo," and of course "Pirates of the Caribbean" gives Alison and Rachel something to do in their off time. In the stereo, you'll find mostly country, such as Kenny Chesney, Phil Vassar and Tim McGraw.

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Dr. Brian Wladkowski, a chemistry professor at McDaniel College, has made a name for himself since joining the faculty in 1995. He has since proven himself to be a valuable asset to the college community.

Within the past five years, Wladkowski has single-handedly developed a forensic science course that is now available as a freshman seminar. Wladkowski takes his students to a firing range to collect and examine bullets and shell casings during the course of this class. Students are also required to make field trips to a forensics lab and the Maryland coroner's lab.

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QUESTION: If you could plan your ideal Spring Break, where would you go, who would you go with, and what would you do?
Compiled by Sarah Black

Brooke Bennett, sophomore: I would go on an all-inclusive cruise vacation with my best friend, and of course spend time with my family too.

Ashley Baker, freshman: I would go to Cancun or the Bahamas with my awesome friends and we would lay on the beach, go parasailing, go scuba diving, hang out...anything I can't do here at school.

Alison Bradley, freshman: My ideal Spring Break would first involve lots of sleeping. Then all my friends and I would go down to the Caribbean. I love the beach and that's one of the few places where it's warm in March. Plus, I might see Kenny Chesney down there!

Lydia Eddy, freshman: I would go to a beach or Florida with all of my close friends and tan, go clubbing, hang out and eat good food.

Mark Wheeler, junior: My ideal Spring Break would be spent anywhere but at McDaniel with people I care about and who just want to have a good time.

Molly Bolek, freshman: I would probably go to a Florida beach because it's warm there now and I would just kind of do nothing for a week...like just lie on the beach and sleep and go surfing in the ocean.

SARAH BLACK
The Vagina Monologues performance held Friday March 27 pulled in over $2,700. Eighty percent of the proceeds will be donated to a local charity which will establish the first safehouse for women in Carroll County.

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Erin Shinholts, Stacy Fitzwater, and Shenee Strother read during the sold out performance of Vagina Monologues.

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America needs to aid third world countries like Haiti

While working in Haiti for the Peace Corps, my friend Dimi came to ask her for food. All was not idyllic; she often received questions that disheartened her.

"My friends would ask me things like what the moon was," said Goeke. "Two-hundred years after independence, [the people of Haiti] are just as oppressed as they were before they won their freedom."

Such abject poverty is beyond comprehension for Americans and Europeans who are aghast when they hear about such primitive living conditions simply because they know of a better alternative.

For poor Haitians, this is all they know. The depressing Creole proverb "Once you go over a mountain, there is another mountain in front of you" applies to everyday life.

With Jean-Bertrand Artiside's recent removal from power, Haiti has recently been in the news. The U.S. government should use this event to change its foreign policy to one more focused on aiding the entire world.

Since 9/11, much effort has been put into reforming the Middle East. This is with good reason. Terrorism is the largest threat to democratic societies. But this duty was beyond comprehension for Americans.

"People [in Haiti] were not informed enough to make a choice. It was common knowledge that the election was a farce. As long as you vote can be bought, how can you have a democracy?" said Goeke.

When citizens do not know what the moon is, the problem is lack of adequate teaching. Be it schooling or learning job skills, Haitians are lucky to receive little.

America and the developed world must decide whether it is best to simply supply aid, or teach Haitians to become self-sufficient. A combination of both is best.

People must understand that these tales of woe are not limited to Haiti. Third-world nations in Africa, Asia, and South America are in the same predicament.

Now that the coup is over, America has the chance to change policy. It is correct to focus on the Middle East. But a more global perspective is needed so third-world nations like Haiti can receive the aid they need.
Tuition increase affects diversity

Here, at McDaniel College, the issue of diversity is a common concern amongst students and staff. Both groups want to enhance the college experience by introducing students to new people and cultures, so that they may erase ignorance and embrace newly found knowledge.

The major reasons to go to college are to change, grow, and gain awareness. These reasons cannot be achieved if diversity does not exist on campus. Unfortunately, that is a possibility.

Next year, there will be a dramatic increase in the tuition from approximately $28,000 to about $30,100. This increase indicates that it is a possibility in a few short years, McDaniel will cost about as much to attend as Johns Hopkins, and that is where the problem begins.

The increase in tuition will make this school more and more unattractive to minority students because they will feel that they cannot afford to attend McDaniel. In addition, the students of color who are presently enrolled in McDaniel will either have to transfer or incur a huge amount of debt to compensate for the expense. This tuition increase will inhibit the possibility for the school to ever have diversity in numbers.

Tori Butler, Staff Writer
Conference Championship has piercing effect on Coach Martin

LAUREN WILSON  
STAFF WRITER

"Hop in that seat!" yelled senior guard Toby Mcintire to women's basketball coach Becky Martin, prompting her to sit down in a tall and shiny black chair at the Piercing Pagoda in the Westminster Towne Mall this past Tuesday. "I don't think she knows what's going on yet," Mcintire whispered. Martin knew.

She is a woman who never makes a bet or a promise she can't keep. She is also a woman who wanted to motivate her team so badly that she vowed to pierce the cartilage of her ear if the team won the Centennial Conference Championship.

If the team lost, Mcintire would have to attend Martin's 8 a.m. volleyball class.

So now, at the end of their championship season, Martin is at a tiny piercing pagoda and Mcintire is gleefully not in volleyball.

"There was more motivation to save Toby," joked junior teammate Kacey Barnes, a history and political science major. "I am making good on a wager, I do believe ... this is [one] I'd gladly pay," Martin said. "There is no question I wanted this [the victory]."

Team members gathered around the small kiosk, buzzing with excitement. They giggled, clasped hands, and waited in eager anticipation for the action to begin.

"Make it hurt!" freshman Ashley Chandler cried out with a smile.

After picking out a small diamond stud earring, Martin smiled and calmly sat down. Pushing back the hair that covered her left ear, she waited for the employee to approach her with the ear piercing gun.

A few seconds later, there was a precise "click," a dozen camera flashes, and it was all over. Martin didn't even wince.

As the girls applauded, Martin grinned and asked, "Okay, who's next?!" She didn't really expect many team members to rally for that call. However, Allison Biggs, Tara Olenick, Sara Franz, Brooke Weimer, Heather Thompson, Kelly Cinn, Kacey Barnes and Jacq Pundt also got their cartilage pierced.

"This is dream season. We're like a big family. Coach is really great to go through with this. It was a team activity!" said Barnes, smiling. When Franz was getting her piercing, Martin tugged on her own ear and said, "We're going to be sisters!"

When Barnes went through with it, she cried out, "Ow!"

"Stop whining!" Martin responded.

As everyone was finished, the team posed for a photograph to remember the occasion - all smiles and laughter. And, always the coach, Martin concluded - the evening with a word of encouragement.

"Ladies, great job; see you Sunday."

Mean and Green

Athletes giving Terror new meaning

Kristin Ramey  
Women's Lacrosse

Kristin Ramey, a junior midfielder, has started all 6 games for the 5-1 Lady Terror. She currently leads her team in all 3 of the scoring categories, with 10 goals, 8 assists, and 18 total points. One of the most startling and revealing statistics for Ramey is her minutes played on the field. Out of a possible 300 minutes, Ramey has played for 263 minutes and 40 seconds. Her amazing endurance combined with an obviously high level of skill should make her a tough competitor throughout the season.

"The team that pierces together ... " The Lady Terrors, Centennial Conference Champion Basketball Team, pose together following their adventure at the Town Mall.
SPORTS

Top ranking for Women’s lacrosse

The McDaniel women's lacrosse team has quickly moved to a 2-0 record in the Centennial conference. Junior Kristin Ramsey leads the Terror in scoring with 10 goals and 8 assists. Results from the away game against Villa Julie on Monday March 30 were not available at the time of publication.

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17 Goals scored by the Men’s Lacrosse Team in their March 27th victory over Haverford College.

16 Goals scored by the Women's Lacrosse Team in their March 26 victory over Notre Dame.

Baseball team has six wins in Florida

McDaniel College kicked off their season in Cocoa, Florida notching six wins. The Green Terror outscored its opponents 57-16 in the sunshine state, and big bats were a big reason why.

8 McDaniel team members scored during the women’s game: Kim Lowry (5), Connie Wurtschel (3), Kristen Ramsey (2), Heather Nichols (2), Sara Thomas (1), Sarah Raines (1), Tara Smith (1), Liz Sexton (1).

6 McDaniel Men’s Lacrosse team members who scored: Jeremy Freed (4), Steve Hoffman (4), Brad Baer (2), Jared Nutter (3), Pete Shaffer (2), Rob Weaver (1).

0 Goals scored in the final quarter of either lacrosse game.

School Conf. Overall
Johns Hopkins 4-0 17-0
McDaniel 4-0 10-2
Dickinson 3-0-1 6-8-1
E&M 3-1 11-7
Gettysburg 2-2 9-8-1
Unruh 2-2 7-6-2
Muhlenberg 1-2-1 6-6-1
Haverford 0-4 9-5
Washington 0-4 5-12

By The Numbers

Junior goalkeeper Lindsay O'Steen faces off against sophomore attacker Caitlin Schellhorn in practice.

Junior Katie Kistley in action at lacrosse practice.

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Competition makes McDaniel softball team stronger

KIM LOWRY
STAFF WRITER

The squad contains five seniors, four of which have been four year starters. The team is captained by seniors Sam Abrams, Kim Campionelli, and Heather Sinclair. 2003 Centennial Player of the Year Abrams has dominated the mound once again this season. In a very talented core of four pitchers, Abrams leads the pack with a 2.76 ERA. Along with a solid pitching staff, the Terror have been very successful at the plate. Sophomore Megan Mitchell is boasting a .414 batting average and leading the team with four doubles. Senior outfielder Lauren Cramer leads the teams slugging percentage with a .824.

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The Last Terror Standing: Reinecker has speed, strength, and attitude

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STAFF WRITER

Despite losing two grueling matches, 285-pound wrestler Drew Reinecker walked off the mats of the NCAA Division III National Tournament with his head held high. With an overall season record of 23-5, Reinecker was the lone qualifier from McDaniel College.

"I was disappointed because I really wanted my teammates to see there, it would have been a lot more fun, but it was kind of special being the only one," said Reinecker. Reinecker clinched his birth to the National Tournament for the second consecutive year after earning his second Centennial Conference championship.

The 285-pounder defeated Karol Gryczynski of Johns Hopkins 2-1 in the championship bout. The match posed as a flashback of last year, when Reinecker defeated Gryczynski 3-2 in an overtime match.

Reinecker’s coaches have nothing but positive things to say about the grappler. "I love watching Drew wrestle, his quickness and strength go unmatched," said assistant coach Davey Blake. Blake, in his first year as an assistant was Reinecker’s teammate for two previous years. Although Reinecker possesses senior academic status, he still technically has one more year of wrestling eligibility according to NCAA rules. Because Reinecker did not wrestle his freshman year, he can wrestle next year for the Green Terror.

Reinecker also plans to begin his graduate work and his quest for a third consecutive appearance at the NCAA Division III National Championship.

The Green Terror will look to open up conference play with a victory over the always challenging Ursinus College March 20th and continue their journey to another conference ring.

MCDANIEL SPORTS INFORMATION

Kevin Klunk, a 1999 graduate of McDaniel, has returned to his alma mater to resurrect the proud tennis tradition.

Klunk, who serves as the College Activities Operations Supervisor, will make the leap from the high school level to the collegiate ranks.

He brings with him a wealth of coaching experience and awards unanny for a mentor his age.

Klunk has been the head coach at South Western High School in Hanover, Pennsylvania, and has made stops at New Oxford High School, as well as Hanover High School.

At Hanover, Klunk led his team to an 11-2 record, which resulted in YAIAA II Championship, and a berth in the PIAA District III semi-finals. For his efforts, both the Hanover Evening Sun and the Gettysburg Times named Klunk their Tennis Coach of the Year.

Klunk coaches tennis team

Kevin Klunk (center) offers advice to the Men’s Tennis Team.
The McDaniel Free Press

Womens Lacrosse Continues Winning Streak
Lady Terror take on Muhlenberg this weekend. See story on page 12.

New web advisor
Program soon to be available to students (story page 2), but Senior Robbie Saville says new technology comes too late for the class of 2004. See story on page 7.

60 Seconds asks...

Solutions offered for Budapest woes

Seidel traveled to Hungary during Spring Break to find ways to maximize the infrastructure built in Budapest over the past ten years.

Dr. Esther Iglich of the Biology Department accompanied Seidel. Ilich will teach in Budapest next fall, and the visit gave her a chance to see the campus, meet the faculty, and assist students coming to McDaniel with registration.

The decision to offer a degree is McDaniel College's response to pleas for help from the administration in Budapest, [See Budapest continued on page 3]

Multicultural Weekend opens minds

Multicultural Weekend opens minds...everyone is united regardless of ethnic background. "I'm really looking forward to this year because I have had a part in planning the event," said senior SCJ member Melanie Pulley. "Having spoken to some of the guest speakers personally, I know that we will learn a lot from them."
BRYAN RENBAUM
STAFF WRITER

The Internet is like any major American City,” said Director of Information Services Christine Mathews, sitting back in her chair and shrugging, “but friendly, bustling, friendly smile. “There are good parts of town, and places that you should try to stay clear of and avoid trouble.” It’s late in the afternoon and Mathews is close to completing another day of helping students deal with Internet service related problems. She has been fielding their questions, and those who know, and those who were the proverbial wrong side of Internet City.

On an average day, the college’s 1,206 Internet users receive about 376 emails containing viruses, and that average continues to climb as new viruses come out daily, said Mathews.

Continuingly building barricades against these viruses makes Mathews’ job a daunting one.

Approximately 90 percent of the problems we face can be attributed to viruses that are spread daily on the web, and with students downloading music or having programs such as Spyware that share personal information with anonymous web users,” said Mathews. “Some of these problems can cause Internet access to be very slow or completely inaccessible to students.”

Slow and inaccessible are some of the kinder words many students use to describe Internet service at the college.

“The Internet service at this college is extremely dis- appointing, and our tuition keeps going up each year for the privilege,” said Frank Totten, a Resident Assistant for McDaniel Hall’s first floor. “In order for it to improve, I would suggest that the college start monitoring its bandwidth so that our abilities to do school work are not retarded in any way.”

McDaniel dorms were first wired in 1998 by the Sprint network, and have been efficient most of the time, according to Matthews. The first connections were through the phone line and it was not until the new millennium that the college switched to the TI network.

Many students reject the notion that they are solely responsible for problems with their Internet Service.

Technology at a Glance

Average number of daily requests to IS staff: 118
Number of PCs/Macs on campus: 750
Number of printers on campus: 174
Number of Computer Labs: 11
Number of College e-mail accounts created and supported: 4,104
Average number of e-mails per day received by the campus servers: 20,650
Average number of daily hits to internal web server: 115,655
Number of students in residence halls with Ethernet access: 1,206
Number of servers: 20
Total number of devices on our network: 2,310
Number of network switches: 112
Number of Colleague/Benefactor Accounts: 200

The Archway: Technology aids advising process

ERIN ROMANSKI SENIOR WRITER

The information superhighway welcomes a new addition to the McDaniel hometown. A new software program entitled Web Advisor is now available to ease the frustrations of the registration process.

Through this web portal, officially named The Archway, McDaniel’s campus members can access a database of their current academic and financial records, as they would in a typical online bank.

The system became available via a link on the McDaniel.edu site on March 29, with full access tentatively slated for May 3.

The application system that creates this database is the product of Datatel Inc., said Amy Bell, web advisor administrator.

Bell, of Information Services, along with the Registrar staff, have developed this program. The database will allow students to access their grades, academic history, address, program and adviser information via the web. Faculty will have access to their teaching schedule, class rosters, and advisee information.

“Looking into future semesters, students will be able to register online and view their financial aid and billing,” said Dianne Morris, as social worker. “Also forthcoming, faculty will be able to view more information on their advisees and be able to submit their grades online.”

Students from Dr. Mary Bendel-Simso’s American Literature III: Modern and Contemporary course engaged in a trial run of the program on March 22. They had to choose a password to enter the system and were then able to look at their spring semester of classes and create a student profile.

“All the .. (Web Advisor) is just great,” said freshman Melissa Gallo. “You can see everything on the screen and it’s very convenient and easy to use. The best feature is that you can search for classes using all different methods.”

Senior, Courtney Yates echoes Gallo’s remarks. She said that Web Advisor “makes things a lot easier. You don’t have any more of those lines waiting to register. From a senior perspective, convenience is the best feature.”

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Not “All in Your Head”: Eve 6 performs April 17

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CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Eve 6 will take the stage in Gill Gym at 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 17. CAPBoard members have adopted the Field of Dreams philosophy: “If we bring them, they will come.”

A large portion of the campus picked Eve 6, so we are hoping a large number of students show up for the event,” said Julie Palmer, the main contact and director of the CAPBoard. “We want students to have a good time, that’s the main priority.

The Los Angeles based band previously played twice at McDaniel, most recently in April of 1999, according to Mitchell Alexander, director of College Activities.

Eve 6 was chosen after an extensive selection process, which included a campus mall survey and personal interviews.

“The availability of the gym and selection of a band within the $15,000 to $20,000 price range were other factors that influenced the selection, explained CAPBoard president Mary Lee Pence.

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which has been wrestling with plummeting enrollment. The Budapest administration attributed that dive in enrollment to the inability of more and more students to get United States visas.

“There are many students, almost half, that can’t come here, and so after two years they have to figure out how they are going to get their degree,” explained political science professor Paul Miller, who taught in Budapest last fall. Attempts to create a more internationally diverse student body in Budapest are central to the issue, because it is the students from Asia, Africa, and the Middle East that have the most difficulty getting visas, Seidel explained.

These students are often refused visas because they lack proof of strong ties to their home country, which offers some guarantee that they do not intend to remain in the U.S. upon graduation, explains a memo sent to Provost Samuel Case in October 2003 from Gabor Drexler, the director of the program in Budapest.

Section 214b of the U.S. Immigration Act mandates the “proof of strong ties.” Drexler’s memo explains.

Prospective students also face academic, financial, and language proficiency qualifications, according to U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Consular Affairs.

“The prospect of not being able to complete the McDaniel Program has resulted in a decline of interest in the program in certain countries,” Drexler wrote.

He also mentioned that some students from China and Nigeria were unable to get visas and therefore transferred to other business programs in Hungary, even though they stated they did not intend to remain in Hungary. These students are of concern to the Department of Consular Affairs, Seidel explained.

Since February, faculty members have worked with ways to address the needs of the Budapest program. They voiced concerns, including the amount of resources needed and the ability to uphold curriculum standards.

“The problem is that they do not have a lot of full time faculty, and the question is do they have the capacity to offer advanced courses, explained biology professor Louise Paquin, who spent a semester in Budapest.

“The planning process is now beginning, and I am confident that we can design a good program and find the faculty resources to staff it,” said Seidel.

“We have to design the curriculum for the third and fourth years there in a manner that is appropriate to the size of the program, while ensuring a high quality education...it will be a challenging task, but most certainly is doable,” he added.

McDaniel helps with Budapest enrollment woes

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dent Panel. She also helped to organize a campus-wide scavenger hunt to help the admitted students become acclimated to McDaniel’s campus. The plan was to have the admitted students decided to come to McDaniel as a result of the experience they had over the weekend,” said Jervey.

Bryant and the rest of the department decided to institute a few changes from last year’s event. Instead of beginning Saturday afternoon, the students arrived Friday evening.

“This gave the students the opportunity to acclimate themselves to the campus and get to know current students in a relaxed setting,” said Bryant.

Another goal in making changes was to make the schedule less rigid. Admitted students had more free time to explore campus life.

Having experienced the weekend as they attend a student year and this past one as a current student, Sebekos-Williams feels more improvements could be made.

“A lot was changed from last year to make the schedule more laid back. But more free time could be given. The students were busy from nine in the morning to midnight. They should be able to choose which activities they attended,” said Sebekos-Williams.

Breaks were interspersed between Academic Workshops taught by three McDaniel professors, meals, ice-breaker activities including Unity Games, and the Black Student Union fashion show.

In addition to giving the admitted students a glimpse into McDaniel life, the weekend provided minority students with an understanding of the social environment.

“The weekend was a good way for the minority students to get an accurate perspective of McDaniel,” said Levy.

The lengthy and busy Saturday was concluded by a BSB clubhouse.

Bryant noted that although significant changes were made to this year’s weekend, more changes will occur in the future.

“Most evaluations were very positive but students did indicate that they wish they had more free time. That is something we may consider for next year,” said Bryant.

Student feedback left no doubt in Bryant’s mind that the main goals that the Department of Multicultural Services set out to fulfill were achieved.

“Multicultural Student Weekend not only shows potential students that McDaniel is welcoming and inclusive for all groups but it also empowers current students to become vested in creating a community built on mutual respect, understanding and appreciation of different cultures and belief systems,” Bryant said.

“Multicultural Student Weekend adds value to the entire campus community.”
McDaniel students look forward to Spring Fling traditions

LAUREN WILSON
STAFF WRITER

Spring Fling 2004, aptly titled “Wet & Wild” for the water slide that will be a part of the Quad’s day-long activities. The festivities will also include an “extreme air” bungee trampoline and a stadium basketball obstacle course, according to Mitchell Alexander, the Director of College Activities.

The fun begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 24. The week-long festivities sponsored by CAPBoard and the Student Government Association kick off on Monday, April 19 at 7 p.m. in the Pub, and conclude Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Quad.

From bubbles to bungee cords, students do not know what to expect on one of the college’s proudest days.

Some seniors may recall the Spring Fling of their freshman year, back in 2001, when a black and white Holstein cow milled around Red Square. She was the highlight of “Cow Drop Bingo,” as a part of a charity fundraiser sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed service organization at McDaniel.

The group turned the Square into a gigantic geometric grid, and sold off the pieces for $2 apiece. If and when the cow relieved herself, the square where the waste fell was the winning spot. The student that purchased that particular section of the grid won half of the prize money while the rest was donated to charity.

This year, Alpha Phi Omega president, senior Amanda Gill, has high hopes that the organization will be able to bring a llama to McDaniel. She intends to have students and faculty drop donations in bins labeled with their favorite professor’s name on it, outside of Englar Dining Hall during the week.

The professor who earns the most donations will then be asked to kiss the llama during Spring Fling festivities.

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Electronics and movies make Rouzer room relaxing

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STAFF WRITTER

Stumped for ideas on how to make your meager dorm into a bona-fide crib? Look no further than Josh Wesza’s and Thomas Dunn’s Rouzer room. Style and comfort combine in this corner room, and with its impressive setup and technology, you’d wish yours was just as cool.

Some of the best features in this room are the superior electronic systems. Abose sound system hooked up to a computer playlist provides country and rap in top-quality format. The guys each have flat-screen Dell desktops with brand new office chairs for optimum relaxation.

One of the greatest features of this crib is the unique custom-made elevated TV stand. Attached to the wall in the corner of the room, it gives the room more space and a distinctive look.

Another part of this room’s unique look is the wall décor. Mardi Gras beads and posters, a 3D Budweiser sign and banners give the room style. An elevated shelf with bottles and candles is also a great feature.

The guys did a lot to make the room their own. Josh bought two new mattresses, and “got rid of the crappy chairs.” There are also two fridges and an extra top bunk. While they are sometimes bothered by the dust, Josh and Thomas are content with their comfortable crib.

By adding some cool personal touches in their crib, Wesza and Josh have created a relaxing and welcoming space in Rouzer. And with the awesome electronics and gear, it just might put all others to shame.

“It’s the movie room,” Josh explained, “people just come in and do what they want.”

One big carnival ride with fun begins at 1 p.m. on April 24.

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“Thanks to McDaniel TV-26 and Jonathan Slade I have been allowed to show over 40 different ASL/Deaf related videos between 12-2 p.m. and 7-7 p.m. daily this month,” said Martin.

Deaf Heritage Month heralds “We are here!”

KATIE MARTIN CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Deaf Education programs throughout the month have raised the college community’s awareness of and appreciation for deaf culture.

“The goal of the Deaf Heritage Month is say ‘Hey! We are here. We existl,’ said Martin.

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FEATURES

Professors with the Personal Touch

Kate Dobson

Bayley Fannin
Staff Writer

When Kate Dobson found the advertisement for the McDaniel English Department position, she cut it out and wrote above it "My New Job." Then she passed it on her refrigerator.

When she completed her Ph.D at University of Maryland, she wanted to shift from a major university to a small school where less time is spent on graduate education and research, and more time is spent educating undergraduates.

Dobson was also intrigued that the staff in the McDaniel English Department included a number of professors in different aspects of the writing field. At small schools having multiple writing professors is uncommon because, traditionally, the English Major has consisted solely of reading and analyzing literature.

To Dobson, the ability to work in a school that has an active writing minor, and has a Liberal Arts grounding, will help students become more marketable.

The exciting thing in the world is when a student takes hold of a subject matter and your not the leader any more, you get to watch them take over," said Dobson.

In addition to inspiring her students, Dobson is also leading the English Department into new territories. With the help of her colleagues, she created a new writing minor which can be useful to students beyond the classroom.

The changes, Dobson and colleagues in her department said, will hopefully help students become more marketable.

Networking workshop to be held April 15

The time for starting your career is getting closer and closer. McDaniel Career Services wants you to be ready for the real world.

There are many things you need to know about how to obtain a job and the process of networking. Bonnie Grady, the President/CIO of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, will be leading a Networking and Business Etiquette workshop on April 15th from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in Gold Room A. She is a 1991 graduate from McDaniel College and will be sharing information about the importance of informational interviews, how to network, and important questions you can ask.

To register for this free workshop, e-mail career@mcdaniel.edu with your name, e-mail address, telephone number, and student ID number. Be sure to indicate "Networking 4/15" in the subject line.

-Taryn Callahan, Staff Writer

McDaniel students help with Tournament of Champions

Joe Giusti and Neal Stokes (top left) help a youngster bowl. Matt Gingrich (top right) lifts a girl to reach the basket and then poses with Justin Yerkes (above) and participants at the end of the day. Photos by Indira Gonzales.
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WebAdvisor to relieve woes of students, advisors, and the Registrar’s office

Much-needed technology comes too late to benefit seniors

Each semester, a perpetual, frustrating routine ensues: the stalking of your advisor for course scheduling guidance and counsel. However, for many students, the advising process at McDaniel is nothing more than a hastily scrawled signature at the bottom of an Add/Drop form.

As a graduating senior, I have endured my portion of face-time with my advisor.

Truly, an effective advisor’s direction is critical to an inexperienced underclassman’s developing collegiate career. However, as a semester ticked away and progressively grasped the logistics of the scheduling process, the procedure reveals my advisor became more of a burden rather than a valuable tool. What upper-classman has not wanted to say to their advisor, “I know what to do — just sign the paper and let me out of here, will you?”

In addition, students are currently forced to heckle their advisors for mid-semester grades rather than receive them in their mailbox. This is just one additional thing for both students and advisors to deal with in an already chaotic daily routine. Are we not old enough to take our report cards home to Mommy and Daddy or does Teacher have to mail them home for us?

The advising process at McDaniel is about to be radically turn with the soon-to-be-introduced WebAdvisor information access system. With this new program, the college has finally bought a ticket on the technological train. A huge number of schools invested in similar information access systems years ago.

Certainly, the product will substantially revamp McDaniel’s student-advisor interaction, and furthermore provide students with crucial academic data.

WebAdvisor will integrate a great deal of efficient features for both students and faculty members. Students will be able to access information via the web without hassling the lovely ladies of the Registrar’s office, which is exciting in itself. In a letter to the faculty, Provost and Dean of the Faculty Sam Case announced that “anyone who is able to access the McDaniel College web site may view our course offerings and search by faculty, time, location, and/or subject.”

Therefore, it’s possible that in the future, students will be able to learn that the classes they desperately need are full before registration day.

Moreover, students will be able to access their grades and academic history, as well as retrieve essential contact information about their advisor. This advancement will assuredly enhance communication between students and advisors. More importantly, however, the campus community will have ready access to their academic records which is information that every student has the right to monitor as frequently as desired. Ultimately, WebAdvisor should provide significant relief to students, advisors, and the Registrar’s office.

The web portal to the new information access program has been named “The Archway” in order to draw a parallel with McDaniel College’s expanding identity. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors should welcome the college community’s valuable technological upgrade. Unfortunately, the senior class is once again given the distinct privilege of watching McDaniel’s money put to worthwhile use following our departure.

RORIE FAVILLE
STAFF WRITER

Important message found within explicit Vagina Monologues

Being a woman is hard work. Loving the fact that you are a woman can be harder, because society has put limitations on female growth.

However, in recent decades, women have proven their self-worth by succeeding in life without seeking male approval. A product of this in The Vagina Monologues.

This play acknowledges the struggles of women and empowers them to be proud of who they are.

I think it was a stroke of genius to intertwine this play on campus with its McDaniel College audience. It informed the women of the audience that they are not by themselves in the joys and sorrows of being a woman. On a college campus that is important to know. Many times, young women on college campuses feel they are alone and no one knows what they have gone through.

This play gives a global perspective to show all women have similar problems, and that females should not feel ashamed of being a woman. Women should not be embarrassed about speaking up or expressing their points of view about their bodies or their lives.

College is a place where women are supposed to learn how to be independent, and what it means to be comfortable within your own skin. Therefore, one may have seen this play as a bit explicit, but the message of women loving themselves and accepting themselves is directly implicit.

Maya Angelou says it best “I am a woman phenomenally. Phenomenal woman, that’s me.”

TOSI BUTLER
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One side feels that its cause is in such disarray that there is a need to send suicide bombers into city streets. The other, in response to these measures, has taken equally drastic and violent measures with little regard for decency.

Side one is the Palestinians. The other is the Israelis. Each is stuck in an increasingly deteriorating quagmire of hatred and aggression. But, while the media often favors sides, the reality is that there is no right side or wrong side in this conflict. One should sympathize with each side.

Most Palestinians face inhospitable living conditions along the Gaza Strip. The area, according to BBCNews.com, has 75 percent of the population in poverty and an unemployment rate of 25 percent. These characteristics are akin to countries in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Americans can better understand the fear that Israelis live with following 9/11. It is hard to harshly criticize Israeli President Ariel Sharon for his policies against Palestinians, because he is responding to terrorist attacks. But Sharon has taken everything a step too far. It is correct to have heavy security, but Palestinians who commute into Israel for work each day often face hours of security checks. Some nights, they do not get home because of the security.

Also, the way the killing of Hamas founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin was handled was belligerent. Yassin was the founder of a terrorist group and deserved a humane punishment, but a missile attack on a quadruple was not the way to go about it. Two wrongs never make a right.

Sharon is also a corrupt leader who could soon be charged with taking bribes. Yasser Arafat, an Israeli political scientist, was quoted by the BBC as saying, "The chances that [Sharon] will be indicted on one of the three corruption probes are 95%." He has gone beyond what was needed when building walls around Jewish settlements in the Palestinian territory. The way the rest of the world can help each side make peace is to stop taking sides.

The only way peace can be achieved now is if both sides are pressured toward it. Each is stuck in an increasingly deteriorating quagmire of hatred and aggression. But, while the media often favors sides, the reality is that there is no right side or wrong side in this conflict. One should sympathize with each side.

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Stop smoking
The health warnings are there for a reason

Cigarettes contain the most addicting chemicals known to man. They are the single most preventable cause of premature death today in the United States. It is an amazement how nearly fifty million Americans continue to smoke cigarettes (resulting in over four hundred and fifty thousand deaths annually). Are cigarettes worth it? Personally, I have never tried smoking a cigarette. You can call it a childhood rule or whatever you would like. While I sit down and re-examine this filthy habit, I cannot fathom why anyone would ever want to put their body through such torture. According to the United States Surgeon General, about six thousand kids under the age of eighteen try smoking cigarettes each day resulting in nearly seven hundred thousand kids becoming addicted annually. Yet each year youths continue to light up the very cigarettes that could eventually kill them.

Not that long ago, cigarettes were marketed as "cool" and "hip." Come were the alarming facts about cigarettes and the million and one doctors telling their patients that this wonderful habit would someday kill you. Luckily, the norm today includes commercials on television every five minutes and magazine ads galore screaming that a smoking habit has deadly consequences. So you would think kids would start to get the idea. Unfortunately not.

There are countless teens like Westminster resident Tim Maddux who happen to light up. Sure, as a friend, I have told him that cigarettes contain four thousand different chemicals, forty three of them cause cancer to the body. Yet the look on his face is priceless. Sure, he has seen the commercials and read the ads, but he is willing to ignore the facts and continue to smoke.

"It makes me feel good," Maddux said.

Well, if feeling good makes you lie six feet under, I will pass. At least youths stand a better chance of successfully quitting. For many adults, the thought of quitting is just a figment of the imagination. Both of my parents have smoked for my entire life, and I have witnessed the hazards of their addiction. I wish I could help my father kick the habit he hates now but cherished earlier. He was 16-years-old when he started smoking, and the power behind a cigarette was irresistible.

"I wish that I could stop smoking," my father said. "I am glad I never let you start."

His words were short but poignant. To hear a grown man talk as though he was stuck with no way out was something I had never experienced before. Nicotine is a lot stronger than he and many other smokers ever imagined.

The commercials and advertisements now herald the hazards of cigarette smoking. Now more youths just need to listen. If they do not listen, the number of people who have to face the harsh and fatal consequences of smoking will continue to rise.

Why ignore the obvious? Is the cigarette buzz really worth it?

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STAFF WRITER

Roommate wanted:
Housing selection process leaves no options for students without roommates

Have you ever come across a school policy that ignores a problem situation or even makes it worse? I recently came across such a policy in the Residence Life office at McDaniel College. After knowing where I was going to live on campus next year, I was kicked out at the last minute.

I was stressed because I had no second plans, which meant no one to room with. Since none of the selection process for the housing I wanted had taken place yet, I thought I was fine. Then the residence life office informed me that I could not apply for a double unless I had a roommate. That was no help - all my friends have chosen roommates - I had told them I knew where I was going to live.

How was I to find a roommate?

Residence life offered no answers. The school needs active procedures to induce communication between people who are looking for roommates and to help narrow down the search for a roommate. Although I advocate a social for those who need roommates, any way of solving the roommate problem will be more beneficial than the policy currently in place.

Another possible solution to the housing/roommate hassle is getting rid of the policy altogether. On room selection day, students could apply for a double in the house or building they want and another person (of the same sex) who is looking for a roommate in the same type of housing gets matched. Housing placement would be according to students draw.

Granted, this random matching process could be like the first semester of freshman year, which is not exactly what some students want to repeat. But for other students, it could be a viable solution.

Putting fliers in each person's campus mailbox would be more cost effective and useful. The school could also put out e-mail alerts to all students which include the information of all the people looking for roommates.

Ultimately, I think socials for those who do not have roommates are the best option; the social could be held the night before room selection for each type of housing.

The administration should have a cookie and tea gathering in Decker for those who are looking for a roommate. This allows people to talk to each other see if they get along. This way it is easy to find someone for a roommate without looking around the wide expanses of the college.

Each of these proposals is cost effective. No matter how this school makes it possible for those looking for roommates to meet up or be able to get into a double, some change in the current policy and actions needs to be.

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Women's golf dominates the links

By KIM LOWRY
SPORTS WRITER

With the season in full swing, the Women's Golf Team has a commanding presence over the fairways.

The team currently holds first place in the Centennial Conference, and has its eyes on a third consecutive conference title.

The Terror has been successful at both matches this year. The team enjoyed slightly warmer climates when they traveled south to Jekyll Island, Georgia, for Spring Break. They returned to campus finishing eighth out of sixteen total teams.

At the Kutztown Invitational, the Terror tied for second with Lehigh University, a team that usually beats the Terror with ease.

Most recently however, the Terror team finished an unexpected ninth out of nine teams. This would be considered a horrible performance, if it were not for the fact that they were defeated by Eight Division I programs, to golfers that were getting paid to play the game.

Head Coach Michael Diehl is proud of his team's constant improvement.

"If we play our best, we should win [the conference tournament] hands down;" said Diehl. Junior co-captains Kelly Cramp and Garnett Pompey lead the team as number one and number four respectively in conference standings.

The Green Terror is dominating the Centennial Conference. In fact, members of the Terror squad claim four of the top ten individual averages in the conference. As a group, they lead team averages by more than forty strokes.

Cramp has ruled the links for McDaniel for the past three years. Her swing is as poised as that of golfing legend Annika Sorenstar.

"We're trying to work harder to get our scoring average down to do better in the higher caliber tournaments," said Cramp, a member of the All-Tournament team at Jekyll Island.

The experience and talent of the junior duo has established the foundation for the four-year old program. "[Cramp and Pompey] are leaders on and off the course...the younger players really look up to them," said Diehl.

Diehl will rely on them in years to come to continue the success of the young team.

As for now, the Green Terror golfing gurus have one more match to prepare for; the Centennial Conference Tournament, to be held April 24 in Ocean City, MD.

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Sports Crossfire
Ryan Brod and Walter Zalis discuss pressing issues in the world of sports

Issue 1: Tiger Woods
Brod: What has happened to Tiger? Without winning a major for such a long period of time (for his standards, at least), the media keeps wondering if he's in a "slump." He doesn't look as sharp as he did when he won so many majors a few years back, but I think he's still the best golfer in the world. Golf is such a difficult sport—his streak of success early in his career was so impressive and unmatched. I doubt anyone will ever accomplish that dominance in the sport ever again. As for his "slump," I have no doubt that it's only a matter of time before he's back in the winners circle at a major.

Zalis: Just look at the way Tiger moves when he plays now. You could have never even heard of the game of golf and still know something isn't right. But I don't know if I'd call it a slump. It seems he just needs to redress his game. I remember sitting in my 8th grade science class talking about the phenom Tiger Woods was. It's been over seven years since I first heard about Tiger. And for him to go into a slump just recently? I'd say that's pretty amazing.

Issue 2: High School to NBA
Brod: With so much hype surrounding high school guard Sebastian Telfair, I have to wonder if any high school player will ever have the same FIRST impact on the game as LeBron James. James was definitely ready to make the jump to the NBA, as he has proven in his first full season in Cleveland. But recent reports say that Sebastian Telfair, who was expected to be a lottery pick and touted as the next high school to NBA star, is quickly dropping down the depth charts after the draft. Should high school players be ALLOWED to enter the NBA draft? Is it even good for the game? I think they should have to go to college for at LEAST two seasons. The jump from high school to the NBA is depleting talent in college basketball and those few high schoolers who are in the NBA (and are not named Lebron or Carmello or Kobe) are riding the pine for at least the first season.

Zalis: I believe if they have the talent, they should play. Look at Freddy Adu. He can't even drive and he's playing for the D.C. United. Honestly, play in professional avenues of sports shouldn't depend on age. Your ability to play isn't something that happens when you're an 18-year-old. It's plain and simple; it's your ability. So if these guys can play, let them. Watch them in a work-out, and if you want them, draft them. If you don't want them, don't draft them. I don't see this as the issue it is being blown up to be.

Issue 3: When will the Orioles win?
Brod: I had a chance to see the Orioles play Boston this past week. I have mixed feelings about the teams chances to win this year. First of all, they have a very solid lineup. Tejada and Lopez are two of the best right-handed hitters in the American League. Palmeiro, although aged a bit, still has a sweet stroke and can hit for power. Melvin Mora will prove to be one of the best contact hitters in the AL in a few years. The major problem in Baltimore is the pitching. With so much money being dished out to the new stars, the bullpen took a direct hit. Their pitching staff is in, a word, horrendous. I don't think they'll win until they have the money to balance out the talent between the position players and the pitchers.

Zalis: When will the Orioles win? When they get out of the American League East. This rivalry between New York and Boston will keep the Orioles at 3rd place at best for a long time to come. Hell, even Toronto could finish ahead of the O's this season. The East is just too stacked. And after the off-season that just happened between the Yankees and Red Sox, Boston will not stop in trying to dethrone the Yankees and George.

Mean and Green
Athletes giving Terror new meaning

Mary Abrams
Softball
Abrams, a freshman third baseman from North East, MD, was named the Centennial Conference player of the week two consecutive times. In the Terror's two games against F&M, she went 4-for-7 (.571), scoring 3 runs and registering 2 RBI. On the season, Abrams is batting an outstanding .390, a team-high for starters.

David "Moose" Skoczlas
Baseball
Skoczlas, a senior pitcher, has a perfect record on the season at 4-0. On Tuesday, he pitched his third complete game of the season out of six starts. He has thrown 39 strikeouts and has an ERA of 3.95 so far this season. He has played a major role in the team's 12-4 record.

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It's not over 'til it's over for women's lacrosse

PAT O'TOOLE
SPORTS EDITOR

You can usually tell. There's almost always something about the aura of a team that reveals when things aren't going as planned. The players' faces communicate frustration, impatience, and disappointment. The coaches are quick to yell and try to point the finger at anyone and everyone but themselves.

But the truly great teams stand out from the crowd. On Wednesday, the women's lacrosse team faced a 6-2 halftime deficit with 2:08 left before halftime in their game with Centennial Conference opponent Franklin & Marshall.

Yet even in the face of such perilous conditions, none of the aforementioned problems could be seen. The players were calm and focused; they didn't rush the game or try to force things to happen too quickly.

Head coach Muffie Bliss stuck to her game plan, and certainly never swayed from her cool and confident disposition. She had complete trust in the fact that her players were prepared enough to get the job done.

"I definitely expect it of them," Bliss said.

In the end, the players proved themselves to be the full-time possible extent. Just before halftime, sophomore Tara Smith and senior Christy Morris scored a pair of quick goals for McDaniel.

Those two points were just the beginning of a 9-0 McDaniel run, which would last until the closing minutes of the game. The final score was 11-8 in favor of the Terror.

Wednesday's game demonstrated not only the team's ability to face adversity, but also its rare quality of playing as a team. The team's 11 total goals were scored by 9 different McDaniel players, with Smith and junior Jillian Farrell registering two goals each.

"I think that something that's really important about this team in particular is that it is a team...It's a total team effort," Bliss said.

The team's proclivity to play together has carried it to an 8-1 record, 4-0 in the Centennial Conference.

Another solid aspect contributing to the success is a defense that is ranked number 2 in the conference. At the head of that defense is junior goalkeeper Lindsay O'Steen, who is ranked number 2 in the nation for save percentage.

On the offensive end, junior Kristin Ramsey leads the team with 17 goals and 13 assists on the year, while junior Kim Lowry has recorded 13 goals and 10 assists.

Also posting big numbers so far this season are senior Sara 110mas (14 goals, 13 assists), senior Sara Thomas (10 goals, 8 assists) and senior Sara Thomas (14 goals, 8 assists).

In her first year as head coach, Bliss is experiencing a higher level of success than coach's coaches are ever able to attain. But she is quick to suggest that it is a total team effort.

"I definitely can't take all the credit for [our success]. I'm very lucky to have the group of girls that I do," she said.

Bliss went on to say that the team as a whole strives to make practice fun. Because of this, the players are extremely happy with the group of girls they are associated with. They have developed a cohesion that allows them to attempt to gain, but are rarely ever able to find.

"I think that something that's really important about this team is that we're young...This team and this program have a lot of potential to continue to be strong," Bliss said.

The outlook on the rest of the season is very good, and with only 3 seniors graduating, next year should be just as amazing.

"The great thing about it is that we're young and I feel like we're playing more for each other than individually," Smith said.

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The cicadas are coming!

Swarming bugs will soon blanket the area in a few weeks. See story on page 6.

Case retires after 45 adventurous years

In addition to his current position, Case has been an undergraduate student, graduate student, coach, professor, researcher, friend, colleague and mentor.

And while he may be retiring at the end of this semester, the marathoner-at-heart has no plans of taking life at a slower pace.

“His 100 percent Green and Gold,” said Dr. Alex Ober, department chair and professor of exercise science and physical education. “He has a commitment to this place, these people, what we’re doing. He always has the best interest of the college at heart.”

Recruited to play football for the Green Terror in 1959, the self-proclaimed “farm boy” from Three Bridges, N.J. had no idea that he would spend most of his life at the college. After completing a bachelor’s degree in physical education and master’s degree in education at Western Maryland, Case accepted a teaching position in the physical education department at his alma mater. He earned his doctorate from Ohio State University in human physiology and exercise science while on a one- and-a-half year sabbatical leave.

Although he has coached football, track, cross country, and lacrosse at the college, Case is most noted for coaching wrestling. The National Wrestling Hall of Fame and the Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame both honored him for his coaching.

Tying the knot

Several seniors decided to say “I Do” now that they are done. See story on page 22.

Seniors seek tickets

The site quickly flooded with pleas for tickets - more than 81 hit the site. The number of message posted offering extra tickets! Zero! Protests about the graduation format and the lack of space were strong.

“I can’t believe the College expects us to make due with six tickets to one of the most important events in our lives, let alone one of the most important events for some entire families,” said senior and SGA President, Brian Martinez.

Sayre, who posted the Blackboard site, continued to encourage students to post their needs on the site, even when it appeared pointless to do so.

60 Seconds asks...

When studying for final exams, what is your favorite study break? See story on page 7.

ASHLEY HOOVER

STAFF WRITER

Katherine Leidy Unger definitely had a place in her heart for her alma mater. A 1932 graduate with a degree in English and History, Unger grew up in the Westminster area and wanted to give back to the school that had given her so much. Upon her death on February 25, she did just that - by leaving the school's library $3.5 million. Unger was 93-years-old.

The gift goes on record as the second-largest donation that the college has ever received. The largest donation, given in 1999, came in at a whopping $8 million.

In a letter to the college, Unger had previously stated that the college had afforded her special opportunities during the Great Depression, and that for this, she wanted to demonstrate her appreciation by donating the money to the permanent library endowment fund, which goes toward the purchase of books.

“The library is the heart of the academic life of the college,” said President Joan Coley, implying that Mrs. Unger made a good choice of where to send her donation.

After attending graduate classes at both the University of Maryland and Duke, Katherine Leidy Unger married W. Byers Unger, a graduate of Western Maryland College’s Class of 1920, in 1945. The two moved to New Hampshire, where W. Byers Unger, who had earned his Ph.D. from Yale, taught Zoology at Dartmouth. After her husband died in 1975, Mrs. Unger stayed in New Hampshire, but she never forgot her alma mater.

Over the years, Unger has donated over $150,000 toward scholarships, but without recognition. She even humbly turned down the opportunity to have her name immortalized on a plaque on the college campus. Unger’s niece Beth Myers, 62, told The Carroll Sun that her aunt would have been embarrassed by all the attention that her gift has received.

[See Gift continued on page 4]
Preachers' effort to come back falters

KATRINA CULLEY STAFF WRITER

A twelfth organization may join the seven fraternities and four sororities that make up the McDaniel Greek community next school year.

The local fraternity Delta Phi Alpha, known as the Preachers, is petitioning for the reinstatement of their charter in order to be part of the Greek system, rather than having one just out of line, in all likelihood extras will be available for seniors who requested them on the Blackboard account."

The seniors who posted their needs on the Blackboard site were rewarded as the deadline for graduate students has passed. Extras became available and so far over 30 tickets have been distributed to 13 seniors. The site is still open for posting. Even with this new influx of tickets, space at graduation will still be tight.

Dean Sayre offers solution to lack of graduation tickets for seniors

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Singers have discussed alternative solutions that would solve the situation, such as holding the ceremony outside, or holding two separate ceremonies (one for undergraduates and another for graduate students). Neither of these options is viable for this year's ceremony, and previous attempts to move the ceremony outside have failed.

MELISSA GALLO COPY EDITOR

One of McDaniel's own will be on the ballot come election day next November.

Graduate student David Stysley, currently working towards a Master's Degree in Human Resources, is hoping to nab one of two empty spots on the Carroll County School Board.

While he enjoyed working behind the scenes of other campaigns, Stysley, a 2003 graduate with a B.A. in political science, never intended to run for office. However, as he became more involved in the Green Party, he said, "I realized that I wanted to contribute more and felt it was my duty as an American citizen."

Stysley, representing the Green party, is running against three other candidates: Cynthia L. Foley, Thomas G. Hiltz, and Gary G. Weisbert.

Stysley sees the School Board as the body that coordinates the principle educational functions in Carroll County. His goals, in running for a seat, include working for better relations with both teachers and the teachers' union, and, he said, "battling unfunded mandates imposed on local schools by the recent Thornton Commission [on Education Finance, Equity, and Excellence]."

Stysley first rose to prominence as a campaign manager for Green Party candidate George Murphy, who ran unsuccessfully for Carroll County Commissioner in 2002. That campaign became well known after the court case, David Stysley v. Carroll County Board of Elections, et al. Although Stysley and others collected enough signatures to put Murphy on the ballot, the County Board of Elections did not include him on it. The Board attested that some of the signatures were inactive voters and, therefore, the petition lacked adequate support. In a much-anticipated Green Party victory, the Court of Appeals ruled that the Party was recognized as such and to require them to petition was unconstitutional.

A former Democrat, Stysley was raised in a politically aware, though inactive, family. He felt alienated by Al Gore in his 2000 presidential campaign, and went to the leftist Green Party after Ralph Nader propelled it into the limelight by running as its presidential candidate in the same year.

According the Maryland Green Party Coordinating Council, the Green Party supports "a grassroots democracy, social justice, environmental wisdom, and non-violence."

In the end, Stysley hopes to bring new ideas and new energy to the School Board. As a product of a public school education and the son of a teacher, he knows the importance of quality schools.

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Cadet William W. Baines, Cadet Jacob J. Michael, Cadet John P. Rodriguez, and Cadet Michael A. Towles
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The Retired Officer's Association Award
Cadet Julian A. Ravilious

Case brings humor and perseverance to McDaniels duties
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achievements.

Despite minimal administrative experience, Case approached the job of provost and dean of the faculty like he dives into Hungarian goulash and hot fudge sundaes—with gusto.

"It's not a nine-to-five job," said Case, who sometimes works administrative decisions at 5 a.m. and hardly misses a campus event. "If you're counting the hours, you're not going to do a good job... Our students are involved, our faculty is involved— I want to be involved, too.

"Case takes the connotation of 'involvement' to a new level by turning his own personal hobbies into research studies, through his hands-on job," said Case, who sometimes competed invarious races— including the Alaska Iditasport 100mile race. "The legacy that Sam leaves is his ability to help people take things that are really challenging and break it into pieces," said Hughes. "He helps make the hard work manageable.

Suzanne Seibert, senior lecturer in the English department, most admires Case's 'spirit and utter commitment to family and friends.'

Seibert and her husband, Dave, have been long-time friends of the Cases. Every Thursday morning, they meet for breakfast and after four years, the waitresses at Bullock's Airport Inn and Bob Evans know the group's drink order—coffee and a large coke.

The coke is for Case—and he usually gets a refill. Perhaps that initial shot of caffeine every morning is what gives Case his boundless energy that his colleagues admire so much.

Dr. Rick Carpenter, professor of exercise science and physical education who coached track with Case for many years, appreciates Case's joking nature. "While driving to the American College of Sports Medicine Conference in Nashville, Tenn., the two occupied their time by composing country music. Their hit song? 'Goddess of the Interstate.'

"Life's pretty dull without a sense of humor," said Carpenter. "But what really separates Sam is that he is really, really good at so many different things. That just kind of sums it up—he's a great guy to be around.

On the corner of Case's desk lays a faded bluebook—the first college essay he ever wrote. "Apron Strings and College Ties," begins the sentence, "College is a big transition in life for most people.

"Sam is organized and has an admirable work ethic," said Thomas. "He is very aware of his position and has led by example."

After he retires, Case plans to travel to the Galapagos Islands and hike through Ireland with his wife. Excited by being able to spend more time with his two daughters and grandchildren, he hopes to squeeze in some time for skiing and furniture making. The physiologist who worked with Olympic athletes in 1979 will continue his physiology research in academia; Case plans to continue his physiology research in Alaska and Antarctica.

"We say we're a college that changes lives," said Case. "[McDaniel] certainly changed my life."
"Girls Fight Back" gives women a line of defense

According to Weed's Web site, girlsfightback.com, the mission of "Girls Fight Back" is to inspire, motivate and educate women and girls to combat violence against women. It is dedicated to cultivating strong, resilient, spirited and unified women across the United States. "We'll never be equal to men as long as we're in fear of them," Weed said during her introduction.

Over the last three years, Weed has trained at the American Women's Self Defense Association, where she was certified, is a graduate of Street Smart Self Defense for Women and the Intra-Greek Council's graduate of Street Smart Self Defense Association, where she was certified, is a graduate of Street Smart Self Defense for Women and the Intra-Greek Council's Palm, Knee, Knee," ERIN ROMANSKI SENIOR WRITER

"Girls Fight Back" was founded by motivational speaker Erin Weed after the murder of a friend on June 12, 2003 inspired her to learn how to fight. Weed was invited to stop at McDaniel College on her tour around the country by the Intra-Greek Council's President, junior Christina Carbonetto, at a leadership conference earlier this year. "It's a great hands-on self-defense program," Carbonetto said. She and fellow junior, Bean Dumpert, hosted the night's event.

The program was co-sponsored by the Student Government Assembly (SGA), the Social Work department, Panhellenic Council, Social Work Club, College Activities office and Health Services. It drew a crowd of over 100 women, including mostly members. Spectators watch Erin Weed defend herself against D'darno.

IMPACT New York City, is a trained Confined Area Survival Tactics instructor through the Modern Warrior Academy and a certified Personal Trainer through the National Academy of Sports Medicine. "This is the first time an event like this has been available here," Dumpert said. "We're just so excited about it."

Weed has a current, monthly column running in the May issue of Cosmo Girl magazine. For further information about self-defense, sexual assault or "Girls Fight Back," go to www.girlsfightback.com.

Arch dedicated during Reunion Weekend

ROBBIE SAVILLE STAFF WRITER

On April 30, over 500 alumni flooded McDaniel College's campus for Reunion Weekend, reminiscing about their experiences on the Hill and marveling at its impressive transformations. On May 1, this year's attendees were given the privilege of participating in the Grand Campus Entrance Ceremony, visually absorbing yet another fulfilled component of McDaniel's ten-year strategic plan.

The grand entrance project was launched by Catherine Schumann Kiddoo, class of 1946, who generously bestowed $250,000 to establish a clear, distinctive entrance to the campus. "Establishing a grand entrance to the college has definitely been a priority. The campus master plan has certainly taken it [the main entrance] into account for some time," said Robin Benton, Director of Alumni Relations.

Kiddoo's donation included the planting of a garden surrounding the entrance and arch. According to Benton, the flowers and garden were especially important to Kiddoo, yet some had to remain unplanted in order to accommodate the 200 people who attended the ceremony.

Alumni, faculty members, and students convened for the ceremony at the corner of Union Street and Main, astounded by the handsome addition.

"The entrance certainly provides a way of defining the campus and gives a clear definition to entering the college; it also keeps the tradition of the arch alive," said Doug Smarte, class of 1969 and resident of Virginia, Maryland. Other alumni were equally impressed by the grand entrance, yet unable to appreciate the dramatic modifications between the old and new entrances.

"I don't even remember what it looked like before, it was so long ago—but it does look good," said Gail Allen of Laning, Michigan, graduate of the class of 1964, and former editor of The Cold Bug, Western Maryland College's newspaper prior to The Phoenix. The public unveiling of the grand entrance allowed all those throughout the McDaniel College community to witness the progression of the college. More importantly, however, Reunion Weekend builds ongoing ties of camaraderie between those who uphold the reputation of the school—past, present, and future.
3rd Annual Alpha Sig Battle of the Bands a success

FRUZSINA NAGY
STAFF WRITER

The Third Annual Alpha Sigma Phi Battle of the Bands took place in Alumni Hall Main Stage on Thursday April 29. A total of ten bands from all over the area competed for the three hundred dollar prize.

After five and a half hours of performances, six judges came to the decision, and The Westcott Brothers Band deserved the first place. Second place was given to The Mishaps, and the third to Of Broken.

The Westcott Brothers Band play blues style music, The Mishaps jangle rock, and Of Broken EM0 rock.

This year the judges consisted of two members of the Music Honor Society and the four other members had well based knowledge in the field of music.

The judges were asked to evaluate performances on five criteria: musicianship, stage presence, creativity of songs, diversity of set list, and audience appeal.

"The Westcott Brother Band was just a great band playing their instruments well, and it was a tough choice between The Mishaps and Of Broken," said junior Kerry DeBusk, one of the six judges.

Out of all the bands The Westcott Brothers Band has been together the longest, "approximately since 2000," said Phil Westcott, bass player and Andrew Westcott, 19, guitar and lead vocal.

The band was "unbelievable," and their "sense of calm on stage was appealing to many of us and the judges," according to senior Matthew Demos. The only criterion where the band lost points was on stage presence, explained DeBusk, because their clothing was not coordinated.

The Mishaps placed second and have been playing together for 3 years now. The band according to DeBusk "had put on a great show like always." Senior Neal Page, lead singer of the Mishaps, brought the audience to their feet which earned his band the highest ranking in audience appeal.

The other great performance came from Of Broken. Surprisingly, the band started eight months ago, and has had about 20 performances so far. Even though lead singer Jason Pelton experienced amp problems while on stage, the band received third place in the competition.

The two most unusual performances of the night were from As Promised and Charly Horse. As Promised, from Westminster High, made the whole crowd laugh with their song "Ass and Titties," and Charly Horse shocked the audience with their self proclaimed "deaf metal ska" style.

Debusk explained that this new type of performance made the night interesting. Demos as member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity has been involved in the battle of the Bands since the beginning. Demos said the event was huge the first year, but this year was even bigger and "was the best so far."

Reasons for transferring

Lack of diversity dominates workshop discussion

ROB GOEKE
STAFF WRITER

Walking into Gold Room B, the scent of pizza and chicken fingers cast a casual feel over the setting. But the atmosphere changed as the marker board became visible with a simple, yet stark question: "Why do students leave McDaniel College?"

Twenty-seven students who are transferring from McDaniel or are considering it gathered on April 12 to participate in this unique discussion, sponsored by the Student-Faculty Relations Committee.

"I think it is the first time we have specifically had a student led meeting where in an informal, open way, students could talk about reasons they are leaving or are considering leaving," said Henry Reiff, dean of academic affairs.

With committee members Rachel Bryant, a sophomore, leading the discussion, students spoke candidly about many topics with varying degrees of rationality.

"We did not want it to become a gripe session. We wanted to talk to students who were seriously considering transferring and find out their reasons for dissatisfaction," said David Kreider, professor of music and committee member.

Kreider observed the student discussion along with Reiff.

During the discussion, the students were made aware by Bryant that this event would be covered by the McDaniel Free Press. The students spoke anonymously.

A few students complained that their scholarships were not increased to keep pace with tuition increases. One mentioned that they were unable to be employed in an on campus work study job because they have a full tuition scholarship.

Others complained of the social scene. "If you are if you are out of state and not on a sports team or in a fraternity or sorority, you are kind of left out," said one student.

Sophomore Autumn Hancock, who attended the meeting and agreed to speak on the record said, "There is nothing to do at McDaniel when everyone leaves."

Hancock is from Florida and often does not have the option to go home on weekends like many other students.

The registration process was also admonished by the students. They mentioned the disorganized nature of registering for classes, lack of variety of classes offered and mis-treatment experienced when dealing with the Registrar's Office.

One student said they had to drop their accounting minor because of the lack of classes offered.

Many noted the deterioration of campus buildings, citing the dripping ceilings in Englar Dining Hall and the cent bug problems in Whiteford.

"If an issue keeps coming up, it is as if that it is something that needs to be looked at," said Kreider. "Certainly financial concerns, unavailability of scholarships, fund issues, curriculum, registration, advising are all areas of concern."

The effort of the Student Faculty Relations Committee is only beginning, but progress is already evident.

"It was easy to complain and what was we did for two hours. But the important part is working towards a solution," said Bryant. "I was pleased with the turn out. With 27 people coming, it shows that people do care about changing things. They just have to have the opportunity to do so."
The cicadas are coming....."Carry a broom"

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Spring semester - the sun is out, the birds are singing, and the grass and sidewalks will soon be covered by cicadas. Noisy, bustling cicadas. That’s right, the 17-year cicadas will soon blanket McDaniel campus.

Within a matter of weeks, these pesky insects will be in the trees, in your hair, and you’ll hear them everywhere. Also identified as a locust, the “Periodical Cicada” surfaces every seventeen years, primarily in the Maryland and Pennsylvania area.

“I remember the noise, and I remember seeing the shells the outer skins stuck on the trees and fence posts,” said Mary Colbert, conference services director. “I’m from the south, and people used to say they didn’t see how I could live with the crickets. Well, cicadas can outnoise any normal night insects.”

These cicadas spend most of their 17 years two feet underground feeding on sap from tree roots. By mid-May, they’ll all emerge for an approximate 5-week lifespan above ground, and most of that time will be spent climbing to a high spot, calling mates, and mating.

Females will lay the eggs - the next generation, that will hatch approximately six weeks later, fall to the ground, burrow, and then wait until the year 2021 to emerge according to information provided online by Iowa State University’s Department of Entomology.

“It is an amazing phenomenon to see these things in action, the way they live their lives and the mating rituals that they have are unlike any others that I have seen,” said Dr. Paul Miller, assistant professor of history.

“I remember my daughter taking the dead shells and putting them on my pillow — she was in grade school,” said Patricia Williams, director of financial aid at McDaniel College. “I also remember going to Catonsville one day and seeing a whole telephone pole covered with them — and the noise. It’s all amazing.”

“These insects may not be harmful to me, but the ninety decibels that they can reach may be a little annoying,” said Dr. Bryn Upton, assistant professor of history.

“I have seen pictures in which the locusts look like a fog, it will be interesting to see how they interfere with life on campus and what the school will do to deal with them” said Adam Mallonee, a Sophomore Biology major.

Perhaps Dr. Donna Evergates, associate professor of history, has the best advice: “Everyone might want to carry a broom.”
Question: “During final exams, what do you like to do the most for a study break?”

—Compiled by Michael Vyskočil

Elizabeth Whittenston, '07—“For my study break, I usually eat a bunch of junk food and listen to music. It's usually something that doesn’t make me have to listen to a lot of ska music.”

Garnett Pumphrey, '05—“For study breaks, I usually like to watch TV or listen to music. It’s usually something that doesn’t make me have to think.”

Katie Tamarelli, '04—“I give myself rewards of food, including M&Ms. I run with my dog; actually she pulls me for a run.”

Rachel Bryant, '06—“When I need to get out of my suite, I take a blanket out to the Quad and lie down and listen to music.”

Tori Butler, '07—“I actually like to talk to my mom because she always has a word of encouragement for me, and she tells me that she loves me and she’s proud of me.”

Travis Johnson, '06—“I like to watch the movie Office Space. It’s a movie all about procrastination.”
Spring has sprung in juniors Kristin Pohl and Karen Tull's third floor ANW room. Sure, the space is tight, but that space is bright thanks to a Van Gogh sunflower poster on one closet, sunflowers on the window sill, and a string of sunflower lights around the ceiling.

The yellow curtains, made by Karen's aunt, and a red oriental rug in the center of the room add to the room's theme and it's neat and organized. "Pohl's side of the room has lots of Pi Mu paternalia (lions, a banner, and pictures), but she admits that her décor is more eclectic. Big bubble letters spell out her name above her dresser, and picture collages remind her on a daily basis that she is loved.

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Hoover Library also celebrated National Library Week by creating a multimedia "slide show" on its website (http://hoover.mcdaniel.edu) that introduces visitors to the various staff members and their roles at the library. Students, faculty, and staff alike can view the presentation to learn more about the library, such as how books go from the Acquisitions/Cataloging departments to the shelves.

Library Director Michele Reid said that Hoover's student employees, who work in Circulation, Cataloging, Interlibrary Loan, and Audio-Visual Services, were also recognized on National Library Worker's Day for the daily contributions they make to the library.

Hoover Library is also the recipient of a $3.3 million bequest on behalf of Katherine Leidy Unger. The funds from the gift will be transferred to Hoover's endowment fund for use in acquiring materials for the library's book and periodical collections.

In Fall 2003 job outlook employer survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), 67.6 percent of employers surveyed said they expected to hire 12.7 percent more recent college graduates in 2003-2004 than in 2002-2003.

At McDaniel, the diversity of major and minor fields of study fuels student interest in pursuing careers in various career fields. Each year, graduates of McDaniel begin careers in areas ranging from graphic design and education to business and social work.

While some students choose to start their careers, other students, like senior Megan Norris, choose to continue their education in graduate school. Norris has applied to both Des Moines University in Iowa and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and has been eagerly awaiting their responses.

"It was a big decision for me," she said. "The whole application process was very new to me." While she's watching for the replies in her mailbox, Norris said she will continue to work as a nursing assistant at Plum Creek retirement village in Hanover, Pennsylvania.

Although Career Services does not officially track information about the number of seniors entering graduate school or the most requested career fields, "we always get students interested in teaching, various business/finance related careers, counseling/social work, communication, policy/government, law enforcement, science, etc," said Kidwell.

Even with all these options available, making a decision can be as mesmerizing as watching flies buzzing inside a fruit jar.

According to the 2004 Graduating Student & Alumni Survey conducted by the NACE, 57.9 percent of survey respondents from the Class of 2004 said they expected their search to be "somewhat difficult." And a majority of the students surveyed said they expected to begin their search about 6 months before graduation.

While Career Services offers several job searching opportunities throughout the academic year, some seniors don't always take advantage of them. According to Karen Arnie, director of Career Services, many actually put off the job search until late in the semester.

Fear of the unknown contributes to the procrastination, she said. "People get scared. The reality is that the other world (outside the college) is scary....There's a lot of unknowns, and you don't know all the rules," Arnie said.

Fortunately for senior Joe Meier, he doesn't have to worry about polishing resumes or making phone calls. As a person who enjoys being outdoors, playing a round of golf, and getting the opportunity to coach his brother Steve (who will attend McDaniel in the fall), Meier said he'll enjoy the responsibilities associated with the job.
When The McDaniel Free Press premiered, there was some concern about how “free” the newspaper would be. Some worried that it might become a “soft news rag,” or worse, a mouthpiece for the administration.

But after five issues it is clearly evident that Free Press journalists are taking on tough, complex stories — and we’re certainly not afraid to challenge the administration’s actions when appropriate.

For example, the newspaper has fielded numerous complaints about the “blinded” campus safety blotter. The format that ran in the Phoenix showed a short—and sometimes humorous—account of every offense. The new format merely lists offenses, dates, locations and report statuses.

When the paper was redesigned, the administration balked at the space dedicated to the blotter. The Free Press signed, the administration’s actions certainly not afraid to challenge the administration's actions when appropriate.

The shortened version didn’t seem complete and it left many students wondering if the office was complying with regulations outlined by the Clery Act.

The act stipulates that colleges that receive any federal funding must publish an annual report disclosing campus security policies; make timely warnings to the campus community about crimes that pose an ongoing threat; maintain a crime log. Because McDaniel’s crime log is computerized, you have to request information between certain dates and are handed a computer print-out.

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Follow God, not just in church, but also in school

A Gospel song says “Where He leads me I will follow/ Where He leads me I will go.” In the midst of the drunken haze of Spring Fling, some students decided to pray. God on Friday night, by attending a free Gospel concert sponsored by The Immitators of Christ, a Bible study group on campus.

The concert featured a new-age group called Earl Muschette & Nu Mob. Their style was different from most Gospel groups I have ever heard. They used contemporary music from artists like Beyonce and Outkast to grab the audience’s attention. The group encouraged spiritual growth within the messages of their music. Their goal is to praise God and have a good time while doing it.

I have often heard that you will succeed in life if you take God for granted. But, we forget that tomorrow is not promised to us, and that we should try our best to live within our way of being dull and artificial,” writes Ellen Nakashima and David Maraniss in a 2000 Washington Post series profiling the candidates.

In the same series, Nakashima and Maraniss also suggest that in primaries, Gore had no message. Later, on the campaign trail, Gore’s politics became neutral, neither leaning towards the right nor the left, also facilitating the dull stereotye.

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Commentary

Hate lacks rationality

Kerry's French connections irrelevant

There are always problems with hate. It lacks rationality. It leads to stereotypes and violence. In general, it worsens the world.

Hate often lasts long. America is experiencing all the pitfalls of hate with its tempestuous relationship with France.

Next to Iraq, this country probably drives the most ire out of Americans. People often walk around wearing anti-French shirts. Camera hungry politicians changed the name of French fries in the Congressional cafeteria to freedom fries. Then, the Bush administration denied France and other peace supporting nations the chance to bid on rebuilding contracts in Iraq.

This may seem like old news, but the hate has not subsided nor have the effects been mitigated. John Kerry now must deal with the consequences. Kerry knows the French language. A New Yorker piece by Joshua Topolsky recently reckoned that, "Kerry suppos-

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With the already deep disdain for all things French, one can understand why this is a negative. But, in reality, this is a positive. Hate has blinded people from seeing reality.

Alain de Chalvron, who was quoted in the New Yorker piece, said "For [the French], to speak any other language and have an open view of the world, for a President, should be a plus."

Yet it is not. The piece mentions how, when in foreign conferences, Kerry is reluctant to field questions from French reporters in fear that he will be chastised for his knowledge of the American media. After the events preceding the Iraq war, the media, like most Americans, is critical of the French.

Many already view Kerry as elitist. He fears that the largely ignorant electorate will see this, along with their already deep dislike for all things Francophile, and begin to group Kerry with the Northeastern liberal label he has been given by many. The absurdity that, all of the sudden, it is a bad thing to be educated and seem intellectual.

America needs to let bygones be bygones. Sure, France stuck up a metaphorical middle finger at the United States, but they were doing what they believed was correct just like the Bush administration believed what they were doing was right.

It was merely a difference of opinion. Some Americans were angered because after what America did for France in World War II, the French owed the U.S. some loyalty. This is an absurd notion because nations should follow what their citizens wish instead of what their leaders want. Franco did this, and offered a balance to America's unquestioned dominance. Kerry is a highly educated man. He should be able to use whatever skills he has learned over his lifetime to his advantage. Whether or not that helps him to get elected is a wholly different issue.

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Looking Back: Seniors share McDaniel memories

Changes ahead: “I am jealous of those not graduating”

This is my last contribution to The McDaniel Free Press for this graduation. I am going to speak bluntly. At the end of my freshmen year, I was going to transfer. Most of my high school friends enrolled at Virginia Tech, James Madison University, or another large state school. I was frustrated by the nightlife at Western Maryland College, which pales in comparison to the exciting nucleus of a university environment.

After my freshmen orientation, I remember strolling around my new “home,” apprehensively observing the seemingly miniscule dimensions of the campus. Almost instantly, I determined that I had selected the wrong college. However, looking back, I clearly and gratefully recall the reassuring words of my peer mentor: “Believe me, when you get to be a senior like me, this place will feel like home. It grows on you.

Freshmen year was rocky at best. Campus safety stuck claws in me, and “Westmonster” (they say it all) nearly swallowed me up; I hated this school. However, for some unknown reason, I returned to campus sophomore year. After a year spent “learning the ropes” at Western Maryland, things finally started falling into place. Freshmen year weeds out the counterfeit Green Ter- rors—students who cannot hack the demands of higher education, as well as those who transfer to a more fast-paced, socially stimulating school. Yet for those who return to campus, campus is a sense of belonging grows.

Parallel to the college’s name change, gradually my disapproving attitude toward the college community turned the corner. Both professors and students knew my name; I had escaped from my jail cell in Rouzer, and I embraced the benefits of a liberal arts education that are inaccessible at larger colleges. Additionally, I was establishing substantial friendships with all types of people. In retrospect, although I may have been acquainted with more people if I had attended a different school, I believe that I know more about my friends at McDaniel College than other individuals do at different schools. How could you not know your peers inside and out at a school with a limited population?

My days as a McDaniel student are finished in less than a month, and I am jealous of those not graduating. Anyone who does not realize that McDaniel College is about to become ten times the school it was in 2000 is ignorant. Aside from the name change, since my enrollment in the fall of 2000, the North Village apartments were built, a coffee shop was established in the pub, the Harrison parking lot was constructed, the bottom of Big Baker was renovated and a new wing was added to Lewis Hall of Sciences. Furthermore, the “grand entrance” to the campus is near completion, the new academic building is well under way, the WebAdvisor program is about to take off, and a new turf for the football field is under development, renewing a contract with the Baltimore Ravens until 2010. Clearly, McDaniel College’s “Ten Year Strategic Plan” is in full swing. Regrettably, it will not be around to reap the benefits.

For freshmen contemplating a college transfer, consider the vast improvements already made, and look forward to those in the future; the name “McDaniel” is unquestionably on the rise. To those unsatisfied with the social scene, I recommend that you give it time; let McDaniel College “grow on you” as it did for me. You are not enrolled at a party school. But there are plenty of people strolling through campus you have yet to meet.

Make the best of what you have got—an opportunity to know people on a deeply personal level while receiving a terrific, hands-on education at a college that is about to blast off.

ROBBIE SAVILLE
SENIOR WRITER

Between pub runs and papers, college was more than expected

College was not what I expected. It was more. Far more. I remember going through the college search during my junior year of high school. I came across the Western Maryland College when out with my dad for a car ride in the countryside.

I stopped in, picked up a few brochures, and quickly learned that WMC was a place that claimed to “change lives.” I am not sure what exactly led me to decide that WMC was the place that I wanted to spend my next four years. It could have been the handwritten note on my acceptance letter or the unique beauty of our campus. Maybe it was the small class size or the green and gold. Whatever it was, it had been a part of my life since first grade. What I do know is that looking back, I cannot imagine spending the last four years anywhere else.

I believe that I had the full college experience. I worked hard, partied hard, and my car got hit in the ANW parking lot.

I lived in Whiteford, Rouzer (yes Rouzer), a PA Avenue house and now the T.J. Mahal of North Village. I went to football and baseball games, joined campus groups, worked internships, played intramurals, and mastered Snood and the art of talking on Instant Messenger.

Somewhere in there was President Coley’s inauguration, the election of President Bush, the name change, September 11, a blizzard and a hurricane. If you had asked me then how I pictured myself to be four years in the future, it would not be what I am today. The truth is, McDaniel has changed me, and in a way, has changed my life. Somewhere between the pub runs, golf course sledding, sunsets viewed from “The Pissing Rock,” Thursday night Friends episodes and late nights in Hoover, my life did change.

All of our lives changed. We grew up.

We reaped the benefits of a liberal arts education. We took classes ranging in subject from astronomy to documentary to film analysis. And somehow, all of our experiences have prepared us to move on and take the next big step into the real world.

In two weeks we will graduate from a school with a different name from when we entered and leave McDaniel College as a place that has come to fill such a large part of our hearts. Our moms will cry because that’s what moms do and our dads will stand proud and take joy in our accomplishments. We will enter our jobs or grad school as an elite class of individuals and make a difference in the world because McDaniel College has taught us how.

KATIE CHAMPION
SENIOR WRITER

Thank God it’s Senior Year

Yes, the old adage “time flies when you’re having fun” is true. But what’s even more true is that freshman year is the most precious.

Looking back these last four years, my fondest memories are still planted in room 315 of Whiteford Hall. I’ll always reminisce about the wrestling matches where I cheered on my boyfriend at the time, the late night walks back from Blanche and exchanging gossip with the girls on my floor during sorority rush week. The cliques broke apart sophomore year. People started to find their own paths and choose a major. I started to weigh my priorities, I think you grow up a lot your second year. Finally able to have transportation on campus, finally over the homesickness.

As a junior, I was bombarded by urges to find an internship, bring up my GPA, and join yet another organization. Finally, here I am, sitting in front of my computer-my unlikable cord. This baby has gotten me through all-nighters and it has been my sole form of communication with New Jersey, my home state.

I am overwhelmed by the job search, sick of the “What are you going to do when you graduate?” badgering and excited as hell that I have made it this far. College is a mixture of emotions. I cherish every single one.

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McIntire stepped up as a leader

ROB COEKE / SPORTS WRITER

The look on Becky Martin's face said it all. As she spoke to the recently graduated Senior Toby McIntire has had on the women's basketball team, tears began to stream from her eyes.

"There is no question that Toby was the heart and soul of this team. She was the beacon of light, the only one ever left to do this for the team to be successful," Martin said. "But I would say that this year, it will be better—sweet to watch that young lady walk across the stage."

Martin and McIntire have grown close to each other while McIntire has been here. McIntire has formed a bond with the McDaniel Campus that must have sustained her during her May 22 graduation date.

"I could not have asked for a better senior season in basketball or a better senior year," said McIntire.

With the sounds of the Green Terror students still echoing inside of Gilly Gym everyone still in ecstasy from the Green Terror's even berth in the NCAA tournament, all must remember that the team's lone senior and starting point guard was McIntire.

"She is a tremendous leader," said freshman Katy Powell, who was also on the team.

At the same time, the team's success was more than McIntire's impact.

"But all of our success would not have happened without the fifteen other players and Toby is aware of that," said Powell.

McIntire faced a large responsibility entering the basketball season. For the first time in Martin's coaching tenure, "the freshmen coming into the program outnumbered the upperclassmen."

Being the only senior, McIntire had the arduous task of helping all the new faces integrate into the team's camaraderie.

"Each team has a way to helping freshmen get introduced into the program," McIntire said, adding Toby mentioning that she wanted to make sure that the freshmen that came in had it better than she did and felt more a part of the team," said Martin.

Instead of treating the underclassmen in the hateful manner that she had once been treated as a freshman, McIntire took the high road, giving all the new players a loving welcome to McDaniel.

"That takes a special individual to do that," Martin said.

With the team posting a 25-4 recording and advancing deeper into the postseason than any other team in school history, this approach brought results.

"All the upperclassmen were nice, but Toby helped...well. She just had that kind of personality," said Powell.

Pickett's successful swimming career comes to an end

MIKE SEFF / SPORTS WRITER

Although he will be graduating from McDaniel College this May, Dan Pickett certainly has left a legacy on Green Terror athletics. This past season, Pickett completed an astounding four-year career here at McDaniel on the swim team.

During the season, Pickett managed to set several pool records and conference records that will likely take quite some time to be broken. To cap off his outstanding career, Pickett took home two gold medals at the Centennial Conference championships this past February. He became the team's first champion by winning the 200 yard and 400 yard Individual Medleys.

After graduating, the Havre de Grace, Pa. native Pickett will be working as an accountant for T. Rowe Price. He intends to return to school to get his MBA as he pursues a career in accounting. But Pickett says his experience here at McDaniel was one he will never forget.

"My teammates were the best group of guys I've ever had in my life, this year especially," Pickett said. "A lot of people asked me if I'd have a comeback. I rather worked instead of swam, but there was no way. They're an awesome group. I'm going to miss them next year. I wouldn't have traded my time with them for anything."

JOE HORROCKS / SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Talarovich could really stick it to the competition

AMALIE SHAFFER / SPORTS WRITER

The left wing starter for the McDaniel Field Hockey team, Kristin Talarovich, is a senior with a lot more to offer than speed and good stick skills. Talarovich is from Abington Pennsylvania and is an Ex- cellence Science Major. She is seen as very sociable on and off the field by her teammates. Freshmen Col- leen Nugent and Carolanne Blanco both de- scribed her as a very re- spectful person towards other teammates and coaches and very easy going.

"She constantly ex- pects more of herself and never even expects to achieve her goal," said Heidi Lacrosse and Field Hockey Coach Muffie Bliss.

Talarovich had to re- cover from an eye accident when she was hit by the end of a stick on someone's back swinging in her left eye during warm up before a game in her junior year. Even with the adversity she over- came it and was named a re- gional All-American at the end of the 2003 field hockey season.

Although uncertain ex- actly when she may come to graduation Talarovich has been accepted to Springfield College in Massachu- setts and is looking forward to University of Delaware for graduate school to get her masters. She wants to be a dietitian.

This Pope was a Terror to the opposition, friend to all others

ROBCOEKE / SPORTS WRITER

Pope quickly became the team's lone senior and starting underwater specialist. He became the team's first champion by winning the 200 yard and 400 yard Individual Medleys.

French took to the mats in 2002 for the first time wrestling at the 185-pound weight class for the Centennial Conference Champion Terror. He wrestled again the following year as the Terror fell just short of another title falling to Ursinus, but didn't wrestle his senior season. All at once, French was just a role player on the team, wrestling against, but contributing a lot to the team.

"Pope was a guy who worked really hard and got others ready to wrestle," says former teammate and assistant wrestling coach Davey Blake. "It was a pleasure to get to wrestle with him and to know him."

Pope also played a role on the track team. He was part of the champion 4x100m relay team at last year's Centennial Championships. Pope majors in Mathematics/Computer Science. From everyone I have talked to and my own personal expe- riences, French is a great person who I have never heard a bad thing about in four years.
The field in Scott S. Bair stadium is undergoing a transformation from natural grass to synthetic turf. Large piles of grass are being laid as a base for the turf.

The Ravens and McDaniel were both featured in the summer of 2001 as HBO visited the campus to shoot a documentary on the then-Super Bowl Champions, the Baltimore Ravens. That summer the Ravens weren't the only team highlighted, as the Green Terror gridders were featured on a segment of the series. More than 100,000 people showed up to see that year's training camp according to Ravens director of operations, Bob Eller.

The Ravens report to campus on Thursday, July 29, with the first practice to be held the next morning at 8:45am. The first actual scrimmage on the new turf at Scott S. Bair stadium will take place on August 6 at 5:30pm.

With the Ravens at McDaniel for at least six more years, the Home of Champions will host the two championship caliber football teams.

Since 1996 the Baltimore Ravens have called McDaniel College their summer home and a new deal will keep the 2001 Super Bowl Champions here through 2010. The two sides signed a new six-year deal that calls for some changes at McDaniel.

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Legendary rusher Frees inducted into college’s Hall of Fame as recognition for illustrious career

JOE HORROCKS
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

He had out-rushed Heisman trophy winners, Herschel Walker of Georgia, George Rogers from South Carolina, and the only man to win the award twice, Ohio State’s Archie Griffin. Former Texas Christian University star, and current San Diego Chargers player, LaDanian Tomlinson couldn’t catch him. And if these names couldn’t catch up to him, just how were opposing defenses supposed to?

Over his four years at Western Maryland, Eric Frees, ’92 of Ephrata, Pennsylvania ran over, around, and through defenders to rack up more rushing yards than any Green Terror or Centennial Conference running back before or since. His efforts place him in lofty company in not just Division III circles, but in all of college football.

“Eric was a coach’s dream because he was a very physical runner who didn’t go down with an arm tackle,” recalled former Western Maryland Director of Athletics, Dr. Richard J. Carpenter. “He was an excellent blocker, a solid receiver out of the backfield, he never fumbled, and never caught the injury bug.”

Frees’ 3,281 rushing yards place him 34th on the NCAA’s all-time rushing yards list, and seventh all-time in Division III that’s best total in Division III that year. He added 11 touchdowns. These numbers were nicely complimented by his 15 touchdowns.

For his efforts in his senior season, Frees once again earned All-Centennial First Team honors, and was named the team’s Most Valuable Player for the fourth consecutive year. And like the years before, the accolades didn’t stop there. Frees was named a Second Team All-American by Don Hansen’s Football Gazette, and landed Third Team honors on the Champion USA squad.

For all of his accomplishments and accolades there was never any chest thumping. “He carried himself like a champion, with no outward emotion,” Carpenter said.

“He just showed up, played hard on every play and then went about his business.” He went about his business well. Frees finished his career as the all-time leading rusher to play collegiate football in the State of Maryland. Many of his school records still stand today, including total touchdowns (49), points in a career (289), rushing attempts (1,041), rushing yards (1,594), yards in a season (1,594), yards in a career (5,281), rushing touchdowns (45), and all purpose yards (6,876). The 5,281 yards are the most by any back in the Centennial Conference’s history as well.

Frees rushed for 1,000 yards in his sophomore, junior and senior seasons, making him the only player in the college’s history to rush for 1,000 yards in more than one season. In fact, only two other players Johnson (1,560 yards in 1994) and Brockmeier (1,041 yards in 1970) can boast a 1,000-yard season to their credit. His honors were numerous, including being named the team’s MVP in each of his four seasons with the Terror, three times placed on the Conference’s First Team, and being named All-American by several organizations on several occasions.

More than a decade after the conclusion of his career, Frees again finds himself in impressive company. There are no Heisman Trophy winners amongst his new circle, and save for a few of the real old-timers, no NFL stars either, but the company is impressive nonetheless. Amongst five other individuals, Frees was inducted into the College’s Athletics Hall of Fame this fall. While time may see some of his records passed by, his induction ensures that his accomplishments, outstanding as they were, will never be forgotten atop the Hill.

Conference Standings (As of 5/1/04)

Men’s Lacrosse
1. Washington 8-0 15-0
2. Gettysburg 6-1 10-3
3. F & M 4-3 9-4
4. Dickinson 4-3 8-5
5. McDaniel 4-3 7-7

Women’s Lacrosse
1. Gettysburg 9-0 16-2
2. McDaniel 8-1 12-3
3. F & M 6-3 10-7
4. Ursinus 6-3 9-5
5. Washington 6-3 9-8

Softball
1. Ursinus 15-1 30-8-1
2. McDaniel 12-4 26-9
3. Gettysburg 12-4 22-13
4. Muhlenberg 10-6 21-11
5. F & M 10-6 16-17

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The faces and images in this collage define our college community. Students, faculty, staff, and a host of other personnel made this year poignant and personal. This photo tribute is a collective effort. Media relations, sports information, and various other academic departments readily submitted photos that blended with our own - Bayley Fannin and Liz Matthews.

Fun, Sun and a win makes homecoming a great victory: November 1 of 2003

Events such as pie throwing, keg-stand raffles and Brandt Cup announcements made homecoming a success. The football team was victorious on the warm sunny day.

Karaoke night heard throughout campus:

February of 2004

Each semester a dreadful noise comes from the pub for one night. It gets worse and worse, but is often muffled because of screams from the crowd to “sing louder.” Students packed the pub for Karaoke Night, as they do every year, hoping to be the next to sing.

Falkner now Provost:
March 11 of 2004

Dr. Thomas Falkner was announced as the new Provost and Dean of Faculty. He will take over from Sam Case, who will retire at the conclusion of the 2003-2004 school year. Faculty, staff, and students embraced the change.

Changes in Glar make major improvement:
April 1 of 2004

New manager Cameron Smith changed the face of Glar, from new food stations to new cereal dispensers. It was his intention to improved the dining hall and pub.

Eve 6 comes to McDaniel:
April 17 of 2004

Eve 6 took the stage April 17th in Gill gym for the spring concert. The CAP Board sponsored event was open to students and the public. Eve 6 played at McDaniel College twice before last time being in 1999.

This section of The McDaniel Free Press pays tribute to the Class of 2004 and the academic school year. The news staff and students from the Advanced Journalism class tried to capture seniors’ bold moves and silent successes—their silliness and their academic wonders. Enjoy. Adieu.
Mr. Merch: Seniors find success, profit with T-Shirts

JEFF CABINASSE
STAFF WRITER

"Everybody needs a t-shirt." That's the slogan that you'll find on the business cards of Neal Page and Justin Simon, the McDaniel College seniors who gave birth to "Mr. Merch," a custom screen-printing company. Page, Simon, the McDaniel College seniors who gave birth to "Mr. Merch," a custom screen-printing company.

Story by: Beth Awee, Champagne

Mr. Merch's artwork is a major philosophy with a professor minor, was looking for a way to make some money by promoting their basketball team t-shirts to promote their team, The Miners. After being laughed off by a few people, Neal and Justin were determined not to let their dreams die. "I wish you would die," was the phrase that Neal used to motivate his business partner, Joe Dominick. "Mr. Merch saw a potential market for custom screen-printing," said Dominick.

"The first year has been extremely profitable," said Page. "We want to make a good bit of profit in the first six months." "The bonds they have forged will last for years to come," said Simon.

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Non Trad seniors earn credits when credit is due

HEATHER WESSE STAFF WRITER

Like many graduating seniors, Donna Carpegna said she has been looking forward to graduating since she started her college career in her first year. She decided to major in Biology and on a pre-veterinary track. Constantine no longer needed any learning support services. The outstanding senior chose to leave McDaniel with a 3.80 GPA, and is now eager to attend Virginia Tech Veterinary School in the fall.

O’Carroll, the do-it-all-student who gets it done

KIM LOWRY STAFF WRITER

During his four year tenure at McDaniel College, senior Andrew O’Carroll — a Westminster native with a major in Biology on a pre-veterinary track — has been around for 200 years. Because the college has been around for 200 years that accepts about one percent of college students. O’Carroll holds membership to one other three-some of Greek letters, Alpha Kappa Phi, the newest fraternity on the Hill. He is also a Marshall to his brothers, a role which includes all ceremonies and moral issues of the chapter.

In addition to these academic feats, one would think O’Carroll has no life outside of his books. Wrong.

“My most memorable moment in my years at McDaniel would be meeting my fiancé,” recalls O’Carroll, recently proposed to fellow biology classmate Ina Palern.

O’Carroll does not just hold one job...he has two in addition to these academic and social involvements. He worked as the circulation assistant for the University of Lauderdale, FL.

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Huge help in guiding me," she said. "I am most thankful for the many helpful and warm advisers who cheered me on to the best of their ability. A resident of Wheaton, MD, she became a prominent Music major specializing in voice.

Upon graduation, Grassel is eager to venture to England to sing at a music program, and then head to graduate school. As she reflects back at her short-lived college career, she recalls many special moments that she shared with others. These memories include all the Spring Flings, trips to New York City, and most of all her time spent with her fellow sisters of Phi Mu.

Kristen Geers never gave music another second chance because she never let it go from the beginning. Geers, a commuting student from Manchester, MD, hope not to be around here for long. After college, she will pursue a career in Orlando, Fla. working for the Disney Company.

Most of the memories Geers has involve her participation in the musical recitals and ensembles held on the hill. Her college years have been demanding for her major in music, from the flute to the wind quartet.

"Coming from Mt. Airy, Claire McDanie"l knew all along that she wanted to be a musician. For four years Werner commuted back and forth from McDaniel to learn as much as possible about music. With her college career soon to come to a full, Werner is looking forward to leaving, but only to go right back. After college, she plans to study teach with the intentions of becoming a full time music teacher.

Werner although being a commuter has compiled some memories that will last a lifetime.

- From Aristotle and Plato to Rene Descartes and John Rawls, Katie Hancock has learned about all.

The senior Philosophy major and Elementary Education minor believes the strong support of the college community is what she will remember most about McDaniel. She'll also remember three years with Women's Soccer, and the connections she has made to a team to successful a season in her debut as a Terror.

Hancock thanks many instructors. "I've had wonderful advisers... Sharon Craig and Dr. Jakoby have been a huge help in guiding me," she said. Hancock is a member of Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society, and was recently inducted into Phi Sigma Tau, the Philosophy Honor Society.

- Over 3 million school students in the United States speak a language other than English, and 70 percent of these students speak Spanish, according to an October 1995 edition of Newsweek. For new and experienced teachers alike, becoming bilingual is a necessity—just ask Faninka Lopez-Gonzalez.

The senior Philosophy major believes she is especially proud of serving as an assistant for the "Bilingual Education: Training for All Teachers" program that aims to promote language diversity in the classroom. This grant-funded enterprise is a coordinated effort between McDaniel and the University Research Co. /Center for Human Services. "The program develops classes to train teachers in bilingual education and English for Speakers of Other Languages.

Looking back on her career on the Hill, Lopez-Gonzalez said she is especially grateful for the support of the faculty and staff. "The interactions that I have had with the faculty and staff have always been positive. They have given me the guidance throughout my four years, and they have taught me valuable lessons. I care for them very much," she said.

To many, the spring not only marks a new beginning, but also an ending to familiar circumstances. This is especially true for graduating senior Amy Huffer.

A native of Middletown, MD, and a Musical Education major, Huffer notes, "When it's all said and done, my most significant accomplishment at McDaniel will be having completed my senior recital. It was hard but I got through it."

"Amy is a great person," said Dr. Margaret Gonzalez, professor of Music, in an optimistic tone. "She is full of positive energy, and is always encouraging other students. I will miss her very much.

Meanwhile, Amy is busy preparing for her last concert at a local elementary school. After graduation, she hopes to become a full time teacher. It is about 4:30 p.m. on a Wednesday, and students are chatting away as they rush through the doors of Decker Center on their way to Clar. For many this is a time to relax and hang out with friends, not so for Erin Duffy. She is busy teaching eight to twelve-year-olds how to master Irish dancing. An English major halfing a minor in Dance, MS, Duffy has been a dance teacher, created and managed an honors publication titled Elan Vital, and has worked as a writing tutor.

The active senior completed her senior seminar titled Feathers From a Thousand Li Away, Folklore as Mother/Daughter and Narrator Communication in her junior year. "I was very proud of that," Duffy said. "However, my most significant memories of McDaniel will always be the times I spent tutoring in the Writing Center.

"Erin is wonderful," said Dr. Mary Bendel-Simso, professor of English. "Not only is she a tutor, but she has done everything from writing for an online periodical, to babysitting for my kids.

Duffy will start her professional life at a law office. Unlike many of her peers, senior Sara Utz loves answering the inevitable question: 'What will you be doing after you graduate?' She likes answering the question because she knows the answer: Utz received (accepted) advanced placement at the School of Social Work at the University of Maryland, and is interning at Staten Maria Adolescent and Child Treatment Service. Utz has completed her undergraduate field practicum at the Maryland School for the Blind, and it was during that time she marks as one of the best during her four years at McDaniel.

When she wasn't busy with coursework, a part-time job, or her practicum, Utz enjoyed as much down time as she could with her five-year-old daughter, Natalie.

Utz has advice to under- students: "Don't wait until the last minute to take gym. I did and I'm wrestling with badminton right now. It's nuts."

When Hannah Sayre crosses the stage May 22 to get her diploma, she knows exactly where her next steps will take her. "After some relaxation with family and friends, Sayre is off to University of Pennsylvania in June to earn a graduate degree in Social Work.

Her field practicum in medical social work at Hanover Hospital sparked her desire to specialize in that field; her enrollment at Pennsylvania is the first step for that journey. Sayre will graduate with honors, and probably find comfort in knowing that her Honors Project brought joy to many adults with disabilities.

I organized a Fellowship, which was essentially a fun fair for the adults from a variety of organizations in the area like The Arc, Target, Inc. and social services," Sayre said. "It was rewarding and fun.

Sayre credits Dr. Cathy Orezolmenu, social work professor, with teaching her the importance of the social work field "and the variety of things you can do with it."

Brian Wingert is following the stars. No, he's not moving out to Los Angeles to hang out with Cameron Diaz, though that would be nice.

He's headed to UMBC to start working on his PhD in Astrophysics. Wingert, a double major in both Physics and Math as well as a member of the McDaniel Swim Team, and the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, is excited to take on new challenges.

His senior seminar project for Physics consisted of trying to predict the path a ball will travel, knowing only its initial speed and rotation.

His advice to under- students: "Never underestimate the power of Palmer. It's cheap and it gets the job done."
ultimately, Wingert looks forward to helping people address him as "Dr. Brian" and losing the "bald" label he acquired while drinking Pabst.

While most seniors are busily preparing for life after graduation, Jennifer Bruchow already entered the real world. Since finishing a double major in English and Communication at McDaniel College, Bruchow has waited, and she is training to be a substitute teacher. She is also enrolled in a Master's degree in Education through McDaniel's BEST program, in addition to raising her three-year-old son Riley.

"I miss seeing familiar faces, they have changed so much already," said Bruchow, who hopes to land a local job as a secondary school English teacher.

In addition, Bruchow, a member of the track team, qualifying one year for nationals in the 400-meter relay and winning the centennial conference championship in the pole vault. Bruchow is also a member of the English and Communication honor societies.

"She's totally wonderful, she's smart, she raises the level of discussion, and she writes beautifully," said Dr. Mary Butzke, her English department who Bruchow dubbed her "unofficial advisor."

Senior Gerry Hamar says he wonders what continent he will live on in the future.

 Fluent in English and Hungarian, Hamar also speaks some Spanish, German, and Italian. He has traveled to Australia, Singapore, Indonesia, and every country in Europe except four. He first came to Nebraska in 1998 as an exchange student. Hamar studied in Budapest, Hungary before receiving the Dorothy Elizdarch International Scholarship to come to McDaniel.

As a Communication major and Theater Arts minor, Hamar acted in or worked behind the scenes for productions including "Choices," "Three Penny Opera," "Hay Fever," and the Carroll Art Center's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

However, Hamar has no intention of pursuing an acting career. "My dream, this year's long, is to be able to do it all," he explained. With a book already published in Europe, a second children's book in progress, and a book deal to complete a third in the future, Hamar's dream is in motion.

He plans to spend a month with his parents, who are flying in for graduation, and then he will remain in the Towson area for one year on a working visa, trying to land a job with a publishing company.

Senior Lyndsay Bare spends a considerable amount of time in Eaton Hall. Besides completing a degree in Biology with a minor in Sociology, she also works 20 hours every Wednesday night as a Biology tutor. She has a small attic as caretaker for Dr. Randall Jones, whose chameleon’s, along with her duties as faculty assistant for the biology department.

As president of Tri-Beta, the Biology Honor Society, Bare has fond memories of attending the regional conference held at Saint Peter’s College in New Jersey.

"Lyndsay has a great attention to detail...she has been wonderful in keeping track of everything that goes along with Tri-Beta, I’m going to miss her particularly for that," said Morrison of the Biology department.

Outside of Eaton Hall, Bare is a four-year member of the college choir; she also worked with the Alpha Phi Omega service group.

Bare plans to attend dental school at the University of Maryland next fall.

It’s not often that a senior can graduate and say, "I left behind a rugby team. But that’s just what Meghan Reid can say.

Reid, who majored in Psychology and women’s studies (a self-designed major), resurrected the college rugby team — a team that should survive for years to come.

There is a great group of underclassmen on the team that I know will step up to the plate and lead the team," Reid said. "And Coach Mike [Gallagher] is awesome too."

The team had its first scrimmage against Mount Saint Mary’s a few weeks ago, but don’t ask Reid about the score. She won’t remember. After colliding with a St. Mary’s player and getting knocked out — she can’t remember much about the game.

She’s back on her feet again, she said, finding papers and looking forward to starting graduate school at University of York in England, where she hopes to earn her Ph.D. in women’s studies. This will be trip two to York University for Reid; she studied abroad and taught English in a Tibetan refugee community in India. As the president of Amnesty International, she assists with several projects that educate the public on the conditions in Tibet, including giving a presentation to collect signatures to send to the Chinese government about human rights concerns. Other amnesty projects she has led include a 40 hour famine that raised $250 to feed refugee camps on the borders of Sierra Leone and Africa.

In the meantime, Kate is trying to get a hairdresser to come to campus to give free haircuts, so that she can donate the hair to make wigs for cancer victims.

The organization HYPE (Harnessing Youth’s Positive Energy) recently honored senior Kate Frisby for services that go far beyond her local community.

During the spring of 2003 and 2004, Kate studied abroad and taught English in a Tibetan refugee community in India. As the president of Amnesty International, she assists with several projects that educate the public on the conditions in Tibet, including giving a presentation to collect signatures to send to the Chinese government about human rights concerns. Other amnesty projects she has led include a 40 hour famine that raised $250 to feed refugee camps on the borders of Sierra Leone and Africa.

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James Diller probably doesn’t look at pigeons like most people do. He can’t. After researching them for more than a year, he still considers how they think, what motivates them, and believes it or not how they tell time.

Diller did his honors research with Dr. Margaret McDevitt, assistant professor of psychology, during almost half of his tenure at the college. And though the question they hoped to answer, (How do pigeons tell time?), remains unanswered, the pigeon project is great source of pride for Diller.

A psychology major with minors in philosophy and Spanish, Diller hails from Perry Hall, Maryland. Diller will enroll in graduate school at West Virginia University (WVU), where he hopes to earn a Ph.D. in behavioral analysis.

HYPE Jubilee

Senior Tia Lawrence and Junior Kennedra Tucker (above) and senior Julia Kerse (right) volunteer at HYPE’s annual Jubilee on April 17th.

Photos by Melanie Pulley and Career Services

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Senior takes on the Peace Corps, HIV epidemic

Meredith has been chosen to be the Community Health Advisor for HIV due to her current experience with HIV counseling while interning for Maryland’s Correctional Institutions.

Malawi has one of the highest HIV/AIDS infection rates in the world.

More than one million Malawians are infected with HIV/AIDS, with an estimated infection rate of 30 percent among urban adults between the ages of 14 and 45.

The Peace Corps has established itself there in order to educate the Malawians about HIV and AIDS. And soon, Tara Meredith will become a part of this.

She will be limited to 80 pounds of luggage for 27 months. Her first three months will be spent living with a host family to introduce her to the culture and to help her learn the language. After that, says Meredith enthusiastically, “I’ll have my own mud hut!”

At first, when she told people, they didn’t believe her. They didn’t think that this college girl could make it without the comforts of home in the wiles of Africa.

But she’s ready to show these naysayers what she can do. She has set out to do her part in changing the world.

“No many people say that they were in Africa helping with the HIV problem. It’s exciting to know that I’ll be helping to make a change.”

Congratulations to Jessica Watson and the 2003-2004 Contrast Literary Magazine Staff for a job well done on The Awakening
Seize the Day

PICTURE PERFECT - JOURNALISM STUDENTS SEIZE THE DAY

On Tuesday, April 20, students in the Advanced Journalism class launched a photography project titled "Seize the Day." For 24 hours, the students each checked out a digital camera (for a two-hour shift), and took pictures that captured the beauty, the blemishes, and the "every" of everyday campus life. The day was clear and crisp. And with relative ease, the project went off like clockwork. The photos on this page represent some of the students' work.

BRYAN RENBAUM

STAFF WRITER

At about five minutes past noon, seven students sit down at a table in the back of the pub. They laugh, chat and share stories about classes and their days. "We have been getting together like this every Tuesday and Thursday for the past four years now," says Miller, a resident of Eldersburg, MD. "These guys are my closest friends, and they are what I will miss most about being at McDaniel College."

"Kathleen is so witty and full of interesting stories, that our lunches together have been such a treat," said senior Heather Marshall. "I will never forget these days."

Currently finishing up her senior year, and preparing for graduate school, Kathleen's tenure at the college has included working in the Writing Center; living in the American Sign Language (ASL) House and championing rights for commuter students (rights related to parking and inclement weather).

This summer, Kathleen will join Dr. Pamela Regis, professor of English at the Sixth International Biennial Conference on the works of L. M. Montgomery. Miller will present a paper titled, "Emily's Spiritual Journey: Questing Toward a Feminine Religion."

"Kathleen is the most determined student I have ever had, and she is extremely bright," said Regis.

Originally, Kathleen was lured to McDaniel College by the strength of its Deaf Education program. After two years, she opted out of the program to pursue stronger interests in literature and composition. Kathleen will graduate with a degree in English.

"Probably, when it's all said and done, my greatest contribution to this college has been adding humor," said Kathleen. "I have had so much fun being here, and I hope that I have made it fun for others as well."

FELIX SEMANSKI

STAFF PHOTO

Night Shift — McDaniel staff member Pat Gery leans over the Campus Safety window before heading home after a long six-hr Tuesday night.

7:30-9:30a.m. Wed, April 21

KATHLEEN MILLER

Ashley Marie

Senior singer rocks

MICHAEL VYSKOCHIL

STAFF WRITER

Ashley Marie Szymanski, a senior English major and Carroll County native, has been a professional musician for over a decade. A virtuoso vocalist, she's been an audience's favorite since her performance at Carroll County's 4-H Fair when she was a member of the 4-H Performing Arts Club. Since those 4-H days, Szymanski's talents have shined with her own band, Ashley Marie & Family. While she could have chosen any person to manage her band, she knew it wouldn't have been family without her mother, Lois, steering the ship.

Fellow band members are tight and fluent. Their performances contain moments where the tiniest bars of a piece are held in high relief; the decaying chords of a guitar and the exhale of the singer herself full listeners to worlds away.

"The fact is that a performance is really an interaction between all the band members and the audience. We try to sell you the songs. We want you to lose yourself in the music," said Ashley Marie. Szymanski's decision to sustain an outgoing persona hasn't thwarted her future plans. Her goal after graduation: "I want to write music and perform if and if I can't sustain that, I'll seek alternative employment writing about music," she said.

Writing and wit mark Miller

ASHLEY HOUGHTON

"Happy Birthday — Carole Jean Klapper, departmental secretary biology/chemistry, got more than she bargained for when she opened the door to her office.

7:30-9:30a.m. Tues, April 27

KATE MARSIL

"Studying in the Sunshine — Freshman Melissa Magnuson, Ross Kerr and sophomore Nick Mancuso study in the quad.

11:30a.m.-1:30p.m. Tues, April 20

SOPHOMORES MELISSA WISNER, MARK MILLER AND FAITH GILMOUR rise and almost shine for their 8:00a.m. classes.

7:30-9:30a.m. April 21

LADY FOUNTAIN

The Grass is Always Greener — Some students scurry to and from classes (top of photo) while others enjoy sunny, warm temperatures while they last. 1:30-3:30pm. Tues, April 20

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KEVIN HERBOLD

Sit Back and Relax — Knowing that he just finished Senior Seminar (and therefore, college), James Graham sketches and watches a little television in his ANW dorm room.

9:30-11:30p.m. Tues, April 20

Evening Chat — Franklin Ezetemdu and Henry Emenike, enjoy a nice spring night with a friend in front of Hoover Library. Ezetemdu and Emenike are from Nigeria, but both are residents of the Federal Republic of Germany.

7:30-9:30p.m. Tues, April 21

Heather Marshall. "I will never forget these days."
Lauren Wilson  
Staff Writer

Four years ago on a hot and sweaty Thursday, the class of 2004 moved into Western Maryland College. Peer mentors in fluorescent green shirts and proud parents ran amuck, trying to move the freshmen into their dorms. The grounds of heavy furniture moved across the tiled floors and nervous hellos echoed down the halls. In the midst of the chaos and confusion, three strangers settled into a tiny double room on the third floor of Whiteford Hall.

Meghan Butler, Kellyanne Rose, and Eliza Wick were "temporarily" placed together that first day until more dorm rooms became available. Although the trio had spoken over the summer, they were still worried about living peacefully in tight quarters, and squeezing all their clothes into two closets. Their worries about closet space and a cramped room quickly gave way to the joy of living together.

Their worries about closet space and a cramped room quickly gave way to the joy of living together. Since their first minute on campus, the three have remained steadfast friends. And now, four years later, they will graduate with rich memories, thick scrapbooks, and vows to stay life long friends.

"We knew we had something in common right from the start," stated Butler with a grin. A few weeks later, when spaces opened up and the triple could be reduced to a double, nobody wanted to move out. "It wasn't an option [to separate]," recalled Rose. Not only did the girls stay in the same room for the rest of the semester, they continued to live together in a triple in Whiteford for three years.

"College is a trying time we've been through the ups and downs together," said Wick.

For example, on September 11, 2001, Rose was urged to sit with her volleyball team in church and pray for the victims of the attack. However, she wanted to stay with Wick and Butler. The two are so important to her that she sat with them in the pew in front of the team.

"I can't imagine college without these girls. They are more like family than friends," said Butler.

This past January, Butler and Wick took a folklore class and both created their own collections of friendship folklore. The folklore included tales of the group's unique birthday celebrations. Birthdays are especially vital to them because it's important to "know that someone is making a big deal over you," Wick said. They do everything from decorating the entire hallway with streamers and signs, to taking the birthday girl to dinner.

Mostly though, it's the little things that remind the three how special their relationship really is. They constantly send "little love notes for birthdays, holidays, and for no reason at all," stated Rose.

Now seniors, Butler, Wick, and Rose share an apartment campus, and contemplate the future after graduation. Rose and Wick will graduate with degrees in Exercise Science, and Butler will graduate with a degree in Political Science. Wick will be going into the Army this summer. Rose will begin a physical therapy program at Carroll Community College, while Butler will search for internship and job opportunities in Washington, D.C.

But before the next chapter of their lives is written, the girls and their families plan to celebrate the past four years of academic achievement and wonderful friendship with a large graduation party. "I have no doubt in that they will always be there for me [in the future]." Wick concludes.

I wish there as a sophomore and enjoyed it," said Southers, who has lived in Westminster his entire life. "It will be a time to travel and see some friends... time to explore a little bit."

Upon entering college, Southers thought that he wanted to be a teacher. But after working as an assistant in Carroll County Public schools, he knew that teaching within the confines of a strict curricular would be like trying to run a marathon in 100-degree heat — too stifling.

However, Southers did not abandon his passion for education. He simply changed his focus and went to work for an after school program at the community learning center at Westminster West Middle School.

Noticing a need for a course that in common with common schooling age boys, Southers spent a summer developing a critical thinking curriculum that allowed participants to analyze topics such as drug use, communism, war and capitalism. Since its inception, the successful program has expanded to include girls.

"Michael has such a quiet way about him," said Dr. Vera Jakoby, assistant professor and department chair of the philosophy and religious studies department. "But when he starts thinking about something, he has persistence."

Now that he has completed his senior seminar project on the affects of critical thinking curriculum with youth, Southers is ready for a break from schoolwork. Upon returning from Budapest, he plans to continue his educational work in the county and possibly attend graduate school.

"I have been looking so hard, and I finally found you," he said. Then, taking a burgundy ring box from his pocket, he bent down on one knee and proposed. Weaver immediately accepted, and the tiny crowded chapel cheered with delight.

"Sometimes I look down at my hand and think I am playing house. It is a dream come true," said Weaver. The couple set a date for June 2004.

Other McDaniel students who are engaged include: Sarah Vannoy and James Liplock, Marie Lily and Eric Whitehair, Krysti Durcho and John Knauth, Laura Albaugh and Nick Bitto, Mark Gorman and Libby Wallace.
**Greek Awards**

On Wednesday April 28, the 8th Annual Greek Award Ceremony was held in McDaniel Lounge. The following students were recognized:

- **Outstanding Professor:** Kevin McIntyre
- **Greek Athlete Woman:** Samantha Abrams
- **Greek Athlete Man:** Brian Wingert
- **Martin Sauereimik Memorial Award:** Brian Wingert
- **Chapter Advisor Award:** Katie Crowe & Jean Shin
- **Distinguished Service Award:** Clare Pavey, Kristen Pohl, Christina Carbonetto, James Ayers, Natalie Hardy, Jennifer Dumpert, Kim Lowry, Jacob Michael, Christine Mayne, Caitlin Burns
- **Greek Man:** James Lipchoek
- **Greek Woman:** Julia Keene

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**Books lure Zorn**

**MICHAEL VYSKOCIL, STAFF WRITER**

Margaret Zorn has a passion for literature; her bookshelf at home contains classics such as Jane Austen’s *Pride and Prejudice* and Horace Walpole’s *Castle of Orlo.*

“I love to read and enjoy discussing literature and analyzing it,” she said. But her interest in literature isn’t limited to just the adult genre. Reading works from young adult authors like Gary Paulsen and Paula Danziger in her adolescent literature class with Dr. Ramona Kerby is just as enjoyable.

The senior English major/secondary education minor hopes to attend graduate school to study for her doctorate in English literature. Her goal is to teach college literature—especially at a college like McDaniel.

For the past year, Zorn has been an assistant at Hoover. Her work there came in handy when she needed to locate materials for her Fall 2003 senior seminar project, “Angel in the House Icon.”

Zorn also interned at Franklin High School in Reistertown this year, experiencing the joys and frustrations of teaching, observing, and grading students.

Over the summer, Zorn will assist a friend at the CLC-Afterschool Program in New Windsor, working closely with at-risk children.

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**Circus bound senior?**

**BAYLEY FANNIN, STAFF WRITER**

“Do what you are passionate about. Don’t worry about job security, do what you love and take time to have fun.” This is senior Lahnya Catalino’s advice to underclassmen.

A member of the service sorority Gamma Sigma Sigma, Catalino also played the role of “Sydney” in *The Altruists* during spring of her sophomore year.

Catalino also took Ira Zep’s honors class Prejudice and Power. “He is a teacher I could only hope to strive to be,” says Catalino. “He inspired me to become a better person.”

As a Communications major with minors in Spanish and Psychology, Catalino is keeping her options open. “I want to be an educator on the college level,” says Catalino. Then she confesses, “Maybe I’ll join the circus, I don’t know.”

Catalino’s senior seminar project explored teacher clarity and cognitive learning. Catalino feels her greatest accomplishment is being able to make new friends while maintaining her friends from high school.

“I am standing here and thinking I have these great friends from here and high school,” says Catalino. Catalino’s next stop is Wake Forest for a Masters in Psychology.

Late nights and early mornings, last minute deadlines, and breaking news have not stopped seniors Robbie Saville, Erin Romansk, Katie Champion, or Fruzsina Nagy in their pursuit of great journalism. Collectively holding positions from staff writer to photographer to Editor-In-Chief, it is clear these seniors have been nothing but dedicated to the paper and their craft over the past four years. When Nagy was asked what she had gained or learned from working with the McDaniel Free Press as a photographer and staff writer, she replied, “I never knew I loved it so much...It has been a learning and rewarding experience.” The experience, passion, and talent of these journalists cannot be replaced, and they will be greatly missed next year.

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**Drupieski’s interests stretch from Far Side to physics**

**ERIN ROMANSKI, STAFF WRITER**

Senior Chris Drupieski’s fondest memories remain in the summer of his freshman year, when he dropped in at a first-year seminar instructor’s house over the summer for tea and cookies, traded gossip and listened to her talk about her vacation adventures. This dual mathematic/physics major is most proud of the walls next to his bed in his freshman dorm room, where he covered nearly every inch of wall space with the comics from a Far Side calendar.

“As a senior, I am finally able to verbalize my reasons for wanting to attend a liberal arts school,” Drupieski said. “The many different subjects I have studied here have opened my eyes in a way I did not fully appreciate until now.”

[Chris] is a remarkable student. He is one of the best students we have had here at McDaniel in many years,” said mathematics professor Apollo Mian, one of Drupieski’s instructors. “When you give him a task, you don’t have to look over his shoulder; he’s relatively independent and almost like a member of the faculty.”

When asked what has served as a source of inspiration for him over the years, Drupieski quotes four lines that appear in the preface to the Mathematical Analysis textbook he used during the fall of his sophomore year:

> Do not ask permission to understand. Do not wait for the word of authority. Seek reason with your own hand. With your own teeth saw the fruit.

**DRUPIESKI**
This issue of The McDaniel Free Press pays tribute to the Class of 2004 and the academic school year. The news staff and students from the Advanced Journalism class tried to capture seniors' bold moves and silent successes—their silliness and their academic wonders. Enjoy. Adieu.

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Seniors wrestle with and successfully navigate job market

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Senior Joe Meier started golfing at an early age, learning the keys to a proper swing and perfecting his putting technique. When he came to McDaniel, he was naturally attracted to the college's golf program. Even though Meier will be graduating this spring, he'll still need those five irons and drivers. That's because Meier accepted a position at McDaniel as the assistant golf coach and golf professional for the college golf course.

Meier said he had to decide between the golf job at McDaniel and a job at Boeing in Philadelphia where he interned last summer. But, he said, "After being around (golf coach Scott) Moyer every day for four years, it wasn't that difficult a choice...I think it's great to know my employer really well."

As McDaniel prepares to celebrate its 143rd commencement by distributing more than 400 bachelor's and master's degrees, members of the class of 2004 are busy finalizing post-graduation plans and looking for ways to land that first job.

From networking career dinners and individual career counseling sessions to a RegisterJob Market continued on page

Marketable Majors: Seniors seek and land jobs

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As the school year comes to an end and the senior class collectively begins to sober up, the realization that Graduation is just a few weeks away is beginning to seem more real than ever before. After the four years of books, papers and tests, seniors will finally cross the stage; they'll have rich memories and loan bills that they'll also receive their degree.

McDaniel graduates will represent 23 different majors. For each major, there are often different concentrations and tracts which represent the students' personal interests. For instance, within the Exercise Science and Physical Education major are a number of minors including Athletic Training, Outdoor education, Sports Coaching, Sports Journalism, and Sports Management.

The Sociology major offers concentrations in criminal justice, human relations supervision and management, and industrial and governmental organizations.

"I feel it's a very diverse major that has given me a very diverse perspective, at times, of life. I believe it has prepared me for the next step in life in the real world," said senior Sociology major Jeff Crowe, who is currently looking for an entry-level management or human resources position.

In each department there are great differences in the choices of the students. In the Art department there are 25 seniors who are graduating with degrees in studio art as opposed to the six graduating with an Art History degree.

This year the Biology department will be graduating 42 seniors, five of which will be going on to medical school. "(That's) out of the six who applied," said Dr. Samuel Abpach, the pre-med advisor on campus. "That's pretty good."

Faculty members in each department are like mini marketing firms when they discuss the viability of their respective degrees.

"Contrary to popular perception, the History degree is very marketable," said Dr. Patrick Reed, chair of the History department.

The research skills developed by a History major are highly prized throughout the business world. Most history majors tend to find jobs in education, governmental service, and the private sector as well. Because of governmental cutbacks, independent consultants with history degrees are stepping it to fill the openings of what used to be federal jobs.

"Then there's always the C.I.A.," jokes Reed. Students who graduate with degrees in music are following diverse, exciting paths, according to Dr. Margaret Boudreaux, head of the Music department.

"Some students wind up private teachers, some wind up working for churches, and some record music," said Boudreaux.

Some of the more popular majors on campus will be sending off their usual high numbers. The never empty communications department will be conferring 44 degrees as well as four minors. The Business and Economics department will be graduating its largest class ever.

"A record 69," said Dr. John Olsh, the department chair. The previous number was 63. There's an unusual dichotomy that exists such a popular and useful major it's not very interesting.

"The most exciting thing about (Business/Economics) is what Dr. Claycombe's pants are going to look like each morning, and what Dr. McIntyre's comments about said pants are going to be," said senior Brian Martenzen.

Some students opt to bypass standard offered majors and design their own. One such student is senior Jason Lowy. His major, Human Behavior and Organizations, combines elements of sociology, business psychology, and human resources.

"The self designed major is a good way to pursue a course of study that interests you as an individual and at the same time have the school still honor it," said Lowy.

Graduating Seniors by Major